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Giant upside-down purple cow coming to the South Bank

A temporary performance venue in the shape of a giant cow will spend seven weeks at the Hungerford Car Park on the South Bank this summer.

Udderbelly has been a fixture at the Edinburgh Festival for the past three summers and this year it is coming to new pasture on the car park between the Royal Festival Hall and Jubilee Gardens.

E4 Udderbelly will graze on the South Bank from 27 May to 19 July as part of Southbank Centre's summer season. Joan Rivers will launch the venue with five nights of stand-up shows.

The rest of the programme includes Tom Tom Crew, David O'Doherty, Rhod Gilbert, Camille, Jason Byrne, Clive James, Gina Yashere, Reg D Hunter, Jimeoin, Katy Brand, The Terrible Infants, Scroobius Pip and Beardyman with ticket prices ranging from £10 (with £7 concessions) to £30.

"Our Udderbelly venue was designed to be an accessible space for all audiences," say Ed Bartlam and Charlie Wood, directors of Udderbelly.



"It's extraordinary to look at and a fantastic venue in which to watch a show. We hope that our affordable season of live entertainment, in conjunction with Southbank Centre, will excite and entertain people of all ages and interests.

"And we hope that the unique atmosphere of Udderbelly and its surrounding Pasture will add to an already thriving Southbank Centre site this summer."

Southbank Centre is working with Udderbelly to set up a venue management training programme for

young people.

The Hungerford Car Park site has been used for a variety of events over the years. Local campaigners would like to see Jubilee Gardens extended right up to the railway viaduct but the British Film Institute has ambitions to create a new film centre on the site to replace BFI Southbank.

In 2005 and 2006 plans for a temporary summer 'beach' on the car park failed to materialise after planning wrangles and contractual disputes.

• www.underbelly.co.uk

Ball of newspaper to be rolled along Bankside streets

UBS Openings: The Long Weekend offers four days of dramatic live events and free, interactive activities at Tate Modern during the late May bank holiday.

The Turbine Hall will be taken over by a reconstruction of Robert Morris's seminal 1971 Tate installation. Visitors can navigate the space by climbing, see-sawing and sliding around the huge interactive sculptures and objects including beams, tunnels, ramps and rollers.

Michelangelo Pistoletto will create a large sphere out of newspapers from around the world to be paraded through the streets. The artist encourages the public to join the globe of newsprint in a procession leading to the gallery.

The House of Fairy Tales, a child-centred, artist-led project established by Gavin Turk and Deborah Curtis, hosts a village fete with a twist. Taking over the lawns in front of Tate Modern, they will offer games, workshops, puppetry and storytelling to children of all ages and their families, plus a Maypole made of recycled materials.

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Listings for most types of local event are free; details of events to be considered for inclusion next month should be sent by Tuesday 26 May to se1events@banksidepress.com or by post.

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This month in brief

Tate Modern volunteers

Can you spare a couple of hours on weekdays or at the weekend? Tate Modern is looking for local residents to volunteer as Visitor Entrance Assistants. You will welcome visitors and chat to them about their experience at the gallery, promote exhibitions, daily events and more. To find out more, and to get an information and application pack, contact Emma Burgess on 020 7401 5267 or email emma.burgess@tate.org.uk before Monday 11 May.

Oscar Season at Roxy

For 10 weeks from Monday 4 May Roxy Bar & Screen in Borough High Street will be screening one of this year's Oscar winners and nominees every Monday evening (plus a couple of Sundays). Details at roxybarandscreen.com

London in Motion

Young film-makers are invited to enter a BFI-run competition. Aspiring film-makers aged between 11 and 18 years should submit a short film (under three minutes) depicting London as a vibrant city in perpetual movement; a film that captures the sights, sounds and spirit of London. The films will be judged by a celebrity panel including Old Vic chief executive Sally Greene and Daniel Kaluuya from E4 teen drama *Skins*. The awards ceremony will take place during the BFI Jazz and Film Weekender at BFI Southbank in mid-June. Closing date 29 May. Details at www.bfi.org.uk/futurefilm

Christian comedy

As part of the London-wide Pentecost Festival Waterloo-based charity Christian Aid is hosting the Laughter Lounge at the Slug and Lettuce in Chicheley Street. The events are on Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 May at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. The festival includes two nights of live music at Lounge 34 in Lower Marsh. Details at www.pentecostfestival.co.uk

Bond at BFI IMAX

BFI IMAX is showing a different James Bond film every night till Wednesday 6 May. Details at www.bfi.org.uk

Hub 150 Lounge

Church.co.uk in Kennington Road (near Lambeth North station) is launching a jam night which will begin with a house band performing blues/funk music, followed by a section for solo musicians & poets. The night will conclude with a jam led by the house band with an invite to individuals to join in or swap with house band musicians. The Hub 150 Lounge event will be held on the first and third Thursday of every month from 7.30pm to 11pm.

Mary Seacole memorial

Eight artists have been shortlisted to create a memorial to nurse Mary Seacole to stand outside St Thomas' Hospital. The artists' initial proposals are on display in the windows of Coutts & Co at 440 Strand until Friday 8 May. The chosen artist will be announced on Wednesday 13 May. Further information at www.maryseacoleappeal.org.uk

Cathedral School

Cathedral Primary School in Redcross Way, deemed 'outstanding' by Ofsted, currently has vacancies in year 3 for children born between 1 September 2000 and 31 August 2001. Contact 020 7407 2600 or school.admin@btconnect.com for information.

Waterloo Comedy Club

A new comedy club has launched at The Horse in Westminster Bridge Road every Thursday from 8.30pm. Tickets are £6.50 on the door with a two-for-one deal for people who work in Waterloo (proof of local employment required). Comedy club ticket holders also get 10 per cent off the bar's Thai menu. www.waterloocomedyclub.co.uk

National Theatre posters

Until Sunday 17 May the Pump House Gallery in Battersea Park is hosting 'Designs for the National Theatre', an exhibition of posters created for the NT by Ken Briggs in the 1960s and 1970s. Plus original programmes, screenprints, leaflets and other ephemera. Full details at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/gallery

What's On

May

Comprehensive local listings

Special events

Bermondsey Square Hotel

Bermondsey Square T 0870 111 2525
www.bermondseysquarehotel.co.uk

Monday 11 May

CONSERVATIVE BBQ RECEPTION

7pm-9pm; £30

Barbecue on the terrace at the newly-opened Bermondsey Square Hotel with Bermondsey & Old Southwark Conservatives. Special guest speaker: Howard Flight (former MP for Arundel and South Downs and ex-Shadow Cabinet member). Visit www.southwarkconservatives.com for booking and further details. Or tel 07500 582126 to reserve a table.

→ Full info at se1.net/6713

Bernie Spain Gardens

Upper Ground
www.coinstreet.org

Saturday 2 to Monday 4 May

SLOW DOWN - ARTISTS AT WORK!

