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Crispin House to be closed?

With shouts of 'Keep Crispin open' and choruses of 'We shall not be moved', nearly 100 clients of Crispin House took to the streets last month to demonstrate their determination to see their centre remain open.

Crispin House is a day training centre for the mentally handicapped in Grange Walk, off Tower Bridge Road. It is run by Southwark Social Services who want to close the Centre and transfer the clients to a newly purpose built, but still incomplete, centre in Queens Road, Lambeth.

Pat Seymour and Colin Herd, both trainees at Crispin House, who organised the demonstration, told SEL that the new centre at Queens Road only has places for 70 adults and a further 15 places for clients with special needs. Crispin has 175 on its books and 130 regular users. They don't see that this adds up and fear that clients may find their day care cut from five days a week to two or three. Most of all though they fear being separated from their friends they have made over the years at Crispin. Dennis, one of the clients on the demonstration, told SEL that "we want to stay where we are. I've got

all my friends here and we'd all like to stay."

Southwark's Chair of Social Services, Jeremy Fraser, met with clients after the demonstration and said that no final decision had yet been taken. He further stated that any client who needs day care five days a week will get it. Staff at the Centre, however, fear that many of the clients who live with able-bodied relatives will not be considered 'in need' and will therefore have their days cut in order to fit people in at the new centre. There is also talk of using the Beormund Community Centre in Abbey Street to cater for more people in need of day care, but even this addition would not take up the shortfall.

One of the main stumbling blocks in the users' campaign is that Crispin House has been condemned by council architects as an unfit building. While no-one denies that this is the case, since it was first declared unfit 4 or five years ago, the users would like to see the building refurbished so that they could continue there. This would require a minimum of £500,000 which Social Services' budget probably wouldn't stretch to. In any case, the Social Services



Crispin House clients demonstrate against closure

Committee appears to have ruled this out as an option.

Even so, at an open meeting called by Social Services on August 17th to discuss the future of Crispin House, over 200 clients, parents, staff, unions and community organisations spoke with one voice in their desire to see Crispin House stay. The Chair of Social Services, Jeremy Fraser, was given a rough ride as many of those present rose to say why Crispin House should remain open.

It is clear from the demonstration and the open meeting that Social Services management will have a fight on its hands over Crispin House. And bowing to this popular pressure, councillors announced that they have cancelled a September meeting of the Social Services Committee at which a decision would have been taken on the closure of Crispin House. This meeting has now been scheduled for the end of October and its postponement is a temporary victory for clients trying to save their training centre.

Library closures averted

Two libraries in the north of the borough of Southwark which were under threat of permanent closure will now remain open. The threat of closure arose last month when it was made known that the Council's Leisure and Recreation Committee was looking for further savings in its budget.

Library managers were asked by Committee members to come up with savings proposals to be considered by the Committee meeting of August 25th. They proposed the closure of Borough Road Library and Bermondsey Library in Spa Road.

Following a concerted campaign against the closures by staff and local residents, which included petitions and

a lobby of the August 25th Committee meeting, councillors voted to keep both the libraries open. They decided instead to implement a re-rostering programme among the Council's parks and baths staff by which it is hoped to find the necessary savings to make up the budget deficit of the Leisure & Recreation Department. It is believed that Councillors had legal opinion that they couldn't cut services without first examining the possibility of savings through greater efficiency.

Because of the squeeze on Council finances the Leisure and Recreation Department had to make savings this year of £1,700,000. It was hoped that cutting overtime payments, freezing unfilled vacancies

and improved efficiency would meet the gap in the budget. Because of contractual problems, however, little progress has been made so far in cutting overtime payments. The Leisure and Recreation Department is on course this year to spend £1,100,000 on overtime payments alone, mainly to parks and baths staff, whereas they had initially budgeted for £600,000. It was this failure to get to grips with the overtime problem which caused the Leisure and Recreation Committee to look for other possible areas of savings. A further £500,000 has to be found in savings before the end of the financial year in March 1988. Management therefore proposed the closure of Bermondsey and Borough Road Libraries.

The music library at Spa Rd, however, still looks like being closed and its facilities transferred to North Peckham Library where there is no music librarian in post and because of a freeze on recruitment, doesn't look like getting one. Residents in the north of the borough would now have to travel to North Peckham for their music needs. This appears to have been a management decision, because the proposed closure of the music library hasn't been referred to the Committee. According to Dave Archer, Union Convenor for NALGO representing library staff, already this year the Audio services of the libraries had £35,000 cut from its budget in order to pay for an extra three weeks overtime for parks and baths staff.

New courses at Blackfriars Literacy Scheme

In Blackfriars Settlements' centenary year, the Literacy Scheme is marking the occasion by introducing many new and exciting courses for people who want to improve their reading, writing, spelling and maths. From September 1st the Literacy Scheme will be offering the following classes:

On Monday from 10 to 12am there will be a Numeracy and Maths class for women only. In the afternoons on Monday from 1.30 to 3.30 there will also be a linked skills craft and literacy group for women only.

