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Antony Gormley sculptures on South Bank skyline



Casts of the body of artist Antony Gormley are appearing on rooftops around the South Bank as part of *Event Horizon*, an installation to coincide with a major exhibition at The Hayward.

Event Horizon is an installation of 31 sculptures, casts of the artist's body, placed on rooftops and in pedestrian areas around the South Bank and across the river in Westminster and Camden.

Figures started to appear on the rooftops of buildings last month and installation will be completed to coincide

with the opening of the *Antony Gormley: Blind Light* exhibition at The Hayward in mid-May. The figures will remain in place until the exhibition ends on 19 August.

The Hayward sculpture terraces will be the main viewing areas for the project, with each of the sculptures facing towards the gallery. Some of the figures will be clearly visible and others simply presences on the horizon.

Participating buildings on the South Bank include The Hayward, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Royal Festival Hall, Union Jack Club, Whitehouse Apartments, Shell Centre, King's College London's Franklin-Wilkins Building and James Clerk Maxwell Building, London Television Centre, IBM building and Waterloo Bridge.

•See listings on page 6 for The Hayward exhibition

County Hall Star Wars exhibition

As part of the Star Wars Saga's 30th anniversary celebrations an exhibition featuring dozens of props, costumes and vehicles used in the films opens at County Hall this month.

Star Wars: The Exhibition opens on 5 May at the former home of London's government on the South Bank and continues until 1 September. The exhibition is on an international tour which began in Portugal.

Exhibits from the Lucasfilm Archives in California include the life-size Naboo N-1 Starfighter. Interactive exhibits include Jedi training and a green screen simulation that puts you right into the movie.

With tickets priced at £16.50 (£2 more than a trip on the London Eye) it is likely to appeal to the die-hard fan rather than the casual visitor out for a stroll along the South Bank.

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EVENT PREVIEW

The Heard
at ULU**Bermondsey-based singer Becky Jones set up a community choir called The Heard based at the Leather Exchange pub in Leathermarket Street to sing her original music and choral covers of hits from the likes of Radiohead, Massive Attack, Lamb and Bjork.**

The choir is 50-strong and consists mainly of people living and working in the SE1 area who love to sing.

The Heard has a big showcase at the 600-capacity University of London Union (ULU) in Malet Street. They will be accompanied by string septet, 'Fuze' along with comedy from 'The Laughter Unit'.

- Saturday 12 May, 7pm, ULU, Malet Street WC1, £5 on the door or £4.50 in advance from www.wegotickets.com. For more information see www.myspace.com/theheardlondon

SPECIAL EVENT

Potters Fields Park
A Grand Opening

Thursday 17 May to Saturday 19 May

THURSDAY

- 6pm-10.30pm
- Carnival classics from 11-piece Edinburgh band Orkestra del Sol
- Say goodbye to normality and get lost in Dot Comedy's 'dotMaze'
- Spectacular lighting installations from Lola Muance
- See Arts Tout Show's 'FirePots' installation light up the park at dusk
- Try your hand at ceramic painting to celebrate the area's pottery industry heritage

FRIDAY

- 12 noon-2pm
- Ceramic painting at the 'Southwark Dinner Party'
- Say goodbye to normality and get lost in Dot Comedy's 'dotMaze'
- Visual theatre and street comedy courtesy of The Strangelings
- Carnival classics as Orkestra del Sol welcome the new park with high energy music from across the globe
- Puppetry, theatre and music bring this story about a cheeky compost heap to life in the Whalley Range All Stars' 'Compost Mentis'

FRIDAY

- 6pm-10.30pm
- Ceramic painting for all the family at the Southwark Dinner Party
- Wander through the strange world of Dot Comedy's 'dotMaze'
- The Strangelings unleash their street theatre gardeners on the public
- Carnival classics from around the world courtesy of Orkestra del Sol's 'Fanfare'
- Dramatic ariel theatre from Scarabeus
- See the Whalley Range All Stars bring a trouble making compost heap to life in 'Compost Mentis'
- Spectacular lighting installations from Lola Muance
- Thousands of candles light up the park as part of Arts Tout Show's 'FirePots' installation
- Trapeze and circus aerobatics from Expressive Feat

SATURDAY

- 1pm-5pm
- Marvel at the acrobatic skills of Heir of Insanity's 'Treeo'
- Enter the confusing world of Dot Comedy's 'dotMaze'
- Trapeze and circus aerobatics from Expressive Feat
- The Strangelings unleash their street theatre gardeners on the public
- Ariel theatre from Scarabeus
- A joyful take on the 'life' of a compost heap by the Whalley Range All Stars in their production 'Compost Mentis'
- Uplifting global carnival tunes from Orkestra del Sol

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What's On in SE1

May 2007

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Special Events

Jubilee Gardens

Belvedere Road
www.jubileegardens.org.uk

Sunday 6 May
RANDOM HUGGERS DAY 2194
11am-2pm

Visitors to the South Bank between the London Eye and Waterloo Bridge will be offered a free hug.
www.randomhuggers.com

Lambeth Palace

Lambeth Palace Road
www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/palace

Saturday 26 May
GARDEN OPEN DAY 1921
2pm-5.30pm; £3 (child £1; conc £2)

Lambeth Palace Garden is one of the oldest and largest private gardens in London. Site occupied by Archbishops of Canterbury since the end of the 12th century. Formal courtyards with historic white fig (originally planted 1555). Parkland-style garden with mature trees, woodland and native planting, pond, hornbeam alle. Also formal rose terrace, summer gravel border, herb garden and beehives. Gravel paths, but level. Home-made teas served. The neighbouring Museum of Garden History also participates in the National Gardens Scheme on the same day.

