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City consortium wants river heliport

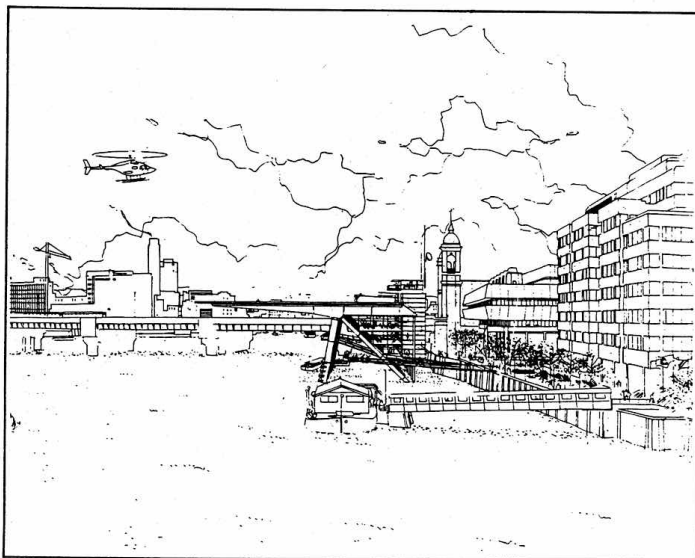
Since the closure of the Trig Lane heliport near Blackfriars Bridge several years ago and the community defeat of a proposed heliport at Chambers Wharf in Bermondsey soon after, a new proposal for a heliport on the Thames, near to the City of London, has been expected.

It has come in the form of a proposal for a substantial reinforced concrete, aluminium clad structure built out over the Thames on the north side of the river next to Cannon Street railway bridge. Behind the scheme, for which a special consortium has been formed, are some of the biggest names in the City, including Trafalgar House, Hanson plc and Midland Bank. The chairman of the consortium, City of London Heliport Ltd, is a former Lord Mayor of London, Sir Allan Davis.

The proponents of the scheme argue that City businessmen need a London city centre heliport for quick access to other cities of Britain and near Europe. The consortium is expected to submit an application sometime in December to the City of London Corporation for planning approval to build the heliport, expected to cost in excess of £10 million if given the go-ahead.

The heliport's deck will extend 170ft from the shore into the Thames. The deck, or landing pad, is elevated and is around 150 ft square. Underneath, on several levels, the design foresees passenger waiting areas, administrative offices and a service area. The deck will accommodate up to four helicopters.

For safety reasons, the consortium propose to use only twin engined helicopters. The take-off and approach path of flights will be along the river. The developers have stated that they want to operate the heliport on the same basis as Battersea Heliport. Present-



Artists impression of proposed river heliport

ly, Battersea operates 15,000 helicopter take-offs and landings a year. They recently applied for permission to Wandsworth Council to double the number of flights but this was refused.

It is not known what the attitude of the City of London Corporation's Planning Department will be towards the application to build the heliport. The Corporation's Local Plan says it will "permit the provision of take-off and landing places for helicopters only where their operation would not adversely affect the environment of the surrounding area to an unacceptable extent." As the surrounding area includes North Southwark, Southwark's Planning Department proposes to monitor developments closely though the Council has not yet publicly decided its attitude to the application.

Initial reaction to the heliport proposal from residents and community groups in North Southwark and Waterloo has not been favourable. Still fresh in the minds of many in the community are the struggles

envisages the heliport constructed on the river, the safety of river craft must also be considered as well as how the structure might affect the river's flows and silt levels. The Port of London Authority can overrule the proposal if it is not satisfied about the navigational aspects of the structure.

There is also serious doubt that the proposed heliport, which rises higher than Cannon Street railway bridge, is a suitable structure for the Thames. Strange as it may seem, there are no guidelines set down in law which govern what may or may not be built on the Thames, especially on its most historic stretches.

