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Postal delivery service worsens again

RESIDENTS and businesses in SE1 are reporting huge postal delays. The build-up of mail at Mandela Way delivery office has been confirmed by staff.

A group of readers of our sister publication, the London SE1 community website, has met SE1 Royal Mail manager Tony Phelan who explained "the scale of change" and conceded that work still has to be done to improve the service. He has agreed to a further meeting at the end of this month.

There are widespread reports of delayed mail following the introduction last month of single delivery.

Residents have become aware of the size of the problem by the late arrival of weekly magazines. Time Out has been flooded with subcribers reporting delays. "I've been receiving mail in batches. One batch contained

two Time Outs, one a week late and the other 3 weeks late" says one reader.

Another reports: "I have cancelled my Time Out subscription. Since living here for nine months I have not once received it on time."

Others report first class letters taking over a week to arrive. "Our post now comes at 4pm and like many others we get no post for days then a whole bundle of old post - including a birthday card that took 7 days to arrive! "

A typical complaint is about the need to use another address outside SE1. "I am fed up with spending my life on the phone requesting re-sends and mail to be sent to an alternative address".

- •The SE1 forum's postal service campaign has gained national publicity in the Daily Telegraph and on GMTV.
- •www.London-SE1.co.uk/forum

...and thousands sign petitions to save Bermondsey post offices

THE 'Saving our Post Offices' campaign petition organised by the Lib Dems in protest against the proposed closure of Bermondsey Street and Abbey Street post offices has received at least 2500 signatures.

petitions Separate by residents' organised received groups 1500 signatures in support of Bermondsev Street and 500 in favour of the retention of the Abbey Street office.

"Bermondsey Community Council is against the closure of Abbey Street and Bermondsey Street sub-post offices and I have made that very clear to Post Office Limited" says Cllr Beverley Bassom, chair of Bermondsev Community Council.

Simon Hughes MP and community leaders involved in discussions to find a new postmaster and possible new premises for a post office in Bermondsey Street.

Barge-dwellers vindicated by planning inspector

FOLLOWING this summer's planning inquiry into the future of the barge-dwelling community at Downings Roads moorings, the inspector has quashed the eviction notices and granted planning permission, subject to a number of conditions.

Residents of riverside apartments had likened the moorings to a gypsy encampment. A group of residents living in China,

Creeds, Tower, Springalls and Riverview Heights Wharves complained of noise, smells and loss of privacy due to the presence of the barges, which they claimed were moored illegally.

However, the supporters of those living on the boats point out that the moorings have existed since at least the first half of the 19th century accommodating permanently moored craft.

Mayor of London Ken Livingstone has reiterated his belief that the barge moorings near Tower Bridge contribute to the diversity of the Thames. Simon Hughes has also supported the bargedwellers, provoking the fury of objectors who accused the MP of failing to stand up for law and order.

Earlier this year Southwark Council refused planning permission for the barges.



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LISTINGS

Details of events to be considered for inclusion next month should be sent by 20 October to the Listings Editor at the above address, or by fax or email.

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Could Southwark become a 20 mph zone?

THE extension of 20mph zones to cover most of the borough is one of the measures that Southwark Council is currently consulting on following the publication of the draft Road Safety Plan.

Cllr Richard Thomas, Southwark's executive member for environment and transport, said: "We're committed to ensuring that Southwark's roads are made as safe as possible by tackling excessive speed and the irresponsible use of cars which are the main sources of danger.

"The benefits of lower speeds in road safety terms are clear; research shows that when hit by a vehicle at 40mph, nine in ten children are killed. Hit by a vehicle

at 20mph nine in ten will survive.

The Corporation of London agreed to think again about creating a 20mph zone as bicycling barrister Ralph Smyth was about to launch a High Court action to force it to reconsider.

Campaign group City Cyclists pointed to the much-publicised death of Vicki McCreery on Blackfriars Bridge back in May and said they hoped introducing a 20mph zone in the Square Mile could lead to other parts of the capital, such as Covent Garden and Oxford Street, also introducing similar speed limits

The proposal does not affect main roads controlled by Transport for London.

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MP to co-host meeting to discuss skyscraper cluster concerns

SIMON Hughes is to cohost a meeting for residents to discuss tower block development plans for Bankside.

Areas for discussion include the prospect of Bankside becoming a cluster of tall towers, investment in school, doctor and leisure facility infrastructure to cope with the much larger numbers of people moving to the area and the production of a masterplan of the area to test out ideas for a sustainable community in Bankside for all

ages and income levels.

Land Securities is considering erecting towers in Blackfriars Road and Holland Street in addition to London Town's proposed Hopton Street tower. A third developer is this month announcing a tower block for Park Street.

