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Real 40-metre ice slide outside Tate Modern throughout Christmas & New Year
Third Frost Fair is biggest yet

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

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

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

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

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

"Being able to bring the historic Frost Fair

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

In the foyer is the Frizzante Café offering homemade refreshments.

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

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BUSINESS NEWS

Bringing a better Christmas to Bankside

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

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

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

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

shirts, thermal vests or jumpers

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

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

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

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

• www.betterbankside.co.uk

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The Mad Hatter Hotel with its typical 19th century London facade has every modern facility in its 30 large comfortable bedrooms.

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What's On

December

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

Special Events

Bankside

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

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 December

FROST FAIR

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

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

Blackfriars Settlement

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

Wednesday 21 December

THE WORLD IN SE1

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

British Airways London Eye

South Bank
www.london.gov.uk

Saturday 31 December

FIREWORKS

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

City Hall

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

Wednesday 14 December

CHRISTMAS DRINKS

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

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

CRISIS

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

Thursday 29 December

CRISIS WINTER WALKABOUT

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

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

London Glassblowing Centre

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

Until Sunday 4 December

PLAYING WITH LIGHT

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

Museum of Garden History

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

Tuesday 6 & Monday 12 December

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHTS

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

The Old Vic

The Cut
www.oldvictheatre.com

Saturday 10 December

ALADDIN COMMUNITY DAY

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

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

Oxo Tower Wharf & Gabriels Wharf

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

Friday 2 to Sunday 4 December

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND

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

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 December

LAST MINUTE STOCKING FILLERS WEEKEND

A range of affordable designer gifts.

St Matthew's-at-the-Elephant

Meadow Row off New Kent Road

Saturday 3 December

CHRISTMAS FAIR

11am-3pm

Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition

Bankside
www.shakespeares-globe.org

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

SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE FROST FAIR

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

South Bank Centre

South Bank
www.rfh.org.uk

Tuesday 6 December

CHRISTMAS SEASON LAUNCH

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

Southwark Cathedral

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

Saturday 3 December

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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

Waterloo

www.waterlooquarter.org

Thursday 1 December

SWITCHING ON WATERLOO

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

World Aids Day

Thursday 1 December

HANDS FOR AIDS

12 noon at Millennium Bridge
A human chain across the Thames to show unity in the face of a disease that knows no boundaries.

Children & Family

Design Museum

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

Sundays 4, 11 & 18 December

DESIGNING CHRISTMAS

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

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

Florence Nightingale Museum

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

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 December

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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

HMS Belfast

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

Thursday 29 & Friday 30 December

BATTLE OF NORTH CAPE

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

Imperial War Museum

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

Sundays 4 & 10 & Monday 11 December

THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE

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

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

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

Tate Modern

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

Sundays 4, 11 & 18 December

START

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

the.gallery@oxo

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

Saturday 10 & Friday 23 December

DESIGNING AUTOMATA PLAYSHOP

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

Sundays 11 & 18 & Wednesday 28 December

DIY ANGEL WORKSHOP

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

Saturday 17 & Thursday 29 December

MAKING AUTOMANIA FROM BITS & PIECES

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

Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 December

FOOD AUTOMANIA WORKSHOP

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

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Talks & Meetings

Bankside Gallery

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

Thursday 15 December

EDWARD BAWDEN MEMORIES

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

Bankside Residents Forum

T 020 7928 9528

Monday 5 December

AGM

5.30pm at Starr Auditorium, Tate Modern

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

Calder Bookshop

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

Thursday 1 December

THE HOUSE OF ATREUS: AESCHYLUS' DRAMA TRILOGY

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

Thursday 8 December

THE POETRY OF ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

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

Thursday 15 December

DAPHNE DU MAURIER: QUEEN OF THE GHOST NARRATIVE

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

Thursday 5 January

TS ELIOT

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

Cuming Museum

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

Tuesday 6 December

HISTORY OF THE ELEPHANT & CASTLE

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

Imperial War Museum

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

Monday 5 December

PORTRAITS OF COURAGE: AMBUSH AT KORAGH

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

Museum of Garden History

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

Wednesday 14 December

HISTORY OF THE TURKEY

7pm; £10

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

South Bank Forum

Franklin Wilkins Building, 150 Stamford Street

Thursday 15 December

SOUTH BANK FORUM

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

Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society

Housing Co-op Hall, 106 The Cut

Tuesday 13 December

AGM & LECTURE

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

Waterloo Community Development Group

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

Wednesday 14 December

GENERAL MEETING

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

Live Music

Christ Church

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

Saturday 10 December

10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

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

Evelina Children's Hospital

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

Friday 2 December

THE DRONES

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

Hays's Galleria

Tooley Street
www.haysgalleria.co.uk

Tuesday 20 December

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY CHANTAGE

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

St George's RC Cathedral

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

Saturday 17 December

ORGAN RECITAL

1.05pm; free
Robert Crowley.

