

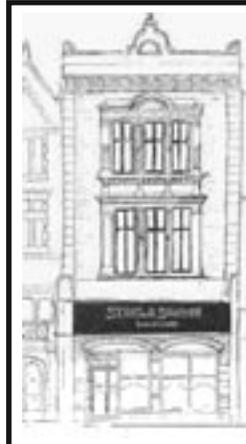
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Thousands expected at Bankside Frost Fair

Children will be able to enjoy husky sledding rides at this month's Frost Fair on Bankside.

The three day fair opens at 4pm on Friday 15 December with a Twelve Days of Christmas lantern procession from Southwark Cathedral to Tate Modern.

This will be the fourth Frost Fair to take place along the River Thames since the historic fair was revived in 2003. Now the fair is described as 'London's biggest free winter event' and attracts over 100,000 visitors.

For this year's event Shakespeare's Globe is transforming its undercroft into a market with a winter wonderland of snow covered fir trees and twinkling lights. Visitors will be entertained by musicians in Elizabethan costume.

During the 1564 freeze people took to the ice for what was the first Frost Fair. Since 1814 the river has failed to freeze due to its narrowing and the loss of Old London Bridge. So on Saturday at noon a traditional Thames Cutters boat procession will cross the water from the City to Bankside Pier.

Other attractions include ice sculpting, an outdoor market, street entertainment, bands and choirs. A beer tent will have mulled wine and festive food including roast chestnuts and a hog roast.

Bankside Gallery is offering visitors the chance to win a weekend break in the New Forest. Over the weekend there will be family workshops run by attractions and businesses to give a hands-on experience of real Bankside.

Better Bankside has put together a Frost Fair Package which includes an overnight stay at the Novotel, Mercure or Southwark Rose Hotels, free entry to Shakespeare's



Globe and a Bankside gift pack upon arrival at the hotel. To qualify visitors simply quote 'BBFF' when booking.

"We are delighted to have increased Better Bankside's financial support for the Frost Fair as part of the company's growing focus on area promotion which is one of its seven core themes, explains chief executive Peter Williams. "The Bankside Frost Fair is one of the things that makes Bankside a vibrant place for local employees, local residents and visitors alike."

CLlr Lorraine Zuleta, Southwark Council's executive member for culture, leisure and sport says: "Bankside is the place to be this Christmas. Husky sledding has to be one of the most fun things on offer for children in the festive period and the fair is also 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 that Bankside sparkles again this winter.

Christmas in Waterloo

At the lighting of Waterloo's Christmas Tree there will be a Pigs & Princesses theme to mark the launch of the Young Vic's family show *The Enchanted Pig*.

The lights switch-on will be just part of an all-day 'Christmas at Waterloo' programme on Thursday 7 December organised by the Waterloo Quarter Business Alliance (WQBA) in partnership with Lambeth Council, local businesses, community groups, arts organisations and the Police. See listings on page 3 for details

"Christmas at Waterloo is an event that brings together all elements of the local community," says Lady Samuel, chair of the WQBA and managing director of the Old Vic Theatre Company. "It is a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase all that Waterloo has to offer, from its quirky, independent businesses to world class arts activity and an active and engaged local community. Waterloo Quarter Business Alliance is delighted to be leading on this."

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FOOD & DRINK

Joe's Kitchen

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Joe's Kitchen just along from Borough Station is a bright spot on an otherwise dull stretch of road.

The light wood tables and simple decor gives this café the feel of a Scandinavian coffee house. But the rare tins of Uncle Joe's Mint Balls from Wigan remind us that this is England.

There is a communal table as well as tables for two and even high chairs for children. A pile of papers or toys can be enjoyed as you wait for your food or just enjoy the good coffee (cappuccino £1.95).

Service was swift but we experienced a wait for our food. However, when it came we knew why. It was freshly cooked and hot but not hot from being under a hotplate. The dishes of the day such as Cumberland sausage and mash (£7.95) are on a blackboard. Specialities include Roasted Mediterranean Vegetarian Pie with feta cheese, pine nuts and salad (£7.95).

Our cottage pie was unusually in pastry and came with swede, carrots and potatoes (£7.95). The burger was huge with a fried egg, chips and salad (£8.50). Both were filling.

The takeaway menu has sandwiches (from £4.25) and a croque monsieur (£4.95).

It is hard to believe that this is a chain but it is underneath the Joe's Kitchen HQ which is maybe why the standard is so high.

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fireworks on
New Year's Eve

The South Bank will be lit up by fireworks on New Year's Eve.

The display, organised by the Mayor of London in conjunction with Visit London, will be on the river next to the British Airways London Eye.

This year's display is being produced by award winning London based experiential communications agency Jack Morton Worldwide and internationally renowned pyrotechnician Christophe Berthonneau.

The show is being designed to be big enough, and loud enough, to be seen from high ground, balconies and gardens all over the capital and it is being screened uninterrupted live on BBC One.

Last year, around 150,000 people are estimated to have watched the capital's New Year's Eve fireworks with millions more seeing the it on television across the UK and overseas.

Mayor of London Ken Livingstone says: "London now hosts the best New Year's Eve fireworks display in the world and is seen on TV by millions in Britain and tens of millions internationally. The New Year's Eve fireworks are another spectacle, making London a wonderful city to visit over Christmas and the New Year."

New Year Events

Bankside

www.thelionspart.co.uk

Saturday 6 January
TWELTH NIGHT

12 noon; free

A celebration of the New Year, mixing ancient seasonal customs with contemporary festivity. It is free, accessible to all and happens whatever the weather. To herald the celebration, the extraordinary Holly Man decked in fantastic green garb and evergreen foliage, appears from the River Thames brought by the Thames Cutter *Master Shipbroker* (boat subject to weather!). With the crowd, led by the Bankside Mummers, the Holly Man 'brings in the green' and 'wassails' or toasts the people and the River Thames - an old tradition encouraging good growth. The Globe is wassailed in like fashion. The Mummers then process to the Bankside Jetty, and perform the traditional 'freestyle' Folk Combat Play of St George. The play is full of wild verse and boisterous action, a time-honoured part of the season recorded from the Crusades. Cakes distributed at the end of the play have a bean and a pea hidden in two of them. Those who find them are hailed King and Queen for the day. They then lead the people through the streets to the historic George Inn in for a fine warming up with Storytelling, the Kissing Wishing Tree and more dancing.

