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Go-ahead for shard of glass Prince blasts Sellar's "salt cellar"

THE DEPUTY Prime Minister's decision to grant planning consent for Renzo Piano's London Bridge Tower has been warmly welcomed by Southwark Council and Ken Livingstone.

Deputy PM John Prescott has acted on the Planning Inspectorate's recommendation to grant permission for the 1000ft tower, dubbed the "Shard of Glass".

Southwark Council has long supported the tower on the grounds that it is a building of outstanding architectural merit and will give the borough an economic boost.

Irvine Sellar, Chief Executive of Sellar Property Group, which is leading the development said: "This positive decision is wonderful news, not only for our partners and our team but also for the residents of Southwark, London and the UK as a whole. We aim to commence construction in 2005 with completion in 2009."

Mayor of London Ken Livingstone said: "I am delighted that the right decision has been made."

But Prince Charles has made it clear that he is not a fan of Renzo Piano's design for the landmark tower. Speaking alongside John Prescott at an architecture conference, he said: "At the moment it looks as though London seems to be turning into an Absurdist picnic table – we already have a giant gherkin in the City, now it looks as if we are going to have an enormous salt cellar as well..."



FILM DIRECTOR and former *Monty Python* team member Terry Jones (left) has unveiled a plaque to Geoffrey Chaucer on the front of Copyprints business centre in Talbot Yard, off Borough High Street. Copyprints stands on the site of the Tabard Inn featured by Chaucer in the opening of his world famous *Canterbury Tales*. Also pictured are Simon Hughes MP and members of the Copyprints team including founder and managing director Jack Hames (far right).

For one day only – the frost fair returns to Bankside

THE FAMOUS Frost Fair known to William Shakespeare is returning to Bankside this December after a 189 year break.

London Bridge's narrow arches slowed the Thames sufficiently for the river to freeze over in severe winters. During the freeze of 1564 the people of London took to the ice for what became the first Frost Fair. At Christmas 1598 the ice was strong enough for the Globe timbers to be dragged from the north

bank to its new site in Park Street.

The old fair, a winter version of the City of London's summer Bartholomew Fair, involved coach races, puppet shows and even cooking. The last fair was held in 1814.

The revived Frost Fair in front of Shakespeare's Globe is on Monday 22 December and will have craft and food stalls, mulled ale and wine, music and theatre. In the evening choirs will sing

carols and a Frozen Ice Bar will serve cranberry vodka shots in ice glasses.

- Frost Fair on Monday 22 December; 12.30-10pm.
- On December Sundays and Mondays up to Christmas there will be food stalls in the Under Globe of Shakespeare's Globe and craft stalls on the other five days. Open daily 10am-4pm; free admission includes entry to Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition.

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Lottery boost for Red Cross Garden**RED CROSS** Garden in Redcross Way is to receive £514,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards Bankside Open Spaces Trust's work to restore the site.

Sited in a conservation area, the garden is considered to be one of the best surviving examples of the social housing and environmental schemes of Octavia Hill. Restoration of will reflect the original design of features

such as railings and furniture, faithfully re-create lawn and planting beds, and provide planting tools to open up the Garden's history for everyone. A full-time Community Gardener will be employed.

Helen Firminger, Director of Bankside Open Spaces Trust, said: "We expect five times as many visitors to the garden after its official re-opening, and we hope Octavia Hill would be proud."

Court victory for SE1 pedicab firm**TAXI DRIVERS** have failed in their bid to force Bugbugs, which has been providing emission-free passenger transport since 1998, to apply for licences. A judge at the High Court has upheld an earlier ruling that the trishaws or pedicabs are exempt.

Cathy Stuart, co-director of the Chancel Street business operating 140 three-wheel cycles, said: "There is no way that we are a serious threat to the black cabs. Not only have trishaws cut down on pollution but they have

created jobs. If we had lost this case it could have put us out of business."

The London Taxi Drivers Association spokesperson said: "We cannot see the benefit to Londoners of having these vehicles on our roads. They are clogging up bus lanes, causing more congestion and operating without supervision in a way which means they charge whatever they can. We would rather see them disappear."

•www.bugbugs.co.uk
•www.ltda.co.uk**All change at Waterloo Green Trust****THIS MONTH** Phaedra Mawle, Director of Waterloo Green Trust, leaves for a new post in Bristol.

She will live on a 40 foot houseboat and be working on the refurbishment of a major Victorian park there.

"I shall miss the incredible vibrancy of the local area and all the opportunities here" says Phaedra. But she is confident that the positive environmental work in SE1 will continue.

Phaedra has been with Waterloo Millennium Green since its inception. She has enjoyed particularly working with local children and helping pupils from Johanna School to establish 200 plants in the water feature. "They were an absolute delight" she says.

A new director will be joining Project Manager Will Stevens and Administrator Deborah Shears in the New Year.

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Electric Storm hits the South Bank

THE SOUTH Bank riverside from Jubilee Gardens to the IBM building is being brightly lit through the winter nights by the Shell Electric Storm with trees illuminated every evening.

A colourful mist movement, with music and light, is constantly changing as the Storm reacts in harmony with prevailing weather conditions. The precise nature of the 'storm' will vary each evening.

A full size wind turbine

alongside Jubilee Gardens is generating more power for the National Grid than the amount being taken to maintain the project.

