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"Tis the season to be jolly..." well indeed with the explosion of high quality pop-up shops, new retailers in the area, and the vast array of exhibitions, concerts, fairs, bazaars, talks, carol services and entertainment for children this Christmas, it looks to be a bumper season. For the first time we have extended our What's On pages to six pages, surely something for everyone?!

At this time, I would like to personally thank my contributors, all of whom have been generously writing, for your entertainment (and education), for many years now. They are, as you will know, Aletta, Victoria, Maria, Charles, Alex, Benedict, Trevor, David and Sarah,. My thanks.

Wishing all our clients and readers, a wonderful Christmas, Lucy

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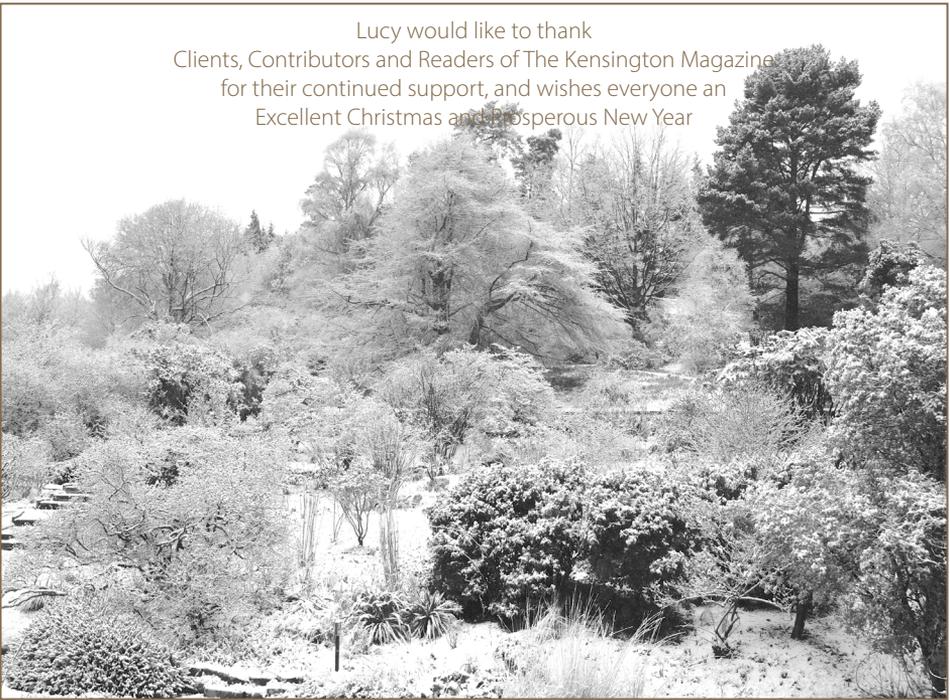
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# The History of Christmas Tea: Debauchery to Civility

By Sarah Goldsmith

The standard history of the afternoon tea is that sometime in the 1830s and 1840s, Anna Russell, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, became peckish between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Her afternoon snack of a pot of tea and some nibbles soon became a “thing” after she invited her friends over to share it with her while she spent her summers at Woburn Abbey. The teas became so popular she continued them in London, inviting guests for a “tea and a-walking in the fields.” Other society ladies followed suit, so that by the 1880s, afternoon tea had moved to the drawing room and had become a standard fixture of British life, for all walks of life. “High” tea was a more substantial meal taken by the middle and lower classes between five and six o’clock, in lieu of a late dinner. Children to this day are still served “tea” between five and six o’clock (and often contains some variant of Bolognese!) “Low” or “afternoon” tea was traditionally served around four o’clock to the upper classes, a lead-in to the fashionable Hyde Park promenade. Food consisted of what we think of afternoon tea today: small sandwiches, cakes, scones and a pot of tea.

During the same period that the Duchess of Bedford was holding her afternoon teas, the temperance movement publicized tea as an alternative to alcohol, especially at Christmas time, when traditionally people would, well, just get drunk. Particularly, the movement focused on the working classes, who having their only holiday at Christmas, were often given a little extra which they then spent on alcohol. In the 1830s campaigners started to organize temperance (i.e., alcohol-free) teas to usher in and celebrate Christmas. These were huge affairs, often with thousands of people, held in large halls decorated for Christmas. Advertised to the working and middle classes, attendees would dress in their finery and listen to sermons. Later, especially during the War



Classic Afternoon Tea at Candella

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years, music and dancing were added and the sermons often omitted. Combined with the Upper Class setting the fashion for afternoon tea, by the turn of the 19th century, Christmas tea had become firmly entrenched in both the United Kingdom and the United States as a way to celebrate Christmas.

There are a number of Christmas teas in Kensington during the holiday season. Belying their continued popularity, reservations must usually be made well in advance. The Pavilion at Kensington Palace will serve a Festive Afternoon Tea, a Festive Fizz Afternoon Tea, and to illustrate the evolution of the Christmas tea, a Festive Cocktail Experience Afternoon Tea this Christmas. The Milestone’s cozy fireplace in its drawing room makes an excellent location for their annual Christmas tea. The Royal Garden and the Baglioni both also host Festive Afternoon Teas.

Other restaurants in W8 serving an afternoon tea year-round, slightly tweaked for the Christmas season, are the Ivy Kensington and Bill’s Restaurant, and of course the traditional tea rooms: the Candella Tea Rooms, Montparnasse Café, Fait Maison, and the Muffin Man Tea Shop, which is the oldest tea shop in Kensington.

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# Christmas Shopping: Pop-ups and Pop in!