2pm-6pm; free

Come and enjoy the relaxing pursuit of creating works of art. All are welcome. You can be a pavement artist, join a collaborative collage, or watch painters at the easels. Guided by artists from the Skylark Galleries. Part of Slow Down London

→ Full info at se1.net/6599

Borough Market

8 Southwark Street

Friday 1 May

DEPTFORD JACK IN THE GREEN

11am outside the Market Porter, Stoney Street

The Deptford Jack in the Green will return to the Borough this May Day.

→ Full info at se1.net/6810

Christ Church Garden

27 Blackfriars Road
www.christchurchsouthwark.org.uk

Thursday 28 May

OPENING OF NEW WILDLIFE GARDEN

2.30pm-4.30pm; free

An afternoon of children's activities with a wildlife theme with arts and crafts including pebble painting, a butterfly hunt, Southwark Play Bus to include games and badge-making, and a visit from a bee keeper with bees. Event is to celebrate the creation of the wildlife border and the installation of new Southwark Parks interpretation signage.

→ Full info at se1.net/6851

Florence Nightingale Museum

St Thomas' Hospital T 020 7620 0374
www.florence-nightingale.co.uk

Friday 15 to Sunday 17 May

MUSEUMS AT NIGHT

6pm-8pm; Free on Friday & Sunday nights; normal admission charge £5.80 (conc £4.80, family £16) on Sat night

On Friday and Sunday evening there is a chance to visit the museum free of charge. On Saturday evening you can meet the Lady with the Lamp herself as she takes you on a guided tour of the museum by lamp light.

→ Full info at se1.net/6815

Garden Museum

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7401 8865
www.gardenmuseum.org.uk

Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 May

RIOT OF ROSES

10.30am-5pm; £6 (conc £5)

The museum will be filled with a breathtaking display of roses supplied by Robert Mattock. Mattock's Roses will also be sold and will set the theme for a series of related activities including a talk by garden historian Jenny Potter whose new book on the cultural history of the rose will be published next year.

→ Full info at se1.net/6323

Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park

Lambeth Road

Saturday 9 May

VICTORY DAY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Soviet War Memorial; 11am

The Mayor of Southwark, veterans minister Kevan Jones MP, the Russian Ambassador HE Yury Fedotov, representatives from other CIS embassies, British Second World War veterans and other individuals and organisations supporting the SMTF will lay wreaths at the Soviet War Memorial.

→ Full info at se1.net/5784

Hankey Hall

Hankey Place

Tuesday 19 May

FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS CLUB

11am-1pm

Following on from the successful tea party in the Community Garden, Blackfriars Settlement and Tate Modern invite you to a Plaque Making Workshop. Help create some plaques using found materials from the banks of the River Thames which will be displayed in the Community Garden next to Tate Modern. Light refreshments available.

→ Full info at se1.net/6850

Lambeth Palace Garden

Lambeth Palace Road
www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/palace

Saturday 30 May

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

YELLOW BOOK OPEN DAY

2pm-5.30pm; £3.50 (children free)

Lambeth Palace Garden is one of the oldest and largest private gardens in London. Residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury since the end of the 12th century. Refreshments available.

→ Full info at se1.net/6344

Potters Fields Park

Tooley Street
www.pottersfields.co.uk

Wednesday 20 May

THE VIRGIN ACTIVE SQUARE MILE BRIDGE RELAY

A relay race over a one mile course during which runners will scale the heights of Tower Bridge. Using Potters Fields Park as the start/finish and transition area, teams of 10 runners from each firm will each take to the 1-mile circuit through one of London's primary landmarks.

→ Full info at se1.net/5738

Friday 29 to Sunday 31 May

TASTE OF ASIA

Times TBC; free

Asian food festival by the Thames. Ross Burden will organise the cookery demos and Anjum Anand, celebrated BBC chef, will be there to cook some tasty dishes. Entertainment on the performance stage and a range of travel and other companies participating.

→ Full info at se1.net/6717

Red Cross Garden

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

Friday 8 May

ANNUAL MAY FESTIVAL

3.30pm-6pm; free

Join the maypole dancing, wear Victorian costumes, get your face painted, listen to stories and more. More information call 020 7403 3393 or agnes@bost.org.uk

→ Full info at se1.net/6828

Royal Festival Hall

Belvedere Road T 0871 663 2501
www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Friday 1 May

LONDON SINGS OUT!

Festival Riverside 12 noon; free

Join the open-air launch of the Various Voices London Festival - hosted by Sandi Toksvig - and witness the South Bank bursting into life with song. Various Voices is a four-day showcase of singing talent from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community.

→ Full info at se1.net/6546

Saturday 2 May

JUSTIN FASHANU DAY

Clore Ballroom; 1.30pm; free

Various Voices is marking Justin Fashanu Day, the day designed to highlight the issue of homophobia in sport, with international choirs singing football anthem 'You'll Never Walk Alone' on the banks of the Thames at approx 2.15pm.

→ Full info at se1.net/6817

Southbank Centre Square

Belvedere Road
www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Friday 1 to Monday 4 May

SLOW FOOD MARKET

Daily 12 noon-8pm

Wholesome, seasonal food from more than 40 stalls offering fresh, sustainable and traditionally prepared produce. The market will be a monthly fixture outside the Royal Festival Hall this summer.

→ Full info at se1.net/6547

Tate Modern

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

Saturday 16 May

SHOOT LONDON:

A NOVEL ADVENTURE

Turbine Hall; 11am-7pm; £50 team ticket for four people, booking required

Shoot London is back with a brand new format. You'll still need a digital camera, but this time teams will hit the streets around Tate Modern to build part of an adventure story. At the end of the day a storyboard of everyone's images will be displayed on a big screen in the Turbine Hall, and prizes are awarded for the best photography.

→ Full info at se1.net/6506

Friday 22 to Monday 25 May

UBS OPENINGS: THE LONG WEEKEND

A programme of dramatic live events and free, interactive activities. The Turbine Hall will be taken over by a reconstruction of Robert Morris's seminal Tate installation. First created for his 1971 show at the Tate Gallery, it was closed down due to the 'unbridled enthusiasm' and 'exceptionally exuberant and energetic participation' it excited in visitors. Visitors will be able to navigate the space by climbing, see-sawing and sliding around the huge interactive sculptures and objects including beams, tunnels, ramps and rollers. One of the key figures of Arte Povera, Michelangelo Pistoletto will be creating a large sphere out of newspapers from around the world to be paraded through the streets of Southwark.

→ Full info at se1.net/6728

The Scoop

More London Riverside
www.morelondon.com/scoop.html

Friday 1 May

THE LAUNCH OF GET FIT FOR FREE!

12 noon-2pm; free

Launch of a programme of free fitness classes which will be held in The Scoop every Wednesday morning from 7.30am between May and August. Over lunchtime come down and watch or join in the outdoor fitness classes.

→ Full info at se1.net/6832

Monday 4 May

ORIGINS: FESTIVAL OF FIRST NATIONS OPENING CEREMONY

2.30pm; free

Join performers from the First Nations of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA as they celebrate the opening of Origins: Festival of First Nations. In a spectacular welcoming ceremony, London's own Maori group, Ngati Ranana, greet the visiting artists in their traditional way.

