

2012 – A Summer of Celebration in our Ward

The Olympics come right to the heart of our very own Leadenhall Market this August, with both the **Women's marathon** (Sunday 5th August) and the **Men's marathon** (Sunday 12th August) passing through Lime Street Passage and Whittington Avenue three times each, and the **Paralympic marathon** (Sunday 9th September) running along the west side of the Market along Gracechurch Street to Cornhill. The three events start and finish in the Mall, travelling as far east as the Tower and making three loops through the City: www.london2012.com. They are likely to be active between 11am to 2.30pm, but we have been told to expect local road closures between 3am to 6.30pm on both days - possibly longer on the day of the Paralympic marathon in order to clean the streets, remove parked vehicles and put in place the barriers and facilities required.

Despite the challenges, local shops and restaurants not usually open on a Sunday may want to consider opening on these days to look after the needs of our Ward's share of the 127,000 spectators expected to line the route on all three days.

Ahead of the marathons, you may also want to keep an eye out for the **Torch Relay**, which passes through the City on the morning of Thursday 26th July, on a route still to be determined but taking it from Islington to Southwark. The Torch is likely to pass back through the City on Friday 27th July, as it moves along the Thames towards the Olympic Park.

July and August are not all fun and games, of course. For local businesses life in the City must continue for the six weeks between the start of the Olympics on 27th July and the end of the Paralympics on 9th September. During this extended period both employers and employees will need to get to grips with the challenges that the Olympics will pose in terms of disruption to servicing and commuting.

The Olympic Route Network (ORN) has now been set – surrounding the City, the Route passes by Victoria Embankment and Upper Thames Street in the south, Aldwych and Kingsway to the west, City Road to the north and Tower Hill and Aldgate in the east. These routes are expected to see substantial traffic increases and the imposition of temporary traffic flow measures. Furthermore, there will be road closures on certain race days. From 1st June onwards there will be a moratorium on all but the most essential road maintenance work and in mid-July TfL will begin to construct the necessary ORN measures.



Drawing of Leadenhall Market courtesy of Sophie Wootton, daughter of Lord Mayor David Wootton

It's not all about the Olympics!

This summer sees a wonderful variety of celebratory and cultural events:

Queen's Diamond Jubilee – the River Pageant

Sunday 3rd June

See a flotilla of 1,000 boats sailing from Battersea to Tower Bridge, the largest flotilla to be assembled on the river in over 350 years.

Celebrate the City Weekend

21st to 24th June

The jewel in the crown of the City's cultural offering in 2012, this four day event sees the City's churches, livery halls and iconic buildings throw open their doors to public events across the City.

City of London Festival

24th June to 27th July

Each summer the City of London Festival brings the City's unique buildings and outdoor spaces to life with an extensive artistic programme of music, visual arts, film, walks and talks, much of it free to the public. Inaugurated in 1962 to revitalise the cultural life of the City, it has established itself as one of the UK's leading arts events.



Jubilee June



Over the long weekend of 2-5 June the nation will mark Queen Elizabeth II's reign of 60 years.

Perhaps the most spectacular day of the four-day celebration will be Sunday 3 June. It's on that day that people are being encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations (either a traditional street party or a picnic lunch in small or larger groups).

But the day's centrepiece will be the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant. This will involve around 1,000 vessels making up a flotilla – the biggest collection of historic vessels ever assembled on the Thames.

The flotilla will pass under 14 road/foot/rail bridges and the bascules of Tower Bridge will be raised in salute.

The Pageant route is approximately seven miles (11km) long travelling from Hammersmith to Greenwich Royal Naval College and the flotilla will be divided into 10 sections with music herald barges separating each one. The Pageant's music will be a diverse mixture of the contemporary and classical including newly commissioned pieces for the occasion.

At least one million people are expected to line the route and make use of the parks and public areas given over to the jubilee celebrations on the day.

For more information

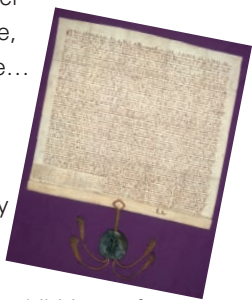
on the Pageant visit www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org
Or for signposting to all information on the long weekend celebrations go to www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/diamondjubilee

Save the date and celebrate!

Who knew? Right, slap bang in the heart of London is a treasure chest waiting to be unlocked – and during 21-24 June you're being given the key.

Over four special days, **Celebrate the City** invites you to enjoy some of the Square Mile's best-kept secrets as the City reveals its unrivalled collections, buildings and heritage as never before. What's more, it's nearly all for free...

From rarely-seen riches such as the Magna Carta, Livery treasures and Roman relics, to special events and exhibitions of glittering gold artefacts, there is so much to marvel at. The jam-packed programme includes something for everyone, from expert guided walks and fascinating talks



to brand-new exhibitions and one-off special events.