What's On in SE1

December 2006

ORIGINAL AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL EVENTS GUIDE

Special Events

Bankside & Shakespeare's Globe

Bankside

Friday 15 to Sunday 17 December
BANKSIDE FROST FAIR

Fri 4pm-9pm; Sat 10am-9pm; Sun 10am-6pm; free

Bankside will yet again be home to the 4th annual Frost Fair outside Tate Modern and Shakespeare's Globe. Last year's event attracted more than 100,000 people making it London's largest free winter event. This year's event will host a winter market, ice sculptures, workshops, music, street theatre, a beer tent selling mulled wine, an ice bar and festive food including roasted chestnuts and a hog roast. The star attraction this year is free husky sledding rides for children under 12. Young visitors will also get the chance to have their photo taken hugging a husky which will cost £4. Shakespeare's Globe will be part of this year's Frost Fair when the Globe's Undercroft is transformed into a winter wonderland of snow covered fir trees and twinkling starlight. Twenty five traders from across the UK will sell unique hand-made gifts including pens and quills, wooden toys, hand knitted jumpers, scarves, hats and gloves and stone sculptures. Visitors will be entertained by Elizabethan musicians, a recreation of gladiatorial combat and a short Christmas play, George and the Dragon. All tickets for the play are £4 and available on the day.

Design Museum

Shad Thames T 0870 909 9009
www.designmuseum.org

Tuesday 19 to Wednesday 20 December
LATE NIGHT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
6pm-9pm

Choose from an exciting selection of products by the world's leading designers including Alvar Aalto, Ettore Sottsass, Tord Boontje, Timorous Beasties and Marc Newson. This is a perfect opportunity to find a last-minute present for a design-conscious friend, as well as quirky stocking fillers, design cards and wrapping paper. Adding to the festive atmosphere, the Design Museum Cafe will be serving Konditor & Cook mince pies and fragrant mulled wine, while musical entertainment will be provided by a magical marionette performance. Design Museum members receive a 10% discount at the Shop and Cafe. Visitors on both evenings will be offered the chance to view the current Design Museum exhibitions at a reduced entry fee of £4.

Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre

Elephant and Castle

Friday 1 & Saturday 2 December
CROSS RIVER TRAM CONSULTATION

From 12 noon

Cross River Tram (CRT) would link Euston and Waterloo with branches to Camden Town and King's Cross in the north and Brixton and Peckham in the south. Find out what this scheme would mean for you at the roadshow, complete with full-size tram. The event will take place in the shopping centre and at the new ecopod outside the leisure centre.

Sunday 3 December
WOOLLY SNOWBALLS

2pm-4pm; free

Eccentric knitter-artist Rachael Matthews workshop, as seen on The Culture Show. Making woolly snowballs for Christmas (for all ages). An Elefest event.

Fashion & Textile Museum

83 Bermondsey Street T 020 7403 0222
www.ftmlondon.org

Saturday 2 December
BARGAIN BIN ART FAIR

7.30pm-10.30pm; £3

4WALL are sending out 500 blank postcards and pencils to world famous artists, celebrities, rock stars and politicians - asking them to draw something, sign it and send it back. They will add all the art into a tombola and sell 99p raffle tickets to anyone who comes along. Buyers could get a Damien Hirst out of the hat but they could just as easily get a Wayne Smith from the pub across the road.

Hankey Hall

Hankey Place

Saturday 2 December
CHRISTMAS FETE

11am

Local resident Maria Walsh is commemorating the lives of her brother and sister by organising a Christmas Fete. Caroline died from Sudden Unexpected Death due to Epilepsy (SUDEP) in 2002 and Phillip died from epilepsy-related complications in 2003. Maria has chosen to donate all proceeds to the charity Epilepsy Bereaved.

Hay's Galleria

Tooley Street
www.haysgalleria.co.uk

Thursday 28 December
CRISIS WINTER WALKABOUT

Registration 1.30pm for a 2pm start; £15 adult, £5 child, £30 family

Crack the code and claim the treasure! Sponsored treasure hunt along the Thames. Register via events@crisis.org.uk
www.crisis.org.uk/winterwalkabout

Living Space

1 Coral Street
www.living-space.org.uk

Monday 4 December
SE1 UNITED RECRUITMENT OPEN

EVENING

5pm-8pm

SE1 United is looking for youth workers, youth researchers, workshop leaders and volunteers to run its dynamic youth-led programme of events and activities in Southwark and Lambeth. For more information call Natalie Bell on 07984 205 592 or get an application pack from Living Space reception, 1 Coral Street, London SE1 7BE.

London Glassblowing

Weston Street T 020 7403 2800
www.londonglassblowing.co.uk
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; free

Until Sunday 3 December
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND SALE

11am-5pm

Visitors can purchase a signed copy of founder Peter Layton's new book as well as beautiful glass items.

Menier Gallery

51 Southwark Street T 020 7407 5388
www.paintingsinhospitals.org.uk

Friday 8 to Saturday 9 December
CRAFT & DESIGN FAIR

10am-6pm; £2

Sale of jewellery, clothing, prints and homeware by over 30 contemporary designers, artists and craftspeople. Children's activities, seasonal refreshments and a luxury Christmas raffle with prizes donated by Borough Market stallholders and other SE1 businesses.

Red Cross Garden

Redcross Way T 020 7403 3393
www.bost.org.uk

Friday 8 December
WINTER IN THE PARK

4pm-5pm; free

Join Bankside Open Spaces Trust when the Mayor of Southwark turns on Red Cross Garden's Christmas tree lights. Mulled wine, live music and carols.

Southwark Cathedral

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

Saturday 9 December
CHRISTMAS MARKET

11am-4pm; free

The annual popular event run by the Friends of Southwark Cathedral. Stalls will be selling Christmas decorations, toys and books. Food includes homemade jam and cakes. Also a tombola and children's area with activities and competitions.

