

theUnderling

auction

See below for the full list of items up for bids at this summer's Floating Market

This Floating Market is kindly hosted in Farringdon Without by the Wardmote.

Master of Ceremonies: King Rat of the Varmints



THE BUZZ FROM BELOW

Free – the only thing here that is

TOMPION TOPPED

FM AUCTION

As always, the Floating Market plays host to a special Underside auction of goods and favours. Take a look at what's on the menu this time:

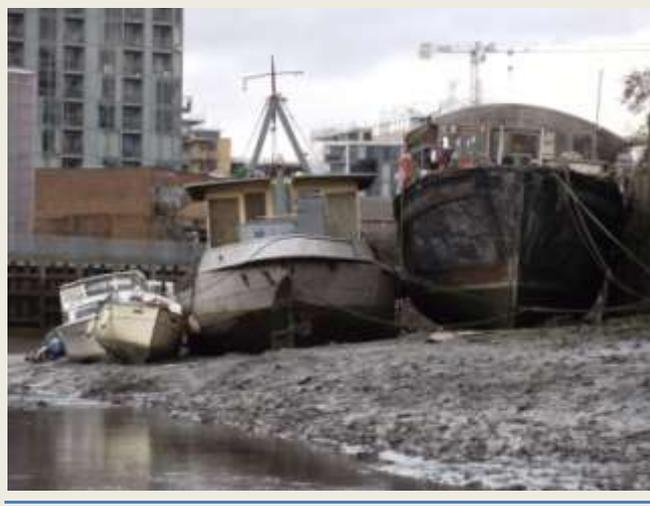
- *Going ghostly*: 1 pair of All Hallows spectacles
- *Fighting spirit*: 1 brew of Courage
- *Saved by the*: 1 bell of legendary quality
- *Going somewhere*: 1 metal key on a chain
- *Reading matter*: 1 book from the library of Holland House
- *Mysterious*: 1 locked box, found in the ruins of Islington
- *Get lost*: 1 genealogy map
- *Questionable content*: 1 salve of Headshot

Remember!

Once the listed items have been sold, the auctioneer will open to the floor. Got an item or brew to sell? Services for hire? Step on up and auction them off!

A LIGHT IN THE UNDER-DARK

The shadows demand strength to survive, and strength needs light. Visit Zorya at the Floating Market to find your lantern.



Deptford Creek at low tide: Above police took the body to St. Bartholomew's

Undersiders were shocked yesterday at the news of Ned Tompion's murder. Bodyguard to the Queen of Clocks, the duellist's corpse was found on the banks of Deptford Creek in the early hours of Thursday morning. Before it could be recovered, London Above police were on the scene.

Tompion's gentle was not available for comment but a spokesperson for the Wardmote said:

"Her Majesty is understandably distressed. Ned was not just a guard, he was also a friend and a good man. In light of this loss, the Queen will not be attending this weekend's Market. We would like to thank King Rat for his support during this difficult time."

ARE CROUP & VANDEMAR BACK IN LONDON UNDER?

The so-called Old Firm were responsible for the last murder of such a high-profile Undersider. The brutal deaths of Lord Portico and his family twenty years ago sent shock waves through society, and it was a source of much distress that those responsible were never brought to what passes for justice down here in the darkness. Croup and Vandemar have not been seen since those events but it is wondered whether Ned Tompion's murder is more of their handiwork.

As one of the last noble houses, Portico's passing ultimately triggered the final fall of ruling nobility in the Underside, and Opening became available to the masses. What might be the ramifications for the loss of London Under's greatest duellist? Does this mark an end to sword-play in the streets? And do our gentles need to increase their personal security? If Ned Tompion can be bested, who amongst us is safe?

SHARD SHOCKED IN SUMMER STORM

It seems someone has been experimenting in the upper levels of the Shard. Last week an unexpected storm resulted in a direct lightning strike to the building, channeling around 100 kA into a waiting rod. It is not known at this time who was responsible for the rite to summon the storm, but conjecture suggests an independent mystic rather the Gap. After all, the Gap has no need for lightning-based energy when they can access the ley lines. The question is, what is an independent doing with so much power, and how dangerous is it to the user and others?



