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Small earthquake in Bermondsey

A radical scheme to improve bus services between London Bridge and Southwark Docklands has been proposed by Southwark Council's Department of Engineering and Public Works. They have begun consultations with residents in the Tower Bridge area for their views on the scheme to run buses west along Tooley Street, presently one way for most of its length.

Under the proposal, west-bound buses would no longer turn off Jamaica Road into Tanner Street but would continue directly along Tooley Street into the existing two way road at the junction of Bermondsey Street.

Tooley Street would thus become two way along its entire length, but the west-bound lane would be restricted to buses only. There would be no access for other vehicles, but specially designated service bays would allow vehicles to service shops and other properties along the south side of Tooley Street.

The Department of Engineering and Public Works say that implementation of the scheme would also lead to improvements for pedestrians to safely cross Tooley Street.

At the junction of Tanner Street and Jamaica Road, to allow buses entry to Tooley Street, the existing pedestrian crossings would be replaced by pedestrian phase lights. At the Tooley Street and Tower Bridge Road junction, pedestrian phase lights would also be installed and at Druid Street, in front of Potters Fields, a new signal controlled pedestrian crossing would incorporate a cycle crossing as well.

At present, three bus services, routes P11, 47 and 188, would be affected by the proposal. Under the proposal, the P11 would turn left off Tooley Street down Weston



Priority for buses in Tooley Street

Street in order to set down and pick up passengers at Guy's Hospital. Route 47 would run all the way along Tooley Street, while the 188 would turn from Tooley Street into Tower Bridge Road. Locations of new bus stops have not yet been decided.

One consequence of the scheme would be the elimination of illegal parking on Tooley Street. This might be to the disadvantage of some residents in an area where there are no residents parking bays and little off-street parking. On the other hand, much of the illegal parking is commuter parking and whatever the source, is a nuisance to residents.

London Buses are said to be strongly supportive of the scheme. Presently, buses suffer considerable delays in both directions in the London Bridge area. The bus operators believe that two way running along Tooley Street would cut down on delays and save on their costs and on passenger journey times. There is the suggestion that once in operation, London Buses will consider increasing bus services along Tooley Street.

Residents of Devon Mansions and other estates along Tooley Street would benefit from the changes, especially when returning with shopping from Surrey Quays. On the other hand, some residents

have expressed concern about siting of bus stops, which are often associated with noise and vandalism.

Southwark Council favours giving priority to public transport and Council members have given their initial approval to the proposal, as long as residents are in favour and that the money to implement the scheme is forthcoming from property developers along the route.

The Department of Engineering & Public Works wants to know what residents think about the proposal. If you have any comments to make, write: DEPW, Municipal Offices, Larcum Street, SE17 1RY, or telephone 703 5464 x 2116.

Borough High Street Conservation Area at the crossroads

The face of Borough High Street, one of London's most ancient thoroughfares, designated as an Outstanding Conservation Area due to its collection of interesting historical buildings, some of which are listed, could be substantially altered should two current railway proposals go ahead. The neighbouring Borough Market and the surrounding area will also be affected.

Readers will be familiar with the proposal of British Rail to build a new railway viaduct across Borough High Street to O'Meara Street. In addition, London Underground is planning the construction of a new ticket office for the Northern Line station at London Bridge, located under the junction of Borough High Street and Southwark Street.

Both of these proposals require approval from Parliament before works begin. London Underground is looking for the necessary approval from Parliament this year, but British Rail has not yet submitted a Bill to Parliament seeking authorisation to build its new railway viaduct. They are expected to do so in November this year.

The scale of demolition in the Borough Market area which these two schemes would involve has become clearer since the publication of London Underground's Parliamentary Bill which has details of the proposed works.

Taken together with what is already known of British Rail's viaduct proposal, the implementation of both of these schemes in their present form would certainly result in the complete loss of a significant section of Borough High Street around

the junction of Southwark Street, and the further destruction of buildings behind the High Street.

This area of North Southwark affected by the railway proposals is the site of the original 'suburb' of London, located at the lowest crossing point of the Thames. In the past few years, because of the demolition of many buildings and their replacement by office blocks, many important archaeological discoveries have been made, providing new evidence of Roman settlement in Southwark.

