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Southwark Schools STEP Out at the Scoop

Local schoolchildren perform the *Labours of Hercules* in the Scoop during the STEP festival

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More Development

Construction progress update



Cores of plots 3 and 4. Photography by Kevin Sansbury.

Construction work continues at More London with all three phases of work making good progress. In addition the Unicorn Theatre has unveiled its presence to Tooley Street and is scheduled to complete towards the end of the year.

Progress on the two other new buildings to the east of the estate continues apace. 3

More London Riverside will be the new headquarters of international law firm Norton Rose and 4 More London Riverside will be the new international headquarters of law firm Lawrence Graham. Both buildings are designed by Foster and Partners.

The five tower cranes installed in the spring have been busy supporting the construction of 15,000 cubic metres of reinforced concrete, which provides the basements and core, in readiness for the 4,500 tonnes of steel to be erected over the coming months. Off site, the manufacture of cladding panels, as well as the air conditioning and electrical plant, has commenced for the later phases of the project. At its peak, in the autumn of this year, the site will employ 530 operatives.

Both buildings are due to be completed to shell and core stage by the summer of 2006 which will be followed by internal fit out by Norton Rose and Lawrence Graham prior to their occupations during 2007.

A new luxury hotel for Southwark

The form of the new London Hilton Tower Bridge Hotel is becoming apparent. The structure for the front section of the hotel on Tooley Street has been completed and installation of its striking cladding panels has started; terracotta and glass to the front and copper to the rear.

The main steel transfer structure creating the hotel function room was successfully installed over a weekend in mid-May. The structure forms a space capable of holding a banquet for 275 people or a 400-person conference, whilst supporting the ten floors of bedrooms above. Some of the steel beams weighed over 40 tonnes and required the largest mobile crane in the country to lift them into position. The remaining superstructure will continue to rise above the hoarding reaching the same height as the Ernst & Young building, which has recently won the Large Commercial category of the Built in Quality Awards 2005.



The steel transfer structure for the hotel function room.

Each of the bathrooms in the 245-bed hotel are "pods" prefabricated in Germany and installed as a sealed unit with all the bathroom finishes and fittings complete. This speeds up the construction process and improves quality as all the finishes are applied in a factory environment.

Over the next few months the structure to the taller section of the hotel will be completed and the fit out of the bedrooms will commence early for the hotel opening in the summer 2006.

Strada restaurant to open at 2 More London Riverside

Work has started on one of the retail units on the ground floor of 2 More London Riverside to transform the space into a new Strada restaurant.

Strada is a group of stylish modern Italian restaurants serving good quality, simple, freshly prepared dishes. The menu includes pastas, risottos and grilled meat and fish dishes. The centrepiece of the restaurants

is a wood-fired oven, which produces some of the best pizzas in London.

The restaurant is due to open in early November.

"Notable for yummy retro Italian food and restrained prices." *Time Out*

More Events



Olivia Macdonald in the Children of Hercules. Photography by Sheila Burnett.

Steam Industry success at the Scoop

"Inspiringly modern Euripides... Dignified, demystified free theatre with a heart-swelling message"

Time Out Critics' Choice (Children of Hercules)

"Magical. A delightful blend of the salty and the silly with a lavish musical extravaganza"

The Independent (Treasure Island)

The Steam Industry's third year of free theatre in the Scoop has proved a smash hit with critics and audiences alike. Performances of Kenneth McLeish's translation of Euripides' *Children of Hercules* and Director Phil Willmott's take on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale *Treasure Island* received the biggest and most diverse theatre audiences the Scoop has seen. The company once again put on two stunning shows with equal parts of thought-provoking drama and fun.

Sadly, the season finished on the 14 August, but if you'd like to read reviews and audience comments about the shows and prepare yourself for next year please visit www.suzannarosenthal.com/scoop.

More Movies

During June, More London hosted "More Movies": a unique free open-air film season. Each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday a selection of classic, cult and contemporary films were screened free of charge in the Scoop amphitheatre. Films included Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Casablanca, Quadrophenia, Easy Rider, The Matrix, Dr. No, Moulin Rouge! and Pool of London, a heist movie filmed in the More London area during the 1950s.

