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Royal Court swaps Sloane Square for Elephant & Castle

An empty unit at the Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre will be the setting for the Royal Court's Theatre Local project for the next year.

The announcement follows the theatre's 2008 production of *Oxford Street* starring Ashley Walters. Set in a sportswear shop, the play was staged in the unit now occupied by Price Mark.

The Royal Court hopes to attract new audiences who would not otherwise attend performances in a traditional theatre space. Artistic director Dominic Cooke says that the Royal Court's Sloane Square location surrounded by upmarket shops affects how audiences respond to its productions: "There's no doubt that buildings can be an obstacle to the relationship audiences have with the work we want to put on."

The season launches on 3 March with a three-week run of debbie tucker green's *Random*. *Disconnect* by Anupama Chandrasekhar is set in a Chennai call centre and will come to the Elephant in early April after its run at the Royal Court's Jerwood Theatre Upstairs.

In June *Empire* by DC Moore will provide a topical reflection on the war in Afghanistan. The debut season ends in August with *Spur of the Moment*, the first play by Anya Reiss which was written when she was aged 17.

Dominic Cooke says that the Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre is "buzzy, alive and full of surprises".

"The Elephant & Castle is one of the few shopping centres that feels like it's part of the community. It's a very alive place; it's owned by the community."

Tickets for all the productions are priced £8 (concessions £5). The first performance of each play will be sold on a 'pay what you like' basis. Only a limited number of tickets will be available in advance for the space which will hold up to 80 people; most tickets will be on sale in the shopping centre on the day of performance only.

The Royal Court hopes to generate new work in the space. Theatre Local is a three-year project and will remain at the Elephant for at least a year.



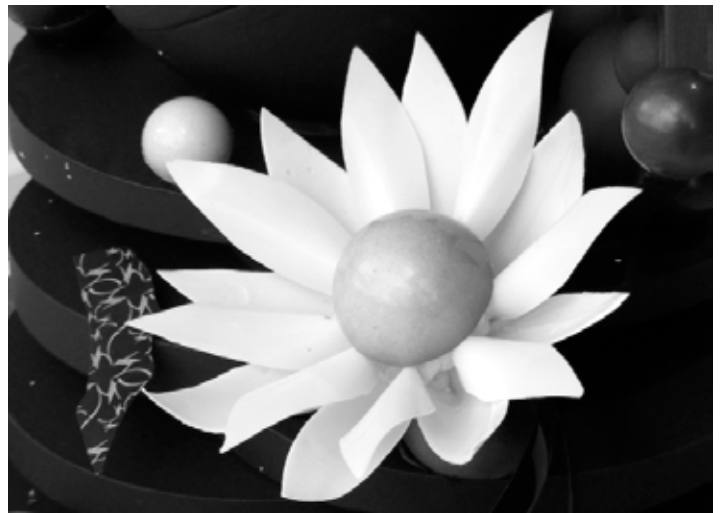
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The Chocolate Festival returns to the South Bank this month – see page 3.

Have your say on the future of London Bridge, Borough & Bankside

Southwark Council's new supplementary planning document (SPD) will help to shape the future of what the Mayor's London Plan calls an "opportunity area". Formal consultation is now under way.

"Over the last few years there's been a lot of change in Borough, Bankside and London Bridge," says Cllr Paul Noblet, executive member for regeneration. "Our planning document is designed to make sure that future developments benefit both local residents and the local economy."

"The proposals build on the successful developments at More London and the Shard and the community benefits they've brought, but also look to protect areas like Borough and Bankside from losing their character and centuries of history."

• Turn to page 3 for details of this month's community consultation events.



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This month in brief

Topolski Century

Feliks Topolski's stunning visual memoir of the twentieth century can now be visited free of charge. The admission fee at the Concert Hall Approach gallery on the South Bank has been abolished. The artist's son Daniel Topolski will deliver a free lunchtime talk entitled *Feliks Topolski: Eyewitness to the 20th Century* at the Museum of London on Monday 22 March at 1pm. The lecture is organised by Gresham College: www.gresham.ac.uk.

