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The Morley Principal who passed go

After a turbulent 16 months in the job, the Principal of Morley College, Mrs Janet Roberts, has left for pastures new with a reported £48,000 golden handshake.

Mrs Roberts' secretive and abrasive style of management endeared her neither to staff nor members of the College Council, a number of whose community representatives resigned in March last year in protest against her attempts to take sole control of negotiations with the Government and Lambeth and Southwark Councils over funding for Morley once ILEA was abolished in March 1990.

Mrs Roberts was appointed as Principal in January 1989 following the departure of the previous incumbent, Susan Fey, after only two years in the job. Ms Fey, who also was not a popular Principal, left to take on the job of establishing the Government's new City Technology Colleges. These have since turned into something of a lame duck.

Mrs Roberts herself was appointed Principal at a time of financial difficulty for Morley College, one of London's most prestigious institutes of adult education with 10,000 students, which received its funding from ILEA until its abolition. This may have been a determining factor in her appointment as she came from Derbyshire with a reputation as a good educational fundraiser from private sources.

During her brief tenure at Morley College, however, not even a brass farthing was apparently forthcoming from her fundraising abilities.

Her ideas, however, of setting up high-fee courses for business and downgrading Morley's unique community education facilities, together with her authoritarian approach to management, quickly brought her into conflict with staff.

Subsequently, she employed one of her trusted colleagues from Derbyshire as her assistant, at a reported salary of £24,000 a year, changed the locks on the Principal's office and was never seen visiting staff and students in classes. She also banned SE1 newspaper from the college after our report in April 1989 of her conflict with the community members of Morley Council.

The College soon plunged into a crisis of management with frequent and lengthy Council meetings culminating in the commissioning of a report by Lord Henderson of Brompton in October 1989, into the College's problems.

His confidential report, presented to the Council in March, was critical of both staff and Principal and made a number of recommendations for the future reform of academic, management and administrative practices at Morley.

When the London Residuary Body took over the funding of Morley in April this year, after the abolition of ILEA, events took a decisive turn. They put in a full-time administrator at Morley who was virtually a joint Principal.

In the meantime, behind the scenes negotiations between the Principal, and her legal



Morley's Principal ... out the door

representatives, and members of Morley Council, saw the announcement on 14th May that Mrs Roberts was to leave the college on 18th May with a golden handshake.

It was also announced that she was leaving to establish a consultancy in educational external funding and staff training.

Despite the absence of a Principal, the reorganisation of the College is going ahead in accordance with the recommendations of the Henderson Committee. An Executive sub-committee of Morley Council has been set up to supervise this process. It is chaired by Lady Seear, who is President of the College and Chair of the Council, with three members of the Council and three nominees of the London Residuary Body.

These arrangements have guaranteed Morley's funding for the present financial

year of £1,282,900, provided by the Department of Education and administered by the London Residuary Body. Community Education, however, still faces a crisis following the abolition of ILEA and the handing over of education to the boroughs. This is examined in more detail in an article of page two.

If you are a student or community group who has benefited from Morley's community education classes locally, you can show your support by writing now to Lady Seear, Chair of Morley Council, and the Directors of Community Education of Southwark and Lambeth Councils, urging them to ensure that this valuable work is maintained and expanded.

Contact SE1 newspaper for further details. SE1 itself was set up afresh in 1981 with Morley Community Education funding, providing training for the initial volunteer editorial group.

The local newspaper!

Community Education at Morley threatened

The Community and Basic Education programmes at Morley College, which offer a broad range of adult education classes for local residents, face imminent closure unless Lambeth and Southwark Councils agree quickly to fund them.

Many residents of North Lambeth and North Southwark will be familiar with evening classes put on by community and basic education at Lillian Baylis and John Harvard Centres, at Morley itself, or at community centres such as Borough Community Centre and St Jude's Community Centre.

For many years, Basic Education has offered classes covering literacy and numeracy, English for speakers of other languages, access courses which lead on to other educational opportunities, all for local people. Community Education reaches out to many local residents who would not otherwise be attracted to Morley College's mainstream evening classes. Beginners, women, and ethnic communities have all benefited from community education's broad range of classes including local history, photography, machine knitting, Irish culture and many others.

The problems for community education at Morley stem from the abolition of the Inner London Education Authority in March this year, and the appointment of a new Principal of the college, Janet Roberts, in January 1989. Mrs Roberts from the outset was not sympathetic to community education at Morley College. She believed this type of educational provision belonged to the local authorities.

Shortly before her departure at the end of 1988, the previous Principal, Susan Fey, had begun negotiations with the Department of Education and Science (DES), which had agreed to take over Morley's funding after the abolition of ILEA. This followed vigorous lobbying of Parliament by students, residents and friends of Morley to guarantee the college's future during the debate on the Bill to abolish London's education authority. Although the DES was not keen to fund the community and basic education provision of Morley, they did eventually agree to fund the entire programme.

