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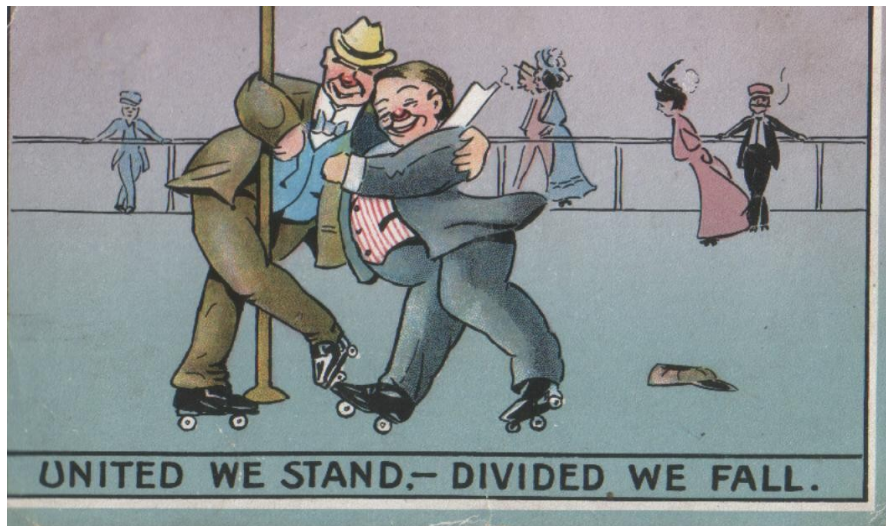
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Contents: Daylight Robbery; Voting on 4 June; My Events in June's Wandsworth Heritage Festival; Other Events; Britain's Second Labour Government, 1929-31: a reappraisal Conference; 50th Anniversary of Anti-Apartheid Movement; News; Articles, Conference Papers, Reports etc For Sale; Publications from History & Social Action.

My events in Wandsworth Heritage Festival. If you know anyone in Wandsworth please email the 3 posters about these events which are available from me: sean.creighton@internet.com. Thanks.

Copies of Festival brochure are also available from me.



Not a comment on MPs but an Edwardian Rinking postcard

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY. At the end of an exciting week in politics over [Snoutsintroughgate](#), a real daylight robbery round the corner in Streatham Rd on Saturday morning. A gang held up a security van and took the money - no one hurt. People are talking about how corrupt our political system has become. A far cry from the days when John Burns was supported first as LCC Councillor and then MP from a Wages Fund made up of voluntary contributions from his supporters. Of course the expenses is only the tip of the iceberg of [The New Corruption](#) - see my letter to the Guardian in October 2004 via the Democracy page of my website or www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2004/oct/08/constitution.comment.

1. **VOTING ON 4 JUNE.** The Vote for Hope Not Hate Campaign is urging everyone to vote in the European elections on 4 June so as to help keep the BNP out. It has the support of the 00000 in running campaign bus tour round the country. See: www.hopenothing.org.uk.

MY EVENTS IN JUNE'S WANDSWORTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

1 June. Talk on Edwardian Roller Skating boom. Part of Launch of Festival. 7.30pm.

Battersea Library, Lavender Hill, SW11. Free, but booking in advance essential: 020 8871 7466.

3 June. 6.30pm. From Brewery to Gasworks. Guided walk around Wandsworth Town. £5. Book in advance with me.

6 June. 10am-4pm. Festival Open Day. Stalls and displays by local groups. I will be running a bookstall. Putney Library, 5/7 Disraeli Rd, SW15.

16 June. 6.30pm. The development of the Lavender Hill Area. Guided Walk. £5. Book in advance with me.

18 June. 6.30pm. The Heart of Old Battersea. Guided walk through Battersea High St and Square to St Mary's Church. £5. Book in advance with me.

