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## DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE!

The annual canvas for the Register of Electors has begun. All residential properties should now have received their forms. There are two separate forms to complete, one for the City Ward List and the other for parliamentary and other elections. You should complete both forms and return them as soon as possible. **If you have not received any forms please contact the Electoral Services Department on 0800 587 5537 or contact a Ward Member.**

Remember, you can register for a vote for local elections in the City even if this is a second home and you are also registered to vote elsewhere. The more residents your elected Members can show live in the Ward the easier it is to make successful representations to our colleagues and officers to protect your interests as residents, in a predominantly commercial Ward.

## CARTER LANE LICENSING REVIEWS – UPDATE / NEW LICENSING STEERING GROUP

Following the July newsletter we can report that Carter Rooms have withdrawn their appeal of the Licensing Sub-Committee's decision to cut their hours to 12.00 midnight, Monday to Sunday. They have also transferred the venue to new owners who will turn the premises into a Thai restaurant and we are told that they have no interest in trading past midnight which has been welcomed by the Carter Lane residents. No opening date has yet been confirmed. Patch's appeal is still going ahead but has been delayed until January 2013. The Olympics did play a part in the delay but the main cause is the amount of time requested by the District Judge at Westminster Magistrates Court who will hear the case.

This delay has naturally upset the local residents adding more months to an already extremely protracted process for them. Local PCSOs will continue to regularly patrol the area and maintain contact with residents and any Temporary Events Notice (required if a venue wants to temporarily extend the hours or activities permitted by an existing premises licence) that is requested past midnight will be objected to by the City Police and Environmental Health department. We continue to work closely with members in our neighbouring ward to provide support to residents during this period and we will keep you updated.

Concurrent to what has been going on in Carter Lane, Members have raised concerns over a range of licensing issues affecting all departments involved in delivering the licensing service and we are pleased to report that a new Licensing Steering Group has now been set up by the City Corporation Town Clerk to oversee a number of actions to improve the service provided in order to deal with anti-social behaviour and public nuisance, primarily patron noise, from licensed premises. The group will be led by the Comptroller and City Solicitor, supported by the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection and also include a police superintendent and other relevant City Corporation officers. A number of short, medium and long term actions have been put together starting immediately but all being initiated by January 2013 to ensure that a more efficient and effective service is delivered. For example City police and Environmental Health Department now meet fortnightly to review premises and areas for action / monitoring, a Code of Practice is being developed to include expectations on dealing with patron noise, supplementary Environmental Health Officers will carry out proactive visits on Friday and Saturday nights and new trigger levels for initiating licensing reviews are in the process of being drafted.

We will report in more detail about these actions as they come into force.

## NOISE IN THE STREET FROM PATRONS OF LICENSED PREMISES AT NIGHT

Noise is anti social behaviour (ASB) and includes noise from patrons of licensed premises. For ASB, the City Police act as the first point of contact for the City and we have recently reconfirmed that they will respond rapidly when contacted on 020 7601 2222, 24 hours a day.

The Environmental Health (EH) response for noise related problems out of normal working hours is via the City of London Guildhall number 0207 606 3030 and consist of first response by a Street Enforcement Officer (SEO) who will take initial, informal, enforcement action and carry out surveillance. EH also has an officer in the City to deal with known problem areas, including Carter Lane, on Friday and Saturday nights by taking action with premises' managers and gathering evidence for further formal action.

**If you are disturbed it is very important to call at least one of these numbers at the time the problem is occurring to ensure that the evidence is logged if further action is needed, say providing evidence at a review for example.**

## THE LAST – UPDATE

In our last issue we reported that The Last, 73 Shoe Lane had applied for an extension to their Premises Licence to permit the sale of alcohol until 04.00 am on Saturday night/Sunday morning. We made representations against this licence amendment, as did a number of residents from Poppins Court, who are disturbed by late night revellers. We are pleased to report that a week before the hearing to consider the application it was withdrawn.

## “VISIT THE CITY” – A NEW APP

“Visit the City” is a new app created by the City of London Corporation and is free to download on Android and iPhone with an iPad version due shortly. It is tailored to your tastes and needs and creates an 'itinerary' of things to see and do in the City of London on a given day, at any time. The 'itinerary' presents events and places as a set of three, which you can follow and there is a map to guide you through your itinerary, a “favourites” button to save itineraries, and even the weather forecast. The app also provides real time travel information.

