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Happy
Holidays

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE

Amazing Christmas Events To Enjoy

FOODIE FORTNIGHT

Local Food Festival Coming Soon

EARL'S COURT LOGO

Community Asked To Vote



Keeping
Life Local

Deck The Halls! Christmas For All To Enjoy.

What a special Christmas this is set to be!

With hope and cheer in the air, many of us are already planning to come together to celebrate life, love and laughter over the coming weeks. Festive Spirits are on the rise, and the heady aroma of spiced hot Christmas toddies and luscious mince pies will once more be enjoyed at a community event near you.

In Earl's Court, don't miss the annual Christmas Tree Illuminations, carols and free festive fare at Barkston Gardens on the 2nd of December at 5pm - all are welcome! The team at St Cuthbert's would also like you to come along to their Christmas Wreath Making Session on Saturday 4th of December. See our Listings section for full details.

In Fulham, Nells has an amazing gig line up, St John's Church will be alive with the



sound of music, and North End Road Market offers a truly mind boggling selection of really affordable Christmas gifts and bountiful deliciousness.

Do take the time to explore our independent retailers this Christmas, especially our amazing local restaurants. After really tough times past we need to support local business recovery.

Business recovery and support in mind, some exciting news to add. The Earl's Court Business Forum is creating a new brand for Earl's Court and we want your help to choose the final logo! Get involved and vote for your favourite. See Page 5 for your registration code.

We hope you enjoy The Festival Issue, and wish you and yours a wonderful Christmas to remember.



Merry Christmas
from the tlc team



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A FILM FESTIVAL TO REMEMBER



And so, in 2021 the Earl's Court International Film Festival was born. A big sister to its enthusiastic younger sibling, seven years on the Earl's Court Film Festival became a significant global film event.

LOCAL FILM. GLOBAL OUTLOOK.

Initially created to fund and support filmmaking efforts for many of the UK's most talented emerging filmmakers, recent years have seen a growing number of international submissions - this year 366 shorts were submitted for screening. And so the name of the event changed, in recognition of the truly international nature of the films on show.

Budding film writers, producers, directors and editors came together for the ECIFF 2021 Awards and Gala Night at St Cuthbert's, and a fabulously diverse range of filmmakers from all cultural backgrounds attended in person and virtually, online.

To learn more about the Earl's Court Film Festival, go to www.filmearlscourt.com



EARL'S COURT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2021

WINNERS

Covid Love- Rene Nuijens (The Netherlands)

ECIFF 2021 Best International Film Submission Award

More Than Other - Romano Pizzichini (UK)

ECIFF 2021 Best Short Documentary Award

The Impatient Man Who Made His Life Considerably Shorter - Louis Norton Selzer (UK) and Hey! Ma - Laurie Barraclough (UK)

ECIFF 2021 Producer's Choice Awards

Swallow Your Dreams- Dan Sloan (UK)

ECIFF 2021 Best Special Film Submission

SPECIAL AWARDS

Fr Paul Bagott - Outstanding Contribution & Dedication to the Community and Film Earl's Court

Earls Court Youth Club - Outstanding Achievement in Filmmaking.

RUNNERS UP

The Statue(Peykareh)

Mohsen Salehi (Iran)

Cyn

Ben Desmond (UK)

The Quiet

Radheya Jegatheva (Australia)

Blue Peter

Marko Santic (Croatia)

Brothers Again

Vanja Victor Kabir Tognola (Switzerland)

VOTE FOR A NEW EARL'S COURT LOGO

EARLS COURT
BUSINESS
FORUM

are developing a brand to promote
the area and communicate local
happenings to visitors from far and wide.

**To revitalise Earl's Court
we've created two exciting new
logos, and we want you, the local
community, to vote for your favourite.**

By voting you'll be part of the future
of this iconic London destination.

VOTE NOW AT
earlscourtlive.com

OR SCAN THE QR CODE



Voting finishes 12th December 2021

A NEW BRAND FOR EARL'S COURT – HAVE YOUR SAY –

The Earl's Court Business Forum is working to develop a new brand identity for the local business community.

In an effort to bring together independent retailers and local initiatives under one clear identity, the working group, a select committee of local business owners and managers, is united in their goal to begin publicising Earl's Court as a destination for all to enjoy.

