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PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION – LUCKY VOICE KARAOKE BAR

The karaoke bar chain, Lucky Voice, has applied for a licence to open a karaoke bar on 111 Fleet Street (previously Wagamama); they have applied for a terminal hour of 03.00 am, Mondays through to Sundays. We know that objections have already been received, including those from ward members. **If you wish to object, then the last date for objections is Tuesday 27 June 2017. Please send your objection to licensing@cityoflondon.gov.uk, for further information, please contact the Licensing Department on 0207 332 3406, or any of your elected members.**

NEW STREET WIFI ON ITS WAY – CASTLE BAYNARD TO BE IN THE FIRST WAVE

The City of London has invested in a new, world leading gigabit WiFi network (more advanced than the WiFi network in New York City). The WiFi network will offer free, ultrafast WiFi connectivity of up to 1 gigabit per access point. The network will be built by O2 using world leading WiFi technology housed on City of London street furniture.

Coverage will be provided across the majority of streets and outdoor spaces in the Square Mile. The gigabit Wi-Fi network will be launched in phases across six areas, with the first area to be launched being completed by the end of August 2017, **which will cover most of Castle Baynard Ward. The Cloud's outdoor public WiFi network in the City of London ceased on 6 June 2017.** More details can be found at: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/business/commercial-property/utilities-and-infrastructure/Pages/wi-fi.aspx>

ROAD DANGER REDUCTION PLAN

The City of London Corporation has for some years been running a Road Danger Reduction Programme. The City has clear targets to reduce casualties on the streets:

- To reduce the total number of persons injured in road traffic collisions to 30% below the 2004-2008 annual average by 2020, and
- To reduce the number of persons killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions to 50% below the 2004-2008 annual average by 2020.

In numbers, the first requires a figure of 258 by 2020, the second objective a figure of 24.7. The most recent three year averages are 374 and 53 respectively, so there is a considerable way to go to meet the targets.

The **Road Danger Reduction Plan** seeks to introduce measures to make the City's streets safer for all, but in particular for vulnerable groups like pedestrians and cyclists. At the same time there is an increase in employment in the Square Mile, and a substantial increase in cycling, so although the relative risk to these groups has been falling, it has not been falling quickly enough.

Attention has been given to junctions with a poor safety record, for example the **"Bank on Safety"** experimental scheme to remove all vehicles except buses and cycles from Bank Junction between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm during the week, and the forthcoming introduction of pedestrian signals at the junction of Newgate Street and Warwick Lane. It is expected that the number of casualties at Bank Junction will be halved.

Other aspects of the Plan include the roll-out of "City Mark". The City is working with fleet operators and developers to promote good practice, particularly around construction sites. Compliance with industry best practice and use of safer direct vision vehicles is being sought, with City Mark signage on building site hoardings indicating to the public the contractor's commitment to road safety. The City itself will include road safety requirements in relevant contracts for the delivery of goods as well as using procurement and contractual measures to ensure contractors take steps to address safety, ensuring all relevant safety features are in place.

The City continues to monitor collision hotspots with a view to introducing further engineering schemes, as well as working with businesses across the City on best practice, including the promotion of the Active City Network, a scheme currently involving 70 companies encouraging safer behaviour when using the City's streets. Community engagement at major events in the City is another way of getting the road safety message across.

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

www.castle-baynard.org.uk

Castle Baynard Resident

June 2017

Your voice on
Common Council:



Ian Luder - Alderman



Chris Boden



Emma Edhem



Michael Hudson



Angus Knowles-Cutler



Catherine McGuinness



Graham Packham



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SHOE LANE QUARTER PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Significant change is coming to the Shoe Lane area with new office buildings nearing completion and the arrival of Crossrail at Farringdon Station in 2018. These changes will mean an increase in the number of office workers in the area, along with more pedestrians and cyclists anticipated on local streets. In addition, the number of motor vehicles passing through the area has decreased in recent years.

This presents an opportunity to improve the streets by making them safer and more accessible. The work around the Fleet Buildings / Plumtree Court development will transform the highway on Shoe Lane, Farringdon Street, Stonecutter Street and Plumtree Court to create an enhanced public realm that complements the new buildings and provides a distinctive sense of place. The construction of the public realm and highway work will start early in 2018. The project will take 18 months to complete and will be implemented by the City of London highways contractor, JB Riney, and fully funded by building developers in the area.

Your views - The City of London is now seeking your views on the City's proposals to enhance the public realm and make changes to the highway in the Shoe Lane Quarter. A leaflet drop has been made within the area around Shoe Lane, but if you missed it, please go to the City of London website and search for "Shoe Lane Quarter Public Realm" to get to the relevant web page.

Drop-in sessions - Officers will be available to discuss the proposals and answer any questions at Shoe Lane Library, Little Hill House, Little New Street, London EC4. The next drop in sessions take place on the following dates and times: Tuesday 27 June 4.30 - 6.30 pm; Tuesday 4 July 4.30 - 6.30 pm; Thursday 6 July 12.00 – 2.00 pm. An information board will also be displayed at the Shoe Lane Library between 22 June and 14 July 2017.

Contact the team - If you require any further information on these proposals you are very welcome to contact the Project Manager directly, Kristian Turner on 020 7332 1745 or via email at shoelanequarter@cityoflondon.gov.uk. **All comments must be returned by 14 July 2017.**

CITY ADVICE – FREE FACE-TO-FACE ADVICE SESSIONS

The Toynbee Hall Advice Centre has started holding drop in advice surgeries at Shoe Lane Library, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London EC4 on the 1st, 3rd and 5th **Wednesday of the month.**

You can also receive advice over the phone, by text or email as follows: 0207 392 2919; email: advice@toynbeehall.org.uk; website: www.toynbeehall.org.uk/cityadvice or text your query to: 07432 658 083. **Advice opening times are between 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.**

BRIDEWELL THEATRE – SUMMER PROGRAMME

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

Lunchbox Theatre

Escape the office dramas at lunchtime and lose yourself in another at our Lunchbox Theatre! All lunchbox theatre performances 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 an advance booking discount. On the door you can buy tickets at full price from 12.00 noon at the theatre box office. Unfortunately we cannot admit latecomers or issue refunds:

- ▶ *Tales from the Trundle* (Pantless Hummingbird Productions): 24 - 28 July @ 1pm

Evening Programme

- ▶ *Little Women, The Musical* (Sedos): 27 June - 01 July @ 7.30 pm. Sat mat @ 2.30 pm
- ▶ *A Chorus Line* (Geoids Musical Theatre): 18 - 22 July @ 7.30 pm. Sat mat @ 2.30 pm
- ▶ *Mozart & Salieri / Zanetto* (Time Zone Theatre Ltd): 1, 3 and 4 August @ 7.30 pm
- ▶ *Lanza* (Time Zone Theatre): 2 and 5 August @ 7.30 pm
- ▶ *A Florentine Tragedy* (Time Zone Theatre): 7, 9 and 10 August @ 7.30 pm
- ▶ *Even you, Lights, cannot hear me / Nero Monologues* (Time Zone Theatre): 8, 11 and 12 August @ 7.30 pm