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There's more to St George than dragons and England flags

Dr Sam Riches is to give the St George in Southwark Festival public lecture at London South Bank University this month.

With the traditional St George's Day date falling at Easter the festivities in Southwark were more muted than usual.

However, for the annual St George in Southwark Festival promoting St George as a multicultural saint, Dr Riches is calling her talk 'There is no Spring Without St George: England's patron saint in the folk traditions of Europe and beyond'. The first part of the title is taken from a Russian proverb.

Samantha Riches, of Lancaster University, is author of *St George: Hero, Martyr and Myth* published by The History Press (£12.99).

Her lecture is on Thursday 12 May at 6pm at the LSBU Events Theatre in Keyworth Street.

Admission is free; places should be reserved on info@stgeorgefestival.org.uk or 020 7193 1845. Doors open at 5.30pm with refreshments available after the lecture.

All those individuals and organisations who support Southwark's St George's Day events are invited to attend the talk.

This is the first year since millennium year 2000 when St George's Day has been moved due to a clash with Easter. The official church calendar transfers the date to Monday 2 May but in England this coincides with May Day. This situation is not due to occur again for many years.

St George's Cathedral will celebrate its annual Chapter Mass – usually held on 23 April – on Friday 6 May when the new dean, Fr John O'Toole, will be installed as a member of the cathedral chapter.

The St George in Southwark Festival committee is planning a full programme for 2012.

• www.stgeorgefestival.org.uk

South Bank's Real Food Market goes weekly



The monthly Real Food Market outside the Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank will become a weekly event from mid-May.

Launched in July 2010, the Real Food Market is an offshoot of the annual Real Food Festival at Earl's Court.

The market will be held in Southbank Centre Square every Friday to Sunday from 13 May onwards. The organisers believe that this will make it the only 3-day weekly market in London apart from Borough Market.

Other local alternatives to Borough Market include the Saturday morning Bermondsey Farmers' Market in Bermondsey Square and the burgeoning collection of traders around Maltby Street and Druid Street.

• www.realfoodfestival.co.uk

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This month in brief

London Bridge plans

Network Rail has revealed more details of its proposals to rebuild London Bridge Station by 2018. Network Rail will be seeking the views of station users, local residents and businesses before submitting a planning application. This period of consultation will include an exhibition at the station during the week starting Monday 16 May.
www.london-se1.co.uk/n5250

City Hall flashmob

I'm a Photographer, Not a Terrorist! – a campaign group set up to fight unnecessary and draconian restrictions against individuals taking photographs in public spaces – is organising a flashmob outside City Hall on Tuesday 3 May at 12.30pm. The event takes place on International Press Freedom Day and is supported by the National Union of Journalists London Photographers' Branch.
photographernotaterrorist.org

Random Huggers Day

Look out for Random Huggers on the South Bank on Saturday 7 May. Founded in 2004, Random Huggers Day is organised by Mayella Reynolds and her team.
www.randomhuggers.com

Chopin statue

A newly restored bronze statue of Fryderyk Chopin will be unveiled outside the Royal Festival Hall by the Duke of Gloucester on Wednesday 18 May. The statue was originally installed on the South Bank in 1975 but removed during building works and not reinstated until now.
www.polish-heritage.co.uk

José in Bermondsey St

Spanish chef José Pizarro (formerly of Tapas Brindisa) will this month open his new tapas and sherry bar at the corner of Bermondsey Street and Morocco Street. This is a 'market restaurant' with a daily-changing menu.
www.london-se1.co.uk/r421

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What's On

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Special events

Bankside foreshore

Thursday 12 May THE WALKING BOAT

1.30pm; free
An extraordinary kinetic work of art created by Andrew Baldwin. Last October crowds lined the riverside to witness an unsuccessful attempt to 'walk' the boat out of the water and onto the beach. During the winter Baldwin has modified the boat ready for this new attempt.
→ Full info at se1.net/10898

Bankside Mix

Canvey Street
www.banksidemix.co.uk

Friday 6 May CYCLE SECURITY MARKING

12 noon-3pm; free
Free security marking for your bicycle.
→ Full info at se1.net/10892

1-2 Bear Gardens

Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 May EMPIRE WAREHOUSE EXHIBITION

5pm-8pm
See the latest plans by Macro Investments to redevelop the Empire Warehouse site.
→ Full info at se1.net/10804

Borough Market

8 Southwark Street
www.boroughmarket.org.uk

Sunday 15 May THE NATURAL WINE FAIR

10am-6pm; £18 from
www.thenaturalwinefair.com
Fair devoted to wines that contain grapes and no added ingredients.
→ Full info at se1.net/10881

