

# NEWS

## NEW COVENT GARDEN SITES



The new West Block is close to completion

## Fruit & Veg units grow

## IN BRIEF

Construction works are on schedule to complete Phase One of the new Fruit & Vegetable Market right on time. The first sections of the West and Central Blocks will be ready for fitting-out to begin during November this year.

The West Block will be home to 12 market tenants who will share 4,594m<sup>2</sup> of space.

The smaller Central Block will house six more market businesses across 1,844m<sup>2</sup> of state-of-the-art units.



### Fruit & Veg units grow

Works continue on Fruit & Veg Market and Thessaly Road gets some TLC

### Bonnington Café on Thessaly

As the pop-up closes for autumn, we round-up our community café highlights

### Vitrine: window to the market

News on the next instalment of the Vitrine art display on Nine Elms Lane

### Faces behind fresh

Meet the people who work within the walls of the Fruit and Veg and Flower Markets.

# Bonnington Café on Thessaly

**What pops up must pop down. After a wonderful summer of fresh food and great events, the Bonnington Café on Thessaly pop-up is now closed for the autumn and winter.**

Over the summer, Bonnington Café on Thessaly welcomed the local community to eat, learn and meet inside the Yvonne Carr Centre and its gardens. It was not just a café, it was a place for culinary exploration where workshops were held on fermenting summer vegetables, identifying and using herbs, pizza-making and more.

Not only that, VINCI St. Modwen welcomed groups such as Share Community and Nine Elms Arts Ministry to use the space in new and different ways.

The Bonnington Café on Thessaly team said an enormous thank you to everybody who ate, sipped, laughed, baked, played, fermented and dined in the Yvonne Carr Centre over the summer, and also to the Yvonne Carr Centre and its staff, for hosting and helping



and Wandsworth Council for its enthusiastic support.

Thanks were also extended to Mealmaker London (Prepared Produce) Ltd, a prepared fruit and veg wholesaler at New Covent Garden Market, who provided the cafe with amazing, fresh, seasonal produce for its dishes.

While it was time for Bonnington Café on Thessaly to say goodbye for now, VINCI St. Modwen hopes

to break some exciting news about the future of the space in the Yvonne Carr Centre. So, in the coming months keep an eye out and, and keep in touch via our email address: [hello@bonningtoncafeonthessaly.com](mailto:hello@bonningtoncafeonthessaly.com)

We'll keep you posted about future moments to celebrate, share, learn about and, of course, eat delicious food. [www.bonningtoncafeonthessaly.com](http://www.bonningtoncafeonthessaly.com)



## All clear on Thessaly

Meanwhile on Thessaly road, Covent Garden Market Authority plans to replace a 65 metre section of rolling security wire with mesh, carry out weekly litter picking to remove rubbish and crates, and provide £3,000 a year to Wandsworth Council over the next two years to support further litter picking. The market has also invested in upgraded metal waste containers, to minimise any odours from its waste facility.



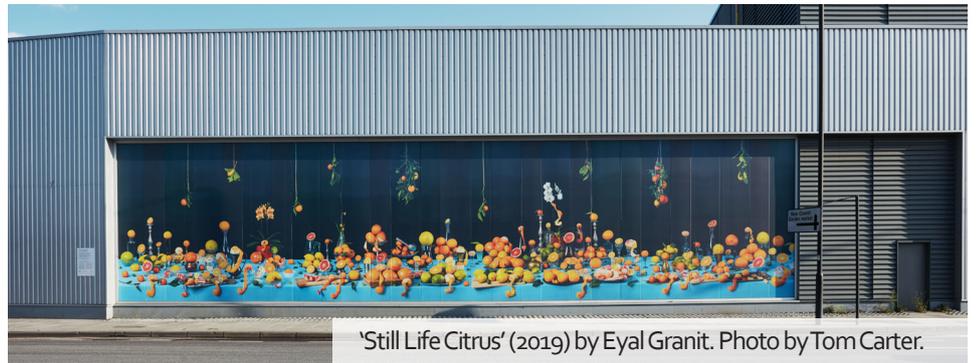
# Vitrine: window to the market

This October, VINCI St. Modwen, in collaboration with Covent Garden Market Authority (CGMA) and Art Night, unveiled the winning artwork of the new Vitrine art commission.

The artwork is selected annually through a public open call to artists to submit ideas to be mounted on the façade of New Covent Garden Market on Nine Elms Lane.

For the 2019 commission, artist Eyal Granit (b.1979, Jerusalem, Israel) was chosen by a panel of experts to create a new work titled 'Still Life, Citrus' (2019) which will be on display until October 2020.

Rob Williams, Senior Director of Construction at St. Modwen said: "We are excited to have commissioned



'Still Life Citrus' (2019) by Eyal Granit. Photo by Tom Carter.

this new artwork. It gives passers by a unique insight into the produce and the market operating inside.

"This commission builds on our other community art projects in the area, including the acclaimed Edible Avenue on Thessaly Road and The Whale Wall at the nearby St. George's school by the renowned artist Mr. Dane."

Eyal Granit said: "I have been passionate about photography since an early age and I am truly humbled

to have received such an incredible opportunity to present my work to a global audience in London, where the public can encounter and enjoy it every day."

For more information on the Vitrine project: <https://bit.ly/2Wg2zCA>



Eyal Granit and the team. Photo by Tom Carter.

Installing the artwork in 2018



Anna Skladmann's 'Ghost in the Machine' was the first artwork to be exhibited on the Flower Market façade. The incredible feedback received sparked the idea of an annual commission, that VINCI St. Modwen will fund over the course of the next three years.

## What did having your artwork displayed at the Market mean to you?

To be able to create a series for the New Covent Garden Flower Market was a truly unique experience. I work with scanning techniques so for this commission being able to work on such a grand scale was an incredible step in my practice. As it became a piece which is viewed from the outside, but which

wraps up the nature of the market and what's happening inside, it felt like being commissioned to bring the practice of art back to its origins of patronage.

## How did the Market inspire your final creation?

I sourced all the flowers from the market. I would walk around the stands talking to each trader about the special sorts of flowers and their origin. I was interested in the ones whose name and mythology is linked to the female representation of flowers, such as 'The Bearded Iris' or 'The Blushing Bride.'

Find out more: [askladmann.com](http://askladmann.com) and @askladmann on instagram.

# Faces behind fresh



## Best of British

Businesses at the market cater for many well-loved British events. Fresh fruit and veg from the market was served up by traders at the Wimbledon Championships, Royal Ascot, the Henley Royal Regatta, the Chelsea Flower Show and Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival - just to name a few!

Market traders like Vernon Mascarenhas and Shaunie Dykes from Nature's Choice plan menus up to six months in advance with high-end, high-volume contract caterers such as Gather & Gather, Levy Restaurants UK and Rhubarb Catering.

## Growing the extra mile

Traders at the market are not only well-versed in marathon night shifts at the market. Outside of business hours, some of the market traders have been raising money for their favourite charities by putting themselves through gruelling challenges.

Michael Barrett of HG Walker in the Fruit & Veg Market, took part in the Race to the King ultramarathon along the South Downs Way this year. The course was 53 miles in length, starting in Arundel and finishing in Winchester. He raised £5000 for Pickering Cancer Trust.

Brad Howe at Zest Flowers, and Louis Gibbs from DG Wholesale Flowers both ran the London Marathon. Brad raised £4500 for Haven House Children's Hospice and Louis raised £4000 for Mind.

Andy Noble at Zest Flowers took part in the 22k Thames Path Challenge walk from Maidenhead to Henley on 8 September, to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK.

Well done to all involved!



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