



# Cordwainer

## Revival of Bow Bells Association



Bow Lane

In April 2014, after a gap of several years, there was a meeting of the Bow Bells Association at St Mary-le-Bow Church. Whilst primarily aimed at helping local traders, the Association is also keen to encourage the involvement of all the businesses in the vicinity, from financial and legal services to commercial property. The Association covers Bow Lane, Watling Street, Well Court, Groveland Court and Bow Churchyard.

Under the chairmanship of Ward of Cordwainer Deputy Sir Michael Snyder, a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman were elected. Brigham Blackburn, Manager of Bow Wine Vaults, and Claire Dumontier-Marriage, Director of Marketing for Intersport City, agreed

to take responsibility for promoting the interests of local businesses in the immediate area. Brigham has managed Bow Wine Vaults for the past decade and Claire brings a wealth of experience having previously run the Regent Street Association.

Sir Michael Snyder reported on the financial situation of the Association and explained the background to its creation over 20 years ago. In the past few years, the only event of note has been the annual switching-on of the Christmas lights in Bow Lane by the Lady Mayoress. By involving as many of the local businesses as possible, it is hoped that the area will attract greater footfall and increased awareness of this unique and historic part of the City.

Monthly meetings have had an immediate effect: smartening up the area with an increase in the number of rubbish bins and removal of benches (previously used as rubbish bins) to new plant pots and plans to increase visibility with new signage at the Cheapside end of Bow Lane.

In July, the first Bow Bells Association Summer Event took place. "Jazz in the Lane", organised by Vice-Chairman, Claire Dumontier-Marriage, saw a Trio Jazz Band playing through lunchtime in Bow Churchyard and Watling Street with retailers also offering promotions and discounts to support the day. It is hoped this will become an annual feature in the Association's calendar.

### Bow Lane Christmas lights switched on by the Lady Mayoress

On 26 November the Lady Mayoress, Gillian Yarrow, in one of her first official functions, switched on the Bow Lane lights. She was accompanied by the newly elected Lord Mayor, Alan Yarrow, and the Sheriffs. The Christmas lights ensure that Bow Lane has a suitable festive look for the Christmas period. An innovation at this year's event was carol singing by students from the City of London Academy Southwark, one of the family of eight City of London schools.

# It's not too late!



There's still time for organisations that have received an electoral registration form from us to return it and get your workers on the register.

It's important for the City of London Corporation that as many people are registered to vote as possible so we can be truly representative of the Square Mile we support and promote. It is just as important for you and your organisation to have a say on the services we provide, and the way we provide them, by exercising your right to vote in City local elections.

It's also vital that the people nominated to vote reflect the make-up of your organisation as a whole – from the chief executive to entry level employees and even regular contractors. They should reflect the whole diversity of your firms' employees, including gender, ethnicity and seniority.

We've beaten our target for the number of firms and individuals registered compared to last year but we always want more – and for you to use your full voting entitlement.

The absolute deadline is Tuesday 16 December. If you've misplaced your form or are new to the registration process and aren't sure what to do, then please get in touch with our team as soon as possible. They will talk you through what we need from you.

Call them on 0800 587 5537 or email them at [electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

You can also find out more at [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workervote](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workervote) or follow us @CityVote.

## Annual Wardmotes

In March 2015, annual ward meetings known as Wardmotes will be taking place in each of the City's 25 Wards. Electors are invited to attend the meeting in their ward, which are conducted with an element of City tradition in the way that they are ceremonially opened and closed.

More importantly they provide an opportunity for electors to meet their elected representatives (Alderman and Common Councilmen) and raise any issues they have with them. Details of all the meetings are shown below, and are also on the City of London website [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/voting](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/voting)

Invitations to the meetings will also be sent to all electors in February. If you have any queries regarding the meeting in your Ward please contact the Electoral Services Office.

