



Aldersgate

As this is the first Ward Newsletter since the elections in March, we would like to thank you for voting for us. We are very much committed to working as a team to be able to represent you as effectively as we can. We are keen to engage with you to hear your concerns and issues and to share information and report back.

Ward Surgeries and meetings

We welcome you to attend drop-in Ward surgeries and Ward meetings at the times/dates below. Do come along if you have an issue 'bugging' you – and to hear what we are doing on your behalf and about issues affecting the Ward.

16 June at the Lilac Room of the Barbican Estate Office **Drop-in Surgery 1730 – 1815 followed by Ward Meeting 1815 – 1930**
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While the civic session has just got underway and your four new Councillors have been enjoying the thorough induction programme, as a team we have been active in several areas of importance to you.

Planning: (accurate at time of writing)

The London Wall West proposed development is in the pre-application process at the planning department. It is currently expected to come before the Planning and Transportation Committee some time in the Autumn. At the court of common council on Thursday May 19th, Chris Hayward the new chair of policy and resources gave an undertaking that the report long sought after by the Barbican association and others around the future of London wall West would be released by the 31st of May.

A proposal for a 24 hour licence to support a 'Go Puff' retail operation at Aldersgate Street has been granted by the License Committee. The applicant apparently maintains that they do not need to obtain a change of use from the planning committee but the planning officers have confirmed that they believe a change of use is required. A proposed Amazon drop off point under the Museum of London in support of a final mile delivery operation in the London Wall car park will also be coming before the Committee. While the primary concern is the inevitable noise caused by many HGV deliveries each day, it is also of concern that the original idea (that Amazon would use electric vehicles) appears to no longer be part of their plan because they say they cannot do this because of the inability to purchase them! An additional concern is the increased use of the ramp leading down to Thomas More car park as the exit for these HGVs.

The application to redevelop 1 Golden Lane (including increasing the height) will also be coming before the planning committee. Your Councillors are liaising with colleagues in other Wards (Cripplegate and Farringdon) to boost the impact of concerns that have been raised about

each of these. Ward Members who are not on the planning committee can actively participate in consultation and have worked with residents to object to these applications.

Finally, in December 2021, the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee considered a report summarising the results of the Beech Street Zero Emission traffic experiment. The Committee approved the recommendation to proceed with a public consultation on the support for a permanent measure on Beech Street to improve air quality based on the design of the experiment.

Finally, the Public Consultation is being prepared and will be launched in June. We know there are disparate views of this proposal and we urge everyone to participate in this consultation so these views are fully understood when the proposal goes before the committee for consideration.

Blake Tower:

We had a briefing with Officers from the City better to understand the reasons for the delay in Blake Tower becoming managed by the Barbican Estate Office. Further research into the legal situation and the safety of the building is required. We will have a further meeting with the officers and continue to press for a prompt resolution of this very disappointing matter.

Police & Community Liaison:

At the Barbican Cluster meeting last month, Councillors from this Ward and Cripplegate heard about progress from our local community police officers and supporting team. The Cluster covers the entire Ward – not only the Barbican – so all constituents are warmly welcome to attend. The next meetings will be promoted well in advance to encourage attendance.

At this meeting, a resident raised concerns about the unfortunate practice of drivers urinating in Fann Street – even

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Salisbury Square construction underway



Anyone walking down Fleet Street recently will have noticed the scaffolding in place that shows building work continuing on the site of the new courts building and headquarters for the City of London Police.

The Salisbury Square development will incorporate an 18-court facility including eight Crown Courts, five Magistrates Courts

and five Civil Courts. It will be the first building to incorporate HM Courts & Tribunal Service 'Court of the Future' design principles.

The new City Police facility will see departments from existing COLP sites relocating along with its fleet vehicles and will be built to tackle fraud and economic crime in particular.

In addition there will also be a commercial development to the south of the site and a larger and much more usable and accessible public space with new east-west links through the site.

The development is designed to last for at least 125 years and will help to re-establish and reinvigorate this part of the Square Mile, famous as the former home of the newspaper industry. Upon completion, it is expected that it will support 2,500 jobs, of which 400 will be newly created across a range of sectors.

The development will be net carbon neutral in operation with highly durable facades and will use ground source heating and cooling systems in an all-electric strategy. It will also include public realm landscaping and a rooftop garden.

Key milestones

- Demolition Jan 2022
- Pre-Construction Service Agreement Feb 2022
- Main Contract Award Sep 2022
- Main Construction Oct 2022
- Practical Completion Mar 2026

www.salisburysquaredevelopment.co.uk

Don't lose your vote



City of London elections are your way to help shape the future of the Square Mile. Unlike elsewhere, both workers and residents can vote and you must re-confirm your registration each year. You are not kept on the register automatically. Businesses and other premises should have received the City Workplace Register, which they are legally required to complete – this can be done at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workplaceregister.

Voter registration forms will then be sent out from late August onwards and must be received by 16th December. If you would like to receive this by email or have any questions, please contact electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

While the next election for all Common Councillors will not be held until 2025, elections for Aldermen and by-elections may be held at any time. If you are passionate about the City and are interested in standing for election in the future, please find out more at www.speakfortheCity.com/stand

City Advice – helping people manage everyday problems

With interest rates going up, inflation rising and utilities' costs soaring, it can be easy to fall into financial difficulties.

City Advice can provide you with free, impartial, confidential, debt advice on all kinds of debt problems. From advice on credit or store cards to council tax arrears, mortgage problems, court fines or bankruptcy.

