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Berkeley (Urban Renaissance) Ltd

## Seasonal festivities for all at Royal Arsenal Riverside

The Warehouse

No.1 Street

Residents of Royal Arsenal Riverside will be pleased to hear about a number of exciting festive events that are being held in December, providing on-site entertainment for all the family.

Residents are invited to join the Berkeley team to celebrate the festive season on Thursday, 15th December at the Sales and Marketing Suite at The Warehouse, No. 1 Street from 6pm until 8pm.

As well as enjoying champagne, canapés and mince pies supplied by on-site Young's pub The Dial Arch, residents will be entertained by fireworks and a jazz duo



whilst catching up with their neighbours and finding out about the exciting progress at Royal Arsenal Riverside.

Paul Vallone, Managing Director of Berkeley Homes (Urban Renaissance) said:

"The residents at Royal Arsenal Riverside are the key to the scheme's success and Berkeley wants to celebrate this and thank the community for making it such a great place to

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Following the party, Firepower: The Royal Artillery Museum will be hosting a Christmas Carol Concert with The Royal Artillery Band performing a programme of



Apartments at The Warehouse, No.1 Street

festive music from 8pm. Tickets are priced at £6.50 for adults and £3.50 for children with all proceeds from the concert going to help the Royal Artillery Museum preserve the history of the Royal Artillery, one of the British Army's largest regiments.

Speaking about the carol concert, Eileen Noon from Firepower said: "We are delighted

to have The Royal Artillery Band performing at the Museum. The first band was formed in 1762 and its history is connected to the area as it has been based here in Woolwich since 1763 so has lots of local connections. We look forward to welcoming local residents to an excellent evening of Christmas cheer."

**Please join the Berkeley team on Thursday, 15th December in the Sales and Marketing Suite at The Warehouse, No. 1 Street from 6pm until 8pm. Tickets for Firepower's Christmas Carol Concert are available by calling Firepower on 020 8312 7131.**



# Medical centre update

The new health centre at Royal Arsenal Riverside, developed by MedicX and designed in close consultation with Berkeley and Burrage Road GP Practice, will be opened in December. Residents will be able to register with the local healthcare team based in The Armouries, Arsenal Way offering a large range of medical services.

The medical centre includes four consulting rooms, five GP rooms, a minor surgery room, two nurse treatment rooms, a medical library and research facilities, as well as a range of office and management suites.

John Anderson, Chairman of Berkeley Homes (Urban

Renaissance) Ltd comments: "The new health centre is a fantastic addition to the on-site facilities at Royal Arsenal Riverside and really enforces the message that this is a prime location, not only for a new home, but also a new lifestyle.

"Importantly, the centre will give Burrage Road GP Practice new and much needed modern premises to operate from and deliver a first class service to the local community."

**Open from 8.30am to 6.30pm on Monday to Friday, the team at the new Royal Arsenal Medical Centre are looking forward to meeting their new neighbours.**



The medical centre at Royal Arsenal Riverside

## Festive Fun at The Woolwich Grand Theatre



From left to right; Laura Bryson, Beverly Streets, Vicky Brown. Residents enjoyed early festive fun and live music at the Royal Arsenal Community Events Group bash in November.

The Woolwich Grand Theatre at 38 Wellington Street, Woolwich rocked to the sound of live music from band The Hares this November after the Royal Arsenal Community Events (RACE), Group organised a Christmas bash at the venue.

Those who attended were dressed to impress and danced to a range of Christmas as well as pop classics. One of the organisers from Royal Arsenal Community Events Group, Vicky Brown, said: "Everybody was having a great time and the songs went down really well with the guests who enjoyed the live music. In the festive period events like this bring people together in celebration, and make neighbours really feel that they are part of a community."

The evening was intended to encourage those living at Royal Arsenal Riverside to enjoy the festive period alongside their neighbours. For more information about RACE, please visit the group's Facebook page by searching for Royal Arsenal Community Events.

# Heritage Trail launched at Royal Arsenal Riverside

A rare and unusual collection of military artefacts exploring 700 years of military history are now on permanent public display around Royal Arsenal Riverside. Keen eyed residents will have watched the installation of various historic hardware over recent months and can now enjoy exploring the fascinating items around the development.

The Heritage Trail celebrates the rich historical legacy of the area and highlights several landmarks of national importance. The area's engineering triumphs are revived through the 19 points of the Heritage Trail and will include buildings and military artefacts from across the world, with information plaques about the items located close to each point.

