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ALAMY

Find the (trendy) poet in your soul in NW3

HIGH-END interior design firm Taylor Howes says 2019 trends include lighting as artwork, bespoke furniture, bold colours and lavish textiles, many of which are in evidence in the show home at Hampstead Manor, below.

At the former college, now being turned into 156 homes spread across 13 buildings of which five are listed, developer Mount Anvil has drawn inspiration from the work of famous literary figures with links to the area for the new show home.

Daphne Du Maurier's Rebecca is a design motif for one bedroom, with romantic, lacquered black finishes

being a nod to the novel's 1940 film adaptation. The colour scheme of the main living space, "informed" by Keats's Ode to a Nightingale, reflects nature, while the country estate-style entrance hall with its timber parquet floor evokes John Galsworthy's The Forsyte Saga.

The entire development has the feel of a cloistered Oxbridge college with a magnificent Edwardian-era library converted into a single residence. As well as conversions, new in-keeping townhouses and subterranean duplex homes are being built. Prices from £740,000. Call 020 3582 5461.



Smart moves

By David Spittles

Enjoy a light show every evening

CANARY WHARF and Rotherhithe face each other across the Thames. Since the demise of the old docks 50 years ago, each of these areas has developed a distinct identity: the former an ascendant financial zone with some high-end housing; the latter a well-connected, more affordable residential district.

A planning application to build a pedestrian and cycle bridge between the two, expected to be considered this year, would change the relationship, certainly giving a boost to lower-priced and improving Rotherhithe, where a second wave of regeneration is creating a new waterfront neighbourhood alongside Canada Water train station, a key interchange for the Jubilee line and

the Overground. Thames Clippers already operates riverbuses between the two but the bridge, which is backed by Mayor Sadiq Khan and Transport for London and could be ready by 2024, would be convenient for bike-riding and walk-to-work commuters. The proposed design would create the longest bascule bridge in the world, an elegant, wishbone-like structure that opens to allow tall ships to pass through.

In its heyday, Rotherhithe consisted of various waterways and docks, among them Greenland, Finland, Russia and Canada, denoting the origin of the cargo unloaded there. During the Eighties, city planners tried to revive the area with a shopping mall and leisure precinct, but together with humdrum low-rise



From £685,000: across from Canary Wharf flats at South Quay Plaza, E14, with sky club bar and spa (020 3675 4400)

housing, it lacked any sense of place. Now Southwark council's masterplan comprises more than a dozen individual projects, including a skyscraper by renowned architect David Chipperfield. A new high



street, or pedestrianised boulevard, running between Canada Water and Surrey Quays train stations is to be created, with "greenways" between Southwark Park and Russia Dock Woodland. One of the first schemes out of the blocks is Porters Edge, with 234 furnished rental flats, a rooftop garden with tennis courts and football pitch, plus a gym, a residents' lounge

and café. From £1,750 a month. Call Notting Hill Genesis (020 3815 2480). Buyers can get 30 per cent more space for their money in Rotherhithe than Canary Wharf, according to property analyst Dataloft. South Quay Plaza, on the north side of the river and overlooking Canary Wharf across South Dock, has 888 homes in two dockside skyscrapers designed by

Foster + Partners. Each tower is being built at a 45-degree rotation to maximise views. There's a residents' sky club with cocktail bar and spa, a screening room and outdoor dining terraces, and 2.6 acres of public space and shops. Prices start at £685,000. A three-bedroom penthouse has been unveiled, priced £2,875,000. Call Berkeley Homes on 020 3675 4400.



£1.6 million: penthouse, with smart terrace, at London Square New Kings Road

NAB THE LAST PENTHOUSE

PRETTY Parsons Green is Fulham's most coveted area after Hurlingham and the Peterborough Estate. Characterised by Victorian houses with bay windows in tree-lined streets, this ancient hamlet has been a virtual development-free zone for decades. But now a new low-rise block of 24 apartments, London Square New Kings Road, brings something fresh and smart.

Developer London Square has clad the building in handsome Portland stone and with shops at ground level it dovetails nicely into the Victorian

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