London Bridge & Millennium Bridge

Tuesday 1 May
DEPTFORD JACK IN THE GREEN 2196

London Bridge approx 11am/11.15am;
Millennium Bridge approx 4.30pm
The Fowlers Troop Jack in the Green was revived by members of Blackheath Morris Men and friends in the early 1980s. It is a revival of a Jack in the Green from about 1906 which was taken out around Deptford on May Day. The current Jack in the Green goes out on the streets of South East London or the City of London every May Day. The Jack will be 'greened up' at The Market Porter on Monday night and on Tuesday morning will process to London Bridge to meet the City of London Jack in the Green. After a tour of the Square Mile the two Jacks will return to SE1 via the Millennium Bridge.
www.deptford-jack.org.uk

Menier Gallery

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

Sunday 6 May
**BEYOND CHOCOLATE TEA PARTY:
INTERNATIONAL NO DIET DAY 2141**
1pm-6pm; £12.50 (includes tea with all the trimmings and all activities); children 5-12 £5

Get more details on the events listed on these pages

Every event has a 3 or 4-digit ID number

eg **MAY FESTIVAL: SPRING IN THE PARK 2095**
EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURS' DAY 2195
GARDEN OPEN DAY 1921

1. Go to www.inSE1.co.uk
2. Type in the ID number
3. View the extended listing

If diets don't work what does? Are you fed up with starting a new diet or detox plan or vowing to "be good" every Monday? Come and find out what the alternatives are.
www.beyondchocolate.co.uk

Morley College

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

Sunday 20 May
ADULT LEARNERS' TASTER DAY 2176
free

Try a free taster course in Computing, Languages, Basic Skills, Visual and Performing Arts. (All courses are free apart from the Beauty Therapy session which carries a £3.50 charge for materials). For information call Layla on 020 7450 1929.

Peabody Stamford Street Estate

Duchy Street

Tuesday 29 May
EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURS' DAY 2195

12 noon-6pm; free
European Neighbours' Day supported by the Peabody Trust. Stamford Street, Duchy Street. Fun day, entertainment for the kids and stalls from local services and businesses. Call Andrew Wilson if you want to get involved 020 7021 4603.

Potters Fields Park

Tooley Street
www.potters-fields-park.com

Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 May
POTTERS FIELDS PARK - A GRAND OPENING 2052

Thu 6pm-10.30pm; Fri 12 noon-2pm & 6pm-10.30pm; Sat 1pm-5pm; free
Music, dance, arts and crafts to celebrate the reopening of the riverside park next to Tower Bridge. See opposite page.

Red Cross Garden

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

Thursday 3 May
MAY FESTIVAL: SPRING IN THE PARK 2095

3.30pm-6.30pm; free
The annual May Festival will give the young and old alike a chance to learn the art of Maypole dancing. Residents and friends will also have the chance to decorate using flower heads, plant herb and flower seeds to take away and enjoy the fun of making animals from vegetables. The Borough Music School will also hold an open-air concert and raise funds to be able to provide individual and group subsidised tuition that is helping 86 young people learn musical instruments and singing.

Sunday 27 May
VOLUNTEERING EVENT 2096

2pm-4.30pm
Join Bankside Open Spaces Trust in improving local parks by participating in a volunteering event for adults.

Sunday 27 May
GUIDED TOUR 2098

2.30pm; free
Find out about the Victorian roots of Red Cross Garden and its founder Octavia Hill by joining a free guided tour.k

St George's Cathedral

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

Thursday 3 May
PROPOSED OFFICE DEVELOPMENT BY CAFOD: PUBLIC EXHIBITION 2154

12 noon-9pm in the Amigo Hall
CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is planning to build a purpose built, sustainable office building to use as the CAFOD headquarters. Come and see early plans and make comments.

St Matthew's-at-the-Elephant

Meadow Row T 020 7357 8532

Saturday 26 May
TABLE SALE 2092

11am-2pm; free
Plants, bric-a-brac & light refreshments.

The Scoop

More London Riverside
www.morelondon.com/thescoop

Sunday 13 May
WALK THE WORLD 2055

11am-4pm
5km walk starting at The Scoop. The Fight Hunger initiative of the United Nations World Food Programme is a collaboration with non-governmental organizations, national and international institutions, the private sector and other segments of society to educate the public and raise funds in support of the goal of ending child hunger by 2015.
www.fighthunger.org/london

Tate Modern

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

Friday 4 May
GILBERT & GEORGE SIGNING 2094

6pm-8pm in the Level 2 Shop
Gilbert & George will be signing copies of *The Complete Pictures* which contains 1,500 full colour illustrations and the two volumes come in a specially designed carry-case. In keeping with Gilbert & George's 'Art for All' ethic it is priced at £39.99.

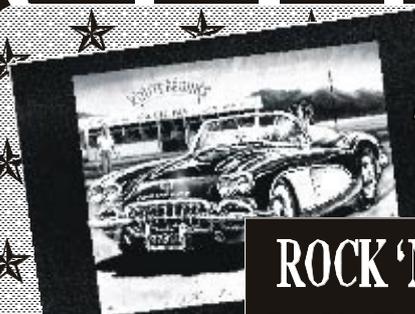
Friday 25 to Monday 28 May
UBS OPENINGS: THE LONG WEEKEND 2197

Many activities free; some ticketed
A four-day festival of performance, dance, music and family activities for the Spring bank holiday.

On Friday and Saturday French artist Mathieu Briand will turn the Turbine Hall into a gigantic sound installation: *SYS*011*. Mie>AbE/SoS *SYS*010*, also known as the Spiral. Briand's installation will create a massive, experimental sound recording studio and performance space in the east end of the Turbine Hall.

On Sunday and Monday Brazilian artist Marepe reveals his spectacular, one-off installation, a gigantic carousel in the Turbine Hall made from found objects from in his native Brazil, surrounded by tables laden with toffee apples.

The festival will also feature a full programme of free interactive family activities, workshops and games aimed at all ages. There will be a return of The Great Turbine Challenge, the hugely popular 3000 square foot board game on the bridge in the Turbine Hall. Four yurts, each 24 feet in diameter, will be erected on the lawn outside Tate Modern where families will be able to take part in a variety of activities.




