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Axe falls again in West Lambeth

In a marathon meeting at the end of April lasting over 8 hours, members of West Lambeth Health Authority agreed to swingeing new cuts in local health services. About eighty local residents and health workers were in the public gallery and greeted the cuts with cries of 'shame'.

A vote well after midnight gave approval to more than 80 proposals by the Health Authority management which altogether will cut around £5 million from the Authority's budget this financial year.

The Authority says it has been obliged to find the savings because of spending limits imposed on them by the Department of Health and Social Security. Last year it was £3.8 million overspent despite bed closures. These cuts are the severest of any authority in the whole of the National Health Service.

The cuts proposals, however, were bitterly contested by many members of the Health Authority, including Lambeth Council's representatives and the Community Health Council.

Community representatives managed to overturn other proposals for a further £500,000 of cuts. Management, however, is expected to try and reintroduce these cuts at next month's meeting of the Authority.

Both the acute services and the community health services will suffer this year. Members agreed to the continued 'temporary' closure of 44 acute beds at St Thomas' Hospital which were closed in 1986 and to 137 acute beds 'temporarily' closed last year. A proposal to close another 28-bed ward at the Hospital was defeated.

A 10% across the board staff cut in acute services was agreed to. The job cuts are: 34 medical posts, 101 nursing, 66 administration, 43 ancillary and 27 works and maintenance.



Health cuts dismay the public

The exact number of redundancies required by management was not spelled out because of the high level of staff turnover. Nevertheless, there will be sure to be redundancies and consequent loss of services. The staff side representatives at the meeting expressed their total opposition to compulsory redundancies.

Out-patient services at St Thomas' Hospital will suffer. The Authority wants to cut total out-patient attendances by 25%, mainly by having doctors recall patients on fewer occasions.

Even so, this measure will only save 1% of the total out-patient budget. The Phipps respiratory unit, the only one of its kind in the UK for people with breathing difficulties, will close

unless alternative funding becomes available.

Community Health Services have been badly hit by the cuts. Mental health services will be rationalised meaning no further admissions to Tooting Bec Hospital. Acutely mentally ill patients will be admitted to St Thomas', by reopening the mental health ward which was closed last year!

The child psychiatric unit at Black Prince Road will probably close. Prior to closure, however, there will be public consultation and an independent assessment of the unit. Family planning, community nursing services and community care centres will all suffer from the cuts decided on at the meeting.

A spokesperson for West Lambeth Community Health Council told SE1 that cuts to mental health and community services were "totally inappropriate at a time when we should be developing these services".

All the talk about improving community care services, for the elderly, the disabled, the mentally frail, had gone out of the window, they added.

With these further cuts, SE1 residents can expect another worsening of health services. With the cuts to date, patients have had their admissions for operations cancelled up to four times, waiting lists have lengthened for operations, and emergency patients have waited in casualty at St Thomas' Hospital for over 2 hours. The future of our health service looks even bleaker.

'Alaska'

18th February, 1988
Last visit to the former 'Alaska' factory, now Martin's, in Grange Road.

Left to right are: Lil Patrcik, Ethel Nazer, George Webb, Mary Gibson, Nel Hewlett, Joan Beale. Ethel, Mary and Nel all worked at the Alaska in the 1940's and 1950's. Story in centre pages.



Bus changes

London Regional Transport is planning changes to bus routes in Bermondsey and North Southwark which will come into effect in the late summer this year, due to increasing demand for services.

A new daily 'midibus' service, P11, will replace existing routes 70 and 70A, which presently run from Peckham and Victoria. The new service will run along the same route but will now terminate at Waterloo Station.

According to LRT, route P11 would provide the Rotherhithe Peninsula with a more frequent and reliable service to London Bridge, Waterloo, the Southwark Park Road and Surrey Quays shopping centres and Peckham.

On Mondays to Fridays the buses would run every 10 minutes throughout the day, an improvement on the 15-minute service presently provided by the 70 and 70A. There would also be a 10-minute service on the P11 during Saturday shopping hours. A 20-minute service would run in the evenings and all day Sunday, instead of the present 30-minute service on the 70 and 70A.



Route 47, which presently runs from Shoreditch to Catford, will, under the new proposals, run in two overlapping sections on Mondays to Fridays. Buses will operate between Shoreditch and Lewisham and between London Bridge and Catford Bus Garage. This, LRT believes, would provide for a more reliable service.

