



Cordwainer

50th Anniversary of reconsecration of St Mary-le-Bow



A service in the ruins of St Mary-le-Bow church

St Mary-le-Bow Church was almost destroyed on the night of 10-11 May 1941, arguably the worst night of the Blitz for the City. The four walls and the tower alone remained standing – although the latter had to be taken down and stored for many years as unsafe.

War compensation extended to the reconstruction of the tower, the bells for which were secured by public subscription and not least through the persuasiveness of the Pearlie Kings and Queens (who collected at tables in restaurants!). But the rebuilding of the church proper was more problematical partly because it was unclear what a further parish church in the City would be for, and also because the prevailing architectural culture of Modernism was against the replication of historic forms – even if by Wren. The devout Anglican

architect Laurence King produced a design that was authentically Wren – although purists would demur – in a strikingly modern idiom. Money and materials remained a constant headache and the crypt – which was discovered no longer to be supporting Wren's edifice – was only repaired and used to house the supports for the upper church. The crypt chapel was however quite new having been full of burials for nearly a century. Only substantial donations from the Parish of Trinity, New York (in whose Royal Charter, St Mary-le-Bow is mentioned), the Bernard Sunley Foundation and others made completion possible and devices such as the twin pulpits (intended for the Epistle and Gospel at the Eucharist) were brought into service to assist the parish's mission to engage in dialogue on the world's terms. The Rood was a gift

of the German people. It is a splendid inheritance.

St Mary-le-Bow was reconsecrated fifty years ago at a Service attended by Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother on 11th June 1964. It was among the very last of London churches to be comprehensively restored after war damage. The anniversary is being celebrated this year with a series of events including a commemoration service on 11 June led by the Bishop of London, bell ringing on 12 June, a guided tour of the church and crypt for the Ward Club on 7 July and a parish 50th anniversary dinner on 19 September.

Full details are available on the website www.stmarylebow.co.uk/50th-anniversary.

It's 20 for a reason

This July will see the introduction by the City Corporation of a 20mph zone in the Square Mile as part of work to reduce the large numbers of casualties on its streets.

It forms part of the City's Road Danger Reduction Plan and it is predicted that the new speed limit will reduce casualties by around 7%. Other measures already in place include contra-flow cycling, education, enforcement, junction redesign, pedestrian 'countdowns' and traffic light timing adjustments to ensure they are optimised for 20mph driving.

A public consultation on the issue was run in January and February, to which the City received 41 responses, 29 in



support and 12 against. All the City's neighbouring authorities were also consulted and had no objection, and 20mph speed limits will be enforced on all boundary roads with the exception of Westminster.

Transport for London will also conduct an experimental 20mph speed limit on the two City roads belonging to them, between Blackfriars Bridge and Farrington Street and between Norton Folgate and London Bridge. Upper Thames Street, also looked after by TfL, will remain a 30mph road.

More general information about the City's transport policies and infrastructure can be found here: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/transport

Capacity building

As work continues on incorporating greater capacity to London Bridge Station, users are being encouraged to plan ahead for how they might be affected.

The work is part of the ongoing Thameslink Programme which will provide much needed extra capacity on the route running north-south through central London. This will involve 50% more through-platforms at London Bridge and easier connections to the West End and the City.

However, this work will also require changes to many services up to 2018 with some trains unable to call at London Bridge. During 23-31 August no Southern services will call here, some Thameslink route services will be retimed and some Southeastern services may be altered.

More information can be found at www.ThameslinkProgramme.co.uk or @TLProgramme



Hats off to the City of London Festival!

From 22 June - 17 July, the City of London Festival promises to animate the Square Mile in new and exciting ways under the directorship of Paul Gudgin, who saw the Edinburgh Fringe Festival double in scale during his 8-year tenure as Festival Director.