**Aldersgate** - 19 March 2015, 6.30pm  
Ironmongers Hall, Shaffesbury Place, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8AA

**Aldgate** - 16 March 2015, 12pm  
Church Hall, St Katharine Cree, 86 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 3DH

**Bassishaw** - 16 March 2015, 12pm  
Basinghall Suite, Guildhall Yard, London, EC2V 5AE

**Billingsgate** - 18 March 2015, 12pm  
St Margaret Pattens Church, Rood Lane, London, EC3M 1HS

**Bishopsgate** - 17 March 2015, 5.30pm  
Parish Hall, Parish and Ward Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 3TL

**Bread Street** - 18 March 2015, 12pm  
Room B, Fidelity International, 25 Cannon Street, London, EC4M 5TA

**Bridge** - 18 March 2015, 12pm  
Banqueting Hall, Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge, London, EC4R 9EL

**Broad Street** - 18 March 2015, 12pm  
Warden's Room, Draper's Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DQ

**Candlewick** - 18 March 2015, 12pm  
Church of St Clement Eastcheap, Clement's Lane, London, EC4N 7HB

**Castle Baynard** - 17 March 2015, 7pm  
Shoe Lane Library, Little Hill House, Little New Street, London, EC4A 3JR

**Cheap** - 26 March 2015, 12pm  
Goldsmiths' Hall, The Goldsmiths' Company, Foster Lane, London, EC2V 6BN

**Coleman Street** - 18 March 2015, 5.30pm  
Drawing Room, Armourers' Hall, 81 Coleman Street, London, EC2R 5BJ

**Cordwainer** - 25 March 2015, 12pm  
St Mary Aldermary, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9BW

**Cornhill** - 18 March 2015, 12pm  
The Vestry, St Michael's Church, St Michael's Alley, London, EC3V 9DS

**Cripplegate** - 18 March 2015, 7.30pm  
Barber-Surgeon's Hall, Monkwell Square, London, EC2Y 5BL

**Dowgate** - 18 March 2015, 12.30pm  
Skinners' Hall, 8 1/2 Dowgate Hill, London, EC4R 2SP

**Farringdon Within** - 18 March 2015, 12.30pm  
Court Room, Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane, London, EC4M 7BR



**Farringdon Without** - 17 March 2015, 12pm  
Court Room, Haberdashers' Hall, 18 West Smithfield, London, EC1A 9HQ

**Langbourn** - 18 March 2015, 12pm  
St Mary Woolnoth, Lombard Street, London, EC3V 9AN

**Lime Street** - 18 March 2015, 5pm  
Old Library, Lloyd's Building, 1 Lime Street, London, EC3M 7HA

**Portsoken** - 18 March 2015, 5pm  
Learning Centre, Artizan Street Library and Community Centre, 1 Artizan Street, London, E1 7AF

**Queenhithe** - 18 March 2015, 12pm,  
Court Rooms, Painters' Hall, 9 Little Trinity Lane, London, EC4V 2AD

**Tower** - 18 March 2015, 12pm  
St Olave's Church, 8 Hart Street, London, London, EC3R 7NB

**Vintry** - 18 March 2015, 12pm  
Parish Room, Church of St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, London, EC4V 2AL

**Walbrook** - 18 March 2015, 12.30pm  
Long Parlour, The Mansion House, London, EC4M 8BH

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# Get Carta!

The City of London's new Heritage Gallery is now open to the public with its centrepiece being the finest surviving 13th century copy of Magna Carta. The Gallery, part of and located within Guildhall Art Gallery, opened in September effectively kicking off the document's 800th anniversary.

Magna Carta was fundamental to defining individual freedom and the rule of law, and laid the foundations for modern democracy. The City of London had an active role in the events that led to Magna Carta's creation in 1215: the Mayor (today known as the Lord Mayor) was appointed to see, along with the barons, that its provisions were carried out and the City of London is the only place to be specifically mentioned in Magna Carta.



The new Gallery includes the 1297 Magna Carta (complete with the first ever 'post-it' note!), before rotating the main exhibit with other pieces that include the 1067 William Charter and the Shakespeare Deed.

The Gallery also showcases a selection of heritage treasures it holds in trust for the nation. These artefacts are rarely on public display and so this gallery provides a unique opportunity to view up close objects that tell London's story, all from within its historic heart.

This first display runs until 29 January 2015.