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Speaking about the Heritage Trail, John Anderson, Chairman of Berkeley Homes (Urban Renaissance) Ltd said: "The Heritage Trail is a great addition to Royal Arsenal Riverside, providing the community with an opportunity to engage with the site's fascinating past. The trail will appeal to military enthusiasts, history buffs and the local community as it offers a slice of history on their doorstep."

Highlights on the trail include a Fifteenth Century Venetian gun made by the Albergetti



One of the historic military artefacts on the Heritage Trail around Royal Arsenal Riverside.

family, a large Russian built S23 Iraqi tank used in the first Gulf War weighing 23 tonnes, an ornate Egyptian Gun with elaborate Arabic script and the ever popular Firepower Museum, with its world class collection of associated weapons and artefacts, bringing together 700 years of artillery history.

Mark Smith, Curator of Firepower: The Royal Artillery Museum comments: "The Heritage Trail's collection of publically displayed military artefacts from around the world takes Firepower's display into the wider community. We hope the trail will encourage more people to take an interest in their area and understand the significant role Woolwich played in our nation's history."

# Seasonal activities in and around Royal Arsenal Riverside



## Seasonal shopping

With Christmas just around the corner, there is no better time to take advantage of some seasonal shopping throughout Greenwich, Blackheath and Canary Wharf.

Just nine minutes away by rail Greenwich town centre offers a quaint mixture of stores, offering everything from vintage to designer fashion, furniture, artisan food and markets, and is the perfect place to pick up that special and unique Christmas gift, as well as dine or drink.

A short walk through Greenwich Park takes you to Blackheath Village, which is home to a wealth of boutiques, high street stores and artisan craft stores, with an enchanting festive atmosphere.

Canary Wharf can be reached in just 20 minutes by DLR from Woolwich Arsenal, or under 30 by River taxi from Royal Arsenal Riverside's dedicated pier. With over 200 shops, bars, restaurants and cafés all under one roof, it includes high street and luxury retailers such as Next, Gap, Tiffany and Mont Blanc. There are also planned children's festive activities every weekend in December.

## Festive Events

The Canary Wharf Ice Rink returns for its seventh year and promises to be as full of festive fun as ever. Nestled in Canada Square Park, skaters can glide under the towers and twinkling trees full of fairy lights. Open from 9:45am every day throughout December until mid February, booking in advance is advisable. For more information please visit [www.canarywharficerink.com](http://www.canarywharficerink.com)

Father Christmas will be making a visit to Greenwich Market. Please visit: [www.shopgreenwich.co.uk/news](http://www.shopgreenwich.co.uk/news) for more information on his visiting time.

A Christmas food market will be held in Blackheath on Friday, 23rd December from 9am to 12pm. For more information visit: [www.lfm.org.uk/markets/blackheath/](http://www.lfm.org.uk/markets/blackheath/)

The O2 Arena welcomes six magical performances of The Nutcracker, Sir Peter Wright's world acclaimed interpretation of the Christmas classic on 27th to 30th December.

For more information and tickets visit: [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk)

## Families are blooming at Royal Arsenal Riverside

With the ever growing numbers of parents-to-be and parents at Royal Arsenal Riverside, a branch of the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) has come to the development. The Royal Arsenal NCT branch is part of a charity that supports parents and parents-to-be by organising fun events and happenings in the local community.

Please join them for a coffee in the pub, a walk along the river or a day out with their culture mummies. The group's parents also host events in their own homes such as cupcake making, manicures for busy mums, arts and crafts for children and playgroups.

For more information about the group please contact Eva Berntsson, Royal Arsenal NCT Rep on [royalarsenalnct@gmail.com](mailto:royalarsenalnct@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page by searching for Royal Arsenal NCT.

To find out more about NCT please visit the website on [www.nct.org.uk](http://www.nct.org.uk)

# Greenwich to obtain Royal status

Living in Royal Arsenal Riverside you will soon be able to boast that your home is in a Royal Borough.

On 3rd January 2012 the London Borough of Greenwich will become known as the Royal Borough of Greenwich, in recognition of the area's growing stature and its links with the Royal Family stretching back nearly 700 years.

Greenwich, a host borough for the 2012 Olympics, has royal

links dating all the way back to the Fifteenth Century. The Palace of Placentia at Greenwich was the birthplace of Henry VIII, and both Mary and Elizabeth I were born in Greenwich Palace, and it was from Greenwich that Elizabeth's council planned the campaign against the Spanish Armada.

Greenwich was also put to

extensive use under the Stuarts. The Queen's House, still here today, was started by Inigo Jones under James I and finished under Charles I, while Sir Christopher Wren's Greenwich Hospital - now the Old Royal Naval College - was originally commissioned by Mary II and finished after her death by her husband William III.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who is also Baron Greenwich, was a trustee of the National Maritime Museum for 52 years until 2000 and then became its first patron.