St Andrew's

Short Street

Wednesdays 13 & 27 December
MEDITATION FOR PEACE

6.30pm

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Tate Modern Community Garden

Bankside T 020 7887 8888
www.tate.org.uk/modern

Saturday 2 December
MOSAIC WORKSHOP

11am-3pm; free

Get involved by using foraged materials from the Thames including Victorian roof tiles, ceramic pieces and other found materials to help make the community garden mosaic. If you would like to come along contact synthia.griffin@tate.org.uk or 020 7401 5176.

Tuesday 12 December
TREE DRESSING DAY

10.30am-12.30pm; free

Make Christmas pomanders and decorations out of found materials and dress the trees with recycled materials. If you would like to come along contact synthia.griffin@tate.org.uk or 020 7401 5176.

Unicorn Theatre

147 Tooley Street T 08700 535500
www.unicorntheatre.com

Saturday 9 December
UNICORN'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

From 12 noon; free

The Unicorn is celebrating its first birthday in Tooley Street, and Southwark residents are invited to join the party. Southwark residents can claim up to four free tickets for performances of *Journey to the River Sea* and *The Gardener*. These tickets can only be booked by calling 020 7645 0560 and quoting "Birthday Party" along with address details. There will be free face painting, balloon modelling and drumming workshops. There are limited places for the drumming workshops, so book these free tickets in advance.

Waterloo

Lower Marsh and The Cut
www.waterlooquarter.org

Thursday 7 December
CHRISTMAS AT WATERLOO PIGS AND PRINCESSES

12 noon-8pm; free

The Christmas event in Waterloo has a Pigs & Princesses theme to mark the launch of the Young Vic's family show *The Enchanted Pig*. There will be activities from 12 noon till 8pm with a Christmas market along Lower Marsh selling creative Christmas present ideas and late-night shopping in the numerous independent shops. There will be live music, street theatre, workshops for children on the Millennium Green and festive food and drink. Characters from *The Enchanted Pig* will perform to the crowds from the theatre balcony from 5.30pm before processing to Emma Cons Gardens for the switch-on of the Christmas tree lights at 6pm.

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Children & Family

Design Museum

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www.designmuseum.org
Daily 10am-5.45pm (last admission
5.15pm); £7 (conc £4; under-12s free)

Sundays 3 & 10 December
DESIGNING CHRISTMAS

2pm-5pm; Adult £7; child free
Illustrators and graphic designers help children to prepare for Christmas by designing, making and decorating festive cards, crackers and decorations. At the end of the workshop, the children bid for festive prizes in a special Christmas lucky dip. Suitable for children aged 6 to 12. Booking is essential on 020 7940 8782.

Florence Nightingale Museum

St Thomas Hospital Lambeth Palace Road
T 020 7620 0374

www.florence-nightingale.co.uk
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun 10am-4.30pm; Adult £5.80, Concession £4.80, Family £16

Saturday 9 to Sunday 10 December
CHRISTMAS RIGHTS

Florence was passionate about people's right to health and worked hard for soldiers' rights to dignity, respect and appropriate care. Come and do your bit for human rights today. On Saturday make and send a card for Amnesty International's Christmas card campaign and meet Father Christmas (£1 per child). On Sunday, make a Victorian Christmas cracker.

HMS Belfast

Morgans Lane, Tooley Street T 020 7940 6300
hmsbelfast.iwm.org.uk

Summer 10am-6pm, Winter till 5pm
(last admission 45 minutes before close);
charge applies; children free

Thursday 28 & Friday 29 December
THE BATTLE OF NORTH CAPE

10am-5pm; £8.50; child free
Professional actors and a team of living history specialists stage an interactive six-scene play to put into context this hard-fought naval engagement. Unfolding throughout the day on Thursday 28 December and again on Friday 29 December the re-enactment will help to bring a part of HMS Belfast's history to life for visitors.

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road T 020 7416 5000
london.iwm.org.uk
Daily 10am-6pm; free

Saturday 2 to Sunday 3 December
Saturday 9 to Sunday 10 December
THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE

12 noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
An actor in the role of a First World War soldier relates the story of the Christmas truce of 1914, and how soldiers coped with winter in the trenches during the First World War.

Saturday 16 to Friday 22 December
Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 December
THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE: TALES FROM NARNIA

12 noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
Meet the White Witch and find out what happens to Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy as they venture through the Winter Kingdom of Narnia. C. S. Lewis' story begins 1939 with the children being sent as evacuees to the countryside for safety.

Saturday 16 to Friday 22 December
Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 December
THE WINTER TREE

12 noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm; free
Create your own individual winter leaf from an evacuee's label to be added to the White Witch's trees to help recreate her Winter Kingdom. Art activity based on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Old Operating Theatre,
Museum and Herb Garret

9a St Thomas Street T 020 7188 2679
www.thegarret.org.uk

Daily 10.30am-5pm; £4.75 (concessions
£3.75, children £2.75); family ticket £12

Saturday 2 December
HANDS ON: A HERBAL CHRISTMAS

2pm
Make your own Christmas presents, or decorations for your Christmas tree, as you learn about old herbal remedies. Take away pomanders, that people used to think could guard against Plague, and make sachets of sweet-smelling herbs.

Red Cross Garden

Redcross Way T 020 7403 3393
www.bost.org.uk

Thursday 7 December
CHRISTMAS: AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

3.30pm-5pm; free
Make a seasonal pomander to fragrance your home. Make some Christmas decorations for the Red Cross Christmas tree. For children aged 5 and above. First come, first served.

St Mary Magdalen

Bermondsey Street
www.stmarysbermondsey.org.uk

Sunday 24 December
THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

4pm; free
A Christmas Eve celebration for families with children.

Talks & Lectures

Morley College

61 Westminster Bridge Road T 020
7928 8501
www.morleycollege.ac.uk

Monday 4 December
PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF
STANLEY SPENCER

1.05pm; free
A lunchtime lecture in the Holst Room about artist Stanley Spencer by his friend Carolyn Lucas.

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Daily 10.30am-5pm; £4.75 (concessions
£3.75, children £2.75); family ticket £12

Saturday 9 December
ANATOMY SCHOOLS: FROM
SHROUD TO SPECIMEN

2pm
As private anatomy schools flourished in the 18th Century, all were faced with one problem: the lack of corpses available for dissection. To provide teaching specimens, even the most respectable of surgeons had the same recourse - to the bodysnatcher! The chill of winter was the best time of year for anatomy lessons to take place - and the dark nights aided the bodysnatchers to visit graveyards undiscovered...