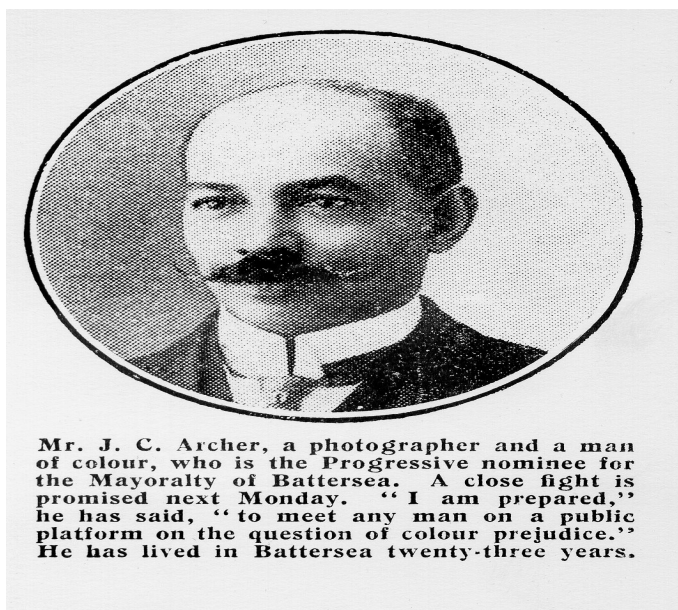


Raven Pub

24 June. 7pm. Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens. Talk by Battersea resident Professor Penny Corfield.

Northcote Library, Northcote Rd, SW11. Organised by History & Social Action Publications.

Penny's pamphlet *Vauxhall & the Invention of Urban Pleasure Gardens* will be on sale.



June 27. BASA AGM Conference in Wandsworth. Includes talks on John Archer and Black Edwardians. Archer was Mayor of Battersea 1913-14. I will be speaking about Archer and the Black Atlantic. Venue to be finalised. Details from me as Secretary of Black & Asian Studies Association.

June 30. 7pm. 'Candles from Coconuts'. Talk by Jon Newman (Lambeth Archives) on the history of Price's Candles. York Gardens Library, 34 Lavender Rd, SW11. Organised by History & Social Action Publications. Latest HSAP pamphlet by Jon on Price's Candles will be launched at this event. Free, booking essential 020 8871 7471.

To book in advance and for further details email me on: sean.creighton@btinternet.com

OTHER EVENTS

29 May. Britain's Second Labour Government Conference. See below.

31 May. 2.45-5pm. Sing Songs of Freedom - The Music of Paul Robeson with Ken Burton. Colston Hall, Bristol. See www.colstonhall.org.uk/boxoffice/whatson/Event877.

to 6 June. Recalling Robeson in Bristol. Exhibition, performances, lectures, digital story production, educational opportunities and singing workshops. Bristol Old Vic. They include Tayo's performances listed in HASN 8: www.bristololdvic.org.uk/423.html. Full details on: www.bristololdvic.org.uk/478.html. Support resources are accessible on www.bristololdvic.org.uk/486.html. Curated by Anna Farthing - see : www.annafarthing.co.uk. See also 31 May above and 5 June below.

to 31 July. Living Ancestors. A tribute to portraits and stories to the world's oldest women and other Caribbean centenarians. Exhibition by Gabrielle Le Roux. Free exhibition of portraits of women over the age of 100 from Dominica. Gabrielle, who I met at an event on Monday 18 May, is a South African artist and feminist. Museum of London Docklands, West India Dock Quay (DLR). Further details and special event activities see: www.museumoflondon.org/livingancesors.

5 June. 5pm. I have done the state some service. Robeson, Othello and the FBI. Lecture by Tony Howard at Bristol Old Vic. www.bristololdvic.org.uk/robeson-multi-media.html.

5 June. 2-6pm. Access to Opportunities: Making the Connection. GLA City Hall Queen's Walk, London SE1. Organised by Cultural Leadership Programme and Mayor's Commission on African & Asian Heritage. Special event, aimed at Black and Minority Ethnic arts, heritage and creative professionals, will provide information about a range of upcoming opportunities from the Cultural Leadership Programme. You will hear about short intensive learning programmes, international leadership placements and organisational development schemes. To book and further information from invite@eventbrite.com.

5 June. 1-5.30pm. Our history in our hands: Towards Digital Sustainability for Minority Archives. Organised by the Community Archives project at UCL and untoldlondon.org.uk at the Museum in Docklands. See Miscellaneous item on Community Archives and 18 June below. To attend please contact Sara Wajid (swajid@museumoflondon.org.uk). Attendance is free and priority will be given to heritage practitioners from culturally diverse communities.

7 June. 11am. Concert. Michael Blackmore and Michael Bochmann. Blackheath Concert Halls, Lee Road, Blackheath, London. Schubert: Sonata in A D 574; Grieg: Sonata in C minor; Chausson: Poeme; short pieces by Elgar, Kreisler, Poldini, and Bazzini. Michael Blackmore was a piano pupil of, and then teaching partner with, my mother.

