



# Aldgate

## Royal Air Force – Centenary – April 2018



The "RAF 100" programme comprises 6 months of events across the UK.

To mark this the City Corporation hosted a mid-week early evening reception in Guildhall to which many past and current RAF service personnel were invited. Great Hall and The Old Library were both packed. All ranks with so many experiences wearing their best uniforms. An engineer I spoke with said his normal work gear is greasy overalls. Medals a-plenty, service in Afghanistan, Iraq, for example. The Lord Mayor and The Chief of Air Staff both spoke, firstly in Great Hall and then in the Old Library.

The Reception – with cadets from the City's Schools in attendance, marked a weekend of RAF focussed events at Guildhall, including a display of aircraft in Guildhall Yard which was the focus of visits from local workers, historians, tourists and many others.

A reception was held for the Kenley Revival Project, a City Commons project supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund which enabled the preservation and protection of the most intact WW1 fighter airfield providing the opportunity for Members and Officers to talk with the many guests.

## Our Aldgate crowdfunding initiative

"Our Aldgate" is a new crowdfunding initiative by the City of London and is part of Aldgate Community Events, where our Alderman, Peter Hewitt is the Patron and a Trustee. It is being piloted in the 'greater' Aldgate area and aims to encourage local groups to come forward with ideas for community projects and to maximise the City Corporation's grant funding by using it to 'kickstart' community crowdfunding campaigns for the projects that meet the criteria.

Since Roman times, Aldgate has been a multicultural hub of enterprise, innovation and creativity. Now, through the 'Our Aldgate' crowdfunding programme, residents, workers and other members of the Aldgate community can continue this legacy in a whole new way. By enabling all the people who inhabit Aldgate every day to collaborate on amazing unique and creative projects, we can ensure we

have a place which everyone loves – whether they live, work, study, worship or play here.

From music festivals to art installations, guerrilla gardening to pop up markets, if you have an idea to make Aldgate even better, this is your opportunity to make it happen.

The City of London Corporation has a £30k fund with a maximum pledge of £5,000 available to support projects crowdfunding in Aldgate.

If your project fits our criteria, we may be able to help your crowdfunding campaign on its way.

Whether you are a local business, a community representative or just interested please go to [www.spacehive.com/movement/our-aldgate](http://www.spacehive.com/movement/our-aldgate) for more information on the process, the fund and how you can get involved.

*Dhruv Patel*

## Sylvia Moys MBE



*What a delight to know that Sylvia attended Buckingham Palace in May to receive her well-deserved honour. She has worked so hard for the Ward for many years and a fitting acknowledgement of her services to the City. Our congratulations to Sylvia!*

*Doug Barrow*

## Fields of Battle

Only a couple of weeks later the scene in Guildhall Yard changed. A natural progression. The outdoor exhibition 'Fields of Battle – Lands of Peace – Peace & Reconciliation 1918-2018'.

Photographer Mike Sheil's collection focussed on the battlefields of WW1. This followed the earlier display in April 2017 'Doughboys 1917-1918' marking the Centenary of the US entry into WW1.

In both exhibitions the photographer reveals the battlefields as landscapes of beauty and tranquillity now, 100 years later.

Again, Guildhall Yard was transformed to an active space, a focus for all to enjoy.

Flag Raising this year will be on the afternoon of 25th June. Another example of how, increasingly these days, Guildhall Yard comes alive and an opportunity for the City to recognise the work of our armed forces today.

*Sylvia Moys MBE*

# Aldgate Square is open for business (and pleasure)



By the time this ward newsletter is distributed, the new-look Aldgate Square will be open to the public, ahead of its formal public opening on 4 July.

This project has taken several years and involved major changes to the highway layout and public realm improvements. The main aim was regeneration of the

area for the benefit of business and the local community. And the area has had more greenery introduced alongside a new public space and improved lighting – making the area more inviting – a place for people to linger, socialise and enjoy. Safety for road users has been enhanced including new cycle routes and pedestrian access.

A significant new addition is the Portsoken Pavilion, a steel and glass building housing a social enterprise café operated by Kahaila and providing a new hub promoting events, leisure and play.

While Aldgate Square is the centerpiece of this transformational scheme (sitting between Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School and St Botolph without Aldgate Church), it has been joined by an

eastern public space at the junction of Middlesex Street and St Botolph Street.

Changes to the traffic layout were completed early in the project timeline. The finished area provides new pedestrian crossing points and allows easier navigation of bus services.

The project has introduced two-way traffic on Aldgate High Street, St Botolph Street, a section of Middlesex Street and Minories. It has already had a significant impact by helping to bring air pollution at the nearby Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School below the legal annual limit for the first time since monitoring began in 2003.  
[cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatearea](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatearea)

**Stop press: An Aldgate Square Festival will be held on 15-17 June celebrating all the area has to offer including music, activities, talks, performances and a children's area.**

**It's free to enter and open to all.**  
[cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatesquarefestival](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatesquarefestival)



## City small businesses: do you qualify for rate relief?

The City Corporation is encouraging small businesses to check if they are missing out on business rate tax relief.

If you're a City business whose sole or main property has a rateable value of £12,000-£15,000 you could be eligible to get a reduction in your business rates of up to 100%. Properties with a rateable value of £12,000 or less get a 100% reduction in their rates bill.

If you meet the eligibility criteria and aren't currently in receipt of rate relief, please contact the City Corporation business rates section.

Find out if your business qualifies and apply via:  
[cityoflondon.gov.uk/raterelief](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/raterelief)



# General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Data Protection legislation in the UK has changed, with the introduction of the GDPR on 25 May 2018 and a new Data Protection Act. This new legislation is designed to enhance the rights of individuals regarding the use of their personal data by bringing data protection compliance into the modern digital age.

