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ICE IN BREAD & WINE  
RIGHT: RIVINGTON  
GRILL BAR DELI



Great shops in the area include Start, 44 Rivington Street, London EC2 (020 7729 3334), owned by ex-Fall guitarist Brix Smith and her husband, Philip Start. Nudge Records, 20 Hanbury Street,

Bistrothèque, 23-27 Wadeson Street, E2 (020 8983 7900), straddles arty East End and cockney London, but it's won everyone over with its classic French bistro cooking, served in a bright, bare room on the first floor of a converted industrial building.

Rivington Grill Bar Deli, 28-30 Rivington Street, EC2 (020 7729 7053), is party central for the art crowd. The bar and restaurant are always busy and have artworks by Gillian Wearing, Peter Saville and Tim Noble and Sue Webster. There's also

a top deli for breakfast and takeaway.

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Gallery, 16 Wharf Road, N1 (020 7336 8109), which counts Grayson Perry and Conrad Shawcross in its stable; Maureen Paley, 21 Herald Street, E2 (020 7729 4112), representing Wolfgang Tillmans, Rebecca Warren and Paul Noble among others; and Carl Freedman's Counter Gallery, 44a Charlotte Road, EC2 (020 7684 8889), which champions prints by contemporary artists such as Tracey Emin and Gillian Wearing.

N1 (020 7729 5252), is a great place to read the papers over a leisurely glass of wine and plate of charcuterie. St John Bread & Wine, 94-96 Commercial Street, E1 (020 7247 8924), is an all-day bakery, café and restaurant from the owners of the iconic St John Bar & Restaurant, and champions true British food. Canteen, Crispin Place, E1 (0845 686 1122), has delicious potted meats and piccalilli, Arbroath smokies, pies and daily roasts.

original about the cooking.



*I spend my weekends at Spitalfields browsing the market's local, organic produce. Then it's off to St John for some bread, and a long, lazy brunch at the Rivington in Shoreditch* **CHEF ANGELA HARTNETT**