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Rose Theatre uncovered in Park Street

Archaeologists from the Museum of London have uncovered the remains of the Rose Theatre on a building site at the foot of Southwark Bridge.

This is regarded as the most significant find yet in North Southwark, and possibly in London, where the wave of recent office developments has led to extensive archaeological investigations in the north of the borough.

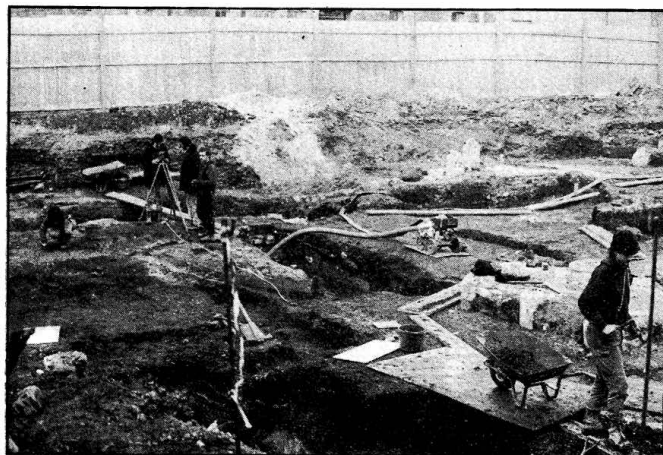
So far the archaeologists have uncovered the foundations of four sides of what was a sixteen or eighteen sided building said to be the Rose Theatre, built in 1587, with a capacity for 2,000 spectators. It was here that Shakespeare acted and saw his first play, *Titus Andronicus*, performed 400 years ago.

According to the Museum of London there are only twelve

such Tudor theatres documented in London. The Rose is regarded as the first to be built and was the area's most important theatre of the time until the construction nearby of the Swan in 1595 and the more famous Globe, associated with Shakespeare, built in 1599.

The Rose then is a major find. Its excavation appeared to be threatened initially because the owners of the site, on the corner of Park Street and Southwark Bridge Road, want to press on as quickly as possible with their development. The developers, Imry Property Holdings, plan to build a six-storey office block on the site.

After a flock of well-known actors descended on the site, including Judi Dench, Ian McKellan and Nigel Hawthorne, calling for the preservation



Excavations of the Rose Theatre underway

of the Rose, the developers appear to have undergone a change of heart. The Museum of London has been given extra time to evaluate the northern end of the site, where the theatre is located,

and they are confident they will be able to carry on with their excavations, hopefully for several months. Ian McKellan described the Rose as the beginnings of modern theatre in Britain.

Courages site homes nearing completion

The first new homes in the second phase of the redevelopment of the old Courages Brewery site on Park Street will be completed in April. On final completion in October there will be 50 family homes and 24 flats.

Added to the homes already built or rehabilitated in the first phase of the development, including the sheltered housing scheme with 37 places, this will bring to over 150 the total of new homes on the site.

The present development is one of the few new build public housing schemes underway in Southwark. The rapid decline in public house-building in the past few years is due to the financial restrictions imposed by central Government.

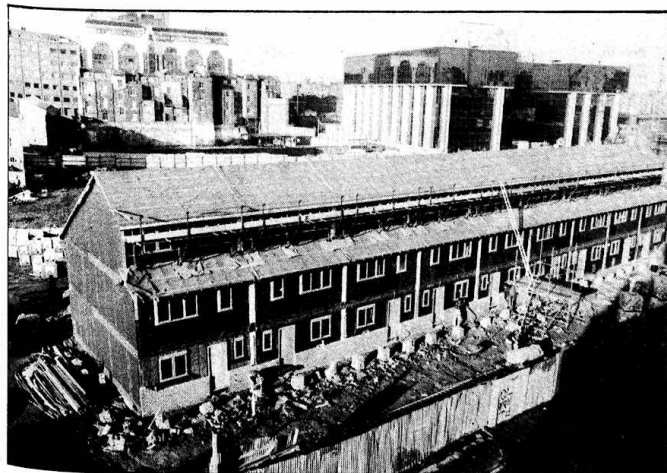
The new homes will be allocated to families on Southwark Council's waiting list of over 7,500. As the 'Right to Buy' legislation is a very real threat to the tenure of this new housing located so close to the river and the City of London, Southwark are currently exploring alternative forms of ownership involving housing associations and cooperatives.