Southwark Council, which has been asked by LRT for its comments on the proposals, is concerned about the accessibility of the new 'midibuses', which have yet to be seen in London. They are smaller than a single decker bus and hold a total of forty passengers. This type of bus then might present problems for the disabled, parents with small children, and those carrying shopping.

The Council is also concerned that the new P11 route will stop at Waterloo Station instead of going on to Victoria as the 70 and 70A presently do. Passengers will have to change to the Central Hoppa route C1. Passengers without passes would thus have to pay two fares.

Creeping library cuts

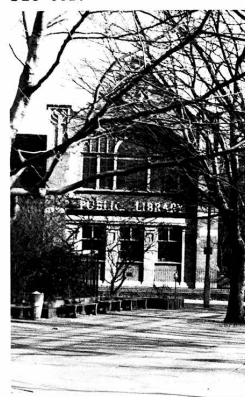
Faced with strong protests from readers and unions, Southwark Council has backed off twice from its proposals to close Borough Road library completely. The opening hours, however, at this and other Southwark libraries have been drastically reduced. On top of this, several times in the last few months readers arriving at John Harvard library have, to their great annoyance, found it shut without warning.

Although the Council maintains that cuts in all services are due to government ratecapping, it is always the most disadvantaged people in the community who have to bear the brunt of these cuts.

Pensioners, the unemployed and the sick are the people who rely most on libraries because they can't afford to buy books, newspapers, records and cassettes. And students who are struggling to get qualifications to improve their chances of finding work now have one hour less each evening in which they can quietly study in Newington reference

library, which is always packed with eager learners.

If the cuts in library hours are causing you problems, tell your librarian or write to Councillor Aubyn Graham, Chair of Leisure and Recreation Committee, Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB.



Borough Road Library

Tabard tenant survey

Tabard Estate Tenants Association, in their latest newsletter, have published the results of a small survey they did of residents on the good and bad points of each block on the estate.

The most common complaint concerned the lack of upkeep around the estate. Lifts, landing windows, rubbish shutters, stairs, were all common areas which tenants complained were untidy and even dirty. There were complaints too of litter in the gardens, lack of maintenance of gardens and parks, nuisance of dogs, and the poor state of the tarmac. One tenant of Hartham House said that the block itself was totally neglected.

Another major complaint was about the number of cars parked on the estate. Several tenants considered a lot of this unauthorised parking.

Photo finish

Coral Newell, the Labour Party's candidate in the Riverside Ward by-election in Bermondsey of 21st April, has won the seat from the Liberals. After several recounts, she was declared the winner by four votes, overturning the huge majority of the Liberals at the last local elections in 1986. Turnout was a high 44%.

In no small part was the victory due to Coral's local

This is a common problem for estates in North Southwark which don't have barriers because of the large number of offices in the area.

Concerning their flats, tenants complained of the central heating only working periodically, poor windows, draughts, and the length of time it takes to do repairs.

On the positive side, Eynesford House residents liked their new security system, others felt that their estate was nice and quiet, others liked the lighting, or found people friendly, while a surprising number didn't have anything good to say about the estate.

In all, the Tenants Association has conducted a useful survey and one that could be well brought to the attention of council housing officers and local councillors.

popularity where for years she has been involved in voluntary organisations and campaigns of all descriptions. She has also had previous experience as a local councillor. She is a tireless critic and notable thorn in the side of the London Docklands Development Corporation, planning overlords of Southwark's riverside, which has handed the area over to the greed of property speculators.

Volunteers

North Southwark Bereavement Care Association has been active for 6 years. They are a locally based voluntary organisation which provides a counselling service for the bereaved.

They have been active for 6 years and take referrals from local GP's, health visitors, social workers, clergy and voluntary agencies such as Help the Aged. They are funded by Southwark Council.

The Association is looking for volunteers who are able to offer approximately six hours a fortnight counselling the bereaved in the area. Selected applicants will undergo thorough training and will join in regular supervision groups.

There are no special qualifications for the work - we have people from all walks of life - but it is not advisable to apply within two years of a major personal loss.

For further details and an application form, please contact: Miriam Barber, NSBCA, c/o The Rectory, Merrick Square, SE1.

Paris Gardens

Work has begun on the refurbishment and extension of two large adjoining factories at Paris Gardens and Hatfields, south of Stamford Street at the same time as site clearing and preparation is going ahead on the neighbouring vacant site.

