

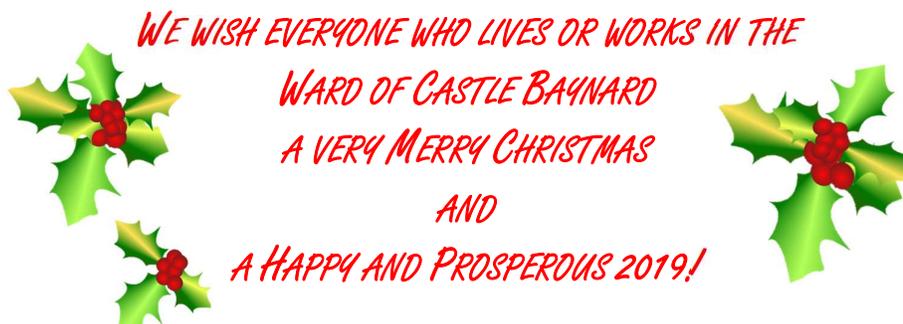
# Castle Baynard Resident

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## ROUGH SLEEPERS

### *Annual Street Count*

On an annual basis the City of London undertakes a street count of all rough sleepers in the Square Mile. The data generated is provided directly to central government where it will inform policy making. Two of Castle Baynard's ward members assisted as volunteers on the night of Thursday 29 November into the morning of Friday 30 November working with St Mungos who coordinated the count. The overall numbers will be communicated early next year.

### *New Committee – Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Sub Committee*

The decision to establish a Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Sub Committee was taken as members of the Community & Children's Services Committee agreed that the problem of rough sleeping is wide spread and requires a much closer oversight to ensure that more is being done to deal with the issues presented and keep under review the City Corporation's efforts to tackle rough sleeping and evaluate the work undertaken with partner organisations to prevent rough sleeping in the City. One of your ward members sits on this committee and we will report back regularly on its work.

### *StreetLink | A reminder*

If you see someone sleeping rough, please contact Street Link! **Call the 24-hour national helpline: 0300 500 0914 or go to [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk)**. There is also an App you can download. The information that you give to StreetLink goes to the City of London Corporation's outreach team which responds to all information with immediate effect. For more information, please go to [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/roughsleepers](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/roughsleepers).

## REMINDER OF THE SHOE LANE LIBRARY HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

Not able to visit your local library? If so, the library can come to you. The City of London Library Home Delivery Service will deliver books and more, once every four weeks, to City residents who are unable to get to a library by themselves. This could be because of a disability, old age, an inability to carry heavy books, or a temporary injury or ailment which restricts you to your home. The library can provide a wide range of library material - novels, non-fiction, large print, music, talking books and DVDs. Free deliveries and collections are made to your home. **To find out more contact the library at: Shoe Lane Library - 1 Little New Street, Hill House, London, EC4A 3JR. Tel: 020 7583 7178 Email:**

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### NEW CITY OF LONDON BLUE PLAQUE IN FLEET STREET

In 1237 the City of London acquired the springs near Tyburn and built a reservoir to provide a head of water for serving the city. Work on building the conduit began in 1245. It ran towards Charing Cross, along the Strand and Fleet Street and round the southern side of the city. It then ran along Cheapside where there was a building where citizens could draw water. Wardens were appointed to prevent unlawful access and use and to repair pipes.



The Fleet Conduit located in Fleet Street at the junction with Shoe Lane provided free water from 1388 to 1666 when use of the conduit ceased after the Great Fire of London.

A City of London blue plaque to commemorate the conduit was installed on 17 November on the Barclays Bank frontage at 81 Fleet Street. An unveiling ceremony will take place on Tuesday 18 December 2018 at 11:45 am when Sheriff Liz Green will unveil the plaque.

### BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE – UPDATE

Ward members are pleased to report that after our protracted lobbying, a project to repair and repaint and refurbish the Grade II listed Blackfriars Bridge was finally given the go ahead at the meeting of the City Planning & Transportation Committee at the end of October. The bridge was last repainted in 2000.



Fortunately load testing of the parapets (see 1<sup>st</sup> picture) has determined that despite their poor appearance, they are structurally sound and do not need to be replaced although some columns will need to be replaced and other cast iron elements repaired as required.

Work will also be undertaken to refurbish and paint the whole bridge subject to agreement on the logistics with all relevant stakeholders, including TfL, Thames Tideway, the Port of London Authority (PLA) and Historic England for listed building consent. The project is complicated by the Thames Tideway work underway on the Blackfriars foreshore which means that the area is subject to increased river traffic and span 2 will be permanently closed whilst the bridge work is in progress.



The PLA require two of the five bridge arches to be open for river traffic, however only arches 2, 3 and 4 in the centre are navigable so this requirement may necessitate night work. Further discussions are under way to try and avoid this.

The recent work on the north-east parapet (see 2<sup>nd</sup> picture) where a new pedestrian lift was installed has provided useful experience as to the condition of the parapets and how best to proceed with their refurbishment. The total cost of the project is estimated at £8,570,000 which will be funded by the Bridge House Estates 50-year Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund. Estimated commencement of the work is October 2019 with completion planned for October 2020.

Ward members will be monitoring progress closely to ensure that disruption to nearby businesses and residents is minimised, and we look forward to again seeing this magnificent structure restored.