By Maria Perry with illustrations by Charles Yorke

Oxford Street has its Celebrity Switch-On, Regent Street exceeds it in elegance and every year Fortnums dominates Piccadilly with its breath-taking animated windows, but Kensington makes its own statement with the glittering cascade, which lights the entry to the Underground. It is like 'A Gateway to Christmas!'. Detractors sometimes grumble that the lamp-posts aren't up to much, but this year the individual shops more than make up for things. Some of the lights are so lovely that they detract from the gifts inside. I first became aware that the festive season was almost upon us when a glorious archway of scarlet and gold lit up the November dusk outside The Ivy. It was echoed by a smaller display in the same shades outside Café Concerto. Intrigued I continued up the High Street and found Trotters, that haven of classic childrens-wear had a window of animated reindeer, energetically nodding and trotting, which entrances every child who passes. Even the scooter drivers paused to stare and predictably the Mothers were drawn in to shop!

In some places Pop-up shops are appearing. Kensington Church Street has seen quite a few this year. For the uninitiated these are premises, which landlords let out for a few months, while seeking a permanent tenant to take over an expiring lease. Pre-eminent in Church Street is No 13, The Luxury Designers Collective, which is the brain-child of Adeela Salehjee. It opened in September, its doorway garlanded with summer flowers and it offers a space for new designers, who have perhaps reviously sold only on line to display their wares. Adeela is ex-Burberry, where for years she was part of the Design Development Department. So far the shop has attracted about 30 young designers. It heralds a new era in Designer Shopping as several customers have become addicts. As the merchandise changes every week, the



customers 'pop in' to see what is new and who is up and coming. It affords them an opportunity to become friendly with those they hope to patronise in the future.

The range is remarkable. On the week I visited, exquisite kaftans vied with hand-painted silk scarves. Unusual furs by Sam Pemberton hung opposite a range of Benedetta children's dresses, as Catarina made her U.K.debut. The range is well-known in USA and Europe, but Church Street has been chosen as the U.K. launch pad for party frocks in palest blue velvet and little boys' tartan tops. Jewellery also features. Patrisias Tsai from Taiwan was displaying fairy-tale bracelets, rings and cuff-links set with semi-precious stones - blue topaz, amethyst and peridot - all set in sterling silver. Sadly this year's lease ends 15th December, but the Collective has been such a success, it will be back in the spring. Meantime the Rev Stephen Fielding is organising his Advent Windows again. The first will be at Pickwick's in Holland Street on 3rd December with the children of St Mary Abbots singing carols. Passers-by are invited to attend.

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## GENERAL NEWS

**Caremark Kensington, Chelsea & Westminster**, local in-home care provider, has been given a GOOD rating following a recent CQC inspection. This was the first report carried out since former UN humanitarian and international civil servant, Abdi Issa and daughter, Fathia, launched the business in 2016. Fathia, registered Care Manager, is proud to work with such devoted individuals. "This rating is a testament to our incredible team, their dedication and hard work. This was a group effort and something we're proud to celebrate together. By putting our clients' needs at the forefront of our business, we've built a compassionate culture which helps to maintain a high standard of care." For more information, visit [www.caremark.co.uk/kensington-chelsea-and-westminster](http://www.caremark.co.uk/kensington-chelsea-and-westminster)

A new book, '**The Other Side of Notting Hill**' by **Roger Rogowski**, published by The History Press, records the memories of people who lived in working class Notting Hill in their own words, from the Second World War to the mass demolition programme, the construction of the Westway, the growth of the Notting Hill carnival and the area's embrace of the swinging sixties. It records everyday working-class life as it was, which in many respects is almost unrecognisable today, and it also records how people began to be affected by the changes that were starting to take place. The book is available at all local bookshops and from the usual online sources.

**Poppy Smith** (who designed this month's front cover) is an illustrator and designer whose work features playful drawings inspired from growing up in a household always crammed with ("naughty") animals. Poppy's paintings are fun, colourful and often feature her 6 dogs or chickens, which she has raised by hand. Launching this year, she hopes to produce fabrics, furnishings and accessories that are joyful, colourful and whimsical with the aim of creating warm, comforting interiors. Poppy has recently produced a charming new range of tea towels, 100% cotton and made in the UK, which are available on her website if you want to brighten up your kitchen. [www.poppyrosemarysmith.co.uk](http://www.poppyrosemarysmith.co.uk)

**Fait Maison** at No. 3 Stratford Road has undergone a transformation, with a refurbishment that turns a cafe into something more memorable and quite special. Decorated with flowers, and with floral wallpaper, this family-based cafe provides local businesses and residents with breakfast, lunch and a very special afternoon-tea. All food is freshly prepared and baked on the premises. Fait Maison also provide lunch boxes, food for events including weddings. Do visit and enjoy



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## Kensington News II

visiting other independent retailers at the same time in this Kensington Village street.

Author, **Heidi Mumford-Yeo** has written a dark urban thriller: **Penumbra**, set in South Kensington. To the outside world, Bella Strukome leads the perfect urbane life; beautiful, talented and happily married she's the envy of people she's never met. But the tragedy that decimated her life thirteen years ago still casts its shadow. It's the middle of a London heatwave when insidious events begin puncturing Nick and Bella's seamless existence. They must face a nebulous enemy – someone who knows everything about them and is always one step ahead – testing their relationship to its limits, and Bella learns how brutally the past infects the future. To buy see [www.heidimumford.com/novels](http://www.heidimumford.com/novels).

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**Exposed Arts Projects** is a new non-profit organisation set up to promote the work of UK-based artists, whose practice is led by research: experimental, academic and multi-disciplinary. 'Exposed' occupies the premises of the old Jaguar dealership at Drayson Mews, using the spacious garages for hosting art

exhibitions, performances, film screenings and other artist-run events. The exhibition "New Work", by artists Candida Powell-Williams and Thomas Yeomans will be open to the public until 14 Dec. It features the artists' research into technologies used by magicians in the past that are today widely appropriated in advertisements, marketing, and political campaigns.

