

# KENSINGTON & CHELSEA REVIEW

## GIFT GUIDE: *food and drink*

It's that time of year again; time for ice-skating in South Ken, long evenings in front of a roaring fire, egg-nog, family arguments over sock-gifting and Rudolph the red-nosed reprobate, photocopying his bits at the office party. So the team at the KCR have spent a bit of time pulling together the choicest Christmas gift items, so that you'll have more time to spend skating, arguing and avidly avoiding Rudolph. This is the ultimate 2017 Christmas gift guide – enjoy!



**Biscuiteers' selection tin and other sweet treats** Biccie-ki-yay muthafunkas! No mere selection pack, treats from the brilliant Notting Hill bakers are more 'edible art'. The selection tin (£30) of baubles, snowflakes and reindeer ups your Quality Street game; but we also love the Nutcracker designs (£10.95 each) and DIY gingerbread house kit (£35).  
[www.biscuiteers.com](http://www.biscuiteers.com)



**Xmassy treats from Paul Bakery** From the tempting pâtisserie that gives Pret a run for its sandwich money, comes Xmas treats that sexily bespeak of bavarois cream fillings, layered joconde biscuits, and bûche de Noels in a Gallic whisper. Plump for the macarons (from £6.95), praline Christmas-tree cake (£4.95 each) or the buttery lovechild of a mince pie and croissant (£1.75 each).  
[www.paul-uk.com](http://www.paul-uk.com)



**Finca la Barca's smoked olive-oil and Vinegar Shed's aged red-wine vinegar** Finca la Barca's oil (£28 a bottle), made from Arbequina olives, has been wood smoked for 15 days; bottles are numbered and sealed with wax. To complete your 'impressive nibbles' kit, pair with Vinegar Shed's limited-edition London Vinegar (£14.50), made with Bordeaux wine and aged in French-oak barrels. [www.vinegarshed.com](http://www.vinegarshed.com)  
[www.fincalaberca.com](http://www.fincalaberca.com)