→ Full info at se1.net/6811

Sunday 17 May

ORIGINS: FESTIVAL OF FIRST NATIONS CLOSING CEREMONY

2pm; free

First Nations artists join with young people from the capital in a celebration of Truth and Reconciliation, Respect for the Earth, History and the Future.

→ Full info at se1.net/6831

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www.bfi.org.uk/southbankSunday 3 May
CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG
FILM FUNDAYWorkshop from 11am; screening from
12.30pm; Workshop free to ticket-
holders for 1pm screeningTake inspiration from Chitty and design
your own extraordinary car - it might
fly or swim or hop or even take you
into the future! With the usual mix of
competitions and prizes come along to a
car-crazy adventure at BFI Southbank and
make your Sunday go with a bang!
→ Full info at se1.net/6744

Cuming Museum

151 Walworth Road T 020 7525 2332
www.southwark.gov.ukTuesday 26 to Thursday 28 May
GIRAFFES AND OTHER ANIMALS2.30pm-4pm; free
Find exotic animals in the Cuming
Museum and use the storyboxes - full
of books, puppets and games - to
explore stories from around the world.
Discover what Southwark used to be like
and find out about some unusual past
residents. Make animals for the museum
zoo and help to draw giant a picture of
Southwark. There's no need to book -
just turn up on the day. All children must
be accompanied by an adult.
→ Full info at se1.net/6785

Design Museum

Shad Thames T 0870 909 9009
www.designmuseum.orgSunday 3 & Sunday 31 May
VROOM VROOM!2pm-5pm; £4 per child; accompanying
adults free; booking 020 7940 8783
See the world's first 100% electrical
vehicle and then design your own
model car and race it around the
fantastic model track. Students from the
renowned vehicle design course at the
Royal College of Art. For ages 5 to 11.
→ Full info at se1.net/6556

Florence Nightingale Museum

St Thomas' Hospital T 020 7620 0374
www.florence-nightingale.co.ukSaturday 9 May
CELEBRATE FLORENCE
NIGHTINGALE'S BIRTHDAY10am-4.30pm; £5.80 (conc £4.80, family
£16)
Come along and work with an artist
to design your own birthday message
and picture to Florence Nightingale and
decorate a giant birthday cake made
from papier mache!
→ Full info at se1.net/6842Saturday 9 May
MEET MARY SEACOLELearn all about Mary Seacole, design
your own passport and then go on a trail
which will lead you to Mary Seacole who
will stamp your passport and tell you all
about her life.
→ Full info at se1.net/6843

Golden Hinde

St Mary Overie Dock T 0870 011 8700
www.goldenhinde.orgSaturday 23 May
FAMILY OVERNIGHT LIVING HISTORY5pm-9am; £39.95
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Experience. After an afternoon and
evening of activities on board the
ship, children and parents have the
opportunity to sleep on the gundeck
amongst the cannon.
→ Full info at se1.net/6337

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road T 020 7416 5000
london.iwm.org.ukSaturday 2 to Monday 4 May
WE ARE ALL BORN FREE11am-5pm
Drop-in art activity.
→ Full info at se1.net/6365Saturday 9 to Sunday 10 May
VOICES: ORDINARY PEOPLE,
EXTRAORDINARY TIMES1pm-2pm
Meet veterans from the Second World
War or more recent conflicts and learn
about their experiences.
→ Full info at se1.net/6366Saturday 9 to Sunday 10 May
NATURE OF THE BEAST11am & 3pm
Turn tanks into dinosaurs and aircraft
into insects.
→ Full info at se1.net/6367Saturday 16 to Sunday 17 May
MUD, BLOOD AND POPPYCOCK11am & 1.30pm
An interactive drop-in session using
artefacts for families looking at the myth
and reality of the First World War.
→ Full info at se1.net/6368Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 May
TELLING STORIES11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm
Working with illustrators and story tellers
young visitors will have an opportunity
to explore ideas about war and conflict.
Drop in art and story telling.
→ Full info at se1.net/6369

Morley College

61 Westminster Bridge Road T 020 7928 8501
www.morleycollege.ac.ukSaturday 23 May
FAMILY CONCERTEmma Cons Hall; 10.30am-12.30pm;
£9 (children £6; group [2 adults & 2
children] £20)
Morley's long-standing series of concerts
for adults and children of all ages. Music
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music and dance with a drinks break in
the middle.
→ Full info at se1.net/5249

Topolski Century

Concert Hall Approach
www.topolskicentury.org.ukSaturday 23 to Sunday 24 May
DIFFERENT SHADES OF BRITAIN2pm-5pm; free
In May Topolski Century celebrates the
58th anniversary of the Festival of
Britain. Come and see Great Britain
through Feliks Topolski's eyes. Draw
sketches inspired by his art. For children
of all ages.
→ Full info at se1.net/6822

Public meetings

Bermondsey Village Hall

Kirby Grove T 020 7378 1078

Thursday 7 May
MUTUAL SOLUTIONS FOR
SOUTHWARK'S HOUSING7.30pm
Panel discussion with David Rodgers,
author of the recent Co-operative Party
policy pamphlet "New foundations:
unlocking the potential for affordable
homes" and Val Shawcross, Co-operative
and Labour Party London Assembly
member for Lambeth and Southwark.
Chaired by Cormac Hollingsworth.
→ Full info at se1.net/6802

St George the Martyr

Borough High Street T 020 7357 7331

Monday 18 May
PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED
LICENSING SATURATION POLICY IN
BOROUGH & BANKSIDEThe Crypt; 6.30pm
In March the council's licensing
committee decided that there is
sufficient evidence of late-night crime
and disorder to consider the introduction
of a saturation policy to help deal with
the local cumulative impact in the
Borough and Bankside area. This would
make it more difficult for businesses to
gain licences to sell alcohol locally. A
consultation period is open till 29 May;
have your say at this meeting.
→ Full info at se1.net/6805

Talks & literature

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51 The Cut T 020 7620 2900
www.oneworldclassics.comThursday 7 May
UGO FOSCOLO: SEPULCHRES7.30pm; £6 (conc £4)
Alessandro Gallenzi reads from the
Italian, while the translator JG Nichols
reads from his English translation and
explains the wider context to Foscolo's
poetry.
→ Full info at se1.net/6845Thursday 14 May
THE WASTE LAND AND OTHER TS
ELIOT POEMS7pm; £6 (conc £4)
John Calder selects and introduces the
best of TS Eliot's work.
→ Full info at se1.net/6846Thursday 28 May
ROBERT GRAVES7pm; £6 (conc £4)
Extracts are read from *Goodbye to
All That*, Graves's memoir of the First
World War and his most famous work,
as well as from Lars Porsena, the author's
tongue-in-cheek treatise lamenting the
decline of swearing and foul language
in England.
→ Full info at se1.net/6847

Design Museum

Shad Thames T 0870 909 9009
www.designmuseum.orgFriday 8 May
DESIGN MEETS DISABILITY7.15pm; £15
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/6654
Graham Pullin challenges the distinction
made between designing for disabled
people and designing for everyone else.
→ Full info at se1.net/6654Friday 15 May
PENNY SPARKE ON THE MODERN
INTERIOR7.15pm; £15
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/6655
Penny Sparke will launch this new
series of design history lectures with an
examination of the development of the
modern interior.
→ Full info at se1.net/6655

