



Castle Baynard

Dragon Café in the City @ Shoe Lane Library – Update

Starting in February Dragon Café in the City ran for 14 fortnightly sessions on Thursdays at Shoe Lane Library between noon and 8:30pm, offering a range of free activities and events to promote and support mental wellbeing and provided an open, quiet and calm environment, to reflect or to practice mindfulness – a space to look after your own wellbeing – mind, body and soul.

More than 6,000 people visited Shoe Lane Library on the Dragon Café in the City days and 320 people signed up to be members of the café. A wide programme of activities was offered, including creative workshops, chess strategy, stress management “lunch & learn” sessions, free massage, yoga and mindfulness. The project has been evaluated through feedback forms, focus groups, case studies and informal feedback.

Response to the project has been very positive: 91% of respondents said the Dragon Café in the City met their expectations and 80% of respondents said they felt more inclined to



engage with their mental wellbeing after attending. The project is also being evaluated by the Wellcome Trust and Carnegie UK Trust, with particular focus on lessons applicable for the wider public library profession.

The Culture Heritage & Libraries Committee chaired by ward member Graham Packham recently received a report detailing the findings. The committee was particularly pleased to note that, due to the success of the project, the staff at Shoe Lane Library had won the “Town Clerk’s Award for Customer Excellence” and agreed a recommendation to the City Policy & Resources Committee for permanent funding to enable the programme to continue.

Brexit

With Brexit fast approaching with (at the date of writing) no firm agreement for withdrawal or transition, it is important for businesses small and large to check that they are as Brexit-ready as possible. If you are not sure what questions you should be asking yourself, try looking at the British Chambers of Commerce Business Brexit Checklist: <https://www.britishchambers.org.uk/media/get/Business%20Brexit%20Checklist.pdf>

For companies in the Professional, Business and Financial Services (PBFS) sector, the City of London Corporation is also urging regulators in the UK and EU to take what steps they can to ensure there are no shocks to the market in the event of a “no deal” scenario. Ward member Deputy Catherine McGuinness, who chairs the City’s Policy & Resources Committee, has been playing an active role in representing the views of the PBFS sector to the UK government.

Ward By-Election Result

Following Emma Edhem’s election to be the new Alderman for the ward of Candlewick, a by-election to fill the vacancy was held on October 9th, 2018. The ward team would like to congratulate Natasha Lloyd-Owen on her election and look forward to working with her for the benefit of the City and the ward in the future.

Thames Tideway Tunnel Update



Local residents and businesses will be pleased to hear that with the last of the long piles successfully inserted on October 22nd, noisy percussive piling has now been completed at the Blackfriars Bridge Foreshore site. Going forward Tideway will be inserting sheet piles in the eastern cofferdam using the quieter vibro method.

Test excavations by Cadent on Embankment during the summer indicated that it should be possible to re-route the gas main next to the Bridge without closing all lanes in Embankment both ways for 6 months in 2019 as originally planned. This will save a huge amount of disruption. This outcome is a result of the intense pressure by ward members from Castle Baynard, Farringdon Without and Queenhithe for Tideway and Cadent to identify a less disruptive way to proceed.

Work on the Tunnel continues apace and this autumn the team will be carrying out extended working hours, including weekends, at the Blackfriars Foreshore site. This will require 24-hour working between 15 October and 21 December 2018. Tideway will be jet grouting to stabilise the ground to enable the 66m deep shaft they are constructing to be excavated safely and so that the tunnel boring machine (TBM) can be driven into stable ground. They have received Section 61 consent from the City of London to carry out these works.

Tideway have undertaken to employ best practice methods wherever possible to reduce the noise transmitted to the ward and across the river to properties in Southwark.

If you require any further information, please get in touch with the Tideway 24-hour helpdesk on 08000 308080 or email their helpdesk@tideway.london.



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).

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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.



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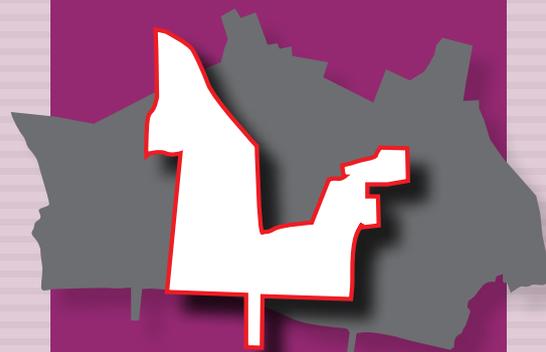
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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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Plans set out for City's First Low Emission Street

The City of London Corporation has announced plans for a pilot scheme limiting access to the south section of Moor Lane, near Moorgate, to ultra-low emission vehicles. The proposed trial, which is now out for public consultation, is part of the City's Low Emission Neighbourhood project.



The pilot will close the road to all vehicles which are not Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) compliant. Access for drivers of non-compliant ULEV vehicles to the rest of Moor Lane will still be available from the north side.

The City Corporation is encouraging the uptake of fully electric and compliant hybrid vehicles to improve air quality in the Square Mile. It will use the pilot to consider whether similar measures are suitable for other streets in the City. Following the consultation, the City aims to deliver the trial by April 2019.

Two options for an ULEV pilot in the southern end of Moor Lane have been developed for consultation. Option 1 would introduce the measures 24 hrs a day and seven days a week. Option 2 would apply Monday to Friday from 7am-11pm.

Ward member Jeremy Simons, Chairman of the City of London Corporation's Environment Committee, said: "This trial is an important step towards cleaner air. We are determined to see a major improvement in the City's air quality. It will deliver the results we need when

considering radical targeted action to drastically reduce air pollution on our streets. Nobody deserves to breathe in dirty air and we will continue to take bold and ambitious steps to ensure the health of Londoners is protected."

To improve awareness the City Corporation will provide clear street signage which be in place one month before the trial begins. An information campaign will take place including social media, leafletting and direct discussions with City firms.

The ULEZ proposal is just one part of the City Corporation's fightback against air pollution. The City Corporation has already banned the purchase of diesel vehicles for its own fleet of 300 vehicles, where there is a clean market alternative. As well as working with businesses through its CityAir Programme, the City Corporation has introduced new procurement rules bringing in tighter restrictions on harmful emissions from building site bulldozers and generators and announced new emissions-based charges for on-street parking in the Square Mile, targeting high polluting transport with higher charges while rewarding drivers of low emission vehicles with lower tariffs.