The factories, formerly occupied by the printers Kelihier, Hudson and Fearn and the Swan Engraving Company, were originally going to be demolished. Now, however, with the addition of an extra floor to each building, 150,000 sq ft of light industrial floorspace, 60,000 sq ft of office space and 20,000 sq ft of studio floorspace will be created.

In connection with Southwark Council's recent permission to extend the buildings, the developers will be contributing towards the layout of part of the vacant land next door. This council-owned site at Paris Gardens/Hatfields has been vacant for a number of years and part of it will now be landscaped as public open space.

Before that, the site will provide the setting for a programme in a new LWT series called 'Bust' in which Paul Nicholas plays a small businessman who uses the site as a car park.

Poll Tax will favour well off

When it is introduced by the government in 1990 in London, the Poll Tax will mean the replacement of the present domestic rates by a flat rate charge levied on everyone over 18 years of age.

The poll tax will vary from borough to borough; the more your council spends on services, the higher your poll tax. The highest levels of poll tax will therefore be in Labour-controlled boroughs like Southwark which spend far more on services for their residents than Tory boroughs.

The government argues that the present rating system is unfair. Under the present system of domestic rates local authorities are not truly accountable to the electorate for their spending. This, the government maintains, is because in the poorer inner-city boroughs a big percentage of those who vote don't pay rates because they receive rates rebates. These people vote for high spending councils because they don't have to foot the bill.

What the government means is that the well off subsidise the less well off through the rates. But is this true? Cheshire County Council recently conducted a survey to find out who uses and pays for their services. The results showed that the well off benefited more from rates. They benefited far more than the less wealthy from spending on education (above all after the age of 16), roads and leisure services.

The survey found that the average household in the top

OPEN SPACE IN DANGER

A question mark hangs over the future of the Temporary Open Space at St George's Circus, adjacent to the Borough Road Library. The site in question was owned by the Greater London Council and passed into the hands of the London Residuary Body when the present central government abolished London's government in 1986.

The London Residuary Body has been charged with disposing of all former GLC assets and recently gave notice of its intention to sell the open space land at St George's Circus.

The danger which exists for local residents is that the land could be bought by a property developer and redeveloped with offices or luxury flats as the Royal Eye Hospital site opposite.

social class group received nearly twice as much of council spending as a household in the bottom group. Replacing the rates with a poll tax will mean the wealthy receiving far more services than they pay for.

Under the new poll tax, everyone, even those on Income Support (formerly Benefits), will have to pay at least 15% of the tax. Therefore, the government reasons, every voter will be a ratepayer and will be keen to vote for councils who keep down spending so that the poll tax will be lower in their borough.

Critics of the poll tax say that it is really a tax on the right to vote. Many people will not register to vote, especially if they are on low incomes, because they will want to avoid paying the tax. Obviously, since the Tories don't number a great many poor among their supporters, this will be to the benefit of the Conservatives.

Local authorities will have to keep a separate register of those eligible to pay poll tax which will mean increased administrative costs. The financial costs of evasion and administration of the poll tax could well mean local authorities raising the tax rather than being obliged to lower it as the government hopes.

The major criticism of the tax though is that it falls harder on the less well off than it does on the rich. It is a way of redistributing income away from the poor and less well off in favour of the wealthy.

Southwark Council's Planning Department has indicated, however, that no developer would get planning permission to change the present use of the site which is open space.

If any reader objects to the

Dulwich owners of expensive houses, like the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, who now pay nearly £2,000 a year in rates will be paying the same in poll tax as council tenants in North Southwark who presently pay about £500 a year in rates.

This is the same as someone earning £40,000 a year paying the same in income tax as someone earning £10,000 a year.

Not only will the wealthy gain from the poll tax by saving hundreds, even thousands, of pounds a year, but most ordinary ratepayers will see their charges rise considerably with the introduction of the poll tax.

Locally, the poll tax has been opposed in Parliament by Simon Hughes, MP, who favours the introduction of a local income tax and by neighbouring MP Stuart Holland.

According to the government's own figures, the Poll Tax in Southwark will be £570 per person. Thus, a married couple with two children over 18 years still at home will be paying £2,280 a year in poll tax instead of their present £500 in rates, a more than fourfold increase!