Unfortunately, the news is not so bright on the future of the industrial units on the corner of Southwark Bridge Road and Thrane Street, built by the GLC but now owned by the London

Residuary Body. These industrial units have been vacant over two years since their completion in 1986 at an estimated loss of rent to the public purse of between £800,000 and £1,000,000.

This situation is a result of the LRB attempting to sell the entire site as a single freehold rather than letting the six industrial units individually as was originally intended. Local people have already fought off one approach from the Midland Bank who wanted to demolish the buildings to build a huge cheque sorting operation.

There is a strong demand for good quality light industrial space in Southwark. The Council and North Southwark Community Development Group have both written to the LRB protesting to them at leaving these buildings empty for so long.



New homes under construction on the Courages site

Tenants kick land sell-off into touch

Tenants of the Arnold Estate, off Jamaica Road, were surprised recently to learn that council officers were considering the sale of part of their estate to a property developer. In return, much needed repairs would be carried out on the estate.

The piece of land concerned, about one fifth of an acre, was previously a football pitch for the children of the estate. It was valued at £500,000 by the borough valuer. Lately it has become derelict and is used as a car park and also houses two council skips which residents complain are used by local shops and building sites.

The developer apparently approached council officers late last year offering to buy the land so that he could build a proposed office development at 4 Jamaica Road, known as Phoenix's Wharf, for which he already has planning permission. This development would involve

building 10 self-contained business units, or office suites, up to 3 storeys high. By buying the land, he hoped to be able to increase the size of his development by 50% and square off his own land which is irregularly shaped.

When committee members of the Tenants Association heard of this proposal last month they quickly called a meeting of tenants of the Arnold Estate which was attended by the developer, the council officers concerned with the negotiations, and Councillor Coral Newell, a member for Riverside Ward.

Councillor Newell began by explaining that it was not council policy to sell estates or part of an estate but that she would like to know tenants views on the developer's proposal. These views would be decisive if the proposal to sell the land came before council members. Councillor Newell herself was

unaware that council officers were in discussions with the developer about the possible sale of the land.

The tenants were not convinced by the developers or officers that there would be any benefits to them from the sale. On the contrary, because the money from the sale of the land would go into central council funds there was no guarantee that any of it would be spent on improving the Arnold Estate. In fact, because of government rules, the council will be required to use all such income from land sales in future to repay their debts to financial institutions.

Tenants were annoyed that they weren't consulted immediately the developer approached the council with his proposal to buy the land.

The developer was also promising some landscaping of a part of the land but tenants saw this as merely

serving to enhance his own development. Tenants were also unhappy at the proposed development itself, fearing that it would mean loss of their privacy, where the new office development overlooked their flats, and that it would only bring more traffic to the area.

Finally, a member of the committee of Arnold Estate Tenants Association, Bette Crickmar, proposed to the meeting that tenants oppose the sale of the land and look for funds themselves to restore the land to its former use as a football pitch. This proposal was overwhelmingly supported by the tenants present at the meeting.

The Tenants Association hopes now to approach local and national charities for funds to re-establish the football pitch and provide a much needed facility for the children on the estate.

Bed closures at St Thomas's to continue

West Lambeth Community Health Council has been putting pressure on West Lambeth Health Authority for the reopening of up to 159 beds at St Thomas's Hospital. The beds, spread throughout a number of wards, have been closed down or put to other uses over the past several years in order to save money.

When the Health Authority agreed in April last year to the continued closure of these beds, it did so with the proviso that they would be brought back into use in April this year. Now, it appears that Health Authority bosses are about to break their promises. At its January meeting, the Health Authority chairman, John Garnett, said he could not say that the beds would be reopened by that date.

Despite their promise to reopen the beds, the Health Authority appears to be resisting with the intention

of further financial savings. They have already said that 16 beds closed down on the pediatric and dermatology wards will not be reopened as these beds were no longer needed. A further 44 beds on Block 8 at St Thomas's the Health Authority is now claiming cannot be reopened because health and safety reasons would require extra expense to bring them back into use.

St John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, which shifted to St Thomas's in 1986 from its outpost in Hackney, took over 56 of the beds in question in the north wing of the Hospital. They are waiting for their own purpose built ward, in the south wing, which should have been completed in February this year but which now looks as though it will not be completed until November.

