

**Sites of interest (numbered on map overleaf):**

**1) (A) Deal Porters Statue, by Philip Bews** Dockers carrying heavy timber across shoulders

**2) (B) (L) Dockmasters Office and Clock Tower (1892)**

**3) King George's Field (public open space dedicated to King George V (1865-1936)**  
Site of All Saints Church. Destroyed during WWII

**4) Metropolitan drinking trough (from 1865)** Fountains established by public subscription for humans, then troughs for horses and dogs, following C19 out breaks of cholera due to contaminated drinking water

**5) (B) Site of St. Olave's Hospital (1870-1985)** On site of workhouse said to have influenced Dickens' portrayal of workhouses. Birthplace of actor Sir Micheal Caine.

**6) Helen Peele Cottages (1901)** Built in memory of Helen Peele, by her son, a partner at Brandrams (see 32)

**7) (B) 36 Gomm Road** Abbeyfield and Carr-Gomm Societies founded here

**8) China Hall Public House** Site of playhouse visited and diarised by Pepys. Destroyed by fire 1779

**9) (A) (L) (R) Southwark Park (1869), (9a) Bandstand (1884, reconstructed 2001)**  
63 acres designed by Alexander McKenzie. Jabez West (temperance) drinking fountain. Caryatides by Henry Poole (1897). Cafe (\*). Sculpture on lake island by Yumi Shimada [www.friendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk](http://www.friendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk)

**10)\* (A) (D) Cafe Gallery and (10a) (L) Dilston Grove (former Clare College Mission Church)** Regular art exhibitions. First poured concrete church, designed by Micheal Ayton, Grade II listed [www.cgplondon.org](http://www.cgplondon.org)

**11) Southwark Park Bowls Club (Established 1908)** [southwarkparkbowls@googlemail.com](mailto:southwarkparkbowls@googlemail.com)

**12)\* St Peters and the Guardian Angels Church (RC) Circa 1904**  
For Mass times please ring 020 7237 2969

**13) Edward III (1327-77) moated Manor House (L) ruins. C17 site of pottery factory**  
Manor ruins remain accessible to the public after archaeological work in the 1980's [www.rbhistory.org.uk](http://www.rbhistory.org.uk)

**14) (A) Dr Alfred Salter (1873-1945) and family - replacement sculptures by Diane Gorvin**  
Commemorates local GP and MP who, with his wife as Mayor, did much to improve conditions for local people. [www.salterstatues.co.uk](http://www.salterstatues.co.uk)

**15)\* (L) (R) The Angel (restored C19 galleried pub on C15 pub site)**  
Originally kept by Bermondsey Abbey monks. Noted by Pepys [www.pubs.com/angese16.htm](http://www.pubs.com/angese16.htm)

**16) 41 Rotherhithe St. (now Fulford Street) sole remaining terraced Lightermans house**  
River walls 200 years old, built as land reclamation

**17) (A) King's Stairs Gardens and Queen's Silver Jubilee Stone (1977) with Golden (2002) & Diamond (2012) inscriptions.** Site of condensed housing and 7 pubs, demolished 1940's and riverside park formally opened when HM The Queen unveiled original Jubilee Stone in 1977; replacement by Emily Hoffnung, unveiled by Duke and Duchess of Wessex 2002, inscription unveiled in 2012 by Duke of Wessex. Wildlife, recreation and play area became Rotherhithe's Village Green and Queen Elizabeth II Field 2012. [www.rbhistory.org.uk](http://www.rbhistory.org.uk)

**18) (L) Rotherhithe Road Tunnel (1908)**  
Dug partly by Greathead Shield (original over entrance at each end). Engineer Maurice Fitzmaurice [www.rbhistory.org.uk](http://www.rbhistory.org.uk)

**19) \* (A) (+) (H) (R) (D) Albion Street**  
Historic retail/market street. Community led public realm regeneration [www.albionstreetse16.webeden.co.uk](http://www.albionstreetse16.webeden.co.uk)

**20)\* (D) (L) St. Olav's Norwegian Seamen's Mission and Church (1927)**  
Centre for WWII resistance; church/cultural centre for Norwegians in UK & Ireland. Community led regeneration of St Olav's Square. [www.norway.org.uk](http://www.norway.org.uk)

**21)\* (D) (L) The Finnish Seamen's Church in London (1957-9)**  
Church/cultural centre for Finns in UK & Ireland. Finnish sauna, cafeteria and shop [www.finnishchurch.org.uk](http://www.finnishchurch.org.uk)

**22)\* (B) (D) The Old Mortuary (1895)**  
Since 1980, houses Time and Talents, a charity working with local people since 1887 [www.timeandtalents.org.uk](http://www.timeandtalents.org.uk)

**23) Elephant Lane**  
Princes Tower - art deco style building (1986-90), Ivory Wharf (ivory imports), The Bubble Theatre [www.londonbubble.org.uk](http://www.londonbubble.org.uk), community theatre. The Ship pub, licensed 1865, on this site 1939 and last pub in London to be built before WWII