12 June. Start of 50th Anniversary of Anti-Apartheid Movement Exhibition. See below.

13 June, 50th Anniversary of Anti-Apartheid Movement Event. See below.

15 June. Friends of Durning Library 10th Birthday Party. Celebrate the founding of the Friends, A display will include memorabilia from the campaign to stop Lambeth Council closing the Library. 6.345pm. £2 donation requested for refreshments. 167 Kennington Lane, SE11.

16 June. 6.30pm. Grove Roots. Lexi Cinema, 194b Chamberlayne Rd, London, NW10 3JU. Free showing of film made by 8 young people living in the Ladbroke Grove area charting its history

from the 1958 riots to the present day. The film was made with funding support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Octavia Foundation. Further details on www.octaviafoundation.org.uk, or Kate.Ginsman@octaviahousing.org.uk.

18 June. 10am-4pm. Sustaining Community Archives Conference. Community Archives & Heritage Group co-hosted with University College London, School of Library, Archive and Information Studies. Free. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. See: www.communityarchives.org.uk. See News section below for item on community archives.

18-21 June. City & Guilds Arts School 2009 Degree Show. Thursday & Friday 10am-7.30pm. Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm. 124 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11. www.cityandguildsartschool.ac.uk. The School, which grew out of the Lambeth School of Art in Kennington, receives no money from the Government,

19 June. 150th Anniversary of Anti-Apartheid Movement Event. See below.

22-25 June. Britain and the Cold War. Conference. Centre for Contemporary British History. Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, University of London. For packed programme see: www.ccbh.ac.uk.

23 June. 6.30-8.30pm. Lambeth Art Forum at Stockwell Studios. Speakers will focus on regeneration and opportunities for artists around this theme. Networking afterwards will include the opportunity to view Stockwell Studios 10 year anniversary exhibition. Lambeth Art Forum: 020 7926 0763. Lambeth Art Forum lambethartsforum@lambeth.gov.uk; www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambethartsforum. Stockwell Studios, McCall Close, Jeffreys Rd, London, SW4.

26 June. 50th Anniversary of Anti-Apartheid Movement Event. See below.

29 June. 6.45pm. Paddy Ashdown. A Fortunate Life. Ashdown talks about his new autobiography. Friends of Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, SE11. £2 donation requested for refreshments.

17-19 July. Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival. 175th Anniversary Commemoration. Full details on www.tuc.org.uk/tolpuddle.

20 July. "One Mile Away, or how to make a play come out of a place. Kay Joyce, writer-in-residence at Spread the Word (Lambeth Walk), talks about the project involving local people. Friends of Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, SE11. £2 donation requested for refreshments.

2 & 3 October. Conference. "Is England's Past For Everyone?" Learning and Outreach in the Historic Environment. Bristol. Victoria County History 'England's Past for Everyone' project. Full details on www.englishpastforeveryone.org.uk/National/GetInvolved/Conference_2009

To 1 November. Daily 10am-6pm. From War to Windrush Exhibition. Imperial War Museum. Lambeth Rd. London. www.lwm.org.uk. Related events on 7 June, 17 July, 27 September and 26-30 October.

BRITAIN'S SECOND LABOUR GOVERNMENT, 1929-31: A REAPPRAISAL

History Conference: 29 May, 9.30am-5.30pm. Labour History Research Unit, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge

Morning Session Panel 1:

Professor Andrew Thorpe (University of Exeter): 'The 1929 General Election Reconsidered'
Professor Chris Wrigley (University of Nottingham): 'Labour dealing with Labour: the government's relations with the trade unions'

Dr Richard Carr (University of East Anglia): 'Harold Macmillan and the "Young Tory" response to the 1929-31 Labour Government

Morning Session Panel 2:

Dr Clare Griffiths (University of Sheffield): 'The end of free trade: agricultural crisis and the politics of the national interest'

Dr Nicole Robertson (University of Northumbria): 'The Second Labour Government and the consumer'

Robert Taylor: 'The Second Labour Government and the Parliamentary Labour Party'

Afternoon Session Panel 3:

Professor Daniel Ritschel (University of Maryland): 'Why was there no Keynesian Revolution under the Second Labour Government? Reassessing Sir Oswald Mosley's Alternative Economic Agenda in 1930-31'