"Exciting future change is coming to Earl's Court through the masterplan for the site of the former Exhibition Centre," explains Susie Barlow, Earl's Court Business Forum facilitator and local brand project manager. "This new development won't happen overnight, and therefore Earl's Court businesses need to come together to ensure the area remains a destination in its own right. This new brand and visual identity will help us to celebrate what is already great about the area and enable us to communicate

local happenings to a national audience."

"We are delighted to work with Earl's Court and the Earl's Court Business Forum to develop a new and distinctive look and feel for this historic and creative area," explains brand director and CEO of global destination marketing agency Crowd, Jamie Sergeant. "It is with great pride that we have been asked to undertake this exercise, and a big part of what we are trying to do is to raise awareness of this unique destination, promoting it as a place where people can come and enjoy art, culture, food, music and independent retail. Work, rest, stay and play. But to do this we need a brand that is identifiable and that conveys all of the brand characteristics that our neighbourhood reflects. We then need to run campaigns to bring the brand alive."

In order to create a fair representation of

opinion, The Court newspaper is offering our readers a chance to vote for their logo of choice - see the advert enclosed. You can access details using our QR code or website link - so go there and place your vote.

Using the power of technology, we can offer participation on a one-vote-one-person, and we look forward to announcing the winning selection in January 2022. If you would like to learn more about Earl's Court as a destination, or learn more about the great new branding, go to www.earlscourtlive.com

With one of the largest selections of World Food anywhere in London, the business forum will also be hosting a food festival in January, hoping to attract both local residents and food lovers from around the capital. See www.thecourt.london/food for information.



THE EARL'S COURT FOOD FESTIVAL 2022

Starting 8 January 2022

**DISCOVER A WORLD
OF FLAVOURS ON
YOUR DOORSTEP**

**Special menu items under £10
from your favourite
neighbourhood eateries!**

**More details at www.thecourt.london/food
Twitter @earlscourtfood
Instagram @earlscourtfoodfest Facebook**





EARL'S COURT FOOD FESTIVAL

Discover a world of flavours in your own neighbourhood.

Earl's Court Business Forum is working with local restaurants to treat customers to a range of international taste experiences in January.

From 8th to 13th January 2022, participating restaurants will each showcase their cuisine with specials ranging from £5 to £10 for menu items.

You can literally eat your way around the world in Earl's Court, with tasters from Thailand, mains from the Middle East, a feast from the Philippines and desserts from Delhi. Why not use the digital map to plan your own food tour with friends or family? Go to www.thecourt.com/foodmap to start your delicious journey.

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Restaurants include local favourites like the Troubadour and Bolton Pub, as well as new venues Thunderbird Chicken, Mali Vegan Thai, The Prince and many others.

Visit the landing page and register your details to be first in the know about every delicious offer, and share the love for your favourite local eateries with us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

For details Go to www.thecourt.london/food or check out the Festival's socials on Twitter @earlscourtfood, Instagram @earlscourtfoodfest.



A Christmas To Remember at St Cuthbert's

By Suey Kweon

Running a drop-in centre and community kitchen in Earl's Court for the last 18 months has been nothing short of a challenge. Feeding and supporting some of the most vulnerable people of our community throughout the pandemic, many of whom are rough sleepers or experiencing mental health issues, has only emphasised to us the critical need for our services moving forward.

Fortunately, we've been able to resume indoor services from October 2021 and seeing our guests finally come through the doors again, hearing the chatter as they discuss the day's menu, all brings back a sorely missed feeling of warmth and vitality to the Centre. We've also been dusting off our favourite decorations, and each passing day brings another Christmas song onto the playlist, so there's an air of optimism brightening the place as we approach the festive season!

For many, however, this time can be a period of isolation, adversity and struggle,

particularly as the cold weather takes its grip on the streets, where so many of our guests find themselves, and the constant reminder of Christmas celebrations can entrench feelings of loneliness and exclusion. As much as we'd love for these events to be centred purely on joy, there's no denying that urgent necessity is a real driving force bringing our guests to the table each day.

Having had a very pared back festive season in 2020 due to lockdown, this year we're looking to make up for lost time and are hosting two Christmas parties for our guests – one day for the elderly and another for regular visitors to the Centre. Christmas parties at Refettorio Felix are special dates in our calendar where we go that extra mile to create events that each guest can feel excited for; days where the hall is bursting with laughter and an energy that's truly unique. We're working to go further this year with our presents, entertainment and food – to show in a small

but meaningful way our care and love. If you'd like to help us deliver the memorable festivities we're hoping for, please do consider donating to our Christmas appeal via the QR code or our website, www.refettoriofelix.com.