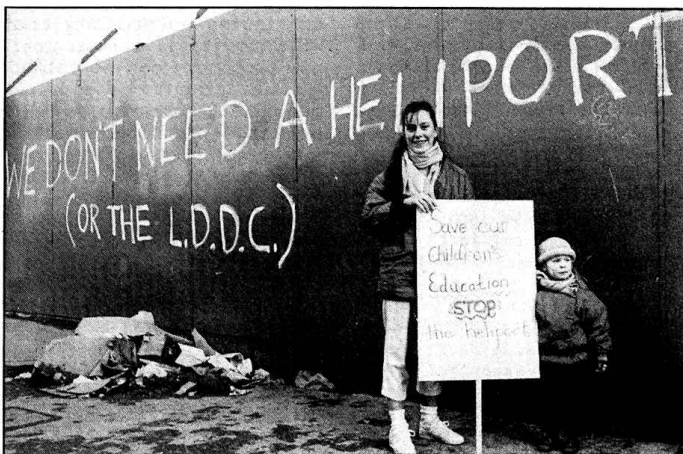
Certainly, there is a fear that the proposed heliport would disrupt views of St Paul's Cathedral from London Bridge. Several years ago, Westminster council refused permission for a two-storey floating restaurant near Westminster Bridge as this was felt to be inappropriate in an historical part of the river.

It is highly likely that the heliport proposal will eventually be heard before a public inquiry, allowing supporters and opponents of the scheme to put their views.

against the Trig Lane heliport and the proposal in 1987 for a heliport in Bermondsey.

Residents have argued in the past that helicopters are intrusive, noisy, pose safety risks and are inappropriate in built-up residential areas. For the great majority of people, heliports serve no useful purpose since they are used by no-one but a handful of top businessmen.

The present proposal, which



1987 ... residents say no to Bermondsey heliport

Residents get temporary rail reprieve

Residents and businesses in the Bankside and Borough Market areas have been given at least a year's breathing space by the postponement of plans for new railway construction in the north of Southwark.

In separate announcements, British Rail has said that it will not be seeking parliamentary powers this year to construct a new railway viaduct across the Borough Market nor to build a new underground high speed rail link from Peckham to Kings Cross, running through Bankside.

The reason for the delay of both of these schemes is financial. In the case of the high speed rail link, which will carry trains from the Channel Tunnel to London, the Government has said the cost of construction must be found by British Rail and its private sector partners in the venture, Trafalgar House. The expected cost of the line, however, blew out to over £3.5 billion when the Government itself insisted that much of it run through tunnel in Kent where Tory MPs were threatened with losing their seats by irate constituents fearing a collapse in property values along the route of the line.

Consequently, the cost was considered too great and British Rail has delayed for a year its intention to seek powers from Parliament to build the Channel Tunnel Rail Link, as the line is known. British Rail is now reappraising the scheme and looking for savings.

In a letter to local community group, North Southwark Community Development Group, BR said that while "the opportunity will be taken to examine the costs of the whole route, it will be the London section that receives the most urgent and detailed examination. It is too early to predict what course the studies are likely to take, but there will almost certainly be a revaluation of existing surface routes to assess how far they could be improved to yield more capacity and quicker journey times."

The implications are therefore that British Rail may seek to run more Channel Tunnel trains overground to Waterloo, the London Channel Tunnel terminal which will be in operation in 1993, and will seek to get as close as possible overground to Kings



Borough Market ... a year's breathing space

Cross, the second Channel Tunnel terminal, in order to reduce the costs of tunnelling in south London. In both cases, Waterloo and Southwark face the prospect of greatly increased train movements from 1993 onwards, unless of course the new Channel Tunnel terminal is built at Stratford as many pressure groups are now saying.

As far as residents of North Southwark are concerned, British Rail said, in the same letter mentioned above, that "for those who live around Bankside and the northern half of Southwark, BR cannot give any assurances as to whether they would still be affected by any future modified scheme. BR is very conscious of the continuing uncertainty that will inevitably remain until new proposals can be tabled, which could take some months." Bankside was BR's preferred site for tunnelling and construction work.

There is uncertainty too, for residents and businesses in the Borough Market area. Because the Government was unwilling to put up the money, the proposal by British Rail's Network SouthEast to seek powers from Parliament this year to build a new viaduct across the Borough Market has been put on ice.

In a letter to SE1, however,

Network SouthEast's London Regional Planning Manager, Mr Richard Malins, who is responsible for the scheme, said "development work on the scheme will continue so that a Bill can be promoted in the 1990-91 session" of Parliament. Indeed, residents have seen surveys carried out detailed surveys in the area on behalf of BR.

Local residents, businesses and the Trustees of the Borough Market, who all oppose the viaduct widening proposal which they say would destroy homes and livelihoods, will carry on their opposition to the scheme. They are publishing a regular newsletter and hope to commission transport consultants to investigate possible alternative solutions. These might include upgrading BR's Thameslink services through Denmark Hill and Herne Hill.

