



Cordwainer

New office development in the Ward



A significant new office development in the Ward was approved by the City's Planning and Transportation Committee at its meeting on 15 October. The site currently comprises 39-53 Watling Street, 11-14 Bow Lane and Watling Court, broadly most of the area to the west of the southern half of Bow Lane, opposite St Mary Aldermary Church.

The new development will have 11,600 square metres of office space together with retail space on the ground and basement levels.

The development includes two significant public realm enhancements. There will be a wider pedestrian route through the site from Cannon Street to Watling Court and

a central courtyard space, which will be accessible to the public. There will also be a new entrance to Mansion House Station.

The development takes full account of the area, including the neighbouring St Mary Aldermary Church and proximity to the Mansion House and St Paul's Cathedral.

As part of the planning agreement there will be significant local community and environmental improvements, in particular enhancements to the churchyard and highways around St Mary Aldermary. The developer will also contribute to the City's local training and skills and local procurement strategies.

Roger Gifford completes outstanding year as Lord Mayor



On 9 November, in the traditional "silent ceremony", Cordwainer's Alderman, Roger Gifford, handed over office to his successor Fiona Woolf. At the Court of Common Council meeting on 24 October, the Ward Deputy, Sir Michael Snyder, paid tribute to the Lord Mayor -

"Whether at home or abroad, he has been an exemplary ambassador for both the City of London and the United Kingdom. He has made great efforts to strengthen the City's engagement with the European Union and to raise its profile in the continuing debate over the future of the UK in the Union. In particular, he hosted high level delegations at Mansion House, involving all twenty-seven EU member states and initiated a day of events including debates and a major dinner in late May attended by the Governor of the European Central Bank. Closer to home, he has highlighted the City's contribution to the arts, culture and creative industries and has demonstrated how the City's investment in the arts has generated business returns together with significant social benefits to London as a whole."

These comments were warmly endorsed by the whole Court of Common Council. Alderman Gifford now has the traditional short period of "purdah" before resuming a civic role in the Spring of 2014.

You don't have to spend a penny to spend a penny

There are nearly 100 toilets available for public use across the City, most of which are provided under the Community Toilet Scheme.

This scheme has now been running for several years and has around 75 local businesses – mainly cafes, pubs and restaurants – signed up. These premises allow residents, workers and visitors to use their toilets without having to buy anything. In return the City Corporation makes a contribution to the business, as recognition of this service, that helps keep the facilities clean and safe.

Participating businesses are located right across the Square Mile and are shown by the scheme logo sticker in their windows. These stickers also show the facilities available – male/female, disabled and baby changing.

The community toilets join the permanent toilets already in place which range from attended to automatic to urilift (where the toilet

is embedded in the pavement during the day and raised in the evening to serve the night time economy).



If you want to know where your nearest facilities are, you can pick up a foldout map showing their location from Guildhall West Wing reception (off Gresham Street), the City Information Centre (opposite St Paul's Cathedral) or go to www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/toilets. Here you will find the location of the toilets, the days and times they are open and whether or not there is a charge. In addition, the website offers a direct link to the website of the business if applicable. The toilet maps have proved very popular in

the past, particularly during Open House weekend and other major events such as the Lord Mayor's Show.

The City Corporation has increased the number of businesses on the scheme which now means that wherever you are in the City, the nearest toilets should be less than five minutes walk away.



Whatever your interest, there's a lecture for you

One of the City Corporation's ongoing aims is to spark debate on key issues. This can involve giving a platform to a senior figure, such as the Prime Minister speaking at the Lord Mayor's Banquet at Guildhall or the Chancellor speaking at the Bankers' Dinner at Mansion House. The organisation also partners with external bodies such as the Evening Standard with the debate in September on the City's role in Europe.



But these are only the most high profile examples of the City Corporation helping to provoke debate. The City Corporation annually sponsors Gresham College and its year-round programme of free public lectures on a range of topics, not just on finance or business-related.

These areas cover -

- Astronomy
- Economics
- Religion
- Mathematics
- Law
- Music
- Medical Science
- Literature



This is in keeping with the College's ethos of providing new learning of contemporary relevance and interest and stimulating free education, learning and debate. So while you might expect a lecture on The Decision to seek Entry into the European Community, you can also hear one on User Error: Why it's not Your Fault.

On even more obscure subjects you can discover Snails in Art and the Art of Snails; Cosmic Influences on Behaviour; Is it really the Case that Economic Success is Negatively Correlated with Sporting Success?; and Distinguishing Marks: The Tattoo.