Shell UK chairman Clive Mather, speaking at the champagne launch, said: "Shell Electric Storm will bring to life the tremendous potential of renewable energy sources, and the future world of wind energy. It will demonstrate clearly the power that comes from just one wind turbine."

Trade Secretary Patricia Hewitt, inaugurating the Storm by remote control from the Shell Centre, said: "I hope Shell Electric Storm will capture the imagination of Londoners and visitors to the capital while helping to build awareness of renewable energy sources in an exciting way."

Special projections on the Shell Centre will mark the start of Advent on Monday 1 December, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

Pope names new Archbishop of Southwark

BISHOP OF Northampton Kevin McDonald is to be the next Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark. The enthronement is on Monday 8 December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at St George's Cathedral in Lambeth Road.

Bishop McDonald, 57, had special responsibility for Anglican and Roman Catholic

relations at the Vatican from 1985 until 1993.

The retiring Archbishop Michael Bowen said: "I am delighted that the Holy Father has appointed Bishop McDonald to succeed me. He is an excellent choice and my anxieties for the future of the diocese are now happily resolved."

•www.rc.net/southwark

A wickedly long delay?

THE WICKED Bar and Nightclub licensing hearing will be resumed in January. The hearing opened in early October but after less than two days was suspended following legal dispute.

The Borough club is seeking permission for live sex acts in its Tooley Street premises. Opponents fear that the granting of permission could set a precedent for other parts of London.



SE1 watering holes in 2004 pub guides

THE 2004 Which? Pub Guide includes the Fire Station in Waterloo Road among 35 London pubs. The book selects the top 1,000 in the country after a resolutely independent inspection and anonymous visits. All have to serve food and at the Fire station it is the plum bread and butter pudding which is highlighted.

The 2004 Good Beer Guide, edited by CAMRA's Roger Protz, has nine SE1 pubs. It highlights the award-winning Royal Oak in Tabard Street and Young's Founders Arms on Bankside and Wheatsheaf in Borough Market. The Lord Clyde, in Clenham Street since Queen Anne's reign, is recommended both for its ales and for being run by the same family for 50 years.

Both publications make fascinating reading and the Good Beer Guide has in addition a useful section on breweries.

- Which? Pub Guide (Which? Books £15.99)
- Good Beer Guide (CAMRA £12.99)

SE1 Snippets



BERMONDSEY BOUTIQUE Cockfighter of Bermondsey, also found in the West End's Bruton Place, has opened a fashion boutique for Bermondsey shoppers at its headquarters at 96 Bermondsey Street. The new shop is opening at first on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11am until 7pm.

•www.cockfighter.co.uk
•T 020 7357 6482

GERMAN MARKET CANCELLED The planned Christmas German Market alongside the Oxo Tower has been cancelled. A German Market is now being held in the Millennium Dome as part of the Winter Wonderland event. Meanwhile the South Bank has a fun fair open every night alongside Oxo Tower Wharf until Sunday 21 December.

RESTAURATEUR ON TV Robert Didier, owner of the now closed Petit Robert in Park Street, is currently to be seen in the ITV1 series *Kiss Your Boss Goodbye* starting work on a house in a Welsh forest. His problems include not having planning permission. His SE1 restaurant closed earlier this year due to uncertainty over Thameslink 2000.

SHANLEY LEAVES WHARF Textile artist and dress designer Lauren Shanley is closing her shop this month after 11 years at Gabriel's Wharf. One of the longest standing designers there, she will continue to work from her Deptford studio. From 5 to 7 December she is showing a new collection at the Midland Grand St Pancras.

Season's Greetings

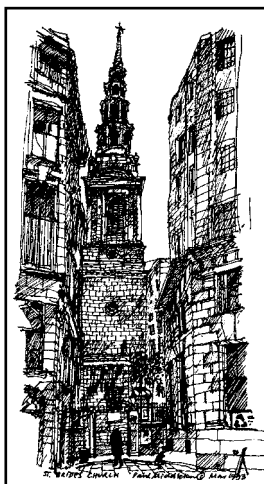
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**movie
review**
**The Matrix Revolutions
at the BFI London IMAX**

DOROTHY GOES in search of Oz: thus the final part of the Matrix trilogy seems to find Keanu Reeves on a journey into Machine World with the redoubtable Trinity at his side. But who or what is the Wizard?

This episode is a playground of ideologies: computer world of games meets every mystic journey the human race holds dear - Kung Fu, Karma and reincarnation itself.

Those hoary old adversaries, Good and Evil, are embodied in the form of Neo versus Agent Smith in a superhuman struggle for freedom. All depending on your nation of freedom, that is. Matrix Revolutions has lost the vision of the first film but it's a visually stunning ride and the IMAX is the only place to see it.

- Matrix is showing at the BFI London IMAX back to back on Saturdays and Sundays at 12pm, 3pm, 6pm and 9pm with special midnight shows on Fridays & Saturdays.
- £12.50 (conc £11.50)
- whatisthematrix.warnerbros.com

CRYSTAL LINDSAY


**community
focus**
**Volunteers wanted for
Quaker Open Christmas**

FOR A week each Christmas the John Marshall Hall is transformed into a welcoming home for the homeless and an energetic group of volunteers. The work may be exhausting and challenging but it is also rewarding. Quaker Homeless Action was founded 30 years ago and now works alongside Crisis and drug and alcohol addiction groups in a variety of rehabilitation schemes.

