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Public use of Jubilee Gardens under threat

Jubilee Gardens and the Riverwalk between Westminster Bridge and Waterloo Bridge could be closed to the public for the rest of this decade, and possibly forever, if development plans in the area go ahead. London could lose its only significant riverside park and popular events like Thamesday and the London Marathon would find it hard to find suitable alternative locations.

The whole riverside adjacent to County Hall, including Jubilee Gardens, was formerly owned by the Greater London Council. When the GLC was abolished in 1986, ownership passed to the London Residuary Body, charged with winding up the GLC's affairs. This unelected Body, despite the opposition of local people, decided to sell the land off to the highest bidder. This sale, and development plans by three separate organisations, are conspiring to rob local people of this valuable SE1 open space.

The first threat to Jubilee Gardens comes from the proposed County Hall redevelopment. This was the subject of a recent public inquiry and the Department of the Environment will soon rule on County Hall's future. At issue is a £1 billion redevelopment of the complex by a private consortium, the County Hall Development Group, which would turn it into a luxury hotel, private apartments and business centre complex.

Over that part of Jubilee Gardens which they do not own, the developers will have a right of veto on the type of activities allowed to go on there and no event will be able to take place without

their permission. In other words, if the developers get permission for their plans, Jubilee Gardens will become a virtual private garden.

The London Residuary Body intends to sell the rest of Jubilee Gardens and the Hungerford Bridge car park to the South Bank Board which runs the South Bank Centre. The South Bank Board intends to lease the land on to another development company called Stanhope which plans to build a large office block and multi-storey car park on part of Jubilee Gardens and the Hungerford Bridge car park. The Riverwalk would be closed during construction work on the office and car park for up to seven years.

As if these two threats to the future of Jubilee Gardens were not enough, it has now emerged that London Underground want to use the Gardens as a major tunnelling site for work on the new eastern extension of the Jubilee Line. After discussions with the County Hall and South Bank developers, it appears that agreement has been reached for Jubilee Gardens to be used as a work site for all schemes.

London Underground recently submitted a Bill to Parliament for approval to build the new Jubilee Line extension. This will also give them the powers to take over Jubilee Gardens, and the Riverwalk which would also be closed to the public. When construction work begins as expected in 1992, the Gardens and the Riverwalk could be closed off for up to six years.

If the consortium gets the go ahead for its development, it



Thamesday ... Jubilee Gardens

will assume ownership of part of Jubilee Gardens over which there will be no public right of way. The developers intend to build a private terrace extending from County Hall into the Gardens with public entrance perhaps permitted on payment of an admission charge. They also intend to build a private car park beneath the Gardens with exhaust fumes escaping to the surface.

As proposals now stand, SE1 residents at best look like losing the use of Jubilee Gardens over the next decade as they will serve as a work site for three building projects. At the end of this construction period, at worst, residents may lose the right to use the restored Gardens if, as expected, access is restricted by the new owners of County Hall and the South Bank Board.

Jubilee Gardens was owned by the people of London and managed for them by the GLC.

It was created to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. The Riverwalk was extended and renamed Queen's walk in the same year. For local people especially, the Gardens are very important as they are the largest open space in the whole of Waterloo.

Waterloo Community Development Group is a local pressure group which has been very active in opposing the threat to Jubilee Gardens. They believe that the whole area, including the car parks, should become a public riverside park for the enjoyment of residents of Waterloo and North Southwark and all Londoners.

If you want to join them in opposing the plans by London Underground, Stanhope and the County Hall Development Group to close Jubilee Gardens and the Riverwalk to the public, possibly forever, then contact Dave or Tina on 633 9291.

The local newspaper!

St Georges Clinic threatened with closure

St Georges Health Clinic, on Blackfriars Road, which has served the community for many years, is threatened with permanent closure by the Priority Care Unit of Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority which operates it.

While the present clinic has been in existence for 20 years in the same building, which is rented by the Health Authority from Southwark Council, many local residents can remember a St Georges Clinic in and around Blackfriars Road going back even longer.

