

Borough High Street

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR FOR EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND WORKS, OR LIVED AND WORKED, ON THIS GREAT STREET

Things get no better for Borough High Street. The proliferation of homeless people are supplemented by crowds of office workers and locals who try their best to show support by collapsing in heaps and adding to the streams of urine emanating from every corner.

The pavements so recently resurfaced in natural stone bare the wear of it use as a urinal with staining and the acrid stench of cider, lager and spirits that have been digested and dispensed in copious quantities over the surfaces.

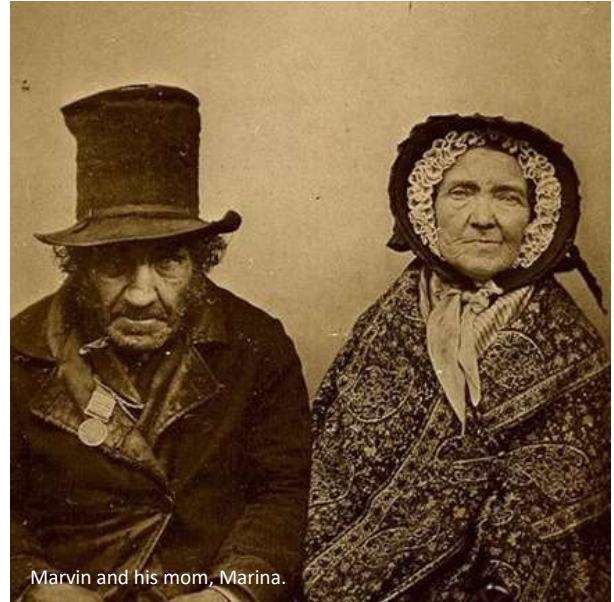
The visiting tourists who frequent this part of Southwark stand in awe. Having read Dickens before their visit they never expected to be able to walk in his footsteps through the poverty and stench.

It was hoped that ongoing conversations between the homeless street people and the 'Twosaws Group' to create a living Dickensian street might create a lucrative deal for both parties. This novel idea put forward by GutterRankside seems to be gathering interest especially since news of a possible sponsorship by Golden Virginia, Diamond White and others might add to the financial rewards of all parties. The income from such ventures for the 'Twosaws Group' might prove profitable and with the possible pittance to be paid to the main street characters, it could prove extremely lucrative. The increased numbers of street dwellers likely to be needed to make the whole venture worthwhile can only add to the character and interest in the area.

Recent conversations with the homeless parties are however not going well over this venture. The pavements are not exceptionally wide, and the introduction of street signs strategically placed on the pavements has led to discontent.

'Wheelchair Brian' whose life is temporarily on hold, while he tries to amass a fortune by begging, feels the signs restrict space and forces the passing public into the road away from his second hand 'Pret-a-Manger' coffee cup he uses as a collection bowl. Brian stated; - "Whatever daft c--- put them there signs doesn't half know the hurt it is causing us sofisticates (sic). Now the f-----g people walk away from us in the gutter. They don't give us a f-----g penny. The only benefit to us is when one of the f---ers gets run over and we can rummage through their f---king pockets and get a bob or two. F---ing c---ts"

'Marvellous Marvin' who holds the local street dwellers Mass Urination club on Tuesday nights in one of the alleyways leading to Guy's Hospital stated; - "This



Marvin and his mom, Marina.

situation is simply not f-----g good enough. My f-----g takings are down, all because of some f-----g signs. Where the f---k is TFL when you need them. Transport for London my ass more like 'Totally F-----g Loopy'. My f-----g mum's coming to stay in the Hop House doorway next Monday. What the F---k is she going to think".



One of the enticing vistas along Borough High Street

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Continual meetings between the local populace, office workers and street dwellers show no signs of producing a workable solution to the problems.

Southwark Council are mindful of their responsibilities but are powerless to act as they lack any staff able to contemplate the current situation

Gutter Rankside's focus remains on the large employers around Borough Market, London Bridge Station and Southwark Road. They have issued a statement;-

"Historically Borough High Street, and that area, were the pits, and homes for the scum of London. It seems fitting that it remains so. Not all people can be housed, and the natural stone paving has an element of warmth not found in bare concrete. One must remember that Borough High Street is slightly off track for most tourists and therefore only a small percentage witness the ungodly goings on in the street. If the residents and office workers don't like the situation it is simply tough. We cannot look after all the people some of the time. We must be specific with our resources and focusing on areas where we get substantial amounts of money justifies our existence. If people stopped complaining and got on with their lives I wouldn't need to be disturbed.

I have noted the point made with Twosaws group and have contacted them to discuss terms, as our offices in Mayfair need refurbishing. "

TFL stated they would review Mr Marvin's statements. Issuing a supportive note-

"It surprises us how intelligent some of these street dwellers really are. Mr Marvin's new renaming of the company's TFL initials is exciting. I have contacted Sacchi and Sacchi and although reluctant, at first, to consider the change, our fee offer of £250million changed their mind. To show my appreciation I have instructed Mr Marvin's piece of pavement to be jet washed."

Local resident Joyce Joy stated that she was saddened by the situation but understood that the Council and Gutter Rankside had much better things to do with their time and money than consider the look of the area. She stated that her daughter "Little" Miriam had been completely shocked by the state of the area and provided a photograph of her daughter on her new set of Roller skates entering Borough High Street for the first time. "Little" Miriam remains sedated.

Harry Soko, MP for Southwark, presently in the Bahamas on official council business stated "Borough where...?"

"Little" Miriam on her skates gets her first sight of Borough High Street



Mr. Soko MP on his flight to the Bahamas