In addition, there are a further 16 beds which were



Local residents protest last year's health cuts

temporarily turned over to private use, to make money for the Authority, and look like staying there if the Health Authority has its way. Any possible reopening of

beds at St Thomas's depends on the fixing of the budget for the Health Authority in March. So far, only 36 beds are definitely scheduled for reopening by May this year.

BR switches track on Tunnel terminal

British Rail has withdrawn its application to Lambeth Council for the Channel Tunnel Terminal building which we reported in the last issue of SE1. Instead, they have teamed up with P&O on a massive office development to be built above a new terminal building and alongside York Road.

BR and P&O claim they will not be building over the old station itself because of its effects on local residents. A more likely reason is that the foundations of the existing station would not support such a building.

Waterloo Community Development Group (WCDG) see

the proposal as unwanted locally and say that it will bring greater disturbance to the Waterloo area. Meanwhile, Alexander Gibb, BR's traffic consultants, are having great difficulties coming up with a traffic scheme for the new terminal which will work.

P&O, the former shipping

company which has expanded into property development, are also rumoured as having bought the old ambulance station on Waterloo Road. WCDG, has written to them via the estate agents handling the sale of the building - warning that the building is listed and cannot be demolished.

Luxury hotel proposed at County Hall

Property developers County Hall Development Group have submitted a detailed planning application to Lambeth Council for the redevelopment of the County Hall complex, seal of London's government until March 1986.

This follows their purchase of the complex from the London Residuary Body - a government appointed body which took over from the GLC - in January this year.

The developers propose to refurbish the main building overlooking the river to provide 310 flats, offices, a five-star 400 room hotel, a retail arcade, a library and a fitness centre.

The developers, a consortium of British and Japanese companies, claim it would be one of the largest developments in London, worth around £1.5 billion and would take around five years to complete.

The north and south blocks would be demolished and replaced by a new building,

the 'Belvedere Centre', containing offices, retail gallery and arcade with shops and restaurants. The Addington Street annex and the huge 'island block' would also be demolished and replaced by a new office building.

The developers are also proposing a fully landscaped public open space on Jubilee Gardens created by relocating the existing car park underground. The developers proposals for offices and a large hotel are founded very much on the proposed Channel Tunnel terminal to be built at Waterloo Station.

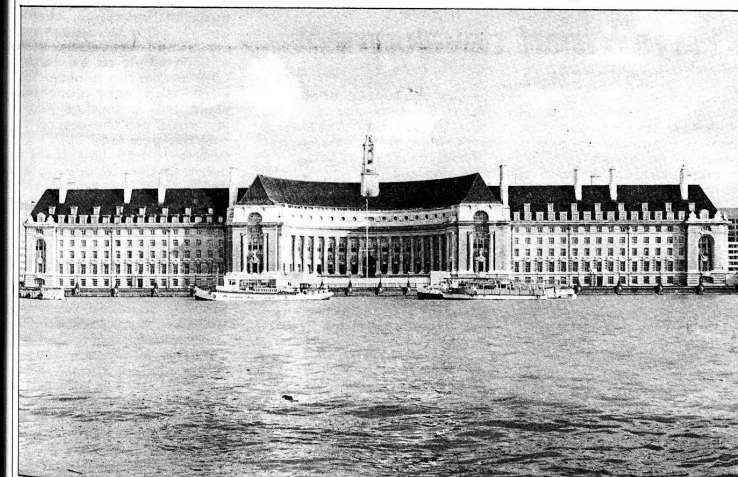
Hoping for local approval, the developers have said that they want local residents to benefit from the 2,000 jobs which will be created in the construction phase and the estimated 11,000 full and part-time jobs which will result when the development is complete.

They are proposing on-site apprenticeships during construction, the establishment

and funding of an employment and job-training agency in Lambeth, job interview training and a day nursery for local workers and residents.

A previous application to transform County Hall was rejected by Lambeth Council. The developers appealed against this decision to the Department of the Environment and at the Public Inquiry held in 1987 the Inspector ruled in Lambeth's favour that the main building should remain in public use. A number of local community groups appeared at the inquiry opposing the plans of the developers, among them Waterloo Community Development Group and North Southwark Community Development Group.

Lambeth Council intends to oppose planning permission for this application as well since it considers that the complex should remain in public hands. This will likely mean another public inquiry on the future of County Hall.



Know Your London

Thames River Trip

- Date: Saturday 20 May 1989
- Meet: Cherry Garden Pier, 2.00 pm
- Cost: £5.80 per person

You are invited to join with other people interested in the history of London and come on a river trip. This has been a popular event for over 10 years, attended by many friends who come time and time again. The boat has been chartered for another year and we welcome you to come and bring your friends. See London from the Thames and hear about its fascinating history, as well as seeing some of the new developments in Docklands.