It also introduces new, rigorous, requirements for all organisations, in relation to the reasons for processing personal data, and the manner in which it is processed.

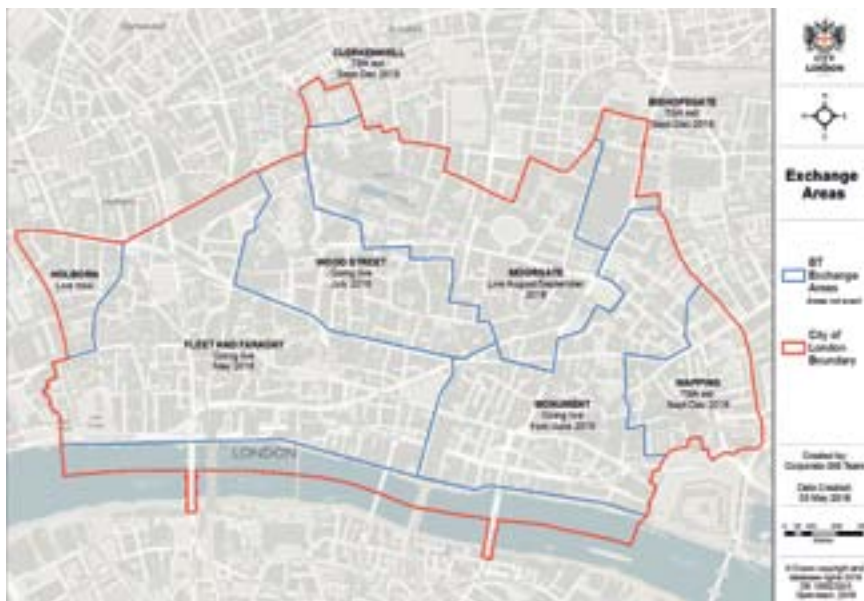
The City Corporation has been busy over the last few months, reviewing and updating its data protection policies and procedures, and taking all necessary steps to ensure it fully complies with the new legal requirements for processing the personal data of its customers, clients and staff (data subjects).

Updated information, including our new data protection policy and full privacy notice, is available at:

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/dataprotection](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/dataprotection)  
[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/privacy)  
or by emailing [information.officer@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:information.officer@cityoflondon.gov.uk)



## High fibre for the City



Until recently broadband speeds in the City have been amongst the slowest in the UK, affecting small business tenants who cannot afford dedicated fibre optic leased lines.

However Openreach is now seeking to roll out "Fibre To The Premises" to every building in the Square Mile **at no cost to the landlord**, offering faster speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second at affordable prices for businesses and residents.

Openreach will use existing ducting to access buildings, avoiding street works to install the new fibre infrastructure into basements. This work will require landlord consent in the form of wayleave and Openreach will need to undertake a quick building survey.

Openreach will undertake a phased roll out across the City shown on the map.

**Residents and business tenants interested should visit**  
[cityoflondon.gov.uk/fibrebroadband](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/fibrebroadband)  
or contact [cpat@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:cpat@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

## Car park spaces at Smithfield Rotunda

Did you know? You can hire car parking spaces during weekdays and weekends at a reasonable cost.

Smithfield Rotunda, located in West Smithfield is manned 24 hours per day, with good lighting and within easy walking distance for most of the recipients of this newsletter.

For more information on hiring and pricing details, please contact the [Smithfield.Market@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Smithfield.Market@cityoflondon.gov.uk)





## Who We Are



From Left to Right: Dhruv Patel, Andrien Meyers, Doug Barrow, Alderman Peter Hewitt, The Ward Beadle, Mrs Sylvia Moys MBE, Hugh Morris

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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

## COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

### Around the Ward

Headline reports on the London skyline are that, in the City we have 10 new skyscrapers, either within or near our Ward of Aldgate.

Perhaps the most spectacular one recently being considered, is the proposal from London & Oriental for the Hong Kong-based Lai Sun Development Co. project at 100 Leadenhall Street. Designed with over 100,000 sqm of high quality office space incorporating public amenity provision – retail as well as new pedestrian routes and open spaces through the site. First headlined in November 2017 it will rise, slim, elegant, to 56 storeys. Having seen the projections, I view this as a slimmer, and potentially more elegant, 'Shard'.

Yet again we see demand for high quality business accommodation in our part of the City – and overseas businesses ready, able, and willing, to invest in our City of London's infrastructure for the longer term.

This business confidence is reflected by reports that the 60-70 St. Mary Axe development has already secured firm commitments from two organisations to occupy 40% of the accommodation, well before the structure completes.

Immediately across our Ward Boundary, news is that much of the 22 Bishopsgate Building is also secured by major City businesses, as is interest, now, in the Aviva Tower development.

Very reassuring for us to see this continued active interest.

### Other matters

*All change this month for the annual Sculpture in the City, with an increased number of exhibits within and around our Ward.*

*Our Ward Church of St. Katharine Cree was the scene of re-dedication of a window on the South side, largely destroyed in WW2 bombing. The re-dedication was led by the Lady Mayoress, with Masters and Prime Warden of Livery Companies associated with St. Katharine Cree present, as well as the Ward's Alderman Peter Hewitt and Common Councilman, both gowned. Another spectacular sight, the window originally unveiled by the, then, Lord Mayor in 1915, to commemorate the passing of a well-known Councilman, Frederick Alexander Lindsay-Smith, JP, CC and Churchwarden.*

*So much going on, and being developed, in our very vibrant Ward.*

Sylvia Moys MBE