Fashion & Textile Museum

83 Bermondsey Street T 020 7407 8664
www.ftmlondon.orgFriday 8 May
JEWELLERY IS ENCHANTING,
JEWELLERY IS GOSSIPING6.30pm-8pm; £8 (conc £6) inc glass of
wine and exhibition entry
Sofia Bjorkman is one of the founders of
Platina, the influential Stockholm Gallery
for contemporary jewellery.
→ Full info at se1.net/6245Museum of the Royal
Pharmaceutical Society1 Lambeth High Street T 020 7572 2210
www.rpsgb.org.uk/museumWednesday 13 & Thursday 28 May
HEALING HERBS:
BEHIND THE SCENESWed 2pm-3pm & Thu 6pm-7pm; booking
essential 020 7572 2210 or museum@rpsgb.org; free
Herbs have been the basis of medicine in
this country for centuries with techniques
for using them changing little since
Anglo-Saxon times. See examples from
the collection and try your hand at being
a herbalist yourself.
→ Full info at se1.net/6229

New Cut Housing Co-Operative Hall

106 The Cut

Tuesday 12 May
ENTERTAINMENT IN SOUTH
LONDON: ITS HISTORY &
ARCHITECTURE7.30pm; £1
Lecture by Brian Bloice on the history of
entertainment venues in south London.
A Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological
Society event.
→ Full info at se1.net/5163

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Southwark Cathedral
London Bridge T 020 7367 6700
www.southwarkcathedral.org.uk

Wednesday 6 May
PUBLIC FORUM ON JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT
Garry Weston Library; 7pm
Public Forum with the Bishop of Southwark, Rt Revd Tom Butler, talking on Justice and Development.
→ Full info at se1.net/6797

St Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge Road
www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk

Monday 11 May
A FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
Governors' Hall; 6.30pm; £8 from the museum or on the door
To mark the launch of *Florence Nightingale: The Woman and Her Legend* by Mark Bostridge in paperback. A fundraising event for the Florence Nightingale Museum
→ Full info at se1.net/6569

The Old King's Head
45-49 Borough High Street T 020 7407 1550
www.theoldkingshead.co.uk

Thursday 14 May
THE HAUNTED LONDON UNDERGROUND: WHAT LIES BENEATH?
8pm; £2.50 (conc £1.50)
Talk by Alan Brooke and David Brandon. South East London Folklore Society.
→ Full info at se1.net/6289

The Roebuck
50 Great Dover Street T 020 7357 7324
www.theroebuck.net

Wednesday 27 May
BANG SAID THE GUN
8.30pm; £3
Stand-up poetry. Plus the world-famous Vodka shots open mic spots.
→ Full info at se1.net/6513

Topolski Century
Concert Hall Approach
www.topolskicentury.org.uk

Tuesday 19 May
LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP
7pm-10pm; £12 (students £10) or 6 sessions for the price of 5
First in a series of workshops. Whether you are an experienced artist or new to life drawing, come and be challenged by a range of poses over the course of the evening. Tutor Eddie Armer (Tudeley Art Group) is on hand should you like some help or guidance. Feel free to bring your own materials. Drawing boards will be available and cartridge paper is for sale. Advance booking is essential as places are limited; email education@topolskicentury.org.uk
→ Full info at se1.net/6820

Guided walks
Bankside Community Space
18 Great Guildford Street

Friday 8 May
MEDIEVAL SOUTHWARK
5.30pm-7pm; RSVP to b.oshaughnessy@bbk.ac.uk or 020 7631 6627; free
Learn about the palaces, monasteries and inns of the Borough. Better Bankside is working in partnership with Birkbeck College to arrange these walks.
→ Full info at se1.net/6794

Friday 22 May
TUDOR AND STUART SOUTHWARK
5.30pm-7pm; RSVP to b.oshaughnessy@bbk.ac.uk or 020 7631 6627; free
Learn about entertainment and spectacle in Bankside's playhouses and arenas.
→ Full info at se1.net/6795

BFI Southbank
Belvedere Road T 020 7928 3535
www.bfi.org.uk/southbank

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May
SOUTH BANK GUIDED WALK
Meet 2pm under Waterloo Bridge; free
Free guided walk exploring the South Bank and Bankside. Part of Walk London's 'Spring into Summer' weekend of free walks across the city.
→ Full info at se1.net/6807

City Hall
The Queen's Walk T 020 7983 4100
www.london.gov.uk

Sunday 31 May
TOWER BRIDGE TO GREENWICH GUIDED WALK
Meet 10.30am or 11am outside City Hall; free; online registration at www.walklondon.org.uk
6.5 mile guided walk along the Thames Path from City Hall through Bermondsey and Rotherhithe to Greenwich. Part of Walk London's 'Spring into Summer' weekend of free walks across the city.
→ Full info at se1.net/6808

Church services
Christ Church Southwark
27 Blackfriars Road T 020 7928 4707
www.christchurchsouthwark.org.uk

Thursday 21 May
ASCENSION DAY SERVICE
1.10pm
Ascension Day Eucharist with music by Porticullis Singers.
→ Full info at se1.net/5935

Music
1901 Arts Club
7 Exton Street T 020 7620 3055
www.1901artsclub.com

Monday 18 May
PEI-JEE NG & PEI-SIAN NG
7.30pm; £15 inc glass of wine
The Hattori Foundation for Music and the Arts' monthly concert series. Australian twins Pei-Jee and Pei-Sian Ng

have won numerous individual prizes: Pei-Jee was Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year in 2001 and in 2008 was selected for representation by Young Concert Artists Trust. Pei-Sian was Commonwealth Musician of the Year in 2007 and won the Gold Medal and First Prize in the Royal Over-Seas League Music Competition.
www.twincellists.com
→ Full info at se1.net/6165

BFI IMAX
Charlie Chaplin Walk T 0870 787 2525
www.bfi.org.uk/imax

Saturday 9 May
LA CENERENTOLA THE MET: LIVE IN HD
5.30pm; £25 (conc £18)
BFI IMAX brings live opera to the biggest screen in Britain in crystal-clear high-definition.
→ Full info at se1.net/5549

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

Monday 18 May
LUNCHTIME PIANO RECITAL
1.10pm-1.50pm
Grace Mo, fellow of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.
→ Full info at se1.net/6707

Shakespeare's Globe
New Globe Walk T 020 7401 9919
www.shakespeares-globe.org

Saturday 16 May
JAZZ AT THE GLOBE
UnderGlobe; 8pm; £19.50 with three-course dinner; ent only £5; booking via 020 7928 9444 option 2, or info@swanattheglobe.co.uk
The first Swan at the Globe club night in the UnderGlobe features two 45 minute sets per artist; featuring one of the most brilliant young sax players Alex Garnett and the New Ambassadors and Simon Harris the quirky songwriter, whose fiery gypsy jazz virtuosity, is played out in an exceptional trio.
→ Full info at se1.net/6829