The area is also rich in more recent historical associations. The buildings which will be affected by the railway proposals date mainly from the nineteenth century, and reflect the last phase of the redevelopment of the north of the borough. These include the unique Borough Market, London's oldest, and only surviving, wholesale fruit and vegetable market, and the recently refurbished Hop Exchange, with a galleried interior considered to be one of the finest in the country. The present Market building dates from 1831, although a market has existed on this site since the thirteenth century.

The street patterns of the area affected date back to mediaeval times when, because of its proximity to London, the Borough was an important mercantile centre. Plans of the area from the mid eighteenth century show a network of street, lanes and alleyways which still exist today. These streets were designed principally for use by pedestrians and unfortunately today suffer from the invasion of the car.

Even so, a walk through this largely hidden part of Southwark's riverfront will well repay the effort.

British Rail's viaduct widening proposal involves building two new railway tracks alongside the existing viaduct from London Bridge station to O'Meara Street. This would require the demolition of 16-26 Borough High Street and three buildings opposite, including the Burger Bar on the corner of London Bridge Street and the neighbouring newsagent and hardware store, 11-15 Borough High Street. These are all shop fronts in the traditional style.

Behind Borough High Street, further demolition will include part, if not all, of Green Dragon Court, the Globe Pub, buildings on Bedale Street, part of the roof canopy of the Borough Market, the Wheatshaf Pub and the Hop Exchange on Southwark Street, a Grade II listed building.

London Underground's scheme to build a new underground ticket office would mean installing a steel flyover, up to six feet above ground level, at the Borough High Street/Southwark Street junction, to enable building work to go on underneath. The expected time of construction will be up to five years.

London Underground want to use part of the Borough Market, known as the Green market, as a work site during the construction period which would seriously disrupt the operations of the Market.

London Underground's scheme would also involve the demolition of buildings on Borough High Street, for a new street level entrance to the ticket office. Present plans indicate that 31-37 Borough High Street would all go to make way for this. It is still not certain if other buildings will be required, particularly at the junction of St Thomas Street.

Demolition of all these properties would not only affect the fabric of the Borough High Street Conservation Area, but the last remaining group of useful local shops would also be lost. In addition, a number of local residents stand to lose their homes.

For these reasons, a number of residents, businesses and local amenity groups in the Borough Market area, as well as Southwark Council, have petitioned Parliament for amendments to London Underground's Bill, amounting to about 16 petitions in all.

Petitioners, while not opposed in principle to London Underground's plans, which will relieve congestion and improve safety on the Underground at London Bridge, have suggested alternative locations for working sites and ticket hall entrances. These will be presented to Parliament later this year when the Bill is discussed there in Committee. Residents, though, are opposed outright to British Rail's plans for a new railway viaduct which would cause unacceptable destruction in this unique area of London.

Story by Jackie Power



16-26 Borough High Street



31, 33, 37 Borough High Street

BERMONDSEY NURSERY COMMUNITY

After seven years existence, one of Southwark's first community nurseries, Bermondsey Community Nursery, finally has a home it can call its own.

Thanks to a deal negotiated with the developers of Butlers Wharf next to Tower Bridge, mainly due to the efforts of Riverside Ward Councillor Coral Newell, the Nursery recently opened its doors at its new premises in Nutmeg House, formerly a semi-derelict warehouse

estate on Tower Bridge Road, but conditions forced them to leave there in July 1989. The Nursery then had to close temporarily while the staff of the Nursery worked hard to re-establish it at Nutmeg House, preparing the premises for occupation at the beginning of this year.

Bermondsey Community Nursery provides full time places for 24 children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. Since some of these children only attend several days a week, some 35



Although final leases have still to be agreed and signed, Butlers Wharf developers Conran Roche have beautifully rehabilitated this old building, part of which will be for community uses. Apart from Bermondsey Community Nursery, Tooley Street Tenants Association will soon take up residence there as well, in a new tenants hall.

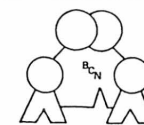
Bermondsey Community Nursery has its day-care centre on the ground floor of the building. The space has been purpose designed and includes a large activities area, a quiet room, kitchen, bathroom and office. There is a small, secure play area outside where the children rush about enthusiastically, weather permitting. The nursery workers consider the outdoors area, and outdoor play, to be very important for the children, as most of them live in Devon Mansions on Tooley Street, an area with few public play facilities.