The all-weather vessel will have a bar on board, also serving soft drinks. The four-hour cruise will be accompanied by a commentary given by Adrian Prockter, fully describing the places of interest. The trip will go down-river, passing through the Thames Barrier, before returning to London and proceeding upstream to

Lambeth or further, depending on the tide.

Cherry Garden Pier is at the end of Cherry Garden Street, which is off Jamaica Road, Bermondsey. Car parking is not a problem.

Tickets will be dispatched on a first-come-first-served basis. In the event of the boat being fully booked, your cheque will be returned. Please book early, this is a very popular event.

- Further details from:
- Adrian Prockter on 699 7580

• To: Adrian Prockter, 21 Queenswood Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 2QR

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a Cheque for £ (payable to A C Prockter) & STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

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Borough Road librarian checks out

Ruth Jeayes stamped her last book at Borough Road Library on 4th March. Ruth started work with Camberwell Library 40 years ago at a salary of £84 a year. She was later responsible for setting up the Blue Anchor Library, in Southwark Park Road, in the 1970's, choosing every book herself for the empty shelves.

She soon built up Blue Anchor into a popular centre for the local community. Most of the staff lived locally and Ruth created a happy family atmosphere. Many Blue Anchor readers were sad when she was transferred to the Borough Road Library.

Ruth thoroughly enjoyed librarianship but now hopes to devote more time to her other interests. She is a keen theatre-goer and was the librarian of the Vic Wells Association, the supporters' club for the Old Vic and Sadlers Wells theatres. She is also an exponent of the Margaret Morris method of dancing. And her 'Westie' dog, Gabby, is looking forward to more walks.

Ruth told SE1: "My best leaving present would be the return of the bronze plaque of Sir Austen Layard which was stolen from the porch of Borough Road Library last summer." Let's hope the thief reads SE1 and has a conscience.

Borough Road Library seems to have been relieved for the time being from the threat of closure. But Bermondsey Library has closed, including the excellent music library. Southwark Council plans to use the building for poll tax offices. And despite petitions Harper Road library remains closed after a fire over a year ago.

Meanwhile a new clause in the Local Government and Housing Bill gives power to local authorities to charge readers for borrowing cassettes and records, use of computers, and enquiries which take more than half an hour. But proposals to charge for inter-library loans and a controversial 'premium book scheme' requiring payment for quicker access to popular novels and biographies have quietly been dropped by the government in the face of vociferous opposition.

Borough Market area study progressing

In the December issue of SE1 we reported on the study being undertaken into the future of the Borough Market Area by Rock Townsend, Architects. The study has been progressing well and last month a public meeting was held in the boardroom of the Borough Market to discuss the area's future. The meeting was well attended by people living and working locally and some interesting ideas and comments were aired.

The study is taking place because of the increasing development pressures on the area and seeks to bring together the local community, businesses and prospective developers. The Borough Market Trustees have made it quite clear that the whole-sale fruit and veg activities Borough Market are there to stay and that any redevelopment must seek to secure the markets future.

As the key landowner in the area it is hoped that the Borough Market can influence the changes taking place in the area.

While the community of people living in the area is small, they were well represented at the meeting and voiced their concerns about the area changing without paying any respect to their needs and desires. The Courages development will see the number of people living in the area rise dramatically over the next year and it is essential that local people turn their thoughts to the areas future.

The idea of a community development trust, offering local people a say in the way the area develops, was suggested at the meeting. To try and promote discussion about what sort of environment and uses local people would like to see in the area a further meeting is to be organised in March.

The 28th February sees the meeting of all the major landowners along with the Cathedral Area Resident's Association and the North Southwark Community Development Group.

Rock Townsend, Architects, have been preparing



alternative development scenarios for the area and it is hoped that the participants will be open and flexible to trade-offs to secure worthwhile development in the area.

Inquiry will settle Hays Wharf development

The St Martins Property Corporation, owners of most of the land between London Bridge and Tower Bridge, has unveiled three design options for phase two of the London Bridge City development. The designs will now be included in the public inquiry into the future of the site which is scheduled to start on March 8th.