Open Christmas provides accommodation, cooked meals and company for those for whom the Crisis shelter is too intimidating. Volunteers spend time helping with 'chores' and most importantly talking with, listening to the guests as well as helping with art, literacy and photographic workshops.

Volunteers are needed, especially for the night shifts from 9.30pm and 8.30am. The others run from 8am to 3pm or 2.30pm to 10pm. You are asked to commit to between 2 and 6 shifts. Please contact Hannah Green on 020 7033 0093, or ghadmin@fish.co.uk

Theatre
New Arch Theatre

Under Waterloo station
www.geoids.org.uk

**Wednesday 10 to Saturday 13 December
THE MERRY GENTLEMAN**

7.30pm
Christmas musical by Julian Slade.
Performed by Geoids amateur operatic group.

Old Vic

The Cut T 0870 060 6628
www.oldvictheatre.com

**Until Saturday 3 January
MESSIAH**

Mon-Fri 8pm; Sat 5 & 8pm; £10-£30
Steven Berkoff performs in and directs his own controversial play, *Messiah: Scenes From A Crucifixion*. A radical and controversial retelling of Christ's life and death and exploring the idea of Christ as a revolutionary, planning and executing a daring plot to fulfil messianic prophecies and encourage the overthrow of the occupying Roman forces. In 2000 Messiah won The Scotsman Fringe First Award at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Starring Greg Hicks as Christ and Steven Berkoff as Satan, Michael Jenn as Pontius Pilate, Ray Sawyer as Caiaphas, John Coyne as John The Baptist and Brendan Hughes as Judas. Tickets available online from www.inSE1.co.uk/messiah

Royal National Theatre

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

**Until Tuesday 30 December
DEMOCRACY**

Cottesloe Theatre; 7.30pm; £10-£25
Première of a play by Michael Frayn based on the true story of Willy Brandt's office which included a spy.

**Until Tuesday 20 January
MOURNING BECOMES ELECTRA**

Lyttelton Theatre; 6.15pm; £10-£34
Helen Mirren plays Christine Mannon and Eve Best her daughter in Eugene O'Neill's mighty epic, based on Aeschylus' *Oresteia*.

**Wednesday 10 December to Saturday 6
March**
PLAY WITHOUT WORDS

Lyttelton Theatre; 7.45 pm; £10-£34
A vibrant, wicked satire of class conflicts and sexual desire set in Swinging Sixties London and told exclusively through movement and music.

**Thursday 4 December to Saturday 20
March**
HIS DARK MATERIALS PART I

Olivier Theatre; 7.30 pm; £10-£34
A journey through worlds familiar and unknown. For Lyra and Will it's a coming of age and transforming spiritual experience. Their great quest demands a savage struggle against the most dangerous of enemies.

**Saturday 13 December to Saturday 20
March**
HIS DARK MATERIALS PART II

Olivier Theatre; 7.30 pm; £10-£34
Second part of this epic production with a cast of more than 30, including Timothy Dalton and Patricia Hodge.

**Until Saturday 27 March
THE PILLOWMAN**

Cottesloe Theatre; 7.30pm; £10-£25
A writer in a totalitarian state is interrogated about the gruesome content of his short stories and their similarities to a number of child-murders that are happening in his town. A new play by Martin McDonagh. Cast includes Nigel Lindsay.

Southwark Playhouse

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

Tuesday 2 to Saturday 20 December
FORTY HARES AND A PRINCESS

Mon-Sat 7.30pm (matinée sat 3pm); £10 (conc £6; Mon all seats £5)
A Christmas show for those over 7 years of age. Yiddish, Italian, Japanese and Turkish tales told by five actors and a magician. Presented by Wonderful Beast in collaboration with Southwark Playhouse.

**Saturdays 6, 13 & 20 December
ABIYOYO AND THE MUSICIANS OF
BREMEN**

11am; £5
Directed by Kathryn Boddy. For 4 years upwards.

Union Theatre

204 Union Street T 020 7261 9876
www.uniontheatre.freeserve.co.uk

**Wednesday 3 to Saturday 20 December
THE WILD PARTY**

Tue-Sat; £12 (conc £8)
Musical's London première. Written by Michael John LaChiusa and shown on Broadway in 2000, (with Eartha Kitt, Toni Collette & Mandy Patinkin), *The Wild Party* confirms every dark suspicion harboured deep in the American subconscious of New York City in the Twenties being a den of depravity, home to the debauched who celebrate their wicked ways in fashionable and suitably chic bohemian enclaves. Directed by Ben de Wynter and Sasha Regan.

Young Vic

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

**Until Saturday 31 January
SKELLIG**

7.30pm; Nov previews £17 (conc £8.50)
This year's Young Vic Christmas production for families is David Almond's adaptation of his award-winning story. Directed by Trevor Nunn, until recently artistic director of the National Theatre. Michael has moved into a new neighbourhood. The house is a mess and his parents are distracted because his baby sister is seriously ill. Scrambling through a garage, he discovers something that changes his life, and the lives of those around him. But he knows he mustn't tell anybody about Skellig...

In the Young Vic Studio:

**Thursday 4 December
MY DAD'S A BIRDMAN**

Mon-Sat 10.45am; Tue, Thu & Sat 1.45pm; £6 (child £4)

New play by David Almond for 3-6 year olds based on themes in Skellig. Lizzie's dad wants to fly like a crow. He's entered the great birdman competition that's taking place next week. It's all he dreams about. He's making wings. He's practising in the kitchen. He's even started eating worms to see what it is like to be a bird! Should Lizzie encourage him, should she try and stop him or enter the competition herself? Last performance on Christmas Eve at 1.45pm.