The Tuesday afternoon group will be aimed at unemployed people, as it will concentrate on reading and writing skills which people might need when applying for a job. This group will look at filling in application forms, writing C.V.'s and interview skills. There may also be short courses on topical issues relevant to unemployed people.

On Wednesday afternoons there will be a special Study Skills group. This group will be especially helpful for people who want to go on to further education or who are already at college and would like help with things like note-taking, essay writing and planning, etc.

Thursdays will be a busy day with 2 new groups. Thursday afternoons will be for young people from 16 to 25, as there will be a young people's reading, writing and spelling group from 2pm to

4pm. In the early evening from 6pm to 8pm on Thursdays a new Numeracy and maths group is starting.

Throughout the week there will be educational counselling and day time drop in sessions for all our students who might need advice. It is possible for all our day time groups to be supported by a creche as we would like more women to join us.

The evening programme at the Literacy Scheme from September 1st will include a 2 hour reading, writing and spelling group each evening from Monday to Thursday inclusive. Also throughout the week in the day time and evenings we can offer new students their own personal tutor who will work with individual students on reading and writing in a one to one setting. Right through the year there will also be lots of social evenings like parties, reading evenings, drama and creative writing workshops, which all our students are welcome to join in.

For local people who would like to become volunteer tutors at Blackfriars Literacy Scheme we will be running an 18 hour training course over a period of 6 weeks from the middle of October.

If you would like to know more about Blackfriars Literacy Scheme ring Shirley May, Barbara Ellis, Alison Jaynes, or Barbara Khwaja on 928 9521 or 928 5116.



Three people are waiting for a bus that never arrives (sounds familiar?), only this time when one does turn up, the passengers can go anywhere and do anything they want.

This was the theme of Upstream Children's Theatre's

"All Change", a new play for 4-11 years which toured to playschemes and community centres this summer. This exciting and imaginative play was well received by its young audiences.

This Autumn, UCT are planning Theatre and Drama workshops, to be held at the Upstream Theatre in Waterloo and also to visit after-school clubs, schools or youth clubs.

If you're interested, contact the Director, Roy Poole on 633 9819 or write to UCT, Short Street, St Andrews, SE1 8LJ.

Public Inquiry opens on Vauxhall Bridgefoot site

A Public Inquiry began in the middle of August into the future of a key riverside site at Vauxhall Bridgefoot in North Lambeth. The bulk of the site, running along the Thames on the Albert Embankment, is owned by Regalian Homes Ltd and the smaller site called Lacks Dock is owned by the Duchy of Cornwall.

In November 1986, Regalian submitted a application for planning permission to develop luxury housing on the site. As the application contained virtually no information, Lambeth wrote to the developers Regalian asking for more details. The developers then appealed to the Department of the Environment and a date for a public inquiry was set for August this year.

In the meantime, in April 1987, Regalian submitted two more planning applications, one for the site they own and one for Lacks Dock. This time illustrative drawings and more detail accompanied the application. These two applications have been consolidated into the public inquiry and the original application has been dropped by Regalian.

From the new applications it emerges that Regalian wants to build 269 luxury residential units, together with shops, offices, a car-park, wine bar and a riverside wall and walkway. The luxury housing would be in the form of tower blocks ranging in height from 15 metres to a 62 metre high 19 storey block. Lambeth has already criticised the design of the development because it effectively turns its back on the Albert Embankment and on Lambeth, creating an enclave of private luxury housing which would effectively cut local residents off from the river.

More important are two key issues relating to this site and its development. Firstly, the site is covered by the Waterloo District Plan which is the statutory local plan for the area, developed by

Lambeth Council in consultation with local people. The Plan designates this site as a preferred location for offices. In fact, many developers have wanted to build offices here in the past, all of which have fallen through. In 1974, the then Secretary of State for the Environment, Michael Heseltine, overrode the local authority's planning powers and granted planning permission, through a special development order, for European Ferries to build a 500 foot office block which became known as the Jubilee Green Giant.

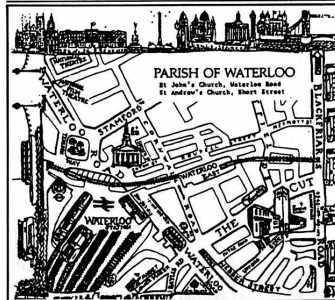
The council argues that the office developments in the borough should be restricted to the areas where there are already a considerable number of offices, thus preventing the encroachment of offices into residential areas like Waterloo.

The second issue is the proposed overdevelopment of the site. In recent years the riverside has proved to be more profitable for developers for office developments. The same developers who years ago were in conflict with the local communities along the

Thames over proposals to build walls of offices between residents and the river have discovered that there are millions to be made by cramming the wealthy into broom cupboards along the Thames in inner London. A room flat facing the river fetches a minimum £100,000. The more flats you cram the larger the profits.