Professor John Callaghan (University of Salford): 'Labour's turn to socialism in 1931'

Professor Duncan Tanner: (University of North Wales): 'Politics and Policy in the shadow of 1931: Labour party culture, Labour intellectuals and the restructuring of policy, 1931-35'

Afternoon Session Panel Four:

Dr Steve Woodhams: 'Our leaders are part of the problem: The South Wales Miners Federation and opposition to MacDonaldism'

Geraint Thomas: (Emmanuel College, Cambridge): 'The Second Labour government and Conservative attitudes to anti-socialism'

Plenary Address:

Professor David Howell: 'The Second Labour Government and the 1931 crisis'

Conference Close (5.30pm): followed by drinks reception

Conference fee: £10 (including lunch & refreshments). Students free

Venue: Room HEL 251

Registration: Online at www.anglia.ac.uk/labourhistory

Further information: John Shepherd, Anglia Ruskin University, East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1P. (johnshepherd10@hotmail.co.uk)

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT

12 June to 8 September. Exhibition 'Forward to Freedom: the Anti-Apartheid Movement and liberation in Southern Africa' in the foyer of the Museum of London.

13 June. 10.30am-1pm. Discussion on women and the AAM. Women's Library, London Metropolitan University, 25 Old Castle Street, E1.

19 June. 5.30-8pm. Symposium on the history of the Anti Apartheid Movement at the Hancock and Menzies Room, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Russell Square, 5.30-8pm. Speakers: Professor Håkan Thörn, Professor Colin Bundy and Christabel Gurney. This will be followed by drinks and the launch of a Special Issue of the *Journal of Southern African Studies* on *Liberation Movements, Exile and International Solidarity* to commemorate the 50th anniversary.

26 June 'Celebrating the Past: Building the Future'. Conference at South Africa House. Further details from ACTSA (Action for South Africa), 231 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1EH. www.actsa.org/page-1438-AAM.html. Booking form on website. Bookings by Friday 19 June. For more information please call 020 3263 2001 or email info@actsa.org.

NEWS

Beaufoy Institute. Previous news items on my website in 2007 and 2008 reported on the tortuous process of trying to get the Beaufoy Institute building on Prince's Rd in Kennington back into use as an Artisan School and Arts & Crafts Museum. Progress seemed to be being made due to Government support for the School, the involvement of the Young Foundation and Prince's Trust and the acceptance of the idea by Lambeth Council as part of a revised strategy

for the area. However, Jeffe Jeffers, the originator of the idea when he was Director of Lady Margaret Hall Settlement, reports that the project is being derailed. 'At the last meeting of the steering group we were informed that the De Morgan Foundation could not guarantee that their funding would be in place within the time framework set out by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). This has now created a serious problem in that the ministry do not want a near derelict building beside their new school and are demanding a quick financial solution to its future of the older building. The Council appear to be getting ready to sell in the open market and if this happens it is likely the Prince's Trust will withdraw; their continued involvement needing there to be a museum and or workshops on site. The whole project looks therefore in danger unless we can persuade Lambeth and DCSF to work with us to make a workshop solution happen. If there are any ideas in the community we would be happy to look at them urgently.' **My Lambeth readers in the area are urged to make suggestions. Other readers with relevant experience elsewhere are also asked to consider making suggestions.** Jeffe can be contacted on 020 7793 1110; lmhs@lmhs.org.uk.

Lambeth Islamic Sunday Market. Sundays 8am-5pm. Brixton Station Rd. Six months from 17 May. Organised by Lambeth Council and local Muslim organisations. Stalls for all the family - food, herbal and natural products, Islamic art, clothes, new and second hand items. For more information please contact Sabreena Shabazz on 07950875165.

Certificate in Interpersonal Skills for Volunteers. Part-time distance learning course run by University of Wales, Lampeter. Free to UK and EU residents who do not hold (and are not currently studying for) a degree or higher qualification. For those who have to pay fees there is a promotional reduction of £99 down to £199 when applying online. Monthly start dates. Can lead to a BA Degree in Voluntary Sector Studies. Further information on www.volstudy.ac.uk.

American Racism in a Stalingrad Factory. Robert Robinson, a Jamaican born Ford employee from Detroit who went to work in Stalingrad in 1930, faced racism by white Americans there. He was attacked and the matter became a *cause celebre* in the Soviet Union. He did not go back to the United States until 1973. The story is summarised in the June issue of *BBC History Magazine*, reporting a full article published in *The Historian*, No. 71. No.1.