The gathering is on Wednesday 3 November at 7pm at Tate Modern and will follow the Bankside Residents Forum AGM starting at 6.30pm.

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Rylance to quit Globe |

MARK Rylance has announced that he is to step down as artistic director of Shakespeare's Globe at the end of next year after 10 years in the job.

General director Peter Kyle said: "It has been a privilege and a personal pleasure to work with Mark who has played a major role as Artistic Director of the Globe and in achieving the great success we have enjoyed."

Borough Corn Queene to be made in Kennington

THE Corn Queene to be used by the Lions Part Players in Borough Market's October Plenty Festival on Sunday 24 October will be built during the previous afternoon at Roots & Shoots.

The Roots & Shoots event is part of Apple Day when 50 varieties of apple are on sale along with honey and Lambeth Apple Juice made on site with farm equipment.

Roots & Shoots is in Walnut Tree Walk off Kennington Road and admission is £1 (child 50p). Sunday's October Plenty Festival starts at noon outside Shakespeare's Globe.

Tony Blair visits Lower Marsh

TONY Blair visited the rooftop of a Lower Marsh building as he prepared to make a major speech on environmental issues.

The Prime Minister met Jeremy Leggett, CEO of solarcentury, a London alternative energy company with its HQ in Lower Marsh. Mr Blair examined the solar panels on the roof and talked of the green industrial revolution at work. He also engaged in a

lively discussion with young people who work in the energy industry. This round table discussion focused on the problems of global warming and implications for the UK economy and the environment.

The visit was in advance of the Prime Minister's speech in Whitehall to mark the tenth anniversary of the environment programme launched by the Prince of Wales.

SE1 pubs in Good Beer Guide

THE 2005 CAMRA Good Beer Guide includes seven SE1 pubs among Britain's 4,500 best real ale pubs.

The 32nd edition of the guide, compiled by the Campaign for Real Ale, describes The Lord Clyde in Clenham Street as "a gem of a back street pub" and the Royal Oak in Tabard Street as "jewel of the Borough".

In Tower Bridge Road both the Bridge House, now Adnams only London pub, and Wetherspoon's Pommelers Rest are included.

Also mentioned is the Duke of York, on the corner of Borough Road and Southwark Bridge Road, which is now a Shepherd Neame house after being a popular Goose & Firkin.

The constantly changing range of beer at the Borough Market's Market Porter is called "impressive". The only pub on the western side of SE1 to get a mention is the King's Arms in Roupell Street.

•www.camra.ora.uk

Electric buses take to the South Bank

ELECTRIC buses powered by hydrogen fuel cells are now a regular sight on the RV1 bus route running between Waterloo Bridge and Tower Bridge.

Bus operator First's three fuel cell Mercedes Citaro vehicles transferred to the Covent Garden to Tower Gateway route from the beginning of September.

The fuel cell vehicles are similar to the normal Mercedes Citaro vehicles which operate on the RV1 route, but have roof-mounted tanks which store hydrogen. Nine cities in Europe are taking part in the fuel cell

bus trial, making it the largest project of its type anywhere in the world. The only emission from a fuel cell bus is water, which forms a vapour cloud as soon as it leaves the exhaust and enters the atmosphere.

The vehicles are in service between 7.30am and 2.30pm on weekdays.

SE1 Snippets

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MOVE The Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society is switching its monthly meeting from Hawkstone Hall in Kennington Road to 106 The Cut - the hall opposite the Old Vic. This season's highlights include a lecture on Old London Bridge. This month's lecture is on

7.30pm.
•See listing page 8.

Tuesday 19 October at

POD DESIGNER

iPod designer Jonathan Ive is making a whistlestop UK appearance in SE1 this month. The influential designer will be speaking at the Design Museum on Thursday 28 October about the development of iconic Apple products such as the iMac and iPod. The event celebrates the opening of the riverfront Design Museum Space.

TOURIST INFORMATION

Borough Market News editor Eleanor Wallis has been appointed head of the Southwark Information Tourist Centre which is temporarily at the attraction Vinopolis in Bank End. The SE1based journalist has written about many Southwark attractions, lives on Bankside and was recently married in Southwark Cathedral.

VINOPOLIS BIRTHDAY

Vinopolis is marking its fifth anniversary with a three day food and wine event starting on Tuesday 19 October. The wine tasting visitor attraction was formally opened on the eve of the Millennium by Culture Minister Chris Smith Future plans include a microbrewery due to open early next year

•www.vinopolis.co.uk



One Stop Short of Barking

ONE Stop Short of Barking: Uncovering the London Underground (New Holland £7.99) is written by Mecca Ibrahim who runs an acclaimed unofficial Underground railway website.

