

being a joining fee of £25 and an annual membership fee of £25.

The Candlewick Ward Club has a rich history and lays claim to being the oldest Ward club having been founded in 1670 and reconstituted in 1739. In the early days all meetings were held at an appropriate tavern, originally the "Salutation" Tavern, in Nicholas Lane until in 1867 the Club started meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, where special rooms were devoted to its use. From 1774 an annual "Grand Dinner in the Country" was held with the "Mermaid" at Hackney, the "Golden Lion" at Camberwell and the "Horns" in Kensington being popular venues and about as far into the country as members wanted to go. Dinners were less sophisticated than we would expect today; the menu for the Club Supper in 1758 is noted as 1 Tongue, 2 Geese roasted, Sausages, 2 Hunting Puddings, with Walnuts, Pears and Apples. Another was 6 Maids and Soles in 3 Dishes, 3 Fowls, 3 Ducks and an Apple Pie. The hour was 7 p.m. and the bill for the whole of the latter feast was £1 13s. 11½d.

The Candlewick Ward Club is your club. Why not join us?

The Standards Committee

The Standards Committee oversees the conduct of Members in all areas of the City of London's activities be it local authority, police authority or non-local authority functions. Its main responsibility is to promote high standards of conduct by its Members and Members co-opted on to City of London Committees. It monitors the operation of the City of London's Code of Conduct for Members and any complaints of breaches to it.

If you require any further information please contact Kevin Everett at kevin.everett@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Who to contact at the City Corporation

As your Ward representative on the Planning and Transportation Committee, I am always happy to

receive emails or telephone calls or have a personal chat about any issues that might be concerning you about what is happening with the infrastructure in Candlewick Ward.

In addition to that, and following a suggestion from an elector, I thought it might be helpful if I gave you details of how to contact City Corporation Officers directly on any areas of concern that you might have. So, in summary, please contact

- **citytransportation@cityoflondon.gov.uk** for anything concerning permanent infrastructure (signs, street markings, etc)
- **streetworksteam@cityoflondon.gov.uk** for anything concerning utility work on the street and road resurfacing
- **traffic.management@cityoflondon.gov.uk** for anything on current or upcoming road closures
- **rdr@cityoflondon.gov.uk** for anything concerning road safety
- **contact.centre@cityoflondon.gov.uk** for any other questions and comments not covered by the above

If you are not satisfied with the responses you get then do contact Dame Fiona, Kevin or myself using the information below:



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From the Editor...

I should like to welcome you to this edition of Candlewick News. As I write we are all coming to terms with the horror of the attack on London Bridge and Southwark. This is not just an attack on London and the United Kingdom but on the whole of civilised society. Multi-cultural London was reflected in the differing nationalities of the victims and we all stand together to fight this evil. My more detailed thoughts are below.

On more mundane matters, I would like to thank all of you who voted for me and my colleague, Kevin Everett, in the recent Common Council elections. The large majorities we enjoyed were a welcome endorsement of our efforts on your behalf.

We are determined to justify your faith in us and shall continue our efforts to make sure we all enjoy a safe City with reliable transport, cleaner air and readily accessible high speed broadband.

We shall also do our best to ensure that the City gets the best Brexit possible and maintains its position as the world's leading global financial services, business and insurance centre.

James de Sausmarez
Common Councilman

London Bridge Attack

We all share a profound sense of shock and horror at the recent terrorist attack on London Bridge and Southwark. This can only be accentuated by its closeness to our own Ward of Candlewick and the City of London. All our thoughts and prayers are with those who lost their lives or were injured and also with their family and friends. This attack is an attack on our society and the values by which we live our lives. We must not allow this to affect our daily lives but carry on, working together to combat terrorism in any way we can to protect all that is dear to us.

I am proud to report that the City of London police were integral to the Police response to the attack and armed officers from the City of London Police were some of the first on the scene, whilst other officers were helping the injured and those others affected by the attack. Indeed, the Prime Minister mentioned the brave actions of the City of London Police in her speech the morning after the attack. The City Corporation's Resilience Team also responded quickly, supporting the opening and running of the survivor reception centre at the Andaz Hotel; victims were helped and looked after through the night. They all have our admiration and thanks.



All of our security and safety remains a priority. The City of London Police are working closely with colleagues from the Metropolitan Police and the British Transport Police to formulate an enhanced policy response going forward as well as looking at plans to address the safety of our bridges.

In the days, weeks and months ahead, it is critical that we all remain vigilant and encourage our families, friends and colleagues to do likewise, reporting anything that is suspicious to the police. By standing together and not being cowed we can defeat this evil and ensure that our great City remains a place where we can live and work securely and safely.

If you have any concerns or comments then do contact me on James.desausmarez@janushenderson.com or on **020 7818 3349**.

Bank on Safety and All Change at Bank

Most of you will be aware of the “Bank on Safety” experimental traffic change whereby bus and pedal cycles only will be allowed to cross Bank junction between 7am and 7pm. This was implemented on Monday 22 May 2017 and will last for up to 18 months.

The objectives behind this are:

- Reduce casualties by simplifying the junction
- Reduce pedestrian crowding levels
- Improve air quality
- Improve the perception of Bank, as a place to spend time in rather than pass through.