**Evolve**, a leading charity providing housing and support to young homeless people were delighted to welcome **Emma Dent Coad, MP** for RBKC, to Beacon House which provides supported accommodation for sixteen homeless people in the Borough. During her visit Emma met Jeremy Gray, Chief Executive and Debra Ives, Director of Operations and five young residents who showed her around. The young people raised the issues they faced, particularly around finding suitable move-on accommodation in the Borough to enable them to live independently. For more info on this charity please see [evolvehousing.org.uk](http://evolvehousing.org.uk)

The "Poetry 4 Grenfell –Voices from da Grove and Latimer" multi-lingual book has been a creative means to amplify the message of a traumatised community, where the voices of local residents, the bereaved, survivors and the empathetic wider community, aged 3-77 can be heard. Published by Kamitan Arts CIC, compiled by the founding director, lifelong RBKC resident, Princess Emmanuelle, it is a tribute to all affected by the fire and a result of the year-long workshops that were an immediate response to the tragedy. To book enquiries to help sustain free workshops post-Grenfell: [www.KamitanArts.com](http://www.KamitanArts.com) [ka.1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ka.1@hotmail.co.uk)

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# Kensington News III

work was taking place under the banner of youth work; youth workers tackling complex personal and social issues with passion, skill and verve. I found unwavering commitment and deeply held values about the capacity of young people to succeed against insuperable odds. I found youth workers with an uncanny ability to get alongside even the most challenging young people in the community and work with them and their families no matter what the difficulties presented. A 'never give up' ethos, underpinned by extraordinary resilience, was a wonder to behold. And that's why we created Epic CIC, the UK's first independent youth services mutual. Credit is also due to the councillors and officers of RBKC who were prepared to back a totally untried entity led by people who had never done anything like this before."

Congratulations to those W8 businesses who took part in the recent Kensington & Chelsea Business Awards 2018 (sponsored by Banhams) and were Winners, Highly Commended or Commended in their category. These were:

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Best New Business: Commended

Threads & Co.

Small Employer of the Year: Winner

Draycott Nursing & Care

Best Hotel: Commended

Cophorne Tara Hotel

Independent Business of the Year:

Commended: Rickman Properties

Employer of the Year: Highly Commended:

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Best Bar: Commended - The Hansom Cab



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# The Fireworks of Autumn Colours

By Benedict Bull

On the way out of the Queen's Gallery in the afternoon last week, coming round the corner the light was just fantastic. Buckingham Palace's main front was on my left, the Winged Victory, lit up atop Brock's Birthday Cake was straight ahead. Its gilt bronze form glinting and glowing on its massed white marble pylon, all amidst the huge all-encompassing luminescent autumn colour gloaming etched above the railings.

The majestic London planes were a perfect half moon array of girandole filling the sky and the full expanse of 180 degrees of my vision, its bright leaves up above the handsome black gilt-topped railed semicircle; within it winged victory in the empty space presiding its white marble and that on the Palace front picking up the golden pink hues, hovering in liquid colour, but diminishing and burnished, like embers underneath as the trees stretched up, firing the atmosphere. Green Park was an enclosure for a firework display of huge proportions, exploding in super slow motion. I have never seen anything like it actually in London. The colours and density of the leaves in such a glowing golden evening light!

The late November autumn colour this year was unparalleled. Further into Green Park, Matthew and I and a Japanese tourist were drawn in to a top worked cherry graft, next to an English oak a little way in toward Piccadilly and a little less on the way toward the corner of Hype Park. It was marvelous, like a red and yellow fountain of colour in the sea of green grass and blue sky. Norway maples, English oaks, London planes, White beams, flowering cherries, grey poplars and aspen were the key species illuminating the parks as we walked back. The squirrels and crows were busy collecting nuts from Asiatic and European visitors. We collected a great array of leaves,

yellows, reds, browns and oranges. They are in our herbarium press and will be mounted this month.

At the Queens Gallery, The Royal Collection's latest exhibition 'Russia: Royalty and the Romanovs' is sumptuous, yet for once its huge malachite and gilt bronze vases were only a match to the green sward and xanthophyll trees. The objects within the Royal Collection today were held within the orbit Green Park and Winged Victory and the white marble in the purple fired gloaming.

The golden snake eating its tail on the bright blue art nouveau cigarette box and the amethyst and diamond brooch and the platinum meshed Mosaic Egg with its modernist diamonds inserted demonstrate the formidable technical and material accomplishment of these objects that describe the relationships between the family members. The story of these individuals and their different national fortunes are like fables, and the story these Faberge objects tell is remarkable and as tragic as the brutal end of autumn and the sense of loss of bystanders at the Dormition of the Virgin.

As I find my own way to define what is a modern loving family, I am struck by the human aspect of the encounters and depictions, and the human stories, of men and women, family members and households, companies and groups trying to communicate. Striking to me is the chance to see real human beings existing beyond the genre and protocol, in our basic equality as human beings. I am glad I can time travel in these amazing gallery collections to these times and places, but most of all I am very glad that I can emerge with my son in equality with my fellow citizens into our fair city.



