



Cordwainer

Bloomberg European HQ nears completion



Arcade leading to Watling Street

On one of the best, if not the best, site in the City of London, the new Bloomberg development should be ready for fitting-out at the end of this year before we will welcome to our Ward around 5,000 people in towards the end 2017.

The stunning buildings on 3.2 acres – providing over 1.1 million square feet gross of office and restaurant space – used 15,500 tons of steel and aluminium and 600 miles of fibre optic cabling. The extraordinarily high quality of materials used in the construction – Italian bronze, Yorkshire sandstone, the highest BREEAM rating for energy conservation, for example – reflect the close personal attention to detail of Michael Bloomberg and Norman Foster of architects, Foster +Partners.

There are two principal buildings – to Queen Victoria Street and Cannon Street – dissected by the new Arcade continuing Watling Street straight to Cannon Street Station (illustrated here). The Arcade will principally provide up to 15 carefully selected food operators and discussions are already under way with several of these.



Relocated Temple of Mithras and new Exhibition – Walbrook

Together with City of London Planning Chairman, Michael Wellbank, Deputy Chairman, Marianne Fredericks and key City Officers, your Councilman was given a special two hour site visit led by Bloomberg Project Director, Kathryn Mallon, with Mathew Lusty of Stanhope and Tim Hare of Sir Robert McAlpine. A second visit for the Ward Councilmen and Alderman will take place before April.

The whole occupational ethos will be quite unique, providing vast column free-open areas, fresh air options from opening windows and roof above the ground floor-to-roof spiral walkway and innovative all-glass lifts. Near the main office entrance in Bucklersbury a new theatre auditorium is being fitted out together with a surprise feature known as the Vortex – each of which, we understand, may be seen by the public.

The new entrance box to Bank Underground and the Drain has been handed over to the TFL contractors and the visit included a walk down to the foot of the traveler where two new banks of escalators from the new Walbrook entrance will transform the access planned to open next year. Right next door will be the re-instated ruins of the Roman Temple of Mithras – back to its original locus and housed on three levels in a new public area – as illustrated; this will include an Exhibition space housing some of the 10,000 Roman artifacts found during excavation on the line of the Walbrook River.

The City of London Corporation will be working closely with Bloomberg over the next year on the Streetscape as three new Squares are created at Queen Street/Queen Victoria Street, Queen Victoria Street/Bucklersbury and Walbrook/Cannon Street. Again, the highest quality materials are being specified and will include fountains, pools, planting and seating areas as shown here.

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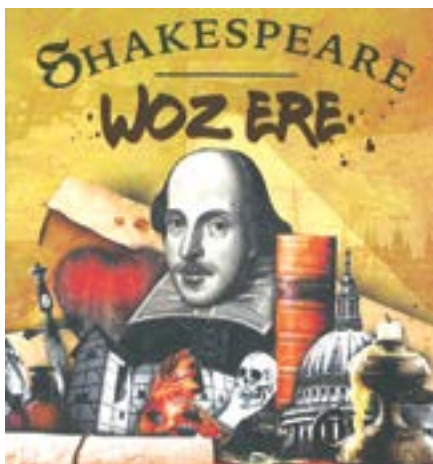
A good laugh in the Site Office when changing out of Site inspection kit, your Councilman George Gillon walked out in the black City shoes of Planning Chairman, Michael Wellbank, leaving him struggling to fit into George's!

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Queen Victoria Street/Queen Street Landscaping

Bard to the bone



2016 is a big year for anniversaries in the City. Along with The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations and plans to mark the 350th

anniversary of the Great Fire, there is also the little matter of a whole series of events commemorating 400 years since Shakespeare's death.

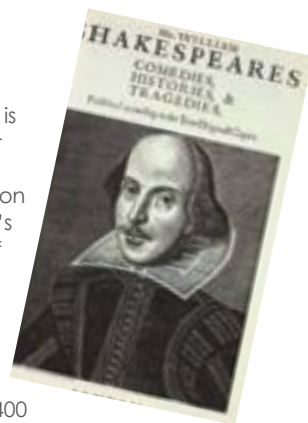
Where better to celebrate the Bard's life than in London where he lived and worked and where you can still walk down streets which he passed along himself?

This ward newsletters is scheduled for distribution before the end of March so you might just catch the last few days of Shakespeare and London at the City of London Heritage Gallery. You will see the rarely-displayed deed for a property in Blackfriars which Shakespeare bought in 1613 (one of only six surviving documents to carry his signature) and Guildhall Library's First Folio.

Also in Guildhall Art Gallery (of which the Heritage Gallery is part) is Visscher Redrawn: 1616-2016. Claes Jansz. Visscher's

1616 engraving is one of the most recognisable images of London in Shakespeare's day and one of the few visual records of the City before so much of it was swept away in the Great Fire. 400 years on, artist Robin Reynolds repeats the exercise with his version of modern London displayed alongside the original.

In addition there is a host of theatrical productions, special events, music, walks and talks across the City that offer something for everyone.



cityoflondon.gov.uk/shakespeare400

Spread the word – register your interest

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**CITY
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As if 2016 wasn't a big enough year for the City, next March will see City-wide elections taking place to elect councillors to the City Corporation's main governing body.

As usual, registration forms will be going out later this year to residents and businesses and other organisations that are eligible to appoint voters. Most residents will know that the City Corporation is their local council and why they should vote but for City firms and other organisations the reason is not as clear given that workers will also vote in local elections where they live.

The City Corporation is planning a series of activities to promote next year's elections and the importance of City workers being registered. And we are also asking

both residents and those firms already on the electoral register to help spread the word.

