

**THIS MONTH: Win top tickets for hit panto Aladdin at the Old Vic - see p2  
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Real 40-metre ice slide outside Tate Modern throughout Christmas & New Year  
**Third Frost Fair is biggest yet**

**This month's annual Frost Fair on Bankside is being extended to run for three days over the pre-Christmas weekend from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 December.**

Attractions outside Tate Modern and Shakespeare's Globe include a beer tent, street entertainment, ice sculpting, stalls selling festive food and gifts, local and professional bands, children's activities, street theatre and choirs singing Christmas carols. A frozen ice bar will be serving mulled ale and wine.

A new feature is a 40-metre real ice slide, sponsored by Land Securities, which will remain on Bankside until the end of the New Year holiday. The ice slide costs £3 for two slides and will be open from 10am to 6pm but until 10pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

Councillor Columba Blango, Southwark Council's executive member for tourism, said: "Bankside is the place to be this Christmas. The Frost Fair is perfect for soaking up the festive atmosphere and picking up last minute Christmas gifts.

"The ice slide and Frost Fair is a fantastic activity for all the family, as well as a great way for companies to start off their office parties - and it doesn't involve booking ahead.

"Being able to bring the historic Frost Fair

back to life has been a great achievement and will guarantee to make Bankside sparkle."

The first Frost Fair was held in 1564 during Elizabeth I's reign when the River Thames froze due to London Bridge's narrow arches holding back the flow of water and the wider river channel slowing the tides. Games included archery on ice and printers sold poems "printed on the Thames". The last Frost Fair held on the river was in 1814.

This year's third revived Frost Fair on the riverside is likely to be the biggest free winter event in London with organisers hoping to attract more than 100,000 visitors.

- See page 3 for Frost Fair opening times.
- Shakespeare's Globe has its own Frost Fair in the UnderGlobe every weekend until Christmas - details on page 3.
- William Hill is offering 100-1 on the Thames freezing over this winter between Westminster and Tower Bridges.

- **NEW YEAR FIREWORKS CONFIRMED**
- The London Eye will once again be the focal point of London's New Year celebrations with a fireworks display at midnight on 1 January.
- The display will be preceded by a light show with projections onto South Bank buildings.
- As usual free travel on the Tube will be available until 4.30am on New Year's Day.

**Theatre opens on Tooley Street**



**The Unicorn Theatre for children, founded in 1947 as a mobile theatre, has opened in a purpose-built home on Tooley Street where it plans to welcome at least 100,000 children, families and teachers each year.**

The £13 million venue includes a 340 seat theatre and a smaller auditorium seating up to 120.

In the foyer is the Frizzante Café offering homemade refreshments.

The Duchess of Cornwall, who has agreed to be the theatre's patron, paid several visits during construction.

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## BUSINESS NEWS

## Bringing a better Christmas to Bankside

**Better Christmas 'Bring a Better Christmas' project was launched at Southwark Cathedral in an effort by businesses to help five SE1 charities.**

Broadway, Lucy Brown House, Hopton's Charity, Age Concern Southwark and the Manna Centre all support homeless or older people.

Once again Better Bankside is asking employees to donate food, toiletries and clothes. Boxes of biscuits, small Christmas puddings, chocolates, preserves, tins of salmon, tea, boxed soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and combs will all be welcome.

The clothes should be new socks, scarves, hats, gloves, t-

**THE OLD VIC THEATRE COMPANY**

**WIN TOP TICKETS FOR ALADDIN AT THE OLD VIC**

The Old Vic Theatre Company celebrates the festive season with a classic family pantomime. Ian McKellen returns as Widow Twankey in Bille Brown's new version of Aladdin. Roger Allam reprises the role of Abbanazar, and Frances Barber joins the company as Dim Sum.

To book tickets, call 0870 060 6628. Group rate and children's discounts available.

We've teamed up with The Old Vic to offer readers of *in SE1* the chance to win two of the best seats in the house and champagne during the interval. For your chance to win, answer this simple question:

**Who plays Widow Twankey in Aladdin at The Old Vic?**

Send your answer to listings@inSE1.co.uk or by post to Aladdin competition, *in SE1*, 27 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NY. Closing date 5pm Friday 16 December. Winner will be picked at random from the correct answers received. Editor's decision is final.

shirts, thermal vests or jumpers

Gifts can be dropped off any any of the following collection points:

- Better Bankside (118 Southwark Street),
- Shakespeare's Globe (The Stage Door, 21 New Globe Walk),
- Southwark Cathedral (Montague Chambers reception)
- The Forster Company (49 Southwark Street)
- Volunteer Centre Southwark (Wigglesworth House, 69 Southwark Bridge Road)
- Tourist Information Centre at Vinopolis.

Better Bankside pink stickers at Amano, Fusebox and other retailers indicate that a percentage of sales of marked products is being donated to Broadway as part of their 'Street to Home' appeal.

Better Bankside administers the business improvement district around Bankside, funded by a levy on business rates. Businesses voted to implement the BID in a referendum earlier this year.

• [www.betterbankside.co.uk](http://www.betterbankside.co.uk)

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# What's On

## December

Remember that opening hours may vary during the Christmas and New Year holiday period

### Special Events

#### Bankside

Shakespeare's Globe to Tate Modern  
www.visitsouthwark.com/frostfair2005

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 December  
**FROST FAIR**

Fri 4pm-10pm; Sat 10am-10pm; Sun 10am-6pm; free

Riverside fair from Shakespeare's Globe to Tate Modern. Marquees including a beer tent, street entertainment, ice sculpting and an ice bar, stalls selling festive food and gifts, local and professional bands and choirs, street theatre, children's activities and a winter sports simulator. Opens with a lantern procession from Southwark Cathedral at 4pm on Friday 16 December. Ice slide remains open until Wednesday 4 January.

#### Blackfriars Settlement

Rushworth Street T 020 7928 9521  
www.blackfriars-settlement.org.uk

Wednesday 21 December  
**THE WORLD IN SE1**

4pm; free  
Lighting of Christmas Tree. SE1's own Urban Peace Choir sings carols and refreshments will feature foods from every continent as well as mulled wine and mince pies.

#### British Airways London Eye

South Bank  
www.london.gov.uk

Saturday 31 December  
**FIREWORKS**

12 midnight (preceded by light show)  
Fireworks on the Thames mark the start of 2006. Display by award winning London communications agency Jack Morton Worldwide who staged the opening and closing ceremonies for last year's Olympic Games.

#### City Hall

The Queen's Walk  
www.london.gov.uk

Wednesday 14 December  
**CHRISTMAS DRINKS**

6.30pm-9pm; £25; Booking essential on 020 7601 7167 or www.orchid-cancer.org.uk

Drinks in London's Living Room at the top of City Hall in aid of male cancer charity Orchid and Breast Cancer Campaign.