Soon after her arrival at Morley, however, Janet

Roberts renegotiated the budget with the DES. Confident of her ability to raise considerable private funds for the college, Mrs Roberts offered to reduce the DES contribution by 20% each year for the next three years. The DES jumped at the opportunity and ILEA's contribution to Morley of £1.6 million for the financial year 1989/90 was reduced to a £1.2 million contribution by the DES for the year 1990/91. At the same time, Mrs Roberts guaranteed community education staff that their wages were covered by this figure, although funding for the classes would need to be provided by the boroughs, Lambeth and Southwark.

In the ensuing 12 months, after Morley's budget for 1990/91 had been agreed with the DES, not a single penny of private funds was raised to make up the shortfall as Mrs Roberts had proposed. Nor were any efforts made by her or senior management at Morley to begin serious negotiations with Lambeth and Southwark Councils to fund Morley's community and basic education classes.

Then, last month the London Residuary Body, which administers DES funding for Morley in the place of ILEA, said that community education staff costs were not covered by DES funding for Morley and that if Lambeth and Southwark did not agree to fund the community education programme by September, Morley College may have to make community education staff redundant.

While it is very late in the day, because local authority budgets have been agreed and the new financial year

already underway, Morley College still hopes to be able to convince Lambeth and Southwark to take on the cost of the community and basic education programmes. Including the salary costs of three full-time staff, this amounts to around £200,000 for part-time tutors and back-up.

If Lambeth and Southwark cannot fund all of this, the onus must surely be on Morley College itself to find funding from its own resources, from enrolment fees and lettings of rooms, for instance. After 10 years, it would be a great loss to the College and to the local community to lose community and basic education, with a knock-on effects on Morley's mainstream classes.

The Community and Basic Education programmes have been carefully built up over the past ten years. Courses have been influenced by the demand of local residents canvassed through a continuous process of outreach work in both North Lambeth and North Southwark. In the past several years in particular, intensive efforts have been made to establish John Harvard Centre in Union Street as a local centre of basic and community education with new courses being put on.

It is also worth recalling that had it not been for the existence of Community and Basic Education, Morley would not have benefited from the £600,000 invested by the GLC to build the excellent Community Education Building in King Edward Walk which, for the past decade, has served local adult education very well.



Health in Retirement... one of the local community classes at Lillian Baylis

Selling out industry

Community groups have reacted angrily to the sale of six industrial units at the foot of Southwark Bridge to a private developer for likely conversion to offices.

The 32,000 square foot scheme on the former Courages bottling plant site forms part of the recent redevelopment there which includes other industrial units on Park Street, known as Riverside Workshops, 120 new and refurbished homes and a 37-place sheltered housing complex. We recently reported in SE1 on the opening of the final phase of homes on the Courages site which have now all been occupied.

The six recently sold industrial units have been lying empty since their ownership passed to the London Residuary Body on the abolition of the GLC in 1986. The LRB, charged with selling off the GLC's assets, refused to let the units individually despite numerous enquiries from potential industrial occupiers.

With industrial floorspace in the area letting at around £10-£15 a square foot per annum, North Southwark Community Development Group, which played a big role in securing community development on the Courages site when the brewery closed down in 1981, estimates that the Residuary Body has lost £1.5 million revenue in the past four years on the units. This at a time when industry has been crying out for premises in the area.

There are also local fears concerning the industrial workshops on Park Street. The LRB holds the freehold of these while Southwark Council are the leaseholders and let the units for industrial uses. The units have always been fully occupied.

Now, the LRB has sold the freehold to a development company called Waterglade, who also have the lease on the railway arch property behind the workshops. There is some speculation that they may have plans to redevelop their landholdings.

However, Ted Bowman, Chair of North Southwark Community Development Group insists that the battle for much-needed industrial jobs in the borough is not yet lost. "We fought for years to ensure that the community would see developments they needed here. We are not going to give all that up now".

LWT proposals rejected on Princes Wharf

Coin Street Community Builders (CSCB) has unanimously decided not to pursue London Weekend Television's offer to build a community centre, public swimming pool and health clinic on Stamford Street in return for CSCB's support for a new 200,000 square foot headquarters for Channel 4 on land owned by the Builders at Princes Wharf, next to Gabriels Wharf market.

The CSCB decision followed a consultation exercise when 6,000 local households were invited to attend an LWT presentation of the proposals and to let CSCB know whether it should take the LWT offer any further.

Some 200 people attended the presentation in LWT's Studio One, next door to the Princes Wharf site, presently let to LWT whose lease has 39 more years to run. A number of people at the meeting spoke against the proposal and against planning gain deals. Some spoke in favour of the proposals and community facilities. A vote at the end of the meeting was inconclusive because of the many abstentions.

