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OUTHWARK GETS IT RIGHT

Southwark Council has changed its policy on the redevelopment of the Coin Street area. On 20th July, the Planning Committee agreed recommendations from officers to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment informing him that the Council strongly opposed to office development and wishes to support the proposals put forward by the Association of Waterloo Groups.

This means that for the first time ever the GLC, Lambeth Southwark and local community groups are all united in their policies for Coin Street. All back AWG's mixed housing, light industry, shopping, park and recreational plans. All are opposed to Greycoat Commercial Estates' office scheme.

SE1 understands that the Public Inquiry Inspector is still writing his report to the Secretary of State Heseltine. It is likely to be submitted in September and a government decision announced towards the end of the year.

ARSON

In the early hours of 31st July, shortly before SE1 went to press, fires were started on the first floor of the Stamford Wharf warehouse. Fortunately a passing policeman heard the automatic alarm and fire engines and a damage control van were on the spot within minutes. As a result the fire was put out within an hour and damage to the building was limited.

A member of the fire brigade told SE1: "No way was it an accident. There were fires started in 3 different places."

Stamford Wharf is one of the Coin Street sites. A

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PLAN OUT

Southwark Council has decided to withdraw the local plan for its part of the SE1 area and to produce a new North Southwark District Plan as soon as possible. In its election manifesto the Council promised to review the NSDP and after widespread discussion it felt that the only option was to withdraw the Plan completely.

Local people objected vigorously to the original NSDP prepared by the previous Council and forced a public inquiry after over 100 local objections were received. They objected to the fact that it did not represent what local people wanted and presented in such a technical way that most people found it very difficult to understand.

The new Southwark Council felt that it would be impossible to modify the plan, particularly its format. This could not be changed, as adamantly demanded by locals, unless it was completely re-written.

Southwark's planning chairperson and local SE1 councillor Geoff Williams told SE1:

"This now gives us an opportunity to produce a plan much more sympathetic to the needs and aspirations of the people of North Southwark which is exactly what a local plan should hope to do."

Southwark's planning officers have been instructed to go away and prepare a new written statement and a map of proposals

- they can use a great deal of the basic survey work that was done earlier - and eventually a new opportunity for consultation and for local people to put their views will be provided.

This, along with decisions concerning Coin Street and Meymott St, mentioned elsewhere, gives a clear indication that the future planning framework for the North Southwark area will be more in line with what they have argued for in the past.



INSIDE - P4 YOUR GUIDE TO KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The local newspaper!

WORK IDEAS

NEW WORKER FOR EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

Steph Blackwell has recently started with the Waterloo Employment Project, now based at Colombo Street Community Centre.



She is not a newcomer to SE1, having once lived in at the Royal Waterloo Hospital. Steph originally trained as a teacher, and her last post involved the enormous catchment area of Dover to Lands End, partly running preparation courses for employment within in prisons, and partly actually finding employment for offenders. Steph initiated a 'Job Hunter Pack' which is now used as a training manual, and also gave lectures on employment, and advised probation officers and Job Centres on the placing of offenders. Steph is also involved with WORC-Work for Offenders Research Council- which is investigating the ways in which Job Centres help offenders.

In the Employment Project Steph sees her major commitment to the long term unemployed, who are defined as being without work for over one year. She is also looking at the possibility of organising co-operatives, but only after feasibility studies. These studies make note of the goods and services that are already available and that could be expanded, and also indicate new areas which could find a market. This approach is in sharp contrast to that of the Manpower Services Commission and Community Enterprise Programmes, which have as yet only initiated employment from the social work angle, and almost devoid of the business acumen which is vital to long-term survival.

If you have been out of work for more than a year, Steph would like to hear from you. And if you see her one day either at your front door or in the street with questionnaires in her hand, please be ready to help her to answer those questions. You could well be contributing to some new jobs!

Letters

Dear SE1,

May I through 'SE1' thank your staff and readers for the many letters, cards and visits I received whilst I was in hospital.

Although it might be some time before I shall be back in circulation the good wishes will help to speed the day.

Best wishes
Jim Patrick
Lewes House, Druid St.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER, LAMBETH COUNCIL

Dear Mr Edwards,

I regret having to draw your attention to a number of serious health hazards affecting residents on a Lambeth Council estate. As an unfortunate tenant of the Campbell Buildings, Baylis Road, I have to inform you of the appalling and dangerous conditions under which we live.

(SE1 readers will know that the five blocks are in the process of being demolished, block by block.) Some of the flats are occupied by longstanding, rent paying tenants, such as myself and my family, others are being occupied by squatters and dossers.

This gives rise to the following problems: vandalism, fires and the dumping of refuse, culminating in the total degeneration of all services essential to the health and safety of the residents. A list is given below of all the hazards we face, which should give a clear indication of the seriousness of the situation.

Having lived in the Campbell Buildings all our lives (my family have had the tenancy for over twenty five years) we are concerned that the council are making no efforts to re-house us, as they have other decentes

BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1

Are you good at organising? If so then we need you for our Sunday Club for old age pensioners, from 4 to 6pm.

Also for our Youth Club (age group from 13 to 16 years) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7 to 9.30pm.

