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People tell us what they love about Canada Water



Russ

I like living here because it's got everything you need and it's so easy to get to with all the buses and the Jubilee Line. I love the street food stalls outside the library. I used to work at Decathlon and always went there for the Chinese food especially. I also like walking along the river to The Salt Quay in Rotherhithe. It's a lovely place to have lunch overlooking the Thames.

Michael

I like to go down to Brunswick Quay and sit outside the Moby Dick pub overlooking the old dock. Things are much, much better than they were when I first moved here in the mid 90s. It used to be a very run down area but it has changed so much and now there's a nice vibrancy here. I like the way they have made the most of the old Surrey Docks, keeping the sense of history but combining it with new housing. The water looks lovely now and I think they have done it beautifully.

Roy

I was born on Rotherhithe Street and have lived here for 60 years. It's changed a lot since the docks shut and the jobs went but the housing is much better and they have made it much greener. I like living around water and have a fountain in my garden. It's very calming. I do most of my shopping at Surrey Quays Shopping Centre. It's much more than we used to have around here and I like having a nose in the pound shop (but there are way too many phone shops).



Temi

I have lived in the area for ten years and what I like is that it is so easily accessible by public transport. The schools are good too – my daughter is at the Harris Academy. They are trying to make things nicer but it could still be better, maybe have more places to eat. We tend to go to Greenwich for Nando's or Chinese.

Kathleen

I like the new library. I have been there for community meetings about plans for the area and it's very bright and light. It feels like they are trying to do more to improve the area but they are failing on the shopping side. Every new shop that opens in the shopping centre seems to be a phone shop and we do need more general shops. It's especially hard for older people who can't travel so far to buy things.



Alina

The Vietnamese Pho noodle soup at Café East is so good and I also like the food in the café at the new Canada Water Library. I used to like going to the old Yellow House restaurant on Plough Way and especially loved the giant meringues they had in the window, though I have yet to check out their new place. I love living near the river and going for walks along it. I was born here and grew up here but then moved away for a while. It feels good to be back.

Karen

The Hollywood Bowl at Surrey Quays is great as it's got everything in one place. You can bowl or play pool or just have a drink. There's a lovely atmosphere and it's a great family place. I also like The Surrey Docks 'Spoons (Wetherspoons). It's a lovely pub in summer, when I like to sit outside with an ice cold lager. When I moved here seven years ago the area was a bit run down but they seem to be doing a lot to modernise it.

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FOREWORD

Welcome to the second edition of Canada Water magazine. You may have heard that back in September we made the decision to ask British Land to look for an alternative location for the new Canada Water Leisure Centre. Having looked at all the responses we received in the consultation earlier this year, we've taken on board that the majority of people were opposed to our original preferred location. We have now told British Land that we want the leisure centre to be part of the new town centre, and to be delivered in the first phase of the development.

I would like to thank everyone who raised their concerns with me over the last year – please do continue to let me know your thoughts on our plans at Canada Water or the wider area.

Cllr Mark Williams
*Cabinet member for regeneration
and new homes*

New life for Harmsworth Quays

Event and venue management company Xcite is taking over The Printworks at the old Harmsworth Quays site (owned by British Land), following on from Secret Cinema's one year residency. Xcite will transform the space to host a range of events and activities over the next five years, ahead of the site being redeveloped as part of the masterplan. Look out for more information about their plans in the next issue of Canada Water magazine or follow them on Twitter at [@theprintworks_](https://twitter.com/theprintworks_)

Your Community Council

The Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Community Council is your chance to be involved in the council's decision making process. Open to all, it is a great opportunity to meet your local councillors and hear about key issues like community safety, traffic management and environmental improvements. The next meeting will be in early December 2016 – final date to be confirmed. More information at southwark.gov.uk/communitycouncils

Ready, set, run!