Most vocal in their opposition to the proposal for a community centre in

exchange for offices on the riverside were members of Waterloo Community Development Group (WCDG).

WCDG argued that an office building on the riverfront was unacceptable even though benefits to the community may have resulted. Princes Wharf is zoned for housing under the Waterloo District Plan. If the site were given permission for an office development it would create a damaging precedent for the future, argued the Group.

WCDG is opposed to any further office developments in Waterloo, because of their adverse effects on the local community and is currently fighting large office developments at County Hall, the South Bank arts complex and Waterloo Station. In addition, the Group particularly opposes offices on the riverside, arguing that such sites should be used for open space or other public uses, particularly housing. The use of Princes Wharf for offices, WCDG argued, would detract from the liveliness of the riverside environment and of the rest of the Coin Street housing development.

Before the meeting, WCDG had widely distributed a leaflet



Princes Wharf on the South Bank riverside

opposing the LWT proposals and invited residents to its own meeting about the issue at Waterloo Action Centre. About 70 people attended this meeting and voted overwhelmingly against the proposal.

At its Council meeting on 21st May, CSCB were informed of the results of the consultation exercise. As well as reports on the two meetings they heard that 13 local residents had written urging acceptance of the LWT offer and 15 had written saying the offer should be

rejected. CSCB's Director recommended that the LWT proposals should not be supported without much stronger evidence of community support.

In the event, CSCB members unanimously agreed the following resolution: "In view of the mixed response to CSCB's consultation on LWT's proposed package, and in particular the strong opposition of members of the Waterloo Community Development Group, CSCB should not pursue the LWT proposals."

Tenison Way shops breathe again

Proposals for an office block on Tenison Way, behind Waterloo Station, have been rejected at a public inquiry at which local groups gave evidence against the plans.

The office block would have displaced local shops, some of which have been there since the Festival of Britain. All of the shops serve local people and are far removed from the sort of

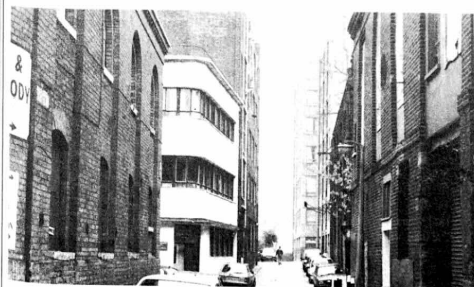
shops which would have been allowed on the ground floor of the office block had it gone ahead.

The application to build the offices was first refused by Lambeth Council. The backers of the scheme then appealed and at the public inquiry the Inspector ruled the scheme out on the grounds that it would generate too much extra traffic.

Readers may remember that the Tenison Way proposals were put forward by Central & City Properties Ltd, who together with Nigel King Lumsden property agents are buying up Lower Marsh. Waterloo Community Development Group, which has been monitoring these developments, was fearful that the Tenison Way proposals would be the thin end of the property development wedge in Waterloo.

A further threat hangs over the Tenison Way shops in the form of the extension to the Jubilee Line. London Regional Transport is after Tenison Way to use as a worksite when construction of the new underground line gets underway in several years time. WCDG intends to fight this proposal too when the Jubilee Line extension Bill comes before Parliament this summer.

Bankside survey shows up hopes for future



Bear Gardens on Bankside

Southwark Council's initial public consultation on the future of the Bankside area showed that most of those who responded to the Council's questionnaire wanted the existing buildings to be retained.

Questionnaires were distributed to all residents on Bankside as well as community groups, employers and landowners in the area. The offices developments which have scarred the area in recent years were frowned upon by respondents who favoured the encouragement of small retail units and studio

workshops in the Bear Gardens area where the Council itself is a sizeable landowner.

As for the Bankside Power Station, the majority of respondents preferred it to be redeveloped for housing, shops, community facilities and open space. There was strong support for the continuance of the Borough Market, with 72% wanting it to be retained as a focal point of the area.

Traffic congestion and illegal parking was seen as the most pressing problem for the area.