Cinema
BFI London IMAX Cinema

The Bullring, South Bank T 020 7902 1234
www.bfi.org.uk/imax

Screenings daily except 25 & 26 Dec
10.30am-9.30pm; £7.50, (conc £6.20; child £4.950),

MYSTERIES OF EGYPT 2D (U)

The Nile River Valley cuts an emerald swath through the desert sands. With its dedicated team of scientists, *Mysteries of Egypt* explores the magnificent architectural feats, awe-inspiring legends, and amazing history of the ancient Egyptian civilization. Float down the lush Nile and soar over the Valley of the Kings, as stars Omar Sharif and Kate Maberly explore the latest discoveries and uncover many of the mysteries that surround these ancient peoples.

GHOSTS OF THE ABYSS 3D (U)

Academy Award-winning director and master storyteller James Cameron takes you back to the site of his greatest inspiration - the legendary wreck of the Titanic.

EVEREST (U)

The dramatic true story of a team of climbers who fifty years ago found hope, strength and triumph in the wake of tragedy. Their successful ascent of Mount Everest just days after fellow mountaineers and friends died there, is a compelling story about the human spirit and a mountain they love, respect and sometimes fear.

SPACE STATION 3D (U)

The first-ever live action IMAX movie to be filmed in space. Using incredible 3D technology the film tells the amazing story of the greatest engineering feat since a man landed on the moon.

HAUNTED CASTLE 3D (PG)

A 3D visual extravaganza as you join Johnny, a young musician who has inherited an imposing castle from his late estranged mother. However, when he visits his inheritance, he discovers that things are not as they appear.

BUGS! 3D (U)

A bug's eye view of the fascinating universe of insects, magnified up to 250,000 times their normal size and in 3D. Narrated by Judi Dench.

From Monday 8 December
SANTAS v the SNOWMAN

The perfect seasonal animated film for children.

THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS

Check website or phone for times; £12.50, (conc £11.50)

The final explosive chapter in the Wachowski Brothers' groundbreaking film trilogy presented on the UK's largest screen with a six-channel audio system. Weekend showing up to midnight. See review on this page.

Tate Modern

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

Sunday 7 December
RARE FINDS

3pm; £3.50 (conc £2)
Two Bill Morrison films. A screening of *Decasia* which is composed entirely of decaying archival footage which seems to melt and burn. Set to eerie music. Also *The Film of Her*, an imaginary romance about the preservation of the paper print collection in the Library of Congress.

National Film Theatre: www.bfi.org.uk/nft

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Exhibitions

Arch Gallery

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Mon-Sat 10am-7pm; free

Until Saturday 20 December
CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION
Paintings & small sculptures

Bankside Gallery

48 Hopton Street T 020 7928 7521
www.banksidegallery.com
Tue-Fri 10am-5pm; weekends 11am-5pm; free

Saturday 6 December to Sunday 4 January

A WINTER'S TALE
A joint Royal Watercolour Society and Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers show. Closed 24-26 December.

Design Museum

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

Until Sunday 4 January
SOMEWHERE TOTALLY ELSE
European design show.

Until Sunday 11 January
THE ONE-LEGGED MILK STOOL
Reinventing the Swiss milking stool.

Saturday 6 December to Sunday 29 February

THE SMITHSONS
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Until late 2004
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Objects from archives and a look ahead with Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec.

fa projects

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

Until Saturday 17 January
NEAL ROCK

Pigmented silicon, piped on to deep three-dimensional supports using icing bags.

Fashion & Textile Museum

83 Bermondsey Street T 020 7403 0222
www.ftmlondon.org
Tue-Sun 11am-5.45pm; £6 (conc £4)

Until March
MY FAVOURITE DRESS

The 20th century's leading designers.

Florence Nightingale Museum

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7620 0374
www.florence-nightingale.co.uk
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun 11.30am-4.30pm; £4.80 (conc £3.80)

Until Wednesday 24 December
MARY SEACOLE

Celebrated Crimean War nurse.

Gallery 33

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

Tuesday 1 to Tuesday 23 December
CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

Work for sale suitable as presents.

The Glass Art Gallery

Weston Street T 020 7403 7555
www.londonglassblowing.co.uk
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; free

Until Sunday 7 December
HAIKU & GLASS

Glass artists paired with poets.

Hayward Gallery

South Bank Centre T 020 7921 0600
www.hayward.org.uk
Daily 10am-6pm (Tue & Wed 8pm); £9 (conc £6)

Until Sunday 18 January
SAVED!

Works from the National Art Collections Fund.

Imperial War Museum

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

Until Sunday 25 January
RAVILIOUS: IMAGINED REALITIES
Marking the centenary of the artist's birth.

Until Sunday 18 April
WOMEN & WAR

£7; (conc £5)
Most ambitious exhibition on this theme.

Llewellyn Alexander Fine Paintings

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

Until Saturday 6 December
EIGHT MAN SHOW

A pre-Christmas selling show.

Wednesday 10 December to Saturday 3 January

EDNA BIZON
Still-lifes, farm animals, flower paintings.

Menier Gallery

51-53 Southwark Street T 020 7403 5893
www.menier.org.uk

Until Friday 5 December
THE BLOXHAM GALLERIES

Solo exhibition by Willi Kissmer.