Tuesday 12 December
THE DAY OF BLOOD: A LEECHING

6.30pm
The simple leech secretes a substance called hirudin, an anticoagulant to keep blood flowing from a wound while it feeds. In this live demonstration of leeching, discover the beliefs behind the ancient practice of phlebotomy - and why leeches are still in use in medicine today!

Thursday 14 December
SEEING WITH ONE'S OWN
EYES: ART, ANATOMY, AND
NEUROSCIENCE

6.30pm
Lecture by Dr Colin Stolkin (Department of Anatomy, Guy's, King's and St Thomas' School of Medicine).

Southwark & Lambeth
Archaeological Society

Tuesday 12 December
TIMBER FRAMED SURREY
7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm) at the
New Cut Housing Co-Operative Hall, 106
The Cut; £1
AGM and lecture by Dennis Turner.

Public meetings

Lambeth Council

www.lambeth.gov.uk

Wednesday 13 December
NORTH LAMBETH AREA
COMMITTEE

6.45pm at the Redfearn Centre,
Kennington Lane, SE11
Meeting for residents of the Waterloo area.

St Andrew's Short Street

Short Street

Tuesday 12 December
WATERLOO GREEN TRUST &
WATERLOO MILLENNIUM GREEN
TRUST AGMS

6.30pm
Annual General Meetings of the two trusts followed by refreshments.

Waterloo Action Centre

14 Baylis Road T 020 7261 1404
www.waterlooaactioncentre.co.uk

Monday 4 December
WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE AGM

4.30pm
Annual General Meeting of the important community resource in Waterloo. The meeting will include a presentation by Kevin Spacey, artistic director of The Old Vic. Old friends and new local people welcome.

Tuesday 5 December
COMMUNITY POLICE CONSULTATIVE
GROUP FOR LAMBETH

6pm
These monthly meetings include a regular report from the Borough's Commander and senior team as well as themed sessions of topics of concern. The emphasis is always on allowing public input into borough wide issues but also to provide an 'open door', where particular incidents can be raised. The theme of this meeting will be the Safer Lambeth Partnership.
www.lambethcpcg.org.uk

Church Services

Christ Church Southwark

27 Blackfriars Road T 020 7928 4707
www.christchurchsouthwark.org.uk

Thursday 21 December
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
1.05pm-1.45pm Lunchtime Christmas carol service with music by the Portcullis Singers.

Guy's Chapel

St Thomas' Street

Sunday 3 December
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
6pm Advent Carol Service for the parish of St George the Martyr, worshipping at Guy's Chapel during restoration works.

Sunday 17 December
SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND
CAROLS

6pm

Thursday 21 December
BUSINESS CAROL SERVICE
1pm 40-minute Lunchtime Carol Service.

Monday 25 December
CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

11am

Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700
www.southwark.anglican.org/cathedral/
Daily 8am-6pm; free

Wednesday 6 December
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
5.30pm Choral Evensong for the Feast of St Nicholas sung by the Merbecke Choir followed by the lighting of the Christmas Tree in the churchyard. The service also marks the launch of Better Banksides' annual 'Bring a Better Christmas' appeal. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 9 December
CRISIS CAROL SERVICE
6.30pm The Thames Philharmonic Choir leads the carols and singing of a selection of seasonal songs. Readers include Poet Laureate Andrew Motion. In the presence of HRH Princess Alexandra, Patron of Crisis. Mince pies served afterwards. Collection for Crisis, the national charity for single homeless people which every Christmas Crisis runs centres giving 1500 homeless people care, company and support. Free tickets from David Coulthead on 020 7426 3826 or email david.coulthead@crisis.org.uk

Sunday 17 December
CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE
6.30pm This is the main Cathedral carol service for parishioners, friends and visitors. It is not suitable for young children who have their own service with parents on Christmas Eve.

Sunday 24 December
MIDNIGHT MASS
11.30pm The Bishop of Southwark is the preacher at this first Mass of Christmas.

Monday 25 December
CHORAL EUCHARIST
11am The Dean is the preacher at the main Christmas Day service.

St Alphege

King's Bench Street

Sunday 24 December
MIDNIGHT MASS
11.30pm The parish of St George the Martyr, worshipping at St Alphege during restoration works.

St Andrew's Short Street

Short Street

Sunday 3 December
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
5pm Music and readings for Advent in Waterloo's new church.

Monday 25 December
CHRISTMAS FAMILY MORNING
10am Presents with Father Christmas
11am Carols round the Crib 11.30am pre-lunch drinks 12.30pm Lunch

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Sunday 10 December
CAROL SERVICE
5pm Christmas music and readings at Waterloo's parish church.

Sunday 10 December
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
10.30am

Sunday 24 December
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
11.45pm

Sunday 24 December
CRIB SERVICE
5pm Christmas service for children

Monday 25 December
CHRISTMAS FAMILY COMMUNION
10.30am The main Christmas Day service.

Sunday 31 December
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE
7pm

St Mary Magdalen

Bermondsey Street
www.stmarysbermondsey.org.uk

Sunday 17 December
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
6.30pm A traditional Christmas carol service with six lessons.

Sunday 24 December
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
11.30pm The first Eucharist of Christmas.

Monday 25 December
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
10.30am Main Christmas Day service.

St Thomas' Hospital

Lambeth Palace Road
www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk

Wednesday 6 December
A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

7pm; £10 from 020 7620 0374
The Friends of the Florence Nightingale Museum annual carol service in the St Thomas' Hospital Chapel is followed by wine and mince pies in the museum.

Music

Borough Market

8 Southwark Street
www.boroughmarket.org.uk

Thursday 7 December
FULL FATHOM 5
12.30pm-1.30pm; free

A selection of Christmas music from traditional carols to a Christmas Jazz Suite. Second in a series of free weekly concerts in the run up to the Bankside Frost Fair. Local employees are encouraged to bring along their lunches and take a seat at one of Better Bankside's pink tables and chairs. The Better Bankside rangers will distribute information on other events such as the Frost Fair and the Bring a Better Christmas appeal. There will also be an opportunity to purchase charity Christmas cards and comment on the Bankside Urban Park proposals.