Brookwood House

Webber Street

Sunday 1 May BROOKWOOD TRIANGLE 4TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

12 noon-4pm & 5pm-7pm; free
Family activities and workshops to celebrate four years of the garden.
→ Full info at se1.net/10790

Emma Cons Gardens

The Cut

Friday 20 May LOWER MARSH REGENERATION DESIGN EXHIBITION

11am-7pm
Atkins has been fine tuning its proposals for Lower Marsh. Give your feedback on the plans before they are finalised. Also Saturday 11am-3pm outside Cubana.
→ Full info at se1.net/10873

Garden Museum

Lambeth Palace Road T 020 7401 8865
www.gardenmuseum.org.uk

Sunday 8 May SPRING PLANT & GARDENS FAIR

10.30am-5pm; £6 (conc £5; under-16s free)
20 specialist nurseries will fill the museum with a wide range of quality plants.
→ Full info at se1.net/10318

Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park

Lambeth Road

Monday 9 May VICTORY DAY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Soviet War Memorial; 11am
The Mayor of Southwark, diplomats, veterans and other individuals and organisations will lay wreaths.
→ Full info at se1.net/9957

The Goodlife Centre

122 Webber Street
www.thegoodlifecentre.co.uk

Thursday 5 May WATERLOO WOMEN'S NETWORK

6.30pm
Come along to drill, bang and network at the group's 29th get together. Network with local female entrepreneurs Alison and Abigail and learn some enterprise and DIY tips over drinks and nibbles.
→ Full info at se1.net/10894

James Clerk Maxwell Building

outside 57 Waterloo Road

Wednesday 4 May DR BIKE

5.30pm-7.30pm; free
Get a free basic check-up for your bike.
→ Full info at se1.net/10784

London Bridge

Tuesday 10 May EXCHANGING PLACES

7.30am-2.30pm; free
Sit in the driver's seat of a HGV or bus to get a better understanding of what the driver can and can't see.
→ Full info at se1.net/10890

Make Space Studios

Newnham Terrace
www.makespacestudios.co.uk

Friday 6 to Sunday 8 May OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND

Fri 3pm-9pm; Sat & Sun 11am-6pm; free
Make Space Studios is a new community of artists, artisans and creative businesses next to Waterloo station.
→ Full info at se1.net/10886

Mint Street Adventure Playground

Southwark Bridge Road

Saturday 7 May CREATE A BUZZ!

9.30am-4.30pm; free
Intergenerational workshop to build beehives and bee-keeping costumes for use at Bankside Open Spaces Trust's bee-keeping projects. Bring food to share.
→ Full info at se1.net/10789

Morley College

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

Sunday 15 to Thursday 19 May POCKET GARDEN: MORLEY MURAL

Sun 1pm-3pm; Mon-Thu 12 noon-5pm
Morley College celebrates Adult Learners' Week by creating communal mural to be located on the 46 metres of railings that front the college on Westminster Bridge Road. Spontaneous involvement will also be encouraged throughout the week; students, tutors and passers-by will be invited to add to the mural.
→ Full info at se1.net/10839

Red Cross Garden

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

Friday 6 May MAY FESTIVAL

3.30pm-6pm; free
Join in the maypole dancing, plant a wildflower, take part in flower craft activities, try on Victorian dresses, have your hands henna painted and watch herbal demonstrations by the Old Operating Theatre Museum & Herb Garret.
→ Full info at se1.net/10651

River Thames

Sunday 15 May
TUDOR PULL
The Tudor Pull, organised by the Thames Traditional Rowing Association, will be rowed from Hampton Court to the Tower of London by the Jubilant and a number of cutters. The flotilla will pass under the Millennium Bridge at approximately 3.25pm. The event will serve as a

rehearsal for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee River Pageant.

→ Full info at se1.net/10889

Southbank Centre Square

Belvedere Road
www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Until Monday 2 May REAL STREET FOOD FESTIVAL

Fri 11am-8pm; Sat 10am-6pm; Sun & Mon 12 noon-6pm
Street food is going through a revolution as the greasy sausage merchants of yesterday are replaced by vendors of cheap, fresh, well sourced and truly exciting food.
→ Full info at se1.net/10669

Friday 6 to Sunday 8 May TEA & COFFEE FESTIVAL

Fri & Sat 11am-8pm (Sun 11am-6pm)
Promoting the best tea and coffee companies in the UK and beyond and raising awareness of quality tea and coffee and ethical practices.
→ Full info at se1.net/10533