Above invading your personal space? Digs and holes hard to come by? You need to visit the **THIRD CIRCLE SEWERS!** With miles of tunnels to choose from and a variety of communal caverns, there's no better place to call home. Contact Barry for more details.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR THE FRIARS?

They were once one of the most powerful gangs in London Under. Since the Key to Heaven was claimed twenty years ago, however, the Black Friars have dwindled into nothing more than a very nice coffee shop.



What is worse, the Father Abbot has been bed-ridden for some time and is not expected to recover his former strength. This well-respected gentle will leave quite a hole in the political landscape.

This might be the chance the Black Friars need to reinvent themselves and take back their former glory. Or it might signal the end, the gang's members fading away as quietly and peacefully as their leader. Watch this space carefully.

PARK LOSES OUT OVER SUPER SEWER

Those who have been paying attention will know that the great debate of this Floating Market centres around control of the new Super Sewer being built under the River Thames. Much less in the spotlight – and much more deserving of it – is the question of who loses from this grand building project.

King George's Park, one of the Ghillie Dhu's many pockets of territory, is under threat. Seated right in the path of the new sewer, it is slated for redevelopment as a central pumping station,



along with the King Edward Memorial Park and the Black Friars' Deptford Church. Despite this, there has as yet been no mention made of reparations to the gangs losing out. Surely Blind Justice, who will be deciding the matter of territory ownership at this Floating Market, has a duty to provide justice for the dispossessed?

HORSE CHESTNUTS STILL FALLING

The so-called 'bleeding canker disease' has claimed another copse, and there are still no signs of a cure. Long gone are the days when druids rallied round to cure Dutch Elm – it seems that this one's got them stumped. BCD has been around for a while so what's the problem here? Well, unlike the usual strain, this one's got an additional unidentified substance that makes it three times as potent. Mild winters have aided its spread.

The death count so far is over 200. Sources says that Charles Oak, gentle of the Ghillie Dhu, is meeting with senior members of both Oak and Elm branches on a regular basis in an effort to find a solution. Sadly this hasn't had any noticeable effect on the gulf between the two branches. What will it take to reunite this gang under one canopy?



MAIL RAIL BACK ON THE LINES

After 11 years, London Above has decided to reclaim the Mail Rail for its own. This is bad news for the Varmints that have made it home, but all is not lost. Instead of a regular service, Above intends to run occasional tourist trains starting in 2020. That should give the tunnel's denizens plenty of time to work out a schedule of avoidance. At least Paddy the Post isn't here to see it.

FARRINGDON FIRE FINISHED

It's a sad day when a beautiful building is closed, but Clerkenwell Fire Station in Farringdon has finally shut down. No word yet on what will take its place, although there are rumours that the Baron of Ekstasis has expressed interest in the territory. Given the number of holdings his gang has recently acquired, can we expect to see big news from that quarter soon?

REVAMPING FOR CAMDEN

Camden's redevelopment could best be described as intermittent, but it seems London Above is having another crack at it. The new scheme – One House at a Time – looks set to start with a bang, quite literally, and their target is the old World's End Pub. Our recommendation to the dozens of Whites living in the vicinity? Remember rule zero – don't get set on fire – and pack up shop.

NEXT MARKET'S CELEBRITY GUEST

The next Floating Market will be hosted in the O2 Arena by the Neon Court. Their famous former member, Lady Gaga, is returning to the Underside for a special performance. The party is sure to be spectacular.



RACING RAT RESULTS

Jubilee 3 – 1 Wat&City
Victoria 0 – 2 Piccadilly
District 0 – 1 Northern W
Ham&City 5 – 2 Central
E London 1 – 1 Aldwych

DLR 2 – 1 Metropolitan
North Heights 3 – 2 ELC
Crossrail 4 – 1 Bakerloo
Mail 0 – 0 Northern E
London Link 2 – 4 Circle