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Alternative working site saves Borough Market's bacon

Borough Market Trustees, wholesalers and traders, as well as residents of the Borough Market area, breathed a collective sigh of relief last month when London Underground withdrew its Safety Measures Bill from Parliament.

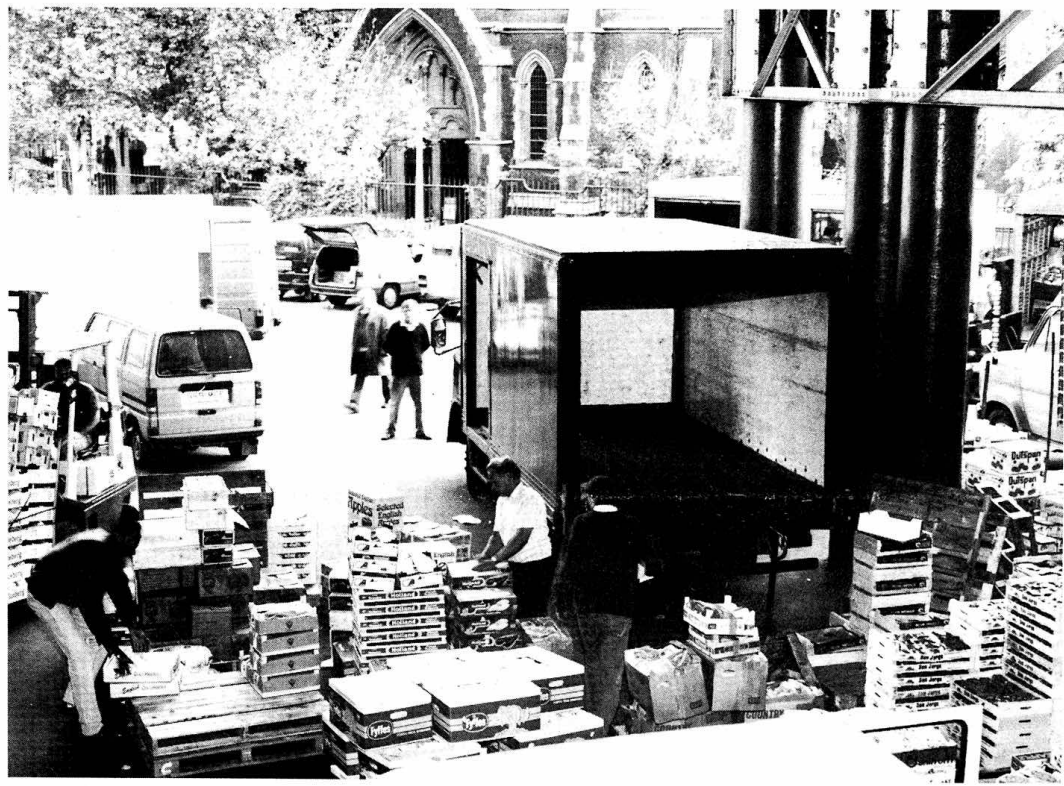
Under the Bill, which was being considered by a House of Lords Select Committee, London Underground hoped to be granted powers to build a new ticket hall for the Northern Line underground station at London Bridge. The hall would be constructed beneath the junction of Borough High Street and Southwark Street with a main entrance on Borough High Street next to Barclays Bank and a further street-down entrance in front of the Nat West Bank.

A number of the provisions of the Bill before Parliament, however, were strongly contested by the Borough Market, supported by its tenants and traders, and the local community.

The main bone of contention in the Bill was London Underground's choice of a working site to carry out tunnelling and excavation works. They wanted to use the 'Green Market', facing Southwark Cathedral, which is crucial to the daily functioning of the Borough Market. This is where traders park and load up their produce in the early hours of each morning.

The Trustees of the Borough Market feared that if one of their working markets, the other is the Jubilee Market, was taken over as a work site then the viability of the Market as a whole would be threatened.

The Borough Market is the oldest municipal wholesale fruit and vegetable market in London. In recent years, with the move of Covent Garden out of central London, it has undergone a strong revival and business has improved



each year.

The Borough Market is also a vital part of the character of the London Bridge area and is also a source of local employment. For all these reasons, the Trustees of the Market and a number of local residents appeared before the House of Lords Committee to oppose a number of clauses of London Underground's Bill, in particular their choice of working site.