The 269 residential units proposed by Regalian are a vast overdevelopment of the site. It far exceeds Lambeth's recommended number of habitable rooms per acre.

Commenting on Regalian proposals, Councillor Roy Dudley, Vice Chair of Lambeth's Town Planning Committee told SE1 "what the borough needs is low-cost housing and jobs, not another block of luxury housing which local people can never hope to afford."



The Parish of Waterloo is the Church of England's Waterloo area. All are welcome to any of our activities. Parish office telephone 633 9819

Trinity House sales rankle residents

Trinity House Corporation is North Southwark's largest private landlord. It has some 15 residential tenancies comprising properties in Trinity Street, Merrick Church Square, Merrick Square, Falmouth Road, Cole Street and Swan Street. The estate is known as the Newington Estate, lying as it does in the parish of St Mary, Newington.

Most of the land in the parish was used for grazing and market gardens. The estate began in 1813 and continued over 30 years, that today the estate remains much as it was built. It has been declared an outstanding conservation area by the Department of the Environment after it was declared a 'conservation area' by the Council.

The rents from the estate, after expenses, go to the support of distressed mariners and their dependants, the original beneficiaries of Merrick's bequest.

Recently, several residents of the estate contacted SE1 newspaper expressing their concern at what they called the creeping privatisation of the estate. Last year, Nos 4, 5 and 6 Trinity Church Square, which had been progressively emptied by the Trust (managed on their behalf by Drivas Jonas), were sold on the private market on 10-year leases at between £20,000 and £85,000. Within a year, two of them were back on the market, one for around £115,000.

Strictly speaking, the Corporation would argue, no



Trinity Church Square flats on the market

privatisation of the estate is taking place since the estate is already privately owned. The Corporation says that it did not have the necessary money to do the repairs needed to these houses, so it was necessary to do a deal with a developer. It is argued that the financial benefit to the Charity is considerably greater than letting the flats at fair rents. The Corporation argues further that it is adding to the variety of tenure on the estate by selling properties on the private market.

Residents feel though that these arguments side-step several important issues. Firstly, by selling off its properties, which it has every right to do, the Corporation is reducing the amount of private rented accommodation available in the area at reasonable rents. A two-bed flat on the estate rents at about £60 a week. The chances of local residents on the waiting list being housed become smaller when houses are sold off. Secondly, is the Corporation justified in selling off its properties when it knows that a quick resale for profit is

more than likely, as was the case of two of the properties sold in Trinity Church Square? Is it even a good idea to sell off a rapidly appreciating asset, when house prices in Southwark have risen 42% in the past year? Thirdly, residents suggest that the those buying these properties are changing the type of resident on the estate, as a number of these have second homes to which they return at the weekend.

Residents are worried that the privatisation process will go further. Already, Nos 9, 10 and 11 Trinity Church Square have been emptied and are awaiting modernisation before they are to be sold by a developer on the private market. The Corporation told SE1 that it has no intention of granting long leases on the entire estate, or even the majority of it, although it added perhaps a number of other buildings will be sold in the years ahead. It appears that the Corporation is far from happy with the fair rents prevailing on the estate, and selling its properties is one method of gradually eroding them.

Other issues over which residents expressed concern were the number of empty properties and the delay take in filling them. Some 5% of the Corporation's properties are empty at any one time. According to the managing agents Drivas Jonas this is because of re-housing needs or repairs. However, SE1 was told that 59 Trinity Church Square has been empty since December 1985 and that 4 Falmouth Road has had two empty flats for over 6 months. Residents would like to see more use made of empty flats for short-term lets, perhaps for teachers for example since Bermondsey is suffering from a shortage partly due to the shortage of accommodation.

No 22 Trinity Street, next to the pub, has been empty for 20 years. The Corporation justifies this by saying that the property is usually let with the pub. It appears that the present landlords intend to extend the pub into 22 Trinity Street and create a ground floor restaurant. But enquiries by SE1 at the Planning Department revealed that it is against council policy to allow residential accommodation to be changed into retail use.

There is no suggestion by residents that Trinity House is a bad landlord. Repairs are usually done quickly, people enjoy living on the estate and the Residents Association has good relations and meets regularly with their landlord at which all the issues affecting the estate are discussed. In fact, it is precisely for these reasons that the tenants SE1 spoke to are concerned. They want to see things continue as they are - a responsible private landlord providing fair-rented accommodation to the residents of North Southwark.

Blackfriars Settlement

1887-1987

Nineteenth Century beginnings

19th September, 1887 marks the Centenary of Blackfriars Settlement. To coincide with 100 years of activities in the locality, the Settlement is launching on 12th September the publication of 'Blackfriars Settlement: a short history, 1887-1987', written by Gladys Barrett. Below publishes some brief extracts from this booklet about the origins of the settlement.

