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Royal Arsenal Riverside's first pub is open

Royal Arsenal Riverside's new gastro pub, The Dial Arch, is now open for business and is proving popular with the residents living at the development and in Woolwich. The Dial Arch is owned by Young's and Co, which is one of London's oldest brewers and has been brewing beer since the 1700s.



By Charlie Green,
Editor-in-Chief

The Dial Arch is a relaxed bar and restaurant where customers can eat, drink and catch up with friends on the banks of the river Thames and complements Royal Arsenal Riverside's existing café and bistro in the Firepower Museum. The Dial Arch's manager, Laurence Cook, comments: "We've had a successful opening period, with hundreds of people through the doors, all enjoying the fine food and drink in a great setting."

As well as being the area's first gastro pub, The Dial Arch also offers other refreshments and plenty of choice to customers including smoothies, teas, coffees and pastries in a special area called The Pantry which is open from 7.30am. Laurence believes the choice on offer is the key to its popularity: "Part of our success is down to being open throughout the working day right through to the evening. Commuters can grab a coffee or breakfast on their way to the overland, DLR and the Thames Clipper and of course there is a huge range of award-winning beers and real ale - which has proved extremely popular in the evenings and during the recent heat wave."



The Dial Arch team will be hosting regular theme nights including 'Wren's Night' cocktails, 'Peroni & Pizza' and cask ale and wine tasting. Located at the top of No.1 Street which connects Woolwich town centre with the river, The Dial Arch Grade II listed building dates from the 18th Century when Royal Arsenal was the principle location for munitions and military equipment manufacturing at the height of the British Empire.

The pub sells award-winning cask ales including Young's

Bitter, Young's Special, Well's Bombardier, Young's London Gold and a selection of seasonal and guest ales, as well as a wide range of Cockburn and Campbell selected wines, most of which are not available to buy in the shops. The new pub also offers fabulous food, with gastro-style menu that includes traditional pub favourites such as fish and chips, steak and Young's Bitter pies, alongside seasonal specials, all freshly cooked on the premises. But don't just take our word for it; come down and try it out for yourself.



Warehouse watch

Work is progressing nicely on The Warehouse, No.1 Street, the latest phase to be launched at Royal Arsenal Riverside and a number of homes have already been sold.

By **John Hutchinson,**
Business Editor

The building is designed to reflect the historical surroundings and is expected to be complete in summer/autumn of 2011.

The Warehouse apartments sit in an enviable position at the heart of Royal Arsenal Riverside, along the cobbled pedestrianised route which runs from Woolwich town centre down to the River Thames.

Inside, the apartments are designed to reflect Manhattan loft-style living, with modern open plan space and exposed brick work. The kitchens are contemporary with either granite or stone worktops, high-gloss handle-free cupboards and include Bosch appliances, a dishwasher and under cupboard downlights. The stylish bathrooms have chrome fixtures including a towel rail and a walnut or white cabinet, frameless clear glass shower screens and Duravit basin and

WC with concealed cistern. Each has its own private balcony or terrace and many have views of the river or the landscaped internal courtyard. The homes also offer peace of mind, with visual and audio door entry systems.

There are currently a selection of one, two and three-bedroom apartments available at The Warehouse starting at £250,000. There are also just six apartments available in the current phase, The Armouries, which offers modern, stylish, open-plan living, boasts plenty of style and character, having formerly been the largest factory works at Royal Arsenal Riverside. Prices are from £242,500.

To find out more, call: +44 (0)20 8331 7130, visit www.royalarsenalriverside.co.uk, email: sales.royalarsenal@berkeleyhomes.co.uk or visit the Sales & Marketing suite which is open daily 10am - 6pm, with late night opening until 8pm on Thursdays.



Royal Arsenal Riverside is a winner

By **Laura Phillpot,**
Environmental Editor



Royal Arsenal Riverside has won an award in the 'Best Historic Building' category at the London Planning Awards. Now in their sixth year, the London Planning Awards are organised by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), London First, The Mayor of London and the London councils. The Best Historic Building Management category is new for this year's awards and was established to recognise projects which have led to investment in and the re-use of historic buildings in London. The award acknowledges how Royal Arsenal Riverside has restored many of the Grade I and II listed buildings and brought this part of South East London back to life.

"Our sales success is a testament to the quality of the apartments"

Tom Keady, Head of Development at the London Development Agency commented: "Royal Arsenal Riverside is a model for urban regeneration and shows how heritage buildings can become desirable places for people both to live and work. The London Planning Awards win recognises the achievements of the long-term partnership between the London Development Agency and Berkeley. Royal Arsenal Riverside is a continuing success story in London's wider regeneration."