Vauxhall history event

Who was the hired killer who gave Vauxhall its name and who was the King who forced a teenage widow and mother to marry the brute? And how did Vauxhall give the world its first open-air pop festival, mass audience for art and music, plus celebrity PR, royal endorsement and portion control? Lambeth writer Ross Davies, author of *Vauxhall: A Little History* (reviewed in our February issue), and actor Charles Davies recreate some colourful episodes from the lively history of Vauxhall, the parliamentary constituency that stretches from Waterloo through Kennington to Clapham. Monday 15 March, 6.45pm for 7pm at the Durning Library in Kennington Lane, SE11. Admission by £2 donation.

Pieminister

Pieminister, a longstanding favourite at Borough Market, has opened a new pie and mash shop at Gabriel's Wharf on the South Bank.

Real Food Festival

The annual Earls Court food festival now has a weekly presence at Borough on Thursdays, bringing 14 visiting traders to the market each week.

Hospital staff awards

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust is asking local people who have been patients and visitors at the two SE1 hospitals to help nominate staff who make an outstanding contribution to services and care. The deadline for nominations for this year's staff awards is 5pm on Friday 5 March. www.gstt.nhs.uk/awards

St George competition

The St George in Southwark Festival is running a creative competition on the theme of courage. Art works, stories and poems are all welcome – and the competition is open to all ages. Entry forms available from www.stgeorgefestival.org.uk

Local History Library

Southwark Local History Library leaves its temporary home in Peckham Library this month to return to Borough High Street as part of the refurbished John Harvard Library. The last day open to the public is Saturday 6 March. The library expects to reopen during the week of 22 March.

Guitar tuition

A 6-week beginners' course (1 day a week for 6 weeks) will be available soon in Waterloo. guitarlessonsuk.com/page5.html

London Film Day

The Mayor of London presents the very first London Film Day on Sunday 21 March with the world public premiere of *Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang* and family workshops at BFI Southbank.

Trinity Street cemetery

Doug Killock will speak about the Roman cemetery found during recent excavations in Trinity Street at the LAMAS Archaeology Conference on Saturday 13 March. www.lamas.org.uk

Hub@FTM

A new networking community for creative businesses, offering events that celebrate and support cutting edge design talent. The first event will take at the Fashion and Textile Museum on Wednesday 24 March, 6.30pm–8.30pm. Register via info@ftmlondon.org

Keib Thomas

A sculpture in memory of community activist Keib Thomas, sometime gardening correspondent of the original SE1 community newspaper and lecturer at Morley College, will be unveiled at Chumleigh Gardens on Thursday 25 March. Details from communitydevelopment@casouthwark.org.uk

What's On March

Comprehensive local listings

Special events

Brew Wharf

Stoney Street T 020 7378 6601
www.brewwharf.com

Tuesday 23 March DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SHADOW OF THE SHARD

8am-9.30am; £10; register at
www.fuseone.co.uk
fuSE1 was created for people
based in SE1 - architects, designers,
developers, planners, engineers, project
managers, quantity surveyors, building
surveyors, suppliers - to provide a
fun, effective and sustainable way of
getting to know each other and creating
new business opportunities and local
partnerships. Join fuSE1 for a forum with
Paul Harrington of PwC, Tim Thompson
from Southwark Council and Roger
Zogolovitch of Lake Estates led by Chris
Hill from Norton Rose.
→ Full info at se1.net/8627

Henry Wood Hall

Trinity Church Square
www.hwh.co.uk

Saturday 13 March PORCH SALE

10am-3pm
Another of Trinity Newington Residents'
Association's popular porch sales,
by permission of Henry Wood Hall.
Donations of books etc are welcome.
Please contact TNRA on 07726 305325 or
info@tnra.net.
→ Full info at se1.net/8548

Keyworth Centre

Keyworth Street
www.lsbu.ac.uk

Thursday 4 March WORLD BOOK DAY BIG BOOK SALE

4pm-7pm; free
Help London South Bank University to
raise money for the Haiti Earthquake
Appeal/British Red Cross.
→ Full info at se1.net/8663

London College of Communication

Elephant & Castle
www.lcc.ac.uk

Monday 8 to Thursday 11 March ARTS MARKET

11am-6pm (Thu till 9pm)
Students sell their arts and crafts. The
Students' Union at the University of
the Arts London invites the university
community and public to come and shop.
It is a great opportunity to grab a unique
present or treat for yourself and for
students to raise a bit of money. Last year
all sorts of things were for sale, from
jewellery and hand-knitted garments to
letterpress posters.
→ Full info at se1.net/8450