By the 1880's the population of London was over four million, and there was no proper provision of water supplies or sanitation. Overcrowding and unemployment were widespread.

Concern about social conditions spread among the educated middle classes and in

November 1883, Samuel Barnett, then vicar of St Jude's Whitechapel, put forward the idea that privileged young men might live amongst and work with the poor crowded into parts of the great cities. The response was the establishment in 1884 of Toynbee Hall, the "father of all the settlements", in Whitechapel, and of Oxford House in Bethnal Green.

Women students were also influenced by the Settlement idea and at a meeting of the Cambridge Ladies' Discussion Society was addressed by Ms Alice Gruner who spoke of her experiences working from 44 Nelson Square in Southwark - according to Charles Booth's Survey, the second poorest area of London after Bethnal Green. Soon after the first women's Settlement

was established, working from Nelson Square.

The objective of the Women's University Settlement, as it was called was "to promote the welfare of the poorer districts of London, more especially of the women and children, by devising and advancing schemes which tend to elevate them, and by giving them additional opportunities for education and recreation."

On September 12th, 1887, the Settlement opened for business.

In future issues, SE1 will carry further extracts about Blackfriars Settlement.

Translation Unit

Southwark is increasingly a multi-racial borough. At the last census there were nearly 3,000 people in the borough from East Africa, India and Bangladesh. A further 3,600 came from Mediterranean countries, 2,700 from Africa (excluding East Africa) and 750 from the Far East.

To cater for the interests of its non English-speaking residents, Southwark Council last November set up a Translation and Interpretation Unit, managed by Social Services.

Since its launch last year, the unit has dealt with more than 150 enquiries, provided 42 interpretation sessions and undertaken 20 translations. Interpreters attend interviews, case conferences and court hearings with social workers and their clients, advises on the translation of documents and advise council officers and members of cultural differences which can help improve the delivery of services.

The Unit has four interpreters/translators in Bengali, Gujarati, Turkish and Urdu. Other ethnic groups who have requested interpretation facilities include Vietnamese, Portuguese, Spanish, Iranians, Punjabi and Arabic speakers, Chinese and Africans speaking such languages as Yoruba and Lingala. Sessional workers are used to cater for the needs of these diverse groups.

Deand for the Unit's time and skills comes not only from the social services department but from other departments within the council and from outside agencies and voluntary groups.

If you know of someone who could use the services of the Unit, phone 703 6363 and ask for the Translation and Interpretation Unit.

Pension Cheque

Pensioners' groups in Southwark are being given the chance of some extra cash from Southwark Council's Pensioners' Forum, set up in 1983 to deal with issues affecting the elderly in the community. £1,500 has been set aside by the Forum for one-off grants of up to £200 for groups needing to pay for such things as equipment, printing and distributing newsletters, the hire of transport, etc. The Council hopes groups will apply which don't normally receive council grants.

Write to Paul Dimoldenberg, Room 404, Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5, or ring 703 6311 ext 2039 for an application form. Applications close end of September.

Wage cut threat at Guy's

Around 350 cleaners at Guy's Hospital, St Olave's Hospital and health centres in the north of the borough face a severe cut in their bonus payments or hours of work, according to Guy's NUPE secretary Dave Osborne, if they want to keep their jobs when hospital cleaning services are put out to competitive tender in August. Already, Dave told SEI, hospital cleaners are on poverty level wages, taking home between £80 and £90 for a 40-hour 5 day week which often includes a Saturday or Sunday.

It was at its June meeting that the Lewisham & North Southwark Health Authority voted to put hospital cleaning services out to tender. Tenders must be in by November. This means that private cleaning companies can bid to take over the cleaning of public hospitals. The Authority has long been under pressure from the Department of Health & Social Security to go out to tender. Members of the Authority, however, all insist that they want to keep the cleaning services in-house. They have drawn up a tender document which aims to guarantee the present working conditions of the cleaners under any new contract and fear that if they don't invite tenders now, the government will toughen up its guidelines preventing health authorities

from putting conditions on tenderers.

While the June meeting of the Authority made no mention of any cuts in workers' present wages and hours, indeed significant savings have been made in cleaning services in the past 12 months, their Union NUPE sees things differently. Dave Osborne told SEI that at a regular monthly meeting of shop stewards and domestic staff management, the workers' side was told that "they would probably have to lose bonuses." The bonus payments are generally made for weekend and evening work. With tendering coming up, it was either take a cut in bonuses or a cut in hours, according to management, though this isn't yet the official position.

So far, the Union hasn't been involved in drawing up the Health Authority's tender to keep cleaning services in-house, though Dave Osborne expects the Union and its members to be consulted. Dave says that since the cleaners haven't had a decent wage rise since 1979, his advice to members would be that the present pay and conditions are the absolute bottom line. In the tendering process, the workers cannot simply afford either a cut in bonuses or hours.