If you are interested, for more details please contact Linda on 928 6476.

Only voluntary workers need apply.

For further information try phoning Steph between 11am and 4 pm on 928 8024, or write to her at the Waterloo Employment Project, Colombo St. Centre London SE1 8DP.

who were occupying Campbell Buildings on the basis of short term lets only. In addition we are expected to continue living under and paying rent for the conditions I have described without any prospect of being moved in the near future.

I therefore urgently request on behalf of my family and the other tenants that you visit the flats immediately to investigate this matter and recommend to Lambeth Council that they re-house us with greatest possible speed, as it would seem most unlikely that they would be prepared to make the necessary repairs to make the place habitable again in a matter of days or weeks before the demolition of these buildings.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Yours sincerely
John Murray

Health & Safety Hazards at Campbell Buildings Water Tanks

Many of these have been broken into and the covers removed, and are open to pollution by vermin etc. Refuse has been piled high around and in some cases on top of the water tanks, and there is debris inside some of them.

Water pipes

These also have been vandalised. . .

Guttering and storm drains
Flashings have been removed so rain cascades down the sides of buildings rather than through the drain pipes. This leads to excessive dampness.

Derelect flats

These are on all floors, some no longer boarded up, and so have been subject to fires and being filled with refuse and excrement by dossers.

Electric fuses and wiring

Fuse boxes are constantly being broken into and vandalised. This can interrupt tenants electricity, and could cause fires.

Demolition work

This leads to an unacceptably high level of dust, with nothing in between the work and tenants flats.

Broken Glass

The entire estate is stre. with broken glass posing considerable threat to children living on the estate and others who come to play in this insatiable 'adventure playground'.

SHORTS.

(FURTHER NEWS ON ITEMS COVERED IN PREVIOUS ISSUES OF SE1)

CONSUMER ADVICE CENTRES

A decision on whether the Lambeth Walk Consumer Advice Centre is to be closed has been delayed by Lambeth Council until September. This is supposedly so council officers can produce further reports on the matter, including a review of advice giving agencies in the area.

NELSON'S COLUMN



Nelson's Column reviews books. In this issue the Column looks at

(1) ON THE ROOF, by Graham Jameson.

This is a bargain at 75p. The book is very gripping and well illustrated, and can be bought from The Bookplace in Peckham.

The workmen had two bosses, the first being extremely tall, friendly, with a quiet voice and he smiled a lot. The second boss was the opposite. He was short and square-shaped, with a tight mouth: that never smiled.

(2) DON'T COME LOOKING HERE (Women and Words)

This is a collection of short stories and poetry- the white paper and pen in my hand challenge the mind to reproduce spontaneous images and divers, fluctuating times.....

This is an excellent book of 52 pages at 30p from the Bookplace or from James Nelson.

AROUND AND ABOUT SE1

More good planning news! We reported in detail in April on plans for Running Horses Yard/Meymott Street/Blackfriars Road which involved a multi-storey car park and a large amount of office building. The old Southwark Council approved these plans in principle, but wasn't able to tie up the legal agreement on this before the elections changed the face of the council.

The new planning committee has now reviewed this decision and decided to reject the plans. But this may not be the end of the story, as Sainsbury's could appeal. (Sainsbury's owns the land involved and is behind the plans.)

APOLOGY

SE1 wishes to apologise that our effort to live up to the front page of the last issue may have given a misleading impression to some people. Sorry: we dont pretend to be professionals!



SE1 SPORTS

MULTISPORTS AREA OPEN AT LAST

On Friday 6th August at 7pm Baylis Road Multisports Area (on the corner with Waterloo Road) opens at last. What used to be a car park is at last a sports area for local people to use.

INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE SPORTS?

5-a-side football, 5-a-side hockey, tennis, volleyball, netball, basketball.

BOOKINGS

Phone 633 9635 any Thursday between 5pm and 7pm to find out how to book the area or go along to the Waterloo Adventure Playground alongside the Area at the same times. Bookings will be taken for one week at a time only. This is to make sure that everyone gets a fair chance of using the space.

EQUIPMENT

The sports area will be left unlocked, but equipment will be locked up. There are goals and nets for all the sports mentioned but you have to provide your own balls, rackets etc.

MANAGEMENT

The area will be managed by a committee of local users who will be taking the bookings on a voluntary basis on the Thursdays.

WHO CAN USE IT?

Anyone can use the sports area, but to book and use the equipment you need to join as a member. All local residents

over 18 and all community groups in Waterloo are invited to join. Use of the area and equipment is FREE, but membership costs £1 per year for individuals, £3 for groups.

In the autumn, local workers will be invited to join also. Over the summer, a lot of time has been set aside for children and youth groups. During school term time, 4 to 6.45pm is reserved for local youngsters.

The users committee intends to review this bookings system in a month or so, to see how things are working out.

Once again, it is down to local peoples efforts that this sports facility exists: SE1 would like to thank all those who have made it possible, to provide the greatly lacking amenities for the community.

WELCOME SKIP

STRATEGIC SKIPS IN WATERLOO

These skips are intended only for residents' use.