We can assist you in sorting out your debts, go through the options for dealing with your debts and your creditors as well as helping you understand and cope with:

- Bankruptcy
- Debt relief orders
- Individual voluntary arrangements
- Administration orders

City Advice advisors also offer a confidential and impartial service and are qualified to advise on:

- Consumer and employment rights
- Welfare benefits
- Housing and legal issues
- Relationships
- Health and wellbeing

The level of help will depend on your enquiry and the type of advice and help you need. A detailed assessment of the problem will give City Advisors a better understanding of the situation and will be able to offer tailor made advice. You can then decide if you prefer to take action yourself or let City Advice act on your behalf.

City Advice is a free advice service



for people who live, work or study in the City of London.

Get in touch (Monday – Friday 10am-1pm and 2-4pm) via telephone 020 7392 2919,

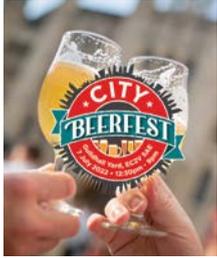
text 07432 658 083 or email city.advice@toynbeehall.org.uk

www.toynbeehall.org.uk/cityadvice

Summer of Fun

There's a packed programme of activities for all this summer in the City.

While the Platinum Jubilee may have ended you have until the end of September to enjoy Superbloom at the Tower of London. Its moat has been flooded with millions of flowers to create a vibrant 'sea' that will continuously evolve from June to September, changing colours and patterns over the summer.



Also available until the end of September (Fridays and Saturdays at 2pm) is a City Guides Walk "A Right Royal City". During this walk you will discover the trials and tribulations, pomp and celebrations of the kings, queens, princes and princesses who have left their mark on the City of London over the centuries.

Running until December is a Jubilee exhibition at St Paul's Cathedral "St Paul's, the Monarch and the Changing World" which explores the grand ceremonial occasions held at the Cathedral to commemorate the Royal Jubilees of four British monarchs: George III, Victoria, George V and Elizabeth II.

By the time you receive this newsletter Sculpture in the City will have returned – the 11th annual outdoors exhibition that uses the urban realm as a rotating gallery space.

July sees the return of the ever-popular City Beerfest – the annual charity beer festival in Guildhall Yard that raises money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal which also offering excellent beer, good food and live music.

Also that month will be Feria de Londres and FestLatAm – international fiestas celebrating Spanish and Latin American culture, with incredible global cuisine, fun entertainment and a party atmosphere across three days.

Now on at the Museum of London is Harry Kane "I want to play football". This is an exclusive, free display celebrating one of the city's sporting heroes – the world-leading striker and England captain Harry Kane. Through his story of persistence, hard work, resilience, and sporting achievement, this free display curated in collaboration with Harry Kane will aim to inspire the next generation, encouraging visitors of all ages to be their best and never give up on their dreams. Rarely-seen personal items, family photos and iconic objects will document Harry's career so far: from his first club, to winning golden boot awards and being named England captain.



Inspired! Is still running at Guildhall Art Gallery – a new exhibition drawn from the Guildhall Art Gallery's permanent collections which examines ways in which visual artists have taken inspiration from the literary arts – poetry, plays, novels, and also music.

And finally, Open House returns September 8-21 offering the chance to explore outstanding architecture, hidden gems, and guided tours across the City of London.

Keep up to date on all these events and more by visiting www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do and where you can also subscribe for regular updates.

As this issue was going to press, the City Corporation announced a package of measures designed to boost the vibrancy of the Square Mile, drive forward its recovery from the pandemic and increase its attractiveness to talent.

A key element of 'Destination City' will be to enhance the Square Mile's leisure offer with a £2.5 million annual investment and an exciting events programme including outdoor festivals, music, art, education, sport and wellness.

Beech Street Zero Emissions Scheme



The City Corporation recently ran an 18-month traffic experiment on Beech Street to improve air quality. The experiment restricted polluting traffic from using the Street as a "through route" whilst still allowing access for zero emission capable vehicles and for any vehicle type that was accessing a property on Beech Street.

The City Corporation will soon be consulting on whether it should reinstate the zero emission restrictions as a permanent measure. It will also be capturing views on the Barbican and Golden Lane area as part of a healthy street-wide approach to improving air quality, local streets and public spaces. This is early engagement to help us develop a plan for reducing through traffic in the area by encouraging the use of cleaner vehicles and there will be further consultation in the future as plans for individual projects are developed.

The consultation will be launching shortly. To take part, review historical data or attend an informational meeting about these initiatives visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/beecheestreet.

Pedestrian Priority Streets

The City Corporation is working to enhance the comfort and safety of people walking in the Square Mile. To make pavements wider, provide more space for people walking and reduce crowding we need to restrict access for motorised traffic on some streets.

In the Summer of 2020, we temporarily provided more space for people walking to improve social distancing. We are now keeping some of these changes in place as traffic experiments. This will enable us to test their effectiveness and gather feedback.

If you would like to find out more about the Pedestrian Priority Streets, take part in the consultation or sign up for updates, please visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/streets/pedestrian-priority-programme



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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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during the daytime. The issue has been picked up by your councillors and raised at the Police Board and Port Health & Environmental Health Services Committee.

We are all encouraged to report Anti-Social behaviour on the website tool: www.cityoflondon.police.uk/ro/report/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour or call 101.

On May 25, Christopher Makin was elected as our new new Alderman. We look forward to working with him to bring even more impact to your issues.

Engagement:

Tudor Rose Court residents invited us to a coffee morning, and we very much enjoyed both meeting residents and hearing concerns.

If House Groups, Residents Associations, Livery Companies and other organisations in the City would like to meet us, please do get in touch as we are committed to listening to you. Our contact details are listed above.