LEISURE

LIBRARIES

Lambeth Walk, Juxon Street, SE11, Mobile Library, Sat. 10am-11am.
North Lambeth Library, 114-118 Lower Marsh, SE1 7AG, 928 4053
Mon 9.00am-1.00pm, Wed 11.00am-8.00pm, Fri 9.00am-6.00pm, Sat 9.30am-12.30pm.
Partnership House Library, 157 Waterloo Road, SE1, comprising stocks of Church Missionary Society and the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
Peabody Estate, Roupell Street, SE1, Mobile Library, Thur 2.00-2.30pm.
Poetry Library, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1, 921 0943
Open daily 11.00am-8.00pm, comprising 35,000 volumes, the most comprehensive selection of poetry of the English speaking world published since 1912. Periodicals, cassettes, photographs, press cuttings and information service.
Talking Book Library, 12 Lant Street, SE1 1QH,
Vauxhall Street/Jonathon Street, SE11, Mobile Library, Thur 3.30-4.00pm.
White Hart Dock, Albert Embankment, SE1, Mobile Library, Thur 1.15-1.45.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, SE1 9JH, 928 7521, Tue - Sat 10.00am-5.00pm Sun 2.00pm-6.00pm.
Florence Nightingale Museum, Gassiot House, St Thomas' Hospital, SE1, 620 0374, Tues - Sat 10.00am-4.00pm
Sunday opening from May 1989. Unique collection of Florence Nightingale belongings - her childhood books, furniture, clothing, letters and other memorabilia.
Hayward Gallery, Belvedere Road, South Bank, SE1, 928 3144
Temporary exhibitions of British and foreign art. Mon - Wed 10.00am-8.00pm Thur - Sat 10.00am-6.00pm Sun 12.00-6.00pm
Closed between exhibitions, exhibition charge.
Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HZ, 735 8922 Open daily 10.00am-6.00pm
Reference Departments open by appointment Mon-Fri 10.00am-5.00pm
Illustrates and records all aspects of the two world wars and other military operations involving Britain and the Commonwealth since 1914. Admission charge.
Overly Dock Boat Southwark Cathedral. Coastal sailing exhibition on board. Admission charge.
Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, SE1 8XT, 928 3535, Tue - Sat 10.00am-8.00pm Sun 10.00am-6.00pm (October-May) 10.00am-8.00pm (June-September). Traces the story of the moving image from early Chinese shadow theatre through to future film and television technologies. Admission charge.
Pharmaceutical Society's Museum, 1 Lambeth High Street, SE1 7JN, 735 9141. Admission by appointment.
Shakespeare Globe Museum, 1 Bear Gardens, SE1, 620 0202 Mon-Sat 10.00am-5.00pm Sun 1.30pm-5.00pm.
Covers London theatre 1576-1642, including a full-size replica 1616 stage and plans for the new Globe Theatre now being built. Admission charge.

SPORTS FACILITIES

Archbishops Park, Carlile Lane, SE1 Tennis, Netball, Football Pitch, Putting, Cricket Nets, Changing Rooms.
Colombo Street Community and Sports Centre, 22 Colombo Street, SE1 8DP, 261 1658
Tennis, Football Pitch, Badminton, Table Tennis, Multi-gym.
Elephant & Castle Recreation Centre, 22 Elephant & Castle, SE1 6SQ, 582 5505
Swimming Pool, Squash Courts, etc. Open Mon-Sunday 9.00am-9.30pm.

MARTIAL ARTS

Vingst Wing Kung Fu Club, St Jude's Centre, St Georges Road, SE1, 928 9840, Thur 7.30pm.

SQUASH FACILITIES

Elephant & Castle Recreation Centre, 22 Elephant & Castle, SE1 6SQ, 582 5505.
Lonsbury S.C., Shell Centre, York Road, SE1 7NA, 257 3558.
London Fire Brigade, Albert Embankment, SE1 7SD, 582 3811.
Thomas Gay S.C., Guy's Hospital, St Thomas's Street, SE1 9RT, 407 7600.

THEATRES

Bear Gardens Museum of the Shakespearean Stage, 1 Bear Gardens, Bankside, SE1, 928 6342.
Performances are given in the museum's Playhouse and Studio.
Includes concerts of Renaissance music, puppetry and dance and Shakespeare's and other 17th century plays.
The Bridge House (Elephant Theatre Company), 30 Borough Road, SE1, 928 0912. Musical productions performed at 1.00pm and 7.30pm.
Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HT, 928 8501.
Performances by college students and groups.
National Theatre, Upper Ground, SE1. Box Office 928 2252, 24-hour recorded bookings 928 2256, Admin 928 2033. Three theatres - the Olivier, Lyttelton and Cottesloe. Presents a wide mixture of plays including ancient and modern classics revivals and new and experimental work.
Original Mixture Theatre, 54 Wedgewood House, Chinawalk Estate, SE1, 515 2737, 587 1694, 671 2336
Clowns, stilt walkers, incyrcycling, juggling, magic, puppetry, story telling.
Upstream Theatre Club, Upstream Children's Theatre, St Andrew's, Short Street, SE1 8LJ, Box Office 928 5394 Admin 633 9819.
Old Vic Theatre, The Cut, Waterloo Road, SE1 8NB, Box Office 928 7616, Admin 928 6111.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 8LP, Box Office 928 6363, Admin 633 0133.
Aims to provide good theatre for young people with emphasis on the classics and well-established modern plays.

SERVICES

PHOTOCOPYING FACILITIES

Barlow Hamilton Ltd, 2 Meynott Street, SE1 8DW, 633 9068.
Copy Prints Ltd, 87 Borough High Street, SE1, 407 2079.
Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF, 735 2349.
Imedia Print, 7 Bear Lane, SE1 0UH, 928 5074.
John Harvard Library, Borough High Street, SE1.
Mercantile Photocopiers Ltd, Maidstone Buildings, 74 Borough High Street, SE1, 378 1949.

