

Roll: **19760221-6420**

Camera: **Zorki 4: ZO4**

Film: **Ilford HP4.**

**Subject:**

Clissold Crescent

**Notes:**

There were some of the worst storms on record across Western Europe in January 1976, In the UK destruction saw 1.5 million reported incidents with structural damage across all counties of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The worst hit areas were in a band from Ulster across to Lancashire and down through the Midlands into East Anglia. Wind speeds were around 89 mph with a gust of 105 mpg recorded on 2nd of January in Cambridge.

Me and Mags missed it as we were in a loud disco at the Hole in Wall in Borough. Maggie's Dad "narrowly escaped injury" when half the tiles blew off his roof. Discovered when I rang my Dad on the 5th of January that the chimney pots had blown off at Beaumont Gardens, one going through the garage roof. Quote from Dad was that they looked like "2 great floppy red ears". Neil had been blown off a roof.

In November 1975 had booked a bedsitter in Leyton, with breakfast for £90 a month. Cold room "lousy rotten blankets, 2 single beds, one pillow and no hot water.

Maggie found a "grotty but v. cheap flat" in Church Street, Stoke Newington but then found it was being let as a "Holiday Home" B&B. "Breakfast in the form of one packet of cornflakes delivered on Sundays! 6 month contract. We left Lyndhurst Drive, Leyton, Maggie went back to her parents and I went to stay with Greg.

On 7th December moved stuff from Brum to Fred and Ivy's and went to stay in at Alfredo's Guest House, 50 Mansfield Rd. Ilford. Clutch on van almost gone, touch and go making it back to leave van in Barking. We left Alfredo's after a week on Sunday 14th and moved into a place on Earlham Road. Left Earlham Road on Sunday 21st along with Auntie Ede's house plant.

Moved into Clissold Crescent on my 24th birthday, Saturday 10th January. Between 1st and 2nd load the door lock was gone. "Run into the ground" but after having tried to return the tickets to see "Lenny" at Centreprise we went anyway,

Lots of visitors right from the off, not just London friends, Pat and Sandy came to stay too while they were working on a wiring job.

Strangely didn't take any photographs during these months. Not until Kris and Carl came to stay.

The photographs are all very poor but I do like them as an historical record particularly because they show the pictures on the wall which were taken a few months earlier, the working longboat at the head of the Aston Flight and statue at night (lord knows why I thought that was worth printing and mounting I don't know but I still have it. There is also the edge of the painting I did from the Dr Strange magazine which ultimately rotted away here in Edward Road.

It's also worth noting that at this time we had much trouble finding coal for the fire and on occasion bought from a man selling out the back of a van.

**People:**

Kris and Carl Josephs, Margaret Thornton Hughes (nee Dove).

**Dates:**

Both diaries show Kris and Carl's visit as being late 20th February until Wednesday 25th.

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**Frames:**

ZO4-A0030	19760221	08:00:00	Maggie.
ZO4-A0031	19760221	08:01:00	Maggie.
ZO4-A0032	19760221	08:02:00	Carl.
ZO4-A0033	19760221	08:03:00	Maggie.
ZO4-A0034	19760221	08:05:00	Krissie.
ZO4-A0035	19760221	08:10:00	Open Fire.
ZO4-A0036	19760221	08:11:00	Open Fire.
ZO4-A0037	19760221	08:12:00	Open Fire.
ZO4-A0038	19760221	08:13:00	Open Fire.
ZO4-A0039	19760221	08:14:00	Open Fire.
ZO4-A0040	19760221	08:15:00	Open Fire.
ZO4-A0041	19760221	08:16:00	Open Fire.