In meetings with representatives of London Underground prior to the House of Lords hearing, local residents had indicated a possible alternative working site on Southwark Street, next to the railway viaduct, a site which has been vacant for a number of years awaiting redevelopment. This site, they argued, would be far more suitable since it would not interfere with the operation of the Borough

Market and would also cause less inconvenience to residents. London Underground dismissed this alternative for reasons of extra tunnelling costs.

At the House of Lords hearing, the Trustees of the Borough Market, supported by local residents, made out a strong case for the Southwark Street working site to be used rather than the Green market. Faced with this determination, London Underground decided to withdraw their Bill which will now be re-drafted to seek the powers from Parliament to use the Southwark Street site as its working site.

One further sticking point in the Bill is London Underground's plans to demolish three buildings on Borough High Street, next to Barclays Bank, to construct their new ticket hall entrance. These buildings are in an Outstand

ing Conservation Area and residents want London Underground to preserve the facades. They also want residential accommodation to be reinstated on the upper floors on completion of the works.

When construction work begins, around September next year by all accounts, the area's residents and workers will still face considerable disruption. A raised steel platform, about four feet high, will be built over the junction of Borough High Street and Southwark Street to allow works to be carried out underneath. This is bound to cause problems for traffic as well as pedestrians who will be circulating as well in this area on the raised platforms. Construction works will last for up to three years. There are plans then to enlarge the existing ticket hall to accommodate the Jubilee Line extension.

MPs and Lords support plan to protect Jubilee Gardens

Representatives of Waterloo Community Development Group met London Regional Transport recently to ask them not to dig up Jubilee Gardens as part of their tunnelling work for the Jubilee Line underground extension.

As things stand, LRT plan to use the central part of the Gardens as a worksite, during construction work which could last up to five years. LRT say they would prefer not to use the Gardens at all, but would rather use the car park ramp next to the now disused County Hall. This would allow continued public access to the Gardens while construction went ahead.

However, LRT said that County Hall Development Group, which is negotiating to buy County Hall and Jubilee Gardens from the London Residuary Body, successors to the GLC, would sue for compensation if their property was affected by works during the Jubilee Line extension.

This is because County Hall Development Group want to build a private garden alongside their County Hall

redevelopment and don't want anyone to get in their way.

Waterloo Community Development Group has formed a body called Queen's Walk Park Society to campaign for a bigger and better park on the land between County Hall and Jubilee Gardens rather than offices and luxury private flats. Waterloo residents in the Society recently met MPs and Lords to describe their plans for the new park.

As a result of this meeting, three MPs and three Lords are now working with the Society. The MPs include Simon Hughes and Kate Hoey. On 12th July, the House of Commons debated the Jubilee Line extension and MPs spoke up about the threat to Jubilee Gardens and the plans for a better park there.

The MPs and the Lords have also written to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Chris Patten, asking him to protect the Gardens from development. He will shortly decide on the County Hall redevelopment. Whatever he decides on the rest of County



Thamesday at Jubilee Gardens

Hall, says Waterloo Community Development Group, he should not allow luxury flats next to Jubilee Gardens.

In the meantime, WCDG have been asked to mount an exhibition of their plans for Jubilee Gardens at the Royal Institute of British Architects annual Community Enterprise Awards. These awards will be presented by

Prince Charles. WCDG hope to use the exhibition to explain their plan to save and enlarge Jubilee Gardens to the Prince as well as gather wider support.

For further details of the Queens Park Walk Society and its alternative plans for Jubilee Gardens, ring David or Tina, at WCDG, on 071 633 9291.

agreed to modify its design to accommodate these criticisms by including more ramps and fewer stairs, disabled toilets, more surface coverings, pedestrian crossings, a pedestrian route under Leake Street, and more taxi and coach spaces.