Finding suitable permanent premises has been a long struggle for the Nursery. In 1983, it began life with a grant from the GLC with temporary use of a large hall in the Social Services office in Tooley Street. When this was condemned as a dangerous structure, the Nursery shifted in October 1988 to an empty flat on the Swan Mead

and learn in a secure, loving, informal yet structured environment oriented by professional staff. The multi-ethnic mix of the children, and encouragement of the recognition of diversity among the community, is testimony of the commitment of the Nursery to an anti-racist, and anti-sexist, environment.

Part of the philosophy also is that childcare should be affordable, available to families or single parents, whether working or not. Nursery fees at £3.70 a day, for full time attendance from 9.30am till 3.30pm, are very cheap by comparison with private nurseries which cost up to £17 a day.

Despite income from funding and fees, the Nursery is always in need of extra resources. To raise money for the Nursery, especially since revenue was lost when they had to temporarily close last year, the administrative assistant, Maz Turner, is taking part in the London Marathon on 22nd April on a sponsored run.

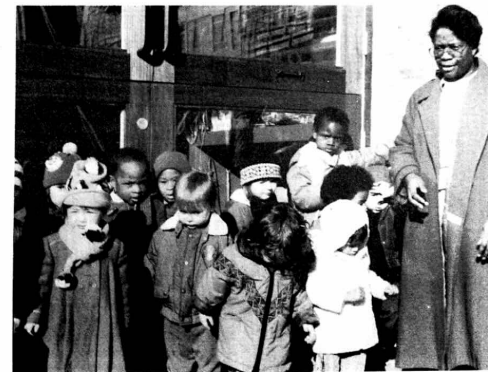


Bermondsey Community Nursery
Nutmeg House
Gainsford Street
Bermondsey, SE1
407 4601

children in all attend the Nursery. Such is the demand for places, that there is a waiting list of 90 children. The Nursery employs four full time nursery workers, a part time cook and a part time administrative assistant and receives funding from LLEA, Southwark Council and the LDCC. A voluntary management committee of all the parents of children at the Nursery oversees employees and finances.

The philosophy of Bermondsey Community Nursery is to provide a service which benefits both child and parents. The children play

If readers wish to sponsor Maz, who has completed four previous marathons, they can ring her at the Nursery on 407 4601, safe in the knowledge that not only will Maz complete the run but also that they will be contributing to a valuable local community facility.



Photos: SE1 Editorial

ADVICE CENTRES

ACTION FOR VICTIMS OF MEDICAL ACCIDENTS

24 Southwark Street, SE1 1TY,
403 4744
Advice for victims of medical, dental
and hospital accidents.

BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT ADVICE CENTRE

44 Nelson Square, SE1, 928 9521
Tues 10.00am - 12 noon (Appointments
only)
Tues 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Fri 10am - 12 noon
Advice on benefits, education, debt,
employment, health, housing,
pensions, problems at home.

BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1,
928 6476
Wed 2.00pm - 4.00pm

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

323 Kennington Road, SE11, 735 9551
Mon & Thur 9.30am - 12.30pm
Tue appointment only.
Telephone service: Wed, Fri
10.30am - 12.30pm

CONSUMER ADVICE CENTRE

18 Lambeth Walk, SE11, 737 3311

NORTH LAMBETH LAW CENTRE

381 Kennington Lane, SE11, 582 4425
Legal advice. Ring for appointment.

WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE

14 Baylis Road, SE1, 261 1404
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 10.00am -
2.00pm, Thur 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Legal Advice Thur 6.30pm - 8.00pm,
Bengali advice session alternate Tue
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Employment/unemployment advice
alternate Wed 12.00 - 2.00pm

WATERLOO EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

Colombo Street Community & Sports
Centre, Colombo Street, SE1, 928 8024
Drop in advice service on employment
and unemployment
Thur 2.00pm - 5.00pm

403 6666
414 Kennington Road, SE11
587 1120
119 Waterloo Road, SE1
928 6225

LLOYDS

69 Borough High Street, SE1
407 7731
243 Elephant & Castle Shopping
Centre, SE1
703 3871/7850
2 York Road, SE1
928 5953

MIDLAND

28 Borough High Street, SE1
407 0575
82 Newington Causeway, SE1
407 2994
22 Stamford Street, SE1
928 6803
41 York Road, SE1
928 3266