The Health Authority says that the main reasons for closure are financial and under-use of the large building. With the Bermondsey Health Centre undergoing refurbishment and due to re-open in June this year, the Authority says it cannot afford the upkeep of two health centres in the same area.

Local health campaigner Lil Patrick says, however, that the £30,000 a year the Health Authority would save by closing the building and transferring the services elsewhere in North Southwark is insignificant when measured against the value the service provides locally. Lil is concerned at the gradual erosion of local health services in the area and opposes the closure.

There are fifteen clinics a week at St Georges, including child health, family planning, elderly exercise and nutrition, audiology, childrens dental, chiropody and marriage guidance. About six staff are employed at the Centre in connection with the clinics.

Archives document achievement of Lambeth Community Care Centre

Many readers may wonder from time to time what happened to the Old Lambeth Hospital. In the early 1970's, there were plans to demolish the Hospital and move it to St Thomas's. The old site was up for grabs. Local people, the Community Health Council, which had just been formed, and GP's in the area, all wanted a say in the future of the site and preferably wished to see some form of health care facility built there. 10 years later, the Lambeth Community Care Centre was opened by Prince Charles.

A full record of how this achievement came about is now held in the Archives of the Centre, together with some splendid recollections of the people involved, like John Cribb of the South London Industrial Mission and Doreen Ramsay of the pensioners group who got together through the Association of Waterloo Groups.

Moreover, there are the vivid memories of the area's local people, whose letters have been included in the Archives (and some revealing insights

from their GP's who helped them!). If you would like to see the Archives you can speak to Johnny or Geoff, porters at the Centre in Monkton Street, SE11.

Sur Freudenberg who was instrumental in the centre at the beginning and in the production of the Archives showed them to the Centre's Advisory Group recently and emphasised that they are for use by local people. You can drop in at the Centre during the daytime to view the Archives.



Marshalsea prison pump

Cuming Museum will re-open with new exhibition

The Cuming Museum, the museum of Southwark's history, which we wrote about in our November 1989 issue, will be closed for major maintenance works until 10th May 1990.

Work on the museum, in Walworth Road, will include a new roof and the refurbishment of storage facilities. These improvements will provide better conditions for the museum's collections and new displays and facilities for visitors.

The main displays will continue to show the history of Southwark from the Romans to the present day, bringing Southwark's story to life with real history from the Cuming's collections. From 1st June 1990 visitors can also enjoy a programme of major temporary exhibitions at the Cuming Museum, based on Southwark's history and the worldwide collections of the Cuming.

'Poverty and Pleasure - Life in Victorian Southwark', will be the Cuming Museum's first major temporary exhibition, and will run from 1st June 1990, to February 1991.

It will show all sides of Victorian life in Southwark, from the Dickensian poverty of Bermondsey and the Borough, to the fast growing suburbs of Camberwell and Peckham; and from the hard work of the docks and the music halls and taverns. Objects from London's best local collection will combine with old photographs of the area to provide a panorama of Victorian Southwark.

The Cuming Museum, re-opening 10th May 1990, is at 155-157 Walworth Road, SE17. Admission is free.

Health Authority's financial crisis

West Lambeth Community Health Council (CHC) has called on the General Manager of South East Thames Regional Health to intervene "in any way necessary" to protect patient care in West Lambeth. The call follows the revelation that West Lambeth Health Authority is £4 million overspent on its budget for health services in the area which the CHC blames on "financial mismanagement by health authority officers".

The Secretary of the CHC, Richard Wiles, says that the Health Authority is taking desperate measures to cut back the deficit including staff cuts which are affecting the quality of care in West Lambeth's hospitals. He also says that long-planned and promised re-openings of closed beds and wards at St Thomas's Hospital have been abandoned.

At the same time, it has been revealed that the Health Authority has given pay-offs of up to £40,000 each to eight senior staff while hiring outside consultants at up to £650 a day to fill vacant jobs. Payments to outside financial and computer consultants last year totalled £363,550. The Authority for instance last month allowed its director of finance to resign with six months pay after he had been in his post for less than a year at an annual salary of £35,000.