Voala viewing

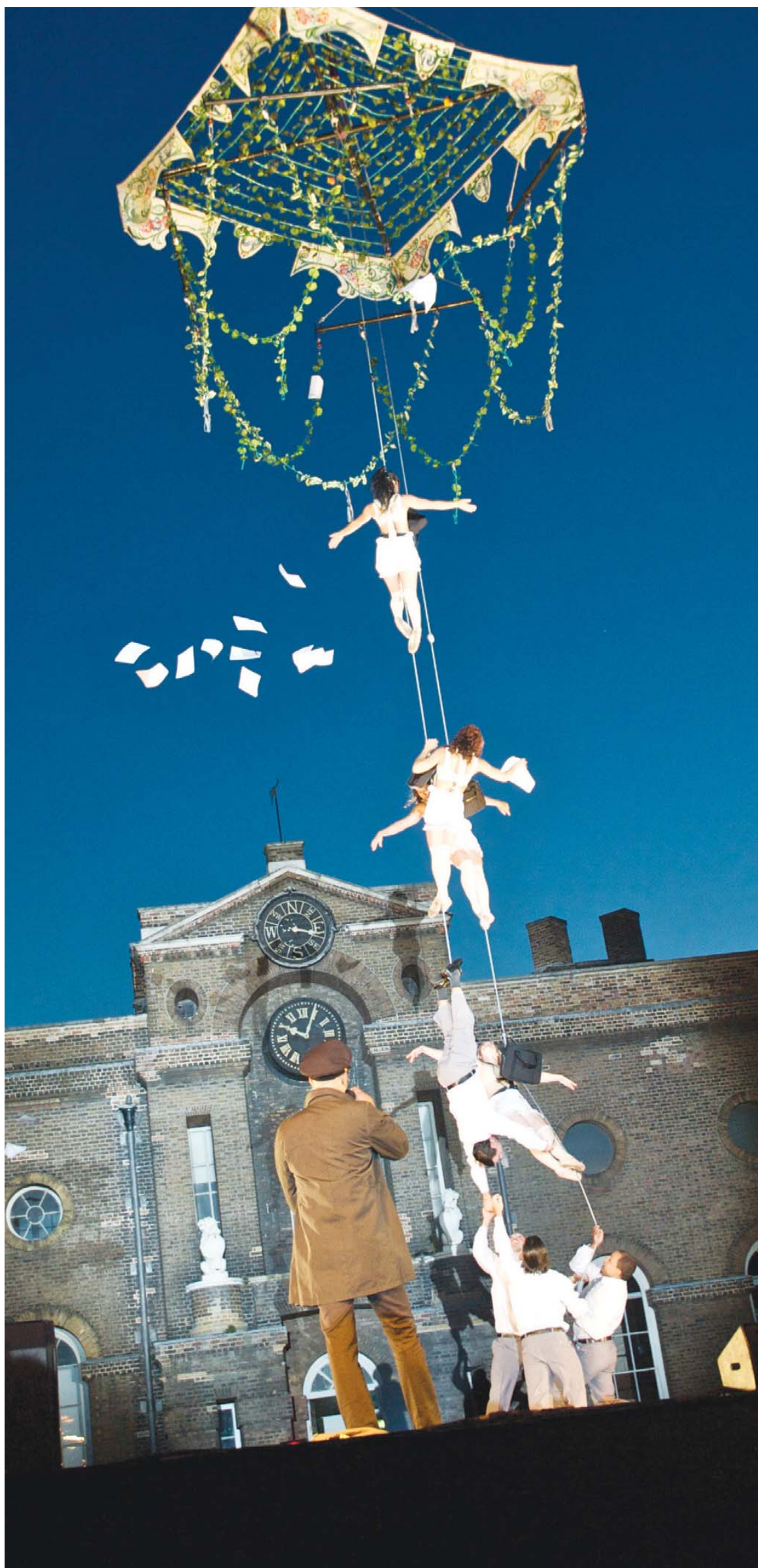
Royal Artillery Square in Royal Arsenal hosted Voala, a stunning exhibition of performance art, as part of the Greenwich and Docklands International Festival on 26 June.

By Nick Jenkins,
Entertainment Writer

Many stunts at the stunning Voala show were performed in the sky with the show described as a combination of sky-diving and water ballet. Charged with emotion, the special production which is produced by Latin American writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez, sees dancers floating high overhead with props such

as suitcases, umbrellas and flowers. The Catalonian company which brings the ideas to life is made up of circus artists, musicians, dancers and climbers.

Audience members described the show as "magical" so if you missed it in June make sure you check next year's schedule to find out if Voala will feature again. Visit www.festival.org for more information on the Greenwich and Docklands International Festival.



Crossrail is coming to Woolwich

Berkeley has been working closely with Crossrail and the Department for Transport to bring a Crossrail station to Royal Arsenal Riverside and is committed to delivering the project which will mean improved transport connections for residents in the area.

