



Aldgate

NEW ALDERMAN FOR THE WARD



Alderman Sue Langley and Aldgate Beadle Tim Wright

I am absolutely delighted to have been elected as the Alderman for Aldgate. During a stifling hot July election month, I got to know the pavements of the ward really well. I have spent the last two months meeting as many people as possible to make sure I have a good understanding of the amazing range of activities the City Corporation undertakes for the City. We also have five great common councilmen, which many of you will know personally.

One of the questions I was asked quite a few times during the election was "what does an Alderman do and how are they different?" Originally the Aldermen were responsible for the entire administration of the City, but now the City of London operates through a committee structure. The Court of Common Council is made up of 100 Common Councilmen and 25 Aldermen, all unpaid. This is the body that governs the City, which is the oldest continuous municipal democracy in the world, and also acts as the local authority for the Square Mile.

As I am quickly learning, the range of services we provide to businesses, residents, visitors and the City is unique. Common Councilmen and Aldermen serve on the committees that deliver the day to day services, and act as governors and trustees of a variety of schools, hospitals, charitable foundations and trusts. Aldermen sit on the Court of Aldermen, from which future Sheriffs and Lord Mayors of the City of London are selected. Aldermen focus on supporting the activities of the Mayorality, promoting business internationally and overseeing the creation of new Livery Companies and Guilds. So thank you again for supporting me, I really look forward to working with the Ward and representing our City.

Alderman Sue Langley

From the Beadle

In 2012 I was honoured to be elected as the Beadle of Aldgate. The Ward Beadles of the City of London trace their history back in rivalry with the Sheriffs of the City of London and have carried out their duties for over 900 years. They were the Ward Constable and the Alderman's bodyguard. The modern role of the Ward Beadle is now mainly ceremonial, and we are the formal escort to the Alderman for the major civic functions of the City year.

I have a long history of connection to the City and both my grandfather and great grandfather were Chief Commoners. I worked as a Lloyd's Broker-Technician back in the mid-eighties before joining the Royal Marines where I remained for 23 or so years. I am now a legal compliance officer for SITA and I live and work in London.

Aldgate Ward Club

For those of you who may be interested in the activities of the Aldgate Ward Club, which was formed in 1906 as a Ratepayers Association and which now has an active social and networking role aimed at anyone interested in Aldgate or the City, please see www.aldgatewardclub.org. Details of membership and upcoming events, including the Installation Dinner to be held at The Baltic Exchange on 19th March 2019, can be found on the web site.



REMEMBRANCE

In the last edition of Ward News I wrote of the RAF Centenary, and a later exhibition in Guildhall Yard, 'Fields of Battle'. Entering Great Hall for the October Court of Common Council we found a commemorative installation of 113 seated silhouettes in the public gallery section. These represented the 112 Officers, City of London Police, and 1 Common Councilman who lost their lives on active service in the Great War.

The Installation forms part of a national project 'There But Not There'. The aim is to commemorate the fallen, to educate all generations to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 people from Britain and the Commonwealth in the Great War and to help those suffering from the hidden wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder and other lasting legacies of combat, by raising funds for beneficiary charities. The City Corporation contributed £15,000 and, following their display at Court, the silhouettes and a number of 6ft. Tommy statues which accompanied them, will be loaned to St. Paul's Cathedral, Lincoln's Inn, 14 City churches and to Redriff Primary City of London Academy, Southwark, for display during Armistice week. For Their Tomorrows, They Gave our Todays. *Sylvia Moys*

Meet your representatives



Annual ward meetings known as *Wardmotes* will be taking place in each of the City's 25 Wards early next year. Electors are invited to attend the meeting in their ward, which provides an opportunity for them to meet their elected representatives (Alderman and Common Councilmen) and raise any issues they have with them. Details of the meetings are shown below and are also on the City of London website. The wardmotes below were confirmed at the time of writing but as arrangements for others are confirmed these will be added to the web link below. If the arrangements for any of the meetings change, updated information will appear on the website.

Invitations to the meetings will also be sent to all electors.

If you have any queries regarding the meeting in your Ward please contact the Electoral Services Office on 0800 587 5537, electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk or cityoflondon.gov.uk/voting.