Hot on the heels of Team GB's most successful Olympic and Paralympic Games performance, work has now been completed on Southwark Council's Olympic legacy athletics track in Southwark Park. From October it will open for three sessions a week, including a session for the general public on Saturday mornings. It is planned that opening hours will be extended to seven days a week when the athletics centre and its facilities are completed next year. Find out more at everyoneactive.com/centre/southwark-athletics-centre

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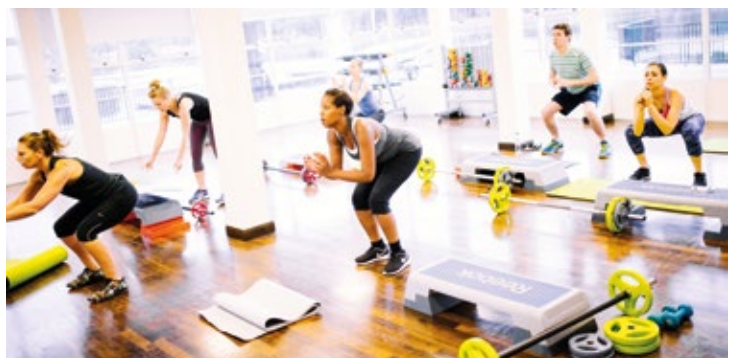
Have you signed up for the council's new free swim and gym scheme yet? The Surrey Docks Watersports Centre has had a whole raft of improvements recently so now's the perfect time to do it.

Operated by Everyone Active in partnership with Southwark Council, the Watersports Centre has a wide range of facilities including a state of the art gym, group exercise studios, spacious changing facilities and, of course, numerous water-based activities like sailing, powerboating, kayaking and canoeing.

Improvements at the centre include brand new Technogym equipment, an extended free weights area, redesigned fitness studio space and additional yoga, Pilates and Zumba classes on the timetable.

The new free swim and gym scheme gives all Southwark residents free access to swimming and gym facilities at all Southwark centres all day Fridays, and on weekend afternoons from 2pm.

For more information and to sign up to free swim and gym visit southwark.gov.uk/freeswimandgym or pop in to the Surrey Docks Fitness and Watersports Centre on Greenland Dock, at Rope Street, SE16 7SX





NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Bermondsey has a brand new school with the opening of Galleywall Primary in September.

The new school welcomed 60 children into its first reception class and will be expanding to its full capacity of 420 students by 2022. With a curriculum that includes languages, sport and the performing arts, it's a great choice for residents with children coming up to school age.

Galleywall is a sister school to the popular Redriff Primary in Rotherhithe and is part of the City of London family of schools. It will be led by Mickey Kelly as Executive Head and Sheila Cohring as Head Teacher.

2016 classes are now full but Galleywall is accepting applications for September 2017. For more information visit galleywall.co.uk



Albion Primary's new school building is well underway and will be completed by October 2017. The new building will have a rooftop play deck and the classrooms will be lighter and airier to maximise comfort and learning. A stunning new entrance onto Albion Street will make a real presence in Rotherhithe. This expansion will double the number of students the school takes in each year.



UPDATE ON THE CANADA WATER MASTERPLAN

As many readers will be aware, we are developing plans for a new town centre for Canada Water: The Canada Water Masterplan

The masterplan site incorporates Surrey Quays Shopping Centre, Surrey Quays Leisure Park and the SE16 Printworks. We are proposing significant new office and workspace, alongside a mix of retail, restaurants, leisure and new homes. The plans also include a proposed replacement for Seven Islands Leisure Centre and a potential higher education campus.

Over the past six months...

We shared the draft masterplan with the community in February

and the team has since been busy reviewing the feedback. The draft masterplan represented a point in time for the overall project and the plans are evolving from this, with the feedback we received helping to shape the masterplan. Over 2,200 people attended the exhibitions held in February, with around 4,000 individual comments submitted.

In June, the project team published a feedback report setting out the comments received across a range

of themes and responses to the many questions raised. The report also sets out how we will seek to address these points through the ongoing masterplanning process. You can find the report at canadawatermasterplan.com.

Part of the ongoing masterplan review will include considering other potential opportunities for the location of a new leisure centre.

Over the summer, local engagement has continued. One of the topics



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most frequently raised throughout the consultation was transport, so we held a community discussion with local residents, Transport for London and Southwark Council. The session explored how transport is assessed, who is involved, the timeline and how it links to the wider masterplanning process. We welcomed around 70 people to the discussion.