Dave was also scathingly critical of cleaning standards in the public hospitals where private cleaning contractors have taken over by slashing staff levels and wages. He cites the case of Barking where cockroaches were found crawling over cots in the Childrens Ward.



AGE CONCERN LAMBETH

"There are more people looking after an elderly or disabled relative than there are mothers looking after children." This statement was made from research done in the North of England, but it highlights the enormous numbers of people who are caring for disabled relatives at home.

Carers, as we have come to know them, often have a 24-hour a day, 7 day a week task trying to cater for an elderly or disabled relative at home. Their role can be quite alienating, and carers often have difficulties getting information about benefits and services.

One of the things that carers feel most in need of is the chance to have an occasional break from the person they are caring for. The difficulty lies in the fact that they are often not able to leave their relative alone,

if they are confused for example, or physically dependant.

Age Concern Lambeth has a sitting-in service which tries to provide some relief to carers. We have volunteers who are able to sit-in with an elderly person for a few hours once a week in order to give their carer a break. We try to offer a reliable, consistent service but are in desperate need of volunteers in this area.

Volunteers do not necessarily need previous training or experience. A caring, responsible attitude and a genuine interest are of most importance. We provide ongoing support and training.

If you would like to help, or would like more information, please contact Sally Hemmings at Age Concern Lambeth, 1-5 Acre Lane, SW2 5SD. Tel: 274 7722 ext 2640.

Parish of Waterloo Playscheme

If you were passing Andrew's Church at any time between Monday 10th August and Friday 21st August, you may well have seen a group of children aged between 4-10 years.

We had a packed programme of activities, both indoor and outdoor, and both children and adult helpers were involved in painting, model-making, handicrafts and reading. The children were also involved in a public meeting called by the Southwark Council's Planning Department last month. The Planning Department is looking at the area immediately around the Elephant & Castle to see what improvements could be made to make it a more pleasant and safer place for residents, shoppers, and local employees. Landscape architects have developed a number of ideas to improve the environment but nothing has been finalised and they are anxious to get the views of residents to these can be incorporated into the proposed improvements.

Drama proved to be an integral part of the playscheme, with workshops led by the 'Upstream Children's Theatre Company' and with a performance of the Summer Show, 'All Change'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and it prompted them to make up their own plays during the week.

Our outings included visits to Windsor, Margate and the Chessington World of Adventures, and a river trip on the Thames, all of which proved to be great fun and enjoyed all the more because of good weather.

A big 'Thank you' to all who helped to make this a happy and successful playscheme to Elizabeth and Sara Clark to David Pape, to members of the congregation within the Parish, to all the parents, to Lambeth Council, to 'T', and British Rail, and to all who came along. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Penny Casemore Curate, Parish of Waterloo



A mammoth task at the Elephant

The Elephant and Castle was proposed in 1951 as a comprehensive development area and the then London County Council clearance began in 1956. The resulting area's middle of traffic and concrete and glass buildings was named after a pub on the site and has been described by architectural historian, Nicolas Pevsner as one of the least loved creations of the post-war planners, or rather, of the road engineers, because it is clear the comfort of pedestrians had very low priority. On foot one is first bewildered by the tortuous subways beneath the roundabout, then, on emerging, one is assailed by traffic and crushed by the endless scale of the surrounding towers, confusingly similar at first sight."

Twenty years on, local residents are being invited to express their own views about the Elephant. They had their first chance at a public meeting called by the Southwark Council's Planning Department last month. The Planning Department is looking at the area immediately around the Elephant & Castle to see what improvements could be made to make it a more pleasant and safer place for residents, shoppers, and local employees. Landscape architects have developed a number of ideas to improve the environment but nothing has been finalised and they are anxious to get the views of residents to these can be incorporated into the proposed improvements.

Improving the dark, uninviting subways is likely to be the main priority of the Council, which is already constructing new pedestrian crossings. Those who attended the public meeting pointed out the subways as the number one priority. They complained about lack of security, poor lighting, bad signposting, graffiti, vandalism, flooding and general shabbiness.

Co-op nominations get go-ahead

Coin Street's Mulberry Housing Co-op has been at last heard from Lambeth and Southwark Councils that it will have all the names of the people they are putting forward for its new homes by the end of September. Mulberry will then interview the people nominated by the Councils to explain what it means to belong to the Co-op and to go through the arrangements for the training programme. Everyone will be asked to take part in twelve 2-hour workshops, which will cover what they need to know to run the Co-op and make it work.

There's more information about the Co-op and how to apply in a leaflet Mulberry has just published. Copies are available from Waterloo Advice Centre, Borough Community Centre or Coin Street Community Builders at 99 Upper Ground, SE1, telephone 620 0544.