Councillor Geoff Williams, ward councillor and Chair of Southwark Council's Planning Committee, hopes that the 12 month breathing space will be used by BR to re-assess its proposals. "British Rail now has no excuse for failing to look at other alternatives", he told SE1, continuing "we remain opposed to this disastrous proposal which would have torn the heart out of the Borough Market area without improving local train services and we'll fight to get it scrapped."

Environment friendly

Waterloo might yet become a green and litter-free place to live in if the local Friends of the Earth have their way.

Nearly 40 local people met at the Waterloo Action Centre opposite the Old Vic Theatre on Monday 20th November and from that meeting an officially constituted branch of Friends of the Earth (FoE) has been formed. Another 30 people who were unable to attend left their names with the organisers and since the meeting the list of local volunteers grows daily.

At the meeting, which was marked by an enthusiasm and openness not seen locally for a long time, people talked about the environmental matters which worry them most. Top of the list was recycling facilities, particularly for paper. Pollution from traffic was another big issue.

There were also discussions about the greening of Waterloo, by tree-planting, sponsored by local businesses and tenants associations. Other suggestions included competitions for the best use of local open spaces and persuading local shops to provide more litter bins in Waterloo.

Local councillor, Jenny Stiles, who was present at the meeting, was asked to approach Lambeth Council to provide recycling facilities in the Waterloo area. One of the sites suggested was outside Waterloo Action Centre in Baylis Road, as this is central to both Waterloo and North Southwark.

Jeremy Vanke, from the national organisation of FoE, pointed out that environmental issues didn't just mean "bunnies running around in green fields", but the problems of everyday life in big cities, particularly the pollution caused by the increased use of cars in London.

Someone at the meeting described Waterloo as "the land that time forgot", but at this first meeting of FoE in SE1, it felt for once evening that at long last we were beginning to be remembered.

The next meeting of Friends of the Earth will be on Monday January 15th, 1990, 7.00pm, at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, opposite the Old Vic Theatre.

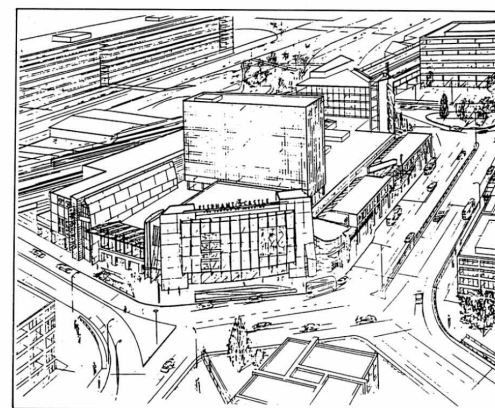
Elephant and Castle shopping centre to be rebuilt

Plans have been raised that the Elephant & Castle shopping centre, presently in a state of terminal decline, may yet see better days and fulfil the shopping needs of local residents beyond their wildest imaginings. This follows the change in ownership of the shopping centre in March this year.

The new owners, UK Land Ltd, are planning a wholesale refurbishment of the existing buildings, comprising new shops, cinemas, and a leisure complex. The proposals are still at the drawing board stage, but architects have been contracted by the new owners and they have begun discussions with Southwark Council, who must eventually approve any new scheme. Residents and shoppers have been canvassed for their opinions at an exhibition held at the shopping centre and at several public meetings.

The proposals so far envisage a new building around the old building of the present centre. On the Elephant & Castle link road there would be a range of new shops all built out to the same level as the Northern Line underground ticket office. A sheltered bus station would be provided at a new central entrance to the shopping centre, about where the buses presently pull in.

The New Kent Road end of the shopping centre, a new shopping area dubbed a 'market/bazaar' has been proposed. Above this would be a new 5-storey building comprising a new three-screen cinema to replace the existing cinema which would



Artists impression of a new complex at the Elephant

be demolished, and above the cinema would be a leisure and recreational complex. At the opposite end of the complex, on the Walworth Road exit of the roundabout, a new 8-storey building would house an 'anchor store', BHS has been suggested, and above it 80,000 sq ft of offices.

The inside of the present centre would be completely remodelled, doing away with the present malls on two levels and opening up the entire interior. The present arrangements would be reversed with the supermarket enlarged to four times its present size and rebuilt on what is now the upper level. New lifts, escalators and stairs would take people to this level. By cutting out a crescent shaped section of the upper floor, this level would then overlook the lower level with a new food court and free-standing shops.