The poll tax, its critics argue, and these include the opposition political parties, welfare rights groups, the churches, and many others, is unfair, undemocratic and a further stage in the government's attempt to completely cripple local democracy, one of the few remaining challenges to Conservative rule.

proposed disposal of the open space by the London Residuary Body, write stating your objections to John Howes, Director of Administration, London Residuary Body, St Vincent House, 30 Orange Street, London WC2.



Clause 28

Clause 28 - now Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988 - has been condemned by lesbians and gay men, and their supporters, as a blatant attack on their civil liberties and making them second class citizens. Section 28 outlaws the "promotion of homosexuality" by local authorities.

Promotion is not defined, which means that there is a great danger that any policies aimed at pursuing equal rights for lesbians and gay men and fighting discrimination against them could be seen as "promotion". The result would be that local councils and voluntary organisations funded by councils would have to stop this kind of work for fear of being taken to court.

Despite widespread opposition to the clause from lesbians and gays in Southwark, and throughout the country, from many politicians including local MP's Simon Hughes and Stuart Holland, from entertainers, trades unions and voluntary organisations, the Bill will become law at the end of May.

Southwark Council has pledged to stand by its manifesto commitment to lesbian and gay rights by continuing to fund groups and pursuing policies which recognise the equal rights of lesbians and gay men.

A 'Southwark Against The Clause' group has been formed to ensure the Council sticks to this policy, to inform people of the issues and to fight for lesbian and gay rights. The group has found support from many sections of the community who are asking "Lesbians and gays today, who will it be tomorrow?"

For more information about the local campaign, phone 703 3849 or write c/o PO Box 702, SE15 5DN.

Queensborough Community Centre

Events every week at Queensborough Community Centre, Scovell Road, off Southwark Bridge Road, SE1.

Bingo: Monday evening 7.30 - 9.30pm
Karate for children: Tuesday evening 7.00 - 8.00pm (£1 per session)
Karate for adults: Tuesday evening 8.00 - 9.30pm (£2 per session)

There is also something going on every day. Call in and see us.

Ring Martha Daly on 403 3209 for further details.



"These girls are 'topping'. These goat-skins became busbys for the Guards. The men are 'topping' too."



Miss Roy's (centre) retirement party in the yard. "All these people had worked under her at some time". (1940's).

Ethel's last farewell to the 'sheep-shearing' unit where she prepared skins for rugs and (in WW II), airmen's jackets.

THE BERMONDSEY MEMORIES GROUP WAS SET UP THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF BLACKFRIARS PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT, THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY PROJECT, AND SOUTHWARK INSTITUTE. THE GROUP MEETS ONCE A WEEK AT THE BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, BERMONDSEY.



▲ Princess Margaret's new beaver coat being modelled for the workers who had made it. (1950's). ▼ Nel remembering her days at the Alaska: 'Happy Days - well I met my husband there'. This is the suction cleaner she used to clean the furs. 'Alright for some!'



FEBRUARY 18th 1988, in the front yard of Martin's, Grange Road. (l to r) George Webb, Nel Hewlett, Mr Cohen (manager), Lil Patrick, Joan Beale, Albert Longbon, Mary Gibson, Ethel Nazer and Mary Sawyer.

BERMONDSEY MEMORIES

IN THE 1940's, many of Bermondsey's young women worked in the fur industry. Among them were Nel Hewlett, Mary Gibson and Ethel Nazer. They all worked on the 'finishing' processes: preparing the pelts ready for making up into fur coats.

On February 18th this year, the Bermondsey Memories group made a last visit to the 'Alaska' as Martin's on Grange Road was known.

The factory is all but closed down now; most of the machinery and furniture has been sold, and old books and photographs have been donated to the Museum of London.

Here we reproduce some of those old photographs, and some taken on that last visit.



"Thank goodness we're not clocking on today, Mary".

Stonesend carries on

Fears that the Stonesend Day Centre for the elderly and elderly disabled in Scovell Road, off Southwark Bridge Road, would close down have fortunately not turned out for the worst.

Southwark Council's Social Services Department was considering this as an option earlier this year to meet a large budget deficit, but now staff have been assured that the centre will remain open.

Since this purpose-built centre was opened in November 1985, it has been a much valued addition to community facilities for the elderly in the north of the borough. Such is its popularity that it presently has over 100 users on its roll, and there are rarely fewer than 35-40 people there on any given day.