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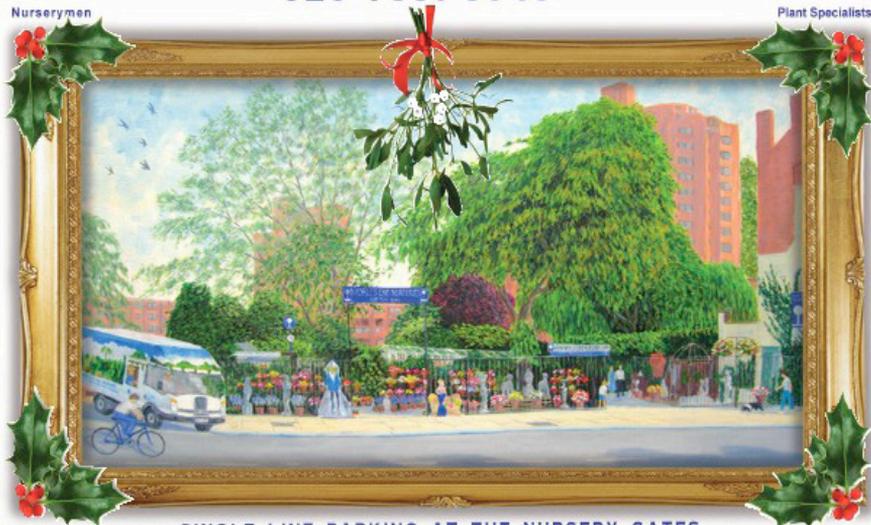
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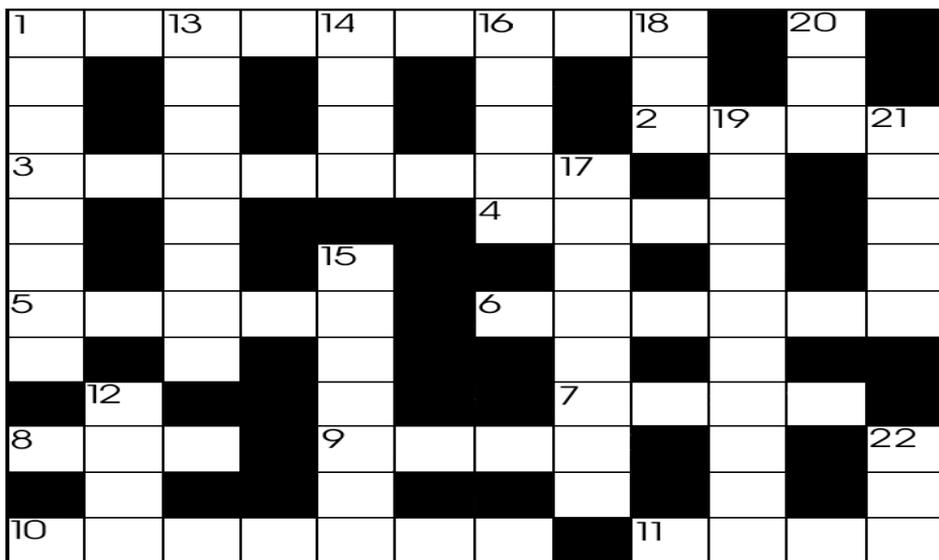
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# The Kensington Crossword

By Dave Saunders



Pit your wits against our Kensington-centric crossword. Answers on page 33

## Across

- 1) Travel Agents located at 205 Kensington High Street, W8 (9)
- 2) Frank De \_\_\_\_, soldier and recipient of the Victoria Cross; born in Kensington in 1887 (4)
- 3) Solicitors situated at 96 Kensington High Street, W8 (8)
- 4) Derek \_\_\_\_, British character actor who died in Kensington in 2014 (4)
- 5) Carmen \_\_\_\_, actress and singer born in Kensington in 1973 (5)
- 6) \_\_\_\_ Inn, Chinese medicine store at 260 Kensington High St (6)
- 7) Hotel \_\_\_\_, Styles London Kensington, hotel at 15-25 Hogarth Road, SW5 (4)
- 8) \_\_ Day & Co, Estate Agents at 15 Kensington High St, W8 (3)
- 9) \_\_\_\_ Beloff, journalist and political writer born in Kensington in 1919 (4)
- 10) \_\_\_\_ Harris Water Jewels, jewellery store at 14 St Albans Grove, W8 (7)
- 11) \_\_\_\_ and Rock, outdoor and winter clothing outlet at 188 Kensington High St (4)

## Down

- 1) Ernest \_\_\_\_, stage and film actor who died in Kensington in 1961 (8)
- 12) \_\_\_\_ Gardens, residential road between wetherby Gardens and Old Brompton Road (4)
- 13) Hearing aid store located at 273 High St Kensington, W8 (8)
- 14) Sir \_\_\_\_ Berthoud, diplomat and oil man, born in Kensington in 1900 (4)
- 15) \_\_\_\_ Ottoemzzo, Italian restaurant at 2-4 Thackeray St, W8 (7)
- 16) \_\_\_\_ Street Brasserie, oriental restaurant at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel, SW7 (5)
- 17) \_\_\_\_ College London, public research university in Kensington; founded 1907 (8)
- 18) Clothing store at 99-101 Kensington High Street (3)
- 19) Country which has its embassy at 4 Kensington Court, W8 (10)
- 20) Clothing store located at 124-126 Kensington High St, W8 (3)
- 21) The \_\_\_\_ Hall, decorated function room at Chelsea Town Hall, SW3 (5)
- 22) David \_\_\_\_, cartoonist and caricaturist who died in Kensington in 1963 (3)

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# Wine Review: Summer is not just the time for a Rosé...

By Trevor Langley

For many years rosé wines have been associated with summertime. Today, these wines are being increasingly enjoyed and appreciated all year through. Numerous countries are producing these pink pleasers, in various shades, with new styles being created and introduced that can be located and discovered to satisfy consumers requirements.