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER

8 Borough High Street, SE1
407 4521
125 Newington Causeway, SE1
407 3426
10 Southwark Street, SE1
403 6565
52 Stamford Street, SE1
633 0808
91 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1
928 6735
246 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1
928 8175

TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK

61 Kennington Road, SE1
928 4270
49 Surrey Row, SE1
633 9344

CHILDREN

COUNCIL DAY NURSERIES

Coral Day Nursery, Wootton Street,
Windmill Walk, SE1, 8TR
928 54 53
Mon - Fri, 8.00am - 6.00pm
Lambeth Walk Day Nursery, Longton
House, Lambeth Walk, SE11, 735 2177
Mon - Fri, 8.00am - 6.00pm

PRIVATE NURSERIES

Toad Hall Nursery, 37 St Mary's
Gardens, SE11, 735 5087
Mon - Fri, 8.30am - 5.30pm

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUPS

SE1

Borough Community Centre, 56
Southwark Bridge Road, SE1,
928 6476, Wed 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Colombo Street Community & Sports
Centre, Colombo Street, SE1 8DP, 261
1658
St Jude's Centre, St Georges Road,
SE1, 928 9840, Tues, Thur, 1.00pm -
3.15pm
Waterloo Parents & Toddler Group, 218
Lambeth Road, SE1, 928 6160,
Tues, Wed, 9.30am - 12.00, 1.00pm -
3.30pm, Thur 9.30am - 12.30

SE11

Princes Community Centre, 91
Kennington Lane, SE11, 582 0678,
Tues 2.30pm - 4.00pm, Fri pm
Railway Arch Community Centre, 66
Goding Street, SE11, 582 2668
Rainbow Workshop, Vauxhall Methodist
Mission, Morgan Street, SE11, 587 1912
Wed 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Vauxhall Primary School, Vauxhall
Street, SE11, 274 2401, Thur 9.30am -
12.00
Walnut Tree Walk Primary School,
Walnut Tree Walk, SE11, 274 2401,
Tues 1.00pm - 3.30pm

PLAY CENTRES (SUPERVISED PLAYGROUPS, SCHOOLS)

SE1

Charles Dickens, Lant Street, SE1,
407 1769, Mon - Fri 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Friars, Webber Street, Blackfriars
Road, SE1, 928 5501, Mon - Thur
3.15pm - 5.45pm
Johanna, Johanna Street, Lower Marsh,
SE1, 928 5814, Mon - Fri 3.30pm -
6.30pm Ages: 5-11
St Josephs, 148a Borough High Street,
SE1, 407 2642, Tue - Thur 4.00pm -
6.00pm Ages: 5-11

SE11

Vauxhall Playground, Vauxhall Street,
SE11, 582 2190, Mon - Fri 3.45pm -
6.15pm, Infants and Juniors only.
Walnut Tree Walk, Walnut Tree Walk,
SE11, 725 1402, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur,
3.30pm - 6.30pm Ages 5-11

PLAYGROUPS

Caine Hall Playgroup, Caine Hall
Family Centre, Tyers Street, SE11,
582 2618, Mon-Fri 9.30am - 12.00,
9.30am - 12.00, 1.00 - 3.00
St Judes Centre, St Georges Road,
SE1, 928 9840, Mon - Fri 9.15am -
12.45pm

TOY LIBRARIES

Barley Mow Clinic, Greet House,
Frazier Street, SE1, 928 9521, Wed
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Moffat Clinic, 65 Sarcroft Road,
SE11, 735 4169, Tues 9.30am - 12.00
Thurs 2.00pm - 4.00pm

CHURCHES

CAVALRY HEALING CENTRE

Meets at St Anselm's Church,
Kennington Road, SE11, Sun 3.00pm -
6.00pm
Pastor: Bishop Ivan Samuels 582 9336

CHRIST CHURCH & UPTON CHAPEL

United Reform & Baptist

Junction of Kennington Road and
Westminster Bridge Road, SE1
Sunday Services: 11.00am & 6.30pm
Thur Lunch Hour Group 1.15pm - 2.00pm
Minister: Rev Graham Powell 587 0783

LAMBETH MISSION

Methodist

Lambeth Mission, Lambeth Road, SE1,
735 2166
Vauxhall Methodist Church, Worgan
Street, SE11, 587 1912
Sunday Services: Lambeth Mission
11.00am & 6.30pm, Vauxhall 11.00am
Superintendent Minister: Rev Michael
Fielding

