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WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW – FINAL PROPOSALS

In Issue 14 we reported on the current review of Ward boundaries which the City is undertaking, and the initial proposals regarding the Castle Baynard Ward boundaries, which would have resulted in virtually the entire historic area of the Ward being moved to another Ward. We opposed these proposals vigorously, as did the Castle Baynard Ward Club, several residents and other electors, and others interested in the Ward.

We are delighted that the final proposals, which can be viewed on the City of London's website (www.cityoflondon.gov.uk), proposes the least damaging option, taking only one block – 1 and 4 St Paul's Churchyard – out of the Ward.

These proposals have yet to be considered by the City of London Corporation's Policy & Resources Committee, who will consider it on **Thursday 13 May at 1.45 pm at a meeting in the Livery Hall, Guildhall**, which is open to the public. If any residents want to come to observe this meeting and lend us moral support we will be pleased to see you.

Irrespective of the outcome, we would like to thank everyone who took the time to send in objections to the panel, some 65 in total, and who gave support to the elected members for the Ward. Your support is greatly appreciated.

WARDS POLICING TEAM – TUESDAY 20 MAY @ 1.00 PM

The next community partnership meeting with the City Police for the area covering the Ward, the West Area, will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 20 May 2010

Time: 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm

Location: Haberdashers Hall, 18 West Smithfield . EC1A 9HQ

These meetings are important as they help to set the work priorities for the City Police. They also give the force an opportunity to report back on what progress they have made in addressing community concerns. All residents are welcome. If you are unable to attend and have an issue you want to raise, contact the police direct or let one of your elected members know. Visit www.cityoflondon.police.uk for more information, or call 020 7601 2452 or email community@cityoflondon.pnn.police.uk

REST OF THE CITY RESIDENTS' MEETING – TUESDAY 20 MAY @ 6.30 PM

Following last November's well-attended meeting at Shoe Lane Library, the next Rest of the City Meeting will take place as follows:

Date: Tuesday 20 May 2010

Time: 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm (refreshments available from 6.00 pm)

Location: Asquith Room, City of London School, 107 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 3AL

This meeting is open to any resident in the City who does not live in the Barbican, Golden Lane, Mansell Street or Middlesex Street estates which have their own meetings. At this meeting, you'll get an opportunity to raise issues about living in the City, get responses from senior City of London officers and City of London Police officers and a chance to meet other City residents. If you want to come please contact **Claire Holdgate** by phone **020 7332 3176** or email residents@cityoflondon.gov.uk

BLUE DIAMOND, 121 HOLBORN – FURTHER LAPDANCING CLUB DEFEATED

A licensing hearing took place on Thursday 18 February at Camden Town Hall regarding an application by Nightlife Clubs Limited for a licence to open a lap dancing club on 121 Holborn – Blue Diamond – part of the "For Your Eyes Only" chain. As previously reported on a previous application last year (Clarity), these premises are within a large residential block and very close to local businesses and to St Andrew's Holborn. Unsurprisingly, a substantial number of representations were made by the residents living above and around the premises, the church and also some of the local councillors (both from Camden and the elected members from the Ward). The hearing itself drew a large crowd where many of the objectors spoke of their deep concern of disturbance and anti-social behaviour if a licence was granted to a club of this type in this position. The Camden licensing panel accepted these concerns and rejected the application.

CYCLING LANE AT BLACKFRIARS JUNCTION

With the remodelling of Blackfriars Junction due to the "build-out" for the construction site at Blackfriars Station, a northbound cycle lane was introduced alongside Unliver House. Unfortunately, the traffic lights at the junction were only green for cyclists when traffic was turning right into Queen Victoria Street - they were red for cycles to go northwards into New Bridge Street when all other northbound traffic had a green light. Needless to say, most cyclists ignored the red light, and often went with the main flow of traffic, particularly as taxis find it easier to stop on a double red line in a cycle lane just north of the lights than turn into Watergate. Following discussions with TfL, we are pleased that the cycle traffic lights have now been re-phased - they are green, except when traffic is turning from Queen Victoria Street into New Bridge Street - this is to protect northbound cyclists from vehicles who may swing across the cycle lane when turning right.

WHAT'S ON IN THE WARD

Dr Johnson's House – www.drjohnsonshouse.org

Friday 14 May: A curator led candlelit tour - part of the nationwide Museums at Night Weekend. Tours. Starts at 7.30pm and 8.15pm and last 45minutes. Tickets £10 (£9 concessions).

Thursday 20 May: Artists and their Models. A talk by "My Lady Scandalous" author Jo Manning at 7pm. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions).

Tuesday 8 June: "Johnson: The Last Choices 1775-1784". A lecture by historian Jonathan Clerk at 7pm. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions).

City of London Festival - www.colf.org

This year nine events in the City of London Festival take place in the Ward:

Tuesday 22 June: St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe - 1.05 pm Tomorrow's Artists Today: Guildhall School of Music and Drama - Chopin and Schumann - Admission Free. 6.00 pm Andreas Brantelid and Katrine Gislinge - Schuman, Sibelius and Chopin - Admission £10

Tuesday 22 June: St Bride Foundation - 7.00 pm Fernando Pessoa: A portrait of Portugal's greatest poet - Admission Free

Tuesday 22 June: St Paul's Cathedral - 8.00 pm Choir of St Paul's Cathedral with His Majesty's Sackbutts and Cornets - Monteverdi Vespers (1610) - Admission #5 to #35

Sunday 27 June: St Paul's Cathedral - 11.00 am Festival Service - Admission Free

Tuesday 29 June: St Paul's Cathedral - 8.00 pm Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment - Haydn The Creation - Admission £5 to £30

Thursday 8 July: St Bride's Fleet Street - 1.05 pm Tomorrow's Artists Today: Guildhall School of Music and Drama - Chopin and Schumann - Admission Free. 6.00 pm Atos Trio - Sheng, Cassado and Schumann - Admission £10

Thursday 8 July: St Paul's Cathedral - 8.00 pm London Symphony Orchestra - Beethoven Symphony No 9 - Admission £5 to £40

WARD CLUB WEBSITE

Castle Baynard Ward has an active ward club which arranges social events for members and takes an interest in the history of the Ward. The club has recently launched the new club website, which can be accessed at www.cbwc.org.uk.

If you have any comments on this newsletter or matters you want to see covered contact jeremy.simons@cityoflondon.gov.uk