

The guide

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Events



Eat 22 LONDON

Remember what you had for lunch on Wednesday? No? Well, it's a common problem, but one which artist Ellie Harrison won't be suffering from. Since March 11 2001 (her 22nd birthday) she's been recording every single meal she's eaten, as part of a year-long artwork called

Eat 22. That's everything, including sly bars of chocolate on the bus. This week Harrison will be showing the results at the 291 Gallery. It's a chance to see exactly how much food a (vegetarian) human consumes in a year, but it's only one of her witty works — other pieces include an

energy competition between an éclair and a carrot, and a screensaver explaining how long a cherry tomato will power your computer — visit www.ellieharrison.com to see those last two. **bc** 291 Hackney Road, E2, Tuesday 7pm-12pm, free, call 020-7613 5676 for details

Pimp LONDON

"When you're a loner, there's a kind of perverse joy, inner joy." The words of Robert Beck, better known as one of the most controversial of African American authors — Iceberg Slim. Slim's novels, most famously, *Pimp*, are energetic depictions of his life as a procurer of women

from the 1930s to the 1960s, complete with glossaries explaining contemporary street slang, phrases such as "pull your coat" (teach) and "bottom woman" (a pimp's top whore). His work was an instant hit, although many in the burgeoning black power movement

distanced themselves from him, seeing him as an exploiter. To celebrate the publication of a new edition of *Pimp* by Canongate Books, poetry collective Apples And Snakes has commissioned seven performance poets including Jean "Binta" Breeze and Mat Fraser to



comment on the book in their own ways. Should be unmissable. **BECKY CARROLL** *Hive Café, BAC, SW11, 8pm, £4.75/£3.50, call 020-7223 2223*

get out and about!

● Saturday Your Countryside, You're Welcome

Come along and see sheepdog herding, ferret racing and welly wanging as the National Farmers' Union, the Youth Hostelling Association and 20 other organisations launch a week of regional countryside activities.

Leicester Sq, W1, 11am-4pm, visit www.yourcountryside.info

● Monday until May 3 Women Film-Makers

Celebrating the work of women film-makers between 1939 to 1955, including Jill Craigie, Budge Cooper, Joy Bachelor and many more, with rarely seen features on everything from how to make a compost heap to China's role in the second world war.

Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, SE1, call 020-7416 5320 for more information, or visit www.iwm.org.uk

● Tuesday Vox'n'Roll with Gary Valentine

The bassist of Blondie long enough to get the nitty gritty on the New York punk scene reveals run-ins with Iggy, Bowie, Reed and more from his memoir, *New York Rocker — My Life In The Blank Generation* (Sidgwick & Jackson,

£10.99), and hosts an evening of debate on the scene, featuring exclusive video footage from the era.

Mini Bar, The Garage, Highbury Corner, N5, 8.30pm, free

● Wednesday, Friday Film Props On Auction

Ken Paul's props company took up six whole floors. And now, following the retirement of the business' current boss, Christine Paul, it's all for sale, including a huge Buddha statue from *The Man With The Golden Gun*, goblets from *Gladiator* and an inlaid coffin from the *Rocky Horror Show*. It's worth going just to look at an amazing collection, which will be much missed by the film industry. *Sotheby's, New Bond Street, W1, call 020 7293 5000 or visit www.sothebys.com for more information*

● Wednesday until March 17 Oxford Literary Festival

Readings, workshops and talks from Ian McEwan, Melvin Bragg, Sue MacGregor, Beryl Bainbridge Raymond Blanc and more at the sixth annual bookworms' brainy event. *Oxford Union, call 01865 514 149 for programme details*