Friday 29 May
FITZROVIA RADIO HOUR
UnderGlobe; 8pm; £19.50; ent only £5; booking via 020 7928 9444 option 2, or info@swanattheglobe.co.uk
One-off event in the UnderGlobe arranged by the Swan at the Globe restaurant. The Fitzrovia Radio Hour acts out its 'live radio show' to the crowd, exploring the mystery of speed and time with four witty and quirky sketches.
→ Full info at se1.net/6830

Southwark Cathedral
London Bridge T 020 7367 6700
www.southwarkcathedral.org.uk

Saturday 9 May
MONTEVERDI: SACRED & PROFANE
7.30pm; £8 at the door
New Renaissance Voices directed by Bruce Saunders sing Missa 'In illo tempore', motets and madrigals including Lamento d'Arianna.
→ Full info at se1.net/6651

St John's Waterloo
Waterloo Road T 020 7633 9819
www.stjohnswaterloo.co.uk

Thursdays 7, 14 & 21 May
RUSH HOUR CONCERT
6pm-7.15pm; free
Free after-work music with Southbank Sinfonia. Avoid the rush, grab a complimentary glass of wine and enjoy some great music.
→ Full info at se1.net/6313

Comedy
The Old King's Head
45-49 Borough High Street T 020 7407 1550
www.theoldkingshead.co.uk

Thursday 7 May
UP THE ARTS COMEDY
8.30pm (doors 8pm); £8 (conc £6)
Lineup includes Simon Day and Shazia Mirza. Paul Ricketts (MC).
→ Full info at se1.net/6399

The Ship
68 Borough Road T 020 7403 7059

Friday 1 May
SHIP OF FOOLS
8.30pm; £3
Robin Pentecost and Douglas Davern, Nelson de Gouveia, Andi Osho, Shelagh Martin, MC Elise Harris.
→ Full info at se1.net/6710

Friday 15 May
SHIP OF FOOLS
8.30pm; £3
Aliens Ate My Schnitzel, Daniel Banks, Chuquai Billy, Robert White, Mark Restuccia and Elise Harris.
→ Full info at se1.net/6844

Southwark Playhouse
Shipwright Yard T 020 7407 0234
www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk

Sunday 10 May
STAND-UP FOR STROKE
7.30pm; £12.50
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/6743
A night of stand-up comedy from some of the UK's finest comedians in aid of the InterAct Reading Service, a charity dedicated to supporting stroke recovery. With Patrick Monahan, Shelagh Martin, Neil D'Souza, Shazia Mirza, Maureen Younger and Stan Stanley.
→ Full info at se1.net/6743

Vinopolis
1 Bank End T 020 7940 8300
www.vinopolis.co.uk

Friday 29 May
LAUGHTER LOUNGE
8pm; £12 in advance, £15 on the door
Monthly comedy night at the Bankside wine tasting attraction. Tonight's lineup: Ian Stone, Geoff Boyz and Philiberto. MC Lee Canterbury.
→ Full info at se1.net/6221

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Dance

HMS Belfast

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

Saturday 16 May BATTLESHIP BOOGIE 7pm-11pm; £15 (conc £12) from 020 7940 6320

Learn some of the dance steps from the 1940s while listening to some of your favourite tunes on the Quarterdeck of this historic battleship.

Full info at se1.net/6814

Young Vic

66 The Cut T 020 7928 6363 www.youngvic.org

Friday 8 to Saturday 23 May PICTURES FROM AN EXHIBITION Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm; £22.50 (previews £15)

The Young Vic leaps into the world of dance in a trail blazing co-production with Sadler's Wells. Director Daniel Kramer brings Modest Mussorgsky's classic piano suite to life in a dance theatre production with choreographer Frauke Requiardt and poet James Fenton.

Full info at se1.net/6238

Theatre

Calder Bookshop

51 The Cut T 020 7620 2900 www.oneworldclassics.com

Tuesday 19 to Friday 29 May LOVE BITES Wed/Thu/Fri 7.45pm; £9 (conc £7) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/lovebites

A series of six two-hander short plays, all set in different hotel rooms. Each play is based on love in some way, be it break ups, first dates, affairs or anniversaries. This is a night of entirely new writing; all pieces are produced specifically for the event.

Full info at se1.net/6789

Menier Chocolate Factory

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

Until Saturday 20 June ROOKERY NOOK Tue-Sat 8pm; Sat & Sun 3.30pm; previews £20; standard £25; Sat matinee £15

Terry Johnson returns to the Chocolate Factory to direct the Ben Travers farce.

Full info at se1.net/6528

National Theatre

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

Until Thursday 21 May BURNT BY THE SUN Lyttelton Theatre; In repertory; £10-£41 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/5833

By Peter Flannery, from the screenplay by Nikita Mikhailov and Rustam Ibragimbekov, directed by Howard Davies.

Full info at se1.net/5833

Until Tuesday 2 June DIDO, QUEEN OF CARTHAGE Cottlesloe Theatre; In repertory; £10-£29 By Christopher Marlowe. Directed by James Macdonald.

Full info at se1.net/5834

Until Wednesday 17 June DEATH AND THE KING'S HORSEMAN Olivier Theatre; In repertory; £10-£30 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/5835

By Wole Soyinka. Full info at se1.net/5835

Until Tuesday 30 June ENGLAND PEOPLE VERY NICE Olivier Theatre; In repertory; £10-£30 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/5832

A riotous journey through four waves of immigration from the 17th century to today.

Full info at se1.net/5832

Wednesday 13 May to Wednesday 8 July THE OBSERVER Cottlesloe Theatre; In repertory; £10-£31 A new play by Matt Charman directed by Richard Eyre.

Full info at se1.net/6480

Tuesday 19 May to Saturday 11 July ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL Olivier Theatre; In repertory; £10-£30 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/6481

Until Monday 27 July TIME AND THE CONWAYS Lyttelton Theatre; In repertory; £10-£41 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/5836

Rupert Goold directs the first production of a play by Priestley at the National since An Inspector Calls in 1992.

Full info at se1.net/5836

Shakespeare's Globe

New Globe Walk T 020 7401 9919 www.shakespeares-globe.org

Tuesday 5 to Saturday 23 May THE FRONTLINE In repertory; £5-£30 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/6128

By Ché Walker. Directed by Matthew Dunster. Twenty three actors overlap in this fast-paced exuberant tale bringing modern Camden onto the Globe stage.

Full info at se1.net/6128

Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 May THE COMEDY OF ERRORS 7.30pm; £5, £15, £20

This is a scaled down production playing for just four nights at the Globe before embarking on a nationwide tour of open-air venues.

Full info at se1.net/6390

Until Sunday 23 August ROMEO AND JULIET In repertory; £5-£30 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/6127

Dominic Dromgoole directs his first production of Shakespeare's heartbreaking tale of fated young lovers.