Proposals drawn up by the American architects John Burgee and Phillip Johnston were given approval by the London Docklands Development Corporation in March last year. However their design, dubbed the 'mock Houses of Parliament', was universally lambasted and effectively blocked by the Department of the Environment pending the

public inquiry.

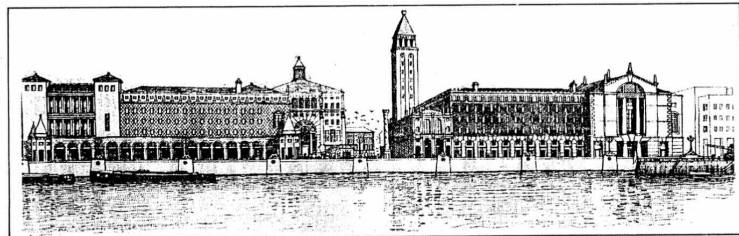
As well as a slightly amended Burgee-Johnston scheme, the fresh applications include a modern design consisting of five buildings in glass and stone around a central water feature, devised by Michael Twigg, Brown & Partners and a 'classical' design by John Simpson & Partners, a sort of 'mock Venice'. The developers have ensured there is something here for all shades of architectural opinion.

The site already has outline planning permission for office use given by Michael Heseltine following a long public inquiry in 1981 at which the local community argued the riverfront should

be for community uses. All three schemes now seeking detailed planning permission contain an identical amount of office floorspace.

Local residents, who have seen this stretch of the river changed beyond all recognition in the past few years with very little in it for them, will be arguing their case at the inquiry.

While the principle of office use on the site is not now in question, local people are concerned about the design of the building and its relationship to Potters Field park which adjoins the site, as well as the huge amount of traffic the eventual office development is expected to generate.



The 'classical' option for Hays Wharf phase II

Weston Street battle looms

The newly formed Guinness Court Tenant's Association are having a busy time opposing two huge new developments on their doorstep on Weston Street. At a public meeting organised by the TA in January local people sent clear messages of disapproval to the developers architects. They are now preparing to take their objections to Southwark Council's planning committee and a Public Inquiry called by the Department of the Environment.

The Special Trustees of Guy's Hospital, who own the old warehouse at 70-72 Weston Street, want to redevelop the site for a sports centre and office block. Phase 3 of the Guy's Hospital development will result in the loss of the staff sports facility and the Trustees wish to move it to Weston Street. The development of speculative office space above the sports centre is included to pay for the cost of the centre.

The sports centre will be run by a private company who will charge both a membership fee and an entrance charge. Local people were very concerned that this would exclude people on low incomes from using the centre. They were also very concerned about the number of people who would use the centre, the parking problems this would generate and the level of noise of people coming and going in a residential area. Tenants agreed unanimously to opposing the speculative office floorspace.

Following an unsuccessful planning application submitted last year to Southwark Council, Dawnford Properties Ltd have submitted further proposals for office schemes for the adjoining land at 74-90 Weston Street, which embraces Jefferys the tanners. Both schemes are significantly larger than the previous proposal which was refused by Southwark Council after a successful campaign by local people.

The developer has, however, appealed to the Secretary of State and a public inquiry is set for early April. It is likely that Southwark will refuse planning permission for the two new schemes and they will also be considered at the public inquiry. Over 40 tenants came along to the public meeting and the TA hopes to submit alternative suggestions for the site to both Southwark Planning Committee and the Public Inquiry.

The Florence Nightingale Museum

A new Museum in SE1 opened to the public last month. The Florence Nightingale Museum, on the St Thomas's Hospital site, home of the first school of nursing, presents the history of Florence Nightingale.

The Museum contains a unique collection of her belongings, childhood books, furniture, clothing, letters and other memorabilia all carefully displayed. There is also a life-size recreated ward of Scutari, from the Crimean War, and an audio-visual presentation which shows the environment that Florence grew up and lived in.

She was born in 1820 in Italy. Her parents had taken an extended honeymoon tour of Europe and by the time they returned to England had two small daughters - named after the cities in which they were born.

Florence was a natural academic unlike her sister Parthenope, who was named after the ancient city of Naples. The girls were taught Classical subjects by their father which proved too

much for Parthenope but not nearly enough for Florence.

She always wrote down her thoughts from early childhood and from these we can see that she found her life as the privileged daughter of wealthy parents increasingly empty and unfulfilling. Very much against her parents wishes she began to visit and help the needy in the vicinity of her home in Derbyshire, but they refused to let her train as a nurse.

