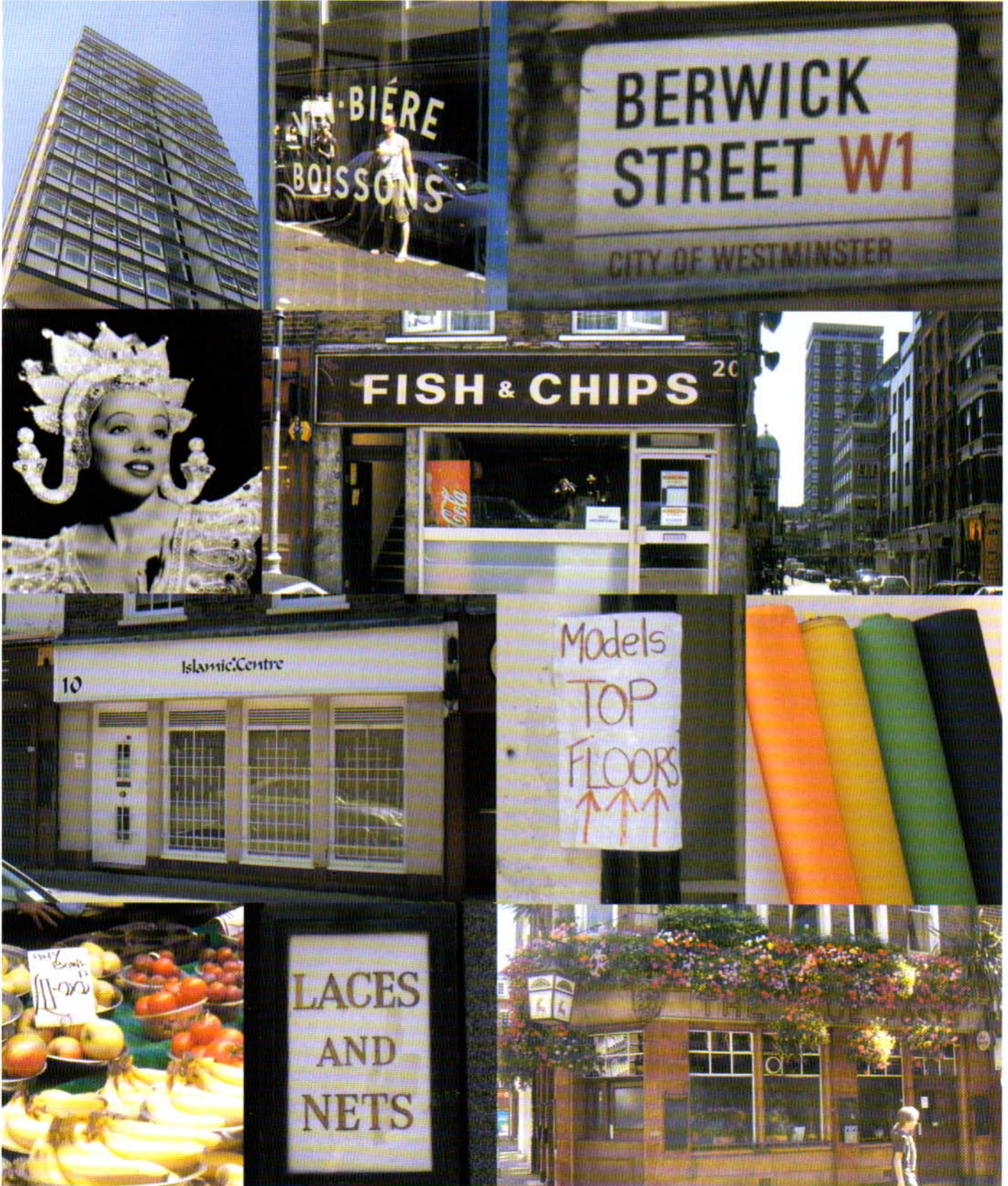


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All the Fun of the Festival

ON SUNDAY 15 July Soho celebrated its thirty-third Festival. The weather forecast was not good but everyone was determined to make the day a success. When the rain finally did come it was torrential, but the people who live, work and play in Soho just carried on doing what they do best: having a good time.

Drenched but undaunted, the bands (Dick Laurie's Elastic Band, Peter Golding's Blues Band, as well as Los Jailbreakers, and the Fabulous Penetrators), continued to play, accompanied by thunder and lightning. Pimms and champagne flowed, thanks to the help and

enormous generosity of The French House and the food was as gloriously diverse as the Community which was enjoying it.

Encouraged by our eloquent MC the spaghetti-eating contestants excelled themselves and those Alpine horn-blowers who managed to produce Alpine noises were rewarded with Swiss chocolate and wine.

Some unlikely members of the community became gamblers at the Human Fruit Machine, while others browsed and bought books and raffle tickets. Madam Hannah was as mystical as ever and David Gale's hair-cutting

skills were in demand all day.

Happy children vied with each other to create pictures of exotic parrots, have their faces transformed at the Face Painting Tent, and were eager to learn how to juggle and spin plates with Robbo the clown.

The annual Soho Festival happens because members of the Soho Society, community groups and local businesses give their time, skills and energy (some even give money!) to make it happen.

And so a big thank-you to all our supporters for keeping the Spirit of Soho alive and well. JOAN MARTYR



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