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Mondays JIVE classes: 6pm Beginners • 7.15pm Beginners + Intermediate
8.15 Club till 10.15pm (start June 4th)
£5 per class, £8 for the all evening. £5 club only
Venue: Waterloo Action Centre, 14A Baylis Road, London SE17AA
Contact: Jean Leclerc 07944775556

Children & family

Design Museum

Shad Thames T 0870 909 9009
www.designmuseum.org
Daily 10am-5.45pm (last admission
5.15pm); £7 (conc £4; under-12s free)

Sundays 6, 13, 20 & 27 May
MY SKY SPACE 2161

2pm-5pm; £7 (child £4)
Young architects and landscape designers can use their imagination to create a modern model roof-top retreat which could feature anything from a swimming pool, a rose garden, a skate ramp to a helipad. Suitable for ages 6-11. Booking essential on 020 7940 8782 or education@designmuseum.org

Saturday 26 May
DESIGN MUSEUM FAMILY DAY 2167
10am-5.45pm; £7 (conc £4; under 12s free)

A day of fun and family friendly activities. Highlights include family exhibition trails, drop-in design and make workshops, 'Meet the Designer' sessions, children's exhibition tours and even the chance to design - and eat - your own gingerbread man.

Florence Nightingale Museum

St Thomas Hospital T 020 7620 0374
www.florence-nightingale.co.uk

Monday 28 & Wednesday 30 May
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE IN PERSON 2168 / 2169

12 noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm; £5.80 (conc £4.80)

Come and meet Miss Nightingale.

Golden Hinde

St Mary Overie Dock T 0870 011 8700
www.goldenhinde.co.uk

Monday 28 May
PIRATE FUN DAY 2175

10.30am-5pm; £7 (child & cnc: £5; Family ticket: £20)

Families meet the Golden Hinde's crew of dastardly pirates. Dress up in pirate costumes, have faces painted, listen to stories about the infamous pirate Blackbeard and take part in a treasure hunt. Watch swordfighting on the main deck, meet experts in Tudor weaponry and learn how to fire a cannon.

Imperial War Museum

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

Saturday 12 to Sunday 13 May
NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW YOU DON'T! 2061

12 noon-5pm; free
A drop-in art activity looking at how designers have used ideas from the natural world to create effective camouflage for military use.

Saturday 19 to Sunday 20 May
IN THEIR SHOES 2062

11.30am & 2.30pm
A chance to look at Museum artefacts and discover the people and stories behind them. Free drop-in session.

Saturday 26 May to Sunday 3 June
BIRD'S EYE VIEW 2059

11am-4pm
A drop in art activity that will explore large exhibits from above and apply ideas of fractured perspective and Cubism used when creating camouflage designs.

Saturday 5 May to Thursday 7 June
WARTIME ILLUSIONS 2060

11am, 1pm & 3pm; free
Learn how to recreate a series of illusions designed to deceive the eye. Free drop-in art activity.

Old Operating Theatre, Museum and Herb Garret

9a St Thomas Street T 020 7188 2679
www.thegarret.org.uk

Wednesday 30 May
HANDS ON: PILLS, POTIONS, POISONS 2112

2pm; £5.25 (conc £4.25; child £3)
Discover the mucky (and often yucky!) medicines of the past in a hands-on session for all the family.

Public meetings

Lambeth Council

Wednesday 2 May
NORTH LAMBETH AREA COMMITTEE 1981

6.30pm at Redfearn Centre, 239 Kenning Lane

Meeting for residents of Bishop's, Prince's and Oval wards. The theme of the meeting is traffic and transport.

Southwark Council

Wednesday 9 May
BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2007

7pm at Harris Academy, 55 Southwark Park Road

Meeting for residents of Riverside, Grange and South Bermondsey wards.

Talks & Lectures

Calder Bookshop

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

Thursday 3 May
ONE NIGHT STAN: AN EVENING WITH STAN LAUREL 2156

6.45pm; £5
Miles Gallant presents a portrait of the great comedian.

Thursday 10 May
NOT IN MY NAME!: THE TRIAL OF NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI 2155

6.45pm; £5
Michael McAvoy returns to impersonate the diplomat and political schemer.

Thursday 17 May
BECKETT AND GENESIS 2157

6.45pm; £5
John Calder talks about two late Beckett texts, *Ill Seen Ill Said* and *Worstward Ho*.

Thursday 24 May
QUENEAU'S FLIGHT OF ICARUS 2158
6.45pm; £5

One of Raymond Queneau's funniest novels is presented in a reading.

Thursday 31 May
CHARLES DICKENS 2159
6.45pm; £5

Jim McManus gives his celebrated impersonation of the great novelist. Many of Dickens' vivid characters are brought dramatically to life.

Morley College

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

Friday 11 May
CONSTANTINE AND THE "LEX CHRISTIANA" 2000

6.50pm; £3.30
The fifth in a series of lectures about Constantine the Great. Caroline Humphress (Birkbeck College).

Friday 18 May
THE ARMY & THE FRONTIERS 2001
6.50pm; £3.30

Doug Lee (University of Nottingham).

Museum of Garden History

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

Wednesday 2 May
RUINS IN THE GARDEN: CHRISTOPHER WOODWARD 1920

7pm; £10
Why did the project to preserve the bombed churches of London as Picturesque ruins fail so badly?

New Cut Housing Co-Operative Hall

106 The Cut

Tuesday 8 May
EXCAVATIONS AT ST GEORGE THE MARTYR SOUTHWARK 841

7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm); £1
Lecture by Bruce Watson. A Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society event.

Old Operating Theatre, Museum and Herb Garret

9a St Thomas Street T 020 7188 2679
www.thegarret.org.uk

Saturday 5 & 12 May
VICTORIAN SURGERY 2106 / 2107
2pm; £5.25 (conc £4.25; child £3)
Demonstrations of Victorian surgery.

Monday 7 May
DIGGING UP THE DEAD 2114
2pm; £5.25 (conc £4.25; child £3)

Talk by Druin Burch, biographer of Guy's Hospital surgeon Sir Astley Cooper.

Saturday 19 May
PLAGUE 2111
2pm; £5.25 (conc £4.25)

The fearsome Black Death. Not recommended for children under 12.