In the section Going Wild on the Tube there is a picture of the Elephant & Castle Station. Whether this appears because of the name or the billboard showing a pigeon reading an A-Z is not clear.

It is suggested, in the Next Step Hollywood chapter, that the reader might meet famous people such as Kevin Spacey on the Underground although no sighting is recorded. Instead there are pictures of the Queen, Prince Charles and Ken Livingstone trying the tube. Tony Blair is shown in an almost empty Jubilee Line carriage passing under SE1 on his way to North Greenwich.

Throughout the book there are examples of amusing announcements sent in by users of the website.

•www.goingunderground.net Matthew Brooke



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theatre review



Cloaca Old Vic

THE set appears to be a loft conversion in SE1 but when the play opens one is less sure. Movement outside the high windows suggests snow and there is the occasional mention of euros.

But whichever capital we are in this comedy about male friends growing old will make men look at their own lives.

Stephen Tompkinson plays Pieter who is host in his flat. Hugh Boneville is the convincing Euro politician, Adrian Lukis is the friend who has ceased to rise to the top and Neil Pearson eventually appears with much energy. The surprise is the female Ingeborga Dapkunaite.

Maybe it is set in London. As the play climaxed a timely pause in the dialogue allowed the audience to catch the tolling of Big Ben. If the flexible translation can maintain this tight timing th play might be a welcome return to success for the Old Vic.

- •See listing on this page.
- •www.oldvictheatre.com

LEIGH HATTS

film review



Trauma starring Colin Firth

TRAUMA. Colin Firth's new psychological chiller about love, grief and madness, partially filmed in SE1, is now on general release. The crew spent several days in Lower Marsh filming a police reconstruction of the last known movements of a murdered pop singer. BBC London's Nina Hossein appears as herself, reporting from the Waterloo market. Phillips Framing shop is transformed into an electrical store where Firth watches the reconstruction on televisions in the shop window.

Market traders were recruited as extras for the filming and "The people of Lower Marsh" are thanked in the credits. The exterior shots of Firth's home were filmed in Great Suffolk Street. Signs for Spacia's Ewer Street business units and the Mar i Terra restaurant are clearly visible, and there is a brief glimpse of the White Hart pub on the corner of Dolben Street.

• Trauma (cert 15) is on general release

JAMES HATTS

Theatre

Menier Chocolate Factory

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Until Sunday 17 October **FULLY COMMITTED**

Tue-Sat 8pm; matinees Sat & Sun 4pm; £16 (conc £12; meal deal £25) Last chance to see Becky Mode's comic tour de force. Sam Peliczowski is in demand, but not for his acting. Instead he mans the red-hot reservation line at Manhattan's number-one restaurant and everyone wants a piece of him. As he juggles scheming socialites, namedropping wannabes, fickle celebrities and an egomaniacal boss, Sam tries to sort out his own life and flagging acting career.

Old Vic

www.oldvictheatre.com

Until Saturday 11 December CLOACA

Mon-Sat 7.30pm; matinées Wed & Sat 2.30pm; £10-£40

Maria Goos' play directed by Kevin Spacey launches the Old Vic's new season. See review on this page.

Royal National Theatre

South Bank www.nationaltheatre.org.uk

T 020 7452 3000

T 0870 060 6628

Until Tuesday 2 November A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Olivier Theatre; 7.30pm; £10-£35 Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Until Saturday 6 November STUFF HAPPENS

Olivier Theatre; 7.30pm; £10 & £25 A new play by David Hare.

Until Wednesday 1 December

Cottesloe Theatre; 7.3opm; £10-£27 New play by Antony Sher.

Until Wednesday 15 December **BURIED CHILD**

Lyttelton Theatre; 7.3opm; £7.50-£35 Piercing and darkly comic.

Friday 15 October to Saturday 15 January THE MANDATE

Cottesloe Theatre: 7.30pm: £10-£27 Previews from 15 October, press night 26 October, continuing in repertoire Nikolai Erdman's major 1924 play, banned in the USSR, has a cast including Bruce Alexander, David Collings, Sarah-Jane Drummey, Deborah Findlay, Harry Towb and Anne White.

Training & expenses given

The Shunt Vaults

Joiner Street www.shunt.co.uk

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Until Saturday 15 January TROPICANA

Thu, Fri & Sat 8.30pm; £20 (conc £10) Shunt is a collective of ten diverse artists who have been working together for over 5 years. The audience for this 'live event' is asked to wear clothes suitable for dusty conditions and be ready to move about the vast 70,000 square foot space. The Shunt company works largely site specifically incorporating theatre, dance, visual art, sound, video and circus.