La Belle Angèle – a famous character of the early 20th century, was known for her beauty and 'joie de vivre'. Elegance and charm were amongst her many attributes, which made this lady the muse of a good number of French impressionist painters. Now this wine of the same name reflects these qualities in its desire to impress and satisfy the most discerning of palates. The delicate fruit bouquet is a perfect lead for the following mouthfeel and palate sensation. This most pleasant, fresh production, is great to accompany cuisine at the beginning of a dining occasion. Many dishes pair very well with this rosé, including grills, etc. Mon Plaisir du Sud Rosé also from France, I found to be fresh and crisp. Again, with the flavours of soft, light, red fruits, following on from the initial nasal pleasures of this wine. Another excellent accompaniment with grilled dishes, particularly.

If Pinot Grigio is a favourite then I consider that Delle Venezie Rosato Breganze will not disappoint. This Italian gem of a wine has superb fruits throughout, for this lightly-coloured production. The mouthfeel is most rewarding and extends through to the palate and very acceptable, smooth finish. Another wine to accompany starters, antipasti, white meats and fish cuisine, superbly.



La Belle Angèle

(Image source: [www.majestic.co.uk](http://www.majestic.co.uk))

I found these wines to be very popular as apéritifs, too. All are welcoming additions to any dining occasion or event. I selected these at Majestic Wine. With customer satisfaction being a priority, this company, I find, gives good advice for food pairings. Their wines and spirits, beers, ciders, etc, offer something for all tastes and palates. There are free tastings, free glass hire and delivery, plus discounts, as well as an opportunity to meet wine producers sometimes, at their events. Online ordering is easy and available. [www.majestic.co.uk](http://www.majestic.co.uk)



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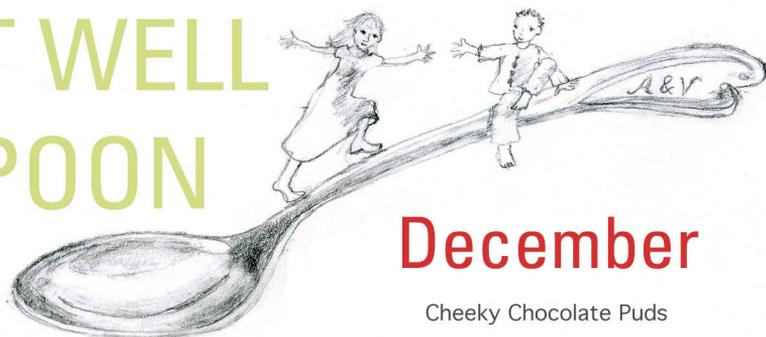
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# GET WELL SPOON



## December

### Cheeky Chocolate Puds

These are so good for you and yet so decadent, high in protein, omega fats and fibre! You could have them for breakfast or a mid afternoon snack or as a dessert. Incredibly easy to make, they just need to be made ahead of time to allow to cool and set.

- 3 tbsp of chia seeds
- 3 tbsp of raw cacao powder
- 350ml almond or oat milk\*
- 2½ tbsp maple syrup
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp Reishi powder\*
- 2 ripe avocados

Sprinkle with gold sprinkles, dried cranberries or freeze dried raspberries

\*Oatley barista milk works particularly well  
\*Hifas da Terra is a good brand for Reishi powder.

Mix the chia and the milk together and allow to gel (about 20 minutes). Whizz all the other ingredients (except sprinkles) in a blender until smooth, add the thickened chia mix and divide into 8 ramekins.

Transfer to the fridge for about an hour, sprinkle just before serving.

Reishi is a superfood mushroom, in powder form it blends brilliantly for smoothies, and also with hot chocolate and coffee. It has compounds which help reinforce the immune system and lower stress. It is high in beta glucans which signal to the immune fighter cells to up or down regulate; which means they will attack any viruses or bacteria which may enter – protecting against colds and chills. It also contains ganoderic acid which helps to lower stress,



Text: Victoria Kell - Illustration: Aletta Hitchie

to aid sleep and is liver protective, perfect for the festive season.

Chia seeds and avocados both contain very healthy fats, lots of fibre, plenty of protein, and a broad spectrum of vitamins and minerals. Maple syrup contains antioxidants, and offers nutrients like riboflavin, zinc, magnesium, calcium and potassium. Cacao powder is full of antioxidants (it is claimed that weight for weight 40 times that of blueberries). Raw Organic Cacao is the highest plant based source for iron, full of magnesium to help the heart, brain and nervous system, plenty of calcium and is a natural mood elevator and anti-depressant thanks to its polyphenolic compounds. All in all these cheeky chocolate pots are perfect!

Our book, "Knife, Fork, Get Well Spoon" is available at [Wholefoods in Kensington](#) & on [amazon.co.uk](#)

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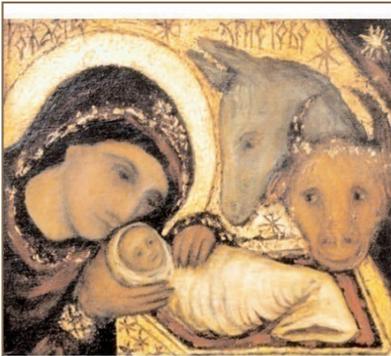
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Entrance donation £3.00

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## STEWARTS RCA SECRET 2018

To 3 December 2018

Pick up mini masterpieces by new and internationally acclaimed artists to support the next generation of RCA talent, at this unique fundraiser and exhibition. Venue: Senior Common Room, Royal College of Art, Darwin Building, entrance off Jay Mews SW7 2EU [london.secret.rca.ac.uk/2018](http://london.secret.rca.ac.uk/2018)

## ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR, 'LIGHT IN OUR DARKNESS'

Weekdays: 3 DECEMBER to 21 DECEMBER

At various locations throughout Central Kensington during Advent. All welcome, children especially, any (or every) weekday as each window is unveiled at 3.45pm. For details visit [www.smaw8.org](http://www.smaw8.org), or telephone Stephen Fielding on 020 7937 4106.