Each year the College has a programme of lectures, including one from the current Lord Mayor, on subjects of current and traditional interest. All lectures last an hour, including questions and answers, and all are free and open to all. The majority are run on a 'first come first served' basis.

The College is named after Sir Thomas Gresham (1519-1579), an English merchant and financier whose mansion in Bishopsgate was its first home. Today the College's home is Barnard's Inn Hall, on the south side of Holborn. Lectures are held either here or at the Museum of London.

You can find out more about the principles and history behind Gresham College and the huge range of lecture subjects on offer by visiting their website www.gresham.ac.uk or picking up a copy of their lecture programme from libraries across the City or Guildhall west wing reception.

Enjoy the City - any time



Got lunch hour unexpectedly free and don't know what to do? Looking to entertain business colleagues or friends and need a range of options? Wanting to do something out of the ordinary?

Then why not download the Enjoy the City app? This app is your best way of keeping up with what is on now and coming up to entertain you in the Square Mile.

There are a range of topics to choose from – learning, events, galleries, open spaces, churches, and architecture. Whatever you choose the App can also tell you how long it will take to get to each event or venue and what transport options are available. It can give you multiple options for your day split between morning, lunch and afternoon/evening. You can personalise settings, add favourites and check out the weather forecast too.

For more in-depth investigation, you can go to the What to do section of the City Corporation website www.cityoflondon.gov.uk or go to the Events calendar at the foot of the home page. These offer greater detail on attractions as well as links to their websites. Or you can pick up our seasonal events leaflets that are available from Guildhall reception, the City Information Centre or libraries across the Square Mile.

For those looking for a personal approach, the City Information Centre offers face to face advice on all that is happening in the City. Its multi-lingual staff can use their comprehensive knowledge to help you plan your day in detail as well as the latest offers and deals.



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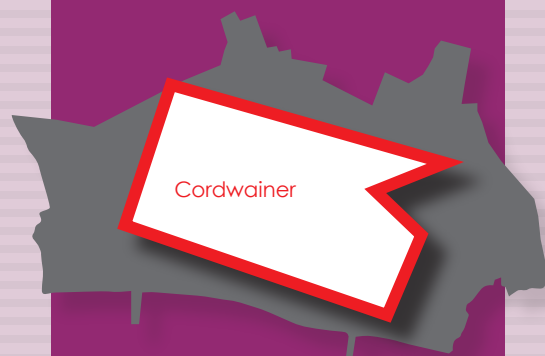
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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

French Ambassador to speak at Ward Club Christmas lunch

The French Ambassador to London, His Excellency Bernard Emié, will be the guest speaker at the Ward's Annual Christmas lunch being held on Friday 13 December at Clothworkers Hall. Mr Emié has been Ambassador since 2011 previously having had a distinguished career in the French Foreign Office including as Ambassador to Jordan and Turkey.

The Ward Club has a varied programme of events during the year, including most recently a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The 2014 programme includes a visit to the Cheapside Hoard at the Museum of London.

Membership of the Club is open to anyone with an interest in the Ward. Further details are available from the Honorary Secretary, Tom Moore, at tmoore@kingstonsmith.co.uk.

Cheapside Hoard Exhibition

A priceless treasure of late 16th and early 17th century jewels and gemstones was discovered in 1912, buried in a cellar on Cheapside. The huge collection is now being displayed in its entirety for the first time in over a century at the Museum



of London in London Wall, just a few hundred yards north of the find. Through new research and state-of-the-art technology, the exhibition showcases the

wealth of insights the Hoard offers on Elizabethan and Jacobean London – as a centre of craftsmanship and conspicuous consumption, at the crossroads of the Old and New Worlds. It also explores the mysteries that remain, lost among the cataclysmic events of the mid-17th century: who owned the Hoard, when and why was it hidden, and why was it never reclaimed? Further information is available on the Museum website www.museumoflondon.org.uk.

Bloomberg Place progress

The major construction project in the Ward, the building of a new European headquarters for Bloomberg LLP, is making good progress. To date little has been visible behind the hoardings, but the necessary excavation and groundworks, including extensive archeological work, are now completed and construction has now begun on the structure of the building.

The website www.bbp-walbrooksquare.co.uk has been established to communicate with the local area, providing live updates on site activity, monthly newsletters, progress photos and interesting facts and events.