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TUDOR STREET UPDATE

Following on from our March special issue newsletter concerning the proposed closure of the junction at the east end of Tudor Street (at New Bridge Street), the Court of Common Council met on April 21st and voted to rescind the introduction of the City of London's Experimental Traffic Orders for the proposed changes in the Tudor Street area. Following this TfL which is the highway authority responsible for New Bridge Street, nevertheless opened the North-South Cycle Superhighway which runs along the west side of New Bridge Street without the Orders that were expected to mitigate some of the predicted difficulties associated with the opening.

This means that the Tudor Street junction is still open for traffic leaving Tudor Street and turning left onto New Bridge Street. Bridewell Place is now a 2-way street and is now additionally the access to Tudor Street for northbound traffic on New Bridge Street. Temple Avenue has been closed south bound and Carmelite Street has been opened for vehicles wishing to exit south onto Embankment.

Transportation officers from the City and TfL have been monitoring how traffic is flowing in the area following the changes and a meeting has recently been held with the Management of Temple, (who had raised numerous objections about the changes) TfL and the City to discuss the situation. At the meeting a transportation expert engaged by Temple proposed alternative solutions that TfL agreed to evaluate and report back on.

In the meantime residents can report any issues or concerns to us by contacting us at:

enquiries@castle-baynard.org.uk

LONDON BRIDGE STAIRCASE

On Monday 16 May the Lord Mayor, Alderman The Lord Mountevans opened the new London Bridge Staircase. This links the north side of the bridge with the Riverside Walk. The previous staircase, hemmed in by the bridge and Adelaide House was difficult to find, had several blind turns and being within a confined space was unpleasant to use and subject to anti-social behaviour and crime. The new staircase, an elegant steel structure is cantilevered over the river and its curved landings offer panoramic views across the river.



The new route is spacious and light and benefits from natural surveillance, ensuring people now feel comfortable and safe when walking between the Bridge and the Riverside.

As the staircase could not be supported by London Bridge or the river wall, 13.5 metre piles had to be driven into the river bed without disturbing the Northern Line immediately below. A stainless steel mesh is incorporated to prevent users looking into adjacent office windows.

The staircase project has taken over ten years in planning, negotiating with local landowners, fabrication and installation. It is a further piece in the jigsaw, which in a few years' time will see the completion of the North Riverside Walk. Do go and have a look.

THE GREAT FIRE 350TH ANNIVERSARY

The Great Fire of London swept through the City from September 2nd to September 5th 1666 and gutted the medieval City. To commemorate the 350th anniversary, a large programme of events is being planned throughout the summer and into September. We are pleased to announce that the Great Fire 350 website has recently gone live. The site is a work in progress and will be continually developed through the summer, with new events being added as they are confirmed, as well as competitions, news and features.

It can be found at: www.visitlondon.com/greatfire350

CAUTION

A young city worker was recently sandwiched between two moped riders in an attempt to rob her of her phone near St Paul's Cathedral. We would advise all to be vigilant in the area which is a hot spot for tourists and in particular to keep mobile phones and handbags secure.

Castle Baynard Resident

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FIELDS OF BATTLE LANDS OF PEACE 14-18

A unique portrait of the First World War battlefields, Fields of Battle - Lands of Peace 14-18 is a powerful outdoor photographic exhibition, by Michael St Maur Sheil, which tells of the healed scars of the First World War through our only remaining living witness - the fields of battle themselves.

The exhibition commemorates the Battle of the Somme and helps us to remember the 3,500 brave men from the City who lost their lives. Completely free to view, the exhibition brings us the story of reconciliation across the lands of the warring nations. Once places of devastating violence, we now see landscapes of great beauty, testament to peace and remembrance. The exhibition is on display at London's Guildhall yard between June 1st and July 3rd 2016.



CITY WIDE RESIDENTS' CONSULTATION MEETING

On Monday 24th May the City held its annual residents' consultation meetings. These are an opportunity to raise with City officers and elected members matters of concern and to hear about recent developments. Presentations were given on current policing issues (where despite current challenges such as funding restrictions, the City has enjoyed its 15th successive year of reduced crime), and the "One Safe City" initiative, involving closer collaboration between the City and the City of London Police.

Questions and comments from residents covered a wide range of issues including illegal cycling, disturbance resulting from the night time economy and a particular and recurrent theme was the disturbance caused by the high level of building work and development currently being carried out.

This cannot of course be stopped but if you feel that work is being carried out at antisocial times or in otherwise unreasonable ways please contact one of us and we will try to help (see also the article below on Building Site Variation Orders). The presentations and a note of the questions raised and responses given can be found on the on the City's website:

<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-the-city/how-we-make-decisions/Documents/city-residents-meeting-draft-notes.pdf>

BUILDING SITE VARIATION ORDERS

Following a recent complaint from a resident about unacceptable noise from the building site at Shoe Lane outside of the normally permitted hours, residents should find the following information helpful. The process for variations to construction hours is held in the City's Construction Code of Practice and administered by the City Pollution Control Team. Variations to agreed working hours are only utilised for exceptional circumstances or to support the needs of City businesses and neighbours e.g. the restaurant trade or quiet times such as church services or concerts.

The submission of a request from the site must include reasons for the variation, details of plant to be used, times, noise predictions, mitigation measures, locations of receptors and copies of liaison letters. Where no one will be disturbed 24 hour working is permitted (e.g. currently the Bloomberg or the Leadenhall Building).

See: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/business/environmental-health/environmental-protection/Documents/Code-of-practice-for-deconstruction-and-construction.pdf>.

In the event of unacceptable disturbance residents should immediately contact the City Pollution Control Team on 020 7606 3030 this number is manned 24x7.

DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE

Saturday 30 July: Summer Outing to Dr Johnson's Birthplace – the historic city of Lichfield – visiting the Erasmus Darwin House and the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, with some free time to explore the city and visit the famous cathedral. This trip is organised by the Dr Johnson's Reading Circle, but all are welcome. Further details on the House web-site:

www.drjohnsonshouse.org/events