



# Bridge



## Bridge Councillors are re-elected

Keith and I were re-elected in March for another term which will last 3 years. We are incredibly passionate about helping the Ward and the City in general recover from a difficult period post pandemic. Climate change, the pandemic and increasing the City's competitiveness are all issues we will continue to address. The City has a world leading reputation as the place for financial and professional services, but the pandemic has damaged its vibrancy.

We want to continue to help our small businesses recover who rely on business, leisure, and tourism footfall. The City has always had an entrepreneurial spirit which needs to be reawakened, and in time will ensure we retain our reputation as a truly global city famed for its culture, innovation and competitiveness.

Despite the challenging backdrop, there is so much that has been achieved in recent years. Air pollution has improved, we have 30% fewer cars on the roads, our streets have become more accessible for pedestrians, and we



have more cyclists using safer roads. Bank has reopened, the Elizabeth Line partially funded by the Corporation has finally opened. We are seeing incredible new commercial developments in flow that are greener and have a focus on allowing more access to the public. We are working on opening up the riverside to all residents, and watch this space for further initiatives in that regard.

## Bridge Ward Electors get together at Tokio Marine Kiln offices

On Thursday 19th May, Bridge Ward electors enjoyed several hours of open Q&A and discussion followed by drinks with their councillors Tim Levene and Keith Bottomley. The event was held in TMK's offices in the Walkie Talkie and included resident electors and workers from eight companies in the ward. It was the first such in person event since just before the first lockdown, when the councillors organised a briefing for electors on homelessness.

The number of electors in the ward is the highest that it has ever been with dozens of new people registered

in the past year so many of those present were meeting Tim and Keith for the first time.

The event began with discussions over coffee where as well as meeting their councillors, people had a chance to meet fellow electors. This was followed by a presentation where Tim and Keith shared the story of how they each came to be councillors, and what specific roles they undertake in the City. Those present were excited to learn that Keith has recently been elected Deputy Chairman of the Policy Committee, which in City terms is the equivalent of Deputy Leader in

a local council. Despite being one of the City's smallest wards, it's a great example of Bridge punching above its weight.

The event was a welcome opportunity for a two-way conversation between councillors and electors. Issues like the ongoing repairs to King William Bridge, the repaving of Monument Square and how Tim and Keith are supporting small independent businesses in the ward were all raised.

**Hugh Selka,**  
Tokio Marine Kiln

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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,**

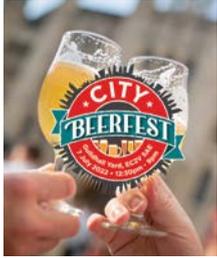
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# Summer of Fun

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/streets/pedestrian-priority-programme)**



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### Committee Appointments:

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Academic & Education Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School (Deputy Chairman); Board of Governors of the City Junior School; Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School; Board of Governors of the City of London School (Chairman); Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls; Bursary Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School (Chairman); Court of Common Council; Finance & Estates Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School (Deputy Chairman); Finance Committee; Governance Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School (Chairman)

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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

## Bridge Ward Club Civic Lunch



After two difficult years of multiple cancelled events, it was fantastic to be able to attend the Bridge Ward Club Civic Lunch in the wonderful surroundings of Fishmongers' Hall. The principal civic guest was Alderman and Sheriff Alison Gowman and our

guests of honour were our club President and his wife, Sir Alan and Gilly, Lady Yarrow, alongside our freshly elected councillors Tim Levene and Keith Bottomley. As Sir Alan will be standing down as Alderman for the Ward of Bridge and Bridge Without

during the summer this was the opportunity for the Ward Club to say thank you to them both for no less than 15 years of service to the ward, friendship and support to the club and the magnificent Mayoralty of 2014-15.