The centre offers its users a variety of activities and services. It puts on lunch daily, has craft classes, a TV and a quiet room, a small library, a hairdresser and a chiropodist attend weekly, and has regular outings and a monster Xmas Party.



A TOUCH OF SPICE

The recipe below comes to SE1 readers from Vasalee Crawford, a community worker at Waterloo Action Centre. By sharing these recipes with the local community, Vasalee hopes to promote afro-caribbean cookery and culture. If you are interested in becoming involved in a group to promote afro-caribbean cookery and culture in the Waterloo area, get in touch with Vas at WAC, 14 Baylis Road, telephone 261 1401.

The recipe is suitable for parties, as a snack, for picnics or dinner parties and goes well with bread and rice. Usually, people returning from the Caribbean take fish prepared in this manner, back to Britain or other places, due to its spicy, tasty flavour and preserving quality.

ESCOLLEITCHED FISH

2 1/2 lbs fresh fish (snapper)
(Use small whole fish or slices from a large fish)
Seasoned flour (plain flour, salt & pepper)
1 egg
2 Tbsp milk
Oil for frying

Vegetable pickle 1 cup white vinegar
1/2 a small carrot 1 Tbsp sugar
1/2 a cho-cho (optional)
2 slices celery
1/2 lb white onions
1 small red pepper
1 small green pepper
1-2 hot peppers

Method

1. Prepare fish, coat with seasoned flour, brush with beaten egg and milk and coat again with flour.
2. Fry in hot oil till well browned then drain on absorbent paper and place in a serving dish.
3. To make pickle: a) Prepare vegetable and cut in 2 inch lengths. Slice onions thickly. Remove pith and seeds from peppers and cut into circles and strips.
b) Put carrots, onions and cho-chos in a saucepan and just cover with vinegar. Add sugar and bring to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add celery and peppers and cook for 3 minutes, then drain off the vinegar.
4. To make dressing: mix all the ingredients well together, pour over vegetables, toss lightly then pour over fish. Serves 5-6.

Jacobs Island fight still on

Despite the Secretary of State of the Environment's decision not to intervene in the development of Jacobs Island near Tower Bridge, it is clear that the fight is far from over about what will eventually be built there.

In last month's SE1 Coral Newell, Chair of Jacobs Island Action Group (JAG), described the decision of the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) to grant planning permission for one version of the developer's proposals, to build a massive tower of luxury flats, as "outrageous". Coral claims that the LDDC decision ignored legitimate objections put forward by JAG.

The granting of planning permission for this version of the scheme is far from the end of the story. A public inquiry due to be held in May to consider the largest version of the scheme, including a 21 storey tower, has been postponed by the developer. JAG find it very suspicious that the developer, Andrew Wadsworth, has not pulled out of the inquiry altogether. Local people know how greedy these developers are and will be keeping a close eye for any recalling of this inquiry.

The developer has also submitted an 18 storey version of this scheme which is still to be considered by the LDDC planning committee. All has gone quiet at the LDDC offices, another suspicious sign.

Writing Workshop for Women

If you've always wanted to write and are free on Tuesday afternoons, the Borough Community Centre, on the corner of Southwark Bridge Road and Union Street, are running a special eight-week 'Writing Workshop for Women' starting 24th May. Creche facilities will be available.

The aim of the Workshop is to encourage women to express themselves creatively and use their writing as a means of changing their lives. "All you need basically is a notebook and pen and a sense of adventure", said Anne Critchley, local freelance journalist and writer who is running the course.

Further details can be obtained from Shirley Grieve at the Borough Community Centre on 928 6476 or Morley College Community Building, on 928 8501.

The Bernie Spain Family Centre

The Bernie Spain Family Centre, sited on the new Campbell Building Estate, is in danger of not being used as originally planned by the local community.

In January, funding from Lambeth Social Services, who were to be partners with the local community in managing the Centre, was stopped. Since then The Bernie Spain Family Centre Steering Group have been looking for alternative funding from groups and organisations. This would enable Social Services to complete the building and the Centre to keep its promise of being a resource for the whole of the Waterloo community.

In its attempts to keep the project alive, the Steering Group have been working on a number of proposals. These will be put to Cllr Phyllis Dunnipace, Chair of Lambeth Social Services, on 4th May at a meeting at Waterloo Action Centre.