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The season proved to be very popular with capacity reached for eight out of the twelve films screened. Approximately 7,000 people enjoyed the season, half of whom live locally.

One visitor said, "It's really good to see something like this happening in London, and the movie selection is very good indeed."

The overwhelming response from the audience was extremely positive and there have been numerous requests to extend the season further into the summer. There isn't space in the programme to extend this year, however, the free film season will return to the Scoop next summer.



A capacity crowd enjoy "Quadrophenia" at the Scoop.

Photography by Andrew Rafferty

STEP festival



Watch out Hercules! Photography Sheila Burnett.

On the 11 July, More London was delighted to host the finale of Southwark Council's second STEP festival. STEP, which stands for Southwark Theatres' Education Partnership, is led by Southwark Council's Arts and Culture Service to highlight the vast range of imaginative and creative education work that goes on in the borough. Working with Tower Bridge, Townsend, Albion, Oliver Goldsmiths and Charles Dickens primary schools, The Steam Industry took part in *STEP Out!* a programme of special commissions staged in outdoor venues that take schools on an exciting journey through open-air performance.

Steam Industry Education Director Bea Holland and a number of the actors appearing in the performances at the Scoop worked with Year 5 groups to create a new piece of site-specific theatre exploring Greek drama, open-air performance and specifically the myth of the *Labours of Hercules*. The results of the schools' 'labours' were performed at 2pm on 11 July and were a fantastic enthusiastic feast of individual and group performance.

More Music

The Scoop's free open-air music festival returns featuring The James Taylor Quartet.

More London, in partnership with The AllStars Collective and 102.2 Smooth FM, is delighted to present the third annual free More Music festival, an eclectic month long mix of jazz, soul, funk, Latin, pop, reggae, blues, R&B and classical concerts at the Scoop.



The festival runs from **16 August – 9 September**, each Tuesday to Friday. Lunchtime music (from 12.30-2pm) will soothe and ease those stresses while you enjoy your sandwich in the sun, and this year's new evening shows (from 6-9pm) will have you dancing by the river.

Acts include world-class names such as The James Taylor Quartet, Hamish Stuart and Jim Mullen alongside up-and-coming musicians from EMI's Music Sound Foundation and artists supported by the Prince's Trust Sound Live Project. More Music's house DJs, playing between and around the acts, are brought to us courtesy of 102.2 Smooth FM.

Amazingly, you can see all these wonderful musicians for free. There is no need to book, no ticket to buy, just turn up and enjoy.

For the full line-up visit www.morelondon.com/thescoop or call 020 7403 4866.



Check out The Allstars at the Scoop on 16 August.

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Earth from the Air at More London

The Earth from the Air exhibition at More London was officially launched on 6 June with the opening of the enormous walk-on world map and the environmental information centre, offering visitors the chance to learn how they can make a difference to the environment with just small lifestyle changes. The event marked the beginning of London Sustainability Week and the continuing work of the exhibition to promote awareness about the need for sustainable development with speeches from Environment Minister, Elliott Morley, Director of Strategy and Sustainable Development at DEFRA, Jill Rutter, Chief Development Officer of the London Climate Change Agency, Allan Jones and Director of WWF's Stop Climate

Chaos! Campaign, Matthew Davis. Not forgetting of course the man behind the amazing Earth from the Air project, photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand, who is proud to bring his world famous exhibition to the wonderful More London riverside site.

The free outdoor exhibition of over 120 large scale aerial photographs continues to be a huge success, attracting fresh audiences to More London Riverside both day and night, a perfect compliment to the Scoop's summer events programme. Earth from the Air has also attracted a number of schools, being an inspirational cross-curriculum learning resource for pupils of all ages. **The exhibition continues until December 2005.**



Earth from the Air at More London.

More Community

SUPPORTING SOUTHWARK'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Over the Christmas period More London Development made a number of charitable donations to Southwark based organisations, particularly those benefiting local children. Over the coming months we will feature these organisations and let you know about their activities and how More London's contributions have helped. Last issue we focused on *Columbia Football Club*, this issue find out about the *Tabard Out of School Project* and *KIDS*.