Southwark Cathedral

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

Monday 5 December

ORGAN RECITAL

1.05pm; free
Peter Wright.

Monday 12 December

CAROLS IN THE CITY

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

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

Friday 16 December

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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

Saturday 17 December

MERBECKE CHOIR

7.30pm
Concert by former Southwark choristers.

Church Services

Christ Church

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

Sunday 18 December

CAROL SERVICE & NATIVITY PLAY

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

Thursday 22 December

LUNCHTIME CAROL SERVICE

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

Saturday 24 December

CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30pm
Midnight Communion.

Sunday 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am
Informal Parish Communion for all ages.

St George's RC Cathedral

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

Sunday 4 December

CAFOD ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

4pm

Sunday 11 December

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH CAROL SERVICE

4pm

Tuesday 13 December

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CAROL SERVICE

7.30pm

Sunday 18 December

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

4pm
Refreshments afterwards in the Amigo Hall.

Saturday 24 December

CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE

3.30pm
Children's Christmas Eve service.

Saturday 24 December

MIDNIGHT MASS

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

Sunday 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Family Mass 10am; Solemn Mass 11.30am

St John's Waterloo

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

Sunday 11 December

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

10.30am

Sunday 11 December

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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

Saturday 24 December

CRIB SERVICE

5pm
Service for children.

Saturday 24 December

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

11.45pm
First Christmas Eucharist.

Sunday 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION

10.30am
Family Communion

Saturday 31 December

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

7pm
Preparing for New Year service.

St Mary Magdalen Bermondsey

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

Thursday 15 December

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG

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

Sunday 18 December

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

6.30pm
Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Tuesday 20 December

CAROL SINGING

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

Saturday 24 December

WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

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

Saturday 24 December

MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION

11.30pm
First Christmas Eucharist.

Sunday 25 December

HOLY COMMUNION

10.30am
Family service.

St Thomas' Hospital Chapel

St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road

Wednesday 7 December

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

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

Southwark Cathedral

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

Thursday 1 December

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE

2.15pm
www.armenian-genocide.org

Sunday 4 December

WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE

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

Saturday 10 December

CRISIS CAROL SERVICE

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

Sunday 18 December

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

6.30pm
Cathedral carol service.

Tuesday 20 December

CATHEDRAL SING-IN

12.45pm
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Saturday 24 December
BUILDING THE CRIB
4pm
Christmas Eve service for children.

Saturday 24 December
MIDNIGHT MASS
11.30pm
Christmast Mass by candlelight.

Sunday 25 December
CHRISTMAS DAY
9am & 11am
Eucharist with carols.

Comedy

Falling Down With Laughter

Below Belushi's, 161-165 Borough High Street
www.alexisdubus.com

Tuesdays 6 & 20 December
FALLING DOWN WITH LAUGHTER
8.30pm (doors open 8pm); £6 on the door (conc £4)

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

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

Miller of Mansfield

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

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

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

Theatre

Menier Chocolate Factory

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

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

National Theatre

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

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

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

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

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

Monday 5 December to February
ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Olivier Theatre; £10-£36; book online at www.inSE1.co.uk/olivier

A comic play about the Hollywood movies by George S Kaufman and Moss Hart.

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

Network Theatre

Under Waterloo Station
www.networktheatre.org

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

The Old Vic

The Cut T 0870 060 6628
www.oldvictheatre.com

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

Queen Elizabeth Hall

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

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

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

St Anne's Church Hall

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

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

St John's Waterloo

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

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

The Shunt Vaults

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

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

Southwark Playhouse

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

Until Friday 23 December
THE CANTERVILLE GHOST
7.30pm; call for matinee times; £12 (conc £8; Mon £6)

John Kane's musical adaptation of Oscar Wilde's tale brought up to date. Gareth Machin's last production as artistic director at the Playhouse.

Unicorn Theatre

147 Tooley Street T 08700 535500
www.unicorntheatre.com

Until Sunday 29 January
TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN
Weston Theatre; Performance times vary; £12.50 (conc £8.50); half price for Southwark residents during first two weeks

Tony Graham directs David Wood's adaptation of Philippa Pearce's novel *Tom's Midnight Garden* with live incidental music by Stephen McNeff. The play is a contemporary adaptation of the classic novel with Rudi Dharmalingam as Tom. Suitable for ages 8+

Until Sunday 29 January
IN THE BOX
River Theatre; Times vary; free (booking essential)

Installation about childhood examining the issues of what it means to be a child today. Employs a range of art forms including poetry, photography, textiles & sculpture.

