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[www.castle-baynard.org.uk](http://www.castle-baynard.org.uk)

## WARD SURGERY – TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER AT 6.00 PM AT ST BRIDE FOUNDATION

Ward members will be holding our next ward surgery on **Tuesday 7 October in the Farringdon Room at St Bride Foundation, Bride Lane, from 6.00 – 7.30 pm**. Please come, to raise any issues of local concern with us; one of the topics we will be covering is the planned cycle superhighway – see below article for more details. We are happy to see anyone who lives or works in the ward – no need to be registered as an elector. Indeed if you are not registered perhaps we can encourage you to become so!

## NEW CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAY – THE CITY

Transport for London (TfL) are consulting on two proposed new Cycle Superhighways, one intended to run East-West from Tower Hill to Westbourne Terrace, and the other North-South from Kings Cross to Elephant and Castle. It is proposed that these will be substantially segregated. Both will pass through the Ward. Ward members welcome the improvements in cyclist safety which these routes will bring, particularly at Ludgate Circus.

We have been pressing for this, as readers of previous newsletters will recall. However, we have a number of concerns with the details. In particular the needs of pedestrians do not seem to have been adequately considered. Will sufficient crossing points be included, and sufficient crossing time, without overlong waits? Will the proposed staggered pedestrian crossings at Ludgate Circus have sufficient capacity to cope safely with pedestrian numbers at peak periods? It is acknowledged that journey times for other vehicles will be increased; will this worsen the air quality, already worryingly poor? And as a point of detail will sufficient access be given to the river bank, which we hope will be enhanced in the course of the Thames Tunnel?

**Consultation is only open until Sunday 19 October and we encourage you to complete it, raising any issues of concern to you in the Ward. See [https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/consultation\\_finder](https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/consultation_finder). We will be also covering this at our ward surgery on Tuesday 7 October, so it will give you an opportunity to ask questions directly.**

## SIGNALISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FLEET STREET / FETTER LANE

Concern has been expressed about the safety of this junction, in particular with the signalled controlled pedestrian crossing across Fleet Street outside El Vino wine bar. The time allowed to cross the road may be too short for those who are not nimble on their feet. Following discussions with TfL and City officers, we can confirm that whilst the design of the junction is not at fault, a combination of factors in causing the problem. The “green man” is illuminated for around 13 seconds, followed by a short black-out period, during which neither a green man nor a red man is illuminated. This is then followed by a red man. Pedestrians should not start to cross during this black-out period. Motorists turning left from Fetter Lane into Fleet Street may be jumping the red light immediately following on from the amber light. These motorists cannot be seen by a pedestrian starting to cross from the north side of Fleet Street. TfL are reluctant to increase the crossing time for pedestrians, as this will reduce the overall traffic flow through the junction. We have therefore requested the installation of “count down” timers, as have recently been installed at a number of other junctions. This will allow pedestrians that require a little more time to cross to judge whether or not to start across the road.

## FOLLOW UP: NEW MIXED SCHEME DEVELOPMENT IN THE WARD – MEETING WITH DEVELOPERS

A very productive meeting took place with the developers of the site encompassing buildings situated on 150 – 151 Fleet Street, 2 – 3 Hind Court, 1 – 3 & 3A Bolt Court and 11 Gough Square. We outlined our concerns to them regarding, for example, the positioning of residential units vis a vis any commercial premises in terms of noise issues, how the public space would be used, what type of retail units there would be, and of course, how much noise the re- development works will cause neighbouring residents and offices, given the extreme close proximity. We also briefly discussed a communications strategy to be put in place before any works commence. They have taken all our points on board and will come back to us in due course. Please note that the re-development will not start until 2016. The current plans are on our website, [www.castle-baynard.org.uk](http://www.castle-baynard.org.uk) if you wish to have a look at the initial plans.

## Castle Baynard Resident

September 2014

Your voice on  
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### DON'T LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!!

There are two registers of voters used for elections in the City. There is "The Electoral Register", which is used for UK and European Parliamentary elections, elections for the Mayor of London and Greater London Assembly and any national referendums that take place. There is also a "Ward List" which is a register of voters for Ward elections of Common Councillors and Aldermen.

The qualification date for the 2015/16 Ward List was September 1<sup>st</sup>. If no Ward List Registration form has been sent in to the Guildhall, you may lose the right to vote in City elections. You have only a few weeks in which to apply to be included on the Ward List, so if you are in any doubt about whether or not you are registered, please contact the City's Electoral Services office using the contact details below.

If you are resident in the City you should also have received one (or more) letters from the Electoral Services Department about the transition to Individual Electoral Registration. Many electors have already been written to advising them that they have automatically been processed through the Individual Electoral Registration system. Some, however, have been sent letters requesting a few more personal details so that they can be individually registered. It will be really helpful if as many residents as possible who have received such a request respond soon, otherwise (later next year) they may be removed from the Electoral Register entirely. Because of the work involved in the transition to Individual Electoral Registration, it may be that some residents (especially those who have moved in recently) may not have received any communication from the Electoral Services Department about their Individual Electoral Registration status. If you have not received any communication, there's a real possibility that you will not be included in the new Electoral Register which is due to be published later this year. If you have any doubt about whether or not you are, or will be, on the Electoral Register, please see [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/voting](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/voting) for further information, or email [electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or use the Freephone contact number 0800 587 5537.

### COMING SOON AT DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE – WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 7.30 PM

Dr Johnson and Edmund Burke: Jesse Norman MP introduces Edmund Burke, the Irish philosopher – statesman so admired by Johnson. He explores his life and thought, and explains why we cannot understand modern politics without him. Tickets are £10, to include a glass of wine are available from [www.drjohnsonhouse.org/events](http://www.drjohnsonhouse.org/events) and doors open at 6.30 pm.

### 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.sbf.org.uk/theatre](http://www.sbf.org.uk/theatre) or telephone 020 7353 3331 for information on how to book.

#### Lunchbox Theatre

All lunchbox theatre performances take place on Tuesdays to Fridays, 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:

- ▶ Poppy (The London Ballet Company): 14 – 31 October

#### Evening Programme

- ▶ What's Eating Gilbert Grape? (Alex Howarth): 2, 4, 7, 10, 11 October
- ▶ Vernon God Little (Mountview Academy of the Theatre Arts): 3, 4, 8, 9, 11 October
- ▶ The innocents (The Spread Eagle Players): 22 – 24 and 25 October
- ▶ Boeing, Boeing (Sedos): 28 October – 1 November

#### Bar Gallery Exhibition

"The Transition of Time" a selection of artists' images with inspiration drawn from the impact of the Industrial Revolution, until 15 November.