Florence eventually managed to enter the Kaiserswerth on the Rhine and began her training as a nurse. This was the beginning of an incredible career. When she returned to England she began to collate information on nursing and related subjects. She entered into correspondence with Sidney Herbert, the then Minister for War and William Howard Russell, the first front line correspondent of the Times. This eventually led her to the Crimea in 1854.

After her return from the Crimean War as a national heroine, for her work with



Portrait of Florence Nightingale on her return from the Crimean War in the 1850's

the war wounded and her innovations in hospital

improvements, she spent the next 40 years working for a wide range of causes, but led a life of almost total seclusion. She wrote many books, articles and notes, some of which are on display at the Museum.

An important aim of the Museum is that it should not become a shrine; a resource centre equipped with computers will ensure that the Museum's archival collection can be studied. Another important aim of the Trustees of the Museum is to raise funds to award grants to nurses for post graduate study.

The Florence Nightingale Museum is located in Gassiot House, on the site of St Thomas's Hospital. It is open 10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday. Sunday opening is planned from May. The price of entry is £2, £1 for children under 16 years, OAPs and students. A family ticket is £5. No parking facilities are available at the Museum. For further information ring 620 0374.

Jackie Power

Bermondsey Pensioners Panorama

This summer will see the launch of an exciting new project of art by Bermondsey Pensioners. A twenty foot long collage will depict their history using family album pictures and photographs from the Local Studies Library.

Bermondsey Memories was set up in 1987 by Blackfriars Council Photography Project as part of their workshop programme at the Beornund Centre in Abbey Street. The collage - Bermondsey Panorama - will mark the high-spot of two year's work for an oral history group with a strong sense of purpose.

The self-set task of the group is to 'pass on history'. By publishing calendars and making exhibitions, by visiting local schools and factories, Bermondsey Memories makes links between the past and the present.

Bermondsey Memories is part of a national grass roots movement to value the living memories of the generation which grew up in the Depression, spent its youth in the second World War, and brought up its children in

post-war austerity. The hardships and hard-won battles of this period are particularly well illustrated in Bermondsey's history.

Docks and factories have been central to the borough's livelihood this century, with the consequent insecurities and low wages that were part of working class life everywhere. Poor health and living conditions in the 1930's were vigorously attacked by a progressive local labour council, with a system of health care which included trips to Switzerland for sick children, planting trees to combat smog, and a house-building programme.

Bermondsey suffered particularly badly during the war; along with other Docklands boroughs it was battered by the Blitz - 40 consecutive nights of bombing.

The changes between then and now are equally dramatic: the general rise in living standards, the introduction of the Welfare State, the closure of the docks and factories, have all transformed Bermondsey. The take-over of planning powers along the riverside by the

London Docklands Development Corporation in 1981 have seen even deeper changes in the area with a rush to 'regenerate' the once thriving docklands.

The Bermondsey Memories Panorama, as part of the Living Memory tradition seeks to express history through the details of the everyday experience.



Mint Street Adventure Playground

The Mint Street Adventure Playground held a successful jumble sale last month where they raised £140 towards their activities of providing free, safe and supervised play for the area's children and youth. They wish to thank all who donated jumble and those who came.

Their half-term playscheme in mid-February was also a success. In addition to the normal staff team of Ian, Belinda and Colin, they had a fourth worker Tracy who involved the kids in a dance show which involved dressing up and face painting as well. Off-site trips, to the Surrey Docks Farm, and events such as cooking were also very popular.

The Playground is still keeping up its fundraising as they need to raise £2,100 in the next year to keep activities up to their present level. Anyone interested in helping the Playground in any way can drop in or ring 403 3747.

The Playground begins its Easter programme on 23rd March and they are open 9-5pm until Monday 10th April, except for Friday 24th and Monday 27th March.

The Playground welcomes new children between 5 and 16 years. Opening hours in term time are Tuesday to Friday, 3.30-7.00pm, Saturday 10am-5pm. Holidays and Half Term Monday to Friday 9-5pm.



Southwark cracking up

Government rate-capping has reduced the amount of money that Southwark Council can spend on public services. Further financial restrictions on local authorities will come into force when the poll tax is implemented. Consequently, we have seen a marked deterioration in our environment.

For a long time in particular, the state of the pavements in Southwark has left a lot to be desired. With less money available, they have moved lower down the scale on the Council's list of priorities.