Other discussions included an information session on design and planning aimed at those not yet familiar with the masterplanning process; a workshop about designing well for older residents with Southwark's 'Golden Oldies' group; and a breakfast event with the Southwark

Chamber of Commerce exploring how local businesses can get involved.

We also held our annual Community Day in June, where teams of British Land employees volunteered their day working on projects with community partners. This year we had five projects with some fantastic local organisations in the area including Time and Talents, Bede House and Bacon's College among others.

Over the next six months...

A great deal of activity will take place. The masterplan review is ongoing and discussions with statutory stakeholders such as Southwark Council and Transport for London continue, alongside many further

meetings, walk-arounds and general discussions with community groups and local representatives. Further topic sessions will take place in the autumn to explore key themes from the consultation so far. We also hope to develop the youth engagement strategy with input from a range of local organisations and schools, and continue to support a range of local charities and organisations in and around Canada Water, often via Surrey Quays Shopping Centre.

All of this work and more will inform the updated masterplan which will be shared for further review and comment in the winter, ahead of a submission to the council in 2017.



SANDS STANDS THE TEST OF TIME

There can't be many businesses in Southwark with more charm than the fascinating Sands Films. Canada Water took a peek behind the scenes at this local gem.

When we arrive at Sands Films, Olivier Stockman is engrossed in a meeting with Rotherhithe locals about plans to commemorate the historic voyage of the Mayflower in the lead-up to its 500th anniversary in 2020. For Sands isn't just about making films, it's an integral part of the local community and as studio manager Olivier puts it "we're now a part of local history ourselves."

Sands has been based in Rotherhithe since it was established in 1975. The animal costumes from a Beatrix Potter film which brought the two founders of the studio together more than 40 years ago still adorn the walls. Indeed, throughout the vast 18th century former granary warehouse which Sands calls home,

there are props, drawings, books, drapes, scenery and all manner of memorabilia accumulated from decades of film production. Some of which may well return to our screens in years to come.

The main part of the Sands business is making and supplying costumes for the film business. As well as a vast store of clothing ready for hire, the studio has a team of costumiers working on new designs – or indeed old designs – for period dramas arriving on TV and in cinemas soon.

Over the years, Sands has supplied costumes for a vast number of productions. Amongst the more recent are the BBC blockbusters Wolf

Hall, which starred Mark Rylance in sumptuous Tudor furs and gowns, and the mystical Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell, featuring ball gowns, frockcoats and plenty of tricorne hats. Given the long production

times for film and TV, it takes Olivier a moment to recall where we'll see their handiwork next, but expect to see Tom Hardy modelling 'Sands'

in Taboo this autumn as well as Emma Watson in Beauty and the Beast.

The costumes are the mainstay of the business but the studio has many other sidelines. Sands have made several of their own films over the years, ranging from a 1987 adaptation of Little Dorrit (surely an open goal for

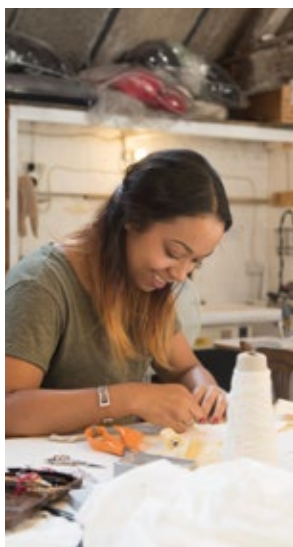
"We're now a part of local history."



this Dickensian 'curiosity shop' sat in the midst of old Southwark) through to a contemporary version of *As You Like It* and even a documentary about the local Peak Freans biscuit factory. Their next film will be called *The Good Soldier, Schwejk*.