Southwark Playhouse

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

Until Saturday 9 October WHAT THE WOMEN DID

Mon-Sat 7.3opm; £10 (conc £6; Mon £5) A triple bill of plays about the First World War: Handmaidens of Death by Herbert Tremaine, Luck of War by Gwen John and The Old Lady Shows Her Medals by IM Barrie.

Wednesday 13 to Saturday 30 October GAFFER!

Mon-Sat 7.3opm; £10 (conc £6; Mon £5) Chris Chibnall's football play in association with York Theatre Royal.

Union Theatre

204 Union Street www.uniontheatre.com

T 020 7261 9876

Until Saturday 16 October THE CHEEKY CHAPPIE

Tue-Sat 7.3opm; £11 (conc £8) In the Forties and Fifties, the comedian Max Miller reigned supreme as the king of the double entendre. This funny and often moving play by Dave Simpson tells the real story of his rise to fame and subsequent fall from grace with live music and camp routines from the old reviews. Produced & Directed by Andrew Lynford. See review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Young Vic Theatre Company

Whitehall Theatre www.youngvic.org

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7.30pm
The Young Vic is touring during rebuilding of its own theatre. This musical set in 1950s Harlem was a huge hit at the Young Vic last year. The Whithall Theatre is near the north end of Hungerford Bridge and within walking distance of The Cut.

Cinema

BFI London IMAX Cinema

The Bullring, South Bank T 0870 787 2525

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Imperial War Museum Lambeth Road T 020 7416 5311

www.iwm.org.uk

Wednesday 27 October **BLACK HISTORY THROUGH FILM**

2pm-4pm; free

Screenings and talks organised in collaboration with the African-Caribbean youth mentoring organisation '100 Black

National Film Theatre

South Bank www.bfi.org.uk/nft

Monday 4 to Wednesday 20 October ANNA NEAGLE

A season of films to mark the centenary of the birth of Anna Neagle, one of Britain's hest-loved actresses, who with her husband director Herbert Wilcox created some of the most enduring images of British cinema during World War II and the decades on either side of it. Her film debut was in the musical romance Goodnight Vienna (1932) and she became an overnight success, having been directed by Herbert Wilcox. The film is screened in a double-bill with her big breakthrough in the title role of Nell Gwyn (1934), a spirited romp of a biopic in which she made her mark as the mistress of Charles II. This success prompted a string of leading roles where she impersonated the great women of history, most of them rather more demure than Nell. The season ends with Lilacs in the Spring (1954) in which Anna plays an actress knocked out by a bomb who dreams she is Queen Victoria, Nell Gwyn...in short her own stock repertoire. The film also

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

Until Saturday 9 October DRIVING OFF THE SPLEEN

Young British duo Juneau/Projects/.

Fashion & Textile Museum

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

Until Sunday 31 October LOVE ON THE ROCKS

International fashion photographers.

Gallery 33

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

Monday 4 to Thursday 28 October OUT OF PLACE

An exhibition of photo-etchings and photo-collages by Rose Kenny.

Hayward Gallery

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

Thursday 7 October to Sunday 2 January EYES, LIÉS AND ILLUSIONS

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Imperial War Museum

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

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Thursday 7 to Saturday 23 October PETER GRAHAM - ONE MAN SHOW Images of the French Riviera.

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Morley Gallery

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Friday 8 to Wednesday 27 October ON THE ROAD

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Museum of Garden History

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

Until December SIR JOSEPH PAXTON: AN EXHIBITION Architect of the Crystal Palace.

National Theatre South Bank

ww.nationatheatre.org.uk Daily 10am-11pm; free

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Michael Porter's landscapes.

Thursday 14 October to Saturday 20 November FIUME

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Saatchi Gallery

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Southwark Cathedral Refectory

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

Until Wednesday 13 October FIRING ON THE FORESHORE 2004

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Tate Modern

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

Wednesday 6 October to Sunday 2 TIME ZONES: RECENT FILM AND VIDEO

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Tuesday 12 October to Monday 28 March BRUCE NAUMAN

The American artist uses the Turbine Hall.

the.gallery@oxo

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

Until Sunday 3 October AFGHANISTAN 1994 - 2004 Photography by Seamus Murphy.

Friday 8 to Sunday 24 October ARACELI HERRERÁ

Mexico: its people and its landscapes.

Thursday 28 October to Sunday 7 November **DESIGNER CRAFTS AT OXO**

A selling show.