- 6.8.82-12.8.82 Greet St.
- 13 - 19.8.82 Coin St.
- 20 - 26.8.82 Pearman St.
- 27.8 - 2.9.82 NO SKIP
- 3 - 9.9.82 Hercules Rd
- 10 - 16.9.82 NO SKIP
- 17 - 23.9.82 Greet St.

PENSIONERS UNITE!

Have you ever walked behind a dustcart after the men have emptied the bins? It's not a pretty sight. Smelly old rubbish, littering the road and areas around communal dustbins, quite unsafe and unhygienic. And the dustmen tell you not to worry about the mess, because the road sweeper will be along anytime to sweep it up.

At a meeting of the newly formed North Southwark Pensioners' Action Group (NORSWAG), held at the Borough Community Centre in Southwark Bridge Road, a local councillor plus council representatives heard complaints from

pensioners, which included the dustmen. The complaints are merely the tip of the iceberg. What about the great big holes left in the pavements and road which are particularly dangerous to the elderly? The LEB repaired a hole in Great Guildford Street that soon subsided, with the result that Mrs. Hutchington (see photo) tripped up and bruised herself. This matter was reported to the proper quarters for attention, in early July, but as the photo shows, on 21st July the pavement was still in a dangerous condition.

Another issue raised at the meeting concerned the council's policy on redecoration. Technically properties should be redecorated every 7 years, but pensioners would like this to be reduced, and this is allegedly already under review. One lady member

of NORSWAG said that she was even prepared to supply the materials if the council would only supply the labour. Southwark representatives were evasive when action was called for. But can you imagine sitting indoors, enclosed by dull, dreary walls that in some cases have not been decorated for over a decade? NORSWAG assures you that the elderly aren't going to sit quietly any longer. They want action, not pity, so let's make life easier and more dignified for our senior citizens. If you would like your voice to be heard, contact Jim MacDougall on 928 6476. Actions speak louder than words!



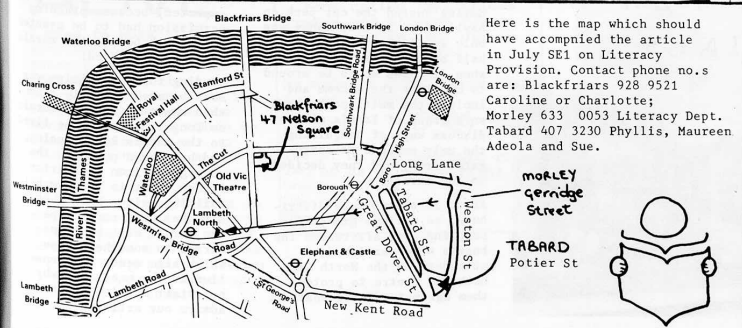
Mrs. Hutchington by the dangerous pavement in Great Guildford St. on 21st July 1982.

BENEFITS

ARE YOU RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT? DO YOU KNOW HOW YOUR MONEY IS CALCULATED? ARE YOU SURE YOU ARE GETTING ALL YOU ARE ENTITLED TO? COME AND FIND OUT MORE, SO THAT YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN CLAIM, OR HELP OTHERS TO CLAIM.

A series of six two-hour talks and discussions are being held at Vauxhall Manor School, Lawn Lane, SW8 from 10 am to 12 am on Tuesday mornings from 22nd September 1982. Free creche facilities will be available. The talks will include the way in which the Supplementary System works, who can claim, the basic rates of benefit, how to arrange payments direct, additional benefits and also how to appeal.

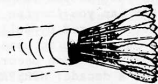
If you are either interested in this course, or would like to discuss the possibility of having another series of talks in the SE1/Lambeth area, please do not hesitate to phone Kathy Glennon at North Lambeth Law Centre on 582 4373.



SCHOOLS OUT

What to do in SE1

Here is a round up of various playschemes, events and places to go over the school holidays: Please check with the various groups as there may be some changes, and there may well be more activities going on that we haven't been told about.



Waterloo Adventur Playground
tel. 633 9365

the following events are arranged during August:

10th August - swimming, cooking; trip to the park; visit to the London Dungeon.

11th - Day trip to France, painting and building.

12th - boat trip to Hampton Court; games at Southbank.

13th - Mask making, games, mobile building, theatre visit.

14th - museum trip, painting, Bar-B-Q and a disco.

17th - swimming, cookery, trip to Greenwich, Southbank.

18th - Knock out table tennis, treasure hunt, pictures & Southbank.

19th - swimming, story telling, finals of table tennis, visit to planetarium.

20th - day trip to Margate, sports and games, painting.

21st - photography, football, and races.

24th - swimming, cooking, disco

25th - museum visit, pictures, sculpture, printing.

26th swimming, city farm, stroy telling, drawing.

27th - camping at Camber Sands, card games, Southbank.

28th - Camping at Camber Sands, trip to Zoo.

31st - Swimming, cookery, clay modelling, sports & games.

1st SEPTEMBER - trip to Farnborough, painting, pictures.

2nd - swimming, Bar-B-Q disco.

3rd - trip to Hastings, painting and building.

4th - CLEAN UP.

SHOWS ETC:

Newington Gardens, Harper Road:
Wednesdays at 3pm
August 11th: Professor Alexander
Punch and Judy show
18th: Albert the Idiot: an
Australian clown
25th: Rhubarb the clown, as
seen at Waterloo Festival.