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**TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN NEW STREET SQUARE**

When the development of the New Street Square Estate was approved, local residents were concerned that Pemberton Row, then a single track back street, would become a busy thoroughfare. Many of the 39 apartments in Pemberton Row have bedroom windows directly on the street. At the time City officials undertook to examine the need for traffic measures with the study taking place after the completion of the development when a period of time had elapsed to allow for traffic levels to settle down.

We are now aware of a number of issues which are of concern to local people:

- i. Use of the West Harding Street Loading Bay: Vehicles using the loading bay enter from Fetter Lane into West Harding Street and are supposed to leave by the same route. They should not use Pemberton Row and East Harding Street. This frequently occurs. Vehicles also congregate in local streets between 06.30 and 07.00 am waiting for the loading bay to open.
- ii. Goods Vehicles: Vehicles, whether from the loading bay or using Pemberton Row as a cut-through, attempting to negotiate Pemberton Row and East Harding Street. With many parked vehicles impeding progress this causes congestion and added pollution with vehicles often mounting the kerb. We have provided photographic evidence to City officers of traffic jams and vehicles crossing the footway opposite Pemberton House.
- iii. Parked Vehicles. "Delivery" vans loitering for long periods on single yellow lines and private hire vehicles waiting for long periods have effectively reduced Pemberton Row to a single track road. Vehicles waiting within four meters of living room or bedroom windows is not acceptable when engines are left running or music is being played on radios.

The general level of traffic is now much increased, particularly from taxis using the route as a cut-through from Fleet Street to Farringdon Road. We are therefore pleased that the City is now looking into traffic problems in the area. A public consultation is about to be launched on a proposal to close Stonecutter Street to all vehicles except pedal cycles. This would remove unnecessary through traffic, particularly rat-running from Fetter Lane towards Farringdon Street. The possibility of permanently closing Little New Street to motor vehicles at its eastern end is also for consultation. You should receive a leaflet about the proposals in the post, with the consultation lasting until 26 October 2012. We have also asked the City to examine a number of other possibilities, including making Pemberton Row, East Harding Street and Printer Street one-way, whether a local weight limit should be introduced, and if there should there be double yellow lines and/or bollards outside Pemberton House.

We are also pressing for stricter enforcement of the City's no-idling rules. These were recently introduced as the City is now an Air Quality Management Area. Any driver of a motor vehicle, who unnecessarily keeps their engine running whilst the vehicle is parked, can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. A "traffic warden" finding a vehicle idling should ask the driver to turn the engine off and issue a fixed penalty notice if the driver refuses.

**DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE – MONDAY 29 OCTOBER**

Anonymous Johnson: In this lecture Edward A Dickson, Emeritus Professor & Professor of English at the University of California, will explore Johnson and his anonymity. Johnson wrote "I will not print my name, but expect it to be known". Most of Johnson's works were published anonymously even after the success of his great Dictionary. Monday 29 October 7pm (doors open 6.30pm). Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) from [www.drjohnsonhouse.org/events](http://www.drjohnsonhouse.org/events) or phone 0207 353 3745.

**BRIDEWELL THEATRE – AUTUMN PROGRAMME**

The programme at the Bridewell Theatre features the following shows for the next few months. For ticket purchases, please go online [www.stbridefoundation.org/bridewelltheatre](http://www.stbridefoundation.org/bridewelltheatre) or telephone 020 7353 3331 for information on how to book.

**Lunchbox Theatre**

All lunchbox theatre performances start at 1.00 pm prompt and are about 45 minutes long. Don't forget that you can get tickets until 11.00 am on the day of the performance at £1.00 advance booking discount. On the door you can buy tickets at full price from 12.00 noon at the theatre box office:

- ▶ 00 And His 7 (The London Ballet Company): 23 October – 9 November

**Evening Programme**

- ▶ Toast (Guildhall School of Music & Drama): 15 – 18 October
- ▶ House and Garden (SEDOS): 24 October – 3 November
- ▶ How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying (Centre Stage): 6 – 10 November

**Bar Gallery – Current Exhibitions**

The theatre's Bar Gallery features exhibitions by artists and photographers all the year round; current exhibitions as follows:

- ▶ Theo Mendez: 3 September – 23 November
- ▶ The Water Carriers: 26 November – 25 February