

## DOCK DIARIES

ST. KATHARINE DOCKS

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## FROM THE KINGS ROAD TO ST. KATS

There's nothing quite like the buzz of a food market to shake up winter! That's why this year we are going *gourmet* by introducing **The St. Katharine Docks Good Food Market**.

We've teamed up with **Partridges**, the luxury food hall in The Kings Road, and **Shepherd's Markets** to work together to bring a fantastic array of stalls offering a variety of delicious culinary delights, which we hope will tempt you out of your homes and offices, even in the coldest of temperatures!

**The St. Katharine Docks Good Food Market** starts on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, and will run every Friday between 10am and 4pm. You can find it outside The Dickens Inn, in Centre Basin.

The wonderful selection will range from hog roast

to English honey, Brazilian street food to French crepes, fresh baked cupcakes to delicious hot pies, and despite the international flavours, all the ingredients are locally sourced where possible.



We will also be welcoming a selection of non-food stalls in the build up to Christmas which will offer customers the chance to

buy unique hand made gifts and decorations, and in the future, we plan to introduce our pre-order Good Food Boxes of gourmet groceries for local delivery.

The vendors are hand selected to create both an aesthetically and aromatically pleasing experience for visitors and residents alike. The quality of the produce is exceptional and many of the visiting stallholders are small businesses who champion ethical and environmentally friendly values. Look out for the Festive Food Market between 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> December too!

Make sure you take this copy of The Dock Diaries along to the Good Food Market for a 10% discount from participating stallholders.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- The Good Food Market opens 20th November 2009
- Tower of London Ice Skating Rink opens 21st November 2009
- Christmas Carol Concert 11th December 2009
- The Festive Food Market 16th - 19th December 2009

## RICHARD MADELEY SAILS IN STYLE

Spotted! **Richard Madely** cutting a dash in stylish **yachting attire** as he glided into the lock here at St. Katharine Docks aboard a 55 foot Sunseeker motor-launch.

Richard was accompanied by Bradley Walsh, Rosemary Shrager, Mark Durden-Smith, Dawn Porter and Nick Hancock and a **spectacular**

**old Torpedo ship, from the Second World War**, that drew almost as many admiring glances as did the celebrities.

The MTB 102 was the first ever Motor Torpedo Boat to serve in the war, and was the prototype. At the time, **she was the fastest vessel in the Royal Navy** and were she to return to service with her original



performance, she would still be the fastest today!

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## SPOTLIGHT: THE HARBOUR MASTER

**Charlie Telfer** was just 24 when he first arrived in London in 1991. Brought up in Motherwell, Scotland, and schooled in Berlin he had travelled to London to be with his girlfriend (and later wife) Natalie - who he'd met whilst running a Sailing School in Holland.

He was shocked to discover that here in the heart of what he imagined to be dirty, industrial London was a beautiful, tranquil dock catering for pleasure boats.

**Charlie was employed by Robin Knox-Johnson, then the Marina Manager.** His first position was Assistant Lock Keeper, and one of his earliest duties was as the mate aboard **The Lady Daphne, which was previously owned by the estate** here. In those



days the docks were much quieter. There was no Tower Bridge House and **South Quay was nothing more than a car park!**

In his time here, Charlie has welcomed literally thousands of vessels into the docks, from all over the world, as well as dignitaries including the Queen, Princess Anne and Prince Charles, however **his favourite celebrity guest was the charming Una Stubbs!**

Sailing is a vocation for him - and he has a deep admiration for classic sailing boats, particularly wooden Oyster smacks from the 1960s. **He developed his sailing passion from his father,** when he and his brothers had to crew for him; however Charlie only really fell in love with sailing once he started to sail solo - and the passion for boats has never left him.

As the second longest serving member of staff

Charlie has witnessed a great deal of change here at the Docks.

He says *"things have been up and down here over the years, and at times I even thought about moving on; but **there's just something wonderful about this place that keeps pulling me back in.** It's so beautiful to look at, the location is really quite something and I really have the sense these days that St. Katharine Docks is returning to her glory years - when she was the hub of so much exciting activity."*

Charlie was promoted to Harbour Master in 2007 and when asked what was **the best thing about his job here,** he simply said *"when someone comes up to me and says 'Thank you, we had a nice time here'".*

## DOUBLE MOBO AWARD WINNERS: N-DUBZ



The riverfront here at St. Katharine Docks was **transformed one night in October to the set for an urban music video.**

The lead singer of *N-Dubz*, Dappy, attracted a lot of attention as he performed in front of The Girl & Dolphin fountain which was decked out in hundreds of lights for their new track *Playing With*

*Fire / Never Did It* - which is due for imminent release.

In September, **the North London trio won not one, but two awards at the MOBO Awards** hosted in Edinburgh.

