# City of London Ward News

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# Change on the Way at Bank

#### **Bank Junction**

The City Corporation is now developing two schemes to improve Bank Junction: a long term scheme which covers the aspirations for Bank to be a safer, less polluted space for people, which is more in keeping with such an iconic location; and a shorter term focus of delivering significant safety improvements.

For the longer term aspirations, the City Corporation continues to investigate four broad options offering various levels of change at the junction and its approaches. These will be developed in more detail over the next year with a view to going out to public consultation in the summer of 2017.

#### The four options that are being developed are:

- · A full closure to motorised vehicles;
- No motor vehicles on the north/south route (King William Street/Princes Street);
- Removing one of the east west routes to motor vehicles (Poultry/Cornhill); and
- Reducing capacity on all six arms by 50%.

The development of these options will look at space reallocation to better reflect the way people move through the junction and how the function of Bank as a place of interest could be better reflected. The feedback from the consultation will help to form the recommendation to focus efforts to one scheme, which if approved could start construction in early 2019.

In the meantime the City Corporation is investigating an experimental scheme to restrict vehicles crossing the junction between 0700 and 1900 Monday to Friday. This is the time period that 75% of the collisions take place at Bank. It is proposed to restrict traffic to pedal cycle and buses only, with further investigations still taking place as to whether taxis will be included. A decision as to whether



this will proceed will be taken by the end of this year and if approved be delivered by the end of April 2017.

To keep up to date with progress, or to find out more information, visit **www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/allchangeatbank** 

### Bank Station Capacity Upgrade

London Underground received their Transport and Works Act powers in January 2016 and promptly started preparation work to start the construction of the new Northern line tunnel at Bank. The block site of 10 King William Street is largely vacated with preperations well underway for the site to be demolished this summer. This site will become the new station entrance on Cannon Street.

The second worksite is on Arthur Street. The construction of the works shaft is programmed to start in July. This is where most of the materials will be taken in and out from when the physical work to the new Underground tunnel starts this autumn.

This work will increase the station's capacity by 40% and is envisaged to complete in the summer of 2021. The new Drain entrance to Bank in Walbrook will, however, open next year.

For more information visit www.tfl.gov.uk/bank-upgrade

# Covduainer Chavacters



Marc shoe - shining the City in Bow Churchyard



Krasi al fresco at the Bow Wine Vaults in Bow Churchyard.



Alan in the back room at the famous Sweetings Fish Restaurant in Queen Victoria Street.

# Register this year, vote next



Next March sees City-wide elections for the Court of Common Council, the City Corporation's main decision making body.

So it's all the more important that you reregister to stay on our electoral lists when the forms are sent out at the end of August

as a considerable number of the wards are likely to have a contested election. Preceding the elections you will be sent information regarding the election arrangements in your Ward, including where your polling station is located and how you can arrange a postal or proxy vote.

You will also be advised of the location of the annual meeting of the ward that takes place as part of the election process which is known as the Wardmote. This event will offer you

the chance to meet and question all the candidates standing for election.

In order to be able to vote, residents and businesses voters will have to register during the autumn. For residents this is done by way completing a household registration form. These will be sent out in August and the registration for City ward elections

takes place alongside the registration of electors for national elections.

Most businesses located in the City are also able to appoint voters in City ward elections.

The exact number of voters that a business may appoint will depend on the size of their workforce in the City – the more people they employ the more voters they may appoint. Each business has a designated person responsible for appointing the

voters for their organisation. The Electoral Services team at the City Corporation is happy to help workers find out the



name of the contact in their organisation so that they can express an interest in being appointed as a voter at their business.

For City businesses, especially those that have only recently located to the City or haven't registered before, having a 'worker vote' will be new to them. And this is where existing voters can help.

Whether a resident or a City worker, you can help us spread the word to firms and organisations that they may be eligible to appoint voters and should register or use their full entitlement if they don't already.

Being on the register means that individuals don't just have a vote in ward elections of Aldermen and Common Councilmen it also puts them in touch with elected Members who sit on the City Corporation's various committees and the Court. They represent your interests in the whole range of work the City Corporation carries out.

This newsletter is one way your ward representatives within the City Corporation keep constituents up to date on how they are working on your behalf.

It also acts as a reminder of who to contact if there is 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.

Electoral registration forms should be delivered in early September and a swift response means we won't have to keep chasing you.

More information is available from 0800 587 5537 electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityvote17





## Do you like to be lectured?



'To challenge those who live and work in the City of London to engage in intellectual debate on those subjects in which the City has a proper concern, and to provide a window on the City for learned societies, both national and international.'

That's the purpose of Gresham College lectures and whether it's arts

and literature, business, music, religion, science, politics, law and more, there is bound to be a lecture that suits your taste or interest.

The College was founded in 1597 and has been providing free lectures within the City of London for over 400 years.

The City Corporation supports the College as part of its wider contribution to the cultural life of London and the nation, which includes promoting learning and development.



More information on future lectures from www.gresham.ac.uk



We all need impartial advice at some time in our lives and whether you live, work or study in the City or live on a City Corporation estate, City Advice is there for you.

The free and impartial service can help you with a range of issues such as employment rights, consumer rights, debt worries, legal issues, family matters, housing problems or welfare benefits.

There are many ways to get in touch – from email, a local drop-in session, advice lines or text – whichever way suits you best.

Funded by the City Corporation, City Advice is provided by Toynbee Hall

More information www.toynbeehall.org.uk/cityadvice



City of London institutions are marking the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London this summer with a whole season of exhibitions, concerts, lectures and tours.

At the centre will be London's Burning, a festival of arts and ideas running from 30 August to 4 September including the anniversary weekend.

The City Corporation is founding sponsor for London's Burning.

More information www.visitlondon.com/greatfire350



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## **CONTACT US**

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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

## **Cordwainer Ward Club AGM**



New Chairman Keith Loney with Vice Chairman Jon Norton



Office Bearers 2016-2017 and Guest Speaker, Norroy & Ulster King of Arms



Past Chairman David Todd and guest



Clerical Couple

#### Ward Club Diary Dates

14 July – Members' Luncheon: Chief Commoner's Parlour : Guildhall 20 September – College of Arms and dinner 19 October – The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy and dinner November (TBC) – Bow Lane Lights and Soiree 9 December – Annual Luncheon with Lord Mayor at Vintners' Hall

Contact Secretary, Tom Moore to ensure places tmoore@kingstonsmith.co.uk tel: 020 7566 3755



Ward Clerk Tom Ackland with Sir Roger

City Beer Fest: Guildhall Yard 12.30-9.00pm Wednesday 6th July – City Music Foundation Jazz in St Mary-le-Bow Churchyard; Tuesday 12th July 6.00-8.00pm – The Kansas Smitty's