POST OFFICES

52 Blackfriars Road, SE1, 928 4816.
19a Borough High Street, SE1, 407 1001.
239 Borough High Street, SE1, 239 4563.
91 Newington Butts, Elephant & Castle, SE1, 703 9223.
57 Waterloo Road, SE1, 928 6785.
125 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1, 928 5504.

PUBLIC TOILETS

Lower Marsh, SE1, next to North Lambeth Library, disabled facility. Mon-Fri 7.30am-3.30pm Sat 7.30am-12.30am Sun closed.
Newport Street, SE11, Near Black Prince Road. Disabled facility. Mon-Sun 7.30am-11.00pm.
Southwark Bridge Road, SE1, in Flat Iron Square, Open Mon-Sat.
Upper Ground, SE1, Underneath Waterloo Bridge. Mon-Sun 7.30am-11.00pm.

PAPER BANKS (RECYCLING)

For newspapers and magazines only: Belvedere Road, SE1, opposite Royal Festival Hall.
Lambeth Depot, Oval Way, SE11.

SOLICITORS

SE1

8 Baylis Road, SE1 7AA, 633 0333, Steel & Shamash, Legal Aid, Languages: French, Spanish.
21 Borough High Street, SE1 9SE, 403 1617/6924, Brandis & Zeffert, Legal Aid.
101 Borough High Street, SE1 1NL, 407 0781/1851, Simpson Millar, Legal Aid.
103 Borough High Street, SE1 1NN, 403 3166, BM Birnberg & Co, Legal Aid, Languages: French, Italian, Greek.
24-26 Great Suffolk Street, SE1 0UE, 928 9401, Clifford & Co, Legal Aid, Wheelchair access.
Pickfords Wharf, Clink Street, SE1 9DG, 403 2900, Warner Cranston, Languages: French, Italian, Wheelchair access.
Sea Containers House, 20 Upper Ground, Blackfriars Bridge, SE1 9PD, 401 2442/3, Brymer Marland & Co.

Sea Containers House, 20 Upper Ground, SE1, 261 0006, Constant & Constant, Languages: French, Greek, German.
Sea Containers House, 6th Floor, 20 Upper Ground, SE1, 620 1311, Lawrence Jones, Languages: French, German.
133 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 0EY, 378 1791, Speakes & Co, Wheelchair access.
18-20 Southwark Street, SE1 ITS, 407 2643, Bryan O'Connor & Co, Legal Aid, Wheelchair access.
118-120 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7XL, 928 2171, Crofts Ingram & Wyatt & Co.
1 Windmill Walk, SE1 8LR, 928 9293, Gelson Haylor.
York House, 199 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7UT, 928 6855, Woodroffes, Legal Aid.

SE11

110 Kennington Road, SE11 6RE, 528 2923, RJ Anders & Co.
110 Kennington Road, SE11 6RE, 582 4643, Martin Hopkins Farrer, Legal Aid.
86 Newington Butts, SE11 4QU, 735 8249, Daniel Davies & Co, Legal Aid.

YOUNG PEOPLE

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS

Lollard Street Adventure Playground, Gundolph Street, SE11, 582 0208.
Mint Street Adventure Playground, corner of Southwark Bridge Road and Lant Street, Term time: Tue - Fri 3.30pm-7.00pm, Sat 10.00am-5.00pm, Holidays: Mon - Fri 9.00am-5.00pm.
Waterloo Adventure Playground, Baylis Road, SE1.

CITY FARM

Vauxhall City Farm, 28 St Oswalds Place, Vauxhall, SE11, 582 4204.
Wide range of animals which children can help feed and handle. Donkey and pony rides. Room where children can paint, draw and have refreshments.
Open Tue, Wed, Thur, Sat, Sun 10.30am-5.00pm.

YOUTH CENTRES AND CLUBS

Alford Road, Aveline Street, SE11, 735 1519.
Beaufoy Youth Centre, Lilian Baylis School, Lollard Street, SE11, 735 2884.
Sewley Club (16-20) Fri 6.00-10.30pm
Unemployed Group (16-30) Mon, Wed, Fri 12.00-4.00pm.
Ethelred Estate Youth Club, Lollard Street, SE11 6UJ, 582 2012.
Hawthorne Hall, Christchurch and Upton Chapel, 1 Kennington Road, SE1, 928 3660.
Seniors (14-25) Mon 7.00-9.45pm
Arts Workshop (14-25) Tue 6-8.45pm
Drop-in and enterprise workshop (16-25) Wed 11.30am-3.00pm