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Thursday 14 December
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12.30pm-1.30pm; free

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Charles Dickens Primary School

Lant Street T 020 7407 1769
www.charlesdickens.southwark.sch.uk

Saturday 16 December
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
11am; free

Performance of solo and ensemble work by Borough Music School pupils. Followed by light Christmas refreshments Admission free. Silver collection for school funds.

Guy's Chapel

St Thomas' Street

Thursday 14 December
ANNA BANASZKIEWICZ
1pm; free

Violin recital by Anna Banaszkiwicz.

Morley College

61 Westminster Bridge Road T 020 7928 8501
www.morleycollege.ac.uk

Tuesday 5 December
AUTUMN SONGS
1.05pm; free

Lunchtime concert in the Holst Room with Sarah Leonard (soprano) and Jonathan Powell (piano). Songs by Fauré, Rachmaninov and Joseph Marx.

Tuesday 12 December
ACCORDIONS AT MORLEY
1.05pm; free

A lunchtime concert featuring accordions presented by Ian Watson.

Museum of Garden History

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

Friday 8 December
THE GROVE SINGERS
8pm (doors open 7pm); £10

Seasonal concert featuring traditional and modern carols and other seasonal songs, interspersed with readings presented by a professional actor. Refreshments available from 7pm.

Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700
www.southwark.anglican.org/cathedral/
Daily 8am-6pm; free

Saturday 2 December
CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND OTHER WORKS

7.30pm; £7-£16 (conc £6-£13) from 020 8874 7462

Christmas Music and other works for choir, audience and organ. Bach - Lobet den Herrn Sweeklinck - Hodie Christus natus est Weelkes - Gloria in excelsis Deo Jannequin - La Bataille de Marignan Parry - I was glad when they said unto me Malcolm Arnold (d.2006) - Psalm 150 plus prgan pieces, carols for Choir and audience by Howells, Kelsall, John Rutter, etc. Wine and mince pies. Stephen Disley (organ) and Thames Philharmonic Choir conducted by John Bate.

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Monday 4 December
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7pm

Two choirs present a family evening of song and celebration. Followed by mince pies and wine. For tickets email bjackson@childline.org.uk

Sunday 10 December
GUERRERO'S NATIVITY
7.45pm; £10 at the door

A musical journey from Spain to Bethlehem in the footsteps of the great Renaissance composer Francisco Guerrero (with extracts from his travel diary). New Renaissance Voices with the viols, shawms and recorders of The Iberian Archive.

Wednesday 13 December
CAROLS IN THE CITY
7pm; £25 (including reception £50) from 0800 716 146

Celebrity carol concert in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care which provides high quality nursing, totally free, to give terminally ill people the choice of dying at home supported by their families. Patrons include Roger Lloyd Pack, Barry Norman, Simon Williams and Penelope Wilton.

Friday 15 December
CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT
7.30pm; £10 and £12 from 020 7367 6703 or on the door

Southwark Cathedral Choir and Chameleon Arts Orchestra. Drinks are available during the interval. The event raises money for the Choristers' Fund.

Saturday 16 December
FINNISH CHURCH CHOIR
2pm; free

The Finnish Church Choir performs seasonal music.

Monday 18 December
CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
7.30pm

Carol concert with a gospel choir in aid of the Variety Club Children's Charity. Hosted by Angela Rippon with guests including actress Joanna Lumley. Tickets from Sarah Hodson on 020 7428 8122 or email sarah@varietyclub.org.uk

Tuesday 19 December
CATHEDRAL SING-IN
12.45pm; free

Annual lunchtime sing-in for office workers and the local community hosted by the Dean. Popular carols by request.

St Mary Magdalen

Bermondsey Street
www.stmarysbermondsey.org.uk

Tuesday 19 December
CAROL SINGING AROUND THE PARISH
6.20pm

Carol singing around Bermondsey Street and Square. The tour starts out from St Mary's and includes a visit to Tower Bridge Care Centre.

Wednesday 20 December
CHRISTMAS CAROL-O-KEE
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Thursday 21 December
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8.30pm; £4 (conc £3)

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Miller of Mansfield

96 Snowsfields
www.themiller.co.uk

Wednesday 6 December
UP THE ARTS COMEDY CLUB
8.30pm; £6 (concs £5)

Meryl O'Rourke, Clyde West, Caroline Clifford, Andrew Wallace and Verity Welch.

Wednesday 20 December
UP THE ARTS COMEDY CLUB
8.30pm; £6 (concs £5)

Ivor Dembina, Wes Packer, Nik Coppin, Carl Donnelly and Paul Ricketts. MC Peter Tennant.

Theatre

Bookshop Theatre

51 The Cut T 020 7593 1520
www.godotcompany.com

Until Saturday 9 December

LA MUSICA
Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat 7.30pm; £7 (conc £5)

A rare gem in which Marguerite Duras explores her fascination with sex and love affairs. Presented by the Godot Company and directed by Tamara Hincho. Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Menier Chocolate Factory

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

Until Sunday 26 February

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
Tue-Sat 8pm; Sat & Sun 3.30pm; £24 (conc £16)

Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/1040
For the first time in over 20 years the classic rock musical Little Shop of Horrors is back on a London stage. Cast includes Jasper Britton, Sheridan Smith, Paul Keating, Barry James and Mike McShane

National Theatre

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

Until Thursday 5 January
CAROLINE, OR CHANGE

Lyttelton Theatre; Mon-Sat 7.30pm; £10-£37.50

Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/622
British premiere of Tony Kushner's intimate story about race and human rights set in Louisiana at the time of President Kennedy's assassination. The New York Times called it "an extraordinary musical".

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THE SEAFARER*Cottesloe Theatre; Mon-Sat 7.30pm; £10-£28*

Conor McPherson makes his National Theatre debut directing his new play set in Dublin on Christmas Eve. Sharky has returned to look after his irascible, ageing brother who's recently gone blind. Old drinking buddies Ivan and Nicky are holed up at the house too, hoping to play some cards. But with the arrival of a stranger from the distant past, the stakes are raised ever higher. In fact, Sharky may be playing for his very soul...