Southwark Underground Station

68-70 Blackfriars Road

Wednesday 18 May EXCHANGING PLACES

7am-3pm; free
Sit in the driver's seat of a HGV or bus to get a better understanding of what the driver can and can't see, especially in regards to cyclists on the nearside and directly in front of the vehicle.
→ Full info at se1.net/10891

Spa Gardens

Grange Road

Saturday 28 May FUN FAMILY DOG DAY

10am-4pm; free
Come and bring your cats and dogs for free microchipping, fun dog show, dog trainer, free face painting, Groundwork sports and games.
→ Full info at se1.net/10882

St Hugh's

Crosby Row T 020 7367 6706

Saturday 28 May SE1 COMMUNITY SALE

10.30am-1.30pm; entry 60p inc drink & cake

- New & nearly new clothes
- Arts & crafts
- Vintage
- Homewares
- Cakes, tea & coffee
- Jumble
- Children's activity corner

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Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700 www.southwarkcathedral.org.uk

Monday 2 May CATHEDRAL TOUR: LITERARY CONNECTIONS SOUTHWARK UNCOVERED

Meet 2pm inside cathedral at west end; £4 From Gower and Chaucer through to Shakespeare and beyond, Stephen de Winton leads a tour of the cathedral focusing on Southwark's literary connections. Discover the church's historic links with those who have given us a legacy of fine literature. -> Full info at se1.net/10793

Monday 30 May CATHEDRAL TOUR: MILITARY CONNECTIONS SOUTHWARK UNCOVERED

Meet 2pm inside cathedral at west end; £4 From a medieval knight through to modern conflicts, this tour will uncover the links with the military through the ages. Led by Stephen de Winton. -> Full info at se1.net/10796

Waterloo Library

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

Thursday 12 May WATERLOO LIBRARY BOOK GROUP 6.30pm; free

The group is reading 'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett. -> Full info at se1.net/10871

Fundraising

Guy's Hospital

Great Maze Pond T 020 7188 7188 www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk

Sunday 15 May IN HER SHOES

10.30am; £10 registration at www.inhereshoes.org.uk VSO, the international development charity, is organising a sponsored walk to raise money for maternal healthcare across the world. Walkers are invited to come in colourfully decorated footwear, or wear their favourite walking shoes if they prefer. Route is via Coram's Fields before returning south to St Thomas' Hospital. -> Full info at se1.net/10791

Royal British Legion

www.britishlegion.org.uk/tubechallenge

Saturday 21 May 90 MINUTE TUBE CHALLENGE

Race around London's Zone 1 Tube stations in support of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal's 90th Anniversary. Each team will be between three and five fit, fun-loving people who will be running up and down escalators, along corridors and leaping on and off tube trains. The stations have been allocated different points so there will need to be some cunning strategies to get the highest number of points in just 90 minutes. There has to be an 'evidence' photo of all the other team members in

their special T shirts on the platforms, in front of each chosen station name. Each team has to think up a name for itself; create a JustGiving page and make the first donation of the £20 team registration (this covers admin and the cost of the T shirts). Then register all the team information, including T shirt sizes, on the website All that remains is to get as much sponsorship and practice running up and down escalators! Each team will need a digital camera or mobile phone camera, plus each member will need to have a Travelcard or Oyster card valid for Zone 1. -> Full info at se1.net/10893

Guided walks

Bermondsey Underground Station

Jamaica Road Sunday 15 May TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK 11am; £5 Aly Mir leads a walk along the Thames Path from Bermondsey to Waterloo. -> Full info at se1.net/10820

Blitzwalkers

www.blitzwalkers.co.uk Sunday 1 May LONDON BRIDGE AND THE CITY IN THE BLITZ

Meet 11am in south churchyard of Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge; £8 This walk led by Neil Bright examines the City's great fire raid of 29 December 1940 and other big raids of 1940/41. Look at the evidence that still remains plus the walk is supported by contemporary photos, eyewitness accounts and one or two surprising tales. The walk finishes at Blackfriars Bridge (north side). -> Full info at se1.net/10763

Society of London Theatre

Sunday 22 & 29 May THEATRELAND WALKING TOUR 2.30pm; £9.50; booking essential at www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk

Led by Blue Badge Guide Diane Burstein and covering London's theatrical history from court masques to the present day, the brand new route for 2011 starts south of the river in what was once a centre of music halls and variety theatres. Discover how The Old Vic's formidable manager Lilian Baylis brought Shakespeare and the classics to South London before moving on via the Young Vic to the National Theatre by way of some atmospheric backstreets. -> Full info at se1.net/10830

Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700 www.southwarkcathedral.org.uk