Saturday 26 May
THE DREAD OF POLISHED STEEL 2116

2pm; £5.25 (conc £4.25; child £3)
In 1811 Frances Burney underwent a mastectomy without anaesthetic, leaving an account of the "most tortuous pain" she suffered in her journals.

The Old King's Head

Kings Head Yard, Borough High Street

Thursday 10 May
DEAD FAIRY FOUND IN DERBYSHIRE! 2171

7.30pm-10.30pm; £2.50 (conc £1.50)
Illusionist Dan Baines, of the Lebanon Circle, gives his account of how he fooled the world with his mummified fairy. South East London Folklore Society.

Waterloo Library

114-118 Lower Marsh T 020 7926 8750
www.lambeth.gov.uk

Tuesday 8 May
EARLY CINEMA IN SOUTH LONDON: ALLEN EYLES 2105

6pm-7.30pm; free
Allen Eyles on the development of London as a cinema capital.

Church Services

Christ Church Southwark

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

Thursday 17 May
MUSIC AND WORDS FOR ASCENSION DAY 706

1.05pm-1.45pm
The Portcullis Singers with music from 'The Creation' by Haydn.

Southwark Cathedral

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

Tuesday 29 May
CHORAL EVENSONG 2080
5.30pm

Sung by Samford University's A Capella Choir directed by Dr Tim P Banks.

Thursday 31 May
CHORAL EVENSONG 2081
5.30pm

Sung by Samford's A Cappella Choir.

Music

Christ Church Southwark

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

Monday 21 May
GRACE MO & THE ATRIUM TRIO 1468

1.10pm-1.50pm; donations welcome
Music by Barber, Debussy and more.

Southwark Cathedral

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

Friday 4 May
NEWARK BOYS CHORUS 2130
2.50pm; free

Newark Boys Chorus from Newark USA. Director: Donald C Morris.

Wednesday 23 May
ROYAL CHORAL SOCIETY 2077

7.30pm; £5-£25
Music by Richard Strauss and Johannes Brahms. Tickets can be booked on 020 7376 3718 or bought on the door.

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This month's
hot topics

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Borough Post Office

Future of the Waterloo

Health Centre

Join the debate at

www.London-SE1.co.uk

St John's Waterloo

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

Wednesday 9 May
TRIO LAVOLTA 2132
7.30pm; £10 (conc £6)
Trio Lavolta with Elizabeth Watson (viola) and Rhuti Carr (oboe).

Saturday 12 to Sunday 13 May
PUCCINI: TURANDOT: MIDSUMMER OPERA 2032
Sat 7pm; Sun 3.30pm; £15 (conc £12)
from 020 7652 0070
Two concert performances including a rare opportunity to hear the complete, uncut Act 3 finale by Franco Alfano
www.midsommeropera.org.uk

Friday 25 May
LUNCHTIME RECITAL 2133
1.10pm
Paul Webster.

Comedy

Belushi's

161 Borough High Street T 020 7939 9700

Tuesday 1 May
THE FALLING DOWN WITH LAUGHTER EXPERIMENT 2104
8.30pm; £3
A night of characters, sketches and general experimentalness.

Horse

122-124 Westminster Br Rd T 020 7928 6277
www.horsebar.co.uk

Wednesday 30 May
DEAD ELVIS NEW TALENT AWARD 2150
8.30pm; £4 (conc £3)
13 great new comics compete to win a King sized burger. Paul Ricketts (MC)

Miller of Mansfield

96 Snowsfields
www.themiller.co.uk

Wednesday 2 May
UP THE ARTS COMEDY 2146
8.30pm; £6 (conc £5)
Patrick Monahan, Shazia Mirza, Robert White, Jane Bostock, Paul Ricketts (MC).

Wednesday 16 May
UP THE ARTS COMEDY 2147
8.30pm; £6 (conc £5)
Kevin Precious, Men With Bananas, Anthony Miller, Maureen Younger, Verity Welch, Peter Tennant (MC).

Wednesday 30 May
UP THE ARTS COMEDY 2148
8.30pm; £6 (conc £5)
Benny Boot, Holly Walsh, Mowten, Martine Pepper, Paul Ricketts, Toby Adams (MC).

Walrus Social

172 Westminster Bridge Road T 020 7928 4368
www.walrusocial.co.uk

Tuesday 8 May
COMEDY ROCKET 2057
8.30pm; £6 (conc £5)
A new weekly comedy club in Waterloo featuring the best up and coming

talent on the circuit. It's the brainchild of Andrew Wallace, who by day is facilities manager at the London Eye and by night is a stand-up comic. Tomi Walamies, Andrew Watts, Liz Carr, Duncan Bolt, Music Duo Ginger and Black Martin White. Resident host: Andrew Wallace from BBC7's Wonderworld.

Tuesday 15 May
COMEDY ROCKET 2086
8.30pm; £6 (conc £5)
Suzy Benet - winner of Funny Women 2006, Rachel Anderson, Henry Ginsberg, Joe K - From Paramount TV and Holly Walsh. MC: Andrew Wallace.

Tuesday 22 May
COMEDY ROCKET 2087
8.30pm; £6 (conc £5)
John Smith, Maureen Younger, Grainne Maguire, David Whitney, Steve Parry and Stuart Black. MC: Andrew Wallace.

Tuesday 29 May
COMEDY ROCKET 2088
8.30pm; £6 (conc £5)
Julian Deane, Tyson Boyce, Rob Deb, Richard Brophy and Caroline Clifford. MC: Andrew Wallace.

Theatre

Menier Chocolate Factory

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

Until Sunday 27 May
TOTAL ECLIPSE 1751
Tue-Sat 8pm; Sat & Sun 3.30pm; £22.50 (conc £16); Sat matinee £10
The story of 19th-century French poets Arthur Rimbaud and Paul Verlaine. Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

National Theatre

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

Until Thursday 10 May
ATTEMPTS ON HER LIFE: 17 SCENARIOS FOR THE THEATRE 1251
Lyttelton Theatre; In repertory; £10-£27.50
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/1251
Directed by Katie Mitchell. Shocking and hilarious by turns.

