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Check out our website for other news of the ward and further details on newsletter topics!

www.castle-baynard.org.uk

2015 ANNUAL WARDMOTE - UPDATE

The annual wardmote was held on Tuesday 17 March at Shoe Lane Library. There was a good attendance and numerous topics were raised which will be followed up by your members. These included parking on raised carriageways, provision of disabled parking bays in Salisbury Court, congregation of taxis in the New Street area, nuisance from skateboarding, and the timings of the signalised crossing at the junction of Bouverie Street and Fleet Street. A representative from the City police also gave an update on activities undertaken in the last year to address security issues and aggressive begging.

In addition, ward members gave status updates on the work of the Licensing Committee and the introduction of the Late Night Levy, road safety in the Ward, efforts to improve the provision of superfast broadband in the City – see separate article below – a new process to authorise and control events which necessitate closure of the City's streets and improvements to the street scene by actively targeting waste and litter hotspots.

Finally, the Rev Guy Treweek, Priest in Charge at St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe Parish Church, gave a brief overview of the inspiring Community activities currently underway at the Church, including the following:

Spear Bethnal Green

Spear is a six week course for young people who are NEET (not in employment, education or training). St Andrew by the Wardrobe works closely with the Centre in Bethnal Green which opened in September 2014. Spear is now able to **support 720 young people next year** through its eight centres across London. Spear continues to exceed their goal of seeing **75% of their graduates remain in work** or education twelve months after completing the course. Please see website for more information www.spearcourse.org.

This is a great opportunity to get involved by doing a **mock interview**, hosting young people for a **company visit or fundraising**. For more information please contact Miriam Goodacre, Corporate Responsibility Liaison at St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, Miriam@standrewbythewardrobe.co.uk

Clean for Good

An alternative type of cleaning company is being launched by St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, a cleaning business that pays a fair wage and offers good conditions to its employees. "Clean for Good" is a not-for-profit company that will pay the Living Wage for London, employees will have guaranteed minimum hours, paid sick leave, paid annual leave and will be offered training and development. Products will be "eco-friendly" and Fairtrade wherever possible. The company will work alongside charities to recruit and train cleaners from disadvantaged backgrounds.

A grant from the Corporation of London means that a business plan has been developed, and capital is now being raised. A total of £100,000 is needed to launch the company, which, it is hoped, will happen in the summer. Clients in the City are also sought. Again, for further information please contact Miriam Goodacre, miriam@standrewbythewardrobe.co.uk

CONNECTIVITY IN THE CITY – SUPERFAST PROGRAMME - UPDATE

As mentioned, and in previous newsletters, ward members have been pressing for a solution to the shameful state of connectivity in the City of London, which has been holding back SMEs and residents for far too long. With encouragement from members, the City of London Corporation continues to emphasize how fast, affordable broadband is essential to preserve the global reputation of the City and the future development of the digital economy.

The City Corporation has implemented a programme of activity – Superfast City Programme – to drive market interest in developing affordable superfast connectivity offer for the City of London. In addition, the City Corporation and telecommunications market providers have been exploring various options to develop the current infrastructure in both tried and tested and innovative ways, many of which may have been successful beyond the UK. **For more information, please see www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/superfastcity.**

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ST PAUL'S - UPDATE

The trial of a signalised pedestrian crossing outside St Paul's Cathedral appears to be going very well, with few delays to either pedestrians or vehicles. Please let us know what you think (email: jeremy.simons@cityoflondon.gov.uk) as we are keen to see this trial made permanent.

Castle Baynard Resident

May 2015

Your voice on
Common Council:



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SHOE LANE LIBRARY – “JOINING THIS LIBRARY IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS I HAVE DONE!”

Have you checked out the popular library at Shoe Lane on the edge of the Ward? As well as an excellent selection of books including multiple copies of current best sellers, the library has a good selection of CDs and DVDs. In addition the library has free Wi-Fi, 14 computers available for use by the public and friendly staff are ready to help train anyone whose IT skills need brushing up.

Library members can also download free e-books, and loans can be renewed by phone, email or on-line. The library also holds free lunch-time lectures. Small children are very welcome and are especially well catered for in the Children’s Library and weekly Tuesday ‘Stay & Play’ sessions for the under 5s, Wednesday ‘Baby Bounce’ and Friday ‘End of the Week Storytime’ for age 3-7 sessions are all free. To find out more do stop by at the library, or call on 020 7653 0568, or email to shoelane@cityoflondon.gov.uk to join the events mailing list.

SHOE LANE LIBRARY PUBLIC CONSULTATION – UNTIL 30 JUNE 2015

Despite facing serious economic challenges, the City Corporation plans to keep its three lending libraries open so that you can continue to enjoy all their facilities, but some reduction of opening hours of the Ward’s Shoe Lane library is likely to be necessary in future. At this stage, it is very important to find out the preferences of the library’s users, so please take a moment to complete the survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XMHF5GH>. Consultation is open until 30 June 2015. The plans will be published by the end of 2015.

NEW PLANNING AND LICENSING APPLICATIONS IN THE WARD

We have added a table to the ward news page on our website: <http://castle-baynard.org.uk>. This will be updated every month and contains brief details of new applications which have been submitted (but not considered) since the table was last updated.

WARD BASED COMPANY WINS QUEEN’S AWARD

Ward-based financial markets specialists Catalyst Development Ltd are celebrating winning the Queen’s Awards for Enterprise: International Trade 2015. The winners were officially announced on 21 April 2015.

From their home at 167 Fleet Street, Catalyst provide clearing, risk and regulatory solutions, organisation transformation and talent development programmes for clients worldwide. Clients include major investment banks, exchanges and clearing houses, asset managers and hedge funds.

The award has been made in recognition of Catalyst’s outstanding 66% increase in international business over the past three years. Growth has been particularly strong in Australia, Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa and the United States. For more about Catalyst see www.catalyst.co.uk. To find out more about how to enter The Queen’s Awards 2016 visit <https://www.gov.uk/queens-awards-for-enterprise>

GUILDHALL YARD MARKETS – JUNE AND JULY

Ditch the packed lunch and try something different this summer with a brand-new food market in the heart of the City. The beautiful and historic surroundings of the Guildhall Yard will host more than twenty stalls serving up a mouth-watering selection of dishes from around the world. There’s also a range of arts and crafts stalls, so it’s a great place to pick up a gift or even a little something for the office. **Next dates are Thursday 25 June and Thursday 23 July.**

BRIDEWELL THEATRE – SUMMER PROGRAMME

The programme at the Bridewell Theatre features the following shows for the following month. For ticket purchases, please go online www.sbf.org.uk/theatre or telephone 020 7353 3331 for information on how to book.

Evening Programme

- ▶ Riddigore (Grosvenor Light Opera Company): 3 – 6 June @ 7.30pm
- ▶ Sunshine on Leith (The MTA): 10 - 13 June @ 7.30pm
- ▶ Ghost – The Musical (Centre Stage London): 16 - 20 June @ 7.30pm
- ▶ Someone who’ll watch over me (Tower Theatre Company): 23 - 27 June @ 7.30pm
- ▶ Serial Killers (Sedos): 30 June – 4 July @ 7.30pm
- ▶ Sedos Theatre Company Summer Season: 12 – 18 July – please see website for details.