Fun after school!

The Tabard Out of School Project provides an opportunity for children from five Southwark primary schools to meet in the South London Mission between 3.30 to 6.30pm every school day. Set up by parents for working parents, the project enables children to have a hot meal or snack, and to do their homework, read, paint or get involved in other games and activities and be looked after until their parents

committed to providing a fun and educational ground for the children allowing them to fully participate in the activities offered."

More London's support has helped the project to purchase new games, stationery, art and other materials.



Art work done by one of the children supported by the Tabard project.

"We are committed to providing a fun and educational ground for the children allowing them to fully participate in the activities offered."

can collect them. Tabard also operates as an 8am to 6pm play scheme during the school holidays. Qualified staff are supported by a number of volunteers and older children, and the project is grant aided, with parents paying subsidised fees. The initiative provides a relaxed, creative, learning and social environment.

Ivy Dekeyi, Project Co-ordinator explains the philosophy as providing a safe, caring and stimulating environment, whilst allowing the children to develop intellectually. "We are

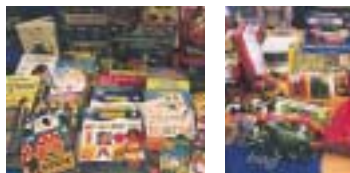
Learning at home through KIDS Southwark

KIDS is a national voluntary organisation, set up in 1970, to support children with special needs and their families. KIDS Southwark delivers home-based learning to approximately 90 children in the borough with each of its full-time trained support workers looking after around ten families.

Each week KIDS' workers visit the families and introduce learning games and exercises tailored to the child's specific needs using specialist toys and apparatus. Parents are encouraged to practice the exercises with their children throughout the week and targets are set at each visit. The achievement success rate is 90%. Many parents have seen a marked improvement in the behaviour and responses of their child since receiving help from KIDS.

More London's contribution has enabled more equipment and toys to be bought for use during the home visits and by the families.

Further initiatives run by KIDS Southwark will be featured in future issues of Know More London.



Some of the toys and equipment purchased with the donation from More London.

More London sets up network with schools

Over the past few months More London has been building relationships with local schools to involve teachers and pupils in an increasing number of activities and events in and around the Scoop, More London's open-air amphitheatre. The initiative was developed to establish a structured framework of ongoing communication between More London and local schools to encourage the schools to make the most of the activities and amenities at More London. This was presented to Southwark schools' representatives through initial lunchtime and after school receptions to which head teachers from Southwark's 122 schools and educational establishments, as well as Carol Kay from the Southwark Education Business Alliance, were invited.

More London's past and current involvement with schools and other community groups was outlined, and ways to include more schools in the future were discussed. Lively discussions took place with many ideas emerging. It was established that there is a strong desire for

schools to work closely with More London. As a result, an e-mail network has been set up to keep all those interested up-to-date with current and forthcoming activities as well as providing a forum for suggestions.

If you are a head teacher and wish to join the school's network please contact Charlotte Bryant-Fenn on 020 7403 4866.



An ongoing project with arts charity Create has seen the More London Schools' Network provide creative project opportunities for three local primaries. More on this in the next issue of Know More London. Photography by Create.

More London and Mace creating futures

Following More London's successful schools' receptions, Mace, construction manager at More London, is planning a series of schools visits as part of Schools Industry Week in the autumn. Starting with St Michaels' RC School, the team will take the Mace Careers Roadshow into local schools to talk about the wide variety of careers available in the construction industry, including Construction Management, Quantity Surveying and Logistics Management.

The Careers Roadshow links in with the Social Inclusion Programme, which aims to promote construction training and jobs in the local area. Tenants' and residents' groups from around the borough are being invited to an event, to be hosted by More London, that will keep them informed of opportunities and developments at More London.

If you would like the team to visit your school or residents' group, or further information on the project please contact Eve Light at elight@mace.co.uk

Keeping in touch

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