#### CRISIS

T 0870 011 3335  
www.crisis.org.uk/winterwalkabout

Thursday 29 December

**CRISIS WINTER WALKABOUT**

Registration at Hay's Galleria 2-3pm; £10 (child £5; family £25)

Sponsored 6km walk along Thames in aid of London's homeless. Discount for advance registration and to receive pack.

#### London Glassblowing Centre

7 Leathermarket, Weston St T 020 7403 2800  
www.londonglassblowing.co.uk

Until Sunday 4 December  
**PLAYING WITH LIGHT**

11am-5pm; free  
Christmas open house and sale of handmade glass objects includes a series of Ikebana demonstrations.

#### Museum of Garden History

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7401 8865  
www.museumgardenhistory.org

Tuesday 6 & Monday 12 December  
**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHTS**

5pm-8pm  
Calendars, seeds and garden theme cards for sale.

#### The Old Vic

The Cut  
www.oldvictheatre.com

Saturday 10 December  
**ALADDIN COMMUNITY DAY**

11.30am-1.30pm; £5 (including 2.30pm performance); offer exclusive to Lambeth and Southwark residents and organisations. Maximum tickets 4 per household and 10 per organisation. Booking essential on 020 7981 0982.

A Christmas carol sing-a-long, magic show, storytelling workshop, face painting and 'He's Behind You!' sessions where you'll get to dress up and meet your favourite pantomime characters just in time to see the matinee performance.

#### Oxo Tower Wharf & Gabriels Wharf

www.oxotower.co.uk  
www.gabrielswharf.co.uk

Friday 2 to Sunday 4 December  
**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND**

Shopping weekend with music and lighting to create a relaxed and friendly festive environment.

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 December  
**LAST MINUTE STOCKING FILLERS WEEKEND**

A range of affordable designer gifts.

#### St Matthew's-at-the-Elephant

Meadow Row off New Kent Road

Saturday 3 December  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

11am-3pm

#### Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition

Bankside  
www.shakespeares-globe.org

Friday 16, Saturdays 3, 10 & 17 & Sundays 4, 11 & 18 December

**SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE FROST FAIR**

10am-5pm (till 8pm on Friday 16); £1  
A winter marketplace beneath the Globe Theatre. Special activities include sword-fighting and Elizabethan dressing demonstrations. Includes entry to exhibition. Tours of the theatre available at discounted price of £5.

#### South Bank Centre

South Bank  
www.rfh.org.uk

Tuesday 6 December  
**CHRISTMAS SEASON LAUNCH**

From 4pm  
The SBC will be launching its Christmas season with a spectacular event on Festival Riverside. The lights will be switched on by a celebrity, the retailers on Festival Riverside will be offering free mulled wine and Christmas goodies and there will be a surprise stunt.

#### Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700  
www.southwark.anglican.org/cathedral

Saturday 3 December  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

12.30pm-3.30pm; free  
Friends of Southwark Cathedral fundraising. Home-made cakes, jams, preserves. Beautiful jewellery. Children's corner with teddy tombola, craft activity, lucky dip, raffle and lots, lots more.

#### Waterloo

www.waterlooquarter.org

Thursday 1 December  
**SWITCHING ON WATERLOO**

3pm-7pm (switch-on at 5pm); free  
A special guest will switch on the Christmas lights. Fun for children begins at 3pm when the Waterloo Green Trust start their children's party on Millennium Green. Father Christmas has been invited and there will be a bouncy castle and activities including cake decorating and competitions. A variety of community groups will also have stalls. Late night shopping till 7pm throughout Waterloo. Festive refreshments from Cubana will add to the Christmas cheer.

#### World Aids Day

Thursday 1 December  
**HANDS FOR AIDS**  
12 noon at Millennium Bridge  
A human chain across the Thames to show unity in the face of a disease that knows no boundaries.

## Children & Family

#### Design Museum

28 Shad Thames T 020 7940 8782  
www.designmuseum.org

Sundays 4, 11 & 18 December  
**DESIGNING CHRISTMAS**

2pm-5pm; £7 (child £4; under 12 free); All children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance booking essential on 020 7940 8782 or education@designmuseum.org

Illustrators and graphic designers help children to use drawing, collage and construction skills to prepare for Christmas by designing, making and decorating festive cards, crackers and decorations. Suitable for 6-12 year olds.

#### Florence Nightingale Museum

St Thomas' Hospital T 020 7620 0374  
www.florenceightingale.co.uk

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 December  
**HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

12-3pm; £5.80 (conc £4.80)  
Nightingale worked hard for soldiers' rights to dignity, respect and appropriate care. Make a Victorian Christmas cracker and make and send a card for Amnesty International's Christmas card campaign..

#### HMS Belfast

Morgan's Lane, Tooley Street T 020 7940 6320  
www.hmsbelfast.iwm.org.uk

Thursday 29 & Friday 30 December  
**BATTLE OF NORTH CAPE**

10am-5pm; £8 (child free)  
Actors and a team of living history specialists stage an interactive six-scene play to put into context the hard-fought naval engagement of Boxing Day 1943.

#### Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road T 020 7416 5320  
www.iwm.org.uk

Sundays 4 & 10 & Monday 11 December  
**THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE**

12 noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm; free  
An actor in the role of a First World War soldier relates the story of the Christmas Truce of 1914.

Saturday 17 to Friday 30 December  
**THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE**

12 noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm; free; Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Walk through the wardrobe into the enchanted land of Narnia to meet a wartime evacuee and find out about life away from home in an exciting and different world. Meet the White Witch and sit amongst the bare trees of her wintry kingdom before helping to bring them to life by writing messages of peace and goodwill on evacuees' labels to create the trees' silver leaves.

#### Tate Modern

Bankside T 020 7887 8000  
www.tate.org.uk

Sundays 4, 11 & 18 December  
**START**

11am-5pm; free  
Paper games and sticker-based activity.

#### the.gallery@oxo

Oxo Tower Wharf T 020 8516 3134  
www.oxotower.co.uk

Saturday 10 & Friday 23 December  
**DESIGNING AUTOMATA PLAYSHOP**

11.30am; free; booking essential  
Learn how to design your own automata, using cams and a crankshaft mechanism. For age 8+ and adults.

Sundays 11 & 18 & Wednesday 28 December  
**DIY ANGEL WORKSHOP**

2pm (28 Dec 12 noon); £12 (child £8); booking essential  
Make your own mechanical Christmas angel with wood, brass and other materials. For age 10+ and adults.