Full info at se1.net/6127

Saturday 30 May to Saturday 10 October AS YOU LIKE IT In repertory; £5-£30 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/6129

Thea Sharrock - who has become a big name in the theatre world since her stint as artistic director of Southwark Playhouse - makes her Globe directorial debut. Cast includes Naomi Frederick and Laura Rogers.

Full info at se1.net/6129

Southwark Playhouse

Shipwright Yard T 020 7407 0234 www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk

Tuesday 5 to Saturday 30 May THE EXQUISITE CORPSE Mon-Sat 7.30pm; £8-£18 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/6644

An interactive play of hidden stories and the ways we understand them written by five young Welsh writers. First performed at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Full info at se1.net/6644

The Old Vic

103 The Cut T 0870 060 6628 www.oldvictheatre.com

Until Saturday 9 May DANCING AT LUGHNASA Mon-Sat 7.30pm (Wed & Sat 2.30pm); £15-£46

Brian Friel's bittersweet reflection of rural Ireland in the thirties.

Full info at se1.net/5761

Saturday 23 May to Saturday 15 August THE CHERRY ORCHARD In repertory with The Winter's Tale; £15-£46 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/5762

Sam Mendes returns to the London stage to direct a formidable group of actors in an ocean-spanning double-bill of revered classics under the Bridge Project banner. The transatlantic company take the stage in Olivier Award-winner Tom Stoppard's new version of Chekhov's daring, droll meditation on bourgeois materialism and what remains in its wake.

Full info at se1.net/5762

Saturday 23 May to Saturday 15 August THE WINTER'S TALE In repertory with The Cherry Orchard; £15-£46 Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/5763

The disintegrating royal friendships and inklings of adultery of Shakespeare's rich tragicomedy provide a magical testament to the follies of hasty judgement and the

force of love as a means of reconciliation. Full info at se1.net/5763

The Scoop

More London Riverside www.morelondon.com/scoop.html

Wednesday 27 to Sunday 31 May ROMEO & JULIET 6pm; free

Shakespeare's timeless tale of ill-fated love is given a fresh twist in the open air by The Pantaloons. With a cast of just five actors playing twenty roles, original live music, audience interaction and a plethora of sily hats.

Full info at se1.net/6491

Unicorn Theatre

147 Tooley Street T 020 7645 0560 www.unicorntheatre.com

Friday 8 May to Sunday 7 June TWELFTH NIGHT Times vary; £16 (conc £10); previews £6

A new production of one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies - and a great introduction for any student about to start studying his plays.

Full info at se1.net/6085

Union Theatre

204 Union Street T 020 7261 9876 www.upandcoming.webeden.co.uk

Until Saturday 16 May LITTLE BOY Tue-Sat 7.30pm; £12 (conc £10)

A new play by Tommy Kearney about standing up for what you believe in set in Merseyside 1982, Berkshire and Japan.

Full info at se1.net/6630

Wednesday 20 May to Saturday 13 June COMPANY Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Sat & Sun 3pm; £15 (Tue £10)

Stephen Sondheim and George Furth's 1970 Broadway musical.

Full info at se1.net/6631

Young Vic

66 The Cut T 020 7928 6363 www.youngvic.org

Until Saturday 9 May YOU CAN SEE THE HILLS Tue-Sat 7.45pm; £10

Matthew Dunster's razor sharp, infinitely moving one-man play returns to the Young Vic after a sell-out debut last autumn in the Clare.

Full info at se1.net/6237

Movie highlights

Keyworth Centre

Keyworth Street

Thursday 7 May THE LION MOUNTAINS: A JOURNEY THROUGH SIERRA LEONE'S HISTORY 7pm; book via 020 7358 4183 or krystle@casouthwark.org.uk; free

Community Cinema screening. This is a documentary about a journey to Sierra Leone seen through the eyes of Louis Buckley - a 25-year-old Jamaican English man who was born and grew up in England. Followed by Q&A with Louis Buckley and producer Chester Yang.

Full info at se1.net/6840

Tate Modern

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

Monday 11 May DEFENCE OF THE REALM: COMMUNITY FILM CLUB Starr Auditorium; 7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm); free

A cold war thriller set in and around Westminster starring Gabriel Byrne and Greta Scacchi. Membership of the Community Film Club is primarily aimed at those living in Southwark and Lambeth. To become a member email communityfilmclub@tate.org.uk or join at the door.

Full info at se1.net/6544

Exhibitions

Baltic

74 Blackfriars Road T 020 7928 1111 www.balticrestaurant.co.uk

Until Saturday 30 May STEVE HOLLINGSHEAD 12 noon-11pm; free SE1 based photographer Steve Hollingshead displays B/W local photographs and projections.

Full info at se1.net/6594

Bankside Gallery

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

Daily 11am-6pm; free

Until Sunday 3 May ANITA KLEIN: ITALIAN ANGELS 52 paintings of angels painted in Italy.

Full info at se1.net/6199

Friday 8 May to Sunday 7 June ROYAL SOCIETY OF PAINTER-PRINTMAKERS ANNUAL EXHIBITION Original printmaking & new techniques.

Full info at se1.net/6200

Bargehouse

Oxo Tower Wharf T 020 7401 2255 www.coinstreet.org

Daily 11am-6pm; free

Until Sunday 10 May BEHIND BASRA Iraqi photojournalist Essam al-Sudani depicts the daily life of ordinary Iraqis.

Full info at se1.net/6732

BFI Southbank

Belvedere Road T 020 7928 3535 www.bfi.org.uk/southbank

Gallery Tue-Sat 11am-8pm; free

Friday 8 May to Sunday 5 July RADIO MANIA: AN ABANDONED WORK A commission by British artists Iain Forsyth & Jane Pollard who have created a new 3D video installation.

Full info at se1.net/6821

City Hall

The Queen's Walk T 020 7983 4100 www.london.gov.uk

Mon-Fri 8.30am-6pm (Fri 5.30pm); free

Until Thursday 14 May CITYSCAPES LONDON Large photographs of London's skyline.

Full info at se1.net/6724

Design Museum

Shad Thames T 0870 909 9009 www.designmuseum.org

Daily 10am-5.45pm (last admission 5.15pm); £8.50 (conc £6.50; students £5); Under 12s free

Until Sunday 17 May HUSSEIN CHALAYAN Chalayan is renowned for his innovative use of materials, meticulous pattern cutting and progressive attitudes. Open till 7pm on final three nights.

Full info at se1.net/5720

Until Sunday 14 June BRIT INSURANCE DESIGN AWARDS Shepard Fairey's Obama poster won this year's prize. See all shortlisted entries.

Full info at se1.net/5990

Fashion & Textile Museum

83 Bermondsey Street T 020 7407 8664 www.ftmlondon.org

Exhibitions Wed-Sun 11am-6pm; £5 (conc £3); under-12s free

Until Sunday 17 May SWEDISH FASHION 13 fashion designers who challenge the stereotypical picture of Swedish fashion as blonde, functional and minimal.

Full info at se1.net/5480

Garden Museum

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7401 8865 www.gardenmuseum.org.uk

Daily 10.30am-5pm (closed 1st Mon of month); £6 (conc £5)

Tuesday 12 May to Monday 31 August THE HIGHGROVE FLORILEGIUM 75 watercolours of plants and trees at Highgrove commissioned by the Prince of Wales from leading botanical artists.

