



Cordwainer

New Ward team in action

In March the Ward of Cordwainer had a contested election for Common Councilmen for the first time in 15 years, perhaps prompted by the decision of long-serving member George Gillon to retire. Paying tribute to George, the Ward Deputy, Sir Michael Snyder, said –



George Gillon MBE

"It has been a pleasure working with George in our Ward and within the City of London Corporation. He has always been dedicated to everything he does, particularly in supporting the electors and businesses in Cordwainer Ward and he will be very much missed in his capacity as a Common Councilman. We were delighted that he was recognized in the Queen's Birthday Honours List by appointing him a

Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his long and distinguished public service to the City. We look forward to continuing to see him in the Ward and at social events and we wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement from civic responsibilities."

The two other sitting members, Sir Michael Snyder and Mark Boleat, both stood for election and were comfortably



Cordwainer's elected members on election night – Alex Barr, Sir Michael Snyder, Sir Roger Gifford and Mark Boleat

re-elected alongside newcomer Alex Barr, an Investment Manager with Aberdeen Asset Management, who has been based in the Ward since 2005. Turnout in Cordwainer Ward was 56%, the highest of any Ward in the City.

Following the elections, all the committees of the City Corporation have been reconstituted. Mark Boleat completed a five-year term as Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, the senior committee, and now serves a year as Deputy Chairman. He has also joined the Planning and Transportation Committee and continues to serve on the Establishment and Investment Committees as well as the Property Investment Board. Sir Michael Snyder, also a past Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, continues to serve on that Committee and the Finance Committee as well as being Chairman of the Projects Sub Committee and a Governor of the City of London School for Girls. Alex Barr has become the Ward's representative on the Port Health and Environmental Services and the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committees and, in addition, has been elected a member of the Investment Committee and a Governor of the City of London School.

Sir Roger Gifford, a former Lord Mayor, in addition to his duties as an Alderman, is a member of the Epping Forest and the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committees. He is also leading the City's work on Green Finance.

Alex Barr

Raised and educated in Scotland, Alex started his investment management career in Edinburgh, before moving to the City in 1995 to join Henderson Investors' US Equities desk. He subsequently joined Morgan Grenfell, which later became Deutsche Asset Management ("DeAM"). As a Director at DeAM he was responsible for the oversight of Multi Asset portfolios. He moved to the Ward in 2005, after Aberdeen Asset Management's acquisition of DeAM. After a brief posting to Paris in 2009, Alex has focused on Alternative investments, particularly Private Equity. Alex lives in Hampshire with his wife, Lucy, and two children.

Cheapside Business Alliance

The Cheapside Business Alliance comprises businesses in and around Cheapside, including many in Cordwainer Ward. It is working with the City of London Corporation on projects covering the environment, tourism, employment and marketing. Its most recent Newsletter is now available on its website www.incheapside.com.



New network on the way

The City of London Corporation has announced a deal that will deliver a free, public access WiFi network, offering internet access anywhere within the Square Mile.

The multi million pound project is one of the largest investments in wireless infrastructure ever seen in London.

Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) has been awarded a major 15-year contract to roll-out and manage the City of London's new wireless network in conjunction with O2. The new network will deliver wireless services across all mobile networks for City businesses, residents and visitors.

CTIL will build 4G mobile "small cells", which will be housed on City street furniture such as lampposts, street signs, buildings and CCTV columns to provide enhanced mobile coverage at street level, and ensure that the City is best placed to become an early adopter of 5G which is widely expected to become available in 2020.

CTIL will partner with O2 in building the WiFi network which will be free for the public to use. It will be fully operational by Autumn 2017.

The network will be more technically advanced than those found in other leading global financial centres, including New York. State-of-the-art equipment will provide speeds and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video-calling and video on demand over free City WiFi following a one-time only registration.

Residents in the City Corporation's 12 central London housing estates will also benefit from a new high speed internet service after plans to expand fibre optic broadband were given the green light earlier this year.

New state of the art equipment will be installed which will provide speeds of up to one gigabit at affordable prices, and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video on demand.