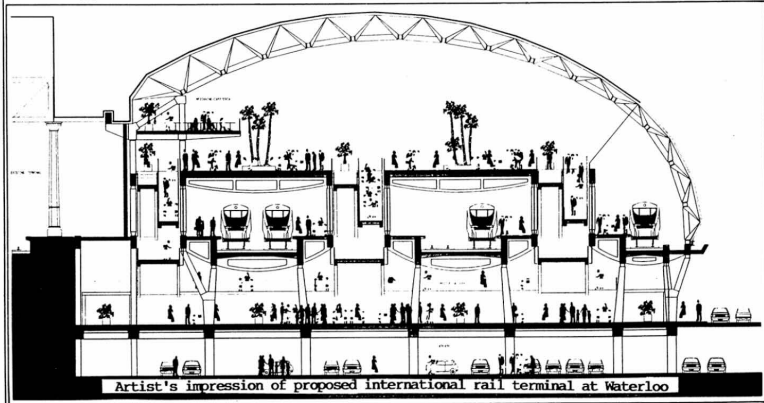
However, local groups, such as Waterloo Community Development Group, believe that the terminal is far too small for the amount of traffic it will generate. At peak periods, 1,600 people

will be arriving at or leaving the new terminal every 15 minutes. No study has been done by British Rail on the effects of this extra traffic on the surrounding Waterloo area and local residents fear that the new terminal could bring chaos when it is fully operational by 1993, when the Channel Tunnel is completed.

Lambeth Council, together with a number of other London local authorities say that the new terminal would be better sited at Stratford, where Newham Council would welcome the development, and where direct links to the north of the country could be provided.

Traffic problems for Waterloo can also be expected from a further proposal for redevelopment at Waterloo Station, this time by a 1.5 million square feet office development by P & O and BR which is proposed to be built over the new international rail terminal. It will run the length of York Road.

It is evident that British Rail is doing its utmost to minimise discussion of traffic and environmental problems arising from the large scale redevelopment of Waterloo Station.



Artist's impression of proposed international rail terminal at Waterloo

Butler's Wharf feels chill wind of property crash

The collapse of the Docklands property boom continues to take its toll of developers. This time it's the turn of the 13 acre Butler's Wharf development which stretches for a quarter of a mile along the riverfront to the east of Tower Bridge.

The area, three-quarters owned by Sir Terence Conran of the Storehouse group of companies, has been undergoing a £70 million mixed redevelopment of luxury riverside flats and offices. It also includes the Design Museum, opened last year and a students' hostel. Building work has now ceased.

Conran is in crisis talks to save his Butler's Wharf Ltd development company in the face of heavy losses, high borrowing, and concern from his auditors about the future of the company. The company lost £4.1 million last year.

Meanwhile, further along the riverfront, purchasers of luxury flats at the 'Circle' development, done by developer Andrew Wadsworth who operates from a barge moored at the end of St Saviour's Dock, are apparently up in arms and on the brink of forming a residents association.

Residents of the recently completed private housing complex have met at the Design Museum to express their concern that the supposedly luxurious development is not all it was cracked up to be. Residents were shocked to discover that there is no sauna and no swimming pool as promised, while the interior finish of apartments appears to be less than the new owners were expecting.

Canteen closure not easily swallowed

A 500-signature petition against the closure of the canteen on the old Lambeth Hospital site was presented at the end last month to members of the West Lambeth Health Authority.

Supporters of the campaign to keep the canteen open say that it has fallen victim to government underfunding of the Health Service and financial mismanagement locally of West Lambeth Health Authority.

The canteen on the old Lambeth Hospital site in Kenington Street was brought back to life by the opening of the Lambeth Community Care Centre in 1985. It provided

Longer standing residents of Devon Mansions on the opposite side of Tooley Street will no doubt view these problems sympathetically. For over thirty years they too have had problems with the internal and external finish of their mansion blocks. As for the swimming pool, this is only occasionally provided at basement level courtesy of a burst Thames Water main. They will doubtless now appreciate that life can be trying even in the fast lane.

Staying on the riverfront, local residents were concerned to learn recently that St John's Tavern, next to Potters Fields, might be turned into offices. The pub was recently refurbished at considerable cost, but its new owners, Grand Metropolitan, have made an application to the London Docklands Development Corporation, planning overlord of Southwark's riverfront, to change the use from public house to offices.

