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CASTLE BAYNARD WARDMOTE – WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH @ 6.00 PM

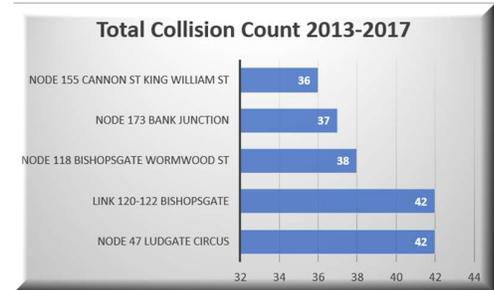
The next Wardmote will be held on **Wednesday 20 March at Shoe Lane Library starting at 6.00 pm**. We will be giving you updates on the work we have done over the past year. More importantly, this is your opportunity to meet and ask questions of your Ward Members and Alderman.

We look forward to seeing you then!

LUDGATE CIRCUS UPDATE

Over the past 5 years, Ludgate Circus has consistently appeared as the City's highest risk traffic location, even surpassing Bank Junction.

Of the three fatalities that have occurred in the last five years, two were inflicted by goods vehicles weighing over 3.5 tonnes, while the other was inflicted by a tipper lorry.



All three fatalities have been to people walking or cycling. Following prolonged pressure from ward members, a Movement Study was commissioned by City highways officers recently. Over 400 hours of footage was recorded in and around the junction between 22 and 27 November 2018 for analysis. **Key findings are:**

- 1. Numerous high-risk movements:** On average six vehicles move across the cycle super highway at the junction daily when cycles have right of way. Traffic is moving through the formal crossings during pedestrian phases, typically 20 times daily during pedestrian green and 50 times during the countdown phase. 20% of cycles move against a red or red-amber signal, 5% of motor vehicles move against a red or red-amber signal and 5% of pedestrians cross at the same time as vehicles move through the crossing points.
- 2. Informal movements across the junction:** 10% of pedestrians cross the junction diagonally. The proportion of pedestrians crossing on a "Green Man" is only between 20 and 40%. Pedestrians can wait for up to two minutes for the next 6 second "Green Man" and the countdown that follows. The study found that approximately 5% of pedestrians cross whilst using a handheld mobile device.
- 3. Excessive speed:** High proportions (between 30 and 40%) of all motor vehicle classes were found to be exceeding 20mph when exiting the junction southbound and northbound. Motorcyclists exit faster than other vehicles with over 60% of speeds recorded above 20mph.

These findings have been shared with senior management of TfL (who manage the junction) and signals were adjusted before Christmas to give more pedestrian green time in off-peak periods. Cycle SCOOT will be installed shortly, this uses sensors in the road to detect vehicles, in this instance cycles, and automatically respond to changes in traffic conditions.

The meeting identified further options for short-term interventions which are being costed and evaluated by TfL; use of coloured surfacing, enforcement of powered 2-wheeler speeds and a targeted campaign by the City Corporation to promote improved pedestrian compliance. In addition; explore reduction of cycle times of the signals and identify widening the crossings increasing the space available for pedestrians, and review evidence on the potential application of 3D markings to slow approaching traffic.

Ward Deputy and Policy & Resources Chair Catherine McGuinness has recently discussed the situation at the junction in meetings with Mike Brown, Commissioner of TfL, and Heidi Alexander, deputy mayor of London for Transport. The ward team will continue to press strongly for effective safety improvements to be implemented at this junction.

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

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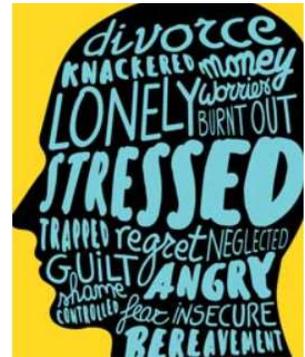
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PRESSURES OF WORK OR LIFE? DRAGON CAFÉ IN THE CITY IS BACK!

Following the article in the December issue of the “Castle Baynard Ward News”, about the incredible response to the project – 91% of respondents said the Dragon Café met their expectations and 80% said they felt more included to engage with their mental wellbeing – it is now back running fortnightly thanks to additional funding.

Its regular free programme offers short massages, complementary therapy sessions, creative workshops, talks on a wide variety of subjects, Tai Chi, Yoga and movement workshops, mindfulness and more. Dragon Café is located in **Shoe Lane Library**, Little New Street, EC4A 3JR. Sessions run from 12.00 noon to 7.30 pm on Wednesdays and **the next session will take place on Wednesday 13 March.**



You can sign up to their newsletters at: www.dragoncafeinthecity.com

BREXIT UPDATE

With the UK’s scheduled exit rapidly approaching you may be wondering how the City Corporation has been preparing. We have been working since the referendum to raise the voice of the financial and professional services sector at home and abroad. You will find more about this work on the City’s website, www.cityoflondon.gov.uk. Recently we have had to focus on the possibility of a “no deal” departure, and the implications both for our own services and for business. This could be seriously disruptive in both the UK and EU, and hardly the best basis on which to carry forward negotiations on our future relationship – something which we will need to do, deal or no-deal.

If you run a business and are unsure of what steps you should be taking to prepare, “**Brexit and your Business**” on the City website may help. If you are an EU citizen living in the UK see <https://www.gov.uk/staying-uk-eu-citizen>. These are difficult times, but the City has many strengths. The City Corporation will continue to work to build on these for the future and your elected members will work to hold them to account as they do.

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Events – City of London

For a really handy source of information for all events in the City, please check out: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/Pages/default.aspx> with all information listed in date order.