Juniors (5-10) Thur 4.30-6.30pm
Intermediates (10-14) Thur 7.30-9.30pm
Girls and Young Women (14-25) Fri 6-8.45pm.
Girls Brigade Tue.
Lambeth Girls Project, Vauxhall School Annex, Vauxhall Street, SE11, 735 8893.
Pickwick Youth Club, Rushworth Street, SE1, 633 0383.
Railway Arches Youth Club, 66 Goding Street, SE11, 582 2668, Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 7.00-10.00pm, Young Mens Group (14-25) Mon 2.00-5.00pm, Tue 7.00pm-10.00pm.
Roundabout Youth Club, Webber Street, SE1, 928 7377.
St Jude's Centre, St Georges Road, SE1, 928 9840, Fri 6.00-7.30pm (5-9) Fri 7.30-9.00pm.
St Thomas Youth Club, St Thomas Youth Centre, 220 Lambeth Road, SE1, 928 5219.

MISCELLANEOUS

BATHS

Lambeth Walk Laundry, Lambeth Walk, SE11, 735 4301, Open: Men - Mon, Wed, Thur, Sat 7.30am-3.45pm, Women - Tue, Fri 7.30am-3.45pm, Free to pensioners.

LAUNDRY

Lambeth Walk Laundry, Lambeth Walk, SE11, 735 4301, Open: Mon 8.00am-5.00pm, Tue, Wed, Thur 7.30am-3.45pm, Sat 7.30am-3.45pm.

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society & History Group, 703 5463.

PROBATION AND AFTER CARE SERVICE

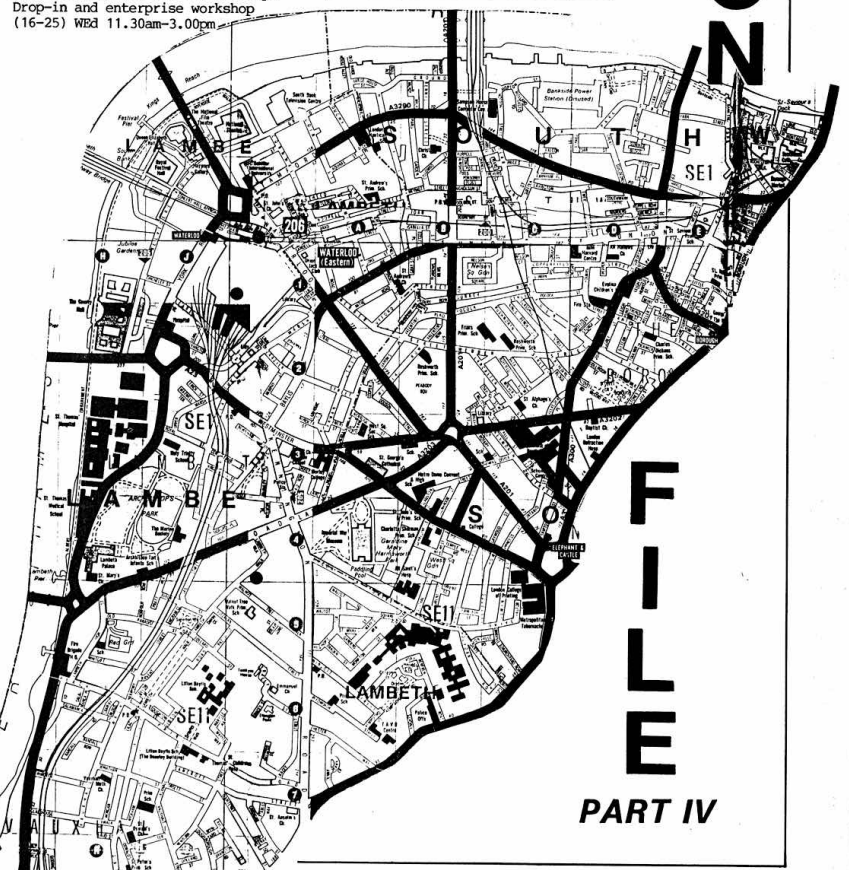
22 Kennington lane, SE11, 735 8686.

TAX OFFICE

Lancaster House, 70 Newington Causeway, Elephant & Castle, SE1, 407 3111.

Part IV concludes the Local Information File, compiled by librarians

Because the library serves users who live in both SE1 and SE11, the File covers services and facilities in parts of both postal districts.



PART IV

Gardening with Jackie Power

The hot spell in late April coupled with a mild winter has meant that many plants have come into bloom early. The herbaceous plants and roses are very advanced and it is not usually until mid June that such displays can be seen.

There are many insects around - not all of which are harmful to plants, but greenfly (aphids) are in great profusion and must be controlled. Don't spray during the day and avoid open blooms. Use sprays which don't harm bees, lacewings or ladybirds - the latter two feed on aphids.