Saturday 17 & Thursday 29 December  
**MAKING AUTOMANIA FROM BITS & PIECES**

Sat 12 noon; Thu 2pm; £12 (child £8); booking essential  
Make automata from everyday materials. For age 10+ and adults.

Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 December  
**FOOD AUTOMANIA WORKSHOP**

2pm; £12 (child £8); booking essential  
Learn how to make automata with food. For age 12+ and adults.

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## Talks & Meetings

### Bankside Gallery

48 Hopton Street T 020 7928 7521  
www.banksidegallery.com

Thursday 15 December

#### EDWARD BAWDEN MEMORIES

6.30pm; £5 (Advance booking advised)  
Edward Bawden's son Richard will talk about his father and the famous linocuts and lithographs used by London Transport and publishers. Sketchbooks, drawings and artwork will be on display. Coincides with launch of a book *Design: Edward Bawden and Eric Ravilious* (£12.50) which will be on sale.

### Bankside Residents Forum

T 020 7928 9528

Monday 5 December

#### AGM

5.30pm at Starr Auditorium, Tate Modern

Elections, Chair's report, Treasurer's report and presentation of Coin Street Community Builders' plans for Upper Ground development to include 355 flats, swimming pool and indoor leisure centre. Followed by Community Film Club screening of *Scrooge* at 7pm.

### Calder Bookshop

51 The Cut T 020 7633 0599  
www.calderpublications.com

Thursday 1 December

#### THE HOUSE OF ATREUS: AESCHYLUS' DRAMA TRILOGY

6.45pm; £5 (conc £4)  
A short talk to introduce these great plays, at the beginning of the new Greek art of drama that revolutionised thinking about life, destiny and religion. Followed by extracts from the *Oresteia* read by actors.

Thursday 8 December

#### THE POETRY OF ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

6.45pm; £5 (conc £4)  
Actors read from the work of the great Victorian poet (1809 - 1892).

Thursday 15 December

#### DAPHNE DU MAURIER: QUEEN OF THE GHOST NARRATIVE

6.45pm; £5 (conc £4)  
Daphne du Maurier is not only one of the great story-tellers of the 20th century but a mistress of suspense and the supernatural. Much of her work has been successfully filmed including her novel *Rebecca* and her Venice short story *Don't Look Now*. Actors read from some of her most uncanny and eerie work.

Thursday 5 January

#### TS ELIOT

6.45pm; £5 (conc £4)  
An evening of Eliot's poetry.

### Cuming Museum

155 Walworth Rd SE17 T 020 7525 2163  
www.southwark.gov.uk

Tuesday 6 December

#### HISTORY OF THE ELEPHANT & CASTLE

6pm; free (booking essential)  
Stephen Humphrey on the Elephant's history.

### Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road T 020 7416 5320  
www.iwm.org.uk

Monday 5 December

#### PORTRAITS OF COURAGE: AMBUSH AT KORAGH

7pm; £7.50 (conc £6)  
Brian Russell gives an illustrated account of the involvement of the 14th Sikh regiment in the ambush at Koragh on the Indian North West frontier in 1895. A record number of gallantry awards were received by the regiment for their service during the ambush. An Anglo-Sikh Heritage Trail Lecture.

### Museum of Garden History

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7401 8865  
www.museumofgardenhistory.org

Wednesday 14 December

#### HISTORY OF THE TURKEY

7pm; £10

Designer, painter and writer Matthew Rice who keeps chickens, ducks and geese talks about the history of the turkey whose arrival coincided with the time of the Tradescants at Lambeth.

### South Bank Forum

Franklin Wilkins Building, 150 Stamford Street

Thursday 15 December

#### SOUTH BANK FORUM

7pm  
Topics include 24-hour licensing, sporting opportunities in the area, updates from local organisations. Plus mince pies and mulled wine from 8.30pm. Open to residents and employees of South Bank, Blackfriars and Waterloo.

### Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society

Housing Co-op Hall, 106 The Cut

Tuesday 13 December

#### AGM & LECTURE

7.30pm; £1 (refreshments from 7pm)  
Following AGM, the Presidential Lecture by John Clark on Lines & Circles: Legendary Landscapes of London.

### Waterloo Community Development Group

W'loo Action Ctr, 14 Baylis Rd T 020 7633 9291  
www.wcdg.co.uk

Wednesday 14 December

#### GENERAL MEETING

7pm  
Updates on Waterloo planning developments including Archbishop's Park.

## Live Music

### Christ Church

Blackfriars Road T 020 7928 3970  
www.christchurchsouthwark.org.uk

Saturday 10 December

#### 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

2.30pm; free  
Borough Music School's 10th anniversary concert with a Christmas flavour. Followed by refreshments.

### Evelina Children's Hospital

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7188 1215  
www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk

Friday 2 December

#### THE DRONES

10.45am at Beach Floor Atrium; free  
One of London's most hilarious music quartets perform with their home-made and conventional instruments.

### Hays's Galleria

Tooley Street  
www.haysgalleria.co.uk

Tuesday 20 December

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY CHANTAGE

6.30pm; free  
Members of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and their friends return to perform traditional Christmas carols.

### St George's RC Cathedral

Lambeth Road T 020 7928 5256  
www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk

Saturday 17 December

#### ORGAN RECITAL

1.05pm; free  
Robert Crowley.

### Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700  
www.southwark.anglican.org/cathedral

Monday 5 December

#### ORGAN RECITAL

1.05pm; free  
Peter Wright.

Monday 12 December

#### CAROLS IN THE CITY

7pm; concert £25; concert & reception £50; booking 020 7599 7358 or [sonya.timms@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:sonya.timms@mariecurie.org.uk)  
Marie Curie Cancer Care and Sue Lawley host a fundraising Christmas concert with readings by Patricia Hodge and Roger Lloyd-Pack. Followed by a candle-lit wine and canapés reception in the Retro-Choir. The money raised from this evening will fund the Marie Curie nursing service for people who are seriously ill in their own

homes and the hospice in Hampstead from Christmas Eve to Boxing Day.

Friday 16 December

#### CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7.30pm; £10  
Southwark Cathedral Choir and Chameleon Arts Orchestra present *Messiah* (Handel) Part 1 and Christmas carols by candlelight. (Not suitable for children under 5.)

Saturday 17 December

#### MERBECKE CHOIR

7.30pm  
Concert by former Southwark choristers.

## Church Services

### Christ Church

27 Blackfriars Road T 020 7928 3970  
www.christchurchsouthwark.org.uk

Sunday 18 December

#### CAROL SERVICE & NATIVITY PLAY

6.30pm  
Suitable for all ages. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Thursday 22 December

#### LUNCHTIME CAROL SERVICE

1pm-1.45pm.  
With Portcullis Singers. Followed by mince pies.

Saturday 24 December

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30pm  
Midnight Communion.