Lambeth and Southwark will put forward more names than there are houses. All will be people the Councils consider in urgent need of housing. When the Co-op's founder members decide who to choose as possible future tenants - and who to put on the reserve list - they will be looking for people with a real interest in getting involved in the Co-op. They will also keep in mind their aim of not discriminating against black families. Once these factors have been taken into account, the Co-op will give preference to people who have a local connection with Waterloo or North Southwark.

Mulberry's houses are virtually finished on the outside and the builder is now

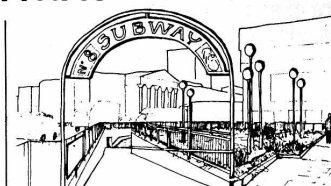
installing kitchens and bathrooms and starting to lay out the gardens. He is due to finish early next year. Meanwhile the river walk and the riverside section of the park have been completed and

Southwark's landscape architects are proposing better, brighter lighting at the tunnel entrances and in the tunnels, better signposting, perhaps colour coded with directional arrows. The old wall surfaces of the tunnels would be replaced with new tiling and mosaics and a competition in the local community held for a mural design. Metal arches and ornamental lighting columns would make a feature of tunnel entrances.

The northern roundabout island provides the main landmark. The LEB sub-station here is in fact a monument to Michael Farraday, the discoverer of electricity. It is proposed to do a display of lighting around the perimeter to create a focal point. The structure would be repainted, more trees and shrubs planted and perhaps a sculpture.

The paved areas at the Elephant are one of its harshest features. Improvements proposed include a better variety and colour of paving materials, more and better quality street furniture, improved lighting with shorter columns to bring the light to pedestrian height. More litter bins would be provided and seats and benches where people could congregate.

Another problem highlighted by one of those present at the public meeting was poor access for the disabled. The ramps



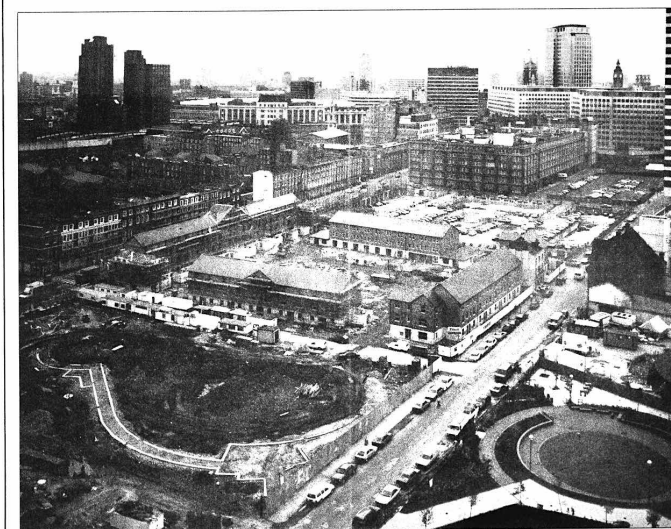
were thought to be very steep, surface level pedestrian crossings on New Kent Road had to short a cycle for those in wheelchairs to pass safely across the road, and there was no lift in the shopping centre from the ground to the first floor.

Over the next few weeks, the Council will continue to consult local residents, shopkeepers, workers, etc. Public participation is seen as vital to the success and effectiveness of the improvements. An exhibition will be held showing the proposals once the results of consultation have been collated and there is also a questionnaire available to fill in.

There is a big proviso in all these proposals, however. The Council hopes that the proposed improvements will be funded by central government and are putting in a bid for 1988/89 financial year for funding under the Inner Area Programme. Because this grant must be spent in the year in which it is awarded, the improvements will have to be phased over several years.

If you have any suggestions or would like to know more about the proposals, contact Simon Bevan of Southwark's planning department on 403 3322 ext 2179.

arrangements are being made to open them to the public in the first week in October. The southern section of the park should be ready and open early next summer.



Mobility Bus Service for people in North Southwark



Route 970

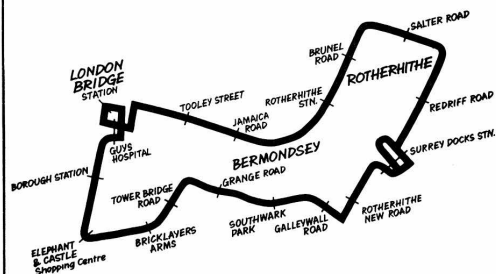
A new
Mobility Bus Service,
accessible by
wheelchair, running
on Tuesdays to
Saturdays.

The route has been
carefully designed to
serve a number of
Day Centres and
sheltered housing,
and provides links to
the Elephant & Castle
Shopping Centre,
Guys Hospital and
London Bridge
Station.



From 27th July 1987

Route 970



The 970 will be a circular route in both directions with the two morning journeys running clockwise and the two afternoon journeys running anti-clockwise.