NORTH LAMBETH PARISH

Anglican

Parish Centre: St Anselm's Vicarage,
Kennington Road, SE11, 735 3403
Sunday Services: St Anselm's
Kennington Cross 8.00am & 10.00am
St Mary (in Lambeth Mission): 9.30am
& 11.00am
St Peter, Kennington Lane, Vauxhall:
11.15am
Weekday Services: St Anselm's: Tues and
Fri 7.30am & Wed 10.00am
St Peter: Wed 7.30pm
Rector: Rev Andrew Grant 735 3403

ST PATRICK'S WATERLOO

Roman Catholic

Cornwall Road, SE1, 928 4818
Sunday Services: Masses 9.00am,
11.00am & 5.00pm
Weekday Services: Masses 8.00am (Mon
- Fri), 12.30pm

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Roman Catholic

Lambeth Road, SE1
Sunday Services: Masses 8.00am,
10.00am (Family), 11.00am (Choral) &
6.00pm
Weekday Services: Masses 7.30am,
12.30pm, 6.00pm
Clergy: Rev Peter Stodart, Rev
Michael Hayes
Clergy House, Westminster Bridge
Road, SE1, 928 5256/3603

SALVATION ARMY CITADEL

1 Princess Street, SE1, 928 7136
Sunday Meetings: 10.30am Holiness
Meeting, 11.45am Children, 5.45
Prayer Meeting, 6.30pm Salvation
Meeting
Corps Officer: Jim Prescott

PARISH OF WATERLOO

Anglican

St John's, Waterloo Road with St
Andrew's, Short Street
Sunday Services: St John's 10.30am
(Eucharist), St Andrew's 6.30pm
(Evening Prayer)
Weekday Services: St John's, Mon -
Fri 12.30pm (Eucharist), St Andrew's,
Wed 7.00pm (Eucharist)
Vicar: Revd Rob Yeomans
Parish Office: St Andrew's, Short
Street, SE1, 633 9819/928 4470

LONDON CITY MISSION

Caine Hall Family Centre

Tyers Street, SE11, 582 2618
Services: Sunday 11.00am - 12.00
Family Worship, Mon 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Youth Fellowship: Mon 7.30 - 9.30,
Bible study and teaching Wed 7.30 -
9.30 (For 13+), Fri 5.00pm - 6.00pm
(For under 13's)

CLAIMANTS

HOUSING BENEFIT

Council Tenants:
Kennington/Vauxhall District Office,
Vauxhall Lane, SE11, 622 6566
Private Tenants and General Occupiers:
Olive Morris House, 18 Brixton Hill,
SW2, Tues, Thur, 10.00am - 4.00pm

'HAVE TO' SHOP

150A Newington Butts, SE11, 622 8245
Open Mon - Sat 9.00am - 6.00pm
Sells second hand clothes, furniture,
toys, etc to people on benefits.
Advice on welfare rights. Runs
pensioners and single parents club.

PENSIONS

Wedge House, Blackfriars Road, SE1,
928 4949

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES

SE1: Wedge House, 30-40 Blackfriars
Road, SE1, 928 4949
SE11/17: 206 Kennington Park Road,
SE11 4DE, 735 8855, Mon - Fri 9.30am
- 3.30pm

EMERGENCY DSS OFFICE

Keyworth House, Keyworth Street, SE1
For urgent enquiries after 5.30pm
407 2315. Open: Mon - Fri 6.00pm -
10.00pm, Sat 9.00am - 10.00pm, Sun &
Bank Holidays 2.00pm - 6.00pm

SOCIAL SERVICES

Area 1 (Lambeth): 190 Kennington
Lane, SE11 5DX, 735 7255
For home helps, meals on wheels, aids
and adaptations.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT OFFICE