Jubilee Gardens, South Bank
(next to County Hall):
Mobile Zoo 24th to 26th August
11am to 5.30pm

FAMILY SUMMER WORKSHOP

at Morley College. 23rd to 27th
August. 10.30 - 12.30, 1.30-3.30
Parents and children together
can work on music-making,
puppetry, arts and crafts,
pottery and natural history,
with a party on the Friday.

The theme for the week is
the Festival of India.
Contact John Flemons, Director
of Art at Morley College, 61
Westminster Bridge Rd or phone
him on 928 8501 before the week
to reserve a place.

Mint St.

MINT STREET ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
will be having a wide range of
activities going on Monday to
Friday throughout the school
holidays, 10am to 8pm. There
maybe some on Saturdays too
later on.

Activities include arts &
crafts, candlemaking, clay
modelling, mural painting,
cooking, photography. A wide
range of sports will include
rounders, football, and loads
more.

At various times there will
be inflatables, badge making,
swimming, gardening, building
structures for the playground
etc.

There will be a Mothers &
Toddlers group every Tuesday.
Just turn up at Mint St,
off Southwark Bridge Road,
Parents are welcome to get
involved as well.



Swimming

Following the letter in our
last issue, Southwark Council
have re-opened Southwark Park
open air pool for the summer!

It is FREE, 10am to 6pm, seven
days a week. Buses 1, 47, 70
and 188 go that direction.
Take some lunch with you for a
fun day swimming.

Kennington Park Lido is
also open for the summer,
12 to 7pm, seven days a week,
but it is free 7.30 to 9.30am



COLOMBO ST. SPORTS CENTRE:
Summer playscheme starts 16th
August, going on to 3rd
September. Ros Purcell, the
organiser, has been off ill,
so we haven't got any details.
Contact her on 261 1658 for
information on what is bound
to be a very varied list of
sports to join in on.

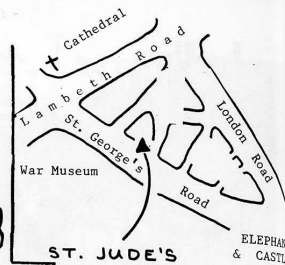
INFLATABLES

The GLC inflatables will be at
Archbishops Park 27th August
and Burgess Park (Addington Sq)
2nd September, 1 to 4.30pm

HERE ARE THE MOVABLE MURALS!

Having ousted the car park on
Baylis Road in 1981 money was
only available to landscape
half of the area. Nobody knew
when finances would be around
to complete the scheme and
include the multisports area,
so a group of locals met to
discuss ways of disguising
the ugly expanse of corrugated
iron, and they decided on
the murals.

About 35 boards were distributed
to various groups for
painting, and afterwards the
boards were varnished by
attenders of the North Lambeth
Day Centre to protect
them against adverse weather.



St Jude's Youth Club

2 new youth clubs opened on
Friday 30th July at St. Jude's
Community Centre, situated in
the crypt of the church in
Colbrook Street-see map.
Children below the age of 9 are
welcome to attend from 6 - 7.30
on Fridays. Under 15's are
welcome from 7.30-9.00 pm.
Both clubs will be run by 2
part time workers: Peter Warr
and Ken Parsons, with assistance
from various locals,
including Tricia and Sylvia.
Those who live around the Colbrook
St. area may well have
seen leaflets and posters to
advertise both clubs. Ken is
a trained badminton instructor
who would like to concentrate
on outdoor sports, eg
football, which will be played
in Mary Harcourt Park. Ken is
in the grounds around the War
Museum. Ken is also interested
in showing films of matches and
training techniques. Peter will
be involving the children in
art and indoor games, eg, table
tennis, and he would like to
bring club members into contact
with rural life; he already
has connections with stables
in South London. There is the
possibility of a trip to South
End in September for club
members.

St. Jude's Community Centre
started about 18 months ago in
the crypt of the church. The
church itself, having been de-
consecrated, is used by St.
Jude's school. The crypt is
also used for a daily 'Save the
Children' Playgroup, by a
pensioners' group and by
tenants associations.

For further information about
the youth clubs, phone Pete or
Ken on Fridays between 6.00
and 9.00 on 928 4534.

In fact the Day Centre housed
the boards for longer than
expected, because planning
permission had to be granted
by Lambeth before the murals
could be displayed.

Funding for the multisports
area became available sooner
than expected, so the murals
no longer needed to be fixed
to the Baylis Road fencing,
and have been put onto the
corrugated iron on Frazier
Street, next to the Campbell
Buildings site. When this
site has been redeveloped,
the murals will be transferred
to somewhere else
which also needs rejuvenation.
In the meantime, why
not visit Frazier St. to
admire our artistic works?



Power

Religion is a form of
superstition. It is one way
of keeping the masses down.
If you can keep the masses
pursuing religion instead
of power and material
things, it is getting them
to look the other way
while you are gaining more
and more power. And most
of all it's a way of keeping
what power you have
already.