Many people who come into the City may actually spend more time here, including commuting time, than they do at home. What happens in the City affects them, so we want to make sure that people know they may be eligible to register to vote in City ward elections, and to persuade them to do so.

In the first instance we are asking them to simply let us know that they are interested in being involved by sending us an email with their name and the name of their firm or organisation. That way when registration forms are sent out we know we are reaching the right people.

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityvote17

Birthday beacons



To help celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday, on 21 April community groups, organisations or individuals in the City are invited to take part in a nation-wide beacon tribute. This follows the huge success of the last major beacon celebration for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

The UK has a long tradition of celebrating Royal jubilees, weddings, coronations and special birthdays with the lighting of beacons – on top of mountains, churches and castle battlements, on town and village greens, farms, country parks and estates, and along the beaches surrounding our shores. And the City of London is no exception.

If you or your community group would like to participate in this national celebration, The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons group has put together a guide to taking part online.

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/beacons



Yard Sale

Guildhall Yard regularly hosts a lunch market with more than 20 stalls serving up mouth-watering dishes from around the world.

The date of the next market is Thursday 21 April, 12 noon – 2.30pm, so why not ditch the usual sarnie and join us for a feast of proper Greek wraps, Jamaican jerk chicken, cracking Korean dumplings and more.

Time for dessert? There are also plenty of sweet treats, including gourmet brownies and decadent doughnuts.

Find us at Guildhall Yard
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[cityoflondon.gov.uk/
guildhallmarkets](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/guildhallmarkets)

Aldgate update



If you haven't noticed already, big changes are currently underway at Aldgate.

The Aldgate Area project aims to:

- create two new public spaces for events, leisure and play
- improve pedestrian routes and connections
- enhance safety for road users
- improve cycling routes
- introduce more greenery
- improve lighting

Changes to the traffic layout will be completed this spring and the finished project will provide new pedestrian crossing points and allow easier navigation of bus services. Pedestrian subway entrances have been removed so that street trees and wider footways can be introduced. The centrepiece of the scheme is Aldgate Square, a large public space uniting two heritage listed buildings: Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School and the St Botolph without Aldgate Church.

You can sign up for the weekly Aldgate e-bulletin, which details work being undertaken by the City Corporation and find additional information about the project at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatearea.



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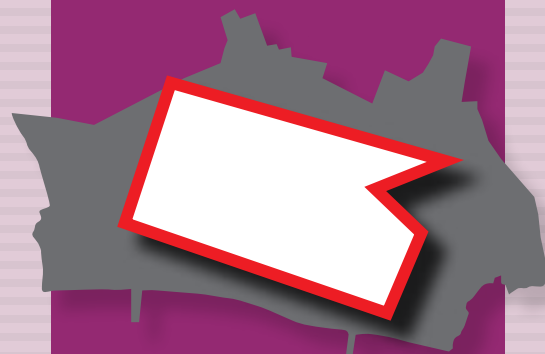
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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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City of London Green Finance Initiative



2016 is officially designated the Year of Green Finance and this was launched at a seminar attended by over 200 people, investors and issuers, at the Mansion House last month. Our Alderman, Sir Roger Gifford, on behalf of the City of London Corporation, is Chairman of this Initiative, working with one of the leaders in the field who invented the market with the World Bank back in 2008.

Green bonds and green finance are now recognised by the City as something where London can be a leader and the City of London Corporation will aim to promote green investment and green issuance in London, along with HM Treasury, the DOE, DECC, the London Stock Exchange, the UN Environmental Programme and others. The City has a track record (for example, in Legal services, Islamic Finance and Renminbi trading) of taking up a cause and really making something out of it – something that for green finance can enhance London's reputation as a leader in the field – especially in focus post the Climate Change COP21 in Paris.

City Policy Chairman, Mark Boleat, spoke at the Stock Exchange following the Launch to recognise the LSE's commitment to the project.

Educational opportunity for Cordwainer Young Folk

Readers may not be aware of a Trust originally set up in the Wills of John Lane in 1670 and Thomas Carpenter in 1731 to provide financial assistance for the education of suitably qualified applicants – under 25 years of age and undertaking a full-time course of study; they, or their parents, must have lived or worked in Cordwainer Ward, Bread Street Ward or adjoining Wards for three consecutive years.

The Thomas Carpenter Educational Foundation was consolidated and regulated by the Charity Commissioners in a scheme dated 1960, then amalgamated with the Cordwainer and Bread Street Wards' Foundation in 1997. It is a registered charity no. 312155. Applications can be made to Richard Martin lm800aat@hotmail.com

Cordwainer Ward Club News

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th April: AGM and Luncheon at Tallow Chandlers Hall with our Guest Speaker, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms, Timothy Duke.

Wednesday 11th May: Globe Theatre Evening Tour & Supper

Contact our Secretary, Tom Moore to ensure places at these events – tmoore@kingston-smith.co.uk or phone 020 7566 3755

We had a full house in Stationers' Hall in December to welcome Lord Mayor, Jeffrey Mountevans to our annual Luncheon with Guest Speaker, Lloyd Dorfman and in February



Past Chairman John Staniforth and the Kingston Smith team

our first ever **Cordwainer Quiz** was kindly hosted by Aberdeen Asset Management. 50 enthusiasts in 6 teams fought it out for the new trophy won by the Kingston

Smith team and presented by Quizmaster Sir Roger Gifford. Teams from Doyle Clayton, Aberdeen Asset Management, City of London Corporation, Cordwainers' Livery Company, Debbie Artlingstall & Friends retired hurt – but ready to take up the challenge again in 2017!