There is speculation locally that the owners may want to sell the pub on with a planning permission for offices to St Martin's Property Company, owners of practically all of the land between London Bridge and Tower Bridge. This company recently got the go ahead for the second phase of its office development on Hays Wharf, comprising 1.2 million square feet of office floorspace. However, it is estimated that it might be up to 18 months before this scheme gets off the ground, partly because of the amount of work still to be done on designing the scheme, dubbed 'mock Venice', because it mimics that city's buildings.

patients with a welcome choice of food, and a change from the usual hospital fare.

But with £11.7 million of budget cuts to be found in West Lambeth Health Authority, the canteen is to close, to be replaced with dispensing machines for staff and 'hot-box' food from St Thomas's Hospital for Centre patients.

Residents used the canteen regularly, especially pensioners. Local General Practitioners found the canteen a welcome and friendly meeting place and the canteen staff grew into a wider than usual role as a focus of a thriving community.

Good news for heliport opponents

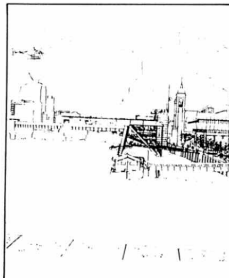
Big business backers of the proposal to build a heliport on the Thames next to Cannon Street railway station received a major setback last month when the City of London Corporation decided to oppose the scheme.

By a large majority, the City Corporation's Planning Committee decided that if the decision had been left to them, they would have turned down the heliport proposal. The City Corporation gave ten reasons for opposing the scheme, including noise, effect on views of St Paul's Cathedral, and damage to the quality of the City riverside environment.

Normally, as the planning authority for these type of developments, the Corporation would have had the last word. However, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Chris Patten, decided that as the proposal was of greater than local significance, it should be decided at a public inquiry.

The City's decision to oppose the heliport proposal at the public inquiry is good news for Bankside residents and local groups in SE1 also opposed to it. There has been speculation that the proposal's backers, City of London Heliport Limited, a consortium comprising Midland Bank and Hanson plc among others, would now pull out. However, they have spent a great deal of money designing, testing and marketing the scheme and state that they fully intend to proceed to the public inquiry.

Opponents are also pressing ahead full steam preparing for the inquiry set down for October.



Artist's impression of proposed heliport

Final step on footpaths

Cathedral Area Residents Association has enlisted legal help in its fight for a cleaner neighbourhood. In the past couple of years, the Residents Association's efforts to get Southwark Council's Department of Engineering & Public Works to carry out its cleaning duties in the Park Street area have amounted to nothing.

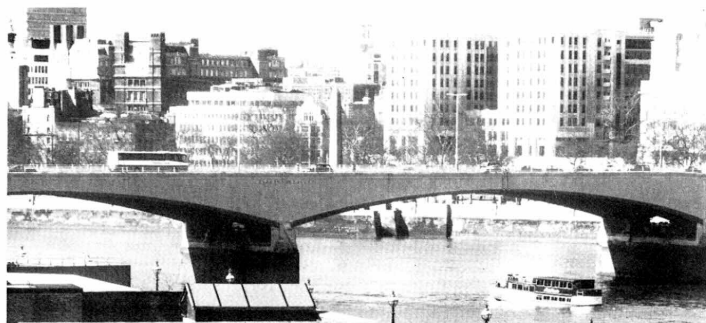
Rubbish collection and road sweeping are irregular at best. Dust and debris from nearby building sites cover the streets, pavements are cracked and even non-existent. It has been over a year, for instance, since the Residents Association asked Public Works for the footpath to be resurfaced in front of the Park Street industrial units. For more than six months since tenants moved into new homes on the former Courages site, they have been without a footpath in front of their doors.

There is a sheltered housing complex also in Park Street and its elderly residents have to negotiate broken pavements and rubbish strewn streets in order to move about. Many residents remain housebound because they are afraid to use the footpaths. Clearly, there are many problems with public services in the area which have been ignored by the Department of Engineering & Public Works.

Frustrated by their repeated efforts to get matters put right, the Residents Association have asked the Southwark Law Project to take up their complaints. The Law Project has written to the Department of Engineering & Public Works asking them to repair the footpaths in the Park Street area or face possible legal action to force them to do so.



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A day in the life of a Borough Market wholesaler

The Borough Market, trading in fruit, vegetables, flowers, roots and herbs, was established by Act of Parliament in 1756. It was enlarged in 1862 and again in 1932 and 1962, to its present area of around four acres.