The Power of the Hunger Strike. Article by June Pourvis on the suffragettes. *BBC History Magazine* June.

Thomas Paine. Articles on the bicentenary of Paine's death in the June issues of *BBC History Magazine* (Edward Vallance) and *History Today* (David Nash).

The Peasants' Revolt 1381. Dan Jones in June's *History Today*.

Kennington 1938 - London Belongs to Me by Norman Collins. Synopsis by Foyles: It is 1938 and the prospect of war hangs over every London inhabitant. But the city doesn't stop. Everywhere people continue to work, drink, fall in love, fight and struggle to get on in life. At the lodging-house at No.10 Dulcimer Street, Kennington, the buttoned-up clerk Mr. Jossier returns home with the clock he has received as a retirement gift. The other residents include faded actress Connie; tinned food-loving Mr. Puddy; widowed landlady Mrs. Vizzard (whose head is turned by her new lodger, a self-styled 'Professor of Spiritualism'); and flashy young mechanic Percy Boon, whose foray into stolen cars descends into something much, much worse.

Community Archives - Does Your Organisation Have An Archive Policy? Community archives appear to be those owned and controlled by not for profit organisations which either hold their own archive or deposit it at an official archive. Therefore, for example, Battersea Labour Party's archive may be defined as a community archive which is held on deposit at Wandsworth Heritage Service. Black & Asian Studies Association's Archive is held by it at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, and will be deposited with Black Cultural Archives when it moves into its new building in Brixton. For more information about community archives see the Community

Archives & Heritage Group www.communityarchives.org.uk, and the Community Archives and Identities: Documenting and Sustaining Community Heritage (AHRC project) at the Department of Information Studies, University College London: <http://archivesandidentities.com>. For annual conference see 18 June in Events above. Museums, Libraries & Archives have produced a report on community archives - see <http://research.mla.gov.uk:80/evidence/view-publication.php?dm=nrm&pubid=949>.

Family History and the Spanish Civil War. In June's Picture Postcard Monthly Philip Chapman writes about the Cromer Lifeboat rescuing some of the passengers of a Spanish ship on its way to Leningrad which was sunk in November 1938 by a Franco Nationalist navy vessel. www.postcardcollecting.co.uk.

Canadian Lumberjacks in Northumberland 1918. During the First World War the Canadians suffered heavy losses on the Western Front. My grandfather was lucky to survive. Behind the scenes was the Canadian Forestry Corps of 33,000 lumberjacks working in Britain and France. Using the postcards one of them sent back home, Brian Lund, the Editor of *Picture Postcard Monthly*, tells the story of those working in Chillingham in Northumberland in 1918. *Picture Postcard Monthly* June. www.postcardcollecting.co.uk.

Liberating Ethiopia. Two books dealing with the military aspects of the liberation of Ethiopia from Italian occupation and the reinstatement of Emperor Haile Selassie are available from Frontline Books:

Bare Feet and Bandoliers. David Shireff. Reduced to £15.99.

Letters from the Horn of Africa 1923-1942. ed. Christian Curle. Letters of Sandy Curle whose service included leading a battalion of Ethiopian irregulars. Reduced to £20.

Other titles include: *Zulu Frontiersman* by Major C. G. Dennison, originally published 1904, and *Britain's Gurkha War. The Invasion of Nepal 1814-16* by John Pemble.

www.frontline-books.com

Reduced Price Books. The following reduced price books are available from Academic Book Collection.

Land of Promise. The British Documentary Movement 1930-1950. Paul Rotha, Arthur Elton, etc al. 4 DVDs boxed of 40 diverse documentaries. £34.50. Code V059.

The Collected Letters of Mary Woolstencroft. Ed. Janet Todd. £12.50. Code B534.

The Truest Form of Patriotism. Pacifist Feminism in Britain, 1870-1902. Heloise Brown. £5.95. Code N231.

Newcastle Ragged and Industrial School. Wendy Prahms. £4.95 (down from £6.95). Code H164.

Sepoys in the Trenches. The Indian Corps on the Western Front, 1914-15. Gordon Corrigan. £7.50 (down £1). Code H187.