London Glassblowing

62-66 Bermondsey Street T 020 7403 2800
www.londonglassblowing.co.uk

Friday 26 to Sunday 28 March SPRING OPEN HOUSE AND SALE

11am-5pm
A new body of work to suit a wide range
of tastes and budgets.
→ Full info at se1.net/8631

Millennium Bridge

Monday 8 March JOIN ME ON THE BRIDGE

12 noon; free
On International Women's Day thousands
of women (and men) worldwide will
gather on bridges from San Francisco to
Congo to call for an end to war and to
demonstrate that women can build the
bridges of peace and hope. Join Women
for Women International at Victoria
Embankment Gardens at 10am. From
there you can walk to the Millennium
Bridge to stand in solidarity with women
all over the world and gather for a photo
at 12 noon. There will be a women's
festival along the Embankment.
→ Full info at se1.net/8597

Morley College

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

Sunday 7 March FAMILY FUN DAY

10.30am-3pm; free
A fun-packed day full of workshops
and activities for families to have fun
together and learn (maximum 2 children
per adult). Activities include: Aikido,
Street Dance, Mask Making, Storytelling,
T-Shirt Printing and more. Plus raffle
prizes up for grabs.
→ Full info at se1.net/8605

Potters Fields Park

Tooley Street
www.pottersfields.co.uk

Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4 March BOOK SWAP

12 noon to 2pm; free
Read, return and recycle your unwanted
books on World Book Day. Everything
from Mills & Boon to Ancient Greek
philosophy are welcome. A Team London
Bridge event.
→ Full info at se1.net/8537

Southbank Centre Square

Belvedere Road
www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Friday 26 to Sunday 28 March CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

11am-8pm (Sun till 6pm); free
Dozens of stalls focused on chocolate
- whether it is making it, drinking it,
shaping it or eating it. Look out for kits
to make raw chocolate at home, hot
chocolate and even chocolate-infused
savoury treats. This event will feature
an afternoon (Friday 2pm-7pm) of
demonstrations by top pastry chefs from
some of the best five star hotels and
renowned restaurants in the capital, all
using Valrhona products in their recipes.
→ Full info at se1.net/8544

Southwark Council

www.southwark.gov.uk/bblbspd

BANKSIDE, BOROUGH & LONDON BRIDGE PLANNING FRAMEWORK COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Learn about the new planning document
that will shape the future of Bankside,
Borough and London Bridge - and have
your say. The area has been designated
as an opportunity area with a target of
25,000 new jobs and 1,900 additional
homes by 2026. The planning framework
sets out guidance on:

- Tall buildings and the design of development
- How impacts of development will be addressed
- What uses are appropriate in different places
- How streets, public spaces, links and transport should be improved

Thursday 4 March
7pm at Christ Church Southwark, 27
Blackfriars Road
→ Full info at se1.net/8655

Wednesday 10 March
12 noon at Ability Media Centre, 56
Southwark Bridge Road
→ Full info at se1.net/8656

Wednesday 10 March
7pm at Waterloo Community
Development Group, Waterloo Action
Centre, 14 Baylis Road (see listing on p4)
→ Full info at se1.net/7939

Thursday 11 March
7pm at Bankside Community Space, 18
Great Guildford Street
→ Full info at se1.net/8657

Wednesday 17 March
12.30pm at the Crypt, St George the
Martyr, Borough High Street
→ Full info at se1.net/8658

Wednesday 17 March
7pm at Amigo House Hall, Morley Street
→ Full info at se1.net/8659

Tuesday 23 March
7pm at Queensborough Community
Centre, Scovell Road
→ Full info at se1.net/8660

Southwark Playhouse

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

Sunday 7 March
OPEN MIC
Doors open 5pm; donations on the door
The Young Company combines mixed
media and live performances to showcase
the talents of film-makers, dancers,
word-artists, actors and singers from
Southwark. A small collection of art work
from young artists will be exhibited and
auctioned. The theme for the evening is
'LOST'. A percentage of the profits will go
towards the relief effort in Haiti.
→ Full info at se1.net/8592

St Thomas' Hospital

Westminster Bridge Road
www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk

