



ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE SETTLEMENT

December 2011

What's been happening here at St Margaret's, and a look ahead to December's events.



Plenty has been happening at The Create Place during November, including an exciting development which will see The Create Place on Southbank. Early in the month Lisa met with the membership manager at the Southbank Centre and agreed to run a series of workshops. These will take place in the popular Members Bar area, with items made going on display. The workshops will run over five months, starting early next year.



During November, our visitors have been able to learn skills as diverse as rubber stamp printing, knitting, crochet and basic millinery, and attendances at the Open Art Studio (for adults) and the After School Art Fun Club have been encouraging. The Create Place also hosted writers taking part in the annual National Novel Writing Month, the objective of which is to write an entire novel in a month. This has attracted lots of interest from passersby, and consequently we are looking into running writing based workshops next year.

November also saw the eagerly-awaited return of The Craft Cafe, relaunched as The Second Friday society, with people already booking places for 2012. We also hosted a memorable Speed Listening night in collaboration with The Note Well.



In the countdown to Christmas, we have been running the Christmas pop-up shop, and we will be taking part in the annual Community Christmas Tree festival.

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The Gallery Café

The Gallery Cafe has continued to offer a diverse range of affordable live entertainment, whilst serving the finest in vegan and vegetarian cuisine. **Jo Romero** hosted a night of laugh out loud comedy, featuring comedic talents like **Stephen Carlin** and **Gary Coleman**. **Melange Arts** brought us **Delicatessen**, a London based group who delighted the audience with an eclectic mix of instrumental music from the Balkans and Mediterranean. Our monthly night **Tabarnak!** was headlined by the awesome **Paper Aeroplanes**, whilst fans of **Sunday Jazz** were treated to sets by **Quarante-Deux** and **Yuko Yokoi**.

The Chapel Cinema Club, **Eyes and Ears Cinema** and **Bethnal Green Film Society** continued to offer fantastic free film entertainment in an intimate setting, with In Bruges and This Is Spinal Tap just a couple of the highlights. Inspired by 'Movember', the **Electric Fleapit's** theme this month was film moustaches, with the classic Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid coming out on top in an online poll.

If all that wasn't enough, visitors to The Gallery Cafe were also treated to **Julie North's** thought-provoking exhibition **'No Pedestrians Beyond this Point'**, a collection of bold paintings contrasting the natural and industrial.



December's exhibition will be **Rebekha Shaw's** ongoing project **'Drawing the Song'** (pictured), a collection of visual depictions of instrumental music.

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Meet the St Margaret's team

Here at St Margaret's house we offer a range of internships, and have recently recruited two new interns.

Julia Morris, who recently completed a Masters in Ethnomusicology, is our new Events Coordinator and is busy organising an exciting new programme of world and roots music events for The Gallery Cafe. **Adam Evans**, a recent graduate in Media and Culture & Spanish from Roehampton University, deals with Online Marketing and PR. We also welcome **Rose Randles**, our new Charity Administrator.

We are currently looking for a new Graphic Communications Intern. For more information on how to apply please contact rose.randles@stmargarethouse.org.uk.

East End WI Christmas Market

This month we are proud to be hosting the East End Women's Institute Christmas Market. All women are welcome and entry is just £3 for visitors and free for EEWI members. The price includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Come along from 7.30pm for some great last-minute Christmas present ideas.



Supporting St Margaret's

St Margaret's always welcomes donations and volunteers are always much appreciated. If you would like to get involved with any area of St Margaret's House or make a donation, don't hesitate to contact us.

We also have an extensive range of rooms available for hire. If you are a community or charity organisation and would like to take advantage of our excellent facilities, email us at roombookings@stmargarethouse.org.uk



Ayoka has been working with the Jewellery Recycling organisation, a fantastic project which recycles unwanted jewellery to benefit charity organisations. Ayoka has already raised £25 through this initiative. We have also started stocking kids' wear, and have received some fantastic donations.

We have been taking on volunteers from the Tower Project, an initiative which supports people with disabilities. The volunteers develop valuable retail and customer service skills, and their experience at Ayoka will improve their chances of employment in the future.



We are also discussing the return of the Boutique Sessions to Ayoka, a series of up-close and personal gigs which we hosted in the past. This will hopefully increase the profile of the shop.

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We continue to support the U3A, a self-help organisation for people no longer in full time employment.

The Tower Hamlets U3A is still 'small and beautiful' compared with U3As in the outer London boroughs but it has continued to grow steadily. Regular groups like tai chi, art, local history, appreciating art, social walking group and jazz appreciation have continued to be well-attended. We have two new groups for 2012; a music group which gives members the chance to learn basic guitar, percussion and singing, and a poetry workshop run by a published poet.

For more information please visit our [website](#), email us at u3atowerhamlets@gmail.com, or phone 02072473283.

What's On in December

The Create Place

Friday 2nd - The Second Friday Society: Festive Special. 7-10pm. £14.

Saturday 3rd - Stashbusters: Learn to Applique. 10 am - 12.30pm. £35, £17.50 concessions.

Sunday 11th - Beginners Cupcake Decorating. 2 - 4pm. £35, £17.50 concessions.

Monday 12th, Sunday 18th - Festive Cake Pops. 6.30 - 9pm. £44, £22 concessions.

Wednesday 14th - Christmas Cake Decorating. 7 - 9pm. £49, £24.50 concessions.

NB: Full listings are available on the [website](#)

The Gallery Cafe

Friday 10th - Diabel Cissokho, a mix of acoustic, afro-beat and blues. 8pm. £7 (£6 concession)



Bethnal Green Film Society. All at 7.30pm, and totally free.

Thursday 1st - Bad Santa (2003, Terry Zwigoff, 91 min, Comedy)

Thursday 8th - Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993, Henry Selick, 76 min, Animation / Fantasy)

Thursday 15th - Go (1999, Doug Liman, 102 min, Comedy)

Thursday 22nd - Elf (John Favreau, 97 min, Comedy / Fantasy)

Chapel Cinema

Monday 12th December - Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story (1987, PG)

Monday 19th December - It's a Wonderful Life (1946, U)

Electric Fleapit presents Films from the Chapel.

Tuesday 20th - We wish you a Murray Christmas - 7-10 pm. Vote for your favourite Bill Murray film [here](#).

Eyes and Ears Cinema

Tuesday 6th - Die Hard (1988, 18) - 7pm. Free.

Melange Arts

Friday 2nd - Karama. 7.30 pm. £6 or £4

Friday 16th - Mak Murtic Ensemble. 7.30pm. £6 or £4

Sunday Jazz

Sunday 4th - Yuko Yokoi. 6pm. Free

Sunday 11th - Annie Dehaney-Steven. 6pm. Free

Maggie's Open Mic Night

Monday 5th - 6.30pm. Free

Gallery Cafe Book Club

Tuesday 20th - The Gallery Cafe Book Club will host a delicious Christmas Dinner - full details TBC.

Contact gallerycafebookclub@gmail.com



A very Merry Christmas from everyone here at St Margaret's House.

Whether you are a like-minded organisation, a volunteer, or simply enjoy the many events we host, we thank you for your continued support.

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