Sunday 25 December

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am  
Informal Parish Communion for all ages.

### St George's RC Cathedral

Lambeth Road T 020 7928 5256  
www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk

Sunday 4 December

#### CAFOD ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

4pm

Sunday 11 December

#### SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH CAROL SERVICE

4pm

Tuesday 13 December

#### CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CAROL SERVICE

7.30pm

Sunday 18 December

#### CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

4pm  
Refreshments afterwards in the Amigo Hall.

Saturday 24 December

#### CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE

3.30pm  
Children's Christmas Eve service.

Saturday 24 December

#### MIDNIGHT MASS

Midnight (carols & readings from 11.30pm)  
Archbishop Kevin McDonald celebrates.

Sunday 25 December

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Family Mass 10am; Solemn Mass 11.30am

### St John's Waterloo

Waterloo Road T 020 7633 9819  
www.stjohnswaterloo.co.uk

Sunday 11 December

#### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

10.30am

Sunday 11 December

#### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

5pm  
With Chorus Mundi Choir and The Lugandan Choir. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies; retiring collection in aid of CLIC Sargent & St John's Restoration Fund.

Saturday 24 December

#### CRIB SERVICE

5pm  
Service for children.

Saturday 24 December

#### MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

11.45pm  
First Christmas Eucharist.

Sunday 25 December

#### CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION

10.30am  
Family Communion

Saturday 31 December

#### WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

7pm  
Preparing for New Year service.

### St Mary Magdalen Bermondsey

Bermondsey Street T 020 7357 0984  
www.stmarysbermondsey.org.uk

Thursday 15 December

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG

5pm-7pm  
Choose your favourite carols for all to sing.

Sunday 18 December

#### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

6.30pm  
Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Tuesday 20 December

#### CAROL SINGING

Meet 6pm  
Carol singing around Bermondsey including Tower Bridge Care Centre. Refreshments provided.

Saturday 24 December

#### WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

4pm  
Christmas Eve children's event. All welcome.

Saturday 24 December

#### MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION

11.30pm  
First Christmas Eucharist.

Sunday 25 December

#### HOLY COMMUNION

10.30am  
Family service.

### St Thomas' Hospital Chapel

St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road

Wednesday 7 December

#### FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

7pm; £10  
The Friends of the Florence Nightingale Museum carol service followed by wine and mince pies at the museum.

### Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700  
www.southwark.anglican.org/cathedral

Thursday 1 December

#### ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE

2.15pm  
www.armenian-genocide.org

Sunday 4 December

#### WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE

6.30pm  
Includes stories of hope from Buddhists, Christians, Jews and Muslims.

Saturday 10 December

#### CRISIS CAROL SERVICE

6.30pm; free with ticket from [david.load@crisis.org.uk](mailto:david.load@crisis.org.uk) or 020 7426 3882  
Candlelit service for supporters of the charity for single homeless people. Music from the Holst Singers and readings by friends of Crisis. Followed by mince pies and wine. Collection.

Sunday 18 December

#### FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

6.30pm  
Cathedral carol service.

Tuesday 20 December

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www.alexisdubus.com

Tuesdays 6 & 20 December  
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Tue 6: Will Smith, Pappy's Fun Club, Josh Howie, Alexis Dubus as MC  
Tue 20: Spencer Brown, Electric Forecast, Patrick Monahan, Alexis Dubus & Sy Thomas as MC

Tuesday 13 December  
**THE MONKEY BUNKER**  
8pm, £3 entry on the door  
Monthly cabaret night featuring music, comedy, spoken word, magic and more.

**Miller of Mansfield**

96 Snowsfields T 020 7407 2690  
www.upheartscomey.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk

Saturday 10 December  
**UP THE ARTS YULE LOG SPECIAL**  
8.30pm (doors open 8pm); £6 (conc £5)  
James Dowdeswell, Mitchell Anderson, Lee Nelson, Vic Lambrusco, Jimbo, Ray Presto, Verity Welch, Paul Ricketts and Your Mum's Generation Dancers. Peter Tennant comperes.

Friday 30 December  
**UP THE ARTS NO NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS PARTY**  
8.30pm (doors open 8pm); £6 (conc £5)  
Patrick Monahan, Ronnie Golden, Marc Lucero, Griff Griffiths, Paul Ricketts (MC) and Verity Welch comperes.

**Theatre**

**Menier Chocolate Factory**

51-53 Southwark Street T 020 7907 7060  
www.menierchocolatefactory.com

Until Sunday 19 February  
**SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE**  
Tue-Sat 8pm (Sat 3.30pm & Sun 6pm); £22.50 (conc £14); meal deal £27.50; book online at www.inSE1.co.uk/menier  
First new production of Sondheim and Lapine's masterpiece since 1990. Starring Daniel Evans (who will guest star in the Christmas Special of Doctor Who) and Anna Jane Casey.

**National Theatre**

South Bank T 020 7452 3000  
www.nationaltheatre.org.uk

Until Tuesday 31 January  
**TWO THOUSAND YEARS**  
Cottesloe Theatre; in repertory; £10-£27.50  
Mike Leigh's long-awaited sell-out play will embark on a national tour in the New Year.

Until Saturday 4 February  
**CORAM BOY**  
Olivier Theatre; in repertory; £10-£36; book online at www.inSE1.co.uk/olivier  
A tale set in 18th-century Gloucester and Holborn of two orphans at the Coram Hospital for Deserted Children. Adapted by Helen Edmundson from the novel *Coram Boy* by Jamila Gavin. Recommended for 12 years+.  
➔ Full review on page 7.

Until Saturday 4 February  
**PAUL**  
Cottesloe Theatre; in repertory; £10-£27.50  
A new play about faith by Howard Brenton.

Until February  
**PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY**  
Lyttelton Theatre; in repertory; £10-£36; book online at www.inSE1.co.uk/lyttelton  
A new version of Henrik Ibsen's rarely performed play by Samuel Adamson which is staged to mark the centenary of Ibsen's death.

Monday 5 December to February  
**ONCE IN A LIFETIME**  
Olivier Theatre; £10-£36; book online at www.inSE1.co.uk/olivier  
A comic play about the Hollywood movies by George S Kaufman and Moss Hart.

Friday 2 December to Wednesday 1 February  
**THE HISTORY BOYS**  
Lyttelton Theatre; £10-£36; book online at www.inSE1.co.uk/lyttelton  
Return of Alan Bennett's acclaimed play.

**Network Theatre**

Under Waterloo Station  
www.networktheatre.org

Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 December  
**MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL**  
7.30pm; £8 (conc £7)  
Amateur production by local group.