Morley Gallery

61 W'minster Bridge Rd T 020 7450 9226
www.morleycollege.ac.uk
Mon-Fri 11am-6pm; Sat 12-4pm; free

Until Wednesday 10 December
LONDON POTTERS

Annual members exhibition

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 Saturday 20 December
GALLERY ARTISTS

RK Burt Gallery

61 Union Street T 020 7407 6474
www.rkburt.com
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

Wednesday 3 to Thursday 11 December
INNER

Group show.

Royal National Theatre

South Bank T 020 452 3400
www.nationaltheatre.org.uk
Daily; free

Until Saturday 6 December
STAGE DESIGN

12 young emerging theatre designers.

Until Saturday 17 January
DAZZLE

Jewellery and applied art.

Saatchi Gallery

County Hall T 020 7823 2363
www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk
Daily 10am-8pm (Fri & Sat 10pm); £8.50 (conc £6.50)

Until Saturday 14 March
CHAPMAN BROTHERS: RETROSPECTIVE
Second main exhibition at new gallery.

Southbank Printmakers Gallery

Unit 12 Gabriels Wharf T 020 7928 8184
Daily 11.30am-5.30pm; free

Monday 15 December to Sunday 4 January

ARTISTS IN FOCUS
Two printmakers from the co-operative show original limited editions.

Southwark Cathedral Refectory

Montague Close T 020 7367 6700
www.dswark.org/cathedral
Daily 10am-5pm; free

Until Sunday 4 January
PAUL GILDEA

Paintings of the bridges of London.

Tate Modern

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

Until Sunday 28 December
COMMON WEALTH

£6 (conc £5; joint ticket with Sigmar Polke £10)
Group show exploring the two words.

Until Sunday 4 January
FIVE ANGELS FOR THE MILLENNIUM

A key installation by Bill Viola.

Until Sunday 4 January
SIGMAR POLKE

£8 (conc £6; joint ticket with Common Wealth £10)
Many works in the UK for the first time.

Until Sunday 21 March
THE WEATHER PROJECT

Fourth Turbine Hall Unilever commission.

the.gallery@oxo

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

Until Sunday 14 December
PASSION & PATIENCE

Paintings by Jolijn Boxhoorn who works from a studio in Clink Street.

Tom Blau Gallery

Queen Elizabeth Street T 020 7940 9171
www.tomblaugallery.com
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; free

Thursday 4 December to Saturday 10 January

SPIRITS AND GHOSTS: JOURNEYS THROUGH MONGOLIA

Changes and transitions since 1996.

Union Projects

53 Ewer Street T 020 7928 3388
www.unionprojects.com
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 12 noon-5pm

Wednesday 17 December to Sunday 22 February

FINAL CUTS
Work by Katharina Grosse, Bernhard Martin, Marco Papa and Roberta Silva. Curated by Milovan Farronato.

The Walk Gallery

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

Until Friday 19 December
JOHN ARNOLD, DAVID CARR, MIKE NOWLES & PETER PRENDERGAST

The four artists met at the Slade School.

Waterloo Gallery

14 Baylis Road T 020 7723 4400
Mon-Sat 11am-6pm; £5 (concs £4)

Until Saturday 20 December
VISIBLE THOUGHT

Thirty of Rudolf Steiner's Blackboard Drawings 1919-24. First showing in London.



exhibition review

Eric Ravilious at the Imperial War Museum

THE ERIC Ravilious exhibition marks the artist's centenary and is at the Imperial War Museum as he was a war artist with his life cut short during the Second World War.

In 1928 he began working on murals (now lost by bombing) for Morley College. They were 'opened' by the Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin. Soon after Ravilious was commissioned to produce a Coronation mug for Edward VIII's coronation. When this did not happen the design was altered to celebrate George VI's crowning. So popular was the decoration that it was reused for Elizabeth II's Coronation and Golden Jubilee.

This very enjoyable exhibition includes the Alphabet nursery mug still found in many homes. Watercolours and lithographs of the countryside show a world of steam engines, delightful shops and white horses on chalk hillsides.

• *Eric Ravilious: Imagined Realities* is at the Imperial War Museum until Sunday 25 January; admission free.

LEIGH HATTS



eating out

Prince Albert Colombo Street

THE VERY attractive Prince Albert in Colombo Street has window boxes with greenery and the view from inside through the big windows is of Christ Church Garden. This pub, alongside the Colombo Sports Centre and closed for a time, reopened last summer. English and Thai food is served at lunchtime and you can order from your seat which cuts queues at the bar. Five jacket potatoes include chicken, bacon and cheese (£3.50); baguettes include ham and tomato (£3.50) and all burgers (from £3.95) come in a sesame seed roll. Sirloin steak is cooked to order and comes with thick cut chips, mushrooms and a side salad (£6.95). There is a good wine list and real ales. The good value Big Breakfast (£4.95) can be enjoyed at lunchtime. The Thai menu, complete with a pot of Jasmine tea, is also served in the evening from 5.30pm when at this time of the year candles in the window create a cosy feel.

• The Prince Albert, Colombo St
• T 020 7564 7069

MATTHEW BROOKE

environment watch



A simpler Christmas

THERE IS so much commercial pressure at Christmas that perhaps we need to celebrate this ancient festival in simpler ways by spending less and enjoying what someone has called "richness in moderation". Here then are some suggestions away from the mad chaos of Oxford Street and the desire to mark up just one more notch on your overextended credit card.