Until Thursday 12 January

THERESE RAQUIN*Lyttelton Theatre; in repertory; £10-£28
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/978*

Stifled by an oppressive mother-in-law and a sickly husband, Therese Raquin falls passionately for another man. Their feverish affair drives the lovers to an act of terrible desperation, which catapults them headlong into a world more claustrophobic than the one they sought to destroy. This gripping thriller, adapted by Zola himself from his notorious novel, is seen here in a version by Nicholas Wright whose recent work at the National includes Vincent in Brixton, and his adaptations of Three Sisters and His Dark Materials.

Until Saturday 14 January

WAVES

Cottesloe Theatre; in repertory; £10-£28
A fragmented and dreamlike tale of friendship, loss, identity and love. This multi-media production, devised by Katie Mitchell and the Company, is based on Virginia Woolf's groundbreaking experiment in literary form, *The Waves*.

Until Saturday 21 January

CORAM BOY

Olivier Theatre
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/848
The phenomenal sell-out production returns to the National. A tale of two cities: Gloucester and London. A tale of two orphans at the Coram Hospital for Deserted Children: Toby, saved from an African slave ship and Aaron, the abandoned son of the heir to a great estate. A tale of fathers and sons, set in the dark heart of 18th-century England. An epic adventure filled with danger and excitement.

Network Theatre246a Lower Road
www.networktheatre.org

Until Saturday 2 December

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE*7.30pm; £8 (conc £7)*
Shakespeare's dark comedy directed by Ben Robb.**Queen Elizabeth Hall**Belvedere Road
www.rfh.org.uk

Saturday 23 December to Sunday 8 January

THE MERMAID*Tues - Sat at 7.30pm; Sat & Sun matinees at 2pm (no matinee 23 Dec) Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/1125*

The Mermaid (Havfruen) brings Hans Christian Andersen's classic dark fairytale

to life in an atmospheric melding of physical theatre, contemporary dance and aerial artistry at the Queen Elizabeth Hall this Christmas.

www.rfh.org.uk/mermaid

The Old Vic103 The Cut T 0870 060 6628
www.oldvictheatre.com

Until Saturday 23 December

A MOON FOR THE MISBEGOTTEN*£10, £15, £20, £28, £35, £45*

Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/40
This powerhouse of a play reunites actor Kevin Spacey with director Howard Davies. Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Unicorn Theatre147 Tooley Street T 08700 535500
www.unicorntheatre.com

Until Sunday 10 December

THE GARDENER*Clare Theatre; times vary; £9.50 (conc £6.50)*

A new play by award-winning writer Mike Kenny, A gentle tale about new siblings, grandparents and growing and changing. The story is told by one actor accompanied by live accordion music.

Friday 8 December to Sunday 29 January

JOURNEY TO THE RIVER SEA*Weston Theatre; times vary; £14.50 (conc £9.50)*

First produced at the Unicorn Theatre in February, *Journey to the River Sea* returns to London for the festive season following its national tour. A family musical for everyone aged 7+, *Journey to the River Sea* tells the story of a young girl; Maia, who leaves Edwardian London following the death of her parents to live with distant relatives in the Amazon.

Union Theatre204 Union Street T 020 7261 9876
www.uniontheatre.org

Until Saturday 23 December

I SING!*Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Sun 3pm; (also Sat 23 Dec 3pm); £17.50 (conc £12.50)*

Off-Broadway musical receives its UK and European premiere. Starring West End regulars Joanna Ampil and Debbie Kurup alongside Neighbours and Hollyoaks in the City actor Adam-Jon Fiorentino and introducing Declan Harvey and George Miller.

Young VicThe Cut T 020 7928 6363
www.youngvic.org

Until Saturday 16 December

LOVE AND MONEY*Maria Theatre; Mon-Sat 7.45pm; £15.50 (conc available)*

Love and Money, a hard-hitting new play by Dennis Kelly. Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Friday 1 December to Saturday 28 January

THE ENCHANTED PIG*Mon-Sat 7.30pm and occasional matinees; £21.50 (conc available)*

The Christmas family show is a musical based on a Romanian folktale. Music by Jonathan Dove with words by Alasdair Middleton.

Exhibitions

Bankside Gallery48 Hopton Street T 020 7928 7521
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Daily 11am-6pm; free

Friday 1 to Sunday 10 December

ARTICULATED

A cross disciplinary art exhibition by pioneering digital artists the Light Surgeons.

Design MuseumShad Thames T 0870 909 9009
www.designmuseum.org

Daily 10am-5.45pm (last admission 5.15pm); £7 (conc £4; under-12s free)

Until Sunday 8 January

DESIGN MART 2006

Annual survey of emerging designers. Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Until Sunday 19 February

ALAN FLETCHER: FIFTY YEARS OF GRAPHIC WORK (AND PLAY)

Alan Fletcher (1931-2006) was among the most influential figures in the history of British graphic design.

Elspeth Kyle Gallery1st & second floors, 233 Blackfriars Road
www.novas.org
Wed, Thu, Fri 10am-5pm; free

Until Saturday 16 December

WORLDS APART

Novas Arts Thames Reach's Vision Impossible presents a sharply contrasting exhibition of works from nine homeless, ex-homeless or insecurely housed artists living in the UK.

f a projects1-2 Bear Gardens T 020 7928 3228
www.faprojects.com
Tue-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 12 noon-5pm; free

Until Saturday 16 December

GUY ALLOTT: THE SPACE RACE

New paintings and sculptures.

Fashion & Textile Museum83 Bermondsey Street T 020 7403 0222
www.ftmlondon.org
10am-6pm; free

Until Sunday 10 December

PRODUCTION LINES

Contemporary illustration & live painting by collective 4WALL. New work from all of 4WALL's artists plus special guests.

HMS BelfastMorgans Lane, Tooley Street 020 7940 6300
hmsbelfast.iwm.org.uk

Summer 10am-6pm, Winter till 5pm (last admission 45 minutes before close); charge applies; children free

Until Sunday 10 December

THE SEAMSTRESS AND THE SEA: ROZANNE HAWKLEY

Encounter the harsh reality of one sailor's life in the early twentieth century through the innovative combination of textiles and objects.