Union Theatre

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

Until Saturday 10 December
LOVE LOYALTY
Mon-Sat 7.30pm; £12 (conc £10)

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

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

Movie Highlights

BFI London IMAX Cinema

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

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

WILD SAFARI 3D
(U) 45mins

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

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

Elefant

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Film Theatre

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

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

Tate Modern

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

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

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Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; free

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

Bankside Gallery

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

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

The Bargehouse

Bargehouse Street
www.oxotower.co.uk

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

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

Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 December
INSIDE OUT

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

City Hall

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

Until Friday 9 December
ECHOES OF TSUNAMI

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

Cuming Museum

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

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

Design Museum

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

Until Sunday 8 January
EILEEN GRAY
Designer and architect.

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

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

Fashion & Textile Museum

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

Until Saturday 3 December
IDENTITY

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

Florence Nightingale Museum

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

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

Gallery Different

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

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

Gallery 33

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

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

Hayward Gallery

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

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

HMS Belfast

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

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

Imperial War Museum

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

Until Sunday 5 February
CAPTIVE
Drawings and paintings.

Until Monday 17 April
LAWRENCE OF ARABIA: THE LIFE, THE LEGEND
£7 (conc £6)

Reveals the life of this extraordinary man.
Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

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

Jerwood Space

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

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

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

Laura Bartlett Gallery

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

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

Llewellyn Alexander Fine Paintings

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

Until Saturday 3 December
EIGHT MAN SHOW
Group show.

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

Menier Chocolate Factory Gallery

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

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

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

Morley Gallery

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

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

Museum of Garden History

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

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

National Theatre

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

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

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

Friday 16 December to Saturday 28 January
MASTERS OF JAZZ: UNSEEN PORTRAITS
Previously unpublished black and white photographs by Jamie Hodgson taken in and around London in the 1950s and 60s.

Nolia's Gallery at Thomas a Becket

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

Friday 2 to Wednesday 7 December
CONSTELLATION
Goldsmiths' undergraduates.

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

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

Old Operating Theatre, Museum & Herb Garret

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

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

Plateaux Gallery

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

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

Poussin Gallery

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

Until Saturday 10 December
MALI MORRIS
Paintings from four decades.

Purdy Hicks Gallery

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

Until Friday 23 December
ORNULF OPDAHL
Paintings of Nothern Norway.

Ritter/Zamet

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

Until Saturday 14 January
NOGAH ENGLER / PETER STAUSS

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

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

Southwark Cathedral Refectory

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

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

Tara Bryan Gallery

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

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

Tate Modern

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

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

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

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

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

the.gallery@oxo

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

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

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

The Walk Gallery

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

Until Friday 16 December
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THEATRE REVIEW

Coram Boy at the National Theatre

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

HEALTH

MEND your ways in the New Year

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

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

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

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

• Contact Ulla at ulla.stauch@mendprogramme.org or on 0870 609 1405.

• www.mendprogramme.org.

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

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

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

Blackfriars skyscraper zone: councillors order rethink
Southwark Council's executive has voted against designating Blackfriars Road as a zone for skyscrapers and has asked officers

to redraft the consultation document on tall buildings.
...full story at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Borough Market to launch food school
Children from Charles Dickens Primary School were on hand to help launch Borough Market's £250k fundraising campaign to create the UK's biggest food classroom.
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Waterloo tenants join General Synod protest
Tenants of Church Commissioners properties fighting sell-off plans staged a protest outside Church House in Westminster as members of General Synod gathered.
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Hotel owner fined £16,000 for breaching food hygiene regulations
The former proprietor of the Driscoll House Hotel on the New Kent Road was ordered to pay fines totalling £16,000 at Camberwell Green Magistrates Court.
...full story at www.London-SE1.co.uk

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

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

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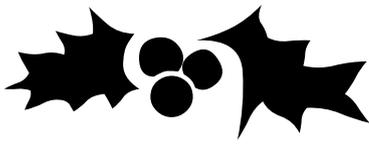
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Prunella

Teresa Ransom

John Murray • £16.99

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

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

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

Egg, Bacon, Chips & Beans

Russell M Davies

HarperCollins • £9.99

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

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

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

Heritage Postcards:

Views of Old London

English Heritage • £6.99

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

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

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

Made in Southwark

George Nicholson

Civic • £9.99

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

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

Shadowplay: the Hidden Beliefs & Coded Politics of William Shakespeare

Clare Asquith

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

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