Friday 12 March CLINICAL RESEARCH FACILITY OPEN DAY

2.30pm & 3.30pm; email crf@gstt.nhs.uk
to book a place; free
St Thomas' is opening its doors so that
local people can find out more about
the research taking place at their local
hospital. Take a tour, learn about some
of the studies taking place in the unit
and meet research staff.
→ Full info at se1.net/8626

The Scoop

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

Friday 19 March
SPORT RELIEF
12 noon-2pm
Fun fund raising sports related activities.
→ Full info at se1.net/8525

Children & family

Henry Wood Hall

Trinity Church Square
www.hwh.co.uk

Sunday 21 March
CREATIVE:SPACE
2.15pm-3.30pm; Adults 6; children £4
Come and make music, decorate crowns
and colour in masks with the charity
Create at its creative:space event for
disabled children and their families.
These 75-minute creative:space events
are unique, fun and interactive music
concerts specifically designed for disabled
children and their families. To request a
booking form contact Anna Schilling at
Create on 020 7374 8485 or email anna@createarts.org.uk
→ Full info at se1.net/8607

HMS Belfast

Tooley Street T 020 7940 6300
hmsbelfast.iwm.org.uk
Summer 10am-6pm, Winter till 5pm;
£10.70, senior citizen and student £8.60;
under-16s free

Saturday 27 to Sunday 28 March
HUNT THE RAT
As an alternative to a traditional egg
hunt, kids can follow a rhyming riddle
trail around the ship, where ten
mischievous escaped rats, disguised as
members of the ship's crew, have snuck
on board and hidden themselves around
the ship - can you find them all? Visitors
can join the hunt to find the escaped
rats. Each completed entry form will be
entered into a draw - with a chance to
win a prize.
→ Full info at se1.net/8628

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road T 020 7416 5000
london.iwm.org.uk

Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 March
Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 March
Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 March
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→ Full info at se1.net/7932

Wednesday 31 March to Sunday 5 September
SUSTAINABLE FUTURES: CAN DESIGN SAVE THE WORLD?
This exhibition presents key examples of how design can deliver a more sustainable future.
→ Full info at se1.net/7933

Wednesday 31 March to Sunday 5 September
URBAN AFRICA: A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY BY DAVID ADJAYE
One of the leading architects of his generation David Adjaye has stepped out of his regular line of work to photograph and document key cities in Africa as part of an ongoing research project to study new patterns of urbanism.
→ Full info at se1.net/7934

Fashion & Textile Museum
83 Bermondsey Street T 020 7407 8664
www.ftmlondon.org
Wed-Sun 11am-6pm; £6.50 (conc £3.50); under-12s free

Friday 19 March to Sunday 13 June
VERY SANDERSON: 150 YEARS OF ENGLISH DECORATION
Celebrating 150 years of the company this exhibition highlights the best of its archive as well as brand new collections.
→ Full info at se1.net/7748

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

Wednesday 3 to Sunday 14 March
STATION OF THE SKIRT
New work by British artist Jane Andrews.
→ Full info at se1.net/8269

Wednesday 17 to Sunday 28 March
SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES 2010
Down's Syndrome Association's images show that each person is different.
→ Full info at se1.net/8270

Garden Museum
Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7401 8865
www.gardenmuseum.org.uk
Daily 10.30am-5pm (closed 1st Mon of month); £6 (conc £5)

Until Sunday 7 March
THE GOOD LIFE
100 years of 'growing your own'.
→ Full info at se1.net/7186

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

Until Sunday 11 April
FROM WAR TO WINDRUSH
Personal war stories of black men and women from the West Indies and Britain.
→ Full info at se1.net/4332

Until Sunday 5 September
OUTBREAK 1939
70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War.
→ Full info at se1.net/6283

Until Sunday 31 October
HORRIBLE HISTORIES: TERRIBLE TRENCHES
£4.95 (conc £3.95, child £2.50, family ticket £13) from 020 7416 5439
A family exhibition based on the *Trenches Handbook*.
→ Full info at se1.net/6282

Until Monday 4 January
THE MINISTRY OF FOOD
£4.95 (conc £3.95, child £2.50, family £13)
How the British public adapted to a world of food shortages.
→ Full info at se1.net/8110

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

Wednesday 3 March to Thursday 1 April
FOR THE SAKE OF THE IMAGE
Investigating the reciprocal relationship between moving image and sound.
→ Full info at se1.net/8530