Route 970 - From London Bridge Station via St. Thomas Street, Guys Hospital, Joiner Street, Tooley Street, Jamaica Road, Rotherhithe, Brunel Road, Salter Road, Redriff Road, Surrey Docks Station, Lower Road, Rotherhithe New Road, Galleywall Road, Southwark Park Road, Grange Road, Tower Bridge Road, Bricklayers Arms, New Kent Road, Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre, Newington Causeway, Borough High Street, St. Thomas Street, Guys Hospital then to London Bridge Station.

ROUTE 970 - TUESDAYS TO SATURDAYS	CLOCKWISE	ANTI-CLOCKWISE
London Bridge Station	0915	1052
Guys Hospital	0918	1055
Tooley Street, Tower Bridge Road	0924	1101
Rotherhithe Station, Brunel Road	0936	1113
Salter Road, Redriff Road	0946	1123
Surrey Docks Station, Lower Road	0954	1131
Rotherhithe New Road, Galleywall Road	1000	1137
Tower Bridge Road, Grange Road	1012	1149
Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre	1020	1157
Borough Station	1028	1205
Guys Hospital	1036	1213
London Bridge Station	1043	1220
	1305	1512

1 Time at Druid Street, Tower Bridge Road. 2 Time at Redriff Road.

Fares for adults are 30p (35p before 9.30am), 50p or 70p according to the zones travelled through. There is a 15p fare (20p before 9.30am) for under 16s. You can also use London Boroughs' Elderly and Disabled Persons' Permits and Bus Passes. Travelcards and Capitalcards valid for the Fare Zones being travelled through.

IRISH ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Oral History Outreach Worker/Coordinator in the Irish Community. Part-time temporary appointment to 11/6/88.

Morley College wishes to appoint as soon as possible to the above post to work in the Irish community of North Southwark and North Lambeth in setting up an Irish Oral History Project.

The person appointed will be expected to carry out the following:
- research and collate existing sources by contacting and interviewing individuals/organisations who have done work in the field
- build up an archive of material relating to the Irish community locally
- organise preliminary interviews with local Irish people
- organise a network of volunteers to help with these interviews
- assist in organising an Irish Awareness day conference in April 1988
- report back on work in progress to the Irish Oral History Support Group
- investigate links with ongoing oral history events and projects based in London

The appointed person would be expected to have some experience in research, writing skills and the confidence to approach and speak to a wide range of people. The geographical area is bounded by the river to the north and west, along Harleyford Rd to the Oval, north along Kennington Park Rd to Elephant & Castle, and along Borough High St to London Bridge.

The post will be for 6 hours per week, starting the week beginning 28th September 1987 and will continue until the week beginning Monday 11th June 1988. The rate is £10.22 per hour (Grade C - ILEA).

For further information and application forms, please contact Anne Dolan on 928 8501 ext 155.

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Closing date: Friday 2nd October, 1987.

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BUT YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE MADE BEFORE 31ST DECEMBER 1987, OTHERWISE YOU WILL LOSE THIS RIGHT.

THE FEE FOR THIS APPLICATION IS £60.

If you need further information or help with your application please contact the address below:

North Lambeth Law Centre
381 Kennington Lane
London SE11

Telephone: 582 4425

LETTERS

Dear SE1

LOCAL HISTORY

Congratulations on a really interesting paper, of which I have seen two issues so far, having come across them at the Coin Street exhibition site. I am a Londoner who moved to Lincoln in 1980, but retain my links with visits to my mother in Fulham, and SE1, where she was born and grew up. Several of your features caught my eye, especially regarding County Hall, and Morley College where my Mum learnt shorthand and typing about 1932.

I am compiling a history of my parents' families, including photographs, and wondered if any of your readers could help. Re my mother's family, my grandfather moved from Exeter to 5 Addington Street, SE1, and my grandmother moved from Camberwell to 2 1/2 Smarts Terrace, Addington Street, SE1. They married, and at 15 Addington Street had 4 boys.

They then moved to 122 York Road (round the corner) where my mother was born. They all went to a small school in Addington Street. When County Hall was first extended, they were obliged to move across the road to 91 York Road - in the 1930's I believe.

Much later on in the early 1960's my Gran was finally moved to a horrible Council flat in Stockwell, so that County hall could expand again. Now, my query is can anyone supply any photos of any of the addresses mentioned - Smarts Terrace, Addington Street, 91 or 122 York Road?

Addington Road used to be a cul-de-sac. When I was a teenager, I used to travel over on a Saturday morning to do odd jobs for Gran, going down Addington Street,

through Leake Court and under the arches to do her shopping in Lower Marsh and the Cut.

I would pay for any photos to be copied and naturally would guarantee their safety.

Brian Alford
Ash House
12 Garmston Street
St Martins Square
Lincoln
Lincolnshire LN2 1HZ



From the top:
Walter Hall, 6yrs, George Hall, 4, Harold Hall, 3, Edward, 1, in 1911, at 15 Addington Street, Lambeth.