Lawns are already looking dry and are beginning to yellow. This is worrying since summer is just starting. They will need careful watering to prevent further drying and at this time of year will require cutting twice a week, but the soil must be slightly moist.

Because of the recent dry spell many gardens will need watering as they are showing signs of drought, with the soil looking baked and cracked. Spike the soil first or use a fine spray so that it does not wash onto paths etc.

Any shrubs that flowered during May or early June can be pruned at the end of the month, but it is not always necessary - it depends on how much space you can spare for a particular shrub and whether it is growing against a wall or as a bush in the open.

However, Brooms may well become straggly if they are not pruned annually. Never cut back into very hard old wood. Lilacs, Rhododendrons and Azaleas need no regular pruning - just clip off faded flower trusses to prevent seed formation.

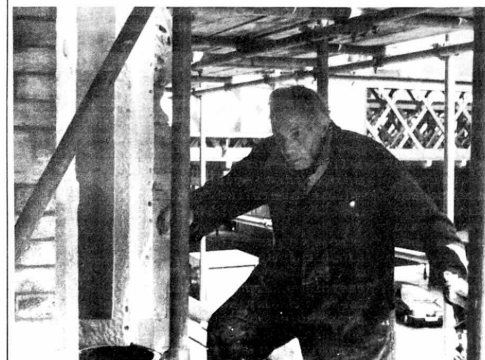
Finally, if you are able to place your houseplants outside for the summer months they will benefit from the fresh air and change of environment. However, DO NOT place them in direct sun or their leaves will burn. You will also need to water them daily and feed them regularly.

Check for infestation of aphids and caterpillars and treat promptly if they are attacked. It is worth the effort of this extra care, since they will reward you with strong growth.

As solid as a rock

It won't have escaped the attention of many readers that the Borough Community Centre in Southwark Bridge Road is undergoing a facelift. Built in 1893 according to the recently unearthed foundation stone, an important part of the Community Centre's refurbishment is the restoration of the stonework, mainly Bath stone.

William Stocking is one of the masons engaged in this work of restoration, frequently a very painstaking and meticulous process. London-born William has been forty four years in the trade and, at 72 years of age, is still not thinking about retirement. After all, he says, his grandfather, who was also a stonemason, worked until he was 86! His father was also in the trade and it was he who taught William the art of stone restoration. All three have worked all their lives for the same firm, Szerelmely Restoration.



William Stocking exercising his art

Mint Street Adventure Playground

has vacancies for:

1 Joint Play Leader, £12,000 p.a.
Must have at least 6 months experience of adventure playground work

2 Temporary Summer Workers (6 weeks)
£5.29 per hour
Arts, sports, drama skills desirable

Applications are welcome from Black and Asian communities

We are an Equal Opportunities Employer

Closing date for applications 19th June
Interviews to be held on 28th June

Please write for an application form to:
Mint Street Adventure Playground Association
c/o 56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 0AS

BISHOPS WARD LABOUR PARTY

is pleased to announce the success of its three candidates in the local government elections on 3rd May 90. The three Councillors now representing Bishops Ward on Lambeth Council are
Cathy Ashley, Marilyn Evers and Graham Nicholas

They can be contacted at anytime through the Town Hall by writing to c/o Members Room, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, London SW2 1RW

Bishops Ward Councillors Surgeries will take place as follows:

Councillor Ashley, First Saturday of the month
11.00am-12 noon at Waterloo Action Centre
Councillor Evers, Second Thursday of the month
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3rd Saturday of the month
10 - 11.30am, Borough Community Centre, 56 Southwark Bridge Road
Wednesday 27th June with Simon Hughes MP
10 - 11.30am, Blackfriars Settlement, Nelson Square
Wednesday 25th July
6.30 - 7.45pm, Nelson Square TA Hall

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Poverty and Pleasure in Victorian Southwark

After closing for extensive building and maintenance works, the Cuming Museum - the Museum of Southwark's History, reopened on 10th May with new displays and facilities for visitors.

The Cuming Museum shows the history of Southwark from the Roman settlement to the present day. The displays include mediaeval life, Shakespeare's Bankside theatres and the Southwark of Charles Dickens. Much of the collection was put together in the nineteenth century by the Cuming family.

The Cuming Museum holds London's finest local collection, and visitors can see objects which range from pilgrim badges and chain mail to shop signs and milk carts, and from parts of a Roman boat and statues of gods, to Victorian toys and the Marshalsea prison pump.

New displays include George Pinworth's marvellous Shakespeare monument and a photographic record of Dickens' Southwark. Displays will be regularly changed.