After a period of decline, the Market has undergone a strong revival in recent years. It owes much of its present success to the commitment of its voluntary board of Trustees, all local residents, and to the market traders, or wholesalers. One such market wholesaler is John Heyland, Vice Chair of the Borough Market Tenants Association, whose father and grandfather were both traders at the Borough Market. Below, John gives his account of the typical working day of a Borough Market fruit and vegetable wholesaler.

For a wholesaler in the Borough Market, the day begins when the alarm clock rings at about 1 - 1.30am. He drives to his central London market seeing only the late night revellers returning home in the other direction, contemplating how nice it is to drive through the City of London with hardly another car in sight.

The wholesaler reaches the market to be met by the tail end of the overnight jam of delivery lorries and the very early 'morning' customers. The night pitching porters have cleared the lorries for the moment and gone to tea. The market is still and there are echoes of 'good morning' calls from one tenant to another as they arrive to open their stands.

The wholesaler's first concern is to see which of the ordered goods have arrived and to hunt for the delivery advice notes which are usually hidden in boxes or under stacks of produce. The stand is frequently full to the front gates and the produce must be organised and samples placed on display. The fork lift trucks are started up to relocate the pallets of produce, so that the goods are easily available.

The early customers are normally the caterers who work through the night and the restaurateurs who come to market, after closing their businesses for the night, while on their way home. There are the greengrocers who come early to look for items which are in short supply and the catering suppliers who must buy to cover the orders they have taken and whose staff may even now have been working for many hours and are meanwhile are awaiting more produce to make up into hundreds of orders.

It is 3.00am and the samples are all out on show. A quick walk around the market has revealed to the experienced eye what is in short supply and what is plentiful. The cashier has arrived and has sorted out his float of small change, the salesmen stand ready with their salesbooks. Now the first cup of coffee of the day can be enjoyed.



The salesmen then review their prices with regard to the quantity of produce arriving. This is important. One cannot afford to lose a sale nor sell at too low a price. The senders will be upset if their produce is not sold just as they will be if it is sold too cheaply. Equally the buyers will be upset if you ask too much. This implies that you do not like them or do not know your job. This is the hard spot here between two interests.

It is in one's mind that if your customer pays too high a price it slows his trade. Also if you do not sell the goods, the sender will either lay off his workforce or load to another salesman. The wholesaler must judge the market accurately. The pressure is on him to anticipate how prices will move and keep competitive.

At 5.00am the noise level in the market increases as the porters start work. These men carry the greengrocer's purchase to his vehicle. The salesman's desk is covered with buyers' delivery tickets and the buyers press coins into the eager hands of the

porters as an early delivery is requested. These buyers have to think about the yellow line - the traffic regulations - which only allow them a short while to load before infringing the regulations.

Time is passing and the salesmen eye the produce which is not selling and make mental notes to ask less of the next buyer. The thought goes through his mind, is he making enough money on the faster selling lines. Phone calls are made to other markets to compare notes with the salesmen there. More coffee.

By 7.00am the English growers are on the 'phone. "How have they done?", is the question. "Made 180-200p and all cleared", is the reply. "Good, same again tonight?" "Yes please, sir". All is well. Everyone's happy.

It is now broad daylight the time is 8.00am and we're six hours into the day. Time to send the junior for more coffee with some sandwiches this time. The later buyers are now arriving. By now everyone is aware of where

the market prices are for the time being and the atmosphere is more relaxed.

By 8.30 the till and sales books are exchanged for the next days, and sales are being made under a date which is still some sixteen hours away. The sales books are taken into the office and the sales dissection begins. Clerks and salesmen bend to the task of extracting the data from the books so that the senders may be rung with the exact details of the prices and quantities sold. The cash is balanced against sales and the day's takings are paid into the bank virtually as its doors open.

By 10.00am and most of the produce required for the next day has been ordered, so the routine clerical work can be undertaken. Between 11.00 and midday it's time to phone home to see if there is anything that wants doing. As the weather's fine it's off to the garden centre for some annuals. By 6.00pm the plants are in and watered. Time for a cup of tea before going to bed.