Keyworth House, Keyworth Street, SE1,
928 8077, Open: 9.00am - 3.30pm

COMMUNITY CENTRES

BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 OAS,
928 6476

CAINE HALL FAMILY CENTRE

Tyers Street, SE11 5HN, 582 2618

COLOMBO STREET COMMUNITY & SPORTS CENTRE

Colombo Street, SE1 8DP, 261 1658

RAILWAY ARCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

66 Goding Street, SE11, 582 2668

VAUXHALL GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE

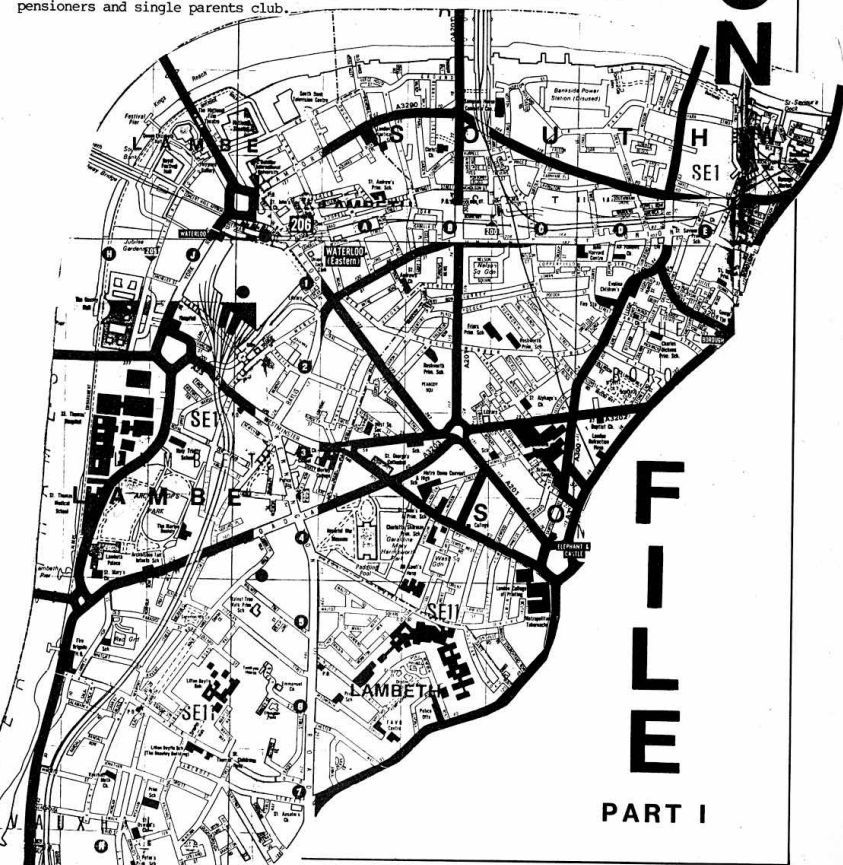
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LOCAL INFORMATION

FILE PART I

GARDENING WITH JACKIE POWER

March should see an improvement in the weather and the length of the day gradually increasing. Therefore seed sowing can begin and dormant herbaceous perennials can be divided and/or transplanted. Discard hard woody stumps and keep any young outer shoots.

The year's programme of lawn work starts this month. When ground conditions are dry and the grass has noticeably grown, rake off surface rubbish and cut, removing the top growth only - close cutting could damage the lawn at this time.

Now is a good time to tidy wall growing ivies - clip off some of the leaves and any bare straggly stems, then brush down (with a broom) to remove dirt, debris and dead leaves. This may leave the plant looking bare but it should put new growth on quite quickly and will be all the better for a springclean.

Outdoor varieties of Fuchsia which have spent the winter outside (they can be overwintered inside), often in tubs or window boxes, now need the stems cutting down to about one inch above the ground, they will then produce new growth later in the year.

Some of the plants that will start flowering during March are Camellias, Forsythias, the early Almond and ornamental Plums. Primulas are another plant which will become more numerous and make ideal subjects for window box displays.

March signals the awakening of the garden and an increasing workload, even if you don't have a garden, indoor plants will soon demand more attention and window boxes will need a seasonal change of plants.

Next month: April in flower.

Opposition grows to heliport

Opposition, north and south of the river, has been growing to the proposal by a consortium of City business interests to build a heliport next to Cannon Street railway station, which we reported on in detail in the December issue of SE1.

The Corporation of London, which is the planning authority for that area, has still not made up its mind whether to give permission for the heliport to go ahead.

A variety of objectors have joined forces to oppose the scheme, on both banks of the Thames, including City banks and businesses, schools, local residents and community groups. They are convinced that the heliport will be very noisy and will cause disruption over many areas of London, since it is proposed to overfly up to a dozen London boroughs.