But well maintained pavements are a basic necessity as cracked and broken pavements are a danger to everyone, mainly to the elderly. For women with children, the basic tasks such as shopping, which are difficult enough with children, trolleys and pushers in tow, can become like climbing a mountain if they have to negotiate broken paving stones.

Rotherhithe Community Planning Centre has begun a campaign to get the Council to take pavement repairs more seriously. They say that

repairs take up to six months after being reported. They hope to see it become one of the main priorities of the Council. They are asking residents to report to them, using the form below, any cracked or broken paving stones or holes in the footpaths. They will forward your complaint to Southwark Council's Department of Public Works and monitor its progress.

Cut out the form and send it to them as follows: Rotherhithe Community Planning Centre, 190 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3RP.

Name:
Address:
Date:
Place of damage:
Type of damage:
How long damaged, if known:



GARDENING

WITH KEIB THOMAS

What a winter! Or should I say what winter? What has happened to our weather? Over the last 10 years it has become almost impossible to recognise the seasonal weather patterns. It now seems as if any month, or season, often breaks a record...wettest, driest or coldest (but never hottest!) of this century.

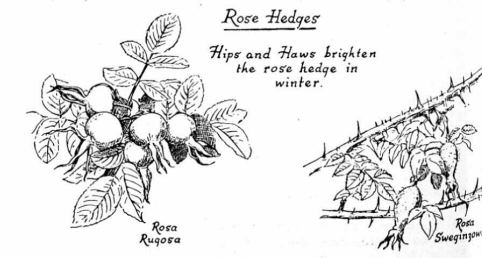
Up to now, this winter has been one of the mildest on record. This mild spell is reflected in our gardens and parks. During the last week of February I saw Fuchsia still flowering from last summer beside the daffodils which had first opened during the last week of January.

As a garden novelty these strange combinations of plants are interesting and attractive but a mild winter also holds many dangers for the gardener. Without a few prolonged winter spells of frost the garden bugs are not killed off and they get a head start in the spring, which then builds up to disaster proportions in the main growing season of early and mid summer.

The other main danger is a late frost in March or April which kills or damages the fresh growth induced by the mild weather. In the SE1 area I notice that many roses, delphiniums and tender perennials have already put on 6-9 inches of new growth. This fresh growth will be very vulnerable to a frost. If your frosts do suffer frost damage, cut off the damaged area and they should recover.

During this mild spell we have an opportunity to get out and clear up old growth and start preparing the soil for sowing and planting later on.

There are many roses still putting out the odd flower, and even in a 'normal' year it's not unusual for many roses to continue flowering until December. There are some bare root roses still on sale, but these need careful examination for health and vigour. It's best to buy pot-grown roses after November, these make an excellent start, whether planted in tubs or garden as their roots are fully established.



St Georges's Circus open space sold

North Southwark is in danger of losing one of its few open spaces. The GLC created open space at St George's Circus, by Borough Road Library, was recently sold at auction to a private developer for £600,000. Given that the site is about one fifth of an acre, this equates to a land value of £3 million an acre, a staggeringly high amount for this part of the borough.

When the GLC was abolished in March 1986, all of its assets passed into the hands of the London Residuary Body (LRB) set up by the government to wind up the affairs of the GLC. It was the LRB which put the site on the market despite the protests of local community groups and Southwark Council that the site should remain as public open space.

It can be expected that the Council will soon receive a



planning application to redevelop the site, most likely with offices or private housing, although it is interesting to note that the Royal Hospital site opposite, which received

planning permission last year for a large private studio flat development for Cityuppies, has stalled. It has now been turned into a temporary car park without planning permission.

Environment Trust launches competition

Southwark Environment Trust is an independent voluntary organisation whose brief is to improve Southwark's environment in practical ways. It undertakes its own initiatives in this field and provides advice to local community groups who want to improve their area. It has the support of all three Southwark MPs who are also its patrons.

The Trust has recently launched an ideas competition with cash prizes for the best schemes to brighten up the borough. The competition is

called 'Ideas for a better Southwark' with a top prize of £100 and a second prize of £50.

They are inviting entries from anyone in the borough. It doesn't matter if your idea is for a street, a local area or if it's for the whole of the borough. What counts is the quality of the proposed improvement and not its size. Ideas however need to be practical and capable of being implemented. You do not necessarily have to have the money available to carry out the scheme.