John Heyland

Remembering Mr. T.E. Nicholson

Over the past five or six years, a number of former and existing residents of Waterloo have written to SE1 about their memories of life in the area in the inter-war years. Their correspondence and articles have always been welcome and we have been pleased to publish them in the pages of our paper.

One name which crops up regularly in these reminiscences is that of Mr T.E. Nicholson, fondly recalled as the Headmaster of St John's, Waterloo. Mr Nicholson, whose grandson George Nicholson today lives in the Borough, was Head of Saint John-The-Evangellist With All Saints Schools from 1902 until 1939.

More than fifty years later, George Nicholson has provided SE1 with a copy of the Programme of events put on by the Managers of St John's School to celebrate the retirement of his grandfather on 25th July 1939. He has also given us a copy of the 1939 edition of 'Waterloo Bridge', the magazine of St John's Church, Waterloo, with an appreciation of Mr T.E. Nicholson by the Vicar of St John's Church and also one of the Managers of St John's School, Rev C.W. Hutchison. The same edition of the magazine contained an account by Mr T.E. Nicholson of St John's School's earliest days. Below we print extracts from these articles.

"It is a very eventful term at St John's School. It is a case of 'Good-bye, Mr Chips' this term, and all who know St John's and Waterloo must know what Mr Nicholson's departure will mean.



The School, about 1902

It is an almost unthinkable proposition. He is the school. It is an extension, so to say, of his personality. He even looks younger than he did when I came fourteen years ago.

I can think of few people that possess, to anything like the same degree, that quality of unshakeable strength and unflinching kindness. His place will be difficult to fill - in fact quite impossible, but the Managers have found somebody who has the temerity to undertake the task - Mr Mervyn Christain Cory, who comes from Archbishop Temple's School and who was at St John's for four years, ten years ago.

I can think of nobody to whom I could with greater confidence entrust the task of carrying on Mr Nicholson's work. He is assured of a cordial welcome from clergy, managers and scholars alike.

To our old Headmaster we say 'Vale'. He has laid us under a great debt. His praise is written not in sand, but in the character and wills of many Lambeth men and women.

We shall often see him, as he has kindly undertaken to become a Manager of the School, to help us, as heretofore, with our accounts; and as he lays down his office, held for thirty-seven years with such honour and distinction we can but say: 'Thank you and God bless you'.

On Tuesday 25th July there will be a farewell party in the School, and in the morning, a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 for teachers and friends."

C.W. Hutchison

"Early in the nineteenth century when the site of St John's Church was a horsepond, when the Coburg Theatre, later to be known as the 'Old Vic', was being built on the Marsh, and the Strand Bridge, soon to be renamed Waterloo Bridge, was beginning to span the river - a school of some sort was in

being on or near the present site of St John's.

This is established by an order in the High Court of Chancery directing the spending of money from the trust founded by Major Lawrence on the purchase of clothing for ten boys, residents on the marsh, who attended St John's School. The trust is still in being.

The Church was built in 1824 and soon afterwards the old school was rebuilt on the present site. It was of course the only school in the district. It consisted of a long room with no class-room and was conducted by a master with monitors to help. An existing photograph shows the windows strongly protected - this was necessary as attendance at school was quite voluntary, and roaming bands of London gamins considered school windows as specially provided targets for mud and stones. The school door opened directly on the street and the master lived in rooms over it.

The life of the school is practically a blank until the introduction of a log-book in 1862, when a Mr Daniel Taylor was Headmaster. From the Dominies log-book of 14th January 1862 we get this striking side-light on the conditions of the time. He writes: 'I had to inflict summary punishment on a rude street boy who was in the habit of annoying and interrupting me by putting his head in the street door and shouting "Cockie" to his infinite amusement.'

The sporting habits of Lambethans were strongly marked at this time as the master always records very thin attendances on Derby Day and the next day to get over it and again on Oaks Day 'which was no better'.

During the next twenty years (from 1879) education consisted of laying foundations by means of trial and error. Money was spent, better staff provided, more books and apparatus were purchased and the idea of fitting the child to become a good citizen was



The School, 1939

slowly emerging as the goal towards which educationists were leading.

Towards the end of this period owing to the South Western Railway requiring the site the All Saints' School was demolished and the two parishes amalgamated. The new schools were built; during the rebuilding the Old Morley College was used to accommodate the children.