Members of the Health Authority, which oversees the work and budget of the Authority and is usually split along political lines, have in the meantime stepped in and forbidden managers to give pay-offs without their approval. The Chair of the West Lambeth Health Authority is Mr John Garnett, father of the Minister of State for Health, Mrs Virginia Bottomley. Other members of the Authority are threatening to oust him from his position given the present crisis.

Stephen Bubb, a member of the Health Authority and a former Lambeth councillor, commenting on the pay-offs, said that "the question must be asked whether this is correct use of public funds for an authority that is likely to be overspent by £4 million and has been cutting services to patients."

New 'red routes' for SE1 area

The Department of Transport has recently announced plans, to tackle traffic problems in London which may well have a big impact on Waterloo and North Southwark.

All residents will be familiar with the effects of traffic in the heavily congested SE1 area. Many have complained vociferously that commuters park their cars on the private roads and parking spaces of local estates, preventing residents from parking there and sometimes obstructing the entrance of emergency and service vehicles. In response to this problem, Southwark Council has recently introduced a pilot wheel clamping scheme on the Tabard Estate aimed at deterring commuter parking on estates.

Illegal parking on streets, footpaths and residents parking bays is commonplace too in the SE1 area. It is known that many commuters who work in the City of London park their cars in Waterloo and North Southwark and walk to their places of work across the river. Recent office developments along the riverfront have also brought increased traffic problems in their wake. Roads are congested, side streets are used as rat runs, the roads are pot-holed, the footpaths broken. People are discouraged from using buses because of the slow traffic speeds in inner London.

The problems are well known and are reaching breaking point, but what is being done about them? The Department of Transport has proposals which include establishing a priority route network on London's roads which will be called 'red routes', together with a new system of parking controls and enforcement.

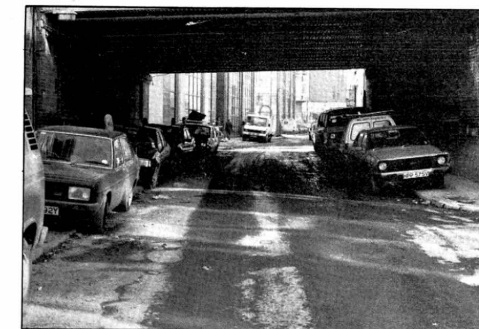
The aim of the 'red routes' is to improve traffic flows along main roads in central

London. These roads will be subject to special controls where there will be no stopping for any traffic under any circumstances. In the SE1 area, such 'red routes' are proposed on Waterloo Road, Blackfriars Road, Borough High Street, Tower Bridge Road, Tooley Street, Southwark Street, Stamford Street and York Road, amongst others.

These routes will have new road markings, probably in red or amber, to advise motorists there is no stopping or loading or unloading. A pilot scheme will be introduced in Summer this year.

Critics of the 'red routes' proposal say that it is solely concerned with maintaining a smooth flow of traffic through London and not with reducing the level of that traffic by charging motorists to enter central London, for instance. The Department of Transport, it is argued, can always find money for road improvements but never for public improvements in public transport.

The biggest concern though



Illegal parking in Park Street

Borough's history ends up as rubble

Dear SE1

I have lived in the Borough quite a number of years and noticed changes going on. The thing that really gets me is the destruction of our lovely old buildings, Courages, Vintry House, and others and now the old Atlas Printing Works in Borough High Street, next to the Refractory Hospital.

Where are they now, I wonder,

the three ornamental heads of Atlas holding the world on his shoulders. They were beautiful, I looked up at them each time I passed the building. It was part of my life to look at them and now they're gone. I did ask one workman what was going to happen to them and he said that they would be broken up as they weren't worth anything.

In all my life I have never

about the proposed new 'red routes' is that they could become virtual motorways in the heart of London, leading to more traffic on our streets rather than less. To enforce the new restrictions to keep the traffic moving on the red routes, critics of the scheme fear that traffic wardens will be diverted from their normal duties to police them. This could mean more illegal commuter parking on our side streets.

