Roll: 19790131-7310

Camera: Olympus OM1: OM1

Film:

Subject:

Becky, January Snows, Michael Ferreira's Funeral Cortege.

Notes

Becky was born on Saturday 29th September 1978. These shots presumably taken shortly after my arrival in Nottingham which was probably on 22nd December. Heavy snows followed from the 25th December so the pictures of us sledging would be from that around that date possibly on New Year's day. I was back in London and working at BCT on 2nd January.

Michael Ferreira was stabbed on Stoke Newington Road near the Astra Cinema on December 10th 1978. Michael's friends carried him to Stoke Newington Police Station. It was 45 minutes before an ambulance arrived and Michael died either in the ambulance or after arrival at St. Leonard's hospital. Many believed that time was lost while the police focused on interviewing Michael and his friends. A great deal of anger was felt in the black community exacerbated when when Michael's killer, 17 year old Mark Sullivan, was sentenced to only 5 years in custody for manslaughter and affray.

Michael Ferreira's funeral cortege was on Saturday 20th January 1979. I think we did not know the event was taking place until we turned into the High Street and encountered the heavy police presence.

The winter of 1978/79 was one of worst on record. It was the third coldest winter of the 20th century after 1947 and 1963. Heavy snow fell on the South of England on the night of 23/24th January.

Parked outside Clissold Crescent is Brent Community Transport's Ford Cortina Estate which we used for light removals. I cannot identify the precise location the shots from inside the car. how the shots were taken is a mystery too, the rear view mirror suggests I was the only occupant of the car and it appears that I was handling the camera with manual settings to capture the images while driving.

People:

Becky Hardy, Mary Hardy, Maggie Hughes. Clifford W Fulford.

Dates:

The date of the funeral cortege is a matter of public record and the times are taken from clocks in the images (which are unlikely to be synchronised.), The other dates are best guesses but are likely to be fairly accurate (see above).

Frames:

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OM1-A0001 19781223 12:00:00 Baby at 3 months old.
OM1-A0002 19781223 12:00:01 Baby at 3 months old.
OM1-A0003 19781223 12:00:02 Baby at 3 months old.
OM1-A0004 19790101 14:30:00 Sledging on the park.
OM1-A0005 19790101 14:30:00 Sledging on the park.
OM1-A0006 19790102 10:00:00 At home on a cold day.
OM1-A0007 19790102 10:05:00 Going out.
OM1-A0008 19790102 10:05:01 Going out.
OM1-A0009 19790120 10:53:00 Funeral cortege.
OM1-A0010 19790120 10:53:02 Police guarding a police station.
OM1-A0011 19790120 10:53:05 Funeral cortege.
OM1-A0012 19790120 11:03:00 Funeral Cortege.
OM1-A0013 19790120 10:53:07 Funeral Cortege.
OM1-A0014 19790120 11:25:00 Funeral Mourners.
OM1-A0015 19790124 08:00:00 Clissold Crescent in the Snow.
OM1-A0016 19790124 08:01:00 Clissold Crescent in the Snow.
OM1-A0017 19790124 08:05:00 Clissold Crescent in the Snow.
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Albion Road in the Snow.	08:30:00	19790124	OM1-A0018
Stoke Newington in the Snow.	08:31:00	19790124	OM1-A0019
Stoke Newington in the Snow.	08:32:00	19790124	OM1-A0020
Police in the Snow.	08:32:00	19790124	OM1-A0021
Brent Community Transport.	09:32:00	19790124	OM1-A0022
St. Mary's Church.	16:00:00	19790215	OM1-A0023
St. Mary's Church.	16:00:00	19790215	OM1-A0024
Stoke Newington Church Street	16:10:00	19790215	OM1-A0025

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