



# Cordwainer

## Sir Roger Gifford opens TSB's flagship City branch

On 10 October TSB opened its newest and most modern branch at 55 Bow Bells House, Cheapside, a prime Ward site, and immediately adjacent to St. Mary-le-Bow church. In attendance from the Cordwainer Ward team, and joining TSB's branch manager Barry Smith, were Alderman Sir Roger Gifford and Common Councilman Alex Barr. Sir Roger, leading the ribbon cutting ceremony, reminded assembled guests and TSB branch staff (known as Partners) on the vibrancy and importance of the historic local area around Bow Lane. In a well received address, Sir Roger said that it gave him "great pleasure to welcome the Bank into the community". Alex

commented that TSB's approach to community engagement "augered well for building successful local relationships with Cordwainer Ward's many small independent retailers, large financial service employers and residents".

Throughout the day, there was a festival atmosphere with TSB staff, local supplier food stalls, the St Mary-le-Bow Church music academy, Bow Bells Shoeshine, the London Air Ambulance charity and a digital caricaturist all entertaining and welcoming everyone.

Shortly after opening, the branch hosted its first workshop called Fraud Awareness, aiming to raise awareness among



Ribbon cutting with Alex Barr, Barry Smith and Sir Roger Gifford

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customers of how fraudsters operate, including the latest tricks and scams and, more importantly, how to avoid them.

### City Dragon Awards – success for Aberdeen Standard Investments

Tracey Graham represented the Cordwainer civic team at the 32nd Lord Mayor's Dragon Awards at Mansion House on 24 September. These awards celebrate businesses that make a positive impact to society, and showcase UK 'best in class' responsible businesses. Aberdeen Standard Investments ("ASI") won the Regional Impact Award for the positive impact of their 'Better Futures Inclusive Employment Programme'. ASI's scheme supports youth employment and social mobility, helping people of all backgrounds to progress to better futures through meaningful employment.



Dragon Award winners 2019: ASI team, with Lord Mayor Peter Estlin, including Claire Drummond, ASI's Head of Charitable Giving (to LM's right)

### Shoosmiths' move to One Bow Churchyard

One Bow Churchyard, a landmark Ward building, is to have a new occupier – the UK law firm Shoosmiths. Currently undergoing major refurbishment, the building, which sits immediately behind the statue of notable Cordwainer, Captain John Smith (of 'Pocahontas' fame), is likely to open its doors again for business later next year. Key changes planned include a fully remodelled reception area, terraces on every floor and much improved client spaces. Joseph Mazzucca, Head of Shoosmiths' London office, speaking with the Cordwainer civic team said "We are all hugely looking forward to moving to One Bow Churchyard, with many exciting ideas about how we engage with the community and other local occupiers". Sir Michael Snyder, Ward Deputy said "The Cordwainer civic team are hugely excited about Shoosmiths' impending arrival, and we are all looking forward to working with them"



Artists' rendering of a revamped One Bow Churchyard (courtesy of Shoosmiths)

### All in a day's work

The Cordwainer civic team are just that – a team. We discuss ward business regularly, sharing constituent issues, agreeing how we can action and then see through to resolution. We do that via liaison with City of London departmental officers, our police force, outreach teams (in respect of the homeless), and our local trading and businesses alliances. Additionally the team all have committee responsibilities where we guide the City not just on local matters but also in its national and international engagement. Most useful of all is the considerable time we spend 'in ward', speaking with the community and being visible to all. Please feel free to stop us and tell us what more we can do for you.



Sir Michael Snyder (with St Mary-Le-Bow in background), on October early morning 'ward walk' duties

### City Giving Day 2019

Most of us know that the City is a global leader in financial and professional services, but not everyone knows that it also invests significant sums in communities and causes to make a wider positive impact on society. Businesses in Cordwainer Ward are very much part of this, and are always to be found at the forefront of the annual 'City Giving Day' initiative run by the Lord Mayor's Appeal charity, which took place in September. Celebrating volunteering and philanthropy, teams from Bank of Ireland and Aberdeen Standard Investments took part in a static cycle race in Bow Churchyard racing against each other to see which team could cycle the most miles – a tremendous effort from all the cyclists. Lord Mayor elect William Russell attended the event meeting and chatting with volunteers from both companies.



Lord Mayor Elect William Russell with Tracey Graham and Alex Barr





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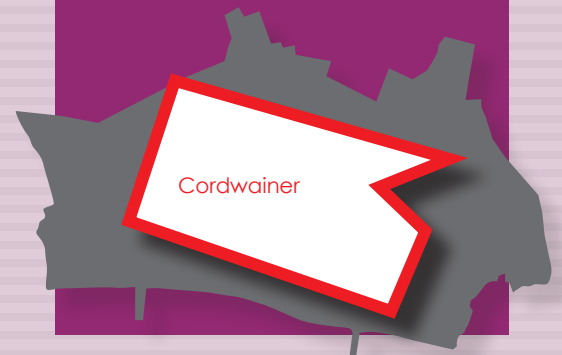
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### Advance warning critical Cadent Gas works

Cadent, the UK's biggest gas distribution network are set to undertake major upgrades to part of the City's gas pipeline infrastructure, and which looks set to involve rolling closures of Cheapside's carriageways. We understand that Cadent are aiming to work around planned Cheapside 2020 events, though at this stage all details are still to be confirmed. Cadent intend to invite local businesses and resident to an update meeting to be held at St Mary-le-Bow church on Tuesday 3rd December 4pm to 7pm. As always, your civic team are here to help and will be scrutinising Cadent's proposed approach.

### LIVE music in Bow Churchyard

St Mary-le-Bow Church hosted 'Live in the Churchyard' in late June, a wonderful four day music event sponsored by Cheapside Business Alliance. Numerous music events at lunch and in the evenings took place in glorious sunshine. As ever, the event had something for everyone – organ, jive, jazz, classical, school Choirs and bands.

'Live in the Churchyard' started as a single evening of opera singers on a small stage four years ago and is now one of now a major cultural events for the Ward, drawing visitors from far and wide to the Cordwainer community, and to the many shops, bars and restaurants that are such a feature of this vibrant ward. Alderman Sir Roger Gifford said "it's great to see grass roots initiatives making such a real cultural impact with thousands of people hearing something over the four day event"



### Ward of Cordwainer Club

Chairman Michael Bunn's chairmanship year is off to a flying start, with sold-out events held this summer at Christies in Mayfair and an exhibition of artefacts from the Mary Rose in Guildhall. In October Club members toured the Fusilier Museum at the Tower of London and witnessed the centuries old 'Ceremony of the Keys'. Guests also explored the museum's collection, including the incredible 12 Victoria Crosses won by the Fusiliers. The event was kindly hosted by Colonel Nigel Easton QVRM, and current Master of the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers.

Key dates for this winter are the Bow Lane Christmas lights switch-on (27 November) and the Christmas lunch at Haberdashers Hall (13 December) **For further details please visit [cordwainer.co.uk](http://cordwainer.co.uk).**