How also will local groups' campaigns for more pedestrian crossings be affected? A number of local groups in North Southwark have been pressing for pedestrian phase lights at the Borough High Street/Great Dover Street junction. They fear that if Borough High Street becomes a 'red route' then the Department of Transport will not give approval for such lights.

On the surface, the 'red routes' proposal looks attractive by removing unwanted parked cars from our main thoroughfares, but local residents could find that the disadvantages outweigh the benefits.

written to a paper before, but looking at the sight of those heads has made me. I know there was nothing I could have done about it.

At least my son Paul took photos of them for me. But I would like to know where they are now.

Mrs J Coot
Red Cross Cottages
Ayles Street
SE1

4 Office development threatens Tenison Way shops

Property developers Nigel King Lumsden, who appear to be targeting Waterloo, are seeking planning permission for three office blocks, of 2, 3 and 5 storeys, on Tenison Way. Although there would be retail shops on the ground floor of these buildings, it is unlikely that present shopowners would return because rents are expected to rise substantially.

The present shops have been there since 1951 when they were built as part of the Festival of Britain complex. It was a publicly owned site and tenants originally paid their rent to the London County Council, then to the GLC and when that was abolished, to the London Residuary Body.

The shops do a good business and many tenants wished to buy their freeholds. However, in 1988 the entire site was sold at auction by the Residuary Body, appointed to wind up the affairs of the GLC, without any consultation of the tenants. The Residuary Body have been criticised before for selling off public property to the highest bidder who then turn these sites into office blocks.

Waterloo Community Development Group has criticised the office proposal on Tenison Way as unnecessary and a gross overdevelopment of the site. In addition, they believe that vehicle access to the proposed offices is inadequate because of the narrow streets and one-way system. Added to the existing traffic and the effect on the area could be chaotic.

The new office block would also obscure views of Waterloo Station from Waterloo Bridge as well as views of Victory Arch and the station from Waterloo Road and St John's Church. These are important local views and British Rail itself has seen fit to light up the station at night with floodlights, though their choice of blue illumination might not be to everyone's taste.

Presently, Tenison Way has many useful and reasonably priced shops, including a hardware store, a second hand clothing shop, a sports equipment and clothing shop, a newsagent and a grocers. One reason for this was the low rents charged by the GLC. The developers admit that rents would increase and

probably rule out the present type of locally useful shop from returning once the scheme was built.

In fact, it is evident that the developers are not at all interested in this type of tenant because they are also applying for planning permission to change the category of ground floor shop in the new development. This would allow them to rent the shops at high rents to 'blue chip' tenants such as banks and building societies and wine bars, the sort of shops which serve commuters and not local residents.

Tenison Way is not only under threat from property developers. London Underground also want to use the site for the construction of the new Jubilee Line extension. At least this would mean that the office proposal would be unlikely to go ahead for a few years. It has been said though that the owners of this site have applied for planning permission to build

office blocks on Tenison Way, not in order to actually build them but to get much higher compensation from London Underground when their property is taken over for building the new Tube extension.

Developers Nigel King Lumsden and Central & City will be familiar to SE1 readers. Since 1988 Central & City have been steadily buying up land and property in Waterloo. This has been done through a property company called Nigel King Lumsden, formed in the same year, and specialise in property in an area they have termed 'Waterloo Square' - that is, land bounded by Baylis Road, Waterloo Road, York Road and Westminster Bridge Road.

Central & City are led by two partners Sir John Mactaggart and David King. Nigel King Lumsden is run by two brothers, James Lumsden and Nigel King. SE1 has previously reported that the latter company had been

buying up shops and properties in Lower Marsh, offering considerable pay-outs to freeholders. Since then, they have consolidated their purchases in the area.

Once they purchase a property, they only let it on a maximum 3-4 year lease. Some medium term leases of up to 12 years allow termination of the lease by either party with 6 months notice.

Waterloo Community Development Group fears that this process will eventually ruin Lower Marsh as a local shopping area and that it will eventually become an office wilderness.

