



# Cordwainer

## Civic team lead Business Breakfast meeting

On 17 May 2018 your Ward team hosted a business breakfast meeting at St Mary Aldermary church. The event was well attended with representation from many local businesses, both large and small, keen to learn more about the broader work of the City of London Corporation, and the wide portfolio of responsibilities held by the Cordwainer civic team. Sir Michael Snyder, Ward Deputy, spoke about the work of the principal City of London committee, known as the Policy and Resources Committee. He also updated on some of the major City initiatives currently underway which include the proposed new Centre for Music on the site currently occupied by the Museum of London, which will become available when the Museum fulfills its ambition to move to a larger site at Smithfield.



Alderman Sir Roger Gifford highlighted the City Corporation's considerable role in supporting the Arts (indeed, the City Corporation is the UK's biggest funder of Culture after the Government, the BBC and the Heritage Lottery Fund). Alex Barr presented on the important role that the City Corporation's Port Health and Environmental Services Committee plays in the day to the day lives of businesses, residents and workers. Sir Mark Boleat covered the ongoing challenges that Brexit presents for businesses and discussed the important work that the City Corporation is carrying out in securing the best result for City businesses.

and the impact those have had on local businesses. The upheaval has been primarily driven by utility companies upgrading essential City infrastructure and services, including gas mains, and your civic team recognised how frustrating this has been to local businesses. Sir Michael noted that the team continue to apply pressure where they can, such that future disruption can be minimised.

Many of the questions the team fielded focused on the recent extensive road closures to the South of the Ward,

The Ward team intend these breakfast briefings to become a regular fixture of Ward life and will be in touch about future events. They are, as always, very keen to help and can be contacted via the details found at the rear of this newsletter.



### Bow Lane Christmas Lights

Last November, Bow Lane was delighted to host the Lady Mayoress, Samantha Bowman, who turned on the Christmas lights following a well received speech in Bow Lane. Also present were the Lord Mayor, Charles Bowman, and Sheriffs Tim Hailes and Neil Redcliffe. Following the ceremony, the Lord and Lady Mayoress and your civic team visited many of the Bow Lane traders, who form such an important part of the Ward's vibrant economy. Pictured with the Lady Mayoress are (L to R) Alex Barr, Sir Michael Snyder, Sir Mark Boleat and Sir Roger Gifford.

### RAF100

2018 saw the Royal Air Force pass an important milestone, celebrating 100 years since its formation in the latter year of WW1. At a Guildhall reception in April for the RAF, your team were proud to represent Cordwainer Ward and acknowledge the sacrifice made by many RAF men and women in successive conflicts since the service's formation. Pictured in Guildhall Yard is Alex Barr, alongside a surviving Battle of Britain Spitfire, one of a number of aircraft on display to mark the event.



# 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.

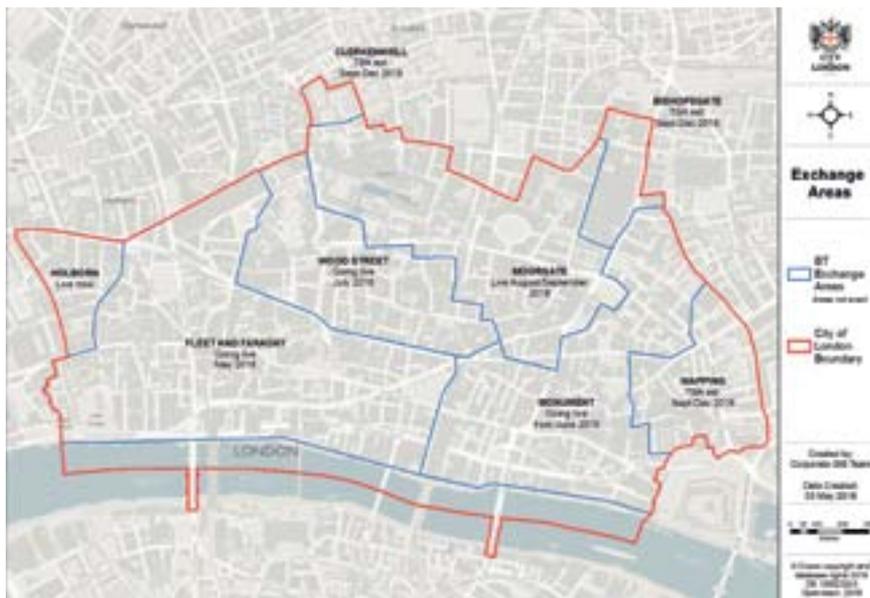
The City Corporation has been busy over the last few months, reviewing and updating its data protection policies and procedures, and taking all necessary steps to ensure it fully complies with the new legal requirements for processing the personal data of its customers, clients and staff (data subjects).

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)





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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

# Summer Jazz



Following last year's successful jazz week in Bow Churchyard, please mark 25-28 June in your diaries for a free festival of summer musical entertainment. The event is supported by Cheapside Alliance, and will feature bands from the Islington and Highbury Grove City of London Academies as well as the City of London School and the Alex Hitchcock Quintet. It promises to be a great week, and fingers crossed the weather is as glorious as last year. Further details and programme updates can be found at [stmarylebow.org.uk](http://stmarylebow.org.uk).

## Ward of Cordwainer Club



David Tucker

Your club has a new Chairman, David Tucker, CEO of Worldwide Currencies. David, a longstanding Club member, was elected at the Club's AGM earlier this year and succeeds Jon Norton. David, formerly an RAF pilot before embarking on his commercial career, has put in place a full programme of events which includes a talk on Captain John Smith on 18 October, which will be combined with a rum

tasting. John Smith's statue in Bow Churchyard (pictured after being cleaned last year) is a daily reminder to all of this well-known former Cordwainer.

Also on the agenda later this year is a tour of the new London Mithraeum at Bloomberg.

Finally, please don't be shy... your club needs you, and is always delighted to welcome new members. All details can be found at the club's website at [Cordwainer.co.uk](http://Cordwainer.co.uk).