P. Simmons

Break a mirror - seven
years' bad luck! Or -
mirrors used to be silvered
with mercury. Mercury is
very poisonous - if you
touched the mercury you
could later forget and put
your fingers in your mouth,
or it could in some other
way get into your food.



MAN ALIVE

I used to work in a mortuary
and one evening between
6 and 10, we had 11
bodies brought in. We
heard a knocking from the
refrigerator where the
bodies are kept. When we
opened it a man sat up
and said, "Where am I?"

It frightened me as
well. A doctor rushed in
and helped him. A nurse
covered him with a blanket.
It was frightening seeing
a living person wearing
mortuary clothes.

Don't light three cigarettes
with one match. The third light
is unlucky. Or - the
soldier who takes the
third light is the one
the sniper kills.



Witchcraft

I don't like witches.
I like the horror films
where you have them. I
think there are witches
now. In the olden times
the witches had big hats,
a big nose, hair had not
been combed, ribbons to
keep on the hat and their
skirts were ripped and all
burnt from the fire.

It's a wonder they can
fly on the mop. They come
out on Halloween to frighten
people. They force
people to drink the pot.
They must have some spell.
I wouldn't do that. It
must taste really horrible.
They put in snails and
worms. They got sharp
nails to use. I'd be
frightened to see one.

Pat McGlade

Perry

When my sister moved into
her flat in Angelina House,
she saw a ghost. This was
in 1977. She saw the ghost
every night when she got
into bed. She made up the
name, Perry, for him. This
went on for 5 years. Her
husband did not believe in
the ghost, he never saw
Perry. She doesn't live
there now. She is glad to
be away from him. The
flat is empty now, because
no-one wants to live
there. Maybe it's because
of Perry.

Eddie



Ghost ?

VOODOO

Voodoo man they say can
read you up. If they say
die, then you are going to
die, but that is super-
stitious. You can use
them to make somebody
dead, and you can use
them to make you better.
We call them obea man or
obea woman, in Jamaica.
They dress different from
us. The women have a
piece of red tied round
their waist, and the men
have a piece of red or
black. Their clothes
are like tramps. If you
go to the obea man to kill
a person, the good one
take your money and says,
"Go home, and the person
will die." But you go
home, and the person
don't die. The bad one
take your money and do
what you say, so the
person die. Just necro-
mancy, black magic.
That man die at the same
time as you pay your
money. I hear about it,
but I don't see it. Most
things like that happen
in the country.

Ivy Rochford.

This page was
written and laid out
by Literacy students
and tutors on a
residential weekend away



SEE THE NEW PAINTINGS



6 our Lil

Lil Nante has attended Blackfriars Work Centre, now situated in Baylis Road, since 1963 and has lived in SE1 since before the War.

Christened Delphine by her Italian parents, she came to be known as Lil because we could not pronounce her first name! She was born in the Holborn/Clerkenwell neighbourhood in 1906. Her father was a pioneer of the asphalt trade, but he died of pneumonia when only 35. So her mother took in lodgers to keep the family afloat financially. Lil started work when she was only 11, although she told them she was 14, by working her summer holiday in Hatton Garden for 12/6 (62p) per week. Then straight from school Lil took on work for a tailor in Shoe Lane, carrying waistcoats to Tottenham Court Road for the buttonholes to be worked. For this she earned 4/- (20p) a week, and she walked all the way to save the 1d bus fare, which went to her mother.

Lil had ambitions of becoming a court dressmaker, but found her self working in her stepfather's cafe instead. She met her husband at the Swiss Club and at the age of 23 they married in her husband's native village in Italy. But the weather didn't agree with Lil, and so she came back to London while expecting her second son. Due to the losses of war, she was never to see her husband again.

On return to London Lil started work at Foyle's bookshop in Charing Cross Road, and then moved to the Novello Publishing Company at the start of the war. Lack of food contributed to Lil contracting pernicious anaemia, due to which she spent some months as an inpatient of the Royal Waterloo Hospital (now a student hostel for Schiller International University). Her elder son was looked after at St. Joseph's convent in Orpington, while her younger son Victor, then still a baby, was cared for by Lil's mother.

Lil contributed to the war effort by sealing ointment tins at 'piece rate'. It was thanks to a district nurse that Lil got a job as a chambermaid with Batt's Club in Dover Street, off Piccadilly. This was an American club, and before long she had the chance to become a waitress. Some of the club's guests were American-born officers of Italian parents, and by talking to them, Lil could tell from which part of Italy their parents originated. Lil remembers one tragic incident: she was the last person to speak to a girl who committed suicide by jumping off the American Embassy's roof in Grosvenor Square, when her boy friend was lost in the war. Lil also met John Kennedy's sister - "Such a tiny little thing" - who was later to die in a plane crash. She would sit cross-legged in her pyjamas on the floor of her room, making phone calls from the minute she arrived. Although tips were forbidden at Batt's, there were occasions when a few cookies would be given to Lil by way of a 'thank you'.

works centre

When Lil first went to the Works Centre, it was in a small hut in Morley Street, on the site where the London Ambulance HQ now stands. Previously Julie Callaghan worked there, and Lady Henrietta Guinness used to visit. Then the Centre moved to the back of the old library in Baylis Rd. This library had been used by the Old Vic Theatre as storage space, and it was in a terrible state. The Works Centre has changed dramatically. Originally it started at Blackfriars Settlement as a club for pensioners, but today newcomers are seldom older than sixty. Lil likes the Work Centre because it takes her out of the home; she doesn't feel old, and in all the years she has worked there, can only remember taking one day out due to illness.