A new 620-space underground car park would be provided so that a revamped shopping centre could serve a wider catchment area and also attract passing traffic. Presently, the centre has 140 car spaces which, for reasons known only to the present management, provide some of the cheapest commuter car parking in London.

At a meeting with the owners and their architects held last month, organised by North Southwark Community Development Group, many residents were able to give their initial response to the proposals. In general the proposal was welcomed, people want to see a successful shopping centre at the Elephant & Castle benefiting owners, shops and shoppers.

The feeling though was that this time things must be done right and local residents,

who presently avoid the centre in droves, must be catered for. Residents want choice, a wide range of shops, a place to sit where there is no pressure to spend, a play area for children, and recreational facilities, such as a roller-skating rink, for local youth.

There was also a general feeling that the pedestrian access to the new centre must be drastically improved. Speaker after speaker at the meeting criticised the present subways and the general feeling was that they must be done away with and surface level crossings provided. There is no getting away from the fact that the subways could be the rock on which the new centre founders. In the new scheme, the architects envisage the subways being retained and several speakers felt that the proposals for pedestrian access and circulation were even worse than at present, forcing pedestrians closer to traffic and obliging them to make long detours around the new buildings.

The scheme, if properly considered, could bring wider benefits to the community apart from a vastly improved shopping complex. New surface level crossings would bring obvious advantages, there are possibilities of a new sheltered bus lay-by and improvements to the ticket offices and entrance halls of the Underground and British Rail stations. The possibilities are great, but so are the pitfalls.

Consultation throughout with residents though may ensure a better shopping centre which benefits everyone.

Volunteers sought for local minibus project

Remondsey Community Minibus Project is a locally based - SE1 and SE16 - and voluntarily-run community transport scheme. The Project consists of two minibuses which are loaned out to voluntary groups in the North Southwark and surrounding areas.

Present key-holders of the 17-seater are Cambridge University Mission which is looking for a volunteer, possibly housebound, to take the minibuses for the minibus, and over and receive back keys and mileage form and a record of use. A very small amount of paperwork is

involved and an answer phone could be provided for an interested person.

CUM is also looking for a volunteer who could check the vehicle over every so often, topping up the oil and water, checking tyre pressures and keeping the vehicle clean and tidy. Not more than an hour or so a week would be required.

If you are interested in either of these volunteer positions, please ring Cambridge University Mission on 237 3788 and ask for Alan Chadborn.

80th birthday of lifelong Waterloo resident

Lifelong Waterloo resident Mrs Maggie Ellerington celebrated her 80th birthday on 1st December at a lunch for her neighbours organised by her daughters, including Mrs Maureen Clarke and Mrs Carol Keene.

Mrs Ellerington was born in Broadwall in Waterloo and has lived at the same address in Roupell Street for 50 years. The birthday celebration was a surprise party and was attended by about 20 neighbours, most of them also lifelong residents of Waterloo.

Several of those at the lunch now live in Chaplin Close, a new residential housing complex run by Lambeth Council.

The following day, it was the turn of the family to celebrate Mrs Ellerington's birthday at another surprise party for over 40 family members, including her three sons and four daughters.

In our next issue, SE1 hopes to feature Mrs Ellerington and her neighbours in an article about their memories of Waterloo.

Artful Dodger's Globe a hot potato

The recently announced discovery of part of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, on a former car park belonging to Courage Brewery behind Anchor Terrace on Southwark Bridge, has led to a conflict between the archaeological and theatre lobby on one side and the historical buildings conservation lobby on the other.

The site of the discovery, in Park Street, revealed in October by Museum of London archaeologists after several months of investigations, is only 100 yards from the Rose Theatre remains whose discovery agitated Bankside during the Summer months.

The site is owned by developers Hanson PLC who bought it in 1987 from Courages. They were urged then by Southwark Council to accommodate archaeological investigations before submitting any planning applications, which they did. Hanson and the Museum of London have now asked the Government to protect the site by scheduling it as an Ancient Monument, where nothing could be done without prior approval from the Department of the Environment.

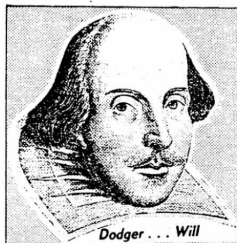
The request to schedule the site presents the government with far less of a dilemma than a similar request denied in July to schedule the remains of the Rose Theatre.