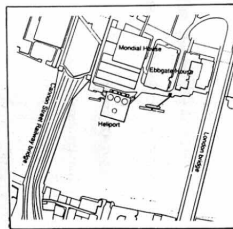
The consortium are seeking permission for up to 25,000 helicopter take-offs and landings a year. This far exceeds the 15,000 movements a year at London's existing major heliport at Battersea where permission was recently refused for an increase in traffic.

Opponents are concerned not only about noise but also about the effect of the

heliport, which stands taller than Cannon Street railway bridge, on the riverscape and the riverwalk. It is also feared that, when in operation, the heliport will interfere with views of St Paul's Cathedral from the south side of the river.

Objectors believe that a decision on the heliport should not be left to the Corporation of London and should be the subject of a Public Inquiry. The Secretary of State for the Environment has the power to call such an inquiry and objectors have written to him asking him to do just that.

If you are concerned about the possible arrival of a heliport on your doorstep, you can help to prevent it by writing to Chris Patten MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, House of Commons, London SW1.



Office block will replace former open space

Property developers last month won an appeal which will allow them to build an office block at St Georges Circus on the site of what was once public open space.

Despite the protests of local people and Southwark Council, in February last year the London Residuary Body sold the open space, next to Borough Road Library, for £600,000. The London Residuary Body took over the affairs of the Greater London Council when London government was abolished in March 1986. The GLC had landscaped the site in 1970.

No sooner had the developers took possession than they cut down the trees, boarded up the site, opened up a temporary car-park, without planning permission, and then filed an application with Southwark Council's Planning Department for an office block.

Hoping to gain at least something in return for the lost open space, Southwark's planners asked the developers for environmental improvements in the area if permission was to be granted. The Council also wanted guarantees that archaeological excavation work would be allowed on the site prior to the start of building work, considering the present archaeological importance of North Southwark.

The developers were not happy with these conditions, however, and appealed to the Secretary of State for the Environment against them.

They won their appeal and now it seems that a terrace of office buildings will be built at St George's Circus where once there was open space, without an archaeological dig and without any environmental improvements.



Former public open space at St George's Circus

Waterloo Amenities entertain children

On Friday 26th January, the children of Charlotte Sharman School were presented with 'The Emperor's Time Tunnel', a puppet show performed by Jacinto Puppets (alias James and Joan Barton).

The performance was a present to the school as a special thank you from Waterloo Amenities Group for the school's continuing support, though plays and concerts, of the elderly people of North Lambeth.

The show itself told the story of the Puntastical Emperor's land which contains the key to time. The puppets were brilliant creations that captivated the imagination of the entire audience, who

seemed to squeal and scream in a mixture of delight and terror throughout the show!

The pleasure on the faces of both the children and the teachers was a delight to see, and the afternoon was certainly a very fitting thank you.

Elspeth McBain
Entertainment Officer
Lambeth Amenities

Mary Dimond of Waterloo Amenities adds that the event was very good indeed, with about 250 children and teachers there. Waterloo Amenities received a letter of thanks from the children, the longest letter they have ever received!

A burden lifted

Dear SE1

In last month's SE1 Mrs Coot asked what had happened to the three Atlas Statues from the front of the former Atlas Paper Works on Newington Causeway. Well, the good news is that the statues have not ended up as rubble, but are safely in storage whilst rebuilding work goes on there.

They were taken down when the front of the building was demolished in 1988. Since then they've lain in storage while a new office building was planned. The Swedish developers of the site grew rather fond of the giant statues and now intend to put them up in the entrance of the building when it's finished. They say that local people will be welcome to pop in and take a look!

As Mrs Coot says, it's sad when parts of the area's heritage are destroyed by redevelopment, and it's good in this case to see just a little bit of history live on.

Terry Wilden
Planning Manager
Bermondsey, Rotherhithe and Borough areas
London Borough of Southwark

Our thanks to Terry Wilden for unearthing the whereabouts of the Atlas statues. Another reader from Tay Buildings in Camberwell has written to us saying that he remembers a picture being taken of the Globe Cinema, Bricklayers Arms, Old Kent Road, after the alteration of the entrance around 1929. He thinks it would be interesting if a picture of it could be found and published in SE1. Any chance of unearthing this one Terry?

