



Cordwainer

Sir Mark Boleat retires as Common Councilman



as 'City leader' (with respect to his Policy and Resources role) Sir Mark also served as Chairman of the City's Markets Committee, and sat on the Planning, Investment, Police, and Culture, Heritage

In March this year, after 17 years of service as a Cordwainer Common Councilman, Sir Mark Boleat announced his intention to retire. Having recently served a five-year term as Chairman of the City's Policy and Resources Committee, and one year as outgoing Deputy Chairman, Sir Mark's contribution to both Ward and City has been immense. In addition to his role

& Libraries committees. In 2009 Sir Mark was elected to serve as Chairman of the Ward of Cordwainer Club, and as past Chairman went on to play an active role in the Club's governance. In addition to his public and civic achievements, Sir Mark has built a successful commercial career, serving as Director General of the Building Societies Association, the Council of Mortgage Lenders and the Association of British Insurers. Knighted in 2017 for services to the City, Sir Mark remains active in a number of senior non-executive roles, and will continue to be part of Ward life, whether through the Ward Club or supporting the many businesses in the area. Sir Michael Snyder, Ward Deputy, spoke for all the Ward team when he put on public record Sir Mark's contribution and noted that it been a real pleasure working with Sir Mark.

Tracey Graham elected as new Councillor for Cordwainer

Following Sir Mark's stepping down, a contested by-election for the Ward was held on 30 April. Prospective candidate, Tracey Graham won a resounding victory, commanding 79 votes, vs. 5 for her opponent, Timothy Becker. At the Ward mote, a City formality that precedes an election (and also held annually in each Ward) Tracey set out a passionate manifesto, noting her commitment to **Education**, her focus on **Diversity & Inclusion** (particularly, a desire to build inclusive ways of working, where all individuals can contribute



Tracey on election night alongside Alderman Sir Roger Gifford

in their own way), and, to use her City **business experience** to help set City service priorities. The message clearly resonated with voters, and Tracey is already getting down to work with the rest of the Cordwainer team to help deliver on these priorities. (Editor's note: Tracey has been quick out of the blocks and is already speaking to Corporation officers/Transport for London about the Cheapside / King St. / Queen St. junction – if you have views here please contact Tracey (or any of the civic team) via contact details on the reverse).

Tracey Graham – Profile

Tracey is an accomplished businesswoman, having built a successful career in both public and privately owned businesses. She started her career at Midland Bank, rising to lead the debt collection and recovery operation for Midland Card Services. She then joined AXA Insurance, where, as Director of Customer Services she was responsible for 1500 employees. Moving to De La Rue in 2000, she headed up a number of their subsidiary businesses before leading the management buy out of De La Rue's Cash Systems division which became Talaris Ltd. As CEO she went on to transform that business taking it into new markets and achieving substantial cost savings. Tracey has now taken all that experience and applied it to the non-executive world, and currently serves on the Boards of Royal London Group, Istock plc, discoverE plc and Link Scheme Ltd. Tracey will shortly be joining the Board of Governors of one of the City Corporation Schools.

100 Women Freedom event

To commemorate the centenary of the Representation of the People Act in 1918 ('universal suffrage') the City's Court of Common Council nominated c100 women to receive the Freedom of the City of London. Your ward team were proud to nominate a number of leading women from Cordwainer Ward to receive this award. A drinks reception was held at the Guildhall Art Gallery on 8 March, International Women's Day, with speeches from The Lord Mayor, Peter Estlin and the Chairman of Policy and Resources, Catherine McGuinness, with a number of the Cordwainer recipients in attendance. Many of the Freedom ceremonies have now been held, and Sir Michael Snyder and Alex Barr were proud to be there for the Mansion House Ceremony in April for Sue Hills (T Rowe Price), Allison Perrott (Sweetings Restaurant) and Mary Gilmore (Beauty Essence), all as the Lord Mayor's guests. Also nominated, but unable to attend the ceremony was Jess Patel of the Bow Lane newsagents.



Cordwainer recipients, L to R, Sue Hills, Allison Perrott and Mary Gilmore, pictured with the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Peter Estlin, Alex Barr and Sir Michael Snyder.



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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.

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Launch of Cordwainer Water Fountain

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The first of 10 new City water refill points to be rolled out this year has been installed in Bow Churchyard, as part of the City Corporation's Plastic Free City campaign. The water refill point, sponsored by the Cheapside Business Alliance (CBA), has been conveniently situated between St Mary Le Bow church and Aberdeen Standard Investments' London offices. At the March unveiling ceremony led by the Lady Mayoress, Lindy Estlin, were Alex Barr, Sir Mark Boleat and former Cordwainer Councilman, George Gillon.

Children of the Hugh Myddleton and Winton Schools, with, (L to R), George Gillon, Sir Mark Boleat, Alex Barr and Tracey Graham

Hold the date – LIVE music in Bow Churchyard

From 24 June to 28 June the beautiful surroundings of Bow Churchyard will play host to a week of LIVE music generously sponsored by the Cheapside Business Alliance. Rock and Jazz bands from the City of London Academies at Highbury Grove and Islington will feature along with outstanding young organists from Hackney and Islington. The week also sees the very first performance by the Cheapside Chorus. As usual, further details and updates can be found at stmarylebow.org.uk.



Ward of Cordwainer Club

The club has a new Chairman Michael Bunn, well known to many and a long-standing Ward business leader. Michael runs the accountancy practice MB Associates and is a Cordwainer through and through, having been based in Bow Lane for many years. Michael outlined his programme of events for the coming year at the club's AGM and annual lunch in March, which includes a private exhibition of artefacts from the Mary Rose on 28 May at Guildhall and which will surely be a highlight of the Club's events this year.

For details of this and other events, please do visit cordwainer.co.uk.

Christmas Lights Date

Please join all the civic team on 27 November for the annual Bow Lane Christmas lights' switching on ceremony at 4.30pm.