As planning permission already existed on this site for a substantial office development, granted before the existence of the Rose became known, declaring the Rose an Ancient Monument could have cost the Government millions in compensation to the developers.

None of the same fuss has therefore accompanied the discovery of the Globe Theatre, partly financed by Shakespeare at the end of the 16th Century and the place where he wrote and performed many of his plays. Nevertheless, some 5,000 people have visited the site to view the remains so far uncovered which consist of the internal and external walls of the galleries where patrons sat to watch the plays.

The discovery of the galleries showed that the most important part of the Theatre, the stage, lies under Anchor Terrace and possibly also under Southwark Bridge Road. Herein lies the root of possible future conflict. Archaeologists and the shakespearean theatre lobby have said they would like to see Anchor Terrace pulled down so that the rest of the Globe can be excavated.

Conservationists, however, have argued that Anchor Terrace, formerly Courage Brewery's offices, is a particularly valuable example



of a late Georgian terrace. It was built in the 1830's and few terraces of its type exist in Southwark.

Handling this hot potato will be English Heritage which is hedging its bets by pointing to the difficulties of excavating the Globe. The remains apparently are rooted in water bogged soil and are in danger of fragmenting if they are exposed.

Meanwhile, the inland revenue have revealed that William Shakespeare was a tax dodger. Documents unearthed at the Public records office in Kew show that in 1593 the Bard owed five shillings property tax on a home in Southwark. This later rose to 13s 4d but the Bill was never paid.

Noted Shakespeare expert Prof John Bailey said "He was a wealthy man because his plays were so popular. And later he became a substantial landowner."

Bridging the generation gap in Waterloo

From Doreen Ramsay, SEI who received this report about the activities of the Monday Pensioners Club, which meet at Waterloo Action Centre during 1989.

The Monday Pensioners Club now has 29 members, which are hoping to increase in the New Year. Our only male member has now left us having had a nasty fall. He has gone to live with his sister in Cornwall. We miss his presence. We miss his happiness. He will be missed because he has been a member for a very long time.

The Club has had two outings this year, one to Eastbourne and another to Margate. They were enjoyed by all. Regular activities of the Club include Bingo, but with a prize of 25 pence only. We have had no speakers this year, but next year suggestions include the police, fire service and ambulance and Louanne from Coin Street.

A dozen of us went to Charlotte Sharnan School on the 9th November. They were holding their Harvest Festival Play. It was very good, the whole school taking part. Some of the children visited us on 20th November presenting our senior member with a food parcel, having chat with us and singing for us. They are so good and well behaved. The children enjoyed all this as much as we do.

To help our funds we hold jumble sales with proceeds shared between Wednesday Health Club, children and Monday Club. Our Christmas Party will not be until January 8th 1990. The Trust Fund from the Church has given us a generous donation towards the party. Many thanks for all the help we have received.

Waterloo Amenities group with the help of the Youth Vic, will be putting on children's Puppet Show at Charlotte Sharnan School in the New Year. The group is also hoping that parents will come to the show as well.

The show will be an expression of thanks to Waterloo Amenities for the children for their kindness in the past to the pensioners groups which meet at Waterloo Action Centre in Baylis Road. In the meantime, Waterloo Amenities wants to wish the children at the school a happy time at Christmas and New Year.

Flooding follows Legionella scare at printing college

Story and photo by Marg Nicol

Inadequate building maintenance and general neglect have resulted in the partial closure of the London College of Printing, at the Elephant & Castle, causing severe disruption for students.

Initially the college was closed for a week on 20th October after a Legionella Disease scare. While tanks were being disinfected as a result of the scare, a valve was left open and the top 7 floors of the tower block were flooded causing millions of pounds worth of damage.

As water drained through the ceilings it exposed the asbestos linings sealed within the tiles, releasing deadly asbestos dust into the air.

Because of the serious danger to health, the Photo-journalism, Film and Video departments have been moved

to the College of Distributive Trades at Back Hill in Farringdon. As there are no resources there for these students, equipment and facilities have had to be hired from outside the college.

Many students are unlucky enough to have film projects and camera equipment sealed up in the dangerous area of the London College of Printing building, and will not be able to retrieve these until the building is decontaminated.

A floor by floor clean up is in progress and college administrators are confident that the building will be reopened completely by mid February 1990.

Meanwhile, the students are attempting to carry on their courses under very difficult conditions.