The Group opposes the proposal to build offices on Tenison Way. A Public Inquiry into the proposal opened last month but has been postponed until 6th March. Any reader wanting further information on the application or the inquiry can ring David or Tina at WCDG on 633 9291.



Artist's impression of new office blocks on Tenison Way

5 Seeking solutions for homelessness in SE1

Many members of the community will remember November 1984 when the Queen opened the new premises of the North Lambeth Day Centre in the Crypt of St Johns Church on Waterloo Road.

More than five years later, the Day Centre is still going and, unfortunately, seeing more and more homeless people as time goes on. There has been a change also in the type of homeless people. There are far more young people who are homeless, some as young as 12 years old, due to abuse at home or the restrictions on them being able to claim benefit due to recent Department of Social Security changes.

There are far more people with mental health problems who become homeless due to inadequate 'Care in the Community' policies following the closure of large mental hospitals.

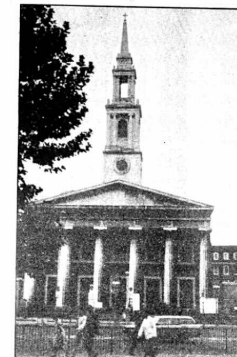
And then there are the hidden homeless, those living in hostels and bed and breakfast hotels, squatting and sleeping on friends' floors. Then there are the particular needs of homeless women and their children, and the needs of black homeless people, and so it goes on. Anyone who lives in SE1 can see for themselves the increasing problem of homelessness on the streets of the area.

Over the last few years, the North Lambeth Day Centre has been developing new initiatives for working with all of these groups of people, against a background of increasing funding difficulties for all projects concerned with the homeless.

The Day Centre sees itself complementing the work of agencies which offer shelter, food and clothing to homeless people, and offering them access to the

information and skills necessary to regain control of their lives.

The Day Centre offers training and education for those who feel that they need to acquire specific skills



for independent living, counselling and advice, help in finding more permanent accommodation, puts homeless people in contact with those who provide health and social services support, and offers also a constructive environment geared at individual change.

The Day Centre also works with the local community, businesses, and local councillors to ensure that building suitable accommodation for homeless people runs along with building new lives.

If you are interested in finding out more about what they do, or if you are homeless, ring the Centre on 261 9622. After more than five years in the Crypt, they don't claim to have all the answers but at least they're asking the right questions.

Simon James

Gabriel's Wharf receives London-wide environment award

'The Illustrated London News' introduced its annual 'London Awards' in 1988 to draw attention to some of the good things that are going on in the capital. The awards recognise the contribution of large and small organisations, and individuals, to the improvement of life in London.

'The Illustrated London News'

asks for London wide nominations for the awards in five categories: Londoner of the Year, which in 1989 was awarded to Prince Charles, Environment, Innovation, Development and Entertainment.

In the Environment section, the winner in 1989, announced at the end of last year, was Gabriel's Wharf, part of the

Coin Street Development, coming in ahead of a large number of entries.

The award was accepted on behalf of Coin Street Community Builders by Ted Bowman, at the Builders' Council of management meeting in January.

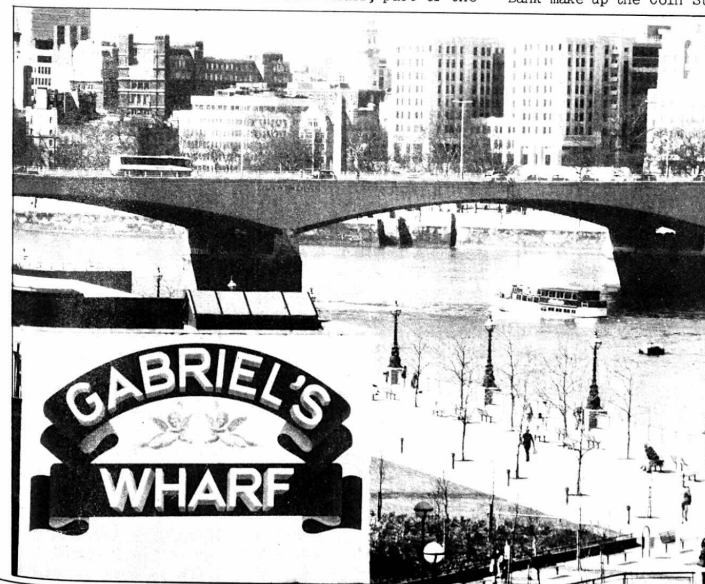
Thirteen acres of the South Bank make up the Coin Street