The Managers of
SAINT JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST WITH
ALL SAINTS SCHOOLS
request the honour of the company of
Mr. T. E. Nicholson
at the School, Exton Street
Waterloo Road
on TUESDAY JULY 25th 1939
at 8.15 p.m.
on the occasion of the retirement of
Mr. T. Nicholson
after 37 years as Headmaster
R.E.P.P. in
The Rev. C. W. Hutchison
St. John's Church
Exton Street, S.E.1

Invitation on the
occasion of the
retirement of Mr Nicholson

The Balfour Acts of 1902 and 1904 (London) by which all secular education was paid for from Government grants and local taxation put the schools of the Church more on a level, financially, with the schools of the Local Authority.

Other Acts followed, e.g. The Provision of Meals Act 1906, and Medical Inspection of Schoolchildren Act 1907, each of which had a great influence for good on the child population. Care Committees were instituted whose chief duty it is to see that advice given by the School doctor is acted upon.

A scholarship scheme was founded by which the brightest children are drafted to secondary schools. The framework of the modern school was now emerging more clearly, and the staffs, freed from the cramping influence of examinations, were able to produce a syllabus adapted to the needs of the child and to make the school a home of joy and industry.

T.E. Nicholson

Stonesend Day Centre on tour

Staff of Stones End Day Centre for the Elderly and Elderly Disabled, off Southwark Bridge Road, took a party of forty of the Centre's users on a week long holiday to Teignmouth in South Devon at the beginning of June. They stayed at a hotel which caters especially for people with disabilities. Their busy diary of activities follows.

Saturday: Met at Centre around 8.00am. Coach loaded and away at 8.30am. In glorious sunshine we set off at a cracking pace - 5 mph all the way to Greater Piddle alias Newbury. Accompanied by vintage cars and souped up bangers on their way to Newquay for the telethon.

Tea-time and the first sight of the Teign estuary, splattered with tiny boats resting on sandbanks. Followed the river to the sea and our hotel, The Portland, right at the front.

Got a real red carpet welcome, settled into our rooms, then dinner at 6.00pm. After dinner everyone was tired so an early night, like hell! It was 1.00am before certain people called it a night.

Sunday: What a sizzler, bald heads blistered and noses to put Rudolph in the shade. We spent the day in beautiful Teignmouth. Either end of the red sandy beach, red cliffs

rise out of a deep blue sea. After a narrow opening from the sea, the Teign opens out into a wide harbour. Narrow lanes lead down to the shores where people talk of lugworms, fiddle around with bait and plan where they're going on the next high tide.

After supper we do a bit more charity work for the brewers and distillers industry and have another sing song.

Monday: Visited Buckfast Abbey in the rain. Had our first Devon cream tea. Paid a visit to John's (coach driver) sister. Evening - was it Bingo or party?

Tuesday: East along the coast to Dawlish and Dawlish Warren. Visited a country church causing traffic jams wherever we went.

Wednesday: Bought up Teignmouth today. Spent the poll tax money, spent the TV licence money. Perfume, fudge and dresses, plastic macs, plaster plaques, table cloths and funny hats. Oh no, not more post cards. Evening entertainment - either Bingo or cinema "Honey I shrank the kids".

Thursday: Dartmoor - said hello to the ponies, no answer but then it's hard to talk when you're chomping your way through 3lbs of carrots. The restaurant must have known we were coming because they put out the best

china, so we stayed to tea.

Went to look at the prison. Couldn't see any villains languishing behind bars. More partying in the evening and enough musical talent to get Les Dawson knocking.

Friday: Brixham harbour and a brief look at the ship from the 'The Onedin Line'.

Just saw enough to wet our appetites, then back to the hotel to pack and get ready for the fancy dress party.

Peggy was most appropriately dressed as a tourist attraction, wearing brochures and postcards of Devon. Flo came as a pirate. Nell and

Barbara clowned around with John and Ester was elegant as a Roman lady. Jenny kept law and order as a p.c. Flo while Dermot became Mrs Thatcher for the evening.

Saturday: Over so soon. Stopped at a farm shop on the way home for clotted cream and honey. Later on, for strawberries. Drove past Stonehenge where Joyce remembered that she had forgotten her teeth. All too soon we were back in London.