London College of Printing ... students flooded out

Charterhouse-in-Southwark reports on a busy year

In its recently published Annual Report for 1988/89, Charterhouse-in-Southwark gives a glimpse of the many projects it runs, "providing an extensive range of services to people of all ages", as Director Steve Lancashire says in his introduction, in the neighbourhood of the Tabard.

Against a difficult financial background, Steve has remarked on the particularly valuable contribution of the Trustees of Charterhouse-in-Southwark, particularly in fund raising, and of the many volunteer workers who give their time so generously to all of the activities of Charterhouse.

One of their more unusual projects is 'Children to the Country'. Young people in Southwark can enjoy breaks in the countryside in Surrey where popular activities include nature walks and visits to farms. This encourages a greater regard for the natural environment of the inner city, with many of the participants now taking part in National Tree Week or starting wildlife gardens at their schools.

Charterhouse also operates a Toy Library. Since the social side of this project became as important as the Library itself, it has been renamed Chipper Club/Toy Library. Membership is over 200, and rising, with about 300 toys available for borrowing.

The A.R.K. Preschool Group has also changed its name because it has become much more than a playgroup. More parents have become involved and new activities have been developed this past year, including 'theme days', introducing children to other children's cultures.

The Intermediate Treatment project run by Charterhouse works with vulnerable teenagers either those who have been in local authority care or in particular to avoid their being taken into care. This year, 17 young people have been through the Project, being offered full-time education, counselling, work experience and school holiday programmes.

The Rev Ronald Partridge, Community Priest at St Hugh's makes his first contribution Charterhouse's Annual Review, having been appointed in September 1988. He expresses optimism that "there are many opportunities to explore ways of re-establishing St Hugh's as a focal point for mission in an inner-city, multi-racial and multi-faith community."

The Women's Project runs a variety of programmes, including a Black Women's group and a single parent group. They also have workshops and advice sessions advising women of their entitlement to benefits.

The Over-60's project had a very busy year. With the aid of volunteers it was able to make over 650 home visits in the past year to pensioners. They also hold a drop-in advice session, run daytime clubs, and organise regular outings.

The Youth Project organise a variety of activities for young people, including arts and crafts, car mechanics, cooking, computing and discussion group. They also hold summer activities and ran a successful this year at Diana Cave's in Plaistow.

For further details about these projects, ring Charterhouse on 407 1123.



Pedestrian lights wanted at busy junction

Recognising the daily danger to pedestrians crossing the junction of Great Dover Street, Borough High Street and Marshalsea Road, four local community groups have joined together to ask Southwark Council to install traffic lights at this busy intersection.

North Southwark Community Development Group, Charterhouse-in-Southwark, Cathedral Area Residents Association and Trinity and Newington Residents Association, who are behind the request, also have the support of the headteachers of Charles Dickens School, Cathedral School, and St Joseph's School. Many pupils cross this junction every day on their way to and from school and the headteachers would all like to see safety improved here.

The community groups have even taken the initiative of securing a promise of funds

to finance most of the proposed scheme from Southwark Council's Planning Department, using money negotiated from property developers along Borough High Street.



The groups now hope that the Council's Department of Engineering and Public Works, responsible for traffic measures such as this, will make pedestrian phase lights at this junction a priority.

Local GP retires after 32 years of practice

Dr John McEwan, well known to local residents as the senior partner at the Princess Street Group Practice, has retired after 32 years as a GP in the Elephant & Castle area. Dr McEwan decided to become a doctor at the age of 16, following his mother into the medical profession. After studying at Cambridge and the London Hospital he did National Service in the RAF and then joined Dr Hewetson's practice in Southwark Bridge Road.

In 1957, aged only 28, Dr McEwan set up a partnership with Dr Hewetson in Walworth Road. The practice gradually expanded into premises in Southwark Bridge Road and Chettle Close off Great Dover Street. "We had a great fight to get in there", Dr McEwan told SEL, "it took ten years of negotiation with the GLC. This was going to be a tobaccoist's shop, so we think we've improved the health of the community simply by not selling tobacco!"

Dr McEwan has seen many changes in primary health care since 1957. "We're certainly just as busy as we were when I came into practice. I really think the demand for primary general medical care is virtually bottomless. I don't mean that everybody is terribly sick, but the need to come and see doctors doesn't change all that much, although the health of the nation generally is a lot better

than it was in 1957. For instance infant mortality, perinatal and maternal mortality rates are much reduced."

