

Common Council Elections 2017

In March 2017 there will be the regular four yearly elections of the 100 Common Councillors who represent the 25 Wards of the City of London. In Candlewick Ward, both Kevin Everett and James de Sausmarez will be standing for re-election to continue their work on your behalf.

Kevin and James share the work between them reflecting the different Corporation Committees they sit on representing Candlewick Ward.

Kevin sits on the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee, where he is particularly interested in clean air and the reduction in air pollution, and the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee which is responsible for the City Corporation's activities and services in fields of culture, heritage and tourism. Kevin is also deeply interested in education. He is Chairman of Sir John Cass's Foundation, which is the Trustee of Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School and one of London's oldest and biggest charities. He has served on the Community & Children's Services Committee; been a Governor and former Chairman of the Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School, and a Trustee of Billingsgate Sea Food Training School. He has served on the Councils of both the City University and the London Metropolitan University and has been active in facilitating international educational visits.

James sits on the important Planning and Transportation Committee and is active in protecting the interests of Candlewick Ward in our City which is subject to constant change and development. He has been active in monitoring the Bank station redevelopment project, the proposals for closing Bank junction to traffic and in lobbying Corporation officers for improvements in traffic management. He is also a strong advocate of improved high speed broadband across the City. He also sits on the Finance Committee, which ensures the City of London Corporation achieves value for money in all its activities, and the Community and Children's Services Committee where he has a close interest in reducing the number of rough sleepers in the City by providing them with practical help and assistance.

An integral part of the election process in the City is the Wardmote (Ward meeting) which will take place at Noon on **Wednesday 22 March 2017**, the day before polling day, at Church of St Clement Eastcheap, Clement's Lane, London, EC4N 7HB. All voters are invited to attend the meeting

Although they are conducted with an element of City tradition in the way in which they are opened and closed, the meetings are similar to a 'hustings' event – there is the opportunity for the candidates standing for election to address the meeting, and for the voters in attendance to ask them questions. There may also be the opportunity for voters to talk to candidates more informally before or after the meeting.

If you have any queries regarding the Common Council elections, or the Wardmotes, please contact

the Electoral Services Office on **0800 587 5537** or at electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk. Up to date information can also be found at, www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityvote17

Kevin and James hope that you will support them with your vote on 23 March 2017

Candlewick Ward Club Survey

The Candlewick Ward Club Committee is keen to find out what members and prospective members might want from the Club and they have therefore commissioned a short questionnaire and would very much like any reader of this newsletter to complete it as it will help them deliver a better programme to members and make the Club more attractive to new members. You can complete the questionnaire by going to: <http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/rogersoutham/candlewick-ward-survey-2016/>

Please contact James de Sausmarez if you are interested in joining the Candlewick Ward Club.

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Candlewick News

From the Editor...

Welcome to the second edition of Candlewick News. Turn to page 2 to read about the Ward Meeting on **Monday 9 January 2017 at 5.30pm** to hear about the proposals for a re-design of Bank Junction and give your views. Also on the back page the **Candlewick Ward Club are doing a survey** and would welcome your feedback. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.



What is air quality like in the City? Kevin Everett, member of the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee, reports on air pollution in the City of London

It is widely known that central London can have a problem with poor air quality and the City of London is no exception. Air quality in the City does vary from day to day, and by location. Generally speaking, levels of pollution are highest adjacent to the busiest roads. The good news is that air quality is improving and this is expected to continue with all the plans and programmes in place.

The City Corporation operates an extensive air quality monitoring network. Some of the data is updated hourly and is available to view at www.londonair.org.uk. The City Corporation has also developed a free smart phone app called CityAir which will advise users when air pollution is forecast to be high, and also assist users in selecting low pollution walking or cycling routes across London.

What is being done to improve air quality?