They took home awards for Best UK Act and Best Album for their album *Uncle B*, and they are well on their way to chart domination.



N-Dubz at this year's Mobo Awards, where they won Best UK Act and Best Album

**“GOODWOOD ON WATER” - CLASSIC BOAT RALLY**

This September, **St. Katharine Docks participated in The Mayor’s Thames Festival for the first time ever.**

The festival attracted record numbers of visitors, estimated at **over 750,000 people up and down the Thames.**

Here at St. Katharine Docks we hosted two events. The Classic Boat Rally saw Centre Basin converted into a floating exhibition of a glorious array of historic boats; each with its own fascinating history. Described by journalists as “Goodwood on water”, the boat owners dressed to suit the

occasion, as you can see in our pictures!

On Saturday 12th September, The Trading Floor within Commodity Quay was **transformed into the interior of a luxury 1920’s ocean liner**, with 500 decadently dressed guests supping champagne, doing the lindy hop, and enjoying a variety of deck games.

**The Thames Festival in 2010 is guaranteed to be an even bigger and better event**, and The Classic Boat Rally will return here again; so if you missed it, you have just enough time to start planning your visit for

next September!



## F&C REIT MOVE IN

**October 23rd of this year signified an important change here at St. Katharine Docks.**

In a move towards further efficiency and improved Landlord/Tenant relations, F&C Reit; the asset managers of St. Katharine Docks, formally took over the management of the service charge and all operations within the docks from existing management provider Lee Baron.

Whilst this is a big move forward, and we hope all on site will benefit from the improvements, we are pleased to announce that the existing personnel here on site will remain unchanged.

Representing F&C Reit on site is Alf Burgess (pictured) who is working together with

the Estate Manager, Wayne Viljoen on a number of initiatives towards further improving this beautiful estate for the enjoyment of both tenants and visitors alike.



All contact numbers remain the same, including that of the Helpdesk, which is still managed here directly on-site.

As a tenant, if you encounter any problems on the property, please do refer to **The Helpdesk** as your first point of call.

All accounting issues should be directed to Martin Carvell at the Dorking branch of F&C Reit. Martin can be reached on **020 7016 4911**.

**As part of some of the changes taking place** here at St. Katharine Docks, on the 1st of October, **Servoca Security** formally took over the contract to provide a professional security service; which they won through competitive tender.

Many of the friendly faces of the Security team that you recognise on site will remain, and should anyone have any queries about security provision, your first point of call is Chris Fendt, the Marina and Security Manager.

## F&C REIT CONTACTS

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## SAILING IN STYLE... CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

She was the flagship for the last few days of the Dunkirk rescue, and carried Winston Churchill and General Eisenhower as they reviewed the amazingly heroic D-Day Fleet before they set sail.

At 70 years old, the MTB 102 has quite a history behind her, but not all of it military. **She also starred in the**

### **Michael Caine film *The Eagle Has Landed!***

When she is not on duty, or sailing with celebrities and film stars on board, you may be lucky enough to catch sight of her, and similar vessels at Newsons Boatyard in Lowestoft.

Richard Madeley and his pals were in the docks filming for a new ITV series

for which they sailed around Britain in a variety of vessels, **experiencing luxury, hardship and by all accounts, a fair amount of sea sickness!**

They invited some guests aboard the Sunseeker to celebrate their arrival at St. Katharine Docks.



The amazing 70 year old motor torpedo boat, the MTB 102—the fastest vessel of the Royal Navy

## DAVID SUCHET PRESENTS...

On Friday 9th October the resurrection of an historic event took place here in the Docks.

The Oyster Run was an annual tradition; a **fiercely competitive race between different Oyster Smacks, that had not been run since 1975.**

This year it was resurrected by four flagship Oysters who sailed around the Kent

Coast to see who could arrive at St. Katharine Docks in the fastest time.

Fishmonger's Hall in the City, holds a magnificent 3 foot high solid silver presentation cup which was awarded to the winners of the race each year.

Fishmonger's Hall kindly let the organiser, Ian Welsh, borrow the cup

so that **actor and Chairman of the River Thames Alliance David Suchet was able to present the cup** in the pouring rain to the triumphant winners!

Next year, the Oyster Run will be a full blown race between a much larger number of vessels, and if we're lucky, like this year, they will bring a haul of tasty oysters too.



Everyone will be in costume on the 12th of September at SS Atlantica, taking place in St. Katharine Docks.

## NEW ST. KATHARINE DOCKS WEBSITE LAUNCHES

St. Katharine Docks has taken a great leap into 2010 by launching a brand new, gorgeous website, with images provided by, amongst others, **award winning architectural photographer David Churchill.**

The website launches later this month, and can be found at

[www.skdocks.co.uk](http://www.skdocks.co.uk).

New features on the site include live updated weather reports, and coming soon, live shipping news for all of our Marina clients.

