# TOLMERS NEWS

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JUNE 29TH '74

THE FIRST TOLMERS CARNIVAL 1974 SATURDAY 29th JUNE (part of the Camden Neighbourhood Festival)

> The Carnival starts at 2.00pm. It will be opened by the T. V. A. Chairman, Mr. G. J. Stansfield.



Come in Fancy Dress & join our Parade! Prizes for the Fanciest Dressed!



in Drummond Stree

on stage.

1.45pm. Showing in Drummond Street (next to the garden) a locally made film by Doug Fry and Mike Capernaros. LIVE VIDEO FILM OF THE DAY'S EVENTS!

Followed by Ragtime Duet: oboe and violin.

CHARLES PLACE off Drummond Street; there will be Eastern Entertainers for the more illustrious adventurers. Stalls provided by the shopkeepers of Drummond Street.

2.40 pm. Whackey Races round Tolmers Square. Three-legged, Egg and Spoon, Human Wheelbarrow. 3.10pm. TUG O' WAR between the local Police and the local Fire Brigade.



3.15pm. Widow Twanky and the Mysterions on stage in Tolmers Square.

the TOLMERS SHOW

A POLITICAL PRODUCTION PLAY BY MAYDAY. ON STAGE IN TOLMERS SQUARE.

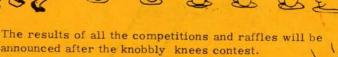
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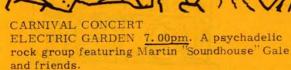
Chingford performing in North Gower Street. STALLS: Home made food, Jellies and Blancmanges, Community Stall and how to squat a house, face painting and van painting, Books and Jumble.



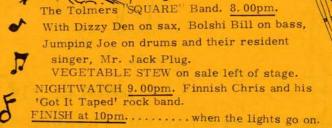
CARNIVAL STALLS IN NORTH GOWER STREET and elsewhere.







Disco interval with your hosts Chatter Ches





The Camden Neighbourhood Festival reaches as far north as West Hampstead to its most southerly neighbourhood Bloomsbury. Over a dozen festivals are held each year attend by thousands of London's

visitors, as well as locals. This year Tolmers Village have joined the throng. In fact Tolmers has grown quite considerably since the forming of an association last August.

#### seen about that time

Apparently posses of longed haired students were first , filling in questionaires and taking

traffic counts. The results of their findings proved to be so appauling that a number of local people grouped together to form an ad-hoc committee of the Tolmers Village Association.

Flanning blight was rife in the area, morale was sinking under the pressures of modern day London, houses were

being left empty and derilict, Shepherds Bush was about to lose its fame as dossers garden of London. But the first public meeting helped to piece together the bits that hadn't been chewed off- the wolves were pushed out into the main roads.

The first initiative that stemmed from the report published

by University College London was to prevent Tolmers Sq being turned into a car park. This was followed up by a 'Stop the Levy Deal Campaign' in September and October,

and by Bonfire Night on November 5th, the area had gained a local newspaper and an association shop.

By Christmas the association had over 300 members, its stocking began to fill up as more people and organisations became concerned. In April a garden was opened up next to the T. V. A. shop. At the next public meeting there was still concern over the council's plans to redevelop the area, their proposal left out J. Levy and his buisness firm Stock Conversions and Investment Trusts Ltd.

Well done to all those who have helped, its a year ago when it first really happened for Tolmers, I hope the carnival is a fitting tribute to all the hard work that has gone into saving the face of our neighbourhood.



### silly letter

Dear TVA,

wot we the residents want in the community is more reggae. We the residents are thoroughly sick of all this so-called "progressive" music, that we hear all of the day and most of the night.

I say phooey to so called "progressive" music-neo-establishmentarianism- and DEMAND REGGAE. Because that is wot

the people- all power to them- want. yours basically, Penny Reel.

### COMMUNITY ARTS

Well as you can see by the front cover our part in the Camden Neighbourhood Festival is only a short time away, happier times at last.

Yet it would be unfortunate if we forgot about the present long term problem and satisfied ourselves with a 'one off' carnival. It has a purpose further than just enjoying ourselves on the day. Camden Arts Department would be willing to assist our endeavours to carry on the type of work that goes into a carnival, that is- if we assist ourselves. It seems likely that the neighbourhood is sufficiently large enough to warrant a community arts centre. This would be a logical progression from the garden to a community hall, with room to expand when people come back to live in Tolmers Village.

Where should it be situated?

There are numerous sites that are worth considering; part of the factory and derilict houses in Tolmers Square and the bank on Hampstead Road are already being used. Their is a strong opinion for a free community arts centre in any one of these places, there are a lot of local people who would like to make use of a community 'arts' building, this must not be denied to them.

The other site that is worth considering is the buildings adjacent to the derilict site mentioned above. Collectors Corner and rest of the British Rail workshop could incorporate as many ideas that could be started, that is if British Rail move, and that they might be doing soon. By maintaining the present building it would save a lot of ratepayers money that would otherwise be set aside

## MUSEUM WORKSPOP

for new houses and before a comprehensive plan is agreed apon a few years use could be got out these buildings. What better harmony than to change a museum courtyard into an arts workshop.

Well, what about it Camden, are we going move people back into the area at our own expense, as well as their own, or would you like to have a consortium of art workshops to be run by local artists to help combine the existing facilities??

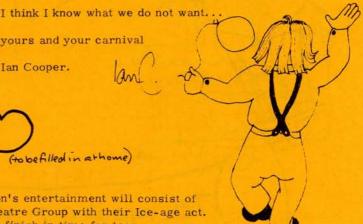
yours and your carnival

Ian Cooper.



SUNDAY

Your afternoon's entertainment will consist of the World Theatre Group with their Ice-age act. The show will finish in time for tea.



#### A BOOK CALLED

Tolmers Destroyed...a concise report edited by Nick Wates and published by the T. V. A. Tolmers Destroyed...a report on the activities of property speculators- Stock Conversions & Investmentment Trust in Tolmers Square and their effect on the community.





HAVE A HAPPY FESTIVAL WE WILL BE COMING TO SEE YOU, LOVE FROM ALL IN NUTS IN MAY. N. W. 5.







about the future of the area. These views are being printed in the Tolmers News, if there is anything you wish to say bring your articles down to 102 Drummond Street.

Down at the T. V. A. constant discussions are being held

Names have been collected for the petition asking for a football pitch. The issue, recorded in the lazt Tolmers News was about plans for a car park on the derilict site at Melton and Cobourg Street. It happens that the site is opposite the village garden and the council finally rejected the plans in favour of something with a bit more consistency.

Its topics like these that need the voice of the residents to be heard, the council like Levy should answer to us.

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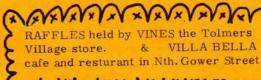
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Good luck with your first carnival, best wishes from all at AVIS Truck Rentals.





PLEASE ENROL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE TOLMERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION: Resident/Worker Name..... Signed..... Date.....

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