Until Saturday 2 June
THE REPORTER 1250
Lyttelton Theatre; In repertory; £10-£29
A new play by Nicholas Wright directed by Richard Eyre. Based on the life of the BBC correspondent James Mossman during his last years 1963 to 1971.

Until Thursday 7 June
LANDSCAPE WITH WEAPON 1872
Cottesloe Theatre; in repertory; £10, £17 & £27
A new play by Joe Penhall..

Wednesday 23 May to Wednesday 20 June
PHILISTINES 1935
Cottesloe Theatre; In repertory; £10-£39.50
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/1935
Howard Davies directs Maxim Gorky's play in a new version by Andrew Upton.

Thursday 3 May to Thursday 21 June
A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH 1934
Olivier Theatre; In repertory; £10-£27.50
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/1934
Based on the film by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, adapted by Tom Morris and Emma Rice.

Until Saturday 23 June
THE ROSE TATTOO 1647
Olivier Theatre; £10-£27.50
Set amongst the vibrant Sicilian community of New Orleans, Tennessee Williams' life-affirming tale is charged with desire, infatuation and blazing southern sun.

Until Saturday 23 June
RAFTA, RAFTA... 1933
Lyttelton Theatre; In repertory; £10-£39.50
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/1933
By Ayub Khan-Din, based on All in Good Time by Bill Naughton.

Network Theatre

246a Lower Road, Waterloo Station
www.networktheatre.org

Wednesday 16 to Saturday 19 May
FACADES 2016
7.30pm; £8 (conc £7)
Amateur production by Network Theatre.

Old Operating Theatre, Museum and Herb Garret

9a St Thomas Street T 020 7188 2679
www.thegarret.org.uk

Daily 10.30am-5pm; £5.25 (conc £4.25, child £3); family £12.95

Saturday 19 May
THE POETRY SHOW 2115
7pm; £10 (conc £8); Book on 020 7188 2679 or curator@thegarret.org.uk
With Laura Bartholomew, Anna Lindup, Mike Shannon and James Windsor.

Shakespeare's Globe

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

Tuesday 15 to Saturday 26 May
IN EXTREMIS 1766
In repertory; £5-£32
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/1766
A second chance to see Howard Brenton's critically acclaimed exploration of the greatest love story of the middle ages.

Friday 4 May to Sunday 19 August
OTHELLO 1765
In repertory; £5-£32
Tickets: www.inSE1.co.uk/tickets/1765
Performed for the first time at the Globe, *Othello* is one of Shakespeare's most exciting, atmospheric and heartbreaking plays. Renaissance costume and music.

The Old Vic

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

Until Saturday 26 May
THE ENTERTAINER 1018
£10; £15; £20; £28; £35; £45
Robert Lindsay plays struggling comedian Archie Rice in John Osborne's play. Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

The Pacific Playhouse

5-6 Playhouse Court, 62 Southwark Bridge Road
www.pacificplayhouse.com

Sunday 6 May
KIKIA TE POA 2179
6.30pm; £5
Rehearsed play reading season featuring NZ plays never before performed in UK.

Sunday 13 May
BAGHDAD, BABY! 2180
6.30pm; £5
By Dean Parker. Rehearsed reading.

Unicorn Theatre

147 Tooley Street T 08700 535500
www.unicorntheatre.com

Friday 18 May to Sunday 10 June
BILLY THE KID 2151
Times vary; £14.50 (conc £9.50)
A heart-warming play about football, war and real courage. FA Cup Final Special on 19 May: See the play, watch the final on a big screen, win an FA Cup of your own. All tickets £10.

Union Theatre

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

Until Saturday 12 May
MADONNA AND ME 2050
Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Tue-Thu £12 (conc £10); Fri & Sat £15 (conc £12)
An explosive mixture of dance, music and gossip! Can Madonna really change lives? Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Tuesday 15 May to Saturday 2 June
BARNSTORM 2136
Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Tue-Thu £10 (conc £8); Fri & Sat £12 (conc £10)

Inspired by Britain's largest ever cash robbery, Michael Holland has written a gripping drama about three robbers.

Young Vic

The Cut T 020 7928 6363
www.youngvic.org

Until Saturday 5 May
BRECHT FEST DOUBLE BILL 2 606
Mon-Sat 7.45pm; £15.50 (conc available)
Señora Carrar's Rifles translated by Biyi Bandele and *How Much Is Your Iron?* translated by Enda Walsh. Full review at www.London-SE1.co.uk

Until Saturday 9 June
VERNON GOD LITTLE 608
Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm; £21.50 (conc available)
DBC Pierre's Booker winner adapted by Tanya Ronder. Directed by Rufus Norris.

Movie highlights

Tate Modern

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

Monday 14 May
HUE & CRY: COMMUNITY FILM CLUB 2178
7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm); free (1946) 82 mins. Drama. Black & white. Film club is primarily aimed at Southwark residents/workers. Email communityfilmclub@tate.org.uk or join on the night.

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www.banksidegallery.com
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Thursday 3 May to Sunday 3 June
**ROYAL SOCIETY OF PAINTER-
PRINTMAKERS 1477**
Contemporary fine art printmaking.

BFI Southbank

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

Until Sunday 3 June
**TINY, FUNNY, BIG AND SAD:
JENNIFER & KEVIN MCCOY 1900**
The McCoy's create miniature film sets that spy on themselves and generate their own cinema sequences.

City Hall

The Queen's Walk T 020 7983 4100
www.london.gov.uk
Mon-Fri 8am-8pm; free

Until Thursday 3 May
**FAITHS SCHOOLS PHOTO
EXHIBITION 2184**

Photographs taken by young people from five London faith schools portraying their own lives and faith, reflecting their experiences of being young and of their faith in London today and expressing what their faith means to them.

Friday 4 to Friday 18 May
**LONDON FIRE BRIGADE ARCHIVE
EXHIBITION 2185**

A selection of 1930-1970 images from the extensive photographic collection of the world's third largest fire fighting organisation.