Tom Blau Gallery

Queen Elizabeth Street T 020 7378 1300 vw.tomblaugallery.com Tue-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 12 noon-5pm; free

UntilFriday 5 November LOST & FOUND

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The Walk

King Edward Walk www.walkgallerv.com Mon-Fri 10,30am-6.30pm; free

Sunday 17 October to Sunday 7 November ALFRED HARRIS

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Waterloo Gallery

Baylis Road www.waterloogallery.org Mon-Sat 11am-7pm; free

Monday 4 to Saturday 9 October **BE MY BABY**

New works on paper.

exhibition preview

The Great Escape Imperial War Museum

THE 6oth anniversary of the Great Escape from Colditz is being marked at the Imperial War Museum by a major nine month exhibition opening on Thursday 14 October. The high security prison camp was a 700 room castle on a rocky outcrop above the German River Mulde. There were only two exits guarded by 200 Nazi soldiers but 32 prisoners escaped - more than from any other prison camp. Interactive and hands-on displays will allow exhibition visitors to try to make their own escape. Highlights are the items recently excatated from the escape tunnels and false documents. There is a repica of the of the wooden vaulting horse which played a part in allowing two people to escape to Sweden. In December and the New Year a Prisoner of War film season still being planned will include The Captive Heart, The One that Got Away, A Town Like Alice, The Bridge on the River Kwai and Chicken Run.

See listing on this page.

LEIGH HATTS



Belvedere Road

TROIA is a good-quality Turkish restaurant priced at levels that make it affordable for families. The décor is mediterranean/moorish in style and the Turkish wailing music is atmospheric and not so loud as to be intrusive. The staff are courteous and make up for any lack of urgency in friendliness. The 'London Eye Mezze', priced at a very reasonable £7.95 per head, provides an excellent introduction. The mezze is a series of small sample dishes that fill up the table and just keep on coming as each one is cleared. It provides everything from borek (cheese-filled pastry) to humus and tarama to espinak (spinach) to shish. The Hellimi (salty Cypriate cheese) is a must. The dolmate sweets are rich and sticky. The cover price includes limitless bread, savoury yoghurt and olives. A family of four can eat well and healthily for under £50 including drinks and coffee.

•3F Belvedere Road

•T 020 7633 9309

LIZ BOSSLEY



Community life in a mini New York

MAKING contact with nature through gardens and parks and domestic and wild animals is an essential part of city life, especially when living in a busy area like SE1. The stress created by ongoing major development works cannot be overestimated these include currently the Palestra site in Union Street, the Land Securities site in Southwark Street, the Young Vic Theatre and St Andrew's in Short Street to name but a few. Now Land Securities proposes to build a 32-storey office block next to Christ Church along with some social housing at the rear (under a 106 agreement) and a second office block in Paris Gardens. This overwhelming development will dwarf the church and virtually obliterate the garden. Plants cannot live without light. Nor can humans. The magnificent plane trees could not survive and so many community activities would be affected. These would include the gardening club at Christ Church, as well as yoga, drama rehearsals, dance and wedding parties in the church hall, not to mention their famous jumble sales and bazaars. This is in essence our local village hall and the garden is a green and peaceful sanctuary for local people and office workers. It was conceived as such and its loss would be irreparable, not to mention over £200,000 of public money which has been spent on the garden.

There is understandably a lot of anger and concern about the scene. Local people don't want our historical and idiosycratic area turned into a mini New York.

•See news story on page 2 ANNE CRITCHLEY

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Friday 8 October LIVE FROM LONDON

8pm; £14 (£9 in advance) The Alpine Big Band hard bop jazz and Hitwave motown covers.

St John's Waterloo

Waterloo Road www.stiohnswaterloo.co.uk To20 7633 9819

Every Wednesday LUNCHTIME CONCERT

1.10pm; free Southbank Sinfonia.

Sunday 26 October THE ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS OF MIDSUMMER OPERA

7pm; £9 (conc £7)

A rare opportunity to hear Stravinsky's Pulcinella ballet complete as well as Rossini's Stabat Mater. Conductor: David Roblou. Soloists: Elisabeth Clarke (soprano), Lynne McAdam (mezzo), John Upperton (tenor) and Stephen Holloway (bass). Advance bookings: 020 8244 5789. www.midsummeropera.org.uk

Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge ww.dswark.org/cathedral T 020 7367 6700

Every Monday ORGAN RECITAL

1.10pm; free

Every Tuesday CLASSICAL CÓNCERT

1.10pm: free

Tue 5: Hawksmoor Wind Ensemble

Tue 12: Maponus (piano, viola & clarinet)

Tue 19: Hilary Ford (piano)

Tue 26: Recital

Saturday 9 October BERGEN CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Bergen Cathedral is twinned with Southwark

Sunday 10 October **NEW RENAISSANCE VOICES**

8pm; £8

Music from the Song of Songs with the music of Palestrina, Dufay, Victoria,

Gombert, Isaac, and Dunstable, Directed by Bruce Saunders.