**St. Katharine Docks is an increasingly sought after location for film-makers,** and the new site also includes a Virtual Recce, which will allow many

directors, photographers and location managers to plan any potential shoots within the area.

**The site contains an interactive map of all of the retailers on site, to help visitors plan their trip.**

There is also the option to sign up to receive a regular newsletter, so log on and sign up!

**Log on to our brand new website to register for our regular newsletter!**

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Each year the Management at St. Katharine Docks hosts a **Christmas Tea Party for invited Senior Citizens from the local area.**

They, together with their carers, are able to enjoy a delicious tea of pastries, sandwiches, cakes (and all washed

down with a drop of fizz) and we do our best to provide them with lively entertainment and some presents to take home.

We're very **keen for members of the local community to get involved** with this initiative and offer to contribute towards the

contents of Santa's sack!

If you or your company would be willing to **make a donation**, whatever the size, to help us throw a smashing party this year, please do contact Gossip Consultancy on 020 7264 5311 and ask to speak to Sarah Lloyd.



Please help to sponsor this year's St. Katharine Docks Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

This December will herald the end of a difficult year for a great number of companies, not just here in the City of London, but across the globe.

We have all experienced reduced budgets, redundancies, cost cutting "efficiency" measures as all around us, firms are tightening their belts and holding on for the rocky ride ahead in 2010.

However, a company is nothing without the talent; the ones to sail the surviving companies out and away from the brink of recession. Its important, particularly at times of economic stress and low morale, to remember to show appreciation for your company's best assets - the staff.

**The HMRC provides tax**

**relief of up to £150 per member of staff for an annual Christmas bash,** so if you've not yet made plans it may well be worth considering!

There are some great deals around at the moment. If you want to book within St. Katharine Docks, there are special party deals at *Prohibition Bar and Grill* starting at £19.95 per head for a full sit down dinner, or the *Medieval Banquet* is offering a four course lunch with entertainment from £37.50 per head.

**If you are looking for something a bit different this year,** to lift the spirits of your staff; why not consider a fancy dress themed event?

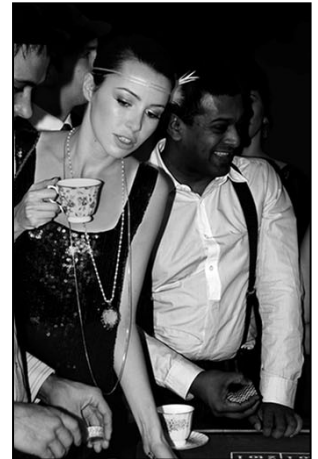
Two very fashionable events are being run in Shoreditch - The Blitz Party; with 1940's swing bands, GI's touting nylon

stockings and menus presented (rather appropriately this year) as ration books.

Alternatively, dress up as Al Capone or a gangster's moll and attend a secret Prohibition 1920's themed party in Shoreditch, where gin cocktails are hidden within tea-pots, live bands get everyone dancing and gambling is rife.

Prices per head start from £75.00, which include unlimited cocktails, food and entertainment; leaving plenty of cash left over for employers to claim the remainder as tax relief on a Summer annual bash as well!

**Readers of The Dock Diaries can get 5% off a booking. Contact Gossip Consultancy for info.**



**Get 5% off your booking of a Blitz or Prohibition Themed Christmas Party. Contact Gossip**

**HMRC allows companies tax relief of £150 per person for the annual Christmas bash so there's no excuse not to party!**

## SANTA WANTED

Ho Ho Ho... its Christmas here at St. Katharine Docks, but very sadly we are rather lacking a splendid Santa to put in a VIP appearance at our Senior Citizen's Christmas Party this year.

**A friendly Santa is required to add a bit of festive sparkle** to the occasion and give our special guests a treat by helping to hand

out the presents, and of course helping himself to the sherry.

If you think you, a friend or a colleague has what it takes to represent one of the key figure-heads of Christmas then please do get in touch!

The ideal candidate will have a warm and friendly disposition, be capable of

eating as many mince pies as he can handle, and be available in the afternoon of December 2nd at The Dickens Inn.

**Please consider this as doing your bit for the local community,** and get in touch by calling us on 020 7264 5311.

Costume and tipples of your choice provided.



## CAROL CONCERT

At 1pm on Friday 11th December, you are all invited to the Annual St. Katharine Docks Carol Concert, which is held in The Grand Hall in International House.

This year, the beautiful voices of the Ince & Co Choir, who are based on site, will provide some wonderful performances of Christmas songs such as Shepherd's Pipe

Carol, The Coventry Carol and The Boar's Head.

This year, attendees will be able to enjoy a delicious selection of Christmas canapés, and of course, mulled wine!

The service will be presided over by Rev. Bertrand Olivier and will be **a great opportunity for everyone** local to St.