Joshua Johnson's Letterbook, 1771-1774. Letters from a Merchant in London to His Partners in Maryland. ed. Jacob. M. Price. £7.95. Code B552

Academic Book Collection. 0845 658 0099; abc@bebc.co.uk

ARTICLES, CONFERENCE PAPERS, REPORTS ETC FOR SALE

ARTICLES FROM INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST 1969-72

Paul Foot. *Harold Wilson and the Labour Left.* Summer 1968

Jim Higgins. *The Origins of the Communist Party.* October/November 1969

Paul Foot. *Life Under Labour 1. Law and Order.* Apr/May 1970

Jim Higgins. *The Minority Movement.* November/December 1970

Jim Higgins. *Revolutionary Trade Unionism.* Feb/Mar 1971

Ray Challinor. *The Rise of the Bureaucracy.* (Trade Union). No. 48. June/July 1971

Raymond Challinor. *Labour the Parliamentary Road.* July-Sept 1972

Price as a set £7 inc. postage.

PAPERS ON LABOUR MOVEMENT AND IMMIGRATION from a 1978 Conference Some have paper

yellowing round edges. Left hand margins have ring binder holes.

G. Anderson. (Univ. Salford). *German Competition in the Clerical Labour Market in Late-Victorian Britain*

Author not stated. *The German Gypsy Question in Britain 1904-6.*

Noelle Whiteside. *Dockers, Their Work and Its Impact on Union Organisation 1889-1914.*

K. Lunn (Univ. Sheffield). *Reactions to Polish Miners in Lanarkshire, 1880-1914.*

Alan. J. Lane. *Aspects of the Working-Class Response to the Jew in Britain, 1880-1914.*

Richard. C. Thurlow. (Univ. Sheffield). *The Image of the Immigrant in English Racial Populist Thought since the First World War.*

A. T. Lane. *The British and American Labour Movements and the Problem of Immigration, 1890-1914.*

Author not stated. *The Beginnings of Jewish Trade Unionism in Manchester, 1889-91.*

Sheridan Gilley. *Catholic and Socialists in Glasgow, 1906-1912.*

Joe Buckman. *An Immigrant Trade Union - The Leeds Jewish Tailors, 1880-1914.*

Price as a set £10 inc. postage.

NEW SOCIALIST MAGAZINE. Published bi-monthly by Labour Party Sept/Oct 1981. Issues 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 14-17, 19, 29 (July/Aug 1985) - 33, 35-43, 45-51 (Summer 1987). In W. H. Smith magazine binders. £35 the set plus postage.

STEVENAGE 1989-1994

The Needs of People from Minority Ethnic Groups in Stevenage. A Preliminary Report. April 1989. Stevenage Council for Voluntary Service & Stevenage College

Stevenage Low Income Study 1990-1991. Case Studies. Research by Stevenage Borough Council.

Stevenage Low Income Study 1990-1991. Summary Report. Research by Stevenage Borough Council.

Social Housing Study. Technical Note. July 1992. Stevenage District Plan 1990- Review. Sf

Social & Community Survey. Technical Note. May 1993. Stevenage District Plan 1990 - Review.

Stevenage Borough Councillor

The Economic Development of Stevenage 1946-1994. Stevenage Borough Council

Stevenage Economic Profile. Stevenage Borough Council. 1994(?)

Annual Health Report of the Director of Public Health. 1994. Hertfordshire Health Agency
£1 each + postage, or £7 the set + postage.

To order email: sean.creighton@btinternet.com.

PUBLICATIONS FROM HISTORY & SOCIAL ACTION PUBLICATIONS

Pamphlets

Peter Kuenestler. *Learning about Community.* Oxford House, Bethnal Green, 1940-1948. £5.

Jason Young. *Mother Seacole.* Short Story. £2.

Jonathan Wood. Bill Miller. *Plymouth's black Labour Party activist.* £3.

Penelope J Corfield. *Vauxhall and the Invention of the Urban Pleasure Gardens.* £5.
plus postage

PDF Monographs

No.1. *Progressive Battersea: Radicalism and Socialism 1880-1914.* Basis of talk at West London Local History Conference 21 March 2009.

No.2. *Black Abolitionists and the North East.* Basis of talk at Liberating Sojourn 2 Conference, Liverpool University, 23-25 April 2009.

No.3. *John Archer and the Politics of Labour.* Talk at Belonging in Europe Conference, organised by the Equiano Centre, Department of Geography, University College London, 8 & 9 November 2007.

£2 if emailed; photocopy cost plus postage if posted.