Monday 18 October CHORAL CONCERT

зрт; free

Leipzig GewandhausChor conducted by Morten Schuldt-Jensen.

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre Belvedere Road T 0870 401 8181 www.rfh.org.uk

Tuesday 26 October **AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES**

11.30am; £10 (family £20) Musicians from the Grand Union Orchestra. Haunting sounds from the Andes and Northern India, exuberant dance rhythms from the Caribbean and South African townships, ancient ragas and ancestral voices and bhangra and West African Drumming.

Royal Festival Hall

Belvedere Road www.rfh.org.uk

T 0870 401 8181

Saturday 2 October STILGOÉ FAMILY CONCERT

3.30pm; £4.50, £7.50, £10.50 & £12.00 Prersenter Richard Stilgoe with the Royal Academy of Music's Junior Academy Orchestra conducted by Peter Stark. With Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, Saint-Saens' 'Organ' Symphony, Sibelius' Valse Triste and young composer Tommy Hewitt-Iones will premiere the first movement of War, Peace and Reconciliation.

Church Services

St John's Waterloo

Waterloo Road

To20 7633 9819

Sunday 10 October HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.30am

Service followed by harvest Lunch.

Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge vww.dswark.org/cathedral

T 020 7367 6700

Saturday 9 October **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Sung by Waldron Parish Church choir.

Saturday 16 October **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Attended by Cathedral Friends. Preacher: Bishop of Thetford.

Sunday 31 October **CHORÁL EVENSONG**

Installation of the Archdeacon of Southwark

www.London-SE1.co.uk In the past month...

Gun salute for Trafalgar anniversary

HMS Belfast sounded a 13-gun salute as part of an event to launch the plans for next year's celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. ...full story at www.London-SE1.co.uk

James Dyson quits Design Museum

Inventor and entrepreneur James Dyson has resigned as chairman of the Design Museum at Butler's Wharf.

...full story at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Walk of Fame for the South Bank?

A Hollywood-style Walk of Fame could soon be coming to the South Bank, according to a report in the Sunday Express.

...full story at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Nell McAndrew launches Evelina fundraising bid

Doctors who spend their working week saving the lives of critically ill children have cycled 400 miles in just four days to raise money to equip the South Bank's new children's hospital.

..full story at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Findlater's Corner cleaned

The Oddbins facade at the approach to London Bridge has been cleaned as part of a joint eight week operation involving the Bankside and Pool of London Community Wardens and Southwark Council's Cleansing Team.

..full storv at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Fathers' rights protester scales London

The London Eye was closed to visitors one Saturday in September after a fathers' rights protester in a Spiderman costume scaled the wheel in the early hours of the morning.

...full story at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Hospital history at the mini museum

The first cataract operation, Samuel Pepys' bladder stone and the recipe for 'snail water' to treat venereal disease all feature in a new mini museum at St Thomas' Hospital.

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Events for Children

Design Museum

Shad Thames
www.designmuseum.org

T 020 7940 8782

Saturdays & Sundays AMAZING SPACES

2pm; £6 (child£4)

Make pop-up paper models and mechanical drawings.

HMS Belfast

Morgan's Lane

T 020 7940 6300

hmsbelfast.iwm.org.uk

Saturday 23 to Saturday 30 October THE BIG DRAW!

11am-1pm & 2-4pm; £7 (conc £1, child free)

Drop in drawing activity sessions suitable for families with young children.

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road www.iwm.org.uk T 020 7416 5311

Monday 11 to Sunday 17 October THE BIG DRAW: ESCAPISM

11am-4pm; free

A look at drawings produced by prisoners of war as a record of their life in the camps and as a form of therapy and escapism.

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 October ESCAPE FROM STALAG LUFT III

11.30am, 12.45pm, 2.00pm & 3.15pm; free Discover what is was like to be in camp and involved in organising an escape. A drama adventure for families.

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 October VOICES

11.30am & 2.30pm; free
A chance to meet veterans from the
Second World War who were POWs and
involved in escape attempts.

Museum of Garden History

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7401 8865

Saturday 16 October DRAW INSPIRATION – FANTASY MUSEUM

2-4.3opm; free (donation invited)
Family event for children aged 5 - 11.

Wednesday 27 October DRAW INSPIRATION - CAPTAIN BLIGH

2-4.30pm; free

Explore the Museum of Garden History's links to Captain Bligh through drawing.

Tate Modern

Bankside T 020 7887 8008

www.tate.org.uk

Every Sunday, Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 October START

11am-5pm; free
Drop-in for over 5s with games.

Saturday 16 October TATE TALES

11am; free

Brain-teasing riddles and stories. For 5 years and over. Booking recommended.

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 October FAMILY LEARNING WEEKEND

11am-5pm; free Storytelling, games and trails.