**The Old Vic**

The Cut T 0870 060 6628  
www.oldvictheatre.com

Wednesday 7 December to Sunday 22 January  
**ALADDIN**  
Tue-Sun 7.30pm; Wed, Sat & Sun 2.30pm; £10-£40; book online at www.inSE1.co.uk/oldvic  
Ian McKellen returns as the Dame in Bille Brown's new version of Aladdin, Roger Allam reprises the role of Abbanazar, and Frances Barber joins as Dim Sum.

**Queen Elizabeth Hall**

South Bank Centre T 0870 160 2518  
www.rfh.org.uk

Friday 23 December to Friday 6 January  
**CHINESE STATE CIRCUS**  
7.30pm; £10-£25  
Features specially composed music and

the Monkey King, one of the most famous characters in Chinese folklore, providing the overall narrative.

**St Anne's Church Hall**

Thorburn Square T 07736 450475  
www.quayplayers.org.uk

Wednesday 14 to Saturday 17 December  
**DICK WHITTINGTON**  
Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm; £6 (conc £4)  
Pantomime by the Quay Players Amateur Dramatics Society.

**St John's Waterloo**

Waterloo Road T 020 7633 9819  
www.stjohnswaterloo.co.uk

Monday 12 to Saturday 17 December  
**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**  
7.30pm; £8 (conc £5; child £3)  
Triptych Productions present John Mortimer's adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic story. Muddled wine and mince pies are served in the interval.

**The Shunt Vaults**

Joiner Street T 020 7452 3000  
www.shunt.co.uk

Until January  
**AMATO SALTONE STARRING KITTENS & WADE**  
Wed-Sun 7.30pm & 9.30pm; £20 (conc £15)  
The Shunt collective has been working for the last seven years creating live events in unusual spaces.

**Southwark Playhouse**

62 Southwark Bridge Road T 020 7620 3494  
www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk

Until Friday 23 December  
**THE CANTERVILLE GHOST**  
7.30pm; call for matinee times; £12 (conc £8; Mon £6)  
John Kane's musical adaptation of Oscar Wilde's tale brought up to date. Gareth Machin's last production as artistic director at the Playhouse.

**Unicorn Theatre**

147 Tooley Street T 08700 535500  
www.unicorntheatre.com

Until Sunday 29 January  
**TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN**  
Weston Theatre; Performance times vary; £12.50 (conc £8.50); half price for Southwark residents during first two weeks  
Tony Graham directs David Wood's adaptation of Philippa Pearce's novel *Tom's Midnight Garden* with live incidental music by Stephen McNeff. The play is a contemporary adaptation of the classic novel with Rudi Dharmalingam as Tom. Suitable for ages 8+

Until Sunday 29 January  
**IN THE BOX**  
River Theatre; Times vary; free (booking essential)  
Installation about childhood examining the issues of what it means to be a child today. Employs a range of art forms including poetry, photography, textiles & sculpture.

**Union Theatre**

204 Union Street T 020 7261 9876  
www.uniontheatre.org

Until Saturday 10 December  
**LOVE LOYALTY**  
Mon-Sat 7.30pm; £12 (conc £10)  
An arresting new play by Ben Claude. Blending new writing with an innovative approach to blank verse, the play looks into the fringes of the Trafalgar tale using humour. From the depths of a Deptford tavern a press gang emerge, drowning their sorrows for the loss of a crewmate in a squall. Quickly deciding to fill their quota of men from Newgate Prison they embark on a journey which sees the Bosun and his fiery Sergeant of the Marines 'Flintlock' assemble a crew which will go on to fight at the Battle of Trafalgar.

Thursday 15 & Friday 16 December  
**A KITCHMAS CAROL**  
7.30pm; £10 (conc £8)  
'Dickens as you have never seen it before' featuring the fabulous festive humour and songs of the 1960s girl groups with The Kitsch Kittens.  
www.thekitschkittens.co.uk

**Movie Highlights**

**BFI London IMAX Cinema**

The Bullring, South Bank T 0870 787 2525  
www.bfi.org.uk/imax

**MAGNIFICENT DESOLATION: WALKING ON THE MOON 3D**  
(U) 41mins  
➔ Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

**WILD SAFARI 3D**  
(U) 45mins

**ALIEN ADVENTURE 3D**  
(U) 33mins  
➔ Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

**THE POLAR EXPRESS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE**  
(U) 101mins  
➔ Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

**Elefant**

London College of Communication, Elephant & Castle  
www.newelephant.net

Thursday 1 December  
**SHORT FILMS**  
6.30pm; free  
Made as part of Southwark Council's Get Scene film competition.

Thursday 1 December  
**MARIA FULL OF GRACE**  
7.15pm; free  
2004 Columbia/USA (15) Dir: Joshua Marston 101mins; The award-winning story of a 17-year-old Columbian girl called Maria who struggles for survival on the margins of society and gets lured into becoming a drug mule.

Friday 2 December  
**SOUTHWARK HOUR**  
6.30pm; free  
Southwark TV presents a special edition of their Community Channel series.

Friday 2 December  
**SHORT FILMS**  
7.30pm; free  
Made by people who live, work or study in the local area.

Friday 2 December  
**FRIDAY NIGHT ART EVENT**  
8pm at the Corsica Arts Club, Elephant Road  
A diverse selection of artists, performers, musicians and filmmakers.

Saturday 3 December  
**LAST ORDERS**  
11.45am; free  
2001 UK/Germany (15) Dir: Fred Schepisi 109 mins. Set in Bermondsey in 1989, this is a tale of four men who are forced to face their own mortality when one of them dies. Michael Caine, Bob Hoskins, Ray Winston and Helen Mirren star.

Saturday 3 December  
**PATHER PANCHALI**  
2.30pm; free  
1955 India (U) Dir: Satyajit Ray 115 mins; Set in a remote Bengali village at the beginning of the century. Offers a reflection of a poor Brahman family.

**National Film Theatre**

South Bank T 020 7928 3232  
www.bfi.org.uk/nft

Until Tuesday 29 December  
**ITV50**  
As well as showcasing many favourite programmes, the ITV50 season presents footage from programmes thought to have been lost, interviews with industry chiefs, programme-makers and actors, plus special events.

**Tate Modern**

Bankside T 020 7887 8008  
www.tate.org.uk/modern

Monday 5 December  
**COMMUNITY FILM CLUB: SCROOGE**  
7pm (doors open 6.30pm, refreshments available); free to members  
1951 film (86 minutes). To join the film club (free to local residents) call 020 7401 5167 or email communityfilmclub@tate.org.uk. Preceded by Bankside Residents' Forum AGM - see Talks & Meetings section.