Until Sunday 31 December

GHOSTS OF JUTLAND

Commemorating 90th anniversary.

Imperial War MuseumLambeth Road T 020 7416 5000
london.iwm.org.uk
Daily 10am-6pm; free

Until Sunday 23 April

THE ANIMALS' WAR*£6 (conc £5, children £4)*

Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/160
The remarkable role of animals in conflict.

Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Until Wednesday 26 April

HENRY MOORE: WAR AND UTILITY

£7 (conc £5)
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/685
More than 160 works produced between 1938 and 1954. Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Jerwood Space171 Union Street T 020 7654 0171
www.jerwoodspace.co.uk
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; free

Until Saturday 9 December

JERWOOD PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Prize-winners exhibition.

Until Monday 9 January

BENJAMIN SENIOR: REGENESIS

Drawing installation.

Laura Bartlett Gallery22 Leathermarket Street T 020 7403 3714
www.laurabartlettgallery.com
Wed-Sun 12 noon-6pm or by appt; free

Until Saturday 16 December

CYPRIEN GAILLIARD: THE LAKE ARCHES

The first exhibition in the UK by Parisian artist Cyprien Gaillard.

Llewellyn Alexander Fine Paintings124-126 The Cut T 020 7620 1322
www.llewellynalexander.com
Mon-Sat 10am-7.30pm; free

Monday 11 December to Tuesday 3 January

CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION**London College of Communication**Elephant & Castle
www.lcc.arts.ac.uk

Until Saturday 3 December

INTERSECTIONS

An exhibition of unusual street photography produced by globe-trotting New York entrepreneur Victor Politis.

Menier Gallery51 Southwark Street T 020 7407 5388
www.paintingsinshopsitals.org.uk
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; free

Until Saturday 2 December

GUMBO ILLUSTRATIVE COLLECTIVE

Illustrators based in London and Bristol.

Monday 4 to Saturday 9 December

DOUBLEHAPPY

A vibrant exhibition of contemporary work in keeping with the festive season!

Morley College61 Westminster Bridge Road T 020 7928 8501
www.morleycollege.ac.uk

Mon-Fri 11am-6pm; Sat 12-4pm; late night Thu to 7pm; free

Until Wednesday 13 December

LONDON POTTERS

The London Potters annual members' exhibition in the Morley Gallery features ceramics and pottery which is functional and sculptural. Most work is for sale.

National TheatreSouth Bank T 020 7452 3000
www.nationaltheatre.org.uk

Foyers open Mon-Sat 10am-11pm; free

Until Saturday 2 December

REUTERS - THE STATE OF THE WORLD

The key events of the new century captured by photojournalists.

Monday 11 December to Saturday 28 January

THE ART OF THE THEATRE WORKSHOP

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Novas Gallery

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the changing pharmacological landscape
of memory.

Poussin Gallery

Block K, 175 Bermondsey St T 020 7403 4444
www.poussin-gallery.com
Wed-Sat 1pm-7pm; free

Saturday 2 to Saturday 16 December
POUSSIN REVIEW 2006

First ten Poussin shows are reprised.

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 22 December
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Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700
www.southwark.anglican.org/cathedral/
Daily 8am-6pm; free

Until Wednesday 1 February
A PHOTOGRAPHIC OSSUARY

An exhibition in the Refectory featuring
photographs by Robin Kirk.

St John's Waterloo

Waterloo Road T 020 7928 2003
www.stjohnswaterloo.co.uk

Friday 8 December to Thursday 9 February
SCENES OF LONDON LIFE
Celebrating 80 years of Waterloo-based
housing trust Central & Cecil.

Swan Mead Gallery

Swan Mead Tower Bridge Rd T 020 7394 0733
www.kittynorth.com
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm (Sat by appt);

Until Friday 22 December
LIFE ON THE LAND

New work by Kitty North, contemporary
painter of landscapes and people.

Tate Modern

Bankside T 020 7887 8888
www.tate.org.uk/modern
Sun-Thu 10am-6pm; Fri & Sat 10am-
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The Walk Gallery

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

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The Coronet

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Friday 1 December
ELEFEST: SHORT FILM PREMIERE

7pm; free
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for the festival in a series of workshops
followed by a screening of films/videos
made by people who live, work or study
in the area.

Friday 1 December
**ELEFEST: ECHO PARK LA
(QUINCEANERA)**

8.30pm; free
Richard Glatzer, USA, 2006, 90 mins,
English and Spanish with subtitles

London College of Communication

Elephant & Castle
www.lcc.ac.uk

Saturday 2 December
ELEFEST: PASSPORT TO PIMLICO

1pm; free
Henry Cornelius, UK, 1949, 84 mins

Saturday 2 December
ELEFEST: THE LAVENDER HILL MOB

3pm; free
Charles Crichton, UK, 1951, 78 mins

Tate Modern

Bankside T 020 7887 8888
www.tate.org.uk/modern
Sun-Thu 10am-6pm; Fri & Sat 10am-
10pm; free

Monday 4 December
COMMUNITY FILM CLUB: OLIVER

7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm); free
1968 colour musical. 139 minutes.
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Club is primarily aimed at those living
and working in Southwark. To become a
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org.uk or join on the night.

BOOK REVIEW

**Peter Layton's Friends:
Celebrating London Glassblowing**

Compiled by Peter Layton • Halsgrove • £19.99
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**Thirty years ago Peter Layton founded the London
Glassblowing Centre in Rotherhithe and a decade
ago he moved the operation to Bermondsey's
Leathermarket. In 1976 it was Britain's first
glassblowing workshop.**

Peter, who as young man turned his back the security of a well-paid job in
textiles, has become the ambassador of British glass. This seemingly rash switch
is not so surprising when one learns that his father had been manager of a glass
factory in Czechoslovakia. Indeed Peter was born in Prague and had only
landed in English textiles due to the Second World War.

His brother, the actor George Layton, contributes the first chapter with the
family background. Ten people now work at the glassblowing centre and some
of these add their memories and tributes to Peter who continues working on
commissions.