Waterloo Millennium Green

Waterloo Road www.waterloogreen.org.uk

T 020 7928 4427

Saturday 9 October ANIMAL DAY

12 noon-4pm; free
Meet the animals from Hackney City Farm
& learn about the work of animal charities.
Spitalfields City Farm is bringing along
small animals such as rabbits and guinea
pigs, ducks and chickens and donkeys.
Countrywide Falconry is setting up a static
display of hawks and owls.

Community Planning Training Programmes

What's great about where you live, or what would you like to change?

Do you feel safe in your neighbourhood?

What facilities are missing from this area?

What plans do the Council or developers have that will affect people in your

If you live in either West Bermondsey, East or West Camberwell, Nunhead or East Peckham, you now have a great opportunity to have a say in the future of your area. You can make a difference.

We have 30 free places available across the neighbourhoods for our Community Planning Training Programme.

If you would like to learn more about how to influence development in your area then sign up for this programme which will increase your knowledge of the planning system and help to make your input effective. There will also be an opportunity to join a group that is looking at planning issues in the area on an ongoing basis.

The training is arranged in 2 sessions of three and a half hours each, in a local venue on 5th and 6th October or 12th and 13th October both from 5-9pm.

For more information or to book a place call Emma on 020-7732-8856 or e-mail info@willowbrookcentre.org.uk







Thorburn Square Conservation Area

Angel Place cleaned up

New restaurant off Hatfields

Kipling Estate

Entertainment and alcohol licensing **Pink Tank**

Grange Road development

Manze's Tokei Centre Woodworker on Tabard Street have been discussed in the past month at London-SE1.co.uk/forum

All these topics and more

Have your say today

Special Events

Balance for Life

Downside Fisher Youth Club, Druid Street www.balanceforlife.co.uk

Saturday 9 October GREEN & WELL-BEING FESTIVAL

11am-8pm; free
Workshops in meditation, relaxation
experiences, stress management and
positive thinking. Stalls with information
on green energy or eco-friendly products
and the opportunity to try out massage,
yoga or healing. Also entertainment
for adults and kids and food. Launch of
Southwark Vital Network mapping local

community activity and resources with objective of helping Southwark residents live more sustainable lives.

Chaplin Close Community Hall

T 020 7928 0393

Saturday 2 October

BAZAAR 11am-2pm; free

Chaplin Close

11dm-2pm; free
In aid of OAP community Christmas lunch
and outings. Bric-a-brac, clothes, toys and
gifts. Also Tombola and Spin the Bottle.

Florence Nightingale Museum Thomas' Hospital T 020 7620 03

St Thomas' Hospital T 020 7620 037 www.florence-nightingale.co.uk

Thursday 21 October MARY SEACOLE STUDY DAY

10am; £25

In partnership with the Black Cultural Archives. Proceeds will go to the Mary Seacole Statue Appeal.

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www.SEldirect.co.uk

The Lions Part

T 020 8452 3866

www.thelionspart.co.uk

Sunday 24 October OCTOBER PLENTY

12 noon at Shakespeare's Globe
An Autumn Harvest Celebration beginning on the Bankside and mixing ancient seasonal customs and theatre with contemporary festivity. A huge Corne Queene effigy heavy with 'Plenty' - wheat, barley and other grains, and apples, root vegetables and foliage - will join the procession to Borough Market led by the Berry Man. The Company performs three 16th Century verse plays before apples cascade out into the crowd as the Corn Queene is opened. Followed by the Execution of St John Barleycorn.

New Elephant Open Network

5 Elephant Road, Elephant & Castle www.newelephant.net

Friday 1 October NEON NIGHTS

6pm to late; free
Showcasing the talent and work of artists
who live, work or practice in the Elephant
and Castle. with a photographic exhibition
by Simon Wheatley followed by a film
programme. Music until the early hours.

The Old Vic

The Cut

T 020 7261 1144

www.workshopfestival.co.uk

Saturday 2 October COMMUNITY CAPOEIRA

11.30am-12.30pm; free Carlo Alexandre Teixeira from Brazil teaches Capoeira Angola, a fusion of African and Brazilian music, dance, play and martial art.

185 Park Street

T 0870 420 3238

Friday 15 & Saturday 16 October PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Prist Exhibitors

Fri 3-6pm; Sat 10am-1pm; free

Display of proposals for mixed-use
development of 185 Park Street on corner
of Park Street and Sumner Street behind
Tate Modern.



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Talks & Meetings

Calder Bookshop

51 The Cut T 020 7620 2900 ww.calderpublications.com

Thursday 7 October MOLLOY: BECKETT'S MOST ENIGMATIC

6.45pm; £4 (conc £2) The story of two quests, that of the heavily disabled and itinerant Molloy searching for his mother and that of the prissy detective Moran in search of Molloy.