Katharine Docks to take an hour out of their day to enjoy something a little bit festive.

This year, **the Carol Concert is in aid of The Alzheimer's Society.** Representatives will be on site to offer advice and information about the organization, and to help raise money from any donations you are able to give at this time.



Mince Pies and Mulled Wine at the Christmas Carol Concert, Friday 11th December, 1pm.

## MIKE PERHAM - MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY

In September, there was a lot of excitement surrounding a tiny little boat which was on display outside of The Dickens Inn. This was *The Bounty Boat*, a vessel built by adventurer Don McIntyre for his attempt at recreating the voyage undertaken by the 19 men who instigated the infamous Mutiny on The Bounty on 28th April 1789.

Mutineer William Bligh and his crew sailed 4000 miles across the Pacific Ocean from Tonga to Timor. **The journey took 48 days, and the crew had no charts, not enough food and no luxuries such as toilet paper.** But they survived, and this is exactly what Don McIntyre intends to do when he sets sail on

April 28th 2010 with three other men.

Joining him on this voyage will be **Mike Perham; who rose to fame as the youngest person to have ever solo circumnavigated the globe at the age of 17.**

Mike and Don are on the look out for two more adventurers to join them in this trip of a lifetime. The recreation of the experience will be as close to historical accuracy as possible. The 2010 Bounty Boat will have no charts, not enough food, no toilet paper, and of course, no support boat. The men will have to exist on bland ships' biscuits and navigate across a treacherous ocean using just the sun and the stars

to guide them.

**The voyage is in aid of raising money and awareness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND)** - a fatal disease which requires funding for research at The Sheffield Institute of Translational Neuroscience. If you would like to learn more about the work done, go to the website [www.sifoundation.com](http://www.sifoundation.com).

To find out more about Mike and Don's voyage in their tiny 25ft by 7ft boat, as well as the history of Mutiny on the Bounty, log on to [www.bountyboat.com](http://www.bountyboat.com).

You can also follow their progress across the ocean on Google maps - where their position will be updated every two hours.

4000 miles from Tonga to Timor with no charts, no books, no lights, no toilet paper and not enough food



Don McIntyre and Mike Perham aboard The Bounty Boat for their press launch at St. Kats

## STRICTLY @ THE DICKENS

Launching in early November is a series of **exciting new dance classes available to everyone at The Dickens Inn.**

The evening classes will run several times a week from 7pm until 10pm; but this is dancing with a twist.

Teacher Viraj Yadav uses a programme that focuses just as much on the mind and develops emotions through the experience of dance. The **Dance of Life** classes are an intriguing mix of exercise and emotional therapy, whilst retaining a real element of fun.

For those who fancy

themselves as sultry latin dancers, in January The Dickens Inn is running a series of salsa and latin ballroom classes called Strictly @ The Dickens.

**Get your sequins and lippy on** and prepare to be swung around the dancefloor... or at the very least have a go at keeping up with a few steps of the Rumba whilst dreaming about perfecting your Paso Doble.

And to get everyone here at the Docks in the mood for Valentines Day, starting in January will be regular **Dance Dating** events.

They'll work just like speed dating, but instead of staring helplessly across the table at a succession of strangers, you can at least focus on the steps provided by the instructor as you get to know one another.

Make sure your dance card is filled by the end of the night, and you may well find yourself with a date sooner than you thought!

For more details contact Viraj on **07956 328 546** or give The Dickens Inn a call to find out when the next class is **020 7488 2208.**

[www.dickensinn.co.uk](http://www.dickensinn.co.uk)

## Coffee Break

Here at The Dock Diaries we find one way of combating the winter blues is to stuff our faces with cake. To hell with the calorie counting, we take pride in cultivating splendid muffin-tops. We need some sort of insulation in this weather, and our love of cake gives the New Year diets a sense of purpose!

The best insulation to be found on the docks at the moment is the **Starbucks Chocolate Cake Doughnut.** If this glorious bit of sugary goodness was a person, it may be rather unkindly described as having a "face like a bag of smashed crabs". It looks like a factory reject, or the victim of a vicious bakery assault. But beneath its exterior, there is just the right combination of satisfying cakey stodge, light crisp icing, and chocolate goo, and all of this makes the trip out of the office well worth it!

## Dock Shots

In each Edition of **The Dock Diaries** we like to feature some of the best pictures taken in and around St. Katharine Docks. This season we're including a little taster of some of the images you will see on **our new website [www.skdocks.co.uk](http://www.skdocks.co.uk)**, taken by **David Churchill [www.davidchurchill.com](http://www.davidchurchill.com)**. If you have a picture that you'd like to see printed in the Dock Diaries, please email us at [gossip@gossipconsultancy.co.uk](mailto:gossip@gossipconsultancy.co.uk).



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