

APPENDIX D

BANKSIDE AS A PLACE

Potted history by the Bankside Neighbourhood Forum

1. First time the area is called 'Bankside' on this map dated approx 1550. Bankside is formed of 2 adjacent Liberties Parys Gardeyn to the West, Clink to the East. Liberties were set up by Bermondsey Priory. The priory keen that non religious activities are as far away as possible...in the marsh. Gravel Lane is now Gt Suffolk Street.

Reformation meant that the off limits uses intensified. Bear Baiting, bull baiting, Excessive drinking, Theatre and prostitution run by the Bishop of Winchester.
2. Original Christ Church built in 1670. Parish Demesne is the Paris Garden (Parys Gardeyn) area. Western Boundary follows a tributary of the Thames, This stream kicks westward just before it gets to the Thames. This boundary hardly changes for next 400 yrs.
3. Blackfriars Bridge and Blackfriars Rd built in 1760's splits Christ Church Parish in two. Current street layout starting to emerge. Tributary is culverted to be replaced by Broadwall.
4. 19th and 20th century the area is 'governed' by St Saviours Civil Registration. The vestry system, so named because committees met in the Church vestry. Christ Church, St Michaels, Trinity all under St Saviors jurisdiction.
1900 The 'Old' Borough of Southwark is formed, by Act of parliament. Basically it is the area of the St Saviours Vestry.
5. 1965 L B Southwark comes into existence. With Bermondsey, Rotherhithe Camberwell & Dulwich all added to the St Saviours area. The Ward system begins. Cathedral Ward is most of St Saviors old Vestry area. The Western Boundary stays the same.
6. 1995 Bankside Residents Forum is formed. One of the founding Members is Camilla McGibbon now a trustee of St Saviours. The original treasurer is the previous incumbent at Christ Church.
7. 2010 Bankside Residents Forum and LB Southwark apply to DCLG for frontrunner Status.