Greenwich Council will announce an exciting programme of activities to celebrate Greenwich's Royal Borough status in December.

For details please visit: [www.greenwich.gov.uk](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk)



# It's on your doorstep

The build-up to Christmas is very much upon us and where better to spend it than by taking advantage of the many key attractions in and around Woolwich and Greenwich.

## Firepower: The Royal Artillery Museum



Open to the public since 1820, Firepower: The Royal Artillery Museum is a collection of artillery located within the gates of the Royal Arsenal Riverside development. The museum tells the powerful and dramatic story of artillery, scientific discoveries made through warfare and human stories of courage and endeavour.

**Address:** Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, London, SE18 6ST  
**Tel:** 020 8855 7755 [www.firepower.org.uk](http://www.firepower.org.uk)

## The Dial Arch



The on-site Young's gastropub features the brewer's award-winning cask ales and a wide range of wines that are not available to buy in the shops. The pub also serves great food with early opening for breakfast and coffee. Look out for their offers and treats and seasonal events.

**Address:** The Warren, Royal Arsenal Riverside, London, SE18 6GH  
**Tel:** 020 3130 0700 [www.dialarch.com](http://www.dialarch.com)

## The O2



A multi-purpose, state-of-the-art arena, the O2 is a hugely popular venue for hosting a number of concerts from internationally recognised artists and comedians each year, as well as a number of sporting events. This December, the likes of renowned musicians Rihanna, Paul McCartney and Coldplay will all be performing at the O2.

**Address:** Peninsula Square, London, SE10 0DX  
**Tel:** 0844 856 0202 [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk)

## National Maritime Museum



Discover 500 years of Britain's encounter with the world at sea at the National Maritime Museum. The museum focuses on maritime London and Britain's seafaring, discovery and trade history within three sites - the Maritime Galleries, the Royal Observatory and the Queen's House. The museum has free entry and a vast collection of models, displays, paintings and trophies from every continent across the world.

**Opening Times:** Monday to Sunday, 10am - 5pm  
**Address:** Romney Road, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NF  
**Tel:** 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

## The Thames Barrier



One of the largest moveable flood barriers in the world, the Thames Barrier spans 520 metres across the River Thames near Woolwich and protects 125 square kilometres of central London from flooding caused by tidal surges. The Thames Barrier Information Centre is also a great way to learn more about the Thames Barrier and also has a café, picnic area and conference facilities.

**Address:** Thames Barrier Information Centre, 1 Unity Way, Woolwich, London, SE18 5NJ **Tel:** 020 8305 4188 [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

# Getting Around at Royal Arsenal Riverside



## Zipcar at Royal Arsenal Riverside

Residents and local people are familiar with Royal Arsenal Riverside's four Streetcars, the car sharing scheme that offers its members a dynamic alternative to owning a car. Following a merger with Zipcar, the world's leading car sharing network, Streetcar will change its name to Zipcar and its members will be able to use 1,700 vehicles across London and other major cities.

**For more information about the car sharing club visit:** [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com)



## Crossrail Update

Excavation of the station box started in September and the structure is due to be complete by July 2013. Following this, tunnels will be constructed from Plumstead to the station box and then beneath the Thames towards Canary Wharf.

The early stages of the necessary excavation is now underway, and the top three to four metres of soil are being carefully excavated to expose any features that are of archaeological interest. A wall is also being constructed and will be completed in December. These activities will continue until the end of the year and will allow construction of the station box to commence from January 2012.

Berkeley Project Director, Mike Woolliscroft, said: "Crossrail will bring enormous benefits to the area and we are working hard to minimise the impact. We appreciate the co-operation and support of our local residents as we undertake this important work, and apologise for any inconvenience caused."

The forthcoming proposed Crossrail station will be based on site at Royal Arsenal Riverside and will provide super-fast connections to both central London and Heathrow Airport, with journey times to Tottenham Court Road in the West End predicted to take just 18 minutes.

**For further information about Crossrail visit:** [www.crossrail.co.uk](http://www.crossrail.co.uk)

## Tesco Express at Royal Arsenal Riverside

The latest addition to the facilities available at Royal Arsenal Riverside is a brand new Tesco Express, located at the heart of the development in West Carriage House, off Royal Carriage Mews. The store opened in September and brings convenience and quality to

residents and the local community.

It is open every day from 7am until 11pm so residents will be able to pick up all the essential household goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, wines and spirits just moments from their front door.