development, with 56 Co-operative homes, a park and a riverside walkway already completed. Work will proceed soon on the Stamford Wharf phase, comprising 72 Co-operative flats and a variety of other uses.

It is the philosophy of Coin Street Community Builders, the non-profit making company formed by local residents to oversee the development, not to leave vacant sites blighted, such as commercial developers do, while redevelopment proceeds in different phases.

While it is awaiting future development then, the Builders decided to make use of the Gabriel's Wharf site and so a market atmosphere has been created including craft workshops, restaurants and a busy market, all of which has brought new life to the South Bank.

In describing the site, the 'Illustrated London News' recalls that "the pleasant environment that is being created is very different from that originally proposed by property developers, who planned more than one million square feet of office space. Local community groups fought a 10-year campaign against the proposal which was not resolved until 1984, when the GLC sold the entire site to the Coin Street Community Builders. The judges had no doubt that their enterprise ... deserved the top award in this category."



GARDENING WITH JACKIE POWER

Despite the colourless skies of winter there are plants and shrubs to be found in and around the open spaces of SE1 with flowers or interesting foliage and/or catkins. Snowdrops and winter aconites with other bulbs will also begin to appear this month.

Any plants left over from Christmas such as Poinsettia, Cyclamen and Christmas cactus can, with care, be nurtured and will become valuable additions to your indoor plant collection.

The Poinsettia will eventually lose all its leaves, despite your care. When they begin to fall in great numbers, cut down the stems to about four inches. It will 'bleed' a white milky substance which you should not get in your eyes or mouth. Place in a mild, shady position. Keep the compost almost dry. In May, or if you notice any buds before, increase watering and re-pot. The plant should become a fine bushy specimen, although it will not produce the red bracts (leaves) and tiny flowers again unless you follow a complicated procedure of depriving it from light from about the end

of September for up to fourteen hours per day for a total of about eight weeks.

Cyclamens like bright light but not direct sun, ideally a North facing windowsill. Keep the compost moist (not waterlogged) at all times and water from below using tepid water. They do not like hot conditions. After flowering reduce watering and feeding. Keep cool and dry until July, then re-pot using a good compost. Return it to a cool and light position.

Christmas cacti (really a succulent) thrive in a well lit spot away from direct sunlight. During the flowering period water liberally when compost begins to dry out. After it has finished blooming allow to rest, keep cool, but in a light position, and water infrequently. By April or May increase watering. This plant will appreciate spending the Summer months outside in a shady position with the occasional liquid feed. From September, by which time it should be back inside, keep cool and dryish. When the flower buds appear about November increase watering and surrounding temperature.

Playground gets facelift

Mint Street Adventure Playground ended 1989 with a very successful, if a little wild, Christmas party which catered for 50 children and had a guest appearance from Santa, alias Yorkie the Fireman.

They have a busy year ahead planned, with extensive building, decorating and maintenance works in February after receiving a grant from the Borough Architects. They also hope to complete a big, new swing in early summer.

They are also looking for new management committee members as a couple of places have recently become vacant, one of which is for a treasurer.

The commitment required is attending a meeting once a month for a couple of hours to check how the playground is running and to make decisions concerning its future. If you are interested in finding out more please ring Imogen or Storm on 403 3747.



Drawing: Vicky Woods, aged 7

Ra Ra Zoo Comedy Circus in Lambeth

Ra Ra Zoo Comedy Circus returns to Lambeth for three shows at Surrey Hall, Stockwell, on Friday and Saturday 16th and 17th February 1990, after a two year absence. The company will be performing its much acclaimed new show, 'Stop Laughing this is Serious'.