Master Piper
67-69 Kennington Road T 020 7401 9599
www.masterpiper.com
Wed-Fri 12 noon-6pm; Sat-Sun 12 noon-5pm by appointment; free

Until Friday 16 April
JUSTIN MORTIMER: IN YOUR OWN VILLAGE
Powerful and challenging paintings depicting the aftermath of the incomprehensible suffering that humans can inflict on their fellow men.
→ Full info at se1.net/8350

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

Wednesday 3 to Friday 12 March
ALEX R: WORK AND LOVE
Glass artist Alex R explores the Freudian theme of work and love as the cornerstones of humanness.
→ Full info at se1.net/8518

Wednesday 3 to Saturday 20 March
PAINTINGS IN HOSPITALS SPRING EXHIBITION
Work by several well-known children's illustrators as well as examples of new media work commissioned for an adolescent audience.
→ Full info at se1.net/8519

Tuesday 16 to Saturday 20 March
THE HERO INSIDE
The artistic development of black culture in comics and cartoons from stereotypes to current images that celebrate the achievements and creativity of the people.
→ Full info at se1.net/8520

Tuesday 23 to Saturday 27 March
LONDON LANDSCAPE PAINTERS
Exciting new works by four artists who share a passion for landscape painting.
→ Full info at se1.net/8521

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

Thursday 4 to Thursday 11 March
MORLEY SCULPTURE SOCIETY
Fifth annual exhibition by members of Morley Sculpture Society featuring abstract and figurative sculpture in clay, steel and mixed mediums. Morley Sculpture Society is an independent group of experienced sculptors who practise at Morley College's Henry Moore Studio in Lambeth Walk. Works are for sale at affordable prices.
→ Full info at se1.net/8554

Wednesday 17 to Saturday 27 March
GREENWICH PRINTMAKERS
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National Theatre
South Bank T 020 7452 3000
www.nationaltheatre.org.uk
Foyers open Mon-Sat 9.30am-11pm; Sun 12 noon-6pm; free

Until Sunday 28 March
ALISON CHITTY: DESIGN PROCESS 1970-2010
See work normally only to be seen in the studio, rehearsal room and workshops.
→ Full info at se1.net/8137

Until Sunday 28 March
SERGEI PARADJANOV THROUGH THE LENS OF YURI MECHITOV
Rarely seen photographs taken by Mechitov during their 11-year friendship.
→ Full info at se1.net/8138

Until Sunday 11 April
FROM CONGO WITH LOVE
Theatre Square; 24 hours; free
Photographs by Rankin.
→ Full info at se1.net/8594

Old Mayfair Carpet Gallery
301-303 Borough High Street
www.omcg.org
Thu-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 12 noon-4pm; free

Until Sunday 28 March
SOUTH TOWER SOCIAL
Emerging London artists and curators will stage regular performances, film screenings and interior and exterior interventionist installations.
→ Full info at se1.net/8259

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

Wednesday 10 March to Saturday 17 April
POUSSIN REVIEW 2010: NEW TO SIGHT
Poussin returns after a short break with some familiar names, some less so, all of whom share a commitment to a truly visual art.
→ Full info at se1.net/8337

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

Until Saturday 20 March
CLAIRE KERR: NEW PAINTINGS
Second solo exhibition at Purdy Hicks of the paintings of the Irish artist.
→ Full info at se1.net/8332

Thursday 25 March to Saturday 24 April
FELIM EGAN
→ Full info at se1.net/8333

Southwark Cathedral
London Bridge T 020 7367 6700
www.southwarkcathedral.org.uk
Daily 8am-6pm; free

Tuesday 2 March to Monday 5 April
FOR OLIVIA
Earth drawings by Edith Slee.
→ Full info at se1.net/8662

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

Until Monday 5 April
MIROSLAW BALKA: HOW IT IS
Walk into a pitch black chamber 30 metres long. Download the iPhone app.
→ Full info at se1.net/5426

Until Monday 3 May
ARSHILE GORKY: A RETROSPECTIVE
£10 (conc £8.50)
Seminal figure in abstract expressionism.
→ Full info at se1.net/7953

Until Monday 3 May
MICHAEL RAKOWITZ
Explores the links between western science fiction and military-industrial activities in Iraq during and after the period of Saddam Hussein's regime.
→ Full info at se1.net/8391