The book has wonderful photographs of his colourful work. A black and
white picture shows him with fellow student David Hockney.

This year is the 50th anniversary of Peter joining the very first glassblowing
workshop at the University of Iowa. He was also one of the original participants
in Harvey Littleton's Toledo Glass Workshops.

In 2003 Peter was awarded an honorary doctorate by Bradford University
and now has work in twelve major museums including the V&A and the
Fitzwilliam at Cambridge.

Colleagues stress that Peter has always been generous to fellow glass
artists. His Czech background was put to good use as indicated in the Czech
Connection chapter which credits Peter with bringing glass out from the Iron
Curtain through international conferences.

Peter Layton's own chapter is called An Addiction to Glass.

BOOK REVIEW

The English Year

Steve Roud • Penguin Reference • £30
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**Steve Roud's invaluable reference book explaining
the rhythm of our English year has a splendid cover
depicting the Frost Fair on Thames in 1683 when
Charles II was on the throne.**

The vantage point is The Temple foreshore looking across at a crowded
Bankside with Southwark Cathedral's tower standing out alongside the now lost
St Olave's in Tooley Street. In between are the bright tents and shacks of the fair.

The Frost Fair has been restored on Bankside but this comprehensive
book highlights another important English landmark in the calendar which
Southwark has not brought back.

Southwark Fair has an entry although it was suppressed on its 300th
annivrrsary in 1762 as it was thought to be leading to the "destruction of youth
of both sexes". John Evelyn, Samuel Pepys and Hogarth were among the visitors.

The fair, second only in importance to Bartholomew Fair according to this
book, originally ran from 7 to 9 September marking the patronal festival of the
Priory (now Cathedral) celebrated on Our Lady's Birthday 8 September. The
1752 change of calendar moved it to the 18 September for its last decade when
the puppet shows, booths and tipling houses started to be a bad influence.

The book (which also illustrates Mothering Sunday with a 1936 picture
of children at St Jude's in St George's Road) records plenty of ancient fairs still
championed by their communities. South London-based Steve Roud, who has
been researching folklore and customs for over thirty years, may be challenging
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BOOK REVIEW

Bermondsey BoyTommy Steele • Penguin/ Michael Joseph • £18.99 • Buy online at www.inSE1.co.uk/books

Tommy Steele devotes most of this very enjoyable book to the time when his home was Bermondsey. There is little here of his many years of fame but surprising detail about childhood in unfashionable SE1.

He was born just before the Second World War and is able to describe the area during the Thirties when his grandmother lived opposite the Ship Aground. He lived in Mason Street.

His Saturday morning duty was to get up at 6am to secure a place in the queue at Bermondsey Baths for a ticket for his mother who would arrive at 9am with the washing. Mum worked at Peak Freans.

During the war he moved to Nickleby House at Dockhead where he was rescued from a bed showered with glass splinters on night that Holy Trinity was bombed. Safety was a shelter at Hay's Wharf. He recalls other nights spent listening to bombs falling in Tabard Street.

When peace came he sold papers outside Southwark Cathedral to raise money for his training as a steward aboard ship. He would often leave home for a round trip to New York or a series of cruises where he mixed with very rich people from far countries.

On leave he met Lionel Bart at a party on the bomb site opposite the Old Vic. Then home was a house in Freat Street but Tommy's stage success meant that he and the family soon moved to Catford to enjoy a bathroom.

SHOPPING

Discounts at Oxo Tower Wharf and Gabriel's Wharf

Design shops at Oxo Tower Wharf and Gabriel's Wharf are offering special discounts from 5 to 10 December inclusive. Many of the 50+ design shops at both wharves are pleased to provide at least 10% discount or other multi purchase offers on presentation of this issue of in SE1.

And, on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 from 12noon to 4pm, readers can also claim a free mulled wine and enjoy live festive music under the bandstand at Gabriel's Wharf.

OXO TOWER WHARF

Black + Blum – interior products
15% off everything

Anne Kyyro Quinn – textiles
15% off all non discounted items

Locomocean – lighting
Special deals

Odie & Amanda – fashion and accessories
10% off everything

Bodo Sperlein – bone china home accessories
10% off everything

aei:kei – fashion
10% off clothes

Skylark 2 – artist run gallery
10% off everything

Bagman & Robin – bags and accessories
10% on selected items

Salt – interior textiles and window treatments
10% on all orders placed 5-10 Dec

John Freeman – photographer
15% off everything

Joseph Joseph – kitchen and tableware design
10% off everything

Onebravo – interior products
15% off everything contemporary decorative mirrors

Innermost – lighting and interior products
20% off everything

Michele Oberdieck – hand printed textiles for interiors and fashion
10% off everything

GABRIEL'S WHARF

Skylark Gallery – artist run gallery
10% off everything

David Ashton – jewellery
10% off everything

Heads Rule Hearts – hats and accessories
10% off adult hats & clothes

Riverside Therapies – alternative therapies
10% off all therapies

Ganesha – interiors and fashion purchased from co-ops in India
3 for 2 on bags, wallets & purses.

Mikala Djourup jewellery
10% off everything

The design shops at Oxo Tower Wharf and Gabriel's Wharf are open Tuesday-Sunday 11am-6pm for Christmas shopping till 4pm on 23 December.

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

Pigs & Princesses

Thursday 7th December
12.00-8.00pm

CHRISTMAS AT WATERLOO

- Christmas Market and switch-on of Christmas lights by characters from the Young Vic's new show, *The Enchanted Pig*.
- All day Christmas Market in Lower Marsh, live music and street animation.
- Tree dressing for children on Waterloo Millennium Green from 10am.

5.30pm

- Characters from *The Enchanted Pig* perform from the balcony at the Young Vic and proceed to Emma Cons Gardens.

6.00pm

- Switch on of the Christmas tree lights and Carol singing with Morley College Choir around the tree – a gift from the Norwegian Embassy.

12.00-8.00pm

- Shopping in Waterloo, music and Christmas market in Lower Marsh, until 8.00pm.

This event is being led by Waterloo Quarter Business Alliance. WQBA is a business-led organisation committed to improving Waterloo. Working with and for businesses in the locality, we want to improve the surroundings and entice more people into the area.

www.waterlooquarter.org

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