The proposals consist of local community groups applying for space on the first floor of the family Centre, once they meet the criteria laid down by the Steering Group and the Association of Waterloo Groups.

Groups which have so far expressed an interest in this solution include Waterloo Action Centre, Health Project and the Mothers and Toddlers group. Two local GPs, Dr Harbottle and Dr Beckler, presently based in Frazier Street, are also interested in having space in the Family Centre.

The Steering Group is very aware of the need for child care provision in the Waterloo area and has therefore committed itself to the ground floor of the centre being used solely for this purpose, in the event of sufficient funds being found to complete the project.

The Steering Group is presently talking to childcare organisations to see if they are willing to work in partnership with the local community and Lambeth Social Services who are willing to lease the building to a Waterloo-based charity such as the Association of Waterloo groups.

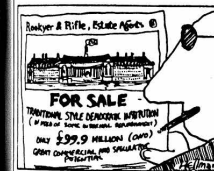
If you are interested in participating in meetings of the Bernie Spain Family Centre Steering Group, please feel welcome to come along. The Steering Group needs your support. The next meeting of the Steering Group will be held on Wednesday 25th May, at 11am, at Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road.

COUNTY HALL MOVES

A High Court Judge has slammed Nicholas Ridley the Environment Minister, for his decision over the future of County Hall as "plainly calculated to mislead" and has therefore quashed the planning permission for commercial office use of County Hall.

The Judge, in supporting the Appeal by the ILEA and Lambeth Council, said that "there exists here a plain failure (by Nicholas Ridley) to give proper reasons for his decision".

The effect of this is that a spanner has been thrown in the works of the London Residuary Body (LRB) which planned to sell of County Hall, London's seat of Government before the abolition of the Greater London Council, for hotels, offices and luxury apartments. The LRB have short-listed 20 developers who want to buy the complex.



Until the planning position is resolved, the sale is unlikely to take place. LRB want to get rid of ILEA and the Fire Brigade who occupy much of the main building, as well as having a free hand over the future use of the building. On both these issues, the LRB looks like being held up until at least 1990.

After the success of their High Court action, the aim of the ILEA and Lambeth Council is to keep up the fight to retain County Hall for local government and public administration uses. To help achieve this, a group of London Boroughs under the name of the London Charitable Trust, have put up a bid to buy the complex.

For more information, contact Cllr Bob Colenutt, Town Hall, Brixton, SW2.

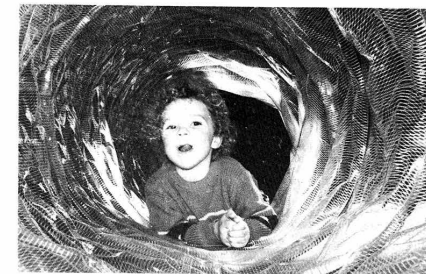
Penny going

Penny Rose-Casemore, Deacon of St Andrew's Church, Short Street, who was featured in last month's SE1, is off to become new in July. She is the new Assistant Chaplain at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. SE1 offers its congratulations to Penny and wishes her lots of luck in her new appointment.

Charterhouse Playgroup

The Charterhouse Playgroup in Crosby Row, SE1, was set up 14 years ago by Save The Children Fund and has seen many changes since then. It started as a morning or afternoon playgroup and introduced an all-day group in response to local needs.

The group is housed in the Ark, a hall rented from Charterhouse-in-Southwark Settlement, and was shared with a youth club for many years. This meant that the equipment had to be put away every day until the youth club moved into new premises in the Rainbow, also in Crosby Row.



The playgroup is now the sole user of the hall, except for the children's dance classes held once a week and occasional use of the dark room.

The group has a strong commitment to the community in which it is based and caters for families who live in the area bordered by Borough High Street, St Thomas' Street, Tower Bridge Road and Great Dover Street.

Children's names are added to the waiting list and parents are encouraged to keep in touch, visit the group and participate in some of its



May is often one of our driest months and in London it is often a very sunny month. Plants respond quickly to the increase in air and soil temperature and annuals, perennials and bedding plants can make up for any lost time. Unfortunately this is also a time for the weeds, which if not checked during this month can take over.

May is an ideal month for sowing hardy annuals, but care needs to be taken in watering them regularly, as they won't germinate or grow if they dry out. Bedding

activities whilst they are waiting for a vacancy.

The playgroup has close links with other under 5's groups in the area as well as with Charterhouse projects, particularly the Women's Project and the Toy Library.