We're also holding an open-invite community event on 1st December to kick off the festive season with an afternoon of mince pies and mulled wine. We'd like to connect with local businesses and organisations to share ideas about how we might collectively reimagine the future of Earl's Court in a way that can improve life for all. St Cuthbert's Centre has been a vital presence in the area for many years now, but it's easy to forget that many people are completely unaware of the work we do here, much of which is dependent on some amazing local support and a shared sense of responsibility towards the community. If you're interested in the Centre, please do get in touch and we'd love to have you here for our afternoon get together!

SPREADING FESTIVE CHEER ACROSS EARL'S COURT

Festive Decorations at Empress Place

Christmas is fast approaching, and the Earl's Court community is in festive mood. To celebrate the season, and to spread some Christmas cheer, The Earls Court Development Company (ECDC) is bringing a little magic to our local streets – decorating Empress Place with a selection of beautiful lights and a wonderful Christmas tree.

Christmas Pop-Up at the Crossing, Lillie Road

Building on the success of the Earls Court Community Fund, a unique and innovative support initiative that offers select local charities and organisations project support grants of £180,000 annually, ECDC has chosen The Barons Court Project to occupy a prime pop-up shop location at The Crossing retail area on Lillie Road. Creators of social enterprise HomeLess Made, The Barons Court Project will be using this donated space to sell Christmas cards, tote bags, seasonal socks and other useful and festive items. The perfect place for Christmas gifts that make a



positive change. Come and visit The Crossing this Christmas – there's lots to enjoy! www.westbromptoncrossing.com/the-crossing

Decorative lights add a year-round twinkle

The team at the Earls Court Development Company have been working with North End Road Programme Manager to support Hammersmith and Fulham Council's Christmas lights display plans. ECDC is funding the installation of lights from North End Road along Lillie Road to West Brompton Station and into Empress Place. Select areas will enjoy these static and colour-changing lights year-round as there are plans to make them a permanent addition to the streetscape.

Christmas Illuminations at Earl's Court

ECDC is also pleased to support the annual Christmas light celebration in Earl's Court. Working with the Earl's Court Community Trust, the Christmas tree illuminations are a neighbourhood favourite. Carols, festive cheer, mince pies and hot drinks for all. This free event will take place from 5pm on Thursday 2nd December. Starting at Barkston Gardens, the assembled group will then move to Earl's Court Road to see the area's main thoroughfare and retail hub illuminated once more. Honoured guests (and Santa) will be there. Ho, ho ho!

Visit www.theearls courtdevelopmentcompany.com to learn more.

Grow your business at The Crossing, Lillie Road

The Crossing at Lillie Road is a free, temporary pop-up retail space that helps local makers and traders by offering a pressure-free environment in which to learn how to promote and sell their products.

Set up by The Earls Court Development Company, it offers brand visibility and awareness which can be one of the biggest challenges for any emerging artist, designer, or small business owner. If you're a local creative or business who's interested in setting up temporary residence at The Crossing, we'd love to hear from you, please email

jade.barltrop@earls courtdevco.com

The Crossing



The
Earls Court
Development
Company

DEVELOPER NEWS

CONSULTATION UPDATE

Have your say and help create a new vision for the former Earls Court exhibition site



The Earls Court Development Company is moving into the next phase of its community engagement and collaborative neighbourhood consultation.

Focusing on the future of the development site, local residents are welcome to attend, participate, and input thinking and ideas at a series of upcoming public exhibitions and webinars this December and January.

This latest phase of consultation started

in December and will run until March 2022, and the planned sessions will share initial ideas around the emerging vision for the site, giving the community the opportunity to contribute and provide valuable input.

Also for discussion will be ECDC's plans to redevelop the long-underused site, celebrating its unique history and opening up the area up to the public for the first time in many years.

Local residents are invited to attend

four dedicated public events, each offering an opportunity to drop by, view project material, and discuss initial thinking on the development with the ECDC team.

For those who can't make it in person, there are options to participate online. An online webinar will feature presentations from the team and offer opportunities to comment, ask questions relating to the upcoming development, and to put forward ideas.

