

Republished book unearths old St Ann's

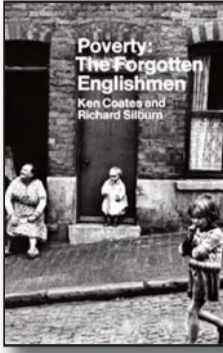
THIS year marks the fortieth anniversary of the publication of St. Ann's: Poverty, Deprivation and Morale — a ground-breaking study by Ken Coates and Richard Silburn of the University of Nottingham.

The book is republished this year. "The St Ann's project had a big impact, especially on those who went knocking on doors to find out how people really lived then," said Ken Coates.

"Some of us have worked together for years afterwards, and there will be others who have their own recollections of those days. We thought that republishing the book will give people a chance to discuss and reflect on its significance.

On 11 July (6.15pm) at the Broadway cinema in Broad Street, Nottingham, there will be a screening of Stephen Frears' 1969 film 'St. Ann's', which was inspired by the book, followed by discussion with the authors.

The St. Ann's study found a broader audience when a second book based on its findings, *Poverty: The Forgotten Englishmen*, also by Coates and Silburn, was published by Penguin. This has also been re-issued in a special Nottingham edition (price £5 each).



Stephen Frears' early film was inspired by a local enquiry into poverty in the St Ann's district of Nottingham by students from the WEA in nearby Shakespeare Street.

Their survey gave rise to a book, *St Ann's -- Poverty, Deprivation and Morale in a Nottingham Community*, by Ken Coates and Richard Silburn, which is now being republished together with its striking photographs which vividly recall the old St Ann's. *St. Ann's* is frequently in the headlines in this

twenty-first century, but what was it like in the 1960s when thirty thousand people lived in an extended area of ten thousand houses, many without bathrooms or hot water? The film speaks for itself, as does the book, which, at the time, caused a storm of local controversy.

Ken Coates and Richard Silburn, authors of the *St Ann's Report*, will introduce this film & participate in a Q&A session after the screening.

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Asha in line for major award

A TALENTED Asian lady from Nottingham is in the running for a major accolade at Lloyds TSB's Central Jewel Awards.

Asha Khemk has graduated from living in a small village in India to becoming one of only two female Asian college principals in the UK.

A spokesman said: "Her story is truly unique and an example of determination, commitment and passion for lifelong learning, culminating in great success and achievements not just for herself, but also for others around her."

Born in a small village in India, married at 15, full-time housewife for 20 years, she is now Principal and Chief Executive of West Notts College, one of the biggest colleges in Europe.