Launching the event in memorable fashion on Thursday 21 June is a spectacular public performance of Tchaikovsky's thunderous 1812 Overture (6pm), played by musicians of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in Guildhall Yard.

On Friday, Tower Bridge invites you to start the weekend in style at its Sundowner, where you can sup

champagne and watch the sun setting over the capital. Then on Saturday, Cheapside closes to traffic for a vibrant Street Fayre and becomes a hive of activity, with wacky races, family fun, live music, free ice-cream for kids, luxury pampering sessions and much, much more (10am-5pm).

On the final day, Sunday 24 June, the City of London Festival kicks off its 50th anniversary year with a service from the Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral and a host of Golden Street Pianos dotted through the City for all to play.

And this is just a snapshot of what's

on – to see the full event programme and plan your Celebrate the City days out, go to www.visitthecity.co.uk/culture2012 and follow the event at @celebrateatcity and www.facebook.com/celebratethecity.

Golden reopening

New name, new facilities - Golden Lane Sport and Fitness (the old Golden Lane Leisure Centre) has been transformed into a contemporary leisure facility with new gym facilities, sports hall, studio and a glorious 20 metre 4-lane pool.

The 38 station gym has the latest equipment and alongside the sports hall and studio, the two outdoor courts offer tennis, netball, children's 5-a-side football and short tennis. Activities include 30 minute power classes before work and at lunchtimes, and on Monday lunchtimes there are tennis lessons for adult beginners on the outdoor courts.

A raft of new classes is being introduced including Zumba and Aqua, and as well as badminton, the sports hall is running the new dodgeball craze, short mat bowls and table tennis. Yoga and pilates classes are also planned in the new studio and swim school enrolment has now started



for all age groups and for all ages and levels of ability.

City of London residents benefit from a discounted membership rate covering use all the facilities and classes. Alternatively,

anyone can use the centre on a "pay as you go" basis for classes, gym, swimming, tennis or sports hall activities.

For more information visit www.goldenlanefitness.com

Gear up for the Games



Get ready and set for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games when they begin toward the end of July.

The City itself will play a significant part in the Games. The Torch Relay arrives here on 26 July – with the exact route

still to be released at the time of writing – and the City has shown in the past how it likes to celebrate by turning out to cheer for major events like this.

The Olympic and Paralympic Marathons will also take place on the Square Mile's

roads and the City is playing host to the International Paralympic Committee which is staying here during the Games period.

The women's Olympic Marathon will take place on Sunday 5 August, the men's Olympic Marathon on Sunday 12 August, and the Paralympic Marathons on Sunday 9 September.

The Square Mile will be building on its Celebrate the City (see left) events to show visitors, either on their way to, or coming back from, the Olympic park, just what a unique area this is in terms of leisure, culture and activities.

But to ensure the Games go smoothly there will be an impact on some City residents, workers and businesses.

Those who may be affected either by events (like the marathons) or changes to transport will have already been contacted by Transport for London but for more specific details, to plan ahead and to get advice visit either www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/2012games or www.getaheadofgames.com



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IF YOU HAVE ANY LIME STREET WARD ISSUES YOU WISH TO DISCUSS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE TIME TO MEET WITH YOU.

Lime Street, Leadenhall Place and Cullum Street

Proposed traffic management, public consultation

In our December 2011 edition, we brought to your attention a consultation in the local community then being carried out by City officers on the following proposed measures:

- Installing a vehicle gate at the south end of Lime Street, just past the Marks & Spencer service entrance to the south of Leadenhall Market. The suggested aim would be to restrict vehicle access into Lime Street from Fenchurch Street between 7am and 7pm, effectively pedestrianising Lime Street up to Leadenhall Place during office hours.
- Permanently pedestrianising Cullum Place, creating the possibility of outdoor seating for cafes and restaurants whilst also improving pedestrian safety.

City officers are now likely to propose a temporary traffic experiment, starting in the next few months. Most likely this will be along the lines outlined above, or close to them, with the aim of testing the proposals and assessing their impacts on local businesses and employees. The temporary experiment, if approved, would come with a further consultation exercise, thus allowing local businesses and employees to comment again on the proposals. A final report recommending any permanent changes would then go to the Planning & Transportation Committee for approval.

Please do keep an eye out for the traffic experiment and let us know your thoughts.

Lord Mayor's Abseiling Challenge – the Lloyd's Building, Tuesday 19th June

Want to test yourself in Lime Street and raise money for charity too?

There is still time to sign up and abseil down the Lloyd's Building on Tuesday 19th June.

Part of the Lord Mayor's Appeal 2012 – Fit for the Future – a team of experts will be on hand to show you the ropes, so even if you're a complete abseiling beginner you'll be able to take part.

The entry fee for each abseil is only £25. In addition all participants taking part raise a minimum of £400 in sponsorship, with all funds going to the Lord Mayor's Appeal and London's most disadvantaged communities. To secure your place, go here to register:
<http://www.lordmayorsappeal.org/Event/Detail/Abseiling-Challenge>