This new full length show takes physical theatre into new realms, taking the audience on an acrobatic journey with some of the most skilled and talented performers of new circus in Britain today.

The show is suitable for everyone, young and old, even for those who don't usually like circus! Performances are at 7.30pm on 16th February and 2.30pm and 7.30pm on 17th February at Surrey Hall, Binfield Road, Stockwell.

Tickets are £3.75 for adults and £2.00 for children and are available in advance from Lambeth Amenity Services, Box Office, 164 Clapham Park Road, SW4, or ring 622 6655 x 335, or from any Lambeth Library, or at the door (if available).

Parent and toddler group at BCC

Being at home with young children, or being new to the area, can be a very isolating experience. The parent and toddler group at Borough Community Centre aims to bring together parents (mostly women) and their children for play, friendship and fun.

The Centre has a good collection of toys and equipment and the group meets in the main hall. There are also regular outings to places like City Farms, playspaces and the seaside - the group decides where they want to go. Although parents are responsible for their children, there is a creche worker at the Wednesday Club to help out.

The Group meets Mondays from 10am-12.30 and Wednesday from 2-3pm. The group would love to see new faces and everyone is welcome to come along. For further details contact Ruth or Janette on 928 6476. The Centre is at 56 Southwark Bridge Road.

Arthur Miller returns to Young Vic

Arthur Miller, one of the greatest living playwrights in the English language, returns to the Young Vic this month with a new production of his play 'The Price'.

It is directed by David Thacker, the Director of the Young Vic theatre, who has staged three other plays by Arthur Miller including 'The Crucible', the highly acclaimed 'An Enemy of the People', which transferred to the West End in 1988, and 'Two-Way Mirror', in which Helen Mirren and Bob Peck performed last year at the Young Vic.

At the end of last month, Arthur Miller, who was born in 1915 in Manhattan, was present at the Young Vic for rehearsals of 'The Price'. He spoke at a press conference on the eve of the play's opening about his work, and about the state of the theatre in Britain and the United States.

The play 'The Price' runs from 1st February to 24th March and stars David Calder, Alan MacNaughtan, Bob Peck and Marjorie Yates. The play's designer, Fran Thompson, also designed the set for 'An Enemy of the People'. The Young Vic is at 66 The Cut, or phone 928 6363 for further details.



Arthur Miller, at the Young Vic in 1989

Education and training advice in Southwark

If you are shopping in Rye Lane, you may look in the shop window of number 175 and wonder what is on offer. The answer is free advice on education and training opportunities for Southwark adults over 19 years of age.

The shop window is full of brightly coloured information sheets produced by INSET's team of advisers on a wide range of career opportunities for adults including: childcare, Business and Finance, Computing, Office Skills, Social Work, Manual Trades and Teaching.

These leaflets are used by many community groups and advice agencies in Southwark and are available free if you drop into the shop.

Advice is also freely available if you are thinking of changing your career or taking up education again, perhaps after bringing up your children. The team of advisers can help you decide which career is best suited for you and what training you will need.

Training can range from information, part-time and evening courses lasting a few weeks, to advice on courses which might involve 4 to 5 years full-time study at college. We can also tell you how much the courses will cost and if you can get a grant.

Many adults do not realise the opportunities available to them nowadays in education and training. With the drop in the number of school-leavers employers are now increasingly looking to employ mature people - so getting the right training could make all the difference to your job prospects.

If you want to talk to one of INSET's trainers about education and training, drop into the shop or ring to make an appointment. Trainers also come and speak to local community groups where there are a number of people interested in information on education and training. An INSET adviser will come along but 3 or 4 weeks notice is necessary.



INSET shop in Rye Lane

If you have a disability and would like advice and information on education and training, you can ring the special needs advisers at INSET, Sandi and Margaret, to make an appointment.

Shop is at 175 Rye Lane, SE15, or ring 635 9111. The shop is open as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10-12 and 2-4. It is closed Thursdays. There is a creche on Fridays and the premises has disabled access and toilet.