Lil worked with other ladies for 2 years on a carpet which now stands in Lady Goldsmith's library in Tonbridge. The carpet was made in 6 pieces which were finally sewn together on the library floor on the same day that the Work Centre members were invited down to Tonbridge for the day and were served lunch by waitresses. Lil has also made 2 carpets for the film director, Sam Wamanak. "Valerie and I were very quick at rug making. Group work on rugs is very therapeutic. I remember a blind lady who could work rugs in 4 colours."

Unfortunately orders for rugs have fallen off, and the bulk of the work now consists of printing and packing Christmas cards ("we used to paint them"), of folding and sealing leaflets and envelopes, and of toy making. Christine taught them how to knit toys - do you remember seeing their magnificent results at the Festival? These included a spider, a humpty-dumpty and Valerie's hobby horse. The men also make wooden plant pot stands.

Lil appreciates the newly instigated 3 weeks holiday leave, and she would love to go back to making rugs. So if you would like to place an order with the Works Centre, phone Ann Sherman between 10 am & 3 pm on 928 7525.

indians in st. john's

The Rev'd Geoff van der Weegen, Curate at the Lambeth Parishes in Waterloo, has submitted this story, which is based on 'The History and Antiquities of London, Westminster, Southwark and parts adjacent'. It is the story of the 'Death of an Indian Princess'.

The princess was the favourite squaw or wife of the Michigan chief, Mucconnee, who had come to this country in consequence of a treaty for the sale of territory, and who died at her lodgings in Waterloo Road in 1835. Her name was Ah-mik-war-begun-e-je (Beaver, or the Diving Mouse). The chief thought that she would not receive a proper burial, had her baptised a few hours before her death by the name of 'Antoinette O Whow, O Qua'. The body was in an elegant black coffin, richly ornamented, the plate of which was simply inscribed with her name together with 'Died 18th January, 1835, Aged 26'.

She was buried at St. John's, Waterloo. The mourners were the Chief, a young squaw, 3 other Indians and several gentlemen. After the church service, the body was committed to its last home, and at this moment the Chief's behaviour was extremely manly, yet expressive of deep sorrow. He marked the tombstone with Indian characters, which were found to be a prayer that the foot of no stranger might profane it, and also an unerring mark, so that any member of the tribe might know who rested

there. After the service, a white rose was thrown into the grave and Shaw Whash, or Shaw Sword, gave an oration in the Indian language. On returning to the Chief's home, he addressed the mourners in French, saying in effect, 'For 3 years prior to my visit to this country I rested on the bosom of my wife in love and happiness. She was everything to me, and such was my fear that illness or accident might part us in England, that I wished her to remain behind our settlements. This she would not consent to, saying that she was all in the world to her, in life or death, she would remain with me.' We came, and have lost her. I am not, I was, a man of tears; but her loss made me shed torrents; and only corkial to my wounded feelings is the sympathy I see in me, and the great attention and respect paid to the departed.

Several mourners said a few words of condolence, and then retired deeply impressed with the moral occurrence. The Chief was then introduced to the funeral.

On 9th February, a second incident occurred in the burial ground of Waterloo Church, of another Indian Lady, belonging to the Indian mission. The coffin was handsomely mounted, and the plate was inscribed 'Antoinette Nee-mee-nan-quam, aged 26'. The Chief Mucconnee and Shaw Whash lead the mourners. When the coffin was removed to the grave, and the clergyman had finished the service, the Chief requested Shaw Whash to perform their own native service, which consisted of an Indian oration addressed to the deceased's spirit. According to their custom, the Chief threw on the first handful of earth, and the other 2 Indians followed his example, as did those who especially attended the funeral. They desired to see the grave filled up before leaving it, and their request was complied with.

When the Chief's wife had been buried in the same churchyard 2 weeks before, he had marked her grave with his 'totem', by which he expected that, as in his own country, the ground would be highly respected. He now expressed the desire that the second body should be laid near his wife's grave, but was exceedingly anxious that her grave should not be disturbed. At first, his mind engaged with the service, and did not seem to take particular notice of the spot. With Indian accuracy he had at his wife's funeral taken the bearings in every direction from objects to which he pointed, as if he should say he knew the spot without any other marks. But besides, he had placed his 'totem' on the adjacent tombstone. The totem is a badge of distinction by which Indians are known throughout the tribes....

TO BE CONTINUED

help for the homeless?

There are few things worse than being homeless. In 1977 a law was passed to help some people who became homeless. The law is called the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977.

The law says that the Council must rehouse you if you are homeless or threatened with being homeless if:

- (a) you are pregnant; or
- (b) you have dependant children or
- (c) you are vulnerable because you are over retirement age; or because you suffer from mental illness, mental handicap, or physical disability; or because you are in danger of being battered at home; or because you are young and in danger of being mistreated or exploited; or
- (d) you are made homeless because of flooding, fire, or other disaster.