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## HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Wed December 5, 7pm.

£25 per adult, £10 per child.

Actor Julian Rhind-Tutt will host the festive fundraiser, with readings from actress Emilia Fox and legendary journalist Kate Adie. Venue: St Mary Abbots Church. For tickets please call 01722 790111 or [www.hopeandhomes.org](http://www.hopeandhomes.org).

## STRATFORD ROAD VILLAGE SHOPS PARTY

Wed 5 December 17.00 - 20.00 hrs

Come and celebrate Christmas with your local independent retailers in this special part of Kensington. Games, food, music and shopping. Something for everyone!

## CELEBRITY SUPPORT MARKING 10 YEARS OF LONDON CAROL CONCERT FOR

RAINBOW TRUST CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Thurs 6 December, 6.45pm, Tickets £40

Hosted by Lady Fellowes of West Stafford in aid of families with a seriously ill child. Guests include actress Gina Bellman and Matthew Pinsent CBE. Venue: St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. Call 01372 220042, visit [www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/events/london-carol-concert-2018](http://www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/events/london-carol-concert-2018)

## DESIGN TALK WITH TOMOKO AZUMI & DROP-IN 'THE GEOMETRIST'

6 Dec 6:30pm-7:30pm Booking essential

Multi-talented Japanese furniture, product and interior designer Tomoko AZUMI, founder of the East London based TNA Design Studio discusses the inspiration behind a number of her innovative designs and projects including 'The Geometrist'. Japan House London. [www.japanhouselondon.uk](http://www.japanhouselondon.uk)

## CHARLES DICKENS'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL

7 -9 December. 7pm. £25/25 + concessions.

Adapted and performed by Clive Francis. A 'spellbinding' (Sunday Times) performance of Dickens' classic story of redemption at Christmas in a wonderful Victorian Setting. 30 Meet Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Venue:



Print Room at the Coronet. [www.the-print-room.org](http://www.the-print-room.org). Tel: 020 3642 6606

## MAKING AIR VASES WITH TAKEO

Til 8 Dec. Dates & Times vary booking essential

Explore the limitless possibilities of paper during these workshops. Participants can create and take home their own 'Air Vase' an elegant, malleable self-standing structure designed from a single piece of paper by Japanese Torafu Architects. Japan House London. [www.japanhouselondon.uk](http://www.japanhouselondon.uk)

## WALKING TOUR WITH PRINCE ALBERT AND QUEEN VICTORIA!

Sat 8 December, 10.30am-Noon £10

Join friends for a stroll through Kensington Gardens to look at the seasonal folklore and traditions that have developed over the centuries. Find out what Christmas traditions Queen Victoria and her consort Prince Albert introduced to Britain, why robins appear on Christmas cards and how holly was protected by Kings! [www.royalparks.org.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/walking-tour-christmas](http://www.royalparks.org.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/walking-tour-christmas)

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8 & 9 December - shows at 3.30 and 7.00pm

(tickets from £12) Under the watchful eye of the station clock, commuters rush to catch the last train home. But it is not only the present that leaves its footprint on the bustling concourse. Venue: POSK Theatre, 238 – 245 King Street, Hammersmith W6 0RF. [www.w11opera.org/box-office](http://www.w11opera.org/box-office)

## LOVE-LIES-BLEEDING BY DON DILILLO WITH JOSIE LAWRENCE AND JOE MCGANN

To 8 December £8.50 - £25

Print Room at the Coronet.

This perceptive and surprisingly witty story about a family trying to take death into their own hands, explores one of our most urgent debates – what is being alive? 020 3642 6606 [www.the-print-room.org](http://www.the-print-room.org)

## CURTAIN UP, CHRISTMAS MARKET 2018

9 December 11.00 - 3.30 PM Entry £2

Simon Russell Beale will be opening this year's Christmas Market with BBC Radio London's Jo Good drawing the raffle at 3.00 pm. Refreshment by Master Chef runner up Julia Gray with all proceeds to SANDS Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Charit. Venue: St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gae, Kensington Church St. W8 4HN proceeds to chosen charity: David Adams Leukaemia Appeal.

## HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH' AT ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH

Sun 9 December 2018 6.30pm

Tickets: £20 (under 16s: £10)

A special Christmas Baroque concert by candlelight, recreating the atmosphere of Handel's original performance. Played on Baroque instruments by the Purcell Orchestra, with the St Mary Abbots Choir and soloists. Tickets available online: [www.smaw8.org](http://www.smaw8.org) or from the Church Vestry, Kensington Church Street, W8 4LA. 0207 937 5136

# Kensington Cultural Quarter: What's On III



## THE FRIENDS OF HOLLAND PARK CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sun 9 Dec 19.30 Tickets: £22 (to include wine and canapes).

The Tallis Chamber Choir will be performing a great variety of beautiful carols interspersed with seasonal readings. Venue: The Orangery, Holland Park, W8 6LU. 020 7602 0304 [www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org](http://www.thefriendsofhollandpark.org)

## THE MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Wed 12 December 18.30 pm.

Featuring The Portobello Live! Community Choir, Mangrove Steel Band, Investec Opera Holland Park, Professional Church Choir in aid of the charity, Solidarity Sport. Venue: Our Lady of Victories Church, 235a Kensington High St. W8 6SA. For info and tickets see [mayorschristmascarolconcert.eventbrite.co.uk](http://mayorschristmascarolconcert.eventbrite.co.uk)

## CANINE PARTNERS' CAROL SERVICE 2018 at ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH

13 December 7.00 pm - 8.15 pm. Tickets Adults £35, Children (12 and under) £10.00 inc. drinks & delicious hot canapes

Inspirational Canine Partners Dog Demonstration Team. Readings & performances by: Patti Boulaye, James Dreyfuss, Susan George, Jamie Jewitt and Michael Peluso in the presence of HRH The Duke of Gloucester. Tickets please see [www.caninepartners.org.uk/draycottcarols](http://www.caninepartners.org.uk/draycottcarols)

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Thur 13 December, 7.30pm  
Tickets are £25 for unreserved and £30 for reserved seating.