- 4 December (Saturday) – St Cuthbert's Church, 50 Philbeach Gardens, SW5 9EB
- 11 December (Saturday) – Normand Croft Community School, Action on Disability Entrance, Lillie Road, SW6 7SR
- 8 January (Saturday) – The former Fulham Boys School, 9 Beaumont Avenue, W14 9LP
- 15 January (Saturday) – The Earls Court Youth Club, 120 Ifield Road, SW10 9AF

All events take place from 10am to 1pm

The online webinar will take place on:

- 7 December (Tuesday) from 6pm to 7.30pm

If you would like more information on the above sessions, or would like to attend the ECDC online webinar, please get in touch with the developer at info@earlscourtdevco.com

THE COURT THIS CHRISTMAS

Event Title: Earl's Court Light Switch On

Date: 2 December

Time: 17:00

Location: Barkston Gardens

Price: Free

The Earl's Court Community Trust are pleased to once again be hosting the spectacular Earl's Court Christmas Lights Switch On at Barkston Gardens on the evening of Thursday, 2nd December. Help us welcome in the festive season at this free event and bring Christmas to Earl's Court, on 2nd December with carols from local schools, and complimentary local festive refreshments!

Event Title: ChamberMusicBox

Christmas Concert

Date: 14 December

Time: 19:30

Location: St Cuthbert's Church

Price: Adults £17, Under 25 Free

Get into the Christmas spirit with a glass of mulled wine and a programme of festive baroque favourites by Handel, Bach, Vivaldi, Corelli and Albinoni, played by an extraordinary line-up of some of Europe's finest string players. A part of the proceeds of this concert will go to the St Cuthbert's Organ Appeal which is raising funds to restore the church's magnificent Hunter organ to its former glory.



CHAMBERMUSICBOX presents
Tuesday, 14 December 2021 | 7.30pm

Classical Christmas

St Cuthbert's Earl's Court
50 Philbeach Gardens | London SW5 8EB

A stellar line-up of some of Europe's finest string players present a festive programme of baroque favourites

Handel Overture to 'The Messiah'
Corelli Christmas Concerto
Bach Concerto for Two Violins in d minor
Albinoni Adagio
Vivaldi 'Winter' from the Four Seasons

Vladimir Repin
violin soloist

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FOR THE 2022 DIARY

Earl's Court Pride 22

Saturday 26 February 2022

The Bolton, Earl's Court Road

Earl's Court Pride is back. Scheduled for Saturday 26 February at the iconic Bolton pub, on the corner Earl's Court Road and Old Brompton Road, come along and enjoy a fabulous evening of drag queen entertainment, film, and reminiscences.

This event also supports a unique opportunity to create a dedicated archive of local gay history. The goal? To capture the decades when Earl's Court was the hub of London's LGBT community in photographic and interview format. The material gathered will form an exhibition at the Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall, and a documentary of the evening, and the photographic and written archive that the project group are fast amassing, will be held in the Central Kensington Library for community access and posterity.

If you have any photographic material, please contact cllr.linda.wade@rbkc.gov.uk. Photographic material offered can be scanned to a high resolution and become a part of local history.

This project would not have been possible without the support of the Bishopsgate Institute, the Earls Court Development Corporation, Notting Hill Genesis, Local Studies and Archives Kensington and Chelsea Library and many, many more.



LOCAL VACCINE HERO OF THE 1890s

Sir Sydney Monckton Copeman lived at 57 Redcliffe Gardens from 1903 to 1909. His research in the 1890s made the manufacture of smallpox vaccine safe, so it could be stored for long periods and transported internationally. In 1980, following an international vaccination drive, the World Health Organisation was able to declare "the world and all its people" had "won freedom from smallpox...". It remains the only human infectious disease ever to have been completely eradicated. If you would like to learn more about how our local area rallied during the Smallpox pandemic, 140 years ago, visit www.thecourt.london/history. TAKE CARE THIS CHRISTMAS. STAY SAFE. WISHING YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY AND HEALTHY FESTIVE SEASON.



BOOST YOUR IMMUNITY THIS WINTER

WITH THE FLU VACCINE + COVID-19 BOOSTER

Flu and COVID-19 can both be life-threatening and spread more easily in winter. If you're over 50, you are eligible for a free flu vaccine and a COVID-19 booster.

Get vaccinated. Get boosted. Get protected.
nhs.uk/wintervaccinations