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

## TUDOR STREET PAVEMENT EXPLOSION

Members were concerned in August when an under-pavement explosion in Tudor Street injured a pedestrian and led to road closures and localized power cuts.

This appears to have been the result of a gas leak. We have pressed City officers to ensure that the causes are investigated and any appropriate steps taken to avoid a recurrence.

Problems of this kind are fortunately rare and residents should not be unduly concerned, but of course you should report the smell of gas if you notice it while out and about to **0800 111 999**.



## LUDGATE HILL CROSSING MADE PERMANENT

In previous issues we reported on the new signalised crossing at the top of Ludgate Hill by the west end of St Paul's Cathedral. This was introduced on an experimental basis in February 2015. We are delighted that this crossing is now to be made permanent.

Studies have shown reduced bus journey times along Ludgate Hill, except for a slight increase westbound in the evening peak period. There have been substantial reductions in traffic queue lengths in both directions, over a third on a 24 hour basis, and between 60% and 70% in the morning and evening peaks.

The widened pedestrian footways have been much appreciated. A safety audit has suggested that a higher friction surface should be introduced on parts of the carriageway on the approaches to the crossing to reduce the risk of vehicles skidding, which will be implemented. This successful project was introduced following a very long campaign by your Ward Members.

## THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL

As you may have noticed, enabling works have now commenced near the Thames Tideway Tunnel site on the Embankment near Blackfriars Bridge. A new pedestrian lift is already under construction as well as piling for the relocated Blackfriars Pier. Work on the main site is due to commence in March 2017.

This will involve the removal of the existing riverside walkway, with pedestrians diverted across Blackfriars junction towards Temple Avenue. The link between the N-S and E-W Cycle Super-Highways – the ramp from Blackfriars Junction down to the Embankment – will be closed.

The route of a temporary link is not at present known, with discussions continuing between the City and Transport for London. Your Members have indicated that Tudor Street should not be used for this purpose. We will closely monitor the building works to ensure disruption to residents and ward businesses is minimised.

## BREXIT

Following the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union, the City of London Corporation has been heavily involved in ensuring the voice of financial and professional services firms is heard in helping to shape the future relationship between the UK and the EU. For further information see the City's website or contact one of your elected members.

## WE ARE NOT AMUSED!

During the recent changes to the junction at Blackfriars, an important landmark in the Ward, the statue of Queen Victoria just north of Blackfriars Bridge was removed. The statue had been in place since 1896. We have now asked that it be returned.

## Castle Baynard Resident

October 2016

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### BUS STOP IN NEW BRIDGE STREET

Following the introduction of the North South Cycle Super-Highway, ward members expressed concern that the bus stop between Watergate and Tudor Street could be lost. Parts of the cycle route in New Bridge Street had been introduced under Experimental Traffic Orders issued by Transport for London who manage the street, and only a temporary bus stop sign was in place. With no other northbound bus stops between the south end of Blackfriars Bridge and to the north of Ludgate Circus, we were concerned should this bus stop, well used by both City workers and residents, be lost or moved some distance away.

We are pleased that the Chairman of the City's Planning and Transportation Committee has now given an undertaking that this bus stop will not be moved. We expect it to be replaced by a permanent bus stop once the final arrangements of the junctions in New Bridge Street have been agreed.

### CITY OF LONDON NOISE STRATEGY

In 2012 the City of London published its first Noise Strategy. A consultation is now taking place on an updated strategy to cover the years from 2016 to 2026. The new strategy proposes 59 actions grouped in 5 key work areas that aim to manage and minimise exposure to excessive noise whilst striving to enhance the quality of the City's environment.

The strategy may be accessed on [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/business/environmental-health/environmental-protection/pages/noise-strategy-and-policy.aspx](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/business/environmental-health/environmental-protection/pages/noise-strategy-and-policy.aspx)

We would welcome your comments, or they should be sent to [Rachel.sambells@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.sambells@cityoflondon.gov.uk) by 17 October 2016.

### ROAD MARKINGS ON RAISED CARRIAGEWAYS

A ward resident has raised the issue of inconsistent marking of parking on raised carriageways at the last two Castle Baynard ward motes. On some raised areas the marking is a single yellow line on others it is double yellow lines. In fact parking on these areas is an offence irrespective of the marking. It has proved difficult for members to get this issue addressed because of staff shortages in the City Highways Department. We are pleased to report that work has now started to remedy this issue.

### TOWER BRIDGE CLOSURE

Tower Bridge is now closed to traffic for three months between 1 October and 30 December 2016.

The closure is necessary to allow vital maintenance works to be carried out. There are two designated diversion routes, with northbound traffic coming over London Bridge and southbound traffic being diverted over Southwark Bridge. The congestion charge has been waived along these designated routes. It is likely however that traffic will be heavy during peak hours.

The Bridge will remain open to pedestrians apart from three weekends where the bridge will need to be held in the 'lifted' position for extended periods to allow work on the lifting mechanisms. During these full closures there will be a free pedestrian ferry service.

The Tower Bridge Exhibition will be open throughout the works.

For further information about the traffic diversions visit TfL's website (full address of relevant page: <https://tfl.gov.uk/status-updates/major-works-and-events/tower-bridge-closure>)

### SEX AND SCANDAL AT DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE

Sex, Scandal and Life Writing: The Very Different Experiences of Dr Johnson, James Boswell and Irish Courtesan, Peg Plunkett: Thursday 27 October 7pm (doors open 6.15pm) with historian Julie Peakman. Tickets £10 (includes a complementary drink) from the House or their web-site.

Further details on the House web-site: [www.drjohnsonshouse.org/events](http://www.drjohnsonshouse.org/events)