County Hall

Riverside Building, County Hall, Belvedere Road
www.londoncountyyhall.com

Saturday 5 May to Saturday 1 September
STAR WARS: THE EXHIBITION 2053

10am-8pm; £16.50 (conc £12.50)
Part of the Star Wars 30th anniversary celebration, this major touring exhibition comes to the South Bank.
www.starwarstheexhibition.com

Cuming Museum

151 Walworth Road T 020 7525 2163
www.southwark.gov.uk
Tue-Sat 10am-5pm; free

Until Saturday 30 June

HOME 2054
Photographs of the Elephant and Castle by students from the MA in photojournalism and documentary photography at London College of Communication.

Design Museum

Shad Thames T 0870 909 9009
www.designmuseum.org
Daily 10am-5.45pm (last admission 5.15pm); £7 (conc £4; under-12s free)

Until Sunday 10 June
**ETTORE SOTTASS: A LIFE IN
DESIGN 1157**

A towering presence in Italian design for more than half a century.

Until Sunday 17 June
**LUIGI COLANI: TRANSLATING
NATURE 1158**

Luigi Colani is one of the great mavericks of 20th-century design.

Until Friday 22 June
25/25 1730

Key design landmarks of the last quarter of a century.

Eyestorm

Bankside Industrial Estate, 5-11 Sumner Street
www.eyestorm.com

Until Sunday 20 May
COVER UP 2074
New limited edition prints by four of the UK's most accomplished designers of music cover art.

f a projects

1-2 Bear Gardens T 020 7928 3228
www.faprojects.com
Tue-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 12 noon-5pm; free

Until Saturday 19 May
**GRAZIA TODERI: ROSSO BABELE
(RED BABEL) 1871**
New video and photographic work by Grazia Toderi.

Wednesday 23 May to Saturday 30 June
ARJAN VAN HELMOND 1992

Florence Nightingale Museum

St Thomas Hospital T 020 7620 0374
www.florence-nightingale.co.uk
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun 10am-4.30pm; Adult £5.80, Concession £4.80, Family £16

Saturday 12 May to Sunday 23 December
**HOSPITAL VOICES: STORIES FROM
NIGHTINGALE TO NOW 2073**

A human history of care at Guy's and St Thomas' from the 1930s to the present.

The Hayward

Belvedere Road T 0870 3800400
www.hayward.org.uk
Daily 10am-6pm; £9 (seniors £6; children £3); under-12s free

Thursday 17 May to Sunday 19 August
**ANTONY GORMLEY: BLIND LIGHT
1406**

A series of large-scale installations, including several newly commissioned works that dramatically engage with the gallery's architecture and directly solicit the viewer's engagement.

Imperial War Museum

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

Until Sunday 1 July
ILLUSTRATORS AT WAR 2076

Eric Ravilious, Graham Sutherland, Mervyn Peake and Edward Ardizzone.

Until Monday 19 November
CAMOUFLAGE 1611

£7 (conc £6; child free)
The first major exhibition to explore the development of military camouflage from the First World War to the present day and its adoption into popular culture.

Wednesday 16 May to Sunday 7 January
**THE FALKLANDS: 25TH
ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION 1671**

A special exhibition told through the experiences and personal memorabilia of those involved from politicians and Service personnel to Falkland Islanders and war widows.

Jerwood Space

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

Until Wednesday 23 May
**JERWOOD SCULPTURE PRIZE 2006
1280**

Llewellyn Alexander Fine Paintings

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

Thursday 10 to Thursday 31 May
BRUCE YARDLEY 1274
Landscapes, cafe scenes and interiors painted in oil in a style inspired by the tradition of English impressionism. Includes 'Westminster, Winter Sun', the view across the river from County Hall and several Venetian scenes.

Menier Gallery

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

Tuesday 1 to Saturday 5 May
**TOUCHING ART, TOUCHING YOU,
BLINDART 2140**
Art that can be explored through all five senses and especially touch.

Wednesday 9 to Saturday 12 May
JUST PASSING THROUGH 2142
Work by nine students from Camberwell College of Art which is to be donated to St Helier Hospital.

Tuesday 15 to Saturday 26 May
SAM'S DESKTOP II 1736
Dan Proops slams conceptual artists as dead as dinosaurs with his powerful, vivid new show.

Wednesday 30 May to Saturday 9 June
**STOP, TURN, MOVE: THE NHS AT
WORK 1824**
Residency by Miranda Creswell at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Trust in Oxford.

Morley College

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

Monday 21 May to Wednesday 6 June
MADE07 PART II 1999
Printmaking, papermaking and bookbinding.

Museum of Garden History

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7401 8865
www.museumgardenhistory.org
Tue-Sun 10.30am-5pm; voluntary charge £3 (conc £2.50)

Friday 25 May to Saturday 25 August
**SHREDS OF EVIDENCE: SIMON
WOOLHAM 2004**
Children at Walnut Tree Walk School have depicted their world around them - their playground, their walk to school, or their favourite bench - in drawings and in sounds.

National Theatre

South Bank T 020 7452 3000
www.nationaltheatre.org.uk
Foyers open Mon-Sat 10am-11pm; free

Until Saturday 12 May
**RFK FUNERAL TRAIN:
PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAUL FUSCO
1937**
Symbolic passing of the political and social hopes of millions of Americans.

Until Saturday 9 June
AS SEEN ON... 1938
Creative partnership Huntley Muir continue their exploration of the mystery and beauty of the everyday.

Wednesday 9 May to Sunday 17 June
FLYTOWER 1939
Working directly onto the exterior of the Lyttelton flytower, the artists Ackroyd & Harvey will plant the north and west face with seedling grass.

Nolia's Gallery 2

60 Great Suffolk Street T 020 7701 9111
www.noliassgallery.co.uk
Daily 1pm-6pm; free

Thursday 3 to Tuesday 8 May
**SOMETIMES I'VE BELIEVED SIX
IMPOSSIBLE THINGS BEFORE
BREAKFAST 2187**
12 noon-6pm
New work by six illustrators.

Thursday 10 to Tuesday 15 May
**STRANGELY STRANGE AND ODDLY
FAMILIAR 2188**
Lesley Harber, Mathew Hughes, Jade Mortimer, Geir Moseid, Maxim Noethover and Franziska von Stenglin.