The biggest change in the group's history has just taken place. Save The Children Fund now has a policy of handing over the management of their playgroups in Britain to management committees made up of local people and community groups.

The Charterhouse-in-Southwark

Settlement agreed to take on the playgroup and after a lot of hard work, a project committee was formed. New skills are being acquired, with a few hiccups along the way! But sure enough, on March 30th, the formal Agreement between Save The Children and Charterhouse-in-Southwark was signed to everyone's delight.

The playgroup is a bustling, friendly place and welcomes visitors, offers of help and volunteer workers. You can contact them on 378 7532 if you would like to know more about them.

plants are on sale everywhere and now is the time to plant if you want an early show of flowers.

If you are patient and prepared to wait until next year for your flowers, why not sow some hardy perennials, such as lupins, delphiniums, hollyhocks, coreopsis, dahlias, etc. Though they rarely flower in the first year, they are an investment for the future as they will flower for years, after they are established.

The main tips for this month are look out for weeds, slugs, greenfly and those very dry spells which can check or even kill your plants and seedlings if they are not watered sufficiently.

MULBERRY MOVES

The first residents - now members of Mulberry Housing Coop as the development is known - moved into the recently finished houses on Coin Street, Duchy and Upper Ground at the end of March.

The fact that the initial move-in time was at the start of the Easter holidays proved to be an ideal opportunity for tenants, especially the children and teenagers, to get to know each other.

The shared central garden has proved to be a marvellous asset, not least because it's safe and visible from all of the houses. The residents though have found that there is a definite lack of local facilities, especially shopping, but hope that this will improve as the development progresses.

The tenants also find that Gabriels Wharf Market is lovely to walk through at weekends. It appears that some of the stall holders were under the assumption that the homes were for cash buying yuppies and were hoping for an influx of new home owners who could afford anything! Now, they notice, they can buy a few everyday, reasonably priced items.

Most of the tenants still cannot believe their 'luck'. Tenants hope that in the future, as well as running their own affairs, that they can generate many more housing Coops in the area, as this must be the answer for people in housing need who are unable to afford their own home.

Last but not least the members of Mulberry Housing Coop wished their heartfelt thanks conveyed to the founders members of the Coop - who have now resigned in favour of the new tenants - and to all the other local residents who fought long and hard for decent, affordable homes in Waterloo.



Mulberry Coop

ENTERTAINMENTS IN LAMBETH



Sat- urday Saus- ages

NETTLEFOLD HALL
1 Norwood High Street, SE27

Saturday 7th May, 2pm
'Mrs Wobble the Waitress'
From the book by
Allan and Janet Ahlberg
Quicksilver Theatre Company
For 3-7 years
All Tickets: £1.50

From: Lambeth
Amenity Services
Box Sausage
164 Clapham Park Rd, SW4
Tel: 622 6655 x 355, or
from any Lambeth Library



CHILDRENS SHOWS and STOP-OVERS

Longfield Lollys

Children's Shows
Last Saturday
of every month

LONGFIELD HALL
50 Knatchbull Road, SE5

SATURDAY 28TH MAY, 2PM
Tim Webb of Oily Cart
in
'Eric the Incredible'

All tickets: £1.25

From: Lambeth
Amenity Services

Box Lolly
164 Clapham Park Road
SW4 7DQ

Tel: 622 6655 x 355 or from
any Lambeth Library

TEA DANCES

NORWOOD HALL
38 KNIGHTS HILL, SE27
(3rd Sunday of every month)

Sunday 22nd May, 2pm
Your Hostess: Eve Willett
Tickets: £1 on the door

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Tuesday 28th June, 2-5pm
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Tickets: 75p
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Tel: 274 7722 x 2922

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164 Clapham Park Road, SW4
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Brockwell Park, SE24
Sat 23rd and Sunday 24th July

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164 Clapham Park Road
London SW4 7DQ,
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

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2 - 4pm

Badminton & Indoor Bowls
(Instruction available)

2 - 4pm

Social Club & Bingo

WEDNESDAY

10 - 11.30am

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Cost: Members 10p

Non-members 25p

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2 - 4pm

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(Instruction available)

2 - 4pm

Social Club & Bingo

SATURDAY

2 - 4.15pm

Tea Dancing

Cost: Members 50p

Non-Members 90p

(Includes Tea & Biscuits)

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