Dear Sir

MINT STREET OPEN SPACE

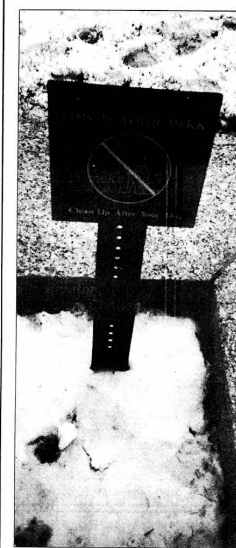
Regarding your article in SE1 issue 54 about the state of Mint Street park, I agree entirely that it is a disgrace.

But being a dog owner myself I would like to say something for once in their defence. I am like many dog owners of Southwark a reliable dog owner whose dog only ever goes out with me on a lead.

But it is nice now and then to let them off the lead to have a run. There is nowhere for us to do that. If there were parts set aside especially for dogs I for one would use it.

Also if a rule came in to force owners to clean up their dogs' mess then I would comply with that. My dog will very rarely go onto the footpath and prefers the grass. But I'm sick and tired of people going mad about dogs when there is nothing for us to use. I know there are many people who feel the same as I do. So stop condemning us, do something for us.

Mrs B O Toole



An American device for dogs. Should we adopt it here?

MORLEY COLLEGE AUTUMN TERM

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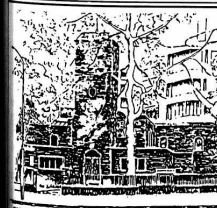
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LAMBETH
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DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY,
01-582 0003

Morley College,
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TELEPHONE—928 8501

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CHRIST CHURCH IN 1983



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For further details contact the Administrator,
Yvonne Parish or the Rector, Canon Peter Challen,
on 928 4707 or 928 3970. We can usually be found
in our offices between 9am and 5pm, Monday to
Friday.

Mint St clean up

Since the article in our last issue of SE1 by gardening correspondent Keib Thomas, and following complaints also by local residents, Mint Street Open Space has been cleaned up a bit. SE1 spoke to the gardeners who said they had been drafted in from the Surrey Docks area by the Parks Department. Let's hope maintenance of North Southwark's public gardens becomes more regular.



ENTERTAINMENTS IN LAMBETH

TEA DANCES

SURREY HALL,
BINFIELD RD, SW4
THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER,
2.15PM

Your Hostess: Eve Willett
Dance to: The Dave Kent Trio
Tickets: 75p on the door

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2.00 - 6.00PM

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164 Clapham Pk Road, SW4
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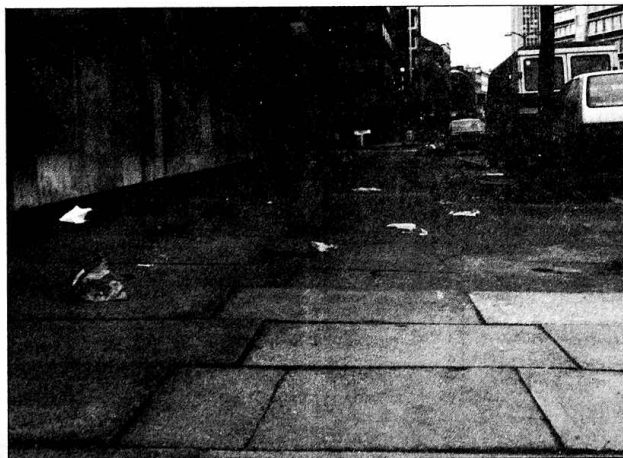
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From: Box Lolly
Lambeth Amenity Services
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PUBLIC HAZARDS NO. 9

The sunken footpath pictured above near the corner of Southwark Street and Great Guildford Street was reported to the North Southwark Community Development Group by one of the users of the Pensioners-Pop-In at Borough Community Centre and the complaint was passed on to Public Works Department on 10th August, 1987. As we went to press the offending footpath remained unrepaired. Pensioners are threatening to go on the warpath again soon over broken paving stones.



West Lambeth Health Authority

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To arrange a funeral simply take this leaflet to:
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114 Brixton Hill,
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674 5298 (24 hour service)

For Lambeth People

SE1 NEWSPAPER

SE1 newspaper is produced for residents of Waterloo and Nth Southwark by people living & working locally. We welcome your letters, news, photos or other contributions. SE1 particularly welcomes contributions from the area's ethnic communities. We would also appreciate more articles from the Waterloo area.

NEXT COPY DATE

Copy date for the next issue of SE1 is Wed 28th October. Publication date is 6th November. All contributions should be sent to 56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 OAS.

SE1 AVAILABLE AT

If you want to receive your copy of SE1 regularly, it is available from the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Rd, or from the Borough Community Centre at 56 Southwark Bridge Road.

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NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

WE are pleased to be one of the sponsors and organisers of the 4th Boro' Festival. If you are interested in land use and community issues in the area, contact us on 928 0711, and ask for Gerry or Alan.