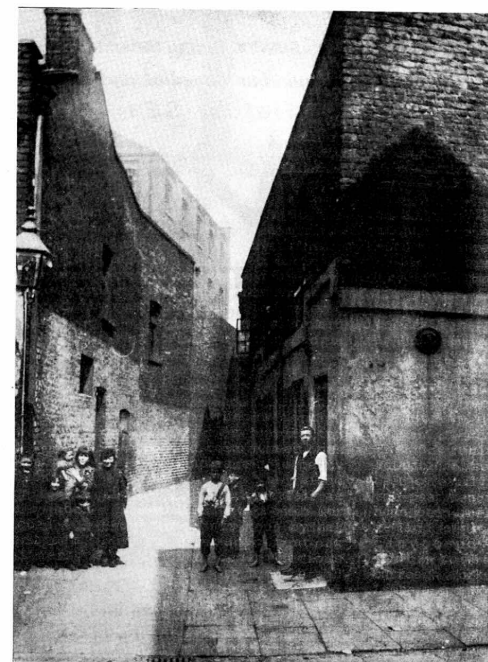
On June 1st the Cuming Museum's first major temporary exhibition opened, called 'Poverty and Pleasure - Life in Victorian Southwark'. The years of Queen Victoria's reign - 1837

to 1901 - marks Britain's change from a rural country to a great industrial nation. Southwark was at the centre of this revolution, with its docks, factories, trades, shops, trains and transport. But Southwark also saw the underside of Victorian progress - the overcrowding, poverty, disease and health.

The exhibition at the Cuming Museum, 'Poverty and Pleasure', shows all aspects of life in Victorian Southwark. From the overcrowded houses of the Borough and Bermondsey to the suburban villas of Peckham and Camberwell. From the uncertainty of work in the docks and markets, to the smart shops of Peckham Rye and the new railways. From the grim squalor of Jacob's Island and the workhouses, to the bright entertainment of the 'Surrey side' music halls.

Residents, schools and other groups are welcome to the exhibition and museum throughout the week. Admission is free. For group visits it is advisable to ring the Museum's Keeper, Caroline Ellis, on 071 701 1342 to make an appointment.

The Cuming Museum is at 155-157 Walworth Road, SE17 and is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10.00am-5.00pm.



Thunder Place, Bankside, 1890, from 'Poverty and Pleasure', at the Cuming Museum

Growing up in Waterloo between the Wars

Dear SE1

On January 14th 1881, there took place in St John's Church in Waterloo Road, in the County of Surrey, the solemnization of a marriage between Samuel Gillis, 21 years of age, and Sarah Randall, 19. The father of the bridegroom was James Gillis, while that of the bride was John Randall. The happy couple would, in the long course of time, become my grand-parents. And thereby, possibly, hangs a tale.

Looking through the May copy of SE1, my attention was taken by a letter from Leslie Randall of Henry House, Coin Street. Here, I quickly realised, was another survivor of those years between the wars about which I had already written a long piece which appeared in Issue 3 of SE1.

Did Mr Randall see this article? I had often wondered if there were any people left in the area in which I was

born and spent my childhood. I wondered if this could be after the passage of so many years, a world war, and considerable development. I am delighted to see that there is at least one other person whose memories are similar to mine, although Mr Randall is thirteen years older than I.

Like me, he went to St John's And All Saints School in Exton Street, and remembers two of the nicest teachers we had there, Mr Nicholson, the headmaster, and Mrs Cass. And, what is more, he remembers, probably with a little less affection, the school dental clinic. This was located in front of St John's Church in Waterloo Road. The last time I visited Waterloo I saw the site between the tombstones (on which we would climb as children) and the high brick wall of Waterloo Bridge House where the clinic stood.

The dental clinic was a place of dread to us children, particularly at the times of

the periodic dental examinations at school. I think I had what amounted to a season ticket at the clinic, such was the regularity of my visits! It was the place which put me off Bovril for forty years, because my mother did not tell me when I had to go until the morning of the visit when, obeying the general rule of not giving me any sweet drinks, she would serve me a cup of hot Bovril for breakfast! The taste became synonymous with dental treatment for me, and it took years before I could face it again. But I had mercifully forgotten the name of the clinic until I saw the letter from Mr Randall.

If Mr Randall's family had a morning newspaper delivered from Boxall's, the newsagent and tobacconist on the corner of Roupell Street and Cornhill Road, during 1935-36, then it would have been me who struggled up Roupell Street with a bulging bag of papers over my shoulders almost touching the ground,

to put their morning and/or evening papers through the letter-box.

And there is one other intriguing possibility. Could it be that the Randall family of your correspondent is the very same family from which my grandmother came? As I wrote in my article, my Grannie Gillis (nee Randall) lived in Coin Street when we lived in Commercial Road (now Upper Ground) at No. 57. Could it be that Mr Randall's grandfather, or great-uncle, was John Randall, the father of my Grannie Gillis? If so, then we are distant relatives. Now wouldn't that be interesting?

I must applaud Mr Randall on the excellence of his memory. I can recall a lot of incidents, sensations, and feelings; but I do fall short of actual names of streets, shops, etc. But then, Mr Randall is older than I!

John Gillis
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