Thursday 17 to Tuesday 22 May
SOUTH OF THE BORDER 2144
Brixton and Peckham photographs.

Novas Contemporary Urban Centre

73-81 Southwark Bridge Road T 020 7357 6469
www.novas.org
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; free

Until Saturday 5 May
DREAM HOME 1862
Show by Paul Jones inspired by the eerily haunting song, "In every Dream Home A Heartache" by cult band Roxy Music.

Thursday 3 May to Saturday 2 June
THE ECHOES OF DISOBEDIENCE 2160
The remarkable artwork of Rock and Roll singer Lee Mangan.

Thursday 17 May to Saturday 16 June
**WORKS BY JUSTINE CAL: AN
EXHIBITION OF OUTSIDER ART 2190**

Poussin Gallery

Block K, 175 Bermondsey St T 020 7403 4444
www.poussin-gallery.com
Wed-Sat 1pm-7pm; free

Until Saturday 19 May
PETER HIDE: SCULPTURE 1482
Steel sculptures.

Thursday 24 May to Saturday 16 June
PATRICK JONES: PAINTINGS 1483
A career review of the abstract painter.

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 25 May
BARRIE COOKE 1701

SE1 Gallery

Upper Studio, 1 Crucifix Lane T 020 7357 8999
www.se1gallery.com
Thu-Sun 10am-6pm; free

Until Sunday 13 May
GERRY KEON 2183
Three dimensional abstract constructions

Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700
www.southwark.anglican.org/cathedral/
Daily 8am-6pm; free

Until Tuesday 8 May
**OVER THE RIVER TO SOUTHWARK
CATHEDRAL 1753**
Lucille Cranwell.
www.uniset.ca/lucille

Tuesday 8 May to Tuesday 10 July
GILL DOVE 2051
Daily 10am-5pm; free
Paintings by the Camberwell-based artist.

Tate Modern

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

Until Monday 7 May
GILBERT & GEORGE 1017
£10 (conc £8)
First major retrospective in the UK for more than 25 years.

the.gallery@oxo

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

Until Sunday 13 May
**EXPOSED AND HUNGRY: LIFE IN
EASTERN CONGO 1978**
Photographs by Susan Schulman.

Wednesday 16 May to Sunday 3 June
PHILIP PLISSON: OCEAN 2093
Marine photographer will be present on 19/20 May to sign books and prints.

Unicorn Theatre

147 Tooley Street T 08700 535500
www.unicorntheatre.com

Friday 18 May to Monday 18 June
**BRITISH SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY
AWARDS 2102**
100 of the best pictures.

Union Gallery

57 Ewer Street T 020 7928 3388
www.union-gallery.com
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 12 noon-5pm; free

Until Saturday 30 June
FUTURE HINDSIGHT 1996
Matthew Stone.

Waterloo Gallery

14 Baylis Road T 020 7261 9080
www.waterloogallery.co.uk
Mon-Fri 11am-6pm; Sat 11am-4pm; free

Until Saturday 5 May
QUINTUS: EARTH 2166
Joan Baillie, Anne Biss, Alison Edmonds, Geraldine Festenstein, Lois Woodger.
www.quintusart.co.uk

Local news you may have missed
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community website

Lib Dems select Caroline Pidgeon to fight Kate Hoey

Southwark councillor Caroline Pidgeon has been selected by Vauxhall Liberal Democrats as their prospective parliamentary candidate to challenge Labour's Kate Hoey at the next general election.

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

Breathing new life into Hatfields Green

The Friends of Hatfields Green is celebrating a double funding boost which will enable much-needed improvements to be made to the neglected green space.

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

SE1 United showcases year of success

Pioneering youth charity SE1 United held a celebration of its first year as an independent organisation at the Living Space in Waterloo.

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Pay-by-phone car parking coming to Borough and Bankside

Visitors to Bankside, Borough and London Bridge will soon be able to pay for street parking by credit or debit card.

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

Make 23 April a public holiday says Simon Hughes

Simon Hughes, speaking at St George's Primary School in Southwark, has called for St George's Day to be made a public holiday in England.

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

Man rescued from Millennium Bridge by fire boat

A man who had climbed onto the edge of the Millennium Bridge was rescued by the London Fire Brigade's fire boat.

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Car plunges into Elephant and Castle subway

A car ploughed through a barrier and plunged front-first onto the approach ramp to a pedestrian subway at the Elephant and Castle.

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Borough Post Office to close

Borough Post Office in Borough High Street is to close. It is one of 85 Crown Post Offices to be shut as part of a new strategy announced last month.

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

Inspector blocks 24-storey 185 Park Street tower

A planning inspector has backed Southwark Council's refusal of planning permission for a 24-storey tower close to Tate Modern.

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

Maureen Robinson dies

Bookseller, teacher and Waterloo community activist Maureen Robinson has died unexpectedly.

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

Thai Silk 3am opening blocked by council

Southwark's planning committee has rejected a bid by Thai Silk's Southwark branch to remain open till 3am following strong opposition from local residents.

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

Morley College drama courses saved from the axe

Drama courses at Morley College have been reprieved after a campaign to save the drama section won backing from Kevin Spacey and Richard Wilson.

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

Talking CCTV cameras

Southwark is soon to gain 13 new 'talking' CCTV cameras that allow operators to reprimand the perpetrators of antisocial behaviour as it happens.

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

New Wednesday market day in Lower Marsh

New stalls are appearing in Lower Marsh Market on Wednesdays as part of a drive to secure the future of the historic Waterloo street market.

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

St George the Martyr church reopens

The congregation of St George the Martyr church returned home on Palm Sunday - after an 18-month closure for restoration - with a procession down Borough High Street.

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

BUSINESS NEWS

Calder Bookshop saved

Poet and publisher Alessandro Gallenzi has stepped in to ensure that the Calder Bookshop remains in The Cut and continues to be a focus for literary talks and events.

