

Roll: **19751224-6416**

Camera: **Zorki 4: ZO4**

Film: **Boots Panchromatic**

Subject:

County Durham, Romford, Oxford St. Liberty

Notes:

The pictures by the phone box or marked on the contacts as Barnard Castle, although they don't look like any pictures I can find of Barnard Castle on the web. It looks like a small farming village rather than small town. Not sure why we would have the map out unless we drove to Barnard Castle and then went for a walk. Maggie certainly doesn't look dressed for a trek of any distance.

My first day at work in London was in Wembley but then I was posted to the DHSS in Romford. Frames 14 and 15 are of Romford so they have to be on or after Tuesday 2nd December. As this is one film, the only roll found so far of Boots Panchromatic and the frames perfectly in sequence this means I did not take a picture from 6th October when we returned from Durham until 2 months later in London. (What strange creatures we were then. Through most of November I was on my own in Birmingham, I cannot think what I did with myself).

I remember taking the shots in Oxford St. probably my first trip there, and Maggie telling me that the chap was a familiar sight who had been patrolling with his sign board for years. I also remember taking those shots on the staircase at Liberty's which again I think was my first visit there.

I am surprised to find that we made such a life of it in Stratford, we saw the band Key Largo in a Stratford pub 18th Dec. I do remember seeing a band of that name but do not remember their music at all.

19th December after drinking in the Exmouth Arms with Maggie's work mates we went for a Chinese in Stratford - "not too good." I think I remember that meal I complained about the soup which was supposed to have bamboo shoots but didn't and the staff argued about it. I think I made a deduction from the bill.

Then according to Maggie's diary we saw Key Largo again. I wonder if this as error as the description "Rock Band Key Largo - very good.", reads like a first viewing. There was a dreadful fight in the pub where a tall long haired chap smashed a bottle to threaten a smaller slightly tubby chap in a light grey suit. The bloke in the suit knocked him down, smashed the top off of a glass and screwed into the other blokes eye socket, absolutely calm and ruthless. I had never seen anything like it and hope I never do again. The barman told the long haired chaps his mates to carry him outside, presumably to avoid trouble with the police before they called an ambulance, then he came from behind the bar with a mob and bucket and cleaned up the considerable amount of blood. Everyone carried on without turning a hair. I knew then I was not going to live in Stratford or anywhere near it if I could help it.

Saturday, we went shopping in Ilford and to, what I now discover was an old coaching inn, The Angel, for lunch time drinks then "on to Barking". Maggie lost Carolyn's books? and had to buy some more.

Back to Ilford where went to the cinema to see "Lady Sings the Blues" which was an "excellent movie" and "American Graffiti", "long and boring - surprised how most people found it good". The latter surprises me as if asked I would have said that I'd never seen American Graffiti all the way through, only bits on the telly. After the pictures we went for a meal in a "fairly good Indian restaurant in Ilford".

People:

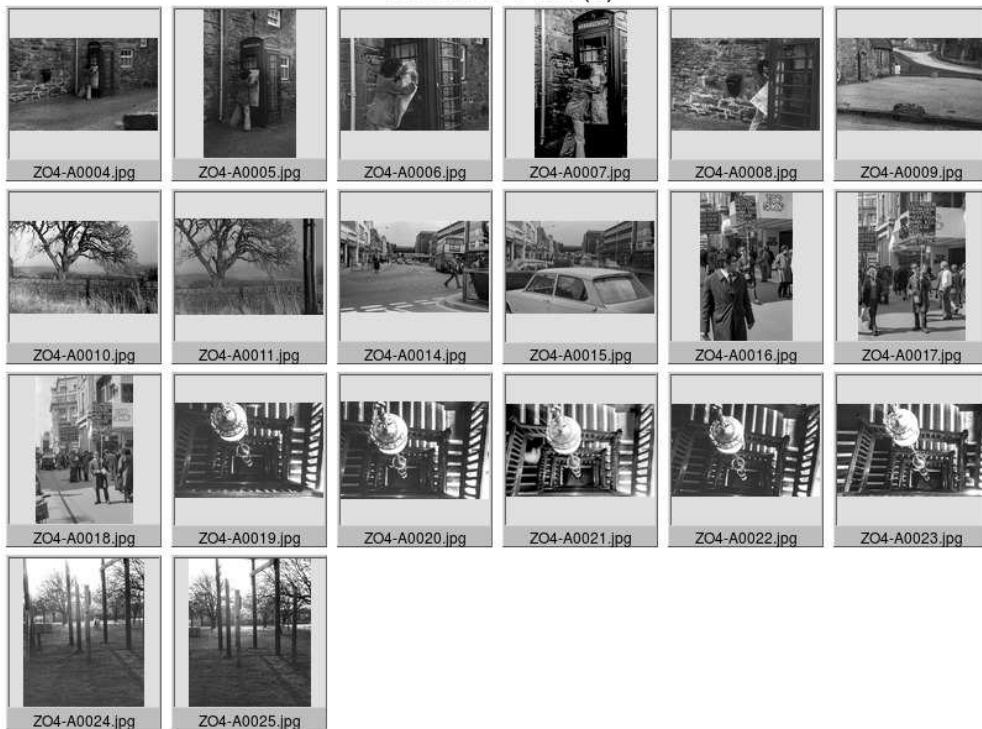
Maggie, Stanley Green.

Dates:

The latest date for County Durham shots is 6th Oct confirmed by Maggie's diary. The Romford shots are also constrained between 2nd and 23rd December from the diary.

There is a specific entry of a trip to Oxford Street in the diary and Maggie notes that I bought an electronic flash gun that morning. Liberty's I take to be the same day as we travelled to Nottingham later on the 12.55 train. The park by the same logic must be on the same day and I would guess as St. James' Park or Green Park as I'm fairly sure we went there too that day all the timber structures do look a bit incongruous and the shadows are very .

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**Frames:**

ZO4-A0004	19751005	16:00:00	Maggie, map and kiosk.
ZO4-A0005	19751005	16:01:00	Maggie, map and kiosk.
ZO4-A0006	19751005	16:02:00	Maggie, map and kiosk.
ZO4-A0007	19751005	16:03:00	Maggie, map and kiosk.
ZO4-A0008	19751005	16:04:00	Maggie, map and kiosk.
ZO4-A0009	19751005	16:05:00	Barnard Castle?.
ZO4-A0010	19751005	16:06:00	Trees in field.
ZO4-A0011	19751005	16:07:00	Trees in field.
ZO4-A0014	19751203	12:00:00	South Street,Romford.
ZO4-A0015	19751203	12:01:00	South Street,Romford.
ZO4-A0016	19751224	09:30:00	Less Passion from Less Protein.
ZO4-A0017	19751224	09:31:00	Less Passion from Less Protein.
ZO4-A0018	19751224	09:32:00	Less Passion from Less Protein.
ZO4-A0019	19751224	09:35:00	Liberty's Staircase.
ZO4-A0020	19751224	09:36:00	Liberty's Staircase.
ZO4-A0021	19751224	09:37:00	Liberty's Staircase.
ZO4-A0022	19751224	09:38:00	Liberty's Staircase.
ZO4-A0023	19751224	09:39:00	Liberty's Staircase.
ZO4-A0024	19751224	10:15:00	Park.
ZO4-A0025	19751224	10:16:00	Park.