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"Goalie, Brindley Road, Paddington, London, 1956," by Roger Mayne, at Gitterman (see Photography).

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

## ROGER MAYNE

Southam Street, in South London, is at the heart of Mayne's photographs from the late nineteen-fifties and early sixties. The vibrant working-class district was still reeling from damage incurred during the Second World War (like some of Manhattan's West Side "slums," it would be demolished in the nineteen-sixties). In these vintage black-and-white prints, girls dance, boys play soccer, young mothers watch over the chaos. The pictures recall William Klein's and Helen Levitt's American street photography from the same years; Mayne was just as much a master of the decisive moment. The most poignant subjects are the teen-agers, with their fragile teddy boy (and teddy girl) posturing. Through June 5. (Gitterman, 170 E. 75th St. 212-734-0868.)