The education and training

St Thomas' opt out contested

St Thomas' Hospital is one amongst many in London whose managers have expressed an interest to the Government in 'opting out' of the control of the local Health Authority and setting up on their own as an independent, self-governing trust.

This is part of the Government's proposed changes to the National Health Service and critics argue that these changes, especially the 'opting out' of large hospitals, would result in poorer health care.

A 'Hands Off St Thomas' Campaign has been formed in Lambeth and at the end of last month they held an afternoon of action, handing out leaflets to people at St Thomas', and in The Cut, explaining why they think Lambeth residents will be worse off should the hospital become self-governing.

As a self-governing trust, St Thomas', they argue, would be run primarily as a business and would therefore have to make a profit. Departments might be forced to close if they did not generate enough 'custom' and would thus be looking for more patients outside the area. Local hospitals would be competing against each other for

patients instead of cooperating to offer better services.

There would be no guarantee that local residents would in future be referred to St Thomas' Hospital for treatment. This will depend on what services they decide to offer, because they will not be obliged to offer a full range of services. It is evident that under the new system of self-governing trusts, hospitals would begin to specialise much more so that a Lambeth or Southwark resident could be referred to treatment to a hospital outside this area.

There is also concern about the future of Nightingale School for nurses at St Thomas' and schools training other health workers since training might prove a drain on the resources of hospitals whose motive is to make profit. Critics also fear that parts of the St Thomas' hospital site might be sold off by a self-governing trust. It is an important central London site and would be valuable for office development for instance.

The campaign 'Hands Off St Thomas' can be contacted at 12/14 Thornton Street, or ring 733 5135.

Celebrating eighty years, fifty of them in Roupell Street



Maggie Ellerington, who has lived in Roupell Street for the past 50 years, as we reported in our last issue, celebrated her 80th birthday last December.

Here she is in the photo above pictured with her four daughters who arranged a special birthday celebration for her. Maggie also has three sons. Many in the family still live in Waterloo.

REGISTERED CHILDMINDER WANTED

Registered childminder or similar required commencing February, for 6 month old baby. Must be non-smoker, no dogs in household.

Contact: Box No 100
c/- SE1 Newspaper
56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 OAS

New Cut Housing Co-op commemorated

South London Family Housing Association and New Cut Housing Co-operative welcomed the Chief Executive of the Housing Corporation, David Edmonds, to Waterloo at the end of last year, to lay a commemorative brick at the Co-operative's housing development on The Cut.

The building works now in progress are the culmination of eight years' campaigning by local residents in Waterloo to secure this GLC-owned bomb site for fair rent housing.

Identified in 1981 as one of the last significant sites in the area, the Association of Waterloo Groups fought proposals for office development and eventually won the site for housing.

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Appeal for funds for medical treatment abroad

Dear SE1

These days it's not always easy to get decent health care in this country, partly because of the cuts, partly because the Health Service can't always give people the treatment they need.

I have a rare blood disease and my health has been deteriorating since 1985. I was recently forced to go abroad, to Cuba, for treatment not available in the United Kingdom, treatment I must have if I am to survive.

Unfortunately, I was obliged to leave Cuba before my treatment was completed partly because my money ran out. I have been in contact with the Cuban Embassy in London and I now have the possibility of going back to resume treatment. The same

type of treatment is available too in East Germany and I have also been in contact with the East German Embassy about the possibility of receiving treatment in that country.

The reason I am writing is to appeal for funds for my treatment. I am hoping that negotiations with both Cuba and East Germany will be sorted out in February. Should these fail, the money raised will be used either to continue with my fight for treatment or will be donated to a medical group or charity in this country.

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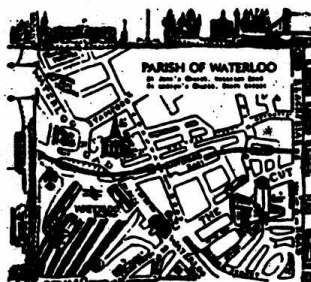
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