Instead of having the traditional morning and evening surgeries and visiting in between, the practice opens its doors all day and the doctors visit much less. This is why they have very long surgeries. They think it is better to examine patients at the surgery where there are proper facilities for ECG, blood and urine tests, for instance. "If you are called to somebody who is acutely ill at home you haven't got those facilities so you waste a day in getting them treated", said Dr McEwan.

Dr McEwan regards the Lambeth Community Care Centre, opened just several years ago, as a valuable local health resource where GPs can treat their patients who are there for short stays. The beds are used for terminally ill patients and others needing interim and respite care. Dr McEwan for instance had a couple of patients with badly sprained backs. They were nursed at the Centre with physiotherapy on the spot. "We can treat patients there on a low key basis without unnecessary interventions like injections which they might have received if they'd been in hospital", Dr McEwan remarked.

Dr McEwan has long been committed to the improvement

of women's health care in general practice. He is a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology, works as a family planning consultant and also works in the infertility clinic at King's College Hospital. He started the Department of General Practice at King's in 1975 and at Princess Street he has taught undergraduate and postgraduate medical trainees. He ran the first day release course for vocational trainees in the Guy's area and set up the vocational training scheme at King's, giving doctors 2 years at the Hospital and a year in a GP practice. "Teaching hospitals are always slow about training GPs and yet half their students go into general practice. We thought this was ludicrous. Our GP trainees are much sought after", said Dr McEwan.

Asked about the Government's plans for the future of the National Health Service, Dr McEwan told SEL: "I think it's a terrible pity that the structure of the health service is being changed at all. There have been enormous changes in the efficiency with which district health authorities operate and it was just becoming a very good service when the Government decided to mess about with it. I think it's going to be very expensive, the Government will have to find more money than they want to, and the new systems will not work harmoniously except

after many years of trial and error."

As part of changes to the NHS doctors were recently obliged to accept a new work contract. Dr McEwan thinks this is a backward step. "They are expecting GPs to spend a lot of their time and energy on activities of unproven value like the physical examinations that are required. The public have been led to believe that having a check-up from your doctor is the best thing that can happen and they're prepared to pay BUPA hundreds of pounds for it."

There is no scientific basis whatever for some of the stuff the Minister for Health Kenneth Clarke wants to do. And that makes GPs very angry, because they know that what patients want most is to be able to talk to them for longer. The new GP's contract is all about spending less time talking, more time examining patients fruitlessly, and GPs are expected to have more patients on their lists."

Dr McEwan admitted to SEL that in the last few years he has begun to find the long surgeries and on-call duties tiring and is looking forward to more free weekends to enjoy sailing on the Solent. SEL wishes him well and is sure that his 32 years devoted to improving the health care of thousands of local residents will not go unremembered.

Clyde raffle Future of Bankside in discussion

At its now traditional Guy Fawkes night party in November, the Lord Clyde pub off Ayres Street totalled up the proceeds of a raffle in aid of the Evelina Children's Hospital at Guy's - £1,245 raised in all.

The prizes for the raffle were generously donated by Lucy and Michael, the Clyde's landlords. Dolly, who works at the Clyde was as usual tireless in selling the raffle tickets in advance of the Guy Fawkes party night, held on November 4th.

Since the Lord Clyde started its fundraising for the Evelina Children's Hospital, which once stood opposite the Clyde on Marshalsea Road, it has raised £5,011. Lucy and Michael asked SEL to convey their thanks to the Clyde's customers for continued support for a more than worthy cause.

Southwark Council has begun a public consultation process on the future of Bankside. Over the next year, the Council's Planning Department will be looking in detail at the area bounded by the river, Southwark Street, Blackfriars Road and Borough High Street. Residents will be asked how they would like to see the area develop in the future.

This study has become more pressing because of the growing development pressures in the area, the threat to Bankside from railway building proposals and the need for Southwark to draw up a new plan for the borough to guide land developments into the 1990's. This plan will be known as the Unitary Development Plan.

Cathedral Area Residents Association and the Trustees of the Borough Market have

already made it clear to the Council that the continued successful operation of the Borough Market is one of the keys to the area's

future. For further details of the consultation, contact Southwark Planning on 403 3322 and ask for Richard Linton.



'Why I like living in Waterloo'

by Anne Critchley

People are surprised I live in Waterloo. They can't believe anyone lives here. But we do, stuck in a strange little place, like a toy village set down obstinately by the river. In many ways it has all the attitudes of a tiny village - it's cosy and sleepy, and it's nice to have that sort of comfort in a big city.