**24) (L) Hope Sufferance Wharf (C19), (L) Watch House and (L) Engine House (village fire engine) (1821)** Hope Sufferance Wharf - Goods landed under Custom rules to ease river congestion. Watch House - Parish Constable base for grave watch to prevent body snatching for medical students

**25)\* (+) (A) (B) (D) (L) St Mary's, Rotherhithe (C14 rebuilt 1715) and adjacent Watermen's Church Stairs (L)** Third church on the site, Grade II listed. Timbers from the Temeraire. Grinling Gibbons carvings. Fine peel of eight bells. Byfield organ. Links with sailing of The Mayflower. Tomb of Prince Lee Boo of Pelau [www.stmaryrotherhithe.org](http://www.stmaryrotherhithe.org)

**26) (L) Old School House (1697)**  
Est. 1613 by Peter Hills for education of 8 sons of seamen. Moved here 1795

**27) (L) Thames Tunnel Mills**  
Mid C19 steam grain mill and warehouse. Site of steam ferry. Early residential conversion

**28)\* (R) Mayflower Pub (1780) (formerly Spreadeagle)**  
List of passengers who sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 [www.themayflowerrotherhithe.com](http://www.themayflowerrotherhithe.com)

**29) (B) (D) (L) Rotherhithe Picture Research Library & Sands Films Studios (Grice's Granary 1795)**  
Library includes section on Rotherhithe. Film studio, production and costume making facilities. Houses one of London's smallest cinemas [www.sandsfilms.co.uk](http://www.sandsfilms.co.uk)

**30)\* (A) (B) (R) (D) (L) Brunel Museum and Cafe (1842)**  
Scheduled Monument. Accredited museum. Brunel's first and last projects. Subterranean gallery tours. Queen's Award 2010. Open daily [www.brunel-museum.org.uk](http://www.brunel-museum.org.uk)

**31)\* Rotherhithe Station (1884) and Thames Tunnel (L) 1825-1843 (first trains 1869)**  
International Landmark Site First river tunnel. Oldest tunnel in underground system in the world. Opened as shopping arcade, underwater banquet hall and underwater fairground. Arches and Doric capitals visible from Wapping platform

**32) (L) Brandram's Wharf (1870)** Paint, vitriol, drysalt and colour chemicals wharf

**33) (L) Charles Hay & Co (C19)** Barge building and repair works

**34) (A) Pilgrim Statue (1991) by Peter McLean**

**35) Clarence Pier (1882)** Coal unloading to gas works (replacing whale oil) & Old Kent Road gas works by canal

**36) Site of Kings Mills (1554)**  
Crown water mills for manufacture of gunpowder by monks from Bermondsey Abbey. Converted (C18) to make ships biscuits. Land used for Surrey Docks entrance and tunnel vent

**37) Bascule Bridge (1) replaced original swing bridge over dock entrance**  
Original entrance to Surrey Canal

**38) (L) Surrey Basin**  
Opened 1860. Engineer George Parker Bidder. Became Surrey Dock, now Surrey Water

**39) Thames Rice Mill (1883)**  
At 20 x 13 bays, the biggest granary on the river, then a rice mill, now apartments

**40) Old Fire Station (1903)**  
Serving "island" of high risk timber wharves, when Bascule Bridges open to shipping

**41) (B) Lavender Dock (1815) and Lavender Pond Pumping Station (1929)**  
Lavender Pond and Nature Reserve [www.urbanecology.org.uk](http://www.urbanecology.org.uk) 020 7231 2209.

**42) (L) Nelson Dock (1820-1968) and dry dock (1707) and house (1754)**  
Last remains of Rotherhithe shipyard. Typical shipyard master builder's residence

**43) (A) Stave Hill Ecology Park with butterfly park and bee colony**  
Hill formed from Albion canal spoil and topped with relief docks map [www.urbanecology.org.uk](http://www.urbanecology.org.uk)

**44) Russia Dock Woodland (1979) 34 acres of award winning woodland**  
Basin of former dock with original crane tracks [www.russiadockwood.ukfriends.com](http://www.russiadockwood.ukfriends.com)

**45)\* (+) (A) Holy Trinity Church (CE) (1837) destroyed 1940, rebuilt 1960**  
Destroyed first day of Blitz. Annual commemorative peace service. Hans Fiebusch mural [www.holy-trinity-rotherhithe.org.uk](http://www.holy-trinity-rotherhithe.org.uk)

**46)\* (R) (D) Surrey Docks Farm**  
Founded at Greenland Dock 1975. Moved here 1986 onto site of original ship's quarantine station which ceased in 1930's. Farm animals, blacksmith, orchard, bees, vegetables, stag beetle loggery and wild area [www.surreydocksfarm.org.uk](http://www.surreydocksfarm.org.uk)

**47) Dockhead Crane** - last remaining example

**48) (L) Greenland Dock (C17) (formerly Howland Dock)**  
Laying up and fitting out base, then whaling ship base, then granary and timber

**49) Norway Dock (1813)**  
One of the earliest docks and built with wooden walls. Scandinavian timber imports then Harland and Wolff floating dry rock, now housing development.

