

Roll: **19760630-6429**

Camera: **Zorki 4: ZO4**

Film: **Kodak Tri-X**

Subject:

Petticoat Lane - Whipps Cross Lido - Chapel Market. - Hope & Anchor

Notes:

In June 1976 we were entering a heat wave and a period of drought following on from the dry summer and winter of 75-76. By August there were standpipes in some area, heath and forest fires (50,000 trees destroyed in Dorset). Up to 48 days without rain and temperatures into the 90s for 15 days from 23rd June to 7th July. In the last week of August Dennis Howell was appointed Minister for Drought and the thunderstorms came.

Roy gave us his old Morris 1100 on the 6th June and we spent much of the month either fixing the car or experimenting with trips out. We discovered Hampstead "fascinating with cobbled streets, hills & the heath." Drank in the Nag's Head in the Main Street. Samuel Smith's Old Countryman Brew and Abbots Ales. Interestingly an attempted trip to Lords to see England v. the West Indies was aborted due to rain and we went to Portobello Road and Ridley Road instead.

Sunday 20th we went for a drive to Hoddeson Herts.

By now I must have resigned from the Civil Service only to be re-recruited at Kings Cross dole office when I insisted that a transit card could be used in either direction Employment Office to Benefits Office or vice versa. The supervisor was called and he called the Benefit manager and he offered me the job (which I couldn't refuse unless I wanted to be suspended for refusing suitable employment). I met Brian Cooley at the dole office and on 22nd of June Maggie records a visit to the Salmon & Compass, Chapel Street with Brian and Ellen Cullen, whoever she was. I went to the Regional Office in Wembley on 17th March, so assuming a months notice that would mean I left round about 17th April and would be signing on after the Easter bank holiday. Strange neither me or Maggie mention these events in our diaries, in fact I made one more entry on 18th March and then didn't write another word for the remainder of the year.

Mary and Neil came down for the weekend on Friday 11th June. "Much housework!". Went to the Albion on the Friday evening.

Saturday morning we went to the Young's pub in Dalston and then to the Pie and Mash Shop. in the afternoon Camden Passage and the drinks in the Camden Head then back home for tea.

In the evening tried to go to Henekey's but it was shut for a private party, so on to the Caledonia which was packed. Had a meal in a Chinese Restaurant and spent a long time in pinball palaces.

Sunday we went to Petticoat Lane and Dirty Dicks. Mary's purse was pinched. We went to the "Park in afternoon", presumably Clissold.

Saturday 20th June we went to Whipps Cross Lido early. Sheila and Pat Watson down the Rising Sun for Lunch. Watched some Wimbledon and stayed for tea. Watched a TV prog. about comedy on the radio through the years and then back to the Rising Sun.

Whipps Cross was a brilliant lido with circular diving pool and a terrific fountain. It was 300 feet long and 130 feet wide with a central straight for racing. The Lido was closed in 1982 demolished in 1983 and allowed to return to the forest.

Maggie was sore the following day but we still went to sunbathe in Clissold Park. We had a meal in Church Street then went to Speakers corner and on to Putney for a drink on the river at a Young's pub the Star & Garter.

Not sure which day the shots on Chapel Market were taken, the black girl in the shots was a colleague at the dole office where I think I must have been working for a couple of months by this time. I can't remember her name which is driving me nuts. I've chosen the date of Tuesday 29th.

Chapel Market was a regular haunt for food shopping at the weekend and I was also able to go there often at lunch times when working in Kings Cross UBO as it was only two or three minutes walk away.

Chapel Market had one of the few remaining offal shops. Although it stank something rotten I loved that shop and was able to buy a variety of different tripe including raw tripe which seems now only to be sold as dog food.

I was also a frequent visitor at M. Manze's Pie and Mash Shop for lunch. The pies had a special all over soggy that wasn't found in Cooke's, the Pie and Mash in Dalston. Possibly they were using suet pastry all round. Beautiful tiling, benched booths, a strange speckled green liquor. I also frequently chose hot eels, mash and liquor here. Sadly I read today that the shop closed in 2019 due to high rents and rates.

The character of the Market seems much diminished now being home to Superdrug, McDonalds, Iceland, Sports Direct, Costa Coffee and other such massive chains sucking the life out of the local economy and culture.

First saw Plummet Airlines on 30th July at at the Hope and Anchor. "fantastic band. excellent guitarist." Brian Cooley was there with Carol. It was Brian that had recommended that we go. Part of the incentive was that the band was from Nottingham. I think I thought the band were pretty good too. A single, "It's Hard", is available on Deezer. Various tracks and the two John Peel sessions are available on YouTube. The band fragmented as punk took hold but most of the members seem to have had good careers. Two of the remnants, Harry Stephenson and Wayne Evans still play together in a Nottingham band called "The Last Pedestrians". The shots are all really badly underexposed and are only worth reproducing for biographical purposes. As noted earlier I had by this time bought a flash gun but I seem to be still too shy to use it.

People:

Mary Hardy, Neil Hardy, Maggie Hughes, Harry Stephenson, Wayne Evans

Dates:

The dates are confirmed by Maggie's diary. The only vague dates are for Chapel Market.

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**Frames:**

ZO4-A0015	19760613	11:00:00	Mary & Neil - Petticoat Lane Market.
ZO4-A0016	19760613	11:00:00	Neil - Petticoat Lane Market.
ZO4-A0017	19760626	11:45:00	Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0018	19760626	11:46:00	Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0019	19760626	11:47:00	Maggie at Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0020	19760626	11:48:00	Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0021	19760626	11:49:00	Maggie at Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0022	19760626	11:50:00	Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0023	19760626	11:51:00	Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0024	19760626	11:52:00	Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0025	19760626	11:53:00	Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0026	19760626	11:54:00	Kids at Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0027	19760626	11:55:00	Kids at Whipps Cross Lido.
ZO4-A0028	19760626	11:55:00	Thames at Putney.
ZO4-A0035	19760627	22:30:00	Putney Pier.
ZO4-A0036	19760629	13:05:00	Chapel Market.
ZO4-A0037	19760629	13:06:00	Chapel Market.
ZO4-A0038	19760629	13:07:00	Chapel Market.
ZO4-A0039	19760728	22:36:00	Plummet Airlines.
ZO4-A0040	19760730	22:36:00	Plummet Airlines.
ZO4-A0041	19760730	22:36:00	Plummet Airlines.
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