Full info at se1.net/6321

Guy's Hospital

Great Maze Pond T 020 7188 7188
www.gstt.nhs.uk

Until Thursday 7 May
GILL HICKMAN: CELLSCAPES
Atrium 2 Bermondsey Wing
Textural artist Gill Hickman has created a new series of works on canvas.
→ Full info at se1.net/6731

The Hayward

Belvedere Road T 020 7921 0813
www.southbankcentre.co.uk/visualarts
Daily 10am-6pm (Fri till 10pm); £10
(seniors £9, conc £6, under-16 £4.50; under 12 free)

Until Monday 4 May
MARK WALLINGER CURATES: THE RUSSIAN LINESMAN
£9 (seniors £8, conc £6)
Last chance to see this exhibition.
→ Full info at se1.net/5890

Until Monday 25 May
ANNETTE MESSAGER: THE MESSENGERS
Leading European contemporary artists.
→ Full info at se1.net/5891

Wednesday 20 May to Sunday 12 July
MATTHEW DARBYSHIRE
Project Space; free
Darbyshire's installation takes its form from the fairground or seafront attraction characterised by wobbly mirrors, undulating floors and ball pits.
→ Full info at se1.net/6726

Imperial War Museum

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

Until Sunday 28 June
THE NEO-ROMANTICS AT WAR
Exploring the rise of British Neo-Romantic art during the Second World War.
→ Full info at se1.net/6358

Until Monday 31 August
UNSPEAKABLE: THE ARTIST AS WITNESS TO THE HOLOCAUST
How artists have responded to the Holocaust from the 1940s to the present.
→ Full info at se1.net/4856

Until Sunday 6 September
IN MEMORIAM: REMEMBERING THE GREAT WAR
Personal stories from World War One.
→ Full info at se1.net/4855

Until Sunday 1 November
FROM WAR TO WINDRUSH
Personal stories of the involvement of black men and women in the world wars.
→ Full info at se1.net/4332

Jerwood Space

171 Union Street T 020 7654 0171
www.jerwoodspace.co.uk
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun 10am-3pm; free

Until Sunday 31 May
JERWOOD CONTEMPORARY PAINTERS
26 emerging artists debate what painting is, and what it may become.
→ Full info at se1.net/6045

Until Monday 1 June
ELLIE PLEVIN: FAMILY TREASURES
An installation of drawn works produced over the last year in several different media using frames sourced from a charity shops, markets and boot sales.
→ Full info at se1.net/6818

Llewellyn Alexander Fine Paintings
124-126 The Cut T 020 7620 1322
www.llewellynalexander.com
Mon-Sat 10am-7.30pm; free

Monday 11 to Thursday 28 May
BRUCE YARDLEY
A figurative painter who works exclusively in oils.
→ Full info at se1.net/6178

London Glassblowing

7 The Leather Market T 020 7403 2800
www.londonglassblowing.co.uk
Mon-Fri 11am-5pm; free

Monday 11 May to Friday 5 June
GLASS ROUTES
A major international exhibition showing the work of Professor Keith Cummings and his students.
→ Full info at se1.net/6377

Menier Gallery

51 Southwark Street T 020 7407 3222
www.menieryallery.co.uk
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; free

Until Saturday 2 May
ART OF CONTEMPORARY MILLINERY
10am-6pm; £2.50
International contemporary milliners.
→ Full info at se1.net/6509

Tuesday 5 to Saturday 9 May
PHILIP SYMONDS
Through a series of glittering monochromatic images SE1-based Philip Symonds captures the essence of personal symbolism with some striking portraits of people caught in a moment.
→ Full info at se1.net/6526

Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 May
FINE ART PARTNERSHIP
Artists include Howard Hodgkin, Henry Moore, Anita Klein and Norman Ackroyd.
→ Full info at se1.net/6790

Morley College

61 Westminster Bridge Road T 020 7928 8501
www.morleycollege.ac.uk
Gallery Mon-Fri 11am-6pm; Thu until 7pm; Sat 12 noon-4pm;

Until Tuesday 5 May
MADE09 - PART I: CERAMICS & PAPERMAKING
The college's ceramics students are regular winners of the V&A competition 'Inspired By'.
→ Full info at se1.net/6659

Saturday 9 to Wednesday 20 May
MADE09 - PART II: PRINTMAKING & BOOKBINDING
Work by students at Morley.
→ Full info at se1.net/6660

The Movieum of London

County Hall T 020 7202 7040
www.themovieum.com
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun 10am-6pm; £12 (conc £10; juniors £8)

Until Tuesday 30 June
THE BEATLES
Rare and unseen images of the "Fab Four" from the Getty Images collection.
→ Full info at se1.net/6306

National Theatre

South Bank T 020 7452 3000
www.nationaltheatre.org.uk
Foyers open Mon-Sat 9.30am-11pm; Sun 12 noon-6pm; free

Until Saturday 16 May
JAMES RAVILIOUS
Images of rural life in North Devon.
→ Full info at se1.net/5842

Until Saturday 30 May
ROXANA HALLS' TINGLE-TANGLE
A series of paintings on the theme of Cabaret by prize-winning contemporary artist Roxana Halls.
→ Full info at se1.net/5841

Monday 25 May to Saturday 4 July
LASTING IMPRESSIONS
In this exciting exhibition of original prints, Greenwich Printmakers celebrate 30 years of successful association.
→ Full info at se1.net/6492

Nolia's Gallery at Thomas a Becket

320 Old Kent Road T 020 7701 9111
www.noliagallery.co.uk
Daily 1pm-6pm; free

Thursday 7 to Wednesday 27 May
THE DARK SHOW
World Art Collective presents an exhibition of hand-picked artists from around the world.
→ Full info at se1.net/6813

Poussin Gallery

175 Bermondsey Street T 020 7403 4444
www.poussin-gallery.com
Wed-Sat 1pm-7pm; free

Until Saturday 23 May
PETER STARTUP
Strange, austere and occasionally absurd.
→ Full info at se1.net/6098

Friday 29 May to Saturday 20 June
PAUL TONKIN: PAINTINGS
Paul Tonkin's paintings are analogous to jazz in their improvisatory technique.
→ Full info at se1.net/6729

Purdy Hicks Gallery

65 Hopton Street T 020 7401 9229
www.purdyhicks.com
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 11am-6pm; free

Friday 1 to Saturday 30 May
BARRIE COOKE
→ Full info at se1.net/6112

Tate Modern

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

Until Sunday 17 May
RODCHENKO AND POPOVA
£9.80 (conc £7.80)
The work of Aleksander Rodchenko and Liubov Popova from the October Revolution of 1917 to 1929.
→ Full info at se1.net/5422

Until Monday 25 May
RONI HORN: A.K.A RONI HORN
£7.80 (conc £5.90)
American artist Roni Horn.
→ Full info at se1.net/5423

the.gallery@oxo

Oxo Tower Wharf T 020 7021 1686
www.coinstreet.org
Daily 11am-6pm; free

Until Sunday 10 May
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EXHIBITION

Borough High Street as seen by William Blake

William Blake's 1809 Exhibition is a new display occupying an entire room at Tate Britain. A major feature is his painting 'Sir Jeffery Chaucer and the Nine and Twenty Pilgrims on their Journey to Canterbury 1808' which has been brought to London from Glasgow.