The best things for me here are the river, which I have always felt drawn to since I came here 15 years ago, the friendliness of local people, the comparative safety and cheapness of the area, and the uniqueness of living right at the heart of one of the most exciting cities in the world.

Not many people can see St Paul's Cathedral and the Houses of Parliament from their windows. I often go to look by the sound of Big Ben striking. And of course the local theatres mean you see a lot of famous people walking down the streets which is great fun. Over the years I've bumped into Glenda Jackson, Vanessa Redgrave and Peter O'Toole to name but a few. Even better, I've seen them all on stage locally.

I also saw Arthur Miller one last Summer going into a life in the Cut. I was absolutely thrilled. And

no-one took any notice! It's that combination of down-to-earth ordinariness and magnificent events and buildings that appeals to me most. After all, you can't be zapping round London all of the time, you'd die of exhaustion.

At the weekends the commuters go home and we have the place to ourselves. Lovely! Time to put your feet up and have friends around for tea or go for long walks by the river. My favourite stretch is from Stamford Wharf to the Festival Hall. I'm always amazed at the Coin Street site. It was such an achievement to build those houses and it's the best part of the river as well.

The Festival Hall is my favourite London building - I love the place and the amazing variety of things going on there. I call it the 'People's Palace' and I'm very upset they're going to re-develop the South Bank. It's wonderful the way it is - why spoil it?

Developers, of course, are in my opinion our biggest problem. Everytime I see a crane of the horizon my heart sinks. Why don't they leave us alone. I can't bear it sometimes. Now we've got the Channel Tunnel on the way. It really is the end of the world as we know it in Waterloo. The whole place



Mulberry Coop tenants ... they like living in Waterloo

will be smashed to pieces. It will be dreadful beyond words, everyone knows that.

Part of me strongly believes in miracles - after all we

live in extraordinary times. Look at the Berlin Wall! Meanwhile, till we get our miracle locally, I'm enjoying the funny back-to-front place I call home while I can.

out - they will not tolerate dry conditions.

Finally now is the time to start planning your next year's garden. The seed and plant catalogues are available from now on.



Lesbians and gays in print

Southwark Libraries last month launched their first Lesbian and Gay Booklist.

The brief booklist, compiled with the help of the Southwark Lesbian and Gay Working Party, aims to reflect the diversity of both the Lesbian and gay community and the library materials available through Southwark Libraries.

Almost 100 fiction and non-fiction titles are

listed, including works by classic and contemporary authors, books particularly relevant to teenagers, and books by and for black lesbians and gay men.

In addition, some branch libraries have mounted small exhibitions to accompany the launch of the booklist.

The booklist has been published in response to the Equal Opportunities Policy of Southwark Council which aims to present positive images of homosexuality despite the restrictions imposed on local authorities by government legislation, in particular Clause 28.

Also to mark the event, a series of readings of lesbians and gay authors was arranged during November with the assistance of the Peckham Women's Centre. The first of these readings was opened by Council leader Anne Matthews.

Authors included Noel Grieg, Adam Mars-Jones, Caroline Griffin, Maro Green Mary Dorsey, Alan Hollinghurst and Barbara Burford.

GARDENING WITH JACKIE POWER

December and January are months during which very little can be done in the garden except for digging and laying up. Evergreen shrubs and trees will be the main focus of colour although some plants will be in flower such as the Autumn cherry, Witch Hazel, Winter viburnums and the Christmas rose (in sheltered places). Also from November to late February winter jasmine gives a lovely display of yellow flowers.

If the weather continues cold and dry the birds will appreciate food being put out but as all the surface puddles and water sources freeze or dry out it will be increasingly difficult for them to find water. It will be a life saver to provide some as long as you remember to break the surface ice.

Christmas trees with roots are unlikely to thrive unless as soon as possible after Christmas place the tree in a cool room for several days then move it outside. In early Spring re-pot into a larger container and increase the watering. If you follow this procedure these trees should put on good growth in the following year providing you don't let the soil dry

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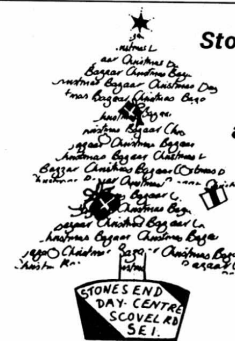
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