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.

HOW TO GET THERE:
BUS ROUTES:
14, 16, 24, 27, 29, 30,
73, 184, 197, 253.

UNDERGROUND:
Victoria and
Northern Lines to
EUSTON STATION
& WARREN STREET;
Metropolitan and
Circle Lines to
EUSTON SQUARE.

COME IN FANCY DRESS & JOIN OUR PARADE! PRIZES FOR THE FANCIEST DRESSED!
TOLMERS CARNIVAL PROGRAMME

Free Fun

1.30pm. PARADE through the streets of TOLMERS VILLAGE, starting at Buxton Station and winding its way into Tolmers Square. Prizes for best costumes.

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.

2.00 to 2.35pm. Punch & Judy in Drummond Street.

2.15pm. MORRIS DANCERS all the way from 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.

The results of all the competitions and raffles will be announced after the knobby knees contest.

3.00pm. Mr. Mooney’s Magic Book in North Gower Street.

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

4pm the TOLMERS SHOW
A POLITICAL PRODUCTION PLAY BY MAYDAY, ON STAGE IN TOLMERS SQUARE.

BREAK FOR TEA AND A WELL-earned REST

CARNIVAL CONCERT ELECTRIC GARDEN 7.00pm. A psychedelic rock group featuring Martin ‘Soundhouse’ Gale and friends.
Disco interval with your hosts Chatter Ches and Tanker Tim.

MUSIC

The Tolmers‘ SQUARE Band. 8.00pm. With Dizzy Den on sax, Bolshi Bill on bass, Jumping Joe on drums and their resident singer, Mr. Jack Plug.

VEGETABLE STEW on sale left of stage.

NIGHTWATCH 9.00pm. Finnish Chris and his ‘Got It Taped’ rock band.

FINISH at 10pm. . . . . . . when the lights go on.
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 attended 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 long haired students were first filling in questionnaires and taking traffic counts. The results of their findings proved to be so appalling that a number of local people grouped together to form an ad-hoc committee of the Tolmers Village Association.

Planning blight was rife in the area, morale was sinking under the pressures of modern day London, houses were being left empty and derelict, Shepherds Bush was about to lose its fame as dovers 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 business 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.

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 forget 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 derelict 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 derelict 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.

A 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.

Ian Cooper.

MUSEUM WORKSHOP

for new houses and before a comprehensive plan is agreed upon 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?

I think I know what we do not want...

yours and your carnival

Ian Cooper.
A BOOK CALLED

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

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

Names have been collected for the petition asking for a football pitch. The issue, recorded in the last Tolmers News was about plans for a car park on the derelict 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.

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

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

RAFFLES held by VINES the Tolmers Village store. & VILLA BELLA cafe and restaurant in Nth. Gower Street

Simmonds Simmonds Simmonds thanks for some wonderful jumble and your generous help

Mr. J.D. Shah for exciting spices. 161 Drummond St.

buy your sweets & cigarettes from Shanes

PLEASE ENROL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE TOLMERS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION:

Name.................................................. Resident/Worker

Address..................................................

Signed..................................................

Date..................................................

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