Venue: St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbride, SW1X 8SH. For more info please contact Judy Spence, Area Fundraising Manager on 07793 579359 [jspence@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:jspence@macmillan.org.uk)

## VIVALDI GLORIA / BACH MAGNIFICAT LONDON CONCERT CHOIR

13 December, 7.30pm, £12 to £30

Mark Forkgen conducts choir, soloists and Counterpoint in a Baroque concert: Vivaldi's radiant Gloria, Bach's Magnificat with its jubilant choruses and his Orchestral Suite No. 3 with the famous 'Air on the G String'.

Venue: Cadogan Hall. Tel 020 7730 4500 [www.cadoganhall.com](http://www.cadoganhall.com)

## THE COPTIC CHRISTMAS IRISH CELEBRATION IN LALIBELA!

Fri 14 December 4-9pm FREE

Sat 15th December 10-5pm FREE

Fri: Bay 58, Acklam Village Market, W10 5TY

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## CHILDREN'S CHOCOLATE DECORATION WORKSHOP

Sat 15 December 2pm – 3.30pm £5

booking recommended, children must be accompanied by an adult

Join friends for a special chocolate decoration workshop in collaboration with The Chocolate Museum. Learn about the history of chocolate and discover how Christmas chocolates boosted the spirits of soldiers serving during the First World War. [www.nam.ac.uk/whats-on/childrens-chocolate-decoration-workshop](http://www.nam.ac.uk/whats-on/childrens-chocolate-decoration-workshop)

## THE SIXTEEN

17 & 18 December 2018, 7.30pm, from £16

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## CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE WITH PAUL PRIFTI Wed 19 Dec 16.45 - 17.45 hrs

St Philips Church would like to invite the elderly and their carers to an afternoon of dancing and listening to all-time Xmas favorites - a great opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new people. Refreshments provided. Interested? Pls call Veronika Abdian 07966 396315 or email [community@specr.org](mailto:community@specr.org)

## THE DEAD BY JAMES JOYCE: DEAD POETS LIVE. 18-20 December. 7.30pm. £30/25 +

concessions. Funny, universal and almost unbearable moving, Joyce's short story, from The Dubliners, takes place during a Christmas party on a snowy night in Dublin, 1904. Venue: Print Room at the Coronet, [www.the-print.room.org](http://www.the-print.room.org) 020 3642 6606

## CHRISTMAS WITH THE ENGLISH CHAMBER CHOIR

Tues 18 December 6:30pm, Tickets 10 on the door (8 concessions): includes mince pies & mulled wine. A seasonal feast of your favourite carols for choir, organ and audience. All Proceeds go towards St. Philip's piano and organ restoration fund. St. Philip's Church, Earl's Court Road, W8 6Q. [admin@specr.org](mailto:admin@specr.org); [www.specr.org](http://www.specr.org)

## A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA AT LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

18 Dec, 6-9:30pm, tickets £25  
From turkey and crackers to figgy pudding and Father Christmas, the festive season as we know it today has its roots in the Victorian era. Join a special evening with greedy queens, jolly canapés and festive music. Featuring Dr Annie Gray, presenter of BBC2's Victorian Bakers and The Confectioners. [www.rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/museums/leightonhousemuseum](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/museums/leightonhousemuseum)

## LUNCHTIME COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE FOR BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS at ST MARY ABBOTS, SPONSORED BY DMG:MEDIA.

Wed 19 December 13.05 - 14.00 hrs  
Refreshments served after the service, with thanks to generous support from local businesses. All very welcome.

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## KCMS (JANUARY) CONCERT AT LEIGHTON HOUSE Tues 15 January 2019 at 19.30. £20 adult, £10 children and students

Playing together since 2012 Emily Sun, violin, and Jennifer Hughes, piano, have firmly established themselves as outstanding recitalists. They will perform pieces from Beethoven, Poulenc, Strauss & Tchaikovsky. 12 Holland Park Rd, W14 8LZ To book tickets: [www.kcmusic.org.uk](http://www.kcmusic.org.uk). [kcmsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:kcmsinfo@gmail.com)



## CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH KENSINGTON

Find out what's on over Christmas in South Kensington and experience a truly magical Christmas this year. From delicious treats for Father Christmas to awe-inspiring music, to ice skating and inspirational exhibitions, make sure you don't miss out on the festive fun. [www.discoversouthken.com](http://www.discoversouthken.com)

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## V&A CHRISTMAS 2018

Free

Come and enjoy family-friendly pop-up performances and play sessions, sketching and decoration workshops, a gingerbread city and 'seasonal rave'. This year's spectacular Christmas tree will be designed by award-winning London architects Studio Weave, re-imagined as a spectacular 21st-century architectural gateway in the Grand Entrance. Venue: V&A Museum. [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)

## POP-UP PERFORMANCE: FESTIVE WEEKENDS

Every Saturday 1-22 Dec. 11am-3:45pm Free

You are warmly invited to a Victorian Christmas party exploring all things festive, from Christmas cards to trees. Find out how Victorian children entertained themselves on Christmas Day. Venue: V&A Museum [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)

## LUCRÈCE BORGIA at INSTITUT-FRANÇAIS

4 Dec 7:30pm

The criminal, adulterous and incestuous Lucrezia Borgia seeks to escape from the evil that is her condition, to be recognised and loved by Gennaro, the child she had with her brother. [www.institut-francais.org.uk](http://www.institut-francais.org.uk)