**50)\* (D) Surrey Docks Watersport Centre**  
Watersports training. Base for Tideway Sailability for disabled [sdwsc-sales@fusion-lifestyle.com](mailto:sdwsc-sales@fusion-lifestyle.com)

**51) (A) James Walker Statue by Michael Rizzello (1990)**  
Walker (1781-1862) was engineer of Greenland Dock

**52) (L) Bascule Bridge (2)**  
Replaced original swing bridge over dock entrance

**53) (A) Dockers shelter (replica) with Mural (Bermondsey Artists' Group).**  
Dockers morning assembly "call on" point for work

**Map available** at staffed sites (\*) Surrey Quays management offices and at [www.se16.com](http://www.se16.com)

**The C10 bus goes around the peninsular past many of the sites.**

# ROTHERHITHE

Rotherhithe, originally called Redriff from C13 and frequently mentioned by the C17 diarist Samuel Pepys, came from the Anglo Saxon for a haven where cattle were landed. It was closely connected to Bermondsey Abbey, as well as having ancient river crossing points associated with shipbuilding and supporting trades (from C17 and probably from the middle ages), and seafaring is recorded in church memorials and gravestones. Rotherhithe Street housed ship builders, seafarers, doss houses, taverns and had bridges between buildings (some remain near 23 and 27 on map) for cargo movement. At various places were Waterman's stairs (eg 25), named after an adjacent hostelry or historic landmark where a waterman and his wherry could be hailed.

Rotherhithe was the first place (C17) to have docks for the convenience of London, from C19 it was the centre of London's timber trade. The Grand Surrey Canal (1807-1970) was planned to Portsmouth via Surrey, but actually only reached Walworth Road and Peckham. It was linked to the Croydon Canal (1809-1835) and widened to build Stave and Russia docks.

New docks constrained the space available for shipbuilding and the introduction of iron ships ended production in 1870 with the launch of Lothair, but repair, breakers and salvage continued to 1914. One of the most famous to be broken up was the Temeraire, its towed passage up the Thames from Margate to Beatson's yard in 1838 was recorded by the C18 artist JMW Turner & now displayed in the National Gallery. By the second world war, 85% of the Rotherhithe peninsula (460 acres) was docks and timber ponds. Timber came from Scandinavia and the Baltic and foodstuffs from Canada.

The docks were mostly destroyed during the first blitz of WWII, and only Nelson Dock shipyard remained. Shipyards became timber yards/ship salvage or granaries (incorporating ships timbers). When the last ship left in 1970, draining and filling in, begun during the war, continued and the area underwent major redevelopment as conversions and new buildings became apartments. Around 90% of the docks were in filled in the early 1980's and almost 10,000 homes built along with Surrey Quays Shopping Centre, Mast leisure park and commercial units. The opening of the Jubilee Line in 2000 and the London Overground in 2011 have provided excellent transport links. Canada Water basin is at the heart of a major town centre regeneration programme.

The Manor of Rotherhithe was recorded in Norman times as part of the royal demesne. One of the most famous Lords of The Manor was Sir William Gomm (1784-1875) who with his second wife Lady Elizabeth gave generous aid to the charities, schools, and churches of Rotherhithe. Elizabeth survived her husband by two years and bequeathed the estate to her niece Emily Blanche Carr-Gomm who continued the family tradition of charitable service.

The Thames Path National Trail, a 3½ mile stretch of the 184 miles from the Cotswolds to the Thames Barrier, traces much of Rotherhithe's history.

## Key to sites of interest

**A** = Art **B** = Blue Plaque **+** = Churches **H** = Hotel/Hostel **L** = Listed by English Heritage **T** = Transport **R** = Pubs/Restaurants/ Cafes **D** = Full disabled access with toilet (all sites are accessible outside)

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## Key

- Thames Path
- Key pedestrian routes
- River and water bodies
- Green spaces
- Main vehicular routes
- Schools
- Health centres
- Retail
- Industrial
- Cultural buildings/landmarks
- Community buildings
- Sports/ leisure
- Key view points
- Play areas
- Sports facilities
- Place of worship
- Approx. bus stops
- River travel
- Underground/Overground railway station
- Hotels/Hostels
- Pub, restaurants, cafe
- Site of interest listed on reverse page

Other useful web sites, for what's on in Rotherhithe:  
[www.se16.com](http://www.se16.com)  
Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society  
[www.rbhistory.org.uk](http://www.rbhistory.org.uk)  
Open House London  
[www.londonopenhouse.org](http://www.londonopenhouse.org)  
Thames Path  
[www.nationaltrail.co.uk/thamespath](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/thamespath)  
Southwark Council  
[www.southwark.gov.uk](http://www.southwark.gov.uk) (inc list of Blue Plaques)

