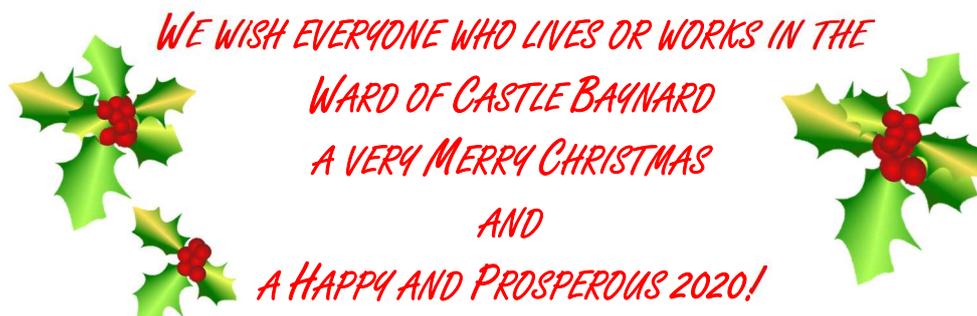


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LUDGATE CIRCUS (Graham Packham)

Residents will be interested to see the attached London Metropolitan Archive picture of a proposal for an elevated footbridge around Ludgate Circus put forward in 1862 to address serious congestion problems (plus ça change). This proposal was rejected at the time because of the risk of the bridge attracting "sightseers and idle people" who might congregate on the high-level walkways blocking the path and making them unusable. Perhaps after nearly 160 years its time has now come!



Coming back to the present TfL has advised the City that following our pressure to improve the safety at the junction, the changes that were outlined in our City of London Ward News in June will be implemented in December/January. The changes will be effected using experimental traffic orders, and letters seeking feedback on the proposals have been sent out to residents and businesses in the vicinity of the junction before the work commences.

WARD LICENSED PREMISES – SAFETY THIRST (Graham Packham)

On November 5th the City of London Licensing Committee hosted its annual Safety Thirst Awards in the Crypts at the Guildhall. Seventy-two City premises received awards in recognition of best practices implemented at their venues; promoting high operating standards, responsible alcohol consumption, creating a safer leisure environment and fulfilling a duty of care to their customers.



We would like to congratulate the following Castle Baynard premises who received awards; Albion - Bridge Street, Balls Brothers - Shoe Lane, Editors Tap - Fetter Lane, Humble Grape - St Brides Passage and Kanaloa - Shoe Lane (see picture of award presentation).

EXHIBITION AT DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE (Jeremy Simons)

The Arab British Centre and Dr Johnson's House jointly present London's Theatre of the East. Via the lens of Dr Johnson's 1749 play Irene set during the fall of Constantinople, the show explores the largely hidden histories of trade and migration between the Middle East and North Africa and London, the impact on society and culture, and the subsequent ripples into the present day. The exhibition is open until 14 February 2020 and is free with the standard admission.

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

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GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA (GSMD) (Graham Packham)

The Corporation of London's Guildhall School of Music & Drama (rated the UK's top conservatoire), provides City residents with the opportunity to see the next generation of top musicians and actors perform on stage as they prepare to launch their professional careers. The School is renowned for nurturing the exceptional talent of young performing artists, producing highly accomplished musicians, singers, composers, actors, designers, technicians and stage managers.

The School's notable musical alumni include Dido, Jacqueline du Pré, James Galway, Myleene Klass, Kate Royal, Alison Balsom and Bryn Terfel. Guildhall's trained actors include Daniel Craig (James Bond), Jodie Whittaker (Dr Who), Damian Lewis (Billions) and Lily James (Cinderella). If you have a love of live music and theatre performances and would like to help encourage talented artists by attending performances or joining one of our supporter programmes, please come and see the students in action and find out how to get involved. Forthcoming Guest Nights hosted by the School's Principal include:

Tuesday 11 February: Final year acting students will perform Earthquakes in London in the Milton Court Theatre on Silk Street

Wednesday 11 March: The Guildhall Symphony Orchestra made up of students on our music degree courses will perform an all-Russian programme in the Barbican Hall.

To find out more about these evenings and to reserve tickets please email development@gsm.d.ac.uk. Details of all the Guildhall School's forthcoming performances and events (many of which are free) may be seen at gsm.d.ac.uk/about_the_school/home/view_all_events.html

RESIDENTS' MEETING ABOUT ROUGH SLEEPERS IN THE WARD (Henrika Priest)

In September we held a meeting in Shoe Lane Library to give ward residents an opportunity to ask questions about rough sleeping directly to officers from the City's Community Services, the police and the cleansing team. The meeting explored a number of inter-related issues concerning homelessness and rough sleeping, particularly the small number of entrenched individuals, often with mental health or drug issues, who are difficult to engage with. Outreach staff explained that they make regular (several times weekly, sometimes daily) repeat visits to rough sleepers in the ward in an attempt to persuade them to accept offers of accommodation. These individuals are all known to the officers. Most come off the street almost immediately and only certain individuals who for reasons that are often very complex remain on the street because they wish to do so. These are the people we see sleeping rough.

Anyone with mental health issues are assessed. However, in many cases they remain on the street, as their level of mental health would not always result in them being sectioned under the Mental Health Act. The City works very closely with St Mungo's and a number of other agencies with regard to this particularly difficult work. The police are reluctant to take action which would move rough sleepers into the criminal justice system, as this would often not result in them coming off the streets. It was emphasized that any anti-social activity should be reported to the police on 101, unless one feels at risk, when 999 should be used. The residents present at the meeting, who had all encountered rough sleepers, were positive about the work undertaken by the officers and recognised the efforts being made by the City to deal with the many difficult aspects of rough sleeping.

A reminder of what to do when you see or are affected by someone sleeping rough: in the first instance, please contact Street Link – the 24-hour national helpline – on 0300 500 0914 or go to www.streetlink.org.uk. There is also an App you can download. As mentioned above for any anti-social behaviour though, please call the City of London police on 101, or if you feel at risk, 999 should be used. For more information, please go to www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/roughsleepers.