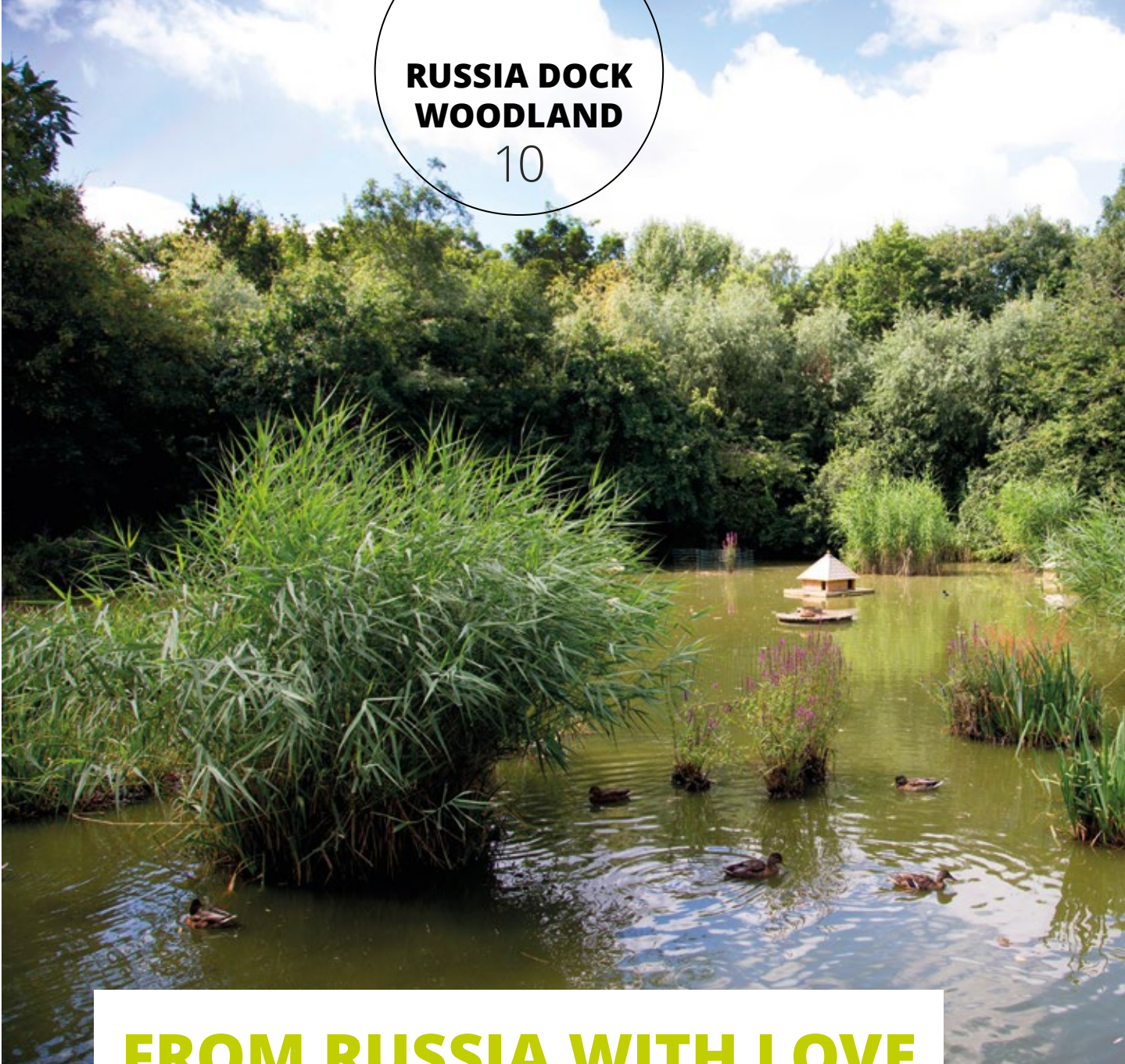
Sands also has a picture research library for people sourcing inspiration for theatrical projects alongside an archive for local historians and even runs a regular film club. Much of this is provided free (donations welcome) and is supported by volunteers, which helps to cement Sands place in the local community – not just as an important business – but as part of the social fabric of the area.

Find out more at sandsfilms.co.uk



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FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Russia Dock Woodland is 29 acres of natural beauty sheltered from the urban traffic in the midst of the horseshoe created by Salter Road.

"I'm down here twice a day, almost every day," says Steve Cornish as he surveys the mallards splashing around the floating duck houses he helped to install at Globe Pond earlier this year. It was the condition of this particular patch of woods that led Steve to help set up the Friends of Russia Dock Woodland some 15 years ago.