Firstly, connection with nature. This is difficult in a big city but not impossible. You could go for long walks by the river or volunteer to garden with Waterloo Millennium Green or Bankside Open Spaces Trust. Perhaps now is the time to to make your own cards and little gifts. You don't have to be an artistic genius to do so and it's great fun. Sean Kelly Gallery in London Road sell most art materials and an extraordinary array of stationery is available at nearby Tab by St George's Circus. You can also rediscover the joys of cooking in our takeaway society by enrolling for a cookery course at Morley College which also offers a variety of one-day courses which would make a lovely present. If it's sweet little fripperies you seek as presents then Twice The Siren in Lower Marsh is the place – they have candles, accessories, soft toys and enchanting jewellery.

And for something unusual why not try St James's Tea Shop in Blackfriars Road. As well as teas and coffees they sell blue and white china, accessories and books. You can even pay for someone to attend a tea tasting session (£8). Last but not least is the Tibetan Buddhist Centre in Carlisle Lane. Visitors can use the sanctuary or the library. There is something here that no amount of money can buy.

ANNE CRITCHLEY

Music

Cinema Organ Society

Edric Hall, LSB University, Borough Road
www.cinema-organs.org.uk

Saturday 6 December
ORGAN RECITAL

3pm; £6
John Mann on the Mighty Wurlitzer from the Trocadero in New Kent Road.

Hay's Galleria

Tooley Street T 020 7940 7700
www.haysgalleria.co.uk

Tuesdays & Thursdays
CAROL CONCERTS

1-2pm; free
Children from London schools sing Christmas carols during lunchtime. Charles Dickens School sing on Thursday 4 December and Snowfields School on Tuesday 9 December. Last concert on Thursday 18 December.

St George's RC Cathedral

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

Friday 5 December
GUILDHALL MUSICIANS

1.05pm; free

Friday 12 December
ROYAL HOLLOWAY CHOIR

1.05pm; free
Music for Christmas.

Saturday 20 December
ORGAN RECITAL

1.05pm; free
Nicholas O'Neill from St George's.

St George the Martyr

Borough High Street T 020 7407 2796
www.stgeorgethemartyr.co.uk

Every Thursday
LUNCHTIME RECITALS

1pm; free
Thu 4: **Students from Trinity College of Music**
Thu 11: **Michiko Kobayashi** (violin)
Thu 18: **Lunchtime Christmas Carol Service**
Thu 25: **No recital** (Christmas Day)

St John's Waterloo

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

Every Wednesday
LUNCHTIME RECITAL

1.10pm; free
Wed 3: To be announced
Wed 10: **Peter Sparks** (clarinet)
Wed 17: **Jo Greenberg** (horn); **Christian Halstead** (violin) & **James Longford** (piano)

Wednesday 10 December
MORLEY COLLEGE CHOIR

8pm; £5
Morley College Choir conducted by Gregory Platt. Programme includes John Rutter's Gloria, The motel - In Ecclesiis - Gabrieli and several popular choruses from Handel's Messiah.

Sunday 14 December
FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

5pm; free (retiring collection)
Chorus Mundi choir is joined by Lungandan Choir and St John's Youth Choir. Includes a first performance of Paul Ayres setting of Shakespeare's words. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Collection for charities.
www.chorusmundi.ukf.net

Southwark Cathedral

Montague Close T 020 7367 6700
www.dswark.org/cathedral

Monday 1 December
ORGAN RECITAL

1.10pm; free
Stephen Disley.

Monday 8 December
ORGAN RECITAL

1.10pm; free
Peter Wright.

Thursday 11 December
SEAFARERS' CANDLELIT CAROL CONCERT

7.30 pm; £15 & £35
Candle-lit carol concert with the Cathedral Girls' Choir. In presence of patron HRH The Princess Royal. See Southside Diary opposite. www.missiontoseafarers.org

Friday 19 December
CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT

7.30pm; tickets from 020 7367 6703.

Events for Children

Design Museum

Shad Thames T 0870 833 9955
www.designmuseum.org

Sundays 7, 14, 21 December
DESIGNING CHRISTMAS

2-5pm; £6 (child £4)
Christmas decoration workshops for children. Booking essential on 7940 8782

Florence Nightingale Museum

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7620 0374
www.florence-nightingale.co.uk

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 December.
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

1-3pm; £4.80 (conc £3.80)
Drop-in art workshops. On Saturday learn about the amazing work of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and the Nightingale nurses and make an angel in their image to look after your tree. On Sunday learn about the Victorian cracker. Also informal carol-singing session including Victorian favourites.

Imperial War Museum

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

Saturday 13 to Friday 19 December
ARCHIE

11am-4pm; free
Actors from Heartstone lead children round the Museum as they tell the tale of Archie, a story of friendship and sport at a time of world changing events. Suitable for families with children aged 8 - 12. Heartstone is an organisation that creates programmes aimed at creating greater understanding across cultures.
www.heartstone.co.uk

Saturday 20 to Tuesday 23 & Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 December
A WOMAN'S WARTIME CHRISTMAS

11am-3.30pm; free
Meet an actor in role and find out what Christmas was like during the Second World War.