While this experimental change is happening, City Corporation Officers will be continuously monitoring safety, traffic movement and their public service equality duty (in essence the duty aims to make sure public authorities think about things like discrimination and the needs of people who are disadvantaged or suffer inequality, when they make decisions about how they provide their services and implement policies). They will also begin a comprehensive public consultation which will provide everyone with the opportunity to comment on the changes.



Whilst none can deny the laudable objectives of the scheme, it is critically important that the Corporation is made aware of any impact on your lives and on your businesses particularly as a result of the banning of taxis through the junction. I therefore urge you to contribute to the consultation if you can. Officers can be contacted at bankarea@cityoflondon.gov.uk or on **020 7606 3030**. In addition, Fiona, Kevin and I would

all be pleased to hear about any difficulties you and your businesses might experience as a result of the closure.

Looking further forward, you should be aware that the City Corporation will be looking at long term design options for the junction, on which there will be a separate consultation. The aim is to have a recommended design approved during 2018 and constructed in 2019/2020.

It is clear that this will continue to be a key issue for all of us in Candlewick for the foreseeable future.

Bicycles in Lombard Street

Lombard Street is a very busy thoroughfare for both pedestrians and cyclists and there have been a number of recorded injury collisions involving cyclists and pedestrians, notably along the two way section.

There is a contra-flow cycling lane down Lombard Street which was introduced mainly to provide cyclists with better and safer route options, particularly the ability to bypass busier streets and junctions.

The Lombard Street route is important as it allows cyclists to bypass some of the most dangerous locations in the City, such as the Monument junction where there have been 26 injury collisions in the last 3 years. However, the City Corporation is clear that this should not mean that the safety of other road users such as pedestrians should be compromised as a result.

The problem has been exacerbated by the construction activity happening along Lombard Street which has restricted the space available. This situation is under review by the Network Performance team at Guildhall and I await with interest their conclusions.

In the meantime, it remains critical that cyclists follow the rules of the road, are pedestrian aware and cycle at speeds appropriate to the road on which they are travelling.

Similarly, pedestrians themselves are also advised to look both ways before they step onto the road and to use official crossings where they can. Mobile phones can be a dangerous distraction in this regard.

Make Voting Easier - Apply for a Postal Vote

I know that many of you have already applied for, and have got, a postal vote. That said, I was struck on election day by the number of electors that had forgotten it was election day or found themselves so tied down with work that they were unable to get to the St Clements Church Polling Station on the day. The best way of ensuring that this problem goes away and you are able to exercise your democratic right is to apply for a postal vote. I have done this myself both for City elections and for national elections as I often have exactly the same pressures on my time.

A postal voting application form is enclosed with this newsletter and is very easy to complete. Your signature and date of birth are crucial because when you exercise your postal vote it is validated by the Electoral Services team by comparing the signature and date of birth to ensure they match. Once completed just send the form to **Electoral Services, Town Clerk's Department, City of London, PO Box 270, Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ**, the address is at the bottom of the form. When the next election takes place you will receive your ballot paper to your desk roughly two weeks before the election. You can then quickly complete it, put it in the reply paid envelope and straight into the mail tray or a post box.

For busy people a postal vote is the answer. If you have any questions about postal voting then please do contact me on james.desausmarez@janushenderson.com or on **020 7818 3349**.

Rough Sleepers

It is a very sad fact that the number of rough sleepers on the streets of London is increasing and that is true of Candlewick where the subway next to Monument station has become more frequently used as a sleeping space with the consequent increase in rubbish and mess that is not a good advertisement for Candlewick and Candlewick based businesses.

Rough sleepers need help and the City Corporation is committed to providing this by:

- Helping rough sleepers access accommodation, healthcare and substance misuse services;

- Offering a bespoke outreach service which makes contact with rough sleepers and seeks to help them; and
- Directing any appropriate rough sleepers to a Routes Home Reconnection Service that enables people to return to their country of origin.

The City Corporation works very closely with St Mungo's and Streetlink to achieve these objectives.

If you come across a rough sleeper you can make a quick and easy referral to Streetlink at www.streetlink.org.uk or call their 24 hour helpline **0300 500 0914** or you can download the Streetlink app.



You should remember that begging and rough sleeping do not always go together so if you want to help, donate to registered charities such as St Mungo's, Streetlink, Crisis UK or Shelter.

Why not join the Candlewick Ward Club?

All wards in the City have a ward club which is primarily a social club. Membership of the Candlewick Ward Club is open to anyone who is interested in Candlewick Ward and the City of London. Members include those working in the Ward, residents, City professionals and other Liverymen and Freemen of the City of London.

In addition to the more social side, Candlewick Ward Club offers support to the Alderman of the Ward, the Deputy and the other Common Councilman in carrying out their duties on behalf of the City of London and, in particular, in the ward itself. Like the other Ward Clubs of the City of London, Candlewick Ward Club holds an annual Civic lunch as well as occasional dinners, visits, presentations, day trips and holidays. Over the last year members have had the opportunity to join the City Livery Concert in the Barbican, visit the Farringdon Cross Rail Site, enjoy the Ceremony of the Keys with supper in the Tower of London, relax on a trip to the home of good port, Porto in Portugal and a black tie dinner at the Innholders Hall. Cost of membership is modest