It depicts pilgrims leaving a gothic-style Tabard Inn before sunrise at the start of their journey to Canterbury. The Southwark inn's landlord Henry Bailley is in the centre of the painting.

Pigeons snooze on the roof. A few local children are watching along with a mysterious bearded figure in the far corner of the inn's entrance. The backdrop is the City churches and the nearby countryside.

Only a few years earlier Blake had been living in Lambeth's Hercules Road and so probably knew Borough High Street. He certainly visited Blackfriars Road. By 1809 he was living on the north side of the river and staging his exhibition in his brother's shop in Soho.

Blake had great hopes for this painting which he loved. He was unwilling to sell it but expected to have a good demand for the engraving.

"Every age is a Canterbury Pilgrimage," wrote Blake in the catalogue of which just 21 copies survive. "We all pass on, each sustaining one or other of these characters, nor can a child be born who is not one of these characters of Chaucer."

Unfortunately few people appear to have visited Blake's only solo show mounted in his lifetime. The Chaucer scene was eclipsed by a rival version from Thomas Stothard which was also issued as an engraving. This did not depict Southwark but merely showed the pilgrims going in the opposite direction on open country.

However, Stothard's engraving was dedicated to the Prince Regent with a bilingual key to allow for sales in France.

A review of the Blake exhibition in *The Examiner* suggested that Chaucer's Pilgrims "is in every respect a striking contrast to the admirable picture of the same subject by Mr Stothard". Blake was furious and suspected that his Chaucer painting had prompted Stothard to quickly turn to the same subject.

Both pictures and their engravings are on show for visitors to compare unlike in the original 1809 exhibition.

Blank spaces represent the lost pictures from the 1809 exhibition but curator Martin Myrone thinks that this second showing 200 years on will still attract more visitors than the original exhibition.

The site of the Tabard Inn in Talbot Yard, off Borough High Street, is marked by a blue plaque on Copyprints.

- William Blake's 1809 exhibition is at Tate Britain on Millbank SW1 until Sunday 4 October; admission free.

- www.tate.org.uk/britain

- Local historian Jon Newman will lead a free guided walk around William Blake's Lambeth on Thursday 11 June. Meet 6pm at Waterloo Library in Lower Marsh. Event is part of Lambeth's Readers and Writers Festival and the Mayor of London's Story of London season. Full listing in next month's issue.

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**This month's
forum topics**

Bar La Vista, Tower Bridge

What is there to do in SE1 with a 6 month baby?

Constanca Argentine Grill

Jasmine Garden - Bartholomew Street

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'EATalia' - Bermondsey St

Photography classes

Greasy Spoon 5 mins from Tooley Street

Bowaters Upper Ground

Reasonably priced place to eat?

Chaucer Ward Police priorities

B&B recommendations

Where can I rent a bike in SE1?

Local theatre director looking for rehearsal space

Cafe Traiteur has closed

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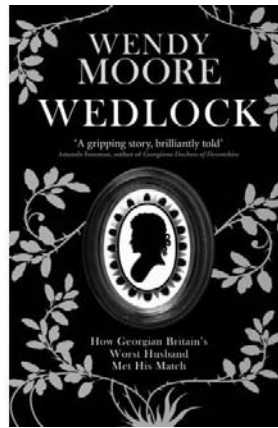
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BOOK REVIEW

Wedlock

Wendy Moore • Weidenfeld & Nicolson • £19.99



Impecunious MP John Stoney of 'stoney broke' fame was held in the the King's Bench Prison (Scovell Estate site) until his wife died in 1800. He was then allowed to live outside but 'within the rules' first in London Road and then Lambeth Road.

According to Wendy Moore he spent his decade of so-called freedom "evading the lawyers and tradesman to whom he owed money" and "pretending to suffer fits, loss of memory and deafness".

Meanwhile, he was alert enough to keep his wife Polly locked in a room.

This was how he had treated his earlier wife Mary Bowes, the widowed Countess of Strathmore, after they had fallen out. Stoney had her kidnapped in an Oxford Street shop and held at a castle in the North East.

Only thanks to a loyal maid did Mary manage to escape and rescue her daughter hidden at the Elephant & Castle.

The countess is buried in Westminster Abbey where her great, great grand daughter Elizabeth was crowned Queen alongside her husband George VI.

On his death in 1810 Stoney was buried in the prison's parish church St George the Martyr in Borough High Street.

This story was the inspiration for William Thackeray's novel *The Luck of Barry Lyndon*. But it is true. The only disappointment is that such an important book, recording a woman's struggle for protection from an abusive husband in the 17th century, can be published without an index.

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**Local news you
may have missed**

Harper Road blue crystals shortlisted for Turner Prize

Artist Roger Hiorns, who last year turned a derelict council flat in Harper Road into a cavern of blue crystals, has been shortlisted for the Turner Prize.

...more at www.london-se1.co.uk/n3853

St George the Martyr Community Centre launched

A peal of bells rang out across Borough High Street last month after a thanksgiving service at St George the Martyr for the completion of the restoration project and the re-opening of the crypt as a community centre.

...more at www.london-se1.co.uk/n3852

Clock ticking for Elephant & Castle regeneration as Lend Lease deadline approaches

The councillors in charge of the £1.5 billion Elephant & Castle regeneration have told a town hall committee that they are working to reach a deal with developers Lend Lease by 1 July.

...more at www.london-se1.co.uk/n3849

Portrait of the Queen unveiled by Boris Johnson at City Hall

On the eve of the Queen's birthday Mayor of London Boris Johnson unveiled a photographic portrait of the monarch that will hang permanently at City Hall.

...more at www.london-se1.co.uk/n3844

A vision of the future of Guy's Tower?

A radical plan to give Guy's Tower at Guy's Hospital a makeover has gone on display at the New London Architecture gallery.

...more at www.london-se1.co.uk/n3841

London Christian School could take over ex-Charterhouse-in-Southwark building

An independent Christian primary school could take over the former Charterhouse-in-Southwark building in Tabard Street.

...more at www.london-se1.co.uk/n3841

Two still in competition for Potters Fields cultural space

Just two bidders out of the original shortlist of four are still in the running for the cultural space in Berkeley Homes' One Tower Bridge development at the Potters Fields coach park, Southwark Council has confirmed.

...more at www.london-se1.co.uk/n3836

Community garden planned for bleak Melior Street plot

Plans to turn an under-used space in Melior Street into a vibrant community garden are now at an advanced stage.

...more at www.london-se1.co.uk/n3830

Arc Nursery now under management of local parents

Last month the Arc Community Trustees officially took over the running of the Arc Nursery from Charterhouse-in Southwark.

...more at www.london-se1.co.uk/n3825