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## Exhibitions

## Advanced Graphics London

32 Long Lane T 020 7407 2055  
www.advancedgraphics.co.uk  
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; free

Thursday 1 December to Saturday 28 January  
**ALBERT IRVIN PRINTS**  
Monoprints and limited edition screenprints tracking print studio from early days in nearby Tooley Street. Includes latest screenprint Tabard.

## Bankside Gallery

48 Hopton Street T 020 7928 7521  
www.banksidegallery.com  
Daily 11am-6pm; free

Thursday 1 to Saturday 31 December  
**THE MINIATURE PICTURE SHOW**  
Pictures no larger than A5 for sale as possible Christmas presents and priced £25-£2000. Also Secret Postcard Sale.

## The Bargehouse

Bargehouse Street  
www.oxotower.co.uk

Until Sunday 11 December  
**IMAGINE A WORLD**  
11am-6pm; free

Includes work by Marc Quinn, Tracey Emin and Grayson Perry. Part of Amnesty International's global Stop Violence Against Women campaign.

Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 December  
**INSIDE OUT**

10am-7pm; free  
Discussions in applied imagination. Unveiling of this year's highly imaginative individual MA projects at St Martin's.

## City Hall

The Queen's Walk  
www.london.gov.uk  
Mon-Fri 8am-8pm; free

Until Friday 9 December  
**ECHOES OF TSUNAMI**

Photographs taken by tsunami survivors as they have attempted to rebuild their lives over the past year. Organised by UK-based medical aid charity Merlin.

## Cuming Museum

155 Walworth Rd SE17 T 020 7525 2163  
www.southwark.gov.uk  
Tue-Sat 10am-5pm; free

Until Saturday 14 January  
**LIFE IN THE ELEPHANT 1948 & 2005**  
Photographs taken by Bert Hardy in 1948 for Picture Post alongside 2005 photos of the Heygate Estate.

## Design Museum

28 Shad Thames T 0870 833 9955  
www.designmuseum.org  
Daily 10am-6pm (last admission 5.15pm); £6 (conc £4)

Until Sunday 8 January  
**EILEEN GRAY**  
Designer and architect.

Until Sunday 26 February  
**ROBERT BROWNJOHN**  
A retrospective of the graphic designer staged by his friend Alan Fletcher.  
Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Saturday 3 December to Sunday 26 November  
**DESIGNING MODERN BRITAIN**  
Includes London Transport's 1930s design programme, the 1951 Festival of Britain and plans for the 2012 Olympics.

## Fashion &amp; Textile Museum

83 Bermondsey Street T 020 7403 0222  
www.ftmlondon.org  
Tue-Sat 10am-4pm; £6 (conc £4)

Until Saturday 3 December  
**IDENTITY**

Marks 25th anniversary of i-D Magazine.  
Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

## Florence Nightingale Museum

St Thomas' Hospital T 020 7620 0374  
www.florence-nightingale.co.uk  
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; weekend 10am-4.30pm; £5.80 (conc £4.20)

Until April 2006  
**THE WONDERFUL MRS SEACOLE**  
Mary Seacole bicentenary exhibition.

## Gallery Different

45 Shad Thames T 020 7357 8909  
www.davidbegbie.com  
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat-Sun 12pm-6pm; free

Until Sunday 1 January  
**CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION**  
New Sculpture, Prints and Drawings by David Begbie.

## Gallery 33

33 Swan Street T 020 7407 8668  
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; free

Thursday 1 to Wednesday 21 December  
**WATERLINES**  
Painting, sculpture and photographs reflecting Martin Fidler's ongoing study of forms and structures associated with land and sea. Paintings of the Isle of Grain describe and explore the edge of the Thames estuary.

## Hayward Gallery

South Bank Centre T 08703 800 400  
www.hayward.org.uk  
Daily 10am-6pm (Tue & Wed until 8pm, Fri until 9pm); £9 (seniors £6, children £3, under 12s free); half price Mondays; book online at www.inSE1.co.uk/hayward

Until Sunday 11 December  
**UNIVERSAL EXPERIENCE**  
Explores questions about why we travel and what effect it has.

## HMS Belfast

Morgan's Lane, Tooley Street T 020 7940 6320  
www.hmsbelfast.iwm.org.uk  
Daily 10am-6pm £8 (conc £5); under 16s free

Until Friday 31 March  
**A SHARED TRADITION**  
Commonwealth navies in WWII.

## Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road T 020 7416 5320  
www.iwm.org.uk  
Daily 10am-6pm; free

Until Sunday 5 February  
**CAPTIVE**  
Drawings and paintings.

Until Monday 17 April  
**LAWRENCE OF ARABIA: THE LIFE, THE LEGEND**

£7 (conc £6)  
Reveals the life of this extraordinary man.  
Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Until Monday 31 July  
**GREAT ESCAPES**  
Includes previously unseen escape kit.

## Jerwood Space

171 Union Street T 020 7654 0171  
www.jerwoodspace.co.uk  
Daily 10am-6pm; free

Until Sunday 11 December  
**PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS**  
Winners of the Jerwood Photography Awards.

Saturday 17 December to Sunday 8 January  
**INTOABILISE**  
Ben Woodeson continues his investigation of electricity and electromagnetic fields.

## Laura Bartlett Gallery

22 Leathermarket Street T 020 7403 3714  
www.laurabartlettgallery.com  
Wed-Sat 12-6pm; free

Until Saturday 17 December  
**THE OBSERVATORY**  
A group exhibition that explores the ways artists examine and respond to the natural world.

## Llewellyn Alexander Fine Paintings

The Cut T 020 7620 1322  
www.llewellynalexander.com  
Mon-Sat 10am-7pm; free

Until Saturday 3 December  
**EIGHT MAN SHOW**  
Group show.

Thursday 8 December to Thursday 5 January  
**EDNA BIZON**  
Oils of still life, flowers and animals.

## Menier Chocolate Factory Gallery

51 Southwark Street  
www.menierchocolatefactory.com  
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm (Thu till 8pm); free

Until Saturday 3 December  
**BIDDY BUNZI**  
Paintings, prints and sculpture responding to experiences of landscapes and structures.

Monday 5 to Friday 23 December  
**WE ARE ALL THE SAME**  
Photographs, interviews and music by Tim Wainwright exploring the lives of people with cancer at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

## Morley Gallery

61 Westminster Bridge Rd T 020 7450 1826  
www.morleycollege.ac.uk

Until Tuesday 13 December  
**LONDON POTTERS ANNUAL MEMBERS EXHIBITION**  
Functional and sculptural ceramics.

## Museum of Garden History

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7401 8865  
www.museumofgardenhistory.org  
Daily 10.30am-5pm; voluntary fee £3 (conc £2.50)

Until January 2006  
**A COMPANY OF PLEASURES**  
Lady Salisbury's Hatfield House garden.