## JOHN RUTTER'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

4 Dec 3pm + 7:30pm From £20

There's no better way to enjoy the festive spirit than attending John Rutter's popular Christmas Celebration, conducted and presented to you by John Rutter himself and performed for you by the world famous Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Venue: Royal Albert Hall. [www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com)

## IMPERIAL COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT AT HOLY TRINITY

10 Dec 6pm -7pm Free

A service of readings and carols with music from the Imperial College Chamber Choir. Followed by festive refreshment. After the service, please join us for drinks and mince pies in the Church. All welcome including staff, students and alumni. [www.3.imperial.ac.uk](http://www.3.imperial.ac.uk)

## WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?

30TH ANNIVERSARY

15-16 Dec 2pm, 6pm, 9:30pm From £30

Highly-skilled and hilarious stars including Colin Mochrie, Josie Lawrence, Charles Esten, Greg Proops, Brad Sherwood, and Jeff Davis, together with multi-talented musicians Laura Hall and Linda Taylor, will join original host Clive Anderson on stage. Venue: Royal Albert Hall. [www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com)

## RCM SPARKS FAMILY CREATE:

A CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

15 Dec 11am Ages 4+ One adult one child £25

Add some sparkle to your festive season with a family-friendly creative workshop exploring



the orchestra, with a Christmassy twist!  
Royal College of Music. [www.rcm.ac.uk](http://www.rcm.ac.uk)

## HOLY TRINITY CAROL SERVICE

16 Dec, 6pm Free

You are invited to join in a Carol Service by Candlelight at Holy Trinity, Prince Consort Road. Everyone who lives, works or studies in the area is very welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

## THE SNOWMAN AND PADDINGTON BEAR

20 Dec 11am From £7.50 From £20

Suitable for children and adults with autism, sensory and communication impairments, learning disabilities and individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind and partially sighted. Performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and special guest narrator Stephen Mangan. Venue: Royal Albert Hall [www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com)

## FATHER CHRISTMAS AT THE HALL

Til 22 Dec From 9am £36.70 Aged 2+

Once upon a time, nearly 150 years ago, Father Christmas and his elves used Christmas magic to enchant the RAH into their secret London Headquarters. But the elves are a little behind schedule this year! Royal Albert Hall [www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com)

## POP-UP PERFORMANCE:

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

28-30 Dec 11am-3:45pm Free

The Buidy-uppy Dance Show - is an interactive theatrical adventure for all the family. Award winning performers Tom Roden and Anna Williams create an enchanting, ever-changing playground constructed and inhabited by its audience. V&A Museum [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)

## FESTIVE FAMILY RAVE

29 Dec 2pm-4pm from £8 Booking essential

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE: PARTY ANIMALS

31 Dec 8pm-1pm £99

Ring in 2019 with an animal twist. This will be an unforgettable night, packed with animal-themed activities. Pick up your complimentary drink before trying your luck at Musical Bingo, sampling edible insects, or having a hoot in the silent disco. Venue: Natural History Museum. [www.nhm.org.uk](http://www.nhm.org.uk)

## ATELIER E.B: PASSER-BY

Til 6 Jan 2019 Free

The Serpentine presents 'Passer-by', a new exhibition by Atelier E.B, the collaborative fashion label by designer Beca Lipscombe and artist Lucy McKenzie. Venue: Serpentine Galleries. [www.serpentinegalleries.org](http://www.serpentinegalleries.org)

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## NHM ICE RINK

Til 20 Jan 10am-10pm From £8.50

A visit to the Natural History Museum's Ice Rink is a must this festive season. Experience the thrill of skating surrounded by fairy lights nestled in frost-covered trees, with the smell of mulled wine and toasted marshmallows in the air. Natural History Museum. [www.nhm.org.uk](http://www.nhm.org.uk)

# Science Bites: From Nose to Hoof, the Science of Santa's Helpers!

By Dr Alex Anderson

Rudolph may be the most famous red-nosed reindeer, but he is not the only one. A species of deer called Rangifer tarandus, which is found in regions of Alaska, Canada, Greenland Russia and Scandinavia, have noses that appear red. This is due to densely packed blood vessels in their nose. In a study published in the British Medical Journal, scientists used a microscope to visualise the blood vessels of two reindeer and five humans. This showed that the reindeer had on average

both the summer daylight and the winter darkness, so they can move around safely and avoid predators. Reindeers were also the first mammal shown to be able to see ultraviolet (UV) light. While humans can see light from red through to violet (wavelengths of 700-400nm), reindeer can see UV (wavelengths of 350-320nm). This allows them to see things the absorb UV light such as fur and urine from potential predators.



Male Reindeer in the New Forest (Image: Lucy Elliott)

25% more blood vessels in their noses than humans. This rich vascularisation is thought to protect the nose of Rudolph and others from freezing. Imaging experiments also showed that during exercise the reindeer nose loses a lot of heat, helping to regulate their body and brain temperature by bringing blood close to the surface so that heat can radiate out into the air. It is not only reindeers' noses that give them special powers. In fact their eyes change colour with the seasons, from gold to blue. Researchers have shown that this colour change alters the sensitivity of the retina to light, helping the reindeer to see in

Reindeer feet also adapt to the changing seasons, more sponge-like in summer and shrinking in winter to expose the hoof ring to help deal with ice and snow. These adaptable footpads help them during their long migration, which for some reindeer in North America has been shown to total over 3,100 miles per year. Both male and female reindeer grow antlers, but while females only shed them in the spring, males shed them at the end of the mating season in early December. So those powering Santa's sleight in the countdown before Christmas may be an all female team!

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