John Calder, founder of Calder Publications and the bookshop, was joined by Alessandro Gallenzi to make the formal announcement during a Thursday night poetry evening last month.

During February it was revealed that the shop would close unless a buyer was found. John Calder expressed concern about the loss of his shop manager who had moved back to Scotland and a pending rent rise. In March Calder Publications sold its rights to Samuel Beckett's works to Faber.

Now Alma Publishing, founded by Alessandro Gallenzi, and One World Classics of Oxford have stepped in to ensure that Calder Publications survives along with its well-known shop opposite the Young Vic theatre in The Cut.

Alessandro Gallenzi confirmed that Calder Publications will continue as a separate company and with its own imprint. John Calder is remaining part of the company and host of the popular literary evenings.

"I expect to go on working for nothing for the new people but I'm going to give rather more time to my own writing and to my theatre company, the Godot Company" declared the 80 year old author and publisher.

The Rome-born and now Richmond-based Alessandro Gallenzi, who also founded the Hesperus Press, runs the Alma Press with his wife Elisabetta Minervini. 'Alma' is Spanish for 'soul' and was chosen to emphasise the importance they place in quality rather quick mass market sales.

Oneworld Classics is an independent publisher launched this year by Juliet Mabej and Novin Doostdar of Oneworld Publications and Alma Books.

• See page 4 for details of this month's literary events at the Calder Bookshop.

Food & Drink news in brief

Visit www.London-SE1.co.uk for comprehensive local restaurant listings and user reviews.

...along with Chopstix

One of the riverside spaces at County Hall (previously an Italian eatery called Shino's) now houses Chopstix, an eat-as-much-as-you-like oriental buffet.

Ozu closes...

Ozu, the upmarket Japanese restaurant at County Hall, closed in March. Last year Ozu relocated within the building from the corner of Westminster Bridge Road and Belvedere Road to a larger space above the London Aquarium facing the river.

Ping Pong opens

Continuing the oriental theme, a branch of the Dim Sum chain Ping Pong has opened at ground-level next to the Royal Festival Hall on Belvedere Road.

...and Aji opens

Ozu's original corner premises has now become Aji Noodle Bar, like Wagamama based on Japan's ramen bars.

Canteen coming to RFH

British restaurant Canteen, which opened in Spitalfields two years ago, is to open a branch at the Royal Festival Hall in June.

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BOOK REVIEW



John Townsend

Champion of Georgian Charity

John Townesend • Verity Research, Ottawa, Canada
On sale at Southwark Cathedral Shop

Ever wondered about the history of the imposing Charlotte Court next to the Bricklayers Arms flyover? Until 1902 it was the home of the Asylum for Deaf and Dumb Children of the Poor. Its founder Revd John Townsend was born 250 years ago in 1757.

Now John Townesend – a descendent of Revd John Townsend's elder brother George – has published a vivid biography of the congregational pastor who – together with Henry Cox Mason, rector of St Mary Magdalen Bermondsey Street – founded the asylum in a small house in Grange Road.

The asylum opened in 1792 with just four children and by 1802 the population had reached 32. The following year a plot of land on Kent Road was purchased, and in 1807 the Duke of Gloucester laid the foundation stone of a purpose-built school. Visitors to the new building included George III's Queen Charlotte who donated 50 guineas and took the title "Protectress of the Asylum".

The building now known as Charlotte Court dates from 1886-7, six decades after Townsend's death. Today the work begun by Townsend continues at the Royal School for Deaf Children in Margate.

At the end of March a memorial service – attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury – was held at Southwark Cathedral to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Townsend.

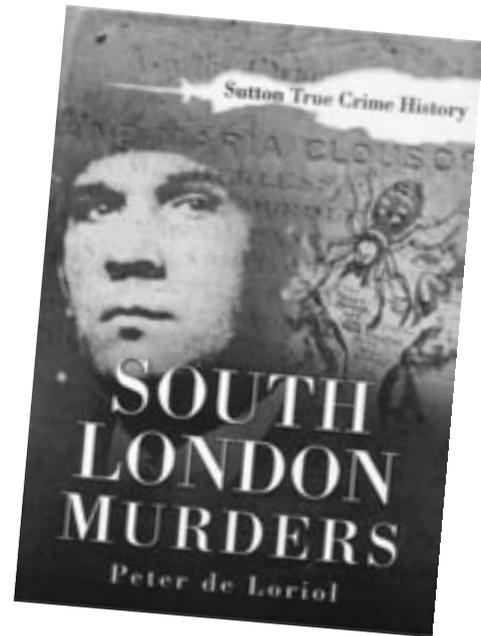
Although Townsend and Mason's legacy is recognised in the names of the adjoining streets, reading this fascinating history one cannot help think a blue plaque to Townsend at Charlotte Court is long overdue.

•Revd John Townsend's own memoirs can be read in full at books.google.com

BOOK REVIEW

South London Murders

Peter de Loriol • Sutton • £12.99



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The landmarks in this book are pubs. We learn about James Styles standing outside the Wellington in Waterloo Road in 1891 and seeing a young woman across the road collapse.

He helped the prostitute to her home in Duchy Street. Styles had stumbled on the victim of a mass murderer Dr Thomas Neill who when hanged started to say: "I am Jack...".

This gave rise to the belief that he was Jack the Ripper but ten years later the finger was pointed at 'George Chapman', landlord of the The Monument pub in Union Street. He had murdered several women and was unmasked as a Pole called Severin Antoniovich Klosowski. He denied being both a fraud and a murderer even as he faced hanging the following year.

The author uses the recent researches of Simon Winchester to remind us about the strange murder of George Merrett, a Cornwall Road resident who worked at the Lion Brewery (on the Royal Festival Hall site). His death in 1872 led to his American murderer being sent to work on the New Oxford English Dictionary.

The book starts with the martyrdom of St Alphege at Greenwich in 1012 and so provides a resonance for the church dedicated to him in King's Bench Street. The second chapter deals with the death in nearby Deptford of Christopher Marlowe who certainly knew Southwark. Peter de Loriol's excellent bibliography will inspire confidence and maybe more research by readers.



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