**FREE entry**

**Monday - Saturday, 10am-5pm**

**Sunday, 12 noon-4pm**

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/heritagegallery](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/heritagegallery)

## The social network

The ward newsletter you are reading now is just one way the City Corporation and its Members keep in touch with residents, workers and businesses across the Square Mile.

But more often these days people want to learn about things via digital media – from email and websites to social media and apps – especially given the wide range of services the City Corporation provides.

Well whichever your preferred way of finding out about our organisation and what's going, there's a digital option for you. Our website ([www.cityoflondon.gov.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk)) is your best starting point. There is a huge amount of information contained in its pages, across all areas of the organisation, broken up into different clusters – About the City, Business, Services, What to Do – for ease of navigation.

Depending on your particular area of interest, these pages will also alert you to what other digital options are available on that topic. You can also see all the options 'at a glance' by going to [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/social](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/social) where you'll see them broken into Facebook, Twitter, Apps on so on.

Our main corporate channels are

Twitter: @CityofLondon

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CityofLondonCorp](http://www.facebook.com/CityofLondonCorp)

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/user/CityofLondonvideos/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/CityofLondonvideos/videos)



And we are always looking to make these accessible for mobile devices.

A classic example is our Enjoy the City app. This 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.



## Who We Are



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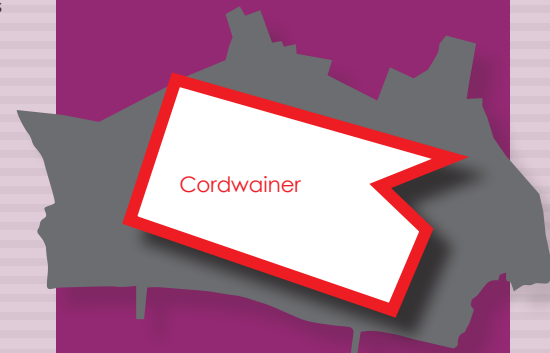
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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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



### Mike Bloomberg awarded honorary knighthood

Within a few years Bloomberg's will be the biggest business in the Ward when its impressive new European headquarters is completed. Bloomberg has already indicated its intention to play its part in the life of the Ward and the City, having put a huge effort into the archaeological work on the site and designing a building that will be one of the finest in the City. In September members of the Ward Club visited the current Bloomberg Headquarters in Finsbury Square where they had a presentation on the company.

The Chairman of Bloomberg, and former Mayor of New York, Mike Bloomberg is taking a considerable personal interest in new headquarters. On 6 October Mr Bloomberg was made an Honorary Knight of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) by the Queen. After announcing the honour, British Ambassador to the United States Sir Peter Westmacott, praised Mr Bloomberg's exceptional contribution to the UK through his public service:

"As Mayor of New York, as a businessman, and as a philanthropist, Mike Bloomberg has played a key role in forging transatlantic diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties. He has made a significant contribution to British business life through his firm, Bloomberg L.P., and the impact of his considerable philanthropic endeavours in the arts and education is felt by Britons every day".

### Cheapside Business Improvement District

In June 2014 the City of London's Court of Common Council approved the creation of a Business Improvement District (BID) for the Cheapside Area, with the Cheapside Initiative acting as the delivery agent. A ballot on the proposal to establish a BID will take place in March 2015, and consultation on the proposal has begun. It is intended that the Bid will cover five project areas: employment, enterprise and training; environment, signage and way finding; tourism and culture; marketing and promotion; and business awareness and networking opportunities.

The whole of Ward of Cordwainer is included in the BID area. Further details are on the Cheapside Initiative website [www.incheapside.com](http://www.incheapside.com).

### Cheapside and Guildhall Area Enhancement Strategy

A public consultation has begun on the Cheapside and Guildhall Area Enhancement Strategy. The aim is to improve walking routes and upgrade the local environment through the creation of new green spaces and tree planting. Full details are available on [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cheapsidearea](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cheapsidearea).

### Ward Club

The Ward of Cordwainer Club annual lunch is being held on 12 December at Ironmongers' Hall. The guest speaker is Adrian Leppard, the Commissioner of the City of London Police. 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](mailto:tmoore@kingstonsmith.co.uk).