SE1 Editorial



Transport policies in discussion

Southwark Council is preparing a Local Plan for the borough, known as a Unitary Development Plan. This document will set out the Council's policies on a wide range of topics which include transport, housing, social and community facilities, amongst others.

The Plan will also set out the Council's views on how it would like to influence and control new building development and change throughout the borough. A number of public meetings and events have been organised to get the views of local people about what policies the Council should include in the Plan.

In North Southwark there are major transport proposals which are at present being considered by the government. These include the Jubilee Line Extension and improvements to the London Bridge Northern Line Station. There are also a wide range of

transport issues relating to traffic, car parking, pedestrian access, heliports and bus services which are of concern to local people.

The Local Plan will not be able to solve all the problems arising from these specific issues, but, it will provide the basis and guidelines for action by the Council in the future.

The Council's draft local plan includes policies for transport. The Planning Department, together with North Southwark Community Development Group, is holding an open meeting to give local people the opportunity to comment on these policies and put forward their views on the transport issues affecting the area.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 29th March at 7.00pm at the Beormund Centre, 177 Abbey Street, SE1 (see back page for further details).

Rape counselling group set up

Workers from the Waterloo Health Project, and Waterloo Community Counselling Project, are setting up a local group for women who have been raped or sexually assaulted.

There were 171 sexual attacks in Lambeth last year alone, which indicates the scale of the problem. Sexual assault can leave women feeling all kinds of emotions, ranging from anger, sadness and fear, through to guilt or numbness. Whatever they are feeling, it is most important that women reassured that the feelings are o.k. and that they are not to blame for the assault.

Different women react differently to rape. Some

women feel that they can talk about it immediately. Other women may take years before they can actually talk to someone. But for most women it is helpful at some stage to talk about their experience and feelings, and gain support from other women who have been through similar things.

We have been approached by several women who have personally felt the need for this type of support, and to this end we are setting up a group for women who have been sexually assaulted and/or raped.

For further details, please phone Alison or Pauline on 633 0852.

Lambeth recycles waste paper

As part of its effort to save natural resources by recycling waste materials, Lambeth Council opened ten paper banks throughout the borough last month.

The waste paper collected will be repulped and made into reasonable quality paper for printing and duplicating.

Only newspapers and magazines can be put into the paperbanks but people with cardboard can take it to the

Household Waste and Recycling Centre in Vale Street, West Norwood.

The paper saving scheme is operated by Lambeth and Cheshire Paper Recycling Ltd who will pay the Council for the paper it collects.

In the local area, there are paper banks located in Belvedere Road, SE1, opposite Royal Festival Hall and outside Lambeth Depot, Oval Way, SE11.

BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
on Wednesday 21st March, 6.30pm at 56 Southwark Bridge Road

Bed cuts likely at St Thomas'

West Lambeth Community Health Council has warned that West Lambeth Health Authority is facing cuts of £9 million to keep within its budget for the next financial year which commences in April.

The figure comes from the Health Authority itself in budget forecasts prepared by its officers. The Authority is already facing a deficit of over £3 million in the current financial year, following the resignation of its Treasurer in controversial circumstances as we reported in the last issue of SE1.

The projected £9 million cuts include £4.4 at St Thomas' Hospital. In order to achieve this figure, the General Manager of St Thomas' is proposing the closure of 73 more beds, in addition to the more than 100 beds which have already been closed in the past several years. Out-patient appointments would be cut by 10% and staff levels would be reduced by 134, including 68 nurses and 13 doctors.

According to the Community Health Council, the cuts would reduce the capacity of St Thomas' to such an extent that its status as a teaching hospital would be threatened. The CHC Secretary, Richard Wiles, told SE1 "The time has come to say that this level of cuts is simply unattainable, and the Health Authority's priority is to maintain a service to patients. The government must make extra resources available to prevent health services in West Lambeth from collapsing."

Club party

Dear SE1

The Monday Pensioners Club, at Waterloo Action Centre in Baylis Road, held its Christmas Party on the 8th January. Everyone enjoyed the occasion, including the dinner. Drinks were provided with the help of Steve and Dave of 'The Wicked Off Licence', who kindly offered a discount.

The Club is now looking forward to the Summer for a couple of outings. We wish SE1 all the best for the New Year.

Doreen Ramsay
Club Leader

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