

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 2015!

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LUDGATE CIRCUS – TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

As previously mentioned, your members have been very concerned and saddened by the two fatal accidents in the past six months at Ludgate Circus. This junction has one of the worst accident records in the City with 34 accidents being recorded over the last three years – half of which involved cyclists. We are pressing for action. At the last Court of Common Council on Thursday 4 December, we asked the City’s Chairman of Planning & Transportation Committee for immediate steps to improve safety at the Ludgate Circus junction while we are waiting for the Cycle Super Highway to come into effect. Transport for London has already put up so called “trixi” mirrors on the traffic light poles around the junction. The City has also been urging them to put up “Think Bike” signs at the junction entrances and more 20mph signage. The City of London police are also stepping up their operations and the City Corporation has signed up to the Safer Lorries Scheme, and are pressing on with its own Road Danger Reduction Plan. For more information on this, please go to www.cityoflondon.gov.uk.

In addition, the City has registered its serious concerns about TfL’s proposals for the Cycle Super Highway as they stand today, particularly as regards pedestrian safety and utility, and the relevant City Corporation teams are now working very closely with their counterparts at TfL to find ways of meeting the City’s concerns, which are related to the safety of all road users. Your ward members have requested to receive regular updates on the specific progress of the immediate steps to be taken which we will report back on.

LUDGATE HILL CROSSING – UPDATE

The much delayed one year trial of a signalled crossing at Ludgate Hill has finally been given the go ahead and is now due to start early in the new year. As we have previously reported, all of your ward members have been pressing for this for several years to help traffic flow at busy times of day and to reduce air pollution in the ward, when traffic tends to back up due to continuous pedestrian movement across the crossing, so we are very pleased that this is now finally happening.

LITTER: BIG BELLY BIN RELOCATION

When bagged rubbish, business or residential, is not collected according to the time banding rules it attracts general litter and it is important to address these hot spots as soon as possible. Recently, we have been working very closely with the City Corporation’s street enforcement officers in order to deal with some specific litter issues in the ward, and one such site, for example, has been around the Sainsbury’s store in Fleet Street. As the Big Belly bin in New Bridge Street was not used to its full capacity, we met and discussed the possibility of moving it to Fleet Street instead, which has now been done on a trial basis. We will continue to monitor the situation with the assistance of our street environment officers.

Your voice on
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NEW STREET SQUARE CONSULTATION

We have reported before on problems caused by heavy vehicles negotiating the narrow streets on the south side of the New Street Square estate. As part of the planning permission granted in April 2004, an undertaking was given to examine traffic flows around the estate after its completion and to examine the possibility of preventing through traffic along Pemberton Row. Following a traffic survey, proposals are now out for consultation. These are aimed at ending the current problems by introducing double yellow lines on the north side of West Harding Street, Pemberton Row and East Harding Street and a 7.5 tonne limit, except for loading vehicles. In addition, the possibility of a no entry sign just north of the entrance to Gough Square is also proposed, to prevent through traffic from west to east. If you have received a questionnaire from the City of London's Department of the Built Environment on these traffic proposals for the New Street Square area, could you please return it as soon as possible. **If you have any questions, or if you wish to receive a copy of the questionnaire, please contact Kristian Turner on 020 7332 1745.**

"POST & GO" SERVICE IN TUDOR STREET

The Post Office is proposing permanent closure of the "Post & Go" service at Tudor Street, which offers basic postal services and postage to customers, on the basis that this type of service is no longer commercially viable. For details, and to express your views, google "Post Office consultation Ludgate Circus".

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

If you are staying in town on New Year's Eve don't forget the Mayor of London's fireworks, which may have an impact on the Ward, particularly near the river. For details see www.london.gov.uk/nye

ST BRIDE'S ADVENT CAROL SERVICES

Please see below for a selection of the forthcoming carol services at St Bride's Church in Fleet Street; for a full list and further information of each individual service, please visit their website www.stbrides.com.

Friday 19 December – 12.00 noon and 5.00 pm

Carol Services: Fleet Street Carols I and II respectively.

Sunday 21 December – 6.30 pm

Nine lessons and carols.

Wednesday 24 December – 11.30 pm

Midnight Mass.

Thursday 25 December – 11.00 am

Christmas Morning Family Eucharist.

BRIDEWELL THEATRE – WINTER PROGRAMME

The programme at the Bridewell Theatre features the following shows for the next couple of months. For ticket purchases, please go online www.sbf.org.uk/theatre 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. You are more than welcome to bring a packed lunch! 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:

- ▶ *Tinderella* (JED Productions, in association with Give It Some Room): 2 – 19 December (Tuesday to Friday only).

Evening Programme

- ▶ *Season's Greetings* (Tower Theatre Company): 16 – 20 December
- ▶ *Sailor Beware!* (Tower Theatre Company): 20 – 24 January
- ▶ *The Priory* (Spread Eagle Players): 28 – 30 January, and 31 January at 4.00 pm