The bus got the hiccups on The Embankment but soon the warm pink glow of the Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre welcomed us back to dear old Stones End.



Pedestrians at risk

Dear SE1

It is nice to see a lot of new paving stones, but why don't the workmen lay them and finish the job off straight away instead of leaving them loose with piles of rubbish alongside. They also leave gaps around the hydrants and manholes, which is just as dangerous as the paving sticking up, especially for older feet and toddlers.

At the top of East Street new paving stones have been laid at last after incidents, but even those have not been finished. I was down East Street when a very elderly lady caught her foot in a hydrant which had been reported at least four times.

I know this because I rang twice. It is now repaired but the lady suffered a broken arm and a lot of bruises, which isn't good when you are in your eighties. It takes a nasty accident before anything is done.

Also the new bins on the sidewalks were a joy to behold at first but they have lost their beauty as they are left to overflow. Why aren't they emptied far more often? And why aren't the roads swept? Borough Road hasn't been swept for two years and London Road is a glorified tip.

While I am talking about filth, what about the drains? Dirt collects at the top of the gratings, so when it rains the water floods over the kerbs, so one has to walk through puddles. And don't forget the rats that live on the filth down the drains. Rates and taxes are all very well if they are used properly.

Mrs L White
Borough Road, SE1

Editor's Note: Southwark Pedestrians Rights Campaign is concerned with these problems. For further information ring 701 1391.



**GARDENING
WITH
JACKIE POWER**



August is the month when the garden is in full production and we can enjoy its delights. All the year's hard work will have paid off. It is hard to believe that Autumn is around the corner but there is lots to do and enjoy before then.

If you have any seeds left over from Spring such as Petunias, Virginia stocks or marigolds it is worth sowing them now in pots for specimen displays for later in the year, they will make good (temporary) houseplants, or if the weather stays mild may well grow on in tubs and window boxes. Keep the seedlings well watered and in warm conditions.

Lavender is in full bloom and it's a good time to harvest the flowers for drying. Pick them on a warm dry day and hang them up in bunches until all the moisture has

gone. This is the best way to dry them but they can also be dried in the oven on the lowest setting. Spread the flowers on a baking tray and place on the second to last shelf. It will take a while for them to dry out completely, but keep checking after the first hour. Sew them into small muslin bags or put them into dishes for use as air fresheners, around the house.

In the garden continue to remove any faded blooms throughout the month and look out for pests and diseases. Roses should now have been fed to encourage further flowering later in the year.

Increase watering for plants grown in window boxes and tubs as they are now in full growth - don't forget that plants in terracotta pots dry out quicker than ones in plastic containers.



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Public Meeting on health cuts

Next month, new Government rules will bring the present West Lambeth Health Authority to an end. It will be replaced by a smaller body consisting only of Government appointees and paid managers.

In April this year, the Health Authority voted in favour of a £7.8 million package of cuts. This included closing 60 beds at St Thomas' Hospital, among other changes. In June, managers said another £4.4 million cuts were needed. 200 more jobs will go at St Thomas' and posts will be frozen throughout the district.

The Health Authority's interpreting and translation service is threatened with closure which would effectively deny health care to a large part of the West Lambeth population.

These cuts have left health service staff demoralised, but those who have suffered most are the patients. People who attended the Geriatric Day Unit, in some case for years, were devastated to be given only a month's warning that it was to close. People waiting for operations in West Lambeth know all too well that the local waiting list is one of the longest in the country.

West Lambeth Community Health Council is determined that the campaign against the cuts will continue and has called on health authority members to resign in protest. If you share the Community Health Council's concern, then why not make your view known? Write to the Chairman of the health authority, John Garnett, at St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1 7EH, and let him know the strength of local opposition to the cuts.

On Monday 3rd September there will be an open public meeting on health cuts and changes to your local health service.

Dr. Steve Jenkins, District General Manager, and Dr. Finbarr Martin, Consultant Geriatrician, will be speaking, outlining what the local cuts will be and how they will affect you.

Come and ask the questions you want answers to, and take this opportunity to talk to those people who are making the decisions in West Lambeth Health Authority.

The meeting will be at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, SE1. It will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd September.

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