

Castle Baynard Resident

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We wish everyone who lives or works in the Ward of Castle Baynard a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2011!

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THAMES TUNNEL PROJECT

As previously reported, Thames Water are consulting over proposals for their Thames Tunnel project and we arranged a consultation meeting on 23 November to which Thames Water sent three representatives, explained the project and answered questions. The present proposal shows a ventilation shaft close to Blackfriars. It emerged from the discussion that some of the ventilation shafts may not be needed. We also pressed for the soil that will be excavated to create the tunnel and shafts to be removed by river, and not by road.

There is still time to make representations (the current consultation period ends on 10 December) so if you think the project may affect you then please visit the Thames Water website www.thamestunnelconsultation.co.uk for more details and to make your representations. Your elected Ward members will be seeking to minimise the effect on the Ward and would like our residents to give Thames Water their opinions too.

CROSSRAIL

The Crossrail team recently gave a project update to City businesses. To reduce costs the construction programme has been extended by a year, with the line now due to open in 2018. Farringdon is the nearest station to the Ward, with two entrances - at the existing station and on Long Lane at the eastern end of Smithfield Market. Enabling work, for example the diversion of utilities, is currently underway. The tunnel drives should reach the area in 2013 and 2014 with station construction taking place between 2013 and 2017. We have asked questions about the removal of spoil (mainly from the escalator shafts) from the site, and whether these can be directed away from the City. It is expected that the construction works, other than fitting-out the stations, should be completed before Thames Water commence work on the construction of the shaft for the Thames Tunnel project. Further information is available on www.crossrail.co.uk

EXTENSION OF MAYOR'S CYCLE HIRE SCHEME

The Mayor of London has recently announced an extension of the Cycle Hire Scheme which has seen over 1.5 million journeys in its first three months of operation. The area covered will extend eastwards towards Canary Wharf and include the whole of the borough of Tower Hamlets. In addition over 1500 extra docking stations are to be provided in the existing cycle hire area - including in the City where many docking stations may become full by 8.00am. Although efforts are made to redistribute cycles between the various docking stations, there is a need for more sites in the City. The City of London Corporation's transport team will be working with TfL to identify possible new sites. TfL will then seek planning permission in the normal way - with the public having an opportunity to make representations should they feel locations are unsuitable.

WEST AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP POLICING MEETING

The next West Area Community Partnership policing meeting (covering the wards of Castle Baynard, Farringdon Within and Farringdon Without) will take place at 5.30pm on Thursday 9 December 2010 at 4 New Street Square (the site management suite). This is your opportunity to influence future ward policing - ward priorities will be set at the meeting. Everybody is welcome to attend.

CONSULTATION ON SEX ESTABLISHMENTS

As reported in Issue 18, the City of London Corporation will shortly be consulting the public over its policy towards the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs). The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended, gives the City the power to determine the number of licences that are appropriate in any given location (the City is considered a single location). In setting the number, the City may take into account such considerations as sensitive premises (eg schools, housing, places of worship), business and tourism needs, reputation of the City or equality and discrimination factors, but NOT moral considerations about sexual entertainment.

It is expected that the consultation period will begin in mid December and will last for eight weeks until mid February. City residents will be sent a questionnaire. This is your opportunity to influence an important decision, *so we do urge you to complete and return the questionnaire*. If, as a result of the consultation exercise, the City decides that "nil" is the appropriate number of SEVs, it will still be possible for a premises owner to apply to run an SEV. The application will have to be considered; but the City would have the power to refuse the application on the grounds that the number of establishments in the locality would exceed the number considered appropriate. An appeal against a decision on these grounds would be a Judicial Review application, not an appeal to the magistrates court. An application may also be refused having regard to the character of the locality.

VIDEO INSTALLATION COMES TO CASTLE BAYNARD

An exciting video installation is coming to St Paul's Walk - the Thames walkway under Blackfriars Road Bridge. The object is to explore redundant spaces focusing on how they can be looked at in new and thoughtful ways. The proposed installation involves three synchronised video projections with audio observable only through viewing windows located on the existing Blackfriars Hoarding. The video is accompanied by a sound piece consisting of 3 violins. The presence of pedestrians passing along St Paul's Walk will trigger the playback of the installation. From this point, it will play for its entire duration (approximately six minutes), before waiting for the next passer-by to trigger the process again. The audio tape will not be played between 11:00pm and 7:00am.

The video will involve city and urban themes. A video camera and GPS tracking system were attached to two helium weather balloons and released in the east end of London. The balloons drift over the city, crossing the river Thames and the locations depicted are on a recognisable stretch of the Thames - the most distinctive landmark of the city when viewed from above. The installation is being provided by T1+2 Gallery at no cost to the City of London. It is planned to start in mid December 2010 and finish early February 2011.

NEW STREET SQUARE SECTION 106

The New Street Square development was completed last year. Through what is known as the Section 106 process the developer funded a number of local schemes - these included the paving of the circumferential road in granite setts and the provision of a number of environmental features. Although the last of the money was spent on upgrading the north end of Red Lion Court, we have discovered that the interest that accrued on the money remains unspent. We are now looking for ideas from you. The available funds will probably have to be spent in the area north of Fleet Street, and might include, for example, additional cycle parking, drinking fountains, more planters/greenery in the Courts or litter bins. Please contact jeremy.simons@cityoflondon.gov.uk with your ideas.

WHAT'S ON IN CASTLE BAYNARD

A Georgian Twelfth Night: A night of Georgian entertainment and music with Clio's Company at Dr Johnson's House from 6.00pm to 9.00pm on Thursday 6 January 2011. Tickets are £15 (£12 concessions) and include a glass of punch and a pie. Book on-line at www.drjohnsonhouse.org/events or contact the House on 020 7353 3745.