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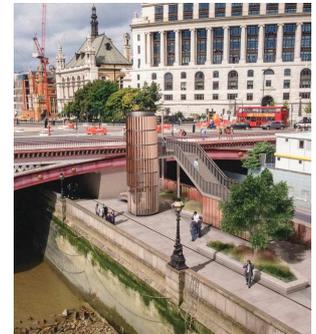
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BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE – NEW STAIRCASE

As part of the Thames Tideway Tunnel project, work is now well underway on constructing a new lift and stairs connecting Paul's Walk and Blackfriars Bridge which will provide better access for people with reduced mobility to the station and the new River Boat pier.

This phase of the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016. Whilst work on the new tunnel is in progress rotating temporary artwork will be on display on the walkway hoardings.

At the moment some exhibits from the recent Martin Parr 'Unseen City' held at the Guildhall Art Gallery are on display.



LONDON IS OPEN!

Following the recent referendum result the City of London Corporation is working with City businesses, national and wider London Government on the best way forward. The Government needs to hear the voice of the City on the outcomes to seek from Brexit negotiations and subsequent international trading arrangements so that the City remains the leading international financial centre. Stability and smooth transition are key, as is maintaining the best possible access to international markets.

This is a historic moment and your ward members are playing our part. We fully support Mayor Sadiq Khan's affirmation that London is open for world business. For more information on what the City is doing please contact a ward member.

We are appalled that in the heightened emotions which the referendum has engendered there have been instances of xenophobia and racist abuse even in the City itself. This is totally unacceptable and we urge any reader who has direct experience to report it to the Police by calling 101 or, in an emergency, 999. If the incident takes place on the public transport network, reports can also be made by texting 61016 from a mobile phone.

For those who feel uncomfortable speaking to the police about a hate crime incident they can visit www.report-it.org.uk where reports can be submitted that are anonymous. Anti-Muslim incidents can also be reported at: Tell MAMA on 0800 456 1226, WhatsApp 0734 184 6086 or at www.tellmamauk.org. Anti-Semitic incidents can be reported via the Community Safety Trust (CST) on 0208 457 9999 or logged at www.cst.org.uk.

LUDGATE CIRCUS TRAFFIC CHAOS

Roads in the Ward have been heavily congested during the temporary closure of Newgate Street (West-bound) for gas works and the opening of the North South Cycle Super Highway. Ludgate Circus in particular has been regularly gridlocked.

Ward members have been raising this at Guildhall in full council meetings, at committees and with relevant officers and committee chairmen, and are pleased that a yellow cross-hatched box junction has now been implemented at Ludgate Circus.

We will be watching closely to check that this improves the situation. Please let us know if you encounter particular problems.



In addition, some bus routes have temporarily been re-routed away from Ludgate Hill to Queen Victoria Street by TfL. In view of the large number of bus routes using the Ludgate Hill Fleet Street corridor, we wonder whether one or more of the routes should be permanently rescheduled to travel in both directions along Queen Victoria Street/ Embankment. Before we approach TfL, we should be interested in resident's views.

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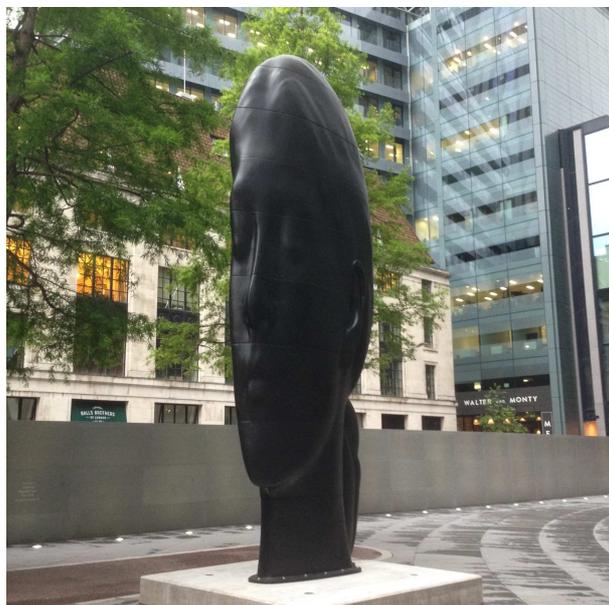
SCULPTURE IN THE CITY 2016

This year is the sixth year of the *Sculpture in the City* project. This popular event enlivens the eastern part of the City with an amazing variety of outdoor installations by leading international artists.

Last year saw monumental works by such renowned artists as Ai Weiwei and Damien Hurst, as well as smaller works, for example within Leadenhall Market.

This year's show is the largest yet with twenty items, including works by Anthony Caro and Gavin Turk. The works aim to engage with both residents and city workers.

There is also an extensive educational and community programme, including workshops for local schools.



JAUME PLENSA - LAURA

The project is funded through a partnership of the City with major companies and other patrons, as well as through in-kind donations. The works can be seen within an area bounded by Bishopsgate/Gracechurch Street, Camomile Street and Fenchurch Street. This year's show is now underway. Free tours will be available as part of Open House Weekend on 17 September, or just go and see for yourself.

LITTER IN THE CITY

Ever wondered how many litter bins there are in the City? We have, often. An article in "Londonist" has recently explored this and discovered there are only 46. Ward members have regularly pressed for more in areas of high visitor foot fall, and apart from occasional temporary experiments have not been able to persuade the City to install more. Is this something you would like to see? If you feel there is too much litter in our streets and want us to take further action on this, please let us know.

FIRE, FIRE!

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London and the City of London Corporation has a number of exciting events planned, particularly over the anniversary period itself, 30th August – 4th September. This will include illuminations at St Paul's cathedral and other iconic venues in the City. More details can be found on <http://www.visitlondon.com/greatfire350> and we hope you enjoyed reading the booklet which ward members recently delivered to you.

Fun though this will be the programme will involve activity and potential disruption in the City and we have been pressing for full and early information to be given to residents. We will also post details of planned events which particularly impact the Ward on our website, <http://castle-baynard.org.uk/>.

DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE

Built in 1698 as part of the local reconstruction after the Great Fire, the former home of Dr Johnson was saved from the Blitz some 240 years later thanks to the Auxiliary Fire Services who were based in the house during the Second World War. As part of the Great Fire commemoration a special selection of archival material and photographs will be displayed in the Garret that still bears the scars from 1940.

The exhibition closes on September 30.

Further details on the House web-site: www.drjohnsonshouse.org/events