The Council must rehouse you, or help you to get rehoused in these situations, together with people that you normally live with, provided that you have not deliberately made yourself homeless.

But what about everyone else? The law says nothing about housing single people and couples who have no children and are not 'vulnerable'. This is the case even though the 1981 census shows that over half the population of the London Borough of Lambeth are without children. Who are these people? They include the grown up children of local people; people who are separated or widowed; people coming here looking for jobs; and students.

How do these people get rehoused? They must accept high rents and poor conditions in privately rented homes, or suffer the indignities of living in bed and breakfast, or face the insecurity of squatting or living in short-life homes, or hostels at worst, they must sleep rough in the streets.

How much longer will this state of affairs continue? When will the Government finally accept that everyone should have the right to a decent home that they can afford?

contact:

Lambeth people who are, or will be homeless, and qualify for Council help should call at the Homeless Persons Unit, Town Hall Parade, Brixton Hill, London SW2. Southwark people in the same situation, who live in the SE1 area should call at the District Housing Office, Castle House, 2 Walworth Road, London SE1.

Robin Widdowson.

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- **PLANNING**
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WE HELP LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS WITH LEGAL PROBLEMS

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WHO & HOW
THE MAP ON THE LEFT SHOWS THE AREA SERVED BY THE LAW CENTRE. If you live in the area of Lambeth shown on the map, and wish to make an appointment after getting advice from Citizens Advice Bureau - Waterloo Action Centre - North Lambeth Neighbourhood Centre - then phone us or call in between 10.00am - 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

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NORTH LAMBETH LAW CENTRE IS AT 381 KENNINGTON LANE SE11 TEL: 582 4425 OR 582 4373
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EVENING ADVICE

Every Wednesday evening from 6.30pm - 8.00pm, you can visit the centre - without making an appointment - to get free advice about any legal problem. The evening session is run by the law centre with volunteer solicitors from private firms who will help with anything from making a will to advice about a traffic offence.

EMERGENCIES

In an emergency where you need legal help - for example, someone you know is being held at a police station, battered by their husband, illegally evicted or subject to deportation - you can phone and speak to a legal worker at any time of the day or night on 582 4425.

CAN YOU DEFEND MY KID? MY KID'S BEEN ARRESTED FOR SCARING SHEEP
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If You Have a Legal Problem:



FREE LEGAL ADVICE
every thursday
6.30 pm ~ 8 pm
Waterloo Legal Advice Service
14 BAYLIS Rd., SE1 Tel. 261 1404



Back Row left to right: Lil Nante, Doris, Lilly Westgate and Christine. Front row: Ada, Peggy and Valerie.

join us

The SE1 group warmly invite you to come and take an active part in your local paper.

We need people to help out with all aspects of writing, producing and distributing it (you can spend as much or as little time as you please). We also desperately need contacts - people who are involved in some local group or just individuals who are prepared to give us a ring when they hear about something interesting happening. You needn't even write the story yourself although we would be happy to give you help and advice if you do want to.

So, if you would like to offer us a bit of your time and energy (there are no skills involved which we can't teach you) then why not come to one of our meetings? They are always advertised in the paper, or if you prefer, give us a ring and find out a bit more.

Our next full issue will not be until October, appearing on October 8th. All material for it should be in by 29th September, with meetings being held at our offices to discuss the

issue on the 15th and 29th at 7pm.

However, there will be a special 'Whats on' sheet produced for the beginning of September giving details of all the new activities going on in the area for the autumn. We would like details for inclusion in this sheet which will be distributed FREE, by August 18th if possible.

You can contact us by phoning John on 633 9557 daytime (answerphone at other times), or Nick on 261 9119, Rob on 735 5168 or Chris on 261 9710.

YOUR SE1 T-SHIRT

If you missed getting one of our quality T-shirts with an SE1 design at the Waterloo Festival, you can still get them at £3.25 for adult sizes, £2.75 for kids. Phone Rob or John on the numbers above to order yours!

THANKS

Many thanks to all those who are doing their best to increase our circulation at the moment, including the newsagents. Also to whoever sent the anonymous donation via the Abbey National!

MORE HOUSING

You still have time to put in your application to join the Hatch Row Housing Co-op. Co-op members will move into houses currently being built on the corner of Roupell St and Hatfields, which are due to be completed in summer 1983.

Some people who have already collected application forms from Waterloo Action Centre, Baylis Rd, SE1 may have been put off by the high rent and rate levels which are likely to be set by Council Rent Officers. But many people will be able to claim rent and rate rebates, even if they are earning a good wage.

Because it is new housing, with gardens and near to Central London facilities, the rents and rates turn out higher than otherwise. So do check out the rebates you are entitled to: without them the number of people who could afford to live

in such housing in Waterloo would be small.

Full details of what is involved in being in a housing co-op were given in last month's SE1, and are included on the application form details. If you have a problem about returning the form, you can contact Fred Miller at the Waterloo Action Centre on Wednesdays between 10am and 2pm (phone 261 1404).

All applications need to be in by August 16th.