Aldgate 18 March, Noon

Church Hall, St Katharine Cree,
86 Leadenhall Street EC3A 3DH

Castle Baynard 20 March, 6pm

Shoe Lane Library, Hill House, 1 New Little
Street EC4A 3JR

Cripplegate 20 March, 7 for 7.30pm start

Barber-Surgeons Hall, Monkwell Square
EC2Y 5BL

Bread Street 27 March, Noon

Fidelity International, 25 Cannon Street
EC4M 5TA

Cheap 21 March, Noon

Drawing Room, Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster
Lane EC2V 6BN

Farringdon Within 20 March, 12.30pm

Court Room, Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane
EC4M 7BR

Broad Street 20 March, Noon

David Burbidge Room, Furniture Makers'
Hall, 12 Austin Friars EC2N 2HE

**Coleman Street 26 March, 5.30pm for
5.45pm start**

Drawing Room, Armourers' Hall, 81
Coleman Street EC2R 5BJ

Lime Street 11 March, Noon

Old Library, Lloyd's Building, 1 Lime Street
EC3M 7HA

Candlewick 20 March, Noon

Church of St Clement Eastcheap,
Clement's Lane EC4N 7HB

Cordwainer 20 March, Noon

St Mary Aldermary, Watling Street EC4M
9BW

Portsoken 20 March, 6pm

Learning Centre, Artizan Street Library and
Community Centre, 1 Artizan Street E1 7AF

Wage boost for workers

A major increase in the number of workers entitled to the London Living Wage was agreed by the City Corporation in October. It will also encourage other firms to follow suit.

The move was unanimously endorsed by the Policy & Resources Committee. The City Corporation decided to strengthen its own Living Wage policy by paying its own staff and its suppliers' staff the new rate, with immediate effect, when the updated London Living Wage is announced in November each year. This is opposed to paying staff the new rate from April the following year, which is the most common approach taken by employers.

The organisation already ensures its own staff, apprentices and suppliers' staff are paid in line with the Living Wage Foundation's (LWF) accreditation terms and conditions.

And the City Corporation has now agreed that all contract

workers delivering two or more hours work for the organisation will be paid at least the Living Wage – which in London is currently £10.20 per hour.

The City Corporation will also look into sponsoring the LWF to help promote the Living Wage across the Square Mile and wider UK, encouraging more firms to adopt the Living Wage policy.

The move means that the City Corporation has committed to going above and beyond its obligations of being an accredited Living Wage employer to ensure all its workers get fair pay.

The City of London Corporation's charitable funder, City Bridge Trust, was awarded the London Living Wage accreditation by the Living Wage Foundation in recognition of its implementation of the London Living Wage policy across its funding relationships with voluntary organisations.



Have your say on the new Transport Strategy...

For the first time in its almost 1000-year history, the City of London Corporation has developed a long-term Transport Strategy that will set the framework for future investment in the Square Mile's streets.

Under these proposals, the next 25-years of transport investment in the City would see:

Pedestrians as priority:

Planning, infrastructure and safety changes will be developed by first prioritising the needs of people walking, while seeking to minimise any impact on essential traffic.

A congestion charge that's fit for purpose:

We aim to support and champion the next generation in road user charging for Central London as part of a range of measures to proactively seek to reduce motor traffic by 25% by 2030 and 50% by 2044.

Fewer vehicles on City streets:

A street hierarchy is proposed to encourage drivers to use the right street for the right journey. Vehicles that do not have a final destination in the City will be directed away from pedestrian priority areas.

The City as UK pioneers for a zero emission future:

The City of London Corporation would champion Britain's first large scale Zero Emission Zone to cover central London and, in the interim, introduce local zero emission zones covering the Eastern City Cluster and Barbican and Golden Lane.



Vision Zero achieved at 15mph:

The introduction of a City-wide 15mph speed limit, subject to approval by the Department for Transport, aims to reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions as we strive to eliminate death and serious injury from our streets.

Consolidation is key:

Deliveries make up a quarter of vehicles on City streets. The aim is to reduce this by 15% by 2030 with off-site consolidation, timed access and loading restrictions.

The Strategy includes further proposals which address accessibility issues for those with mobility needs, on street security, improving the cycling experience, transformative public realm principles, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and emerging technology.

For background on the Strategy and find out about drop-in sessions, visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/transportstrategy To view the proposals and provide your comments, visit www.citystreets.london before 13 January.

...and on the new Local Plan for the City

The City Corporation is consulting on its draft Local Plan which sets out the future development of the Square Mile.

It looks forward to 2036 and provides guidance on what types of development

and activities are likely to take place and where.

The draft City Plan 2036 can be viewed in City libraries and the Planning Reception Area at Guildhall.

There will also be several events and drop-in sessions with display material and officers in attendance to answer questions.

More information:
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityplan2036
or call 020 7332 1846

Get on the register – final call!