The new broadband services will be rolled out across the City Corporation's social housing estates, which stretch across seven London boroughs including the City of London, Hackney, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Tower Hamlets housing more than 7,500 residents.

Up to five internet providers per estate will

be invited to bid for the opportunity to connect and will be selected based on affordability and quality of service. The City Corporation has asked potential providers to include reduced payment options for residents on low incomes and benefits.

Protecting yourself or your firm from cybercrime

After this article was written the NHS was hit with a ransomware cyber attack which reinforced the importance of people or firms taking steps to try to avoid this type of attack:

- Install system and application updates on all devices as soon as they become available.
- Install anti-virus software on all devices and keep it updated.
- Create regular backups of your important files to a device that isn't left connected to your network as any malware infection could spread to that too.

For more detailed help go to: getsafeonline.org/cityoflondonpolice



Upgrade for eShot

And the City's new WiFi network will come in handy for picking up our monthly eShot when you're on the move.

It's design is being refreshed, with a careful eye on mobile use, so it will be even easier to find out what's going on in the Square Mile.

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Aldgate area improvements

Change to the Aldgate traffic layout are now complete with work on the major uplift to the area as a whole scheduled for completion by December of this year. Highway improvements include pedestrian crossing points and easier navigation of bus services.

There is now two-way traffic on Aldgate High Street, St Botolph Street, a section of Middlesex Street and Minories. A section of Middlesex Street has also been closed to traffic at the junction with St Botolph Street.

The highway changes are also enabling the creation of two new public spaces – Aldgate Square and Eastern public space.

The overall aims of the Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Improvements Project are to:

- enhance safety for road users
- improve cycling routes
- improve pedestrian routes and connections
- introduce more greenery
- create new public space for events, leisure and play
- improve lighting in the area

Sitting within Aldgate Square and complementing the two heritage listed buildings on either side, the Portsoken Pavilion will complete the scheme. A social enterprise operator will run the facilities inside providing a new hub promoting events, leisure and play.



Designs of the times



The City of London never stands still and nowhere is that more true than in the construction of new buildings.

The City has always been a centre for ground breaking architecture and many of its buildings have become icons not just of London but of the UK as a whole. With this in mind, the City Corporation has updated its Designs of the times self-guided walk leaflet to include the latest additions to the City's architecture.

New entries include London Wall Place, 5 Broadgate, 100 Bishopsgate, the Scalpel and Bloomberg Place. The City walk route has been devised to take you through the Square Mile and from start to finish should take you about 90 minutes at an average walking pace.

Pick up a copy at Guildhall reception, the City Information Centre opposite St Paul's Cathedral or download it from the self-guided section of this page:

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/walks



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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

Jon Norton elected Chairman of Ward Club



Jon Norton was elected Chairman of the Ward of Cordwainer Club at its AGM on 6 April at Tallow Chandlers Hall. He succeeds Keith Loney. David Tucker is the new Vice Chairman. Alex Barr joins the Committee, having

succeeded George Gillon as an elected member of the Court of Common Council for the Ward.

Jon is currently a director at Wells Fargo Capital Finance. He has had a long career in banking – including with Westpac, Banque Paribas, Commerzbank and Burdale Financial.

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.

Ward's leading business to merge

Aberdeen Asset Management, the Ward's largest business, is to merge with the life company and asset manager Standard Life. In a recent statement, the two companies said that "the Potential Merger represents an excellent opportunity to leverage Standard Life and Aberdeen's combined strengths to create a world class investment company". The new company will have assets under management of over £660 billion and become one of the largest independent asset managers in the world.

Standard Life Chairman Sir Gerry Grimstone will become Chairman of the Board of the Combined Group, with Aberdeen's Chairman Simon Troughton becoming Deputy Chairman. Martin Gilbert, CEO of Aberdeen, and Keith Skeoch, CEO of Standard Life, will become co-CEOs.

Aberdeen has been based in the Ward for many years and will retain its major London base in Bread Street, which is home to some 850 employees.