Sure Start West Bermondsey

40 Tabard Street T 020 7407 2586
www.surestart.gov.uk

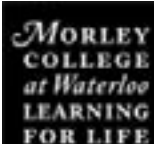
Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 December
ABIYOYO AND THE MUSICIANS OF BREMEN

1pm; £1
Special performances of Christmas show at Southwark Playhouse for accompanied children aged 2.5 to 4 years old living in Sure Start zone boundary (St. Thomas Street, New Kent Road, Borough High St/ Newington Causeway Tower Bridge Road). Advance booking essential on 020 7407 2335 or 020 7407 2586. See page 4 for theatre listing.

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Special Events

Bankside

T 020 752 1139

Monday 22 December FROST FAIR

12-10pm
Riverside fair in front of Globe with craft and food stalls, street theatre, carols, bell ringing, art and tree dressing. Lunchtime activities for children from 12 noon. From 6.30pm there will be mulled wine and chestnuts available. See news story on page 1.

Bankside Gallery

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

Thursday 11 December WINTER'S TALE SHOPPING EVENT

6-8pm; free
Mulled wine and mincepies, extra arts and craft works as well as watercolours and prints at reasonable prices.

Bankside Residents Forum

Bankside Hse, Sumner St T 020 7928 9528

Monday 8 December OPEN MEETING

6.30pm
The evening for all Bankside residents includes the latest on the Southwark UDP (Unitary Development Plan), a chance to meet the new Bankside Wardens and an exhibition of the current proposals for Blackfriars Station and railway bridge with an opportunity to give your views.

Bernie Spain Gardens & Oxo Tower Wharf

South Bank
www.oxotower.co.uk

Until Sunday 21 December TRADITIONAL FAMILY FUNFAIR

12 noon-10pm
Enjoy family rides and Victorian-style funfair stalls such as coconut shy, candy floss and hoopla.

Wednesday 17 December to Sunday 11 January

CABARET MECHANICAL FESTIVAL
Daily (except 25, 26 Dec & 1 Jan); 11am-6pm; free
Contemporary automata, moving toys and kinetic sculpture. A programme of talks and workshops will be announced.

Blackfriars Settlement

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

Thursday 4 December XMAS FAIR

1-4pm; free
Baked food, handmade Christmas cards, crafts and White Elephant stall.

Talks & Meetings

Design Museum

Shad Thames T 020 7940 8783
www.designmuseum.org

Monday 15 December FRANK NUOVO

7.15pm; £10 (conc £6)
Nokia's head of design discusses how he transformed the mobile.

Tate Modern

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

Thursday 4 December CARSTEN HÖLLER

6.30pm; £7 (conc £4)
Carsten Höller, one of the artists included in the Common Wealth exhibition, talks about his work creating community experiments. Booking on 020 7887 8888.

John Marshall Hall, Christ Church

27 Blackfriars Road T 020 8761 6565

Saturday 6 December FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS

7.30pm; £27.50
A rare chance to celebrate Christmas Elizabethan-style on the Feast of St Nicholas. Dinner and banquet sweetmeats prepared with 21st century tastes in mind; costumed dancers, 'Peterkin the Fool' jester, music, and dancing. Advance booking by Thursday 4 December on 020 8761 6565 or email dancers@gbz.demon.co.uk

Chaplin Close Community Hall

Chaplin Close

Saturday 6 December CHRISTMAS FAIR

12-4pm; free
Gift stalls and refreshments.

Living Space

1 Coral Street, Waterloo Road

Saturday 6 December WATERLOO COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

10am; free
Waterloo Community Regeneration Trust holds a Waterloo Community Conference from 10 to 1pm. A chance for groups and individuals to find out what WCRT does and how it can help. More details on 020 7202 6900.

Lower Marsh Market

Lower Marsh T 020 7202 6923
www.lower-marsh.co.uk

Thursday 4 December CHRISTMAS EVENING

5.30-8pm
Late night shopping as the Salvation Army Band plays Christmas favourites and the traders in Dickens' costumes roast chestnuts. Free Hot Sangria and Mince Pies served outside Cubana.

London Glassblowing

Weston Street T 020 7403 7555
www.londonglassblowing.co.uk

Until Sunday 7 December GLASSBLOWING OPEN WEEK

11am-5pm; free
Glassblowing demonstrations and sale.

Museum of Garden History

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

Wednesdays 3 & 10 December CHRISTMAS EVENINGS

6-9pm; free
Morley College Singers perform during the garden shopping evening when the café serves medieval themed Christmas food and non-alcoholic mulled wine.

Old Operating Theatre

9a St Thomas Street T 020 7955 4791
www.thegarret.org.uk

Thursday 4 December SALON 2003

7.30pm; £7 (conc £5)
Jake Chapman in conversation with Cosey Fanni Tutti. An annual meeting-of-the-minds celebrating dissonant visions and radical thinkers. Curated by cult author Jack Sargeant, in collaboration with Simon Kane, founder of Salon 2002.

St Jude's Community Centre

St George's Road T 020 7928 9840

Saturday 13 December CHRISTMAS SALE

12 noon; 20p
Tombola, craft stalls, food and refreshments. Father Christmas visiting.

Shakespeare's Globe

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

Until Monday 22 December FOOD & CRAFT MARKET

11am; free
Food and craft stalls in the decorated exhibition space under the Globe theatre.

Southwark Cathedral

Montague Close T 020 7367 6700
www.dswark.org/cathedral

Sunday 7 December CHRISTMAS FAYRE

12.30-3pm; free
Food, book and gift stalls. Mulled wine and mince pies. Friends of Cathedral event.

