



Castle Baynard Newsletter

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CYCLING IN THE CITY | HAVE YOUR SAY!

Public consultation to run until Sunday 9 February 2025



Unwrap the magic of Christmas in the Square Mile!

This festive season, the City comes alive with a diverse array of attractions. Explore magical Christmas markets, festive dining and find a variety of entertainment, including carol concerts in historic churches, enchanting Christmas tree trails. **For all details, please visit the Christmas in the City page:**

www.thecityofldn.com/event/christmas-in-the-city/

Go local this Christmas!

As we approach Christmas, it's crucial to remember the importance of supporting our local retailers and food & beverage establishments. The next couple of weeks are particularly critical for these businesses. **So, as you plan your holiday shopping and dining, think local first – your support matters more than ever.**

Update | Tipperary pub

The Tipperary pub at 65 Fleet Street will be temporarily closed until 2027 due to essential building works. Despite efforts to keep it open, safety concerns during construction necessitate this closure.

The renovation will preserve the pub's character while tripling its size. Plans include keeping the original bar, adding a whiskey bar, stage, and dining area across the expanded ground and first floors.

In October, the Streets and Walkways Sub-committee, chaired by Ward Councillor Graham Packham, approved public consultation for the Aldgate to Blackfriars Cycleway proposal. This project aims to improve cycling safety and accessibility, while also enhancing conditions for pedestrians and wheelchair users. It forms part of the City's core cycle network, connecting with London's wider cycleway system. Busy sections, including Queen Victoria Street, will feature protected cycle lanes and redesigned junctions.

The public consultation runs until Sunday 9 February, with drop-in sessions on Tuesday 14 January (1 – 5.00 pm, Room 12) and Thursday 23 January (9 – 1.00 pm, Room 11) in Guildhall North Wing. A dedicated cycleway webpage can be found here

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/streets/traffic-schemes-and-proposals/city-cycleway>. Comments and questions can also be sent to: citycycleway@cityoflondon.gov.uk.



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Art comes to Crane Court, Fleet Street...

The Castle Baynard Ward Team is delighted to welcome a new local art gallery and exhibition space in the Ward. **The Crane Court Gallery** opened last month with two exhibitions: 'Gestures: Contemporary Visions' featuring 15 artists working in various media, and 'Pioneers: Important Modern British Art' showcasing modern British painters. **Open Tuesday – Friday, noon to 8.00 pm, or by appointment. More information at** www.cranecourtgallery.co.uk.



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Councillor Catherine McGuinness CBE



The Ward Team is very sorry to announce that Catherine McGuinness CBE will not seek re-election in March 2025.

A financial services professional, Catherine started her working life near St Paul's and worked in the ward for many years before standing for election in 1997.

She chaired numerous important education committees and was the City's Chair of Policy & Resources, and de facto Leader of the City, from 2017 to 2022, leading on the Corporation's work with the financial and related

professional services sector. As Policy Chair, she also served as a vice chair of London Councils, the cross-party body representing London's 32 boroughs plus the City, liaising with London government on issues of common interest or challenge, most notably the Covid pandemic. Catherine received a CBE in the 2024 New Year Honours list in recognition of her work.

The Ward Team extends heartfelt thanks to Catherine for her outstanding contributions to the City and wishes her continued success in her future endeavours.

“Serving the ward and the wider City has been a great privilege. Key highlights for me include working with the financial and professional services sector to help it prosper, collaborating with London's leaders to strengthen the City and improving youth opportunities through education and outreach initiatives. **I'm extremely grateful to have worked with such a dedicated Ward Team and thankful to Castle Baynard's electors who gave me this opportunity!**

New Culture Strategy

The Fleet Street Quarter BID is set to release a new cultural strategy and delivery plan, developed by FutureCity after extensive consultation with residents and local stakeholders. This strategy aligns with the 2023 public realm vision for Fleet Street and its environs, focussing on the area's unique and historic connection with the written word – *"the place where stories begin."*

Local Ward Councillor John Griffiths, Deputy Chair of Culture for the City of London, is working to integrate this strategy with the Destination City programme, which includes plans for an inaugural Fleet Street Literary Festival in May 2025.

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Castle Baynard Ward Councillor Mary Durcan, Chair of Port Health, is one of the judges of the 2025 Clean City Awards.

These annual awards recognize City-based businesses for innovative sustainable practices. APE20, one of the entries, provides free water dispensers like the one in New Street Square. By making it easy to fill up reusable bottles, this will reduce plastic waste and litter. **Winners to be announced in February!**



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Something to report?

Rough sleeping: thestreetlink.org.uk

Noise pollution: call 0207 606 3030
(24-hour service)

Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, dumped bikes:

https://mycity.cityoflondon.gov.uk/service/Fault_reporting

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