If you want to check how you stand on rent and rate rebates, you can ask advice at the Town Hall:

for rate assessment
274 7722 ext 2773

(Mr Poole, Finance dept)
for rent assessment
274 7722 ext 3089

(Mr Baxter, Housing dept)
Explain that your query is in relation to the Hatch Row Co-op.

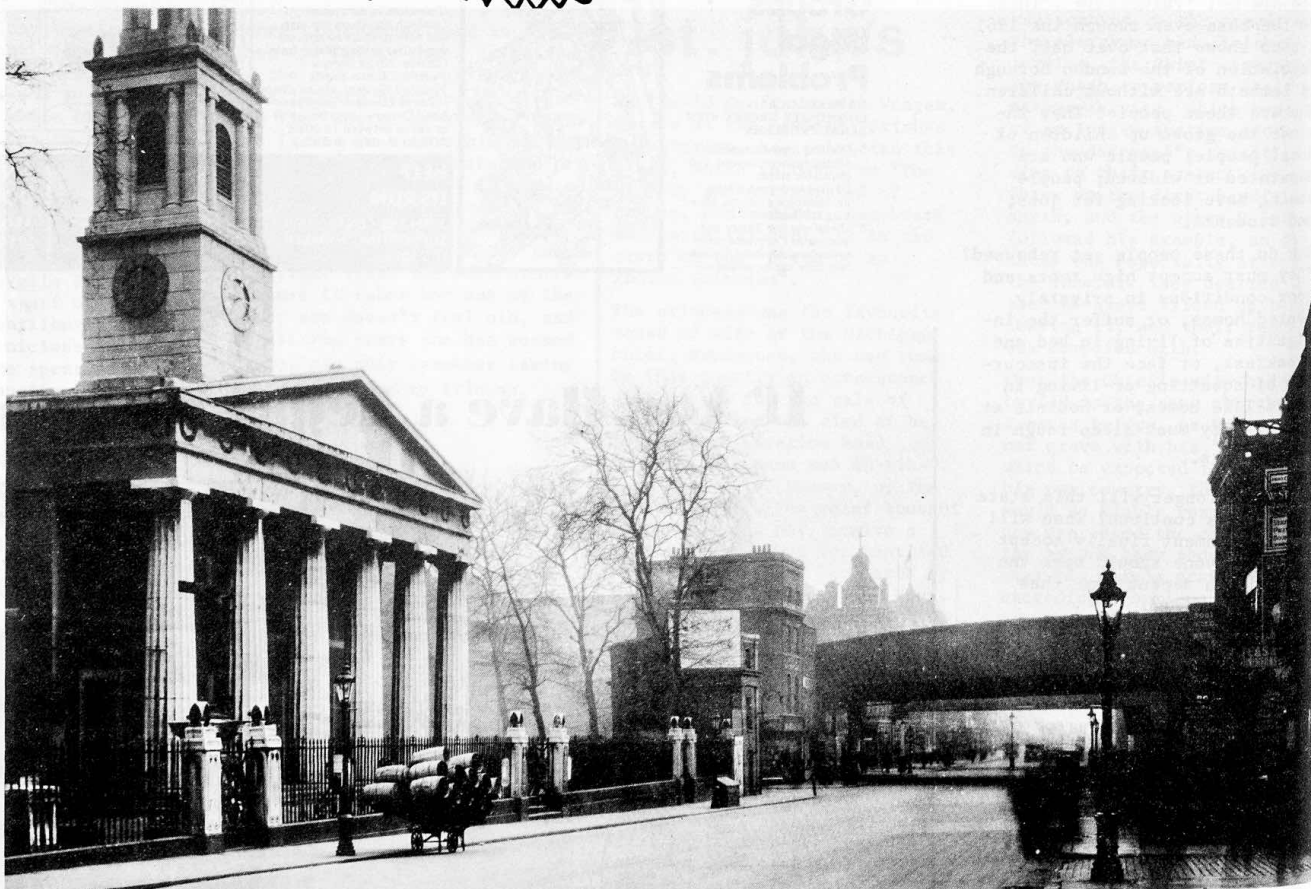
MORE ARSON

campaign to preserve the Warehouse with its OXO tower has attracted widespread support. The Greycoat Commercial office scheme involves the demolition of Stamford Wharf, while the building is retained and refurbished in AWG's proposals. The warehouse is owned by Lord

Vestey who controls 50% of the shares in Greycoat Commercial Estates.

Readers of SE1 will be aware that many listed warehouses along the riverside have been destroyed by mysterious fires.

STORY...



A local resident has produced a tape-slide show on the history of the Waterloo area, from its earliest days as an uninhabited marsh to the beginning of the Second World War. It is aimed mainly at other people in the area, and indeed many local people tell the story, giving their memories of what Waterloo was like 50 to 80 years ago.

The first showing of the tape-slide takes place shortly after SE1 returns from the printers, so we will be reviewing it in the next issue (October). But we can tell you it is

in three parts of about 25 minutes each, which can be booked separately or together.

There is a small hire charge to cover the equipment costs, and further details and bookings can be got from the producer: Mike Bruce, 46 Roupell St, SE1 phone 928 6076 evenings.

The production is also available on video. Financial assistance was given by Morley College Community Education Project. The photo is taken from the show called 'The Story of Waterloo'.