Waterloo Millennium Green

Waterloo Road T 0207 928 4427

Sunday 14 December CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

12-4pm; free
Football tournament, theatre workshop, games on the green, tree dressing, entertainment by Morley College, carol singing. Also warming refreshments in the Living Space. Includes a visit by Father Christmas.

Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
from all at
Bankside Press

southside diary



The Princess Royal will be at the Mission to Seafarers candlelit Christmas Carol Concert at Southwark Cathedral on Thursday 11 December. The Princess is the patron of the charity which has been helping sailors who are victims of the Iraq War. Tickets are available from 020 7248 5202.

Gareth Machin, formerly of the Bristol Old Vic, is the new Artistic Director at the Southwark Playhouse which is celebrating its tenth anniversary. He takes over from Thea Sharrock who was the youngest artistic director in charge of a theatre. "Southwark Playhouse is an extremely special place – the jewel of SE1" says Thea.

Tas has opened a branch outside SE1. The new restaurant is a Tas Pide and can be found in Farringdon Road on the edge of the City. Tas is following Konditor & Cook which has also opened a branch on the City fringe at nearby in Gray's Inn Road.

Blackfriars Station should be accessible from Bankside from 2012. It is 137 years since the first Blackfriars Station, which was on the south side, closed. Under the latest Thameslink plans, to be considered by Bankside Residents' Forum this month, the platforms will be extended south to the Thames Path.

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Church Services**St George's RC Cathedral**Lambeth Road T 020 7928 5256
www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk**Monday 8 December
ARCHBISHOP'S ENTHRONEMENT**12 noon
Mass and the enthronement of Kevin McDonald as Archbishop of Southwark, succeeding the Most Revd Michael Bowen. See news story on page 3.**Wednesday 24 December
MIDNIGHT MASS**11.30pm
Traditional Christmas Mass starting on Christmas Eve.**Thursday 25 December
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**8am, 10m & 11.30am
Main Christmas Masses.**Friday 26 December
BOXING DAY MASS**12.30pm
Lunchtime Mass for the Feast of St Stephen, first martyr.**St George the Martyr**
Borough High Street T 020 7407 2796
www.stgeorgethemartyr.co.uk**Thursday 18 December
LUNCHTIME CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**1pm
Last Christmas carol service before the church closes for a two year restoration.**St John's Waterloo**Waterloo Road
www.stjohnswaterloo.co.uk**Sunday 14 December
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

10.30am

**Wednesday 24 December
CRIB SERVICE**5pm
Christmas Eve service.**Wednesday 24 December
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**11.45pm
First Eucharist of Christmas.**Christmas Day 25 December
CHRISTMAS COMMUNION**

10.30am

**Wednesday 31 December
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE**7pm
New Year's Eve Service.**Southwark Cathedral**Montague Close T 020 7367 6700
www.dswark.org/cathedral**Saturday 6 December
CRISIS CAROL SERVICE**6.30pm
Homeless charity's annual service. No tickets needed.**Sunday 7 December
WORLD AIDS DAY**6.30pm
Annual service including stories of hope.**Sunday 14 December
ARCHDEACON FAREWELL**3pm
Choral evensong with farewell sermon by the Ven Douglas Bartles-Smith who is retiring as Archdeacon of Southwark.**Tuesday 16 December
CATHEDRAL SING-IN**12.45pm
For office workers and the community.**Sunday 21 December
LESSONS & CAROLS**6.30pm
The main carol service. Not designed for children.**Wednesday 24 December
BUILDING THE CRIB SERVICE**4pm
Service for children**Wednesday 24 December
MIDNIGHT MASS**11.30pm
Bishop of Southwark preaches.**Thursday 25 December
EUCHARIST**9am
With Carols.**Thursday 25 December
CHORAL EUCHARIST**11am
The Dean preaches.**Tuesday 6 January
EPIPHANY CHORAL EUCHARIST**12.45pm
Choral Eucharist celebrating the Three Kings meeting Holy Child.**More to read
on the web**www.London-SE1.co.uk**EastEnders star visits university**
Southwark and Lambeth parents who have attended courses aimed at helping them to support their children's learning were last month awarded certificates in recognition of their achievement by EastEnders star Rudolph Walker.
*...full story on the website***web News****Policing Blaine: the £64,000 question**
The cost of the police cover for David Blaine's 44 day starvation stunt in Potters Fields - next to Tower Bridge - was £64,000, it emerged last month.
*...full story on the website***Borough Market brings community to the neighbourhood**
Borough Market improves the quality of life Londoners' lives claim researchers from King's College London.
*...full story on the website***Bermondsey's Lord of the Manor sells ancient title**The Lordship of Bermondsey was set to be auctioned in the City last month.
*...full story on the website***Science Museum award for Waterloo pupils**A group of children from Johanna Primary School near Lower Marsh in Waterloo have taken a top prize in a nationwide competition organised by the Science Museum and linked to the Museum's Stem Project.
*...full story on the website***web Discussion**www.London-SE1.co.uk/forum

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A collection of works that make ideal Christmas gifts



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Heidi Ferid	mixed media
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Rose Kenny	collage
Tony Linforth-Hall	photographs
Gitte Moller	modified photographs
Kay Parsons	drawings and prints
Robert Patterson	pastels
Helga Schmidt	drawings
David Sharp	prints
Jenny Smets	illustrations
Annie Wingfield	figure studies

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