## National Theatre

South Bank T 020 7452 3400  
www.nationaltheatre.org.uk  
Daily 10am-11pm; free

Until Saturday 10 December  
**THE LINBURY BIENNIAL PRIZE**  
The work of 12 young stage designers.

Until Saturday 14 January  
**DAZZLE**  
3,000 pieces of contemporary jewellery on sale from more than 80 exhibitors.

Friday 16 December to Saturday 28 January  
**MASTERS OF JAZZ: UNSEEN PORTRAITS**

Previously unpublished black and white photographs by Jamie Hodgson taken in and around London in the 1950s and 60s.

## Nolia's Gallery at Thomas a Becket

Old Kent Road T 020 7701 9111  
1pm-6pm; free

Friday 2 to Wednesday 7 December  
**CONSTELLATION**  
Goldsmiths' undergraduates.

Friday 9 to Wednesday 14 December  
**FEARLESS CHILD**  
Susan Oman curates a fairytale for the modern age and performance by Tom Graham Adriani.

Friday 16 to Wednesday 21 December  
**TIME SPACE**  
Photography from Germany, Norway and Korea.

## Old Operating Theatre, Museum &amp; Herb Garret

9a St Thomas St T 020 7188 2679  
www.thegarret.org.uk  
Daily 10.30am-5pm;

Until Saturday 21 January  
**SUTURE: ART WITHOUT ANAESTHETIC**  
10.30am-5pm; £4.75 (conc £3.75)  
Interactive video intervention.

## Plateaux Gallery

1 Brewery Sq, Tower Br Piazza T 020 7357 6880  
www.plateaux.co.uk

Until Saturday 24 December  
**THE NATURAL LAWS OF MARTHA WINTER**  
Winter has developed processes through many years of experimenting.

## Poussin Gallery

Block K, 175 Bermondsey St T 020 7403 4444  
www.poussin-gallery.com

Until Saturday 10 December  
**MALI MORRIS**  
Paintings from four decades.

## Purdy Hicks Gallery

65 Hopton Street T 020 7401 9229  
www.purdyhicks.com  
Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm (Wed 7pm); Sat & Sun 12 noon-5pm; free

Until Friday 23 December  
**ORNULF OPDAHL**  
Paintings of Nothern Norway.

## Ritter/Zamet

2 Bear Gardens T 020 7261 9510  
www.ritterzamet.com  
Tue-Sat 10am-6pm

Until Saturday 14 January  
**NOGAH ENGLER / PETER STAUSS**

**Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition**  
Bankside T 020 7902 1500  
www.shakespeares-globe.org  
Daily 10am-5pm; £9 (conc £6.50; child £5.50; family £25)

Until February 2006  
**SHAKESPEARE & GUNPOWDER PLOT**  
400th anniversary exhibition.

## Southwark Cathedral Refectory

London Bridge  
www.southwark.anglican.org/cathedral  
Daily 10am-5pm (closed 25 Dec); free

Until Tuesday 10 January  
**PAINTINGS OF LONDON & ITALY**  
Paintings by local artist Chris Owens of Italian hill towns and Bankside.

## Tara Bryan Gallery

10 Marshalsea Road T 020 7403 0091  
www.tarabryan.co.uk

Friday 2 December to Tuesday 31 January  
**MANUAL LABOUR**  
Six artists concentrate on how objects and materials can be manipulated to have another meaning.

## Tate Modern

Bankside T 020 7887 8008  
www.tate.org.uk  
Daily 10am-6pm (Fri & Sat 10pm); free

Until Sunday 8 January  
**JEFF WALL**  
£7 (conc £5.50)  
Huge back-lit transparencies  
Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Until Sunday 8 January  
**THE CHITTENDENS**  
Catherine Sullivan's large scale multi-screen video installation.

Until Sunday 5 February  
**JUNGLES IN PARIS**  
£10 (conc £8)  
Henri Rousseau's jungle paintings.

Until Sunday 26 March  
**UNILEVER SERIES: EMBANKMENT**  
Rachel Whiteread's white boxes.

## the.gallery@oxo

Oxo Tower Wharf T 020 7401 2255  
www.oxotower.co.uk  
Daily 11am-6pm; free

Until Sunday 4 December  
**TOYS@OXO**  
Hand crafted toys for sale.

Thursday 8 December to Monday 2 January  
**CABARET MECHANICS**  
Automata and mechanical toys. Press the buttons, enjoy the mechanisms and wit.

## The Walk Gallery

23 King Edward Walk T 020 7928 3786  
www.walkgallery.com  
Mon-Fri 10.30am-6.30pm; Sat 2pm-6pm

Until Friday 16 December  
**WORKS ON PAPER**  
Peter Crossick and Anthony Whishaw.

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THEATRE REVIEW

# Coram Boy at the National Theatre

Olivier Theatre; in repertory until 4 February  
Booking: www.inSE1.co.uk/olivier

**Helen Edmundson's adaptation of Jamila Gavin's novel provides an electrifying, disturbing, utterly compelling night at the theatre.**

You soon understand why the National doesn't recommend the play for under-12s: a baby is strangled, bodies are exhumed and a man is hanged. And that's all before the interval.

Thomas Coram – whose London home was in Rotherhithe – doesn't appear as a character in the play but his name is invoked and his Foundling Hospital in Bloomsbury has a major bearing on the plot.

The action unfolds at breakneck speed as parallel plots are woven together and complex social issues in 18th-century England are tackled.



Jack Tarlton as Meshak Gardiner and Anna Madeley as Aaron (Picture: Catherine Ashmore)

The result is an exhilarating 2 hours 50 minutes of theatre that couldn't leave even an audience of cynical journalists unmoved.

The casting is superb, the music – drawing on Handel's role as a benefactor to the Coram Hospital – splendid.

Going to see *Coram Boy* reminded me just how fortunate we are in SE1 to have the National Theatre on our doorsteps. Book your tickets now.

HEALTH

## MEND your ways in the New Year

**From January families in Southwark and Lambeth will be able to take part in the MEND Programme – an interactive 10-week programme that teaches overweight children aged 7-12 basic principles about healthy eating and exercise.**

It does this in a fun, practical way that involves lots of games, swimming, discussions, cooking and even a supermarket tour. The programme also examines ways to improve children's behaviour, attitudes towards food and self-confidence.

Although the programme is free, each child needs to be assessed for suitability based on age, weight and health. Families interested in taking part are encouraged to get in touch quickly as places are limited.

MEND is sponsored by Southwark PCT, Jubilee Hall and Cartoon Network but local businesses are being urged to get involved in supporting future programmes. MEND director Ulla Stauch says: "We currently have funding for 70 families, but there are many more families that need the MEND Programme in SE1!"

