



Cordwainer

City of London Freedom ceremony for longstanding Ward business



Left to right Alex Barr, Rajeshree Amin, Jayant Amin, Tracey Graham

At a ceremony held in November in the Guildhall's Chamberlain's Court, The City of London Corporation granted the Freedom of the City to Jayant and Rajeshree Amin. Jayant and Rajeshree have run their shop, The Centre, at 63 Cannon Street for many years. The joint grant of the freedom was in recognition of their tireless service to the City economy over several decades. The Amin's shop has adapted and survived through changes in consumer behaviour, technology trends and most recently, the covid lockdown. Known to many, the Amins and The Centre shop are as vital a part of both Ward and City fabric as our larger Banks, Asset Managers and IT businesses. Tracey Graham and Alex Barr, Ward councillors, were delighted to nominate and support the Amins' Freedom application. The Amins hosted a wonderful family celebration lunch on the day in Guildhall.



A warm Guildhall welcome to the Amin family and friends!

Ward 'Coffee and Catch Up': Ian Dowglass, Euroclear. Venue – Pauls, Bow Lane.

In the first of what we hope to be a regular series of interviews across the Ward Community, Alex Barr sat down with Ian Dowglass to talk City, Ward and life in general. Known across the City and internationally as 'Chewie' Ian has been in City for 46 years, and seen it all.



Ian "Chewie" Dowglass outside Pauls in Bow Lane

Alex: "How do you start the day Chewie?"

Ian: "Since lockdown I've been getting into open water sea swimming all year round..it's the best way to start the day"

"Any Favourite City Streets?"

"Bow Lane/Watling Street I'm fascinated by pre-war and post-war photos of the area"

"Favourite City building?"

"It has to be St Paul's – Christopher Wren was on the money with that one, it's a stunning building"

"Best Ward memories?"

"I started my career here in Bread Street and witnessed the infamous 'Battle of Watling Street' in the late 70s when Gilt issuance was massively oversubscribed and city messengers made paper jets out of their applications to throw them over the new issues counter at the Bank of England"

"Things you are proud of achieving?"

"Being part of the team that built a succession of securities settlement infrastructures at the Bank (of England) culminating with CREST (now part of Euroclear)"

"Favourite financial asset class and food?"

"Equities are nice but I generally prefer my assets to bear the Queen's head, plus the values are much bigger. I finally get the idea that "cash is king". Food? Rare roast beef, and proper English bitter!"

You can find Chewie in the sea down in Brighton, or in Euroclear's Cannon Street offices. Just don't ask Ian for a Chewbacca impersonation...





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Bow Lane Lights and Ward club

On 18 November, Sir Michael Snyder and Alex Barr joined the new Lord Mayor, Alderman Vincent Keaveny and Sheriffs, Alderman Alison Gowman and Alderman Nicholas Lyons for the annual Bow Lane light switch on. James Goolnik, Chairman of the Bow Bells Association opened the proceedings with an upbeat welcome speech. The Lord Mayor spoke of his support for ward businesses, including buying his shoes and suits here. Sir Michael and Alex added in some gentle



Left to right, Alderman and Mrs Nicolas Lyons, James Goolnik, The Lord Mayor, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Common Councillman Alex Barr, Ward Deputy Sir Michale Snyder, Alderman Alison Gowman.

heckling on needing to add haircuts, vaping supplies etc to that, a nod to the many thriving Bow Lane business all open that night in honour of the event. After the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs with their consorts departed, a group of Club members gathered at the Place Below where they enjoyed a good 'noggin and natter'.

Preparations are well underway for the forthcoming Ward Club Annual Luncheon which will be in the Clothworkers Hall on 10th December.