Monday 30 May HISTORIC BOROUGH HIGH STREET: SOUTHWARK UNCOVERED

Meet 11am in Millennium Courtyard outside Refectory; £4 Neil Sinclair leads a walk retracing the past when Borough High Street (then known as Long Southwark) was the only route into the City of London

and coaching inns lined the approach to London Bridge. It was also home to several prisons. -> Full info at se1.net/10794

Southwark Underground Station

68-70 Blackfriars Road Friday 6 May WALK ON THE WILDSIDE! 1.30pm-3pm; free Come and join a biodiversity walk from Southwark tube station led by wildlife expert David Perkins (Roots & Shoots) through Bankside Open Spaces Trust-supported sites leading to the May Festival at Red Cross Garden. -> Full info at se1.net/10788

Tate Modern

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

Saturday 21 May LARGACTYL SHUFFLE: MAY DAY WALK

Meet 12 noon outside Turbine Hall entrance; donations appreciated; free Guided walk from Bankside to Camberwell with CoolTan Arts ending with Maypole dancing on Camberwell Green. -> Full info at se1.net/10773

Church services

St George's Cathedral

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

Monday 2 May MASS IN SUPPORT OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN LONDON

11am Workers, migrants and civic leaders from London and Essex come to Southwark for a morning of reflection and celebration. The 11am Mass is preceded by a procession of representatives from London's diverse communities, occupations and civic organisations. Concelebrants: Most Revd Peter Smith, Archbishop of Southwark, Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood and the auxiliary bishops from the dioceses of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood. -> Full info at se1.net/10645

Music

1901 Arts Club

7 Exton Street T 020 7620 3055 www.1901artsclub.com

Saturday 21 May BENJAMIN GROSVENOR 7pm; £10 inc glass of wine (advance booking essential)

Rush-hour piano recital with the Hattori Foundation. -> Full info at se1.net/9702

Southwark Cathedral

London Bridge T 020 7367 6700 www.southwarkcathedral.org.uk

Friday 27 May MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES 7.30pm; £10 from 020 7863 3370

The Central Band of the Royal British Legion presents music from 1920 to

2000 to celebrate the Legion's 90th anniversary. -> Full info at se1.net/10753

St John's Waterloo

Waterloo Road T 020 7633 9819 www.stjohnswaterloo.org

Thursday 5 May RUSH HOUR CONCERT 6pm-7.15pm; free

The culmination of a contemporary music project with renowned composer and conductor Oliver Knussen working with Southbank Sinfonia for the first time. -> Full info at se1.net/10664

Thursday 12 May RUSH HOUR CONCERT 6pm-7.15pm; free

Avoid the rush, enjoy a complimentary glass of wine and experience the fresh sound of Southbank Sinfonia, Britain's leading orchestral academy for young professionals. -> Full info at se1.net/10665

Thursday 19 May RUSH HOUR CONCERT 6pm-7.15pm; free

Southbank Sinfonia performs an uncondacted programme alongside members of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. -> Full info at se1.net/10666

Comedy

The Miller

96 Snowfields www.themiller.co.uk

Monday 2 May HUNGRY MILLER'S COMEDY LAUGH BAG

8pm-10.30pm; £4 (online £3) Paul Tonkinson. Comperes: David Jesudason and Rob Thomas. -> Full info at se1.net/10738

Tuesday 3 May

HOOPLA 8pm-10pm; £5 Fat Kitten and The Inflatables, go head to head in the ultimate improvised comedy smack down. Followed an improvised musical from Music Box. -> Full info at se1.net/10845

Monday 9 May HUNGRY MILLER'S COMEDY LAUGH BAG

8pm-10.30pm; £4 (online £3) Paul Foot. Comperes: David Jesudason and Rob Thomas. -> Full info at se1.net/10739

Tuesday 10 May

HOOPLA 8pm-10pm; £5 Improvised comedy from double act Cariad Lloyd and Paul Foxcroft followed by The David Shore Show, directed by Second City Toronto's David Shore. -> Full info at se1.net/10846

Tuesday 17 May

HOOPLA 8pm-10pm; £5 Improvised comedy featuring Abandonman's Rob Broderick, Tanya Bulmer, Rachel Parris and Stewart McCure. Also featuring 'Whose Line is it

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+ HANDSPRING PUPPET COMPANY, THE CUT Hear about the proposed development of premises next to the National Theatre Studio on The Cut.

+ JUBILEE GARDENS TOILETS Hear an update on the imminent planning application for public toilets on the South Bank.

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EXHIBITION REVIEW

1920s Bankside images on show at Southwark women's art exhibition

Until Thursday 19 May • See listing on page 7



Wharf on Bankside: Grace Golden – © The Estate of Grace Golden

Six rarely seen pen and wash pictures in a new art exhibition show Bankside during the 1920s.