Whether you're a resident or a worker, there's still time to get on our electoral register.

If you're receiving this ward newsletter you're already on the register but you have to re-register each year to stay on. 16 December is the absolute deadline and if you have received registration forms but have not yet registered, they need completing and returning to vote in any elections that might take place in your ward.

More information is available from the Electoral Registration Office (see details opposite).

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY!**

Bank experiment made permanent

The 16-month experimental safety scheme at the Bank junction is now permanent.

The Court of Common Council, the City Corporation's most senior decision-making body, made the final decision in September on the Bank on Safety scheme after months of rigorous scrutiny and consideration by a range of City Corporation committees.

With over 4,200 responses to the consultation, the wide-ranging needs of local road users and other stakeholders were considered along with the operational needs of the Square Mile.

The scheme, first implemented in May 2017 on an experimental basis, restricts vehicle access to Bank junction to buses and cyclists only, Monday to Friday, 7am to 7pm.

The Bank on Safety experimental scheme is part of All Change at Bank, an improvements programme which describes the City Corporation's broader aspirations and long-term proposals for Bank junction.



Who We Are



From left to right: Alderman Sue Langley, Andrien Myers, Mrs Sylvia Moys MBE, Dhruv Patel OBE, Hugh Morris, Doug Barrow

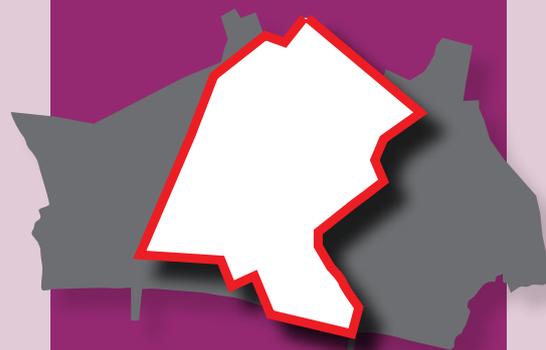
To celebrate the arrival of our new Alderman, the Aldgate team got together for a photo

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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

The Scalpel in Lime Street/Leadenhall Street is virtually complete. We await positioning of a sculpture in the Lime Street space – which is privately owned but, with the owners' permission, available for public use.

The Can of Ham at the north eastern end of St. Mary Axe has been revealed and internal fitting out commenced. This completion will tidy up this part of St. Mary Axe and Bevis Marks. In the City Press there have been headline items on the influx of capital from Asia, which is powering the City's Real Estate boom, ensuring we have the necessary office stock for clients who still seek to move to our part of the City. The tall Buildings Cluster remains a vibrant market.

ALDGATE PUMP: Good to see an application for repairs and cleaning of external masonry of the Pump, the addition of a Lantern, and to install a running drinking water supply to our iconic pump at the junction of Leadenhall and Fenchurch Street.

OUR LOCAL LIBRARY: Newcomers to the Ward may not realise we have a City Library located on the ground floor of the Community Centre, we can easily access. The Artizan Street Library opening hours have recently been extended and are now: Tuesday – Friday 8.00am to 5.30pm, Mondays 8.00am – 7.00pm

The Library is very easily reached, being just across the Ward border from Aldgate, and with the added convenience of the main Post Office virtually next door.

Sylvia Moys

The Aldgate Partnership – Business Improvement District

The Aldgate Partnership is proposing a Business Improvement District (BID) for Aldgate. This is a form of localised regeneration investing directly into an immediate area. It will generate funds to put into local projects that improve the area as a place to work, live and visit. To make this happen businesses would contribute minimally into a collective pot, directly to fund projects that are run through the BID vehicle. A BID is completely business led and the projects will be directed by you. For the perception analysis, please see: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Aldgate_perception. For further information on The Aldgate Partnership, please visit www.thealdgatepartnership.co.uk.

Zoe Barwick

Ravens at the Tower

Tradition has it that should Ravens no longer be living at the Tower of London, major disaster would befall the City. Recent times have seen numbers decline. And there are now constraints on purchasing the birds. Conscious of this, potentially serious situation, the decision has been taken to establish a breeding facility at the Tower to, in effect, 'grow your own.'

Plans are now afoot for the new, breeding, accommodation. A note especially relevant to we in the Ward of Aldgate. Sir Clive Martin, the Ward Alderman for 20 years, and Lord Mayor in 2000, was served as his Ward Beadle for many years by Yeoman Warder Tom Trent who, at the Tower, was also Deputy Keeper of the Ravens.

Sylvia Moys