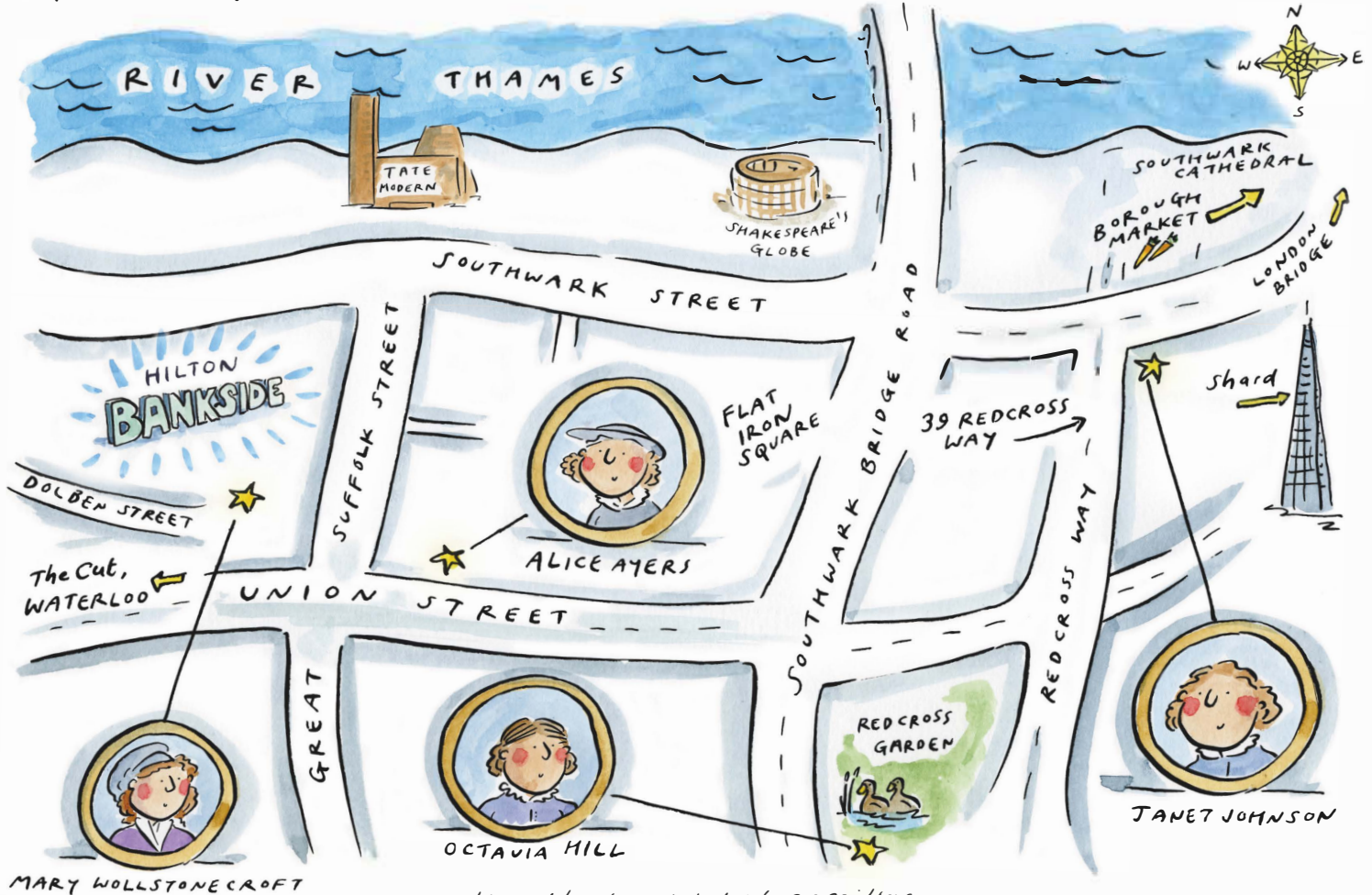


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THIS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WE ARE DISCOVERING SOME OF THE MANY INSPIRING WOMEN OF BANKSIDE. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN UNCOVERING THE FASCINATING HISTORY OF THESE FOUR WOMEN AND HOW THEY MADE THEIR MARK ON HISTORY. FOLLOW THE MAP ON THE FRONT OF THE CARD TO EXPLORE THIS INTRIGUING AREA OF LONDON AND LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THESE AMAZING WOMEN.



1859-1885 UNION STREET

ALICE AYRES WAS AN ENGLISH NURSEMAID HONOURED FOR HER BRAVERY IN RESCUING THE CHILDREN IN HER CARE FROM A HOUSE FIRE. AYRES WAS A HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANT AND NURSEMAID TO THE FAMILY OF HER BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER, HENRY AND MARY ANN CHANDLER. THE CHANDLERS OWNED AN OIL AND PAINT SHOP IN UNION STREET, SOUTHWARK, THEN JUST SOUTH OF LONDON, AND AYRES LIVED WITH THE FAMILY ABOVE THE SHOP. IN 1885 FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE SHOP, AND AYRES RESCUED THREE OF HER NIECES FROM THE BURNING BUILDING, BEFORE FALLING FROM A WINDOW AND SUFFERING FATAL INJURY.



1858-1955 REDCROSS WAY

JANET JOHNSON LIVED AT 39 REDCROSS WAY. SHE BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN GUARDIAN OF THE POOR IN SOUTHWARK, IN 1888, DEVOTING HER LIFE TO THE CONDITION OF POOR WORKHOUSE INTERNEES. SHE BECAME MANAGER OF THE CENTRAL LONDON SCHOOL FOR ORPHANS AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN AT HANWELL, INITIATING HUMANITARIAN REFORMS WITH NEW IDEAS ON EDUCATION, CLOTHING AND DIET.



1838-1912 RED CROSS GARDENS

OCTAVIA HILL WAS A CHILD OF WELL-HEELED SOCIAL REFORMERS OF THE DAY. SHE RECOGNISED AT AN EARLY AGE HOW ADVANTAGEOUS GREEN SPACE COULD BE TO THE HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND MENTAL WELLBEING OF THE MASSES CRAMMED INTO CITIES BY THEIR NEED FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL. IN 1886 OCTAVIA DESIGNED RED CROSS GARDENS, HER FLAG-SHIP PROJECT AT THE TIME, WHICH DEMONSTRATED THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING HOUSING FOR THE POOR AND THE NEED FOR MEANINGFUL OCCUPATIONS FOR WORKERS. OCTAVIA WOULD GO ON TO BE ONE OF THE THREE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST.



1759-1797 DOLBEN STREET

MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT A BRITISH WRITER, PHILOSOPHER, AND ADVOCATE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS MADE BANKSIDE HER HOME FROM 1788 - 1791. UNTIL THE LATE 20TH CENTURY, WOLLSTONECRAFT'S LIFE, WHICH ENCOMPASSED SEVERAL UNCONVENTIONAL PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AT THE TIME, RECEIVED MORE ATTENTION THAN HER WRITING. TODAY WOLLSTONECRAFT IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE FOUNDING FEMINIST PHILOSOPHERS, AND FEMINISTS OFTEN CITE BOTH HER LIFE AND HER WORKS AS IMPORTANT INFLUENCES. SHE IS ALSO THE MOTHER OF RENOWNED AUTHOR MARY SHELLEY, WHO WROTE GOTHIC NOVEL FRANKENSTEIN.

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