Crossing Centuries: Works by women artists 1830 to 2000 at the ASC Gallery at St George's Circus includes six studies by Grace Golden who lived next to Southwark Bridge from 1909 when she was five until late in life.

At the time of her death in 1993 she was an an honorary archivist for Shakespeare's Globe.

One picture dated 1927 shows the view from the north of Bankside with the tower of St Peter's in Sumner Street visible above the low rise buildings. The church, on the corner of Emerson Street was damaged by bombing in 1940 and later demolished.

There are two views of Southwark Wharf which is now occupied by the *Financial Times*.

Golden studied and later taught at the Royal College of Art. She exhibited at the Royal Academy between 1936 and 1940, worked with Marcus Morris on *The Swift Annual* and illustrated some of Enid Blyton's stories. The Tate holds two of her works featuring Embankment Gardens and Speakers' Corner.

The exhibition, highlighting women artists in the Southwark Art Collection, includes work by Tracey Emin, Barbara Hepworth, Gertrude Hermes, Sarah Lucas and Gillian Wearing.

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BOOK REVIEW

May Day in South London: a history

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Neil Transpontine's South East London Folklore Society talk last month on May Days in London at the Old King's Head in Borough High Street was packed to the doors.

The talk also marked the launch of this local history pamphlet which has everything you need to know about May Day from very early pre-Christian times.

Despite the title, the fifty page paperback gives a good general background to this much misunderstood ancient English festival and presents evidence of many traditions in SE1.

In 1492 Henry VII paid ten shillings to Lambeth maidens for May Day flower garlands. There was a maypole in the Potters Fields area until 1617 when the vicar of St Mary Magdalen in Bermondsey Street had it pulled down. But the one at the Elephant & Castle still appears on a map of 1681.

The Jack in the Green, usually seen in Borough Market and Bankside on May Day, is a tradition recorded in Borough in 1894. This was the time when the 'May Day Festival' was organised by Bermondsey Guild of Play at 'Bermondsey Village Hall'.

There is also a look at how the day became associated with trade unions and was not always a happy occasion. On May Day 1949 600 people from a rally at St George's Circus moved without permission up Waterloo Road and met police in the 'battle of Waterloo'.

The development of the day into also being the feast day of St Joseph the Worker is included along with London's main May Day Mass involving many communities now being held in Southwark's St George's Cathedral. This also involves an outdoor public procession. Meanwhile SE1's modern Maypole is in Red Cross Garden.

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News you may have missed

Church Commissioners urged to repent for homes sell-off

Clergy from Waterloo and Walworth have held a service of repentance outside the offices of the Church Commissioners in the light of the sale of hundreds of homes in Southwark, Lambeth and beyond.

... more at www.London-SE1.co.uk/n5248

What should be in Bermondsey neighbourhood plan?

The group that is leading the process of drawing up a neighbourhood plan for part for Bermondsey under the Government's localism initiative has put out an open call for ideas.

... more at www.London-SE1.co.uk/n5247

South Bank's Dali Universe finds new home ... in Venice

The Dali Universe attraction which closed its doors last year is to relocate to Italy.

... more at www.London-SE1.co.uk/n5244

College gets go-ahead for florist, cafe & salon on The Cut

Southwark College built its new shops on The Cut without planning permission because it had to spend cash by the end of March.

... more at www.London-SE1.co.uk/n5243

Champagne bar to open at Waterloo Station

Work has begun on a £10 million project to create 18 new shops on a balcony above the concourse of Waterloo Station.

... more at www.London-SE1.co.uk/n5239

Compass SE1 'free school' for years 7-11 could open in 2012

The Compass Schools Trust has announced its intention to apply to open and run a 'free school' in SE1 for pupils in years 7 to 11.

... more at www.London-SE1.co.uk/n5228

New St Hugh's Church as development is approved

A new St Hugh's Church is to be built on the Rainbow Building site in Crosby Row as part of a residential development.

... more at www.London-SE1.co.uk/n5235

White Cube gets green light for Bermondsey Street gallery

Jay Jopling's White Cube gallery will open its doors on Bermondsey Street after Southwark's planning committee voted in favour of a planning application.

... more at www.London-SE1.co.uk/n5233

Homes to be built at extended E&C Shopping Centre

The owners of the Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre have confirmed they are working on plans to redevelop and extend the building to include more shops and new homes.

... more at www.London-SE1.co.uk/n5219

Council uses traffic wardens as postmen

Southwark Council has revealed that it is using traffic wardens to deliver parking permits door-to-door because the Royal Mail service in SE1 and SE16 is so unreliable.

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