You can apply by writing to Southwark Environment Trust explaining your idea and how it can be made to work. If you want to discuss your idea, you can telephone SET's Director Lawrence Hanson on 732 5123. He'll be glad to offer you tips and help you improve the quality of your entry.

Applications must be submitted in writing to the Trust at 48 Willowbrook Road, SE15, by 30th April. Judging will take place immediately after and winners will then be notified.

Mission query on eggs

Following the salmonella in eggs scandal late last year, when the Minister of Agriculture ordered the destruction of 400 million eggs, the Superintendent of the South London Mission at Central Hall in Bermondsey Street, Rev Roy Allison, wrote to a national newspaper asking two vital questions about eggs.

Why, Rev Allison wanted to know, "if the eggs can be eaten safely they aren't treated like the EEC butter and beef mountains and given away to the poor? As a centre

for the distribution of free butter and beef we have hundreds of people on benefit queuing at the doors of the South London Mission each month for free food. It is eagerly received. Or perhaps the eggs are not safe to eat? If so why are unsold eggs being sent to Armenia?"

The Mission later wrote to Dulwich Conservative MP Gerald Bowden in an attempt to obtain an answer to Rev Allison's questions. In one of his replies to the Mission, Gerald Bowden wrote: "You must understand that the

sort of question which you put in your letter is not one which I, or indeed a Minister, is in a position to give a direct or categorical answer, and if you feel that this is 'fobbing you off' then you are, of course, entitled to that view."

Mission Superintendent Roy Allison is amazed that the government has still failed to explain to him why millions of supposedly healthy eggs had to be destroyed or if they were contaminated, why unsafe eggs were given to Armenia.

Charterhouse Women's Project

Charterhouse Women's Project, located at the Ark, 39 Crosby Row, is an information and resources centre set up to meet the needs of local women. The Women's Project is a space where all women can meet and participate in activities and use the resources available.

The Project offers a number of services, including the following:

General advice: on welfare rights, housing and education.

Pregnancy testing and advice: a two minute pregnancy test done while you wait. Ring to check times of sessions. Health advice: available from a qualified woman health worker.

Counselling: the Project can offer initial help on problems you want to talk about.

Creches: these run in term-time only, alongside activities. They are for children aged 6 months to 5 years. Some are available on a drop-in basis, so that you can leave your child to go shopping. Ring for details. Classes and groups: The Project runs regular classes and groups for women. A list of these is available on request.

The Project has four women workers who are all committed to working in an anti-racist and anti-sexist way. If you would like to use the Project you are welcome to drop in or ring them on 403 4367.

Women in mind

Lambeth Women in Mind are a group of trained volunteers who, under the experienced guidance of Lambeth MIND (the association for mental health), have set up a telephone Helpline for Women, run by women.

They aim to provide a useful support service where women can call to talk with someone who will listen in complete confidence if they have any problems, are feeling lonely or under stress, or perhaps just need some information.

The service is available to women in Lambeth and neighbouring boroughs. Volunteers are available to take calls at the following times: Wednesday evenings 6.30 to 9.30pm, Sunday afternoons 3.00 to 6.00pm. The number to call is 274 1213.

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Our next issue, due out on 5th April, will feature a Lambeth local information directory. If your organisation would like to be included, please contact us on 928 0711.

Colombo Street party

The Colombo Street Community and Sports Centre held its customary Christmas Party in January attended by 250 local senior citizens. The Deputy Mayor of Lambeth, Rudy Daley, was in attendance to present a prize to one of the members of the Colombo Street Centre.



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The following activities take place at the centre:

Mon	1.00pm-2.00pm	Aerobics
Tues	11.00-2.00pm	Pensioners Pop-in: cheap lunches and bingo
Wed	6.30pm-8.30pm	Junior Youth Club
	1.00pm-3.00pm	Mothers and Toddlers
	2.00pm-4.00pm	Advice session
	7.30pm-9.30pm	Bingo (open to all)
Thurs	7.30pm-9.30pm	Senior Youth Club
Fri	11.00-2.00pm	Pensioners Pop-in
Sun	2.00pm-6.00pm	Activities '81 Social Club for Pensioners

On the first and third Thursday of each month the North Southwark Pensioners Action Group (NORSPAG) meets to discuss issues affecting the elderly - new members are very welcome.

Other facilities include use of the photographic/dark room - available to individuals as well as groups; and the main hall (200 capacity) for hire for private functions, conferences meetings etc.

For more information please ring Ruth Ford on 928 6476.

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Annual Report has
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