Until Sunday 16 May
VAN DOESBURG AND THE INTERNATIONAL AVANT-GARDE: CONSTRUCTING A NEW WORLD
£10 (conc £8.50)
Exhibition includes more than 450 works by around 80 different artists.
→ Full info at se1.net/7952

Unit 24
20 Great Guildford Street T 020 7401 2142
unit24.info
Mon-Wed 8am-5pm, Thu & Fri 8am-6.30pm;

Thursday 4 March to Friday 16 April
BRAINWASHING
Anka Mierzejewska's latest paintings represent headphones.
→ Full info at se1.net/8619

Vitrine Gallery
Bermondsey Square
www.vitrinegallery.co.uk
24 hours; free

Until Tuesday 23 March
ANDREA CUSUMANO
Vitrine Gallery launches with an exhibition by Sicilian-born London-based artist/director Andrea Cusumano.
→ Full info at se1.net/8595

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This month's forum topics

- Tooley Street police station
- Co-op Travel Agents
- Party venues
- Botanical art class
- C10 bus
- Laithwaites @ Vinopolis
- Pilates teacher wanted
- E&C swimming pool
- Tesco in Tower Bridge Road
- St George's Buildings
- Kittens
- New London Bridge House
- 188: bus route of misery
- ...and dozens more topics
- Join the debate at www.London-SE1.co.uk

April in SE1

- St George in Southwark Festival
- Shakespeare's Birthday festivities on Bankside
- Southwark Mysteries once-in-a-decade performance
- Silver Festival
- Plants & Gardens Fair
- South Bank Indian market

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DVD REVIEW

Festival of Britain film in new BFI DVD release

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A short film about the Festival of Britain on the South Bank is one of the highlights of a new DVD set to be released this month.

On 22 March the BFI releases *The COI Collection: Design for Today*, the second volume in a new DVD series of rare documentary films made by the Central Office of Information.

The 18 minute *Brief City* film was shot as the Festival of Britain closed at the end of the summer in 1951.

The decision to make the film was taken just two weeks earlier by *The Observer* newspaper which sent its famous reporter Patrick O'Donovan to walk round the South Bank site with architect Hugh Casson.

They are indistinguishable as they give the commentary but the film is extremely interesting. A total of 8.5 million people went to the Festival of Britain on the South Bank. The legacy is the Royal Festival Hall.

From the Waterloo East railway line there is a glimpse of St John's and substantial buildings opposite. The church had been restored quickly after the war to be the Festival Church. Today the church still displays the Festival of Britain Bible.



There are exciting moments as the camera shows the view from a high point at about the level of a window in today's White House. Below is Belvedere Road at the point it now passes Southbank Centre Square. The Dome of Discovery, then the largest ever dome, stands on today's Jubilee Gardens.

It is described as being like a tethered ship as it moves slightly in the wind. The commentators describe the exhibition as being "like a giant toy shop for adults".

The couple walk past Henry Moore's *Reclining Figure*. Frank Dobson's original *London Pride* sculpture, which looks like a Moore and is now recast on the riverside walkway near the National Theatre, is also seen in place.

The architecture looks futuristic but the people look very different from today. Schoolboys wear uniforms with caps and adults walk around with cigarettes.

The DVD box set also features 1981 films about two design figures who have since had a big effect on SE1: Terence Conran and Zandra Rhodes.

Although *Brief City* is freely available to view online, many will enjoy this collection of Government-backed documentaries and the insight they provide on a past age.

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Simon Hughes MP has written to Transport for London asking them to consider closing the pedestrian subways at Bricklayers Arms following a spate of muggings.

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Police warn of "serious crime" at Da Vinci's club in Waterloo

Lambeth Police have requested a review of the licence held by Da Vinci's restaurant and club in Baylis Road, citing the prevention of crime and disorder.

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UK's biggest hydrogen fuel cell in Blackfriars Road

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architectural competition has been launched to find a designer for a new cancer treatment centre at Guy's Hospital

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9,600 LEDs are to be installed in the Clink Street railway arch to provide an all-day stylised gold and silver fireworks display.

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Dali Universe leaves South Bank

The Dali Universe attraction at County Hall on the South Bank has closed its doors to the public.

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