- Contact Ulla at [ulla.stauch@mendprogramme.org](mailto:ulla.stauch@mendprogramme.org) or on 0870 609 1405.
- [www.mendprogramme.org](http://www.mendprogramme.org).

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**Surprise royal visit to Borough Market**  
The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall made a surprise visit to Borough Market, chatting and sharing jokes with traders as they toured the stalls.  
...full story at [www.London-SE1.co.uk](http://www.London-SE1.co.uk)

**South Bank a key tourist destination**  
71 per cent of overseas visitors to the capital intend to come to the South Bank, according to a new study by Visit London  
...full story at [www.London-SE1.co.uk](http://www.London-SE1.co.uk)

**Potters Fields: residents spell out their message**  
Local residents campaigning against a development of eight cylindrical towers on the Potters Fields coach park site sent a clear message to Berkeley Homes.  
...full story at [www.London-SE1.co.uk](http://www.London-SE1.co.uk)

**Blackfriars skyscraper zone: councillors order rethink**  
Southwark Council's executive has voted against designating Blackfriars Road as a zone for skyscrapers and has asked officers to redraft the consultation document on tall buildings.  
...full story at [www.London-SE1.co.uk](http://www.London-SE1.co.uk)

**Borough Market to launch food school**  
Children from Charles Dickens Primary School were on hand to help launch Borough Market's £250k fundraising campaign to create the UK's biggest food classroom.  
...full story at [www.London-SE1.co.uk](http://www.London-SE1.co.uk)

**Waterloo tenants join General Synod protest**  
Tenants of Church Commissioners properties fighting sell-off plans staged a protest outside Church House in Westminster as members of General Synod gathered.  
...full story at [www.London-SE1.co.uk](http://www.London-SE1.co.uk)

**Hotel owner fined £16,000 for breaching food hygiene regulations**  
The former proprietor of the Driscoll House Hotel on the New Kent Road was ordered to pay fines totalling £16,000 at Camberwell Green Magistrates Court.  
...full story at [www.London-SE1.co.uk](http://www.London-SE1.co.uk)

**Honorary degrees for Kevin Spacey and the Bishop**  
Old Vic artistic director Kevin Spacey and Bishop of Southwark Tom Butler were among those awarded honorary degrees by London South Bank University at Southwark Cathedral.  
...full story at [www.London-SE1.co.uk](http://www.London-SE1.co.uk)

**Thameslink 2000 "a joke" admits transport secretary**  
Transport secretary Alistair Darling has admitted in the Commons that "the name is a bit of a joke". Meanwhile Borough Market residents have organised a petition to draw attention to the scheme's impact on the area.  
...full story at [www.London-SE1.co.uk](http://www.London-SE1.co.uk)

**Cathedrals ward councillor quits**  
Lib Dem councillor Catriona Moore has resigned as a member of Southwark Council with immediate effect to enable her to take up a job as adviser to the social care inspectorate.  
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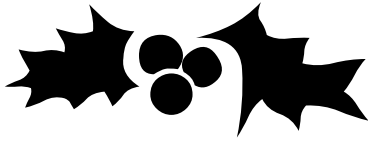
Topics will include:

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# Christmas books special

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## Prunella

Teresa Ransom

John Murray • £16.99

This is an authorised biography rather than an autobiography because Prunella Scales feels that she cannot write about herself. She and her husband Timothy West are familiar figures in SE1 both in the theatre and at Southwark Cathedral.

Their two cats are called Lily and Baylis after Lilian Baylis who revived the Old Vic. This is where Prunella started her actor training in 1949 when students were not allowed in the circle in case they fell through the floor.

There is a fascinating chapter devoted to her role in television's *Fawlty Towers*. Other highlights which have made her famous are television's *Mapp and Lucia*, *After Henry* and the Tesco advertisements. There are plenty of background details about filming including punishing schedules - Queen Victoria scenes shot in the very early morning at Kensington Palace and the Tesco ads very late at night in the Bracknell branch.

## Egg, Bacon, Chips & Beans

Russell M Davies

HarperCollins • £9.99

The author discovered cafés whilst touring in a caravan trying to be a comedian. His book is about fifty great cafés from Perth to Tankerton and all are really good but, since it's not a contest, he admits they may not be the best. However, they

are the ones he really likes and include Marie's in Lower Marsh which is "a perfect example of what a café should be". In the Old Kent Road he describes The 192 Café as "a brilliant example of the every day café done dead well".

There are at least six pictures of each café and enthusiastic reflections and descriptions. One wonders why Lower Marsh does not qualify for the Reasonably Central London section when Goldhawk Road and Kentish Town Road do. Is there a conspiracy by regulars at Marie's to keep its location vague?

## Heritage Postcards:

Views of Old London

English Heritage • £6.99

The National Monuments Archive has supplied 24 old photographs as postcards which can be used. The black and white pictures are all well lit and full of detail. The late Victorian view of Lambeth Palace from the bridge is unchanged except for the trees and the paddle steamer on the river.

But very different is the 'St Paul's Cathedral from Bankside' 1870-1900 view. The riverside warehouses are less intrusive than today's office blocks. Businesses include the London & Lisbon Cork Wood Company and the Li-quer Tea Company.

Another card shows an unclad Tower Bridge under construction looking like a Meccano structure.

## Made in Southwark

George Nicholson

Civic • £9.99

Described as 'a photographic celebration of the hand' this book contains 27 black and white photographs taken by George Nicholson over period of thirty years. Some were seen at the recent Oxo Tower and Southwark Cathedral exhibitions. Others were taken in Borough Market last year of Farmer Sharp and today's familiar traders. Not seen before is a series taken twenty years ago at the still threatened Pullen's Yard at the Elephant & Castle where craftsmen include a brushmaker pursuing a traditional Southwark trade. Terence Conran contributes a foreword. A perfect present for both old and new Southwark residents.

• Buy the book for £7.50 by calling Mon-Fri 9am-6pm at Civic, 6 Southwark Street, Borough Market archway, and showing a copy of *in SE1*.

## Shadowplay: the Hidden Beliefs & Coded Politics of William Shakespeare

Clare Asquith

Public Affairs • £18.99

This book has new information and brings alive both Shakespeare's texts and the time he spent in Southwark. The cathedral precincts are revealed as a safe haven for the dissident Roman Catholic network outlawed by Elizabeth I's government. Spies were posted in the tower to check on visitors to Montague Close between the cathedral and the river. Allegations of bogus funerals at Southwark led to the Archbishop ordering an exhumation to check that a "body was there ..not a log". This problem is referred to in *Hamlet* which may have been influenced by the beatified Robert Southwell who said his first and secret mass at Southwark. The author's research further confirms the vital *Bankside* influence on

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