Thuesday 14 October SIR JOHN DRUMMOND: A LIFE IN THE ARTS

6.45pm; £4 (conc £2) Sir John, author of Tainted By Experience: A Life In The Arts, talks about his life and people he has known as author, biographer, critic, Edinburgh Festival Director, Head of BBC Music and Proms programmer.

Thursday 21 October NO LAUGHING MATTER: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FLANN O'BRIEN

6.45pm; £4 (conc £2) Flann O'Brien is one of the greatest Irish writers of the last century, but his life and career was blighted by disappointment and disillusion. Through his novels, plays and journalism O'Brien produced work of lasting significance, but at great personal cost. Actor Oengus MacNamarra reads extracts from O'Brien's work followed by a talk on his life and times by O'Brien aficionado and Calder Bookshop manager

Thursday 28 October BECKETT'S THE UNNAMABLE

John Cairney

6.45pm; £4 (conc £2) Godot Company actors read extracts from the third part of the Beckett Trilogy.

Design Museum

Shad Thames T 0870 833 9955 www.designmuseum.org

Wednesday 6 October KEN ADAM

7.15pm; £10 (conc £6) Oscar-winning art director responsible for James Bond sets in discussion with Sir Christopher Frayling. Booking advised on 020 7940 8783.

Thursday 28 October JONATHÁN IVE

7.15pm: £10 (conc £6) Apple's head of industrial design Jonathan Ive, one of the world's most influential designers, talks about the development of iconic Apple products, such as the iMac and iPod. The event marks the opening of Design Museum Space, a riverfront talks space.

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road

T 020 7416 5311

Saturday 23 October THE CARIBBEAN AT WAR

2pm-3pm; free Ben Bousquet and Colin Douglas, authors of West Indian Women at War, will give an illustrated talk about life on the Caribbean Home Front during the Second World War.

Sunday 24 October **WE ALSO SERVED**

Britain's Black Community on the Home Front 1939 - 45. Stephen Bourne gives an illustrated talk highlighting the wartime experiences of Britain's black community on the 'front line'.

Monday 25 October HEROIC SACRIFICE

2pm-3pm; free

Nigel Steel, senior historian at the Imperial War Museum, gives an illustrated talk about the important role played by Sikh soldiers during the Gallipoli campaign in the First World War.

Tuesday 26 October MARY SEACOLE

2pm-3.3opm; free Professor Elizabeth Anionwu, Head of the Mary Seacole Centre for Nursing Practice, talks about the career of Mary Seacole.

Thursday 28 October INDIAN ARMY IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

2pm-3pm; free Alan Jeffreys of the IWM gives an illustrated talk about the important role played by the Indian Army which during the Second World War was the largest volunteer army serving with the British. Followed by a screening of the BBC Timewatch documentary, The Forgotten Volunteers (1999).

Museum of Garden History

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

Wednesday 6 October AUTUMN LECTURE

7pm; £10

Mike Nelhams, garden curator of Tresco Abbey Gardens on the Isles of Scilly, talks about the the garden which is hom eto on eof the finest outdoor collection sof subtropical flora in the northern hemisphere.

Queensborough Community Centre Scovell Road T 020 7357 7173

Tuesday 19 October TABARD SQUARE ARCHAEOLOGY

7.30pm; £4.50 Illustrated talk by Dougie Killock of Pre-Construct Archaeology about the finds

during the Tabard Square dig. Tickets, available from the Royal Oak in Tabard Street, include cold buffet and a glass of

Southwark Cathedral

www.dswark.org/cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700

Monday 4 October THE GOTHIC ENTERPRISE

6pm; £10 (conc £5) A Guide to understanding the Medieval Cathedral: a conversation with author Robert A Scott exploring why medieval people built Gothic cathedrals, how they built them, what conception of the divine lay behind them and how bishops and kings used cathedrals for social and political purposes. www.universityofcalifornia.edu/london

South Bank Forum

County Hall T 020 7202 6900 www.southbanklondon.con

Thursday 21 October SOUTH BANK FORUM

7pm; free

Updates on local developments. The meeting is in the former council chamber. Entry via main door in Belvedere Road. Contrary to the impression given by our report in the September issue, the forum last met in July and was attended by local resident Kevin Spacey.

Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society

Housing Co-op Hall, 106 The Cut

Tuesday 19 October ROMAN SITE AT SHADWELL

7.30pm; £1 (refreshments from 7pm) Alistair Douglas gives the first lecture at the Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society's new monthly lecture venue in The Cut. See SE1 Snippets on page 3

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