"It was in a sorry state, in danger of drying out altogether," says Steve. He arranged for a new underground 'aquifer pump' to replenish the ponds and has been a tireless, hands-on champion for the woodland and its abundant wildlife ever since. "There are plenty of parks in Southwark, but this is different, this is woodland," he explains. "It's about preserving wildlife in a natural habitat, rather than providing swings or ornamental fountains."

You have to pinch yourself to remember that this 'natural' oasis was once several busy docks through which timber was imported from Norway, Sweden and Russia. The docks were filled in and planted as woodland in the late 1970s and early 80s. Since then, it has become home to a profusion of flora and fauna. A stone's throw from the joggers and dog walkers of Stave Hill, bats, hedgehogs, slowworms, toads and countless birds can be found amidst the verdant woodland. The plant life is equally varied, ranging from wild grasses and hawthorn to sweet briar roses and cherry trees.

Perhaps most important of all are the insects. As Steve points out, "It's the insects that attract and sustain the rest of the wildlife. Our loggeries might look like neglected, rotting wood but we've put them here for a reason.



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"It's about preserving wildlife in a natural habitat, rather than providing swings or ornamental fountains."  
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They harbour beetles which in turn provide food for eight pairs of Great Spotted woodpeckers that nest here." Elsewhere, Steve and his helpers – who range from the Conservation Volunteers charity to bank-worker corporate volunteers and even people on Community Payback schemes – have created new wildflower meadows that will support colonies of bees.

Funding has come from the council's Cleaner, Greener Safer scheme, local charities, such as United St Saviours, and from local developers amongst others. The Friends also work closely with the Stave Hill Ecology Park. Now Steve is teaming up with the Friends of Stave Hill, Friends of Lavender Pond, Friends of Surrey Dock Farm and Friends of Southwark Park, to form 'Green Connections 106' who together will work to secure regeneration money to help preserve the woodlands and local environment for generations to come.

Find out more at fordw.org.uk

Lovely Lavender Pond

Not far from Russia Dock Woodland is Lavender Pond, 2.5 acres of wetlands and wilderness. Get your hands dirty at the twice weekly volunteer sessions (Wednesdays and Thursdays – do book ahead) or come to an open day on the third Sunday of the month. Find out more at tcv.org.uk/urbanecology/urban-ecology-sites/lavender-pond-nature-park

HUNGRY AS A HORSE?

Head to Hawker House to satisfy those hunger pangs

Have you noticed a steady stream of hungry looking people heading out of Canada Water station on Fridays and Saturdays recently? Chances are they're in search of the lobster rolls, vegetarian burritos or pork belly steamed buns that have become Canada Water's worst kept secret.

Joining fellow Street Feast outlets Dinerama in Shoreditch and Model Market in Lewisham, Hawker House opened in the old WHAT!!! warehouse on Surrey Quays Road in October 2015, continuing the company's vision of breathing new life into previously disused or between use spaces to "transform lives and communities through the awesome power of street food".

Street Feast's founder Jonathan Downey said, "We've loved the time we've spent in Canada Water so far. There is such a great community here and we've really enjoyed taking a huge deserted warehouse and creating something on an epic scale that we couldn't have done anywhere else in London. We've welcomed 120,000 people over the last year and hope we've not only brought great food, fun and community vibes to the area but have helped people from elsewhere discover Canada Water. We'd love to do something permanent here."

Hawker House celebrated summer with tiki huts and rum cocktails outside in the courtyard, but come the cooler months it transforms back into a warm and cosy space to escape the winter chills. For a touch of glamour, try a cocktail at the Milk & Honey bar on the upper level – but get in quick as savvy locals know to grab their tables early.

Visit them online at streetfeast.com/where/hawker-house



Hawker House is open 5pm to midnight Fridays and Saturdays during the winter.

Free entry before 7pm, £3 after.



LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Take a look at what's going up in the area

Quebec Quarter

The first phase of L&Q's 368 home Quebec Quarter development on Quebec Way is coming closer to completion (expected to be winter 2016) with the installation of striking glass and stone façades on the balconies and terraces. Designed by Alan Camp Architects, the structure includes timber cladding in a nod to the adjacent Russia Dock Woodland and Stave Hill Ecological Park.

The second phase is due to finish in 2017 and will include one, two and three bedroom apartments. Amenities at Quebec Quarter will include a new nursery, community hall, café and mini market.