A giant inflatable Bowler Hat in Paternoster Square will play host to over 100 events, including cabaret, dance, debate, comedy, circus and children's theatre. Incredible contemporary circus performers will wow audiences with daring routines inside the 3-storey-high hat, while Henry 'Blowers' Blofeld will entertain cricket fans with amusing tales about the Test Match Special (14 July). The Justice, Money, Power debates will see high-profile panellists tackle subjects such as 'Who Runs London?' (24 June) and 'Can the City be Socially Useful?' (1 July). The London Symphony Orchestra will perform twice



inside St Paul's Cathedral - once under the baton of charismatic conductor Daniel Harding (Bruckner's Symphony No 9, 3 July) and then with conductor Myung-Whun Chung for an Anglo-Korean performance of Beethoven's Symphony No 9 (15 July). World-class jazz artists will perform against breathtaking City backdrops with the new Jazz With a View series (Clare Teal at Unilever House, 26 June and Roberto Pla at One New Change Roof Terrace, 8 July).

Over 100 free events will animate the City's squares and green spaces, including City Beerfest in Guildhall Yard (3 July), plus steel orchestras, playful sculptures and trolley-dancing at venues including Devonshire Square and the foot of the Gherkin.

Booking is now open - visit colf.org or call 0845 120 7502



Registering means having your say

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY!**

The ward newsletter you are reading now is one way your representatives within the City Corporation keep you up to date on how they are working on your behalf.

It also acts as a reminder of who you can contact if you do have an issue with something within the Square Mile - from security to planning, road safety to the night time economy and air quality to broadband provision.

And if you're receiving this it also means you are already on the Ward Lists - the register of voters for City Ward elections. But to keep receiving it we need you to re-register each year. All residential properties and businesses that are eligible to appoint voters will be sent registration forms in September - an early response means we won't have to keep chasing you!

If you are a voter appointed by a business, we would also ask you to spread the word about the unique opportunity that City workers have to register, because there are some firms that don't use their full entitlement or register at all. Each business as a designated person responsible for registration and the Electoral Services team at the City Corporation is happy to help workers find out who their businesses contact is.

Remember that being on the Ward Lists is not just about having a vote in ward, Aldermanic and City-wide elections, it also puts you in touch with Members who sit on the City Corporation's various committees and its main decision making body. They represent you and your interests in the whole range of work the City Corporation carries out.

More information is available from ww.cityoflondon.gov.uk/voting



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Who We Are



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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

Ward members continue to hold top City positions

Cordwainer's members on the Court of Common Council continue to play a major role in the Court of Common Council. For a time in 2013 Cordwainer members Sir Roger Gifford, George Gillon and Mark Boleat held the three senior positions in the Court – Lord Mayor, Chief Commoner and Chairman of Policy. This has never happened before and is unlikely to happen again. George Gillon completed his year as Chief Commoner on 1 May and Sir Roger Gifford has returned to the Court after the traditional "purdah" following his year as Lord Mayor.

Mark Boleat has been re-elected for a third year as Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Sir Michael Snyder and George Gillon also serving on that Committee. Sir Michael Snyder continues as Chairman of the Governors of the City of London School for Girls and Chairman of the Projects Sub-Committee. George Gillon continues to chair the Cross River Partnership.

Bloomberg development progress

Good progress is being made with the construction of Bloomberg's new European headquarters, in the Ward, next to the Bank of England. The concrete core is now very visible and work has begun on installing the steel frame. The website <http://www.bbp-walbrooksquare.co.uk> gives regular updates on the progress of the development, and the hoarding around the site provide useful information on the development and the archeological work on the site.

The Good News and the Bad News

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time. "I have good news and bad news" the owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings." "That's wonderful," the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?" "The guy was your doctor."

Tim Collerton elected Chairman of the Ward of Cordwainer Club



At its annual general meeting on 1 April Tim Collerton was elected Chairman of the Ward of Cordwainer Club, succeeding John Staniforth. Tim is a

Chartered Accountant and Partner of Wilkins Kennedy LLP.

Darren Clayton is the new Vice Chairman and Michael Bunn and David Tucker join the Committee.

The Ward Club has a varied programme of events during the year. 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.