**By Debbie Jo,
Travel Correspondent**

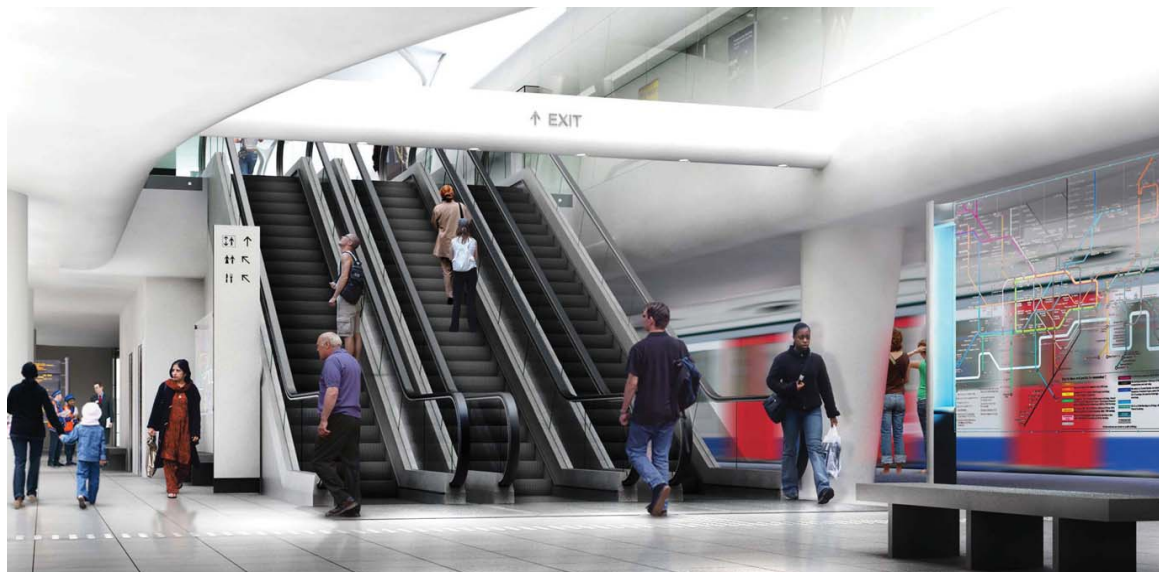
Once completed, Crossrail will be a world-class, affordable railway offering convenient, high frequency and accessible services across the Capital, connecting travellers to the City, Canary Wharf, the West End and Heathrow Airport as well as commuter areas East and West of London. Crossrail will run 118 km from Maidenhead and Heathrow in the West, through new twin-bore 21 km tunnels under Central London to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the East. It will bring an additional 1.5 million people within a 60-minute commute of the city.

will mean greater access to the city and surrounding areas to both residents as well as those living in the wider area.

The Berkeley Group Managing Director, Rob Perrins said: "Crossrail will provide a huge catalyst to the regeneration of South-East London and we are delighted that the Government has confirmed their commitment to it, and added: "We are very grateful for the support and guidance provided by Crossrail Ltd during recent efforts to close the gap in funding. We hope that following these developments we can progress design and commence on site over the coming weeks."

"The Crossrail station at Royal Arsenal Riverside will provide residents with greater access to the city and surrounding areas"

Including a Crossrail station at the Royal Arsenal Riverside development is an important part of the regeneration and development of Woolwich and



Thames Clipper the most convenient and pleasant way to travel

**By Jacob North,
Reporter**

The Thames Clipper provides a great alternative to conventional modes of public transport and with a pier at Royal Arsenal Riverside, getting to the City, Canary Wharf and other parts of London is easy, and doesn't have to involve the tube or train.

Greg Hall, who recently moved in to his new two-bedroom apartment is thrilled with his journey from home at Royal Arsenal Riverside to Canary Wharf where he works: "Taking the Thames Clipper is so much more pleasant than taking the congested tube or being stuck in traffic on busy roads.

I can use my Oyster card to travel, which makes it extremely easy, and I can be at the pier at 6:30am and by my desk by 7:00am. Having the Clipper stop at Royal Arsenal Riverside makes life so much easier."

The service stops at a number of key locations in the City

including London Bridge pier, Embankment, Blackfriars and Waterloo (London Eye) and offers travellers the chance to go from one part of the city to another quickly, with the added benefit of fresh air and all the spectacular views of the city while sailing down the Thames.

The Thames Clipper river boat service, which now accepts Oyster cards, departs from the site at Woolwich Arsenal Pier and gets to Canary Wharf in 30 minutes. Travellers can also use it for the O2 Arena, where it arrives in just eight minutes. The service was established in 1999 when it had just one boat. Today the success of the company, founded by Sean Collins, is evident in the fleet of 12 vessels which welcome 7,000 passengers on board every day. The Clipper recently celebrated its ten year anniversary and offers boats for private charter as well as the public transport service.

For more information on the Thames Clipper service including route maps and timetables, visit the website at www.thamesclippers.com.