For more information visit quebecquarter.co.uk



London Square

Another development we'll be seeing soon on Quebec Way comes from London Square, who is building 94 new homes with a mix of private and affordable homes on the one acre, former light industrial site. There will be some retail spaces at street level and a communal landscaped courtyard creating a focus in Quebec Way.

The development is expected to be completed in 2018, and a show apartment will be opening in spring/summer 2017.

For more information visit londonsquare.co.uk or email canadawater@londonsquare.co.uk



THE SCANDI CONNECTION

London's only Scandinavian street market returns to Rotherhithe this November, heralding the start of the Christmas season.

London's Scandinavian connection stretches back centuries. The Dane, King Canute, was crowned King of England here in 1016. Later, in the 17th century, it was the timber trade that forged bonds between London, Scandinavia and the Baltics. And by the 18th century, Rotherhithe and the Surrey Commercial Docks dominated this trade.

With the closure of the docks, the connection has faded into history but one local resident is determined to revive the association.

Pauline Adenwalla, Chair of Canada Water Consultative Forum and Secretary of Albion Street Steering Group, helped establish the Scandi Street Market on Albion Street in 2012. The idea was to complement the long established Norwegian and Finnish Christmas bazaars, celebrate the area's Nordic heritage and breathe a little more life back into the street.

Pauline told *Canada Water* magazine, "The Finnish and Norwegian Churches (which 'bookend' the street market) are the only real Scandinavian connections the area has left, but they serve a community which is no longer based around here. We wanted to do something for locals as well as attracting people who've never visited Rotherhithe before".

Despite wet and windy weather, the first market attracted some 12,000 people over the course of the weekend and there was clearly a big appetite for what they had to offer. Since then, the Scandi market has expanded to 38 stalls and is held three times a year; spring, Midsummer and Christmas.

This Christmas, the market will be selling a range of traditional Scandinavian produce including jewellery, ceramics, fine wool jumpers, crafts and children's clothes. There will be Scandi food and drink too, including reindeer burgers, cinnamon

buns, waffles and the mulled wine known to the Swedes as 'glögg'. There will also be plenty of live music and even a Moomin on hand to entertain the children.

Pauline, whose inspiration for the markets came from a series of community conversations in 2010 about how Albion Street could be revitalised, hopes the success of the markets will lead to further improvements.

"Sixty percent of the people who came to our first market had never visited Rotherhithe before and yet we've got so much to offer," she says. "It's still a bit of a dream but with the right support, maybe Albion Street could revive its fortunes and make its name as London's new Scandi Quarter."

The Christmas market will be held on 18-20 November, Albion Street, SE16 7HZ. scandimarket.co.uk

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PAINT THE TOWN YELLOW

Freshly prepared food and a warm welcome are on the menu at The Yellow House, the award-winning bar and restaurant run by Robert and his business partner Jaime.



Why is it called The Yellow House?

We used to have a small restaurant nearby in Plough Way. When we bought the building it was a very dull grey so the first thing we did was paint it yellow to brighten it up. Our neighbours all called it "the yellow house" so the name stuck.

It was so popular we needed somewhere bigger and in 2008 we bought and refurbished the old Caulkers pub by Surrey Quay station. We kept the wood panelling and fireplaces but injected modern touches with funky lighting and art.

What's on the menu?

It's a seasonal British menu and changes every week. Everything is homemade from the dough for the wood fired pizzas to our hamburgers and ice cream. On a Friday there's also beer battered fish and chips and on Sunday there's roast.

Who are your customers?

We're a neighbourhood restaurant so everyone from families and groups of friends to after work get-togethers. For the second year running we've been voted Best Restaurant in SE16 in Time Out's Love London Awards. Lots of our staff have been with us for years and people really like that, and our food of course!

What's your favourite area of The Yellow House?

All of it! But I especially like our cosy snug which is perfect for pre-dinner drinks or cocktails. We also have a terrace that backs onto Southwark Park that's a bit of a hidden gem.

The Yellow House
126, Lower Road, Surrey Quays, SE16 2UE
theyellowhouse.eu

Jessie, Sam and Ben just need space...

to explore together.

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