The City Corporation takes a wide range of action to improve local air quality. The framework for local action is detailed in the City Air Quality Strategy. Some examples of work underway are:

- We expect high standards of emission control on construction and demolition sites and are working closely with major contractors to ensure that the latest technology and techniques are used on site
- We ensure that new developments install the cleanest combustion appliances with high chimneys to aid dispersion of pollution

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- We hold monthly 'no engine idling action days' to encourage drivers to turn engines off when parked in the City. Volunteers from our residential and business community take part in the days and the initiative has been rolled out to 11 other London boroughs



- We provide advice to City businesses on how staff can reduce their exposure to pollution and how the businesses themselves can help to improve local air quality through their procurement decisions and building management. We also support businesses that would like to measure air pollution at their premises. This business engagement model has been rolled out across London
- We recently adopted a responsible procurement strategy which ensures that any vehicles that we purchase will only be diesel where absolutely necessary. We are actively working towards increasing the number of electric and hybrid vehicles in our fleet
- We are increasing the number of electric vehicle charge points in the City to support the transition to electric vehicles
- We are implementing a Low Emission Neighbourhood in the Barbican area where a range of measures to improve air quality will be piloted and rolled out across the City if they are successful
- We work closely with people and organisations that are particularly vulnerable to poor air quality such as Sir John Cass Primary School and Barts Hospital. As a result of the local interventions, both of these sites now have air quality that meets the health based limits for the first time since monitoring began
- We support research into air quality solutions by London's top universities, and other

organisations, such as the impact on air quality of implementing a 20mph speed limit, real world vehicle emission testing and an investigation into solutions to improve London's air quality by the independent think tank, Policy Exchange



Further information on these and other measures is available at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/air follow us at @Cityair or email cityair@cityoflondon.gov.

High Speed Broadband Update

Progress with the installation of high speed broadband has been unfortunately slow. It now appears that the broadband cabinet at the Royal Exchange Buildings will not now serve Candlewick Ward. BT Openreach also decided there was not enough demand for the cabinet in St Swithin's Lane, which is patently ridiculous. Accordingly, Mark Boleat, the Chairman of the City Corporation's Policy and Resources Committee, is meeting with the CEO of BT Group on 2 December, where he will be calling for the St Swithin's Lane Cabinet to be delivered and for other unserved areas to be addressed by Openreach's second phase of superfast broadband rollout.

The City Corporation is well aware that to justify our position as the world's leading global financial and business centre reliable and readily available high speed broadband across the City is critical. To that end, the City Corporation is looking at granting a Wireless Concession which will provide gigabit WiFi on the City's streets and over 400 small cells boosting 4G coverage.

The City Property Advisory Team at the City Corporation continues to review other connectivity options for small businesses and residents (such as housing telecoms apparatus within buildings) with Openreach and other providers. If there are any particular areas where small businesses or residents are experiencing extremely slow speeds then do contact me at james.desausmarez@cityoflondon.gov.uk and I shall let them know.

Bank Junction Measures Delayed to 2017

In the last edition of the newsletter, I reported that The City of London Corporation had announced plans to comprehensively redesign Bank Junction and that an interim measure would be introduced from late 2016 to close the junction to motorised vehicles (except buses). This interim measure was delayed and is now targeted for introduction in April 2017. The interim measure will introduce a restriction to motor vehicles that cross Bank Junction during the hours of 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday. This restriction is likely to be for all vehicles other than buses and bicycles. Formal approval for the scheme is being sought in December.

The City Corporation's reasons for doing this is that it will undoubtedly have significant safety benefits for pedestrians and cyclists and it should contribute to a significant improvement in air quality around the area. However, from a Candlewick point of view, we must be mindful of the traffic impact on the alternative route of Cannon Street and Gracechurch Street and how that will be managed. In particular, these streets must not become congested due to illegal parking or unloading, too much of which is already happening, and there must be an adequate number of enforcement officers to police it.



Accordingly a Ward meeting is being arranged for **Monday 9 January 2017 at 5.30pm** at the offices of our Alderman, Dame Fiona Woolf, CMS Cameron McKenna LLP, Cannon Place, 78 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AF, where City Corporation officers will present the proposals and answer questions. You are all very welcome. If you would like to attend then just confirm your interest to me at james.desausmarez@cityoflondon.gov.uk

If you are unable to attend the Candlewick meeting, then the City Corporation is scheduling both formal meetings for the public and an Awareness Road Show which will provide an opportunity to drop by the lobby of various local businesses to find out further details and ask any questions. The details of these are not yet available but they will be advertised and available on the City Corporation website. In the meantime I am active in protecting the interests of Candlewick Ward by lobbying officers on this issue and would be happy to discuss it with you.

The City of London Corporation and Brexit

The City Corporation is heavily involved in ensuring the voice of financial and professional services firms is heard in helping to shape the future relationship between the UK and the EU. The City Corporation has an important role to play firstly, as a convenor of different parties (businesses, governments and regulators) to share information and present the range of views of City business to government; secondly, to promote the City in its entirety with each part depending on the other; thirdly, as a trusted and neutral voice for the range of City opinion; and fourthly as a listener of other views, particularly from the EU Member States, and feeding those views back to the City. The City Corporation supports the work of TheCityUK, including five high-level 'asks' to inform the UK's strategy for exiting the EU:

- Deliver clarity and stability to the extent possible: the exit process must be orderly to ensure financial stability, and with a clear view of the framework for the UK's future relationship with the EU.
- Defend the UK's pre-eminent position in financial and related professional services: these are times of growing global competition, and we must work to retain and enhance existing business flows and secure future business opportunities.
- Map out an exit from the EU which maintains access to key markets while safeguarding future relations: secure Single Market access on terms that resemble as closely as possible the access we currently enjoy, including through a bespoke British option, passporting and keeping euro clearing in London.
- Move swiftly to advance trade and investment opportunities with the rest of the world – both in developed and developing economies: bolstering the UK's already strong links with the US and Japan, redoubling efforts in key emerging markets such as China and India, as well as identifying valuable opportunities in others.
- Develop an even deeper partnership between government, regulators and business: enhancing the UK's positions – including through attracting more foreign direct investment and sustaining the industry's exports.

Both the Lord Mayor and the Policy Chairman have authored many articles and given interviews to both UK and international media. They have also conducted press conferences to explain some of the issues connected with Brexit faced by financial services, reassuring international investors about the fundamental strengths of the UK and promoting UK exports and investments.

Up to date information on the City Corporation's Brexit efforts can be found on the City Corporation website at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/business/eu-and-regulation/Pages/city-corporation-brexit.aspx

The Long Long Lunch a highlight of the Lord Mayor's Giving Day

The Long Long Lunch is the brainchild of Robert and Robyn Wilson, the popular proprietors of The Don Restaurant, who wanted to do something for The Lord Mayor's Giving Day 2016. They got together with three of the City's other best restaurants, Coq d'Argent, 1 Lombard Street and Hispania and organised an event that will remain in the memories of those lucky enough to attend. The guest of honour was the Lady Mayoress, the Lady Mountevans, and our Alderman, Dame Fiona Woolf, also attended together with Candlewick's Common Councilmen, Kevin Everett and James de Sausmarez

The day began at 12.30pm in St. Stephen Walbrook Church, with a glass of Charles Heidsieck champagne, canapés and music. This was followed at 1pm by the Long Long Lunch served on a long table stretching down St Swithin's Lane. The lunch was a splendid three-course meal, with each restaurant taking responsibility for one course. The diners also enjoyed a glass of both red and white wines from The Don's own excellent vineyard, Trinity Hill. After lunch Nespresso provided delicious coffee and Laduree tempting macarons. The regular suppliers of the restaurants were generous in their support of the event and the Highways & Events Department of The City of London helped generously by agreeing to close St Swithin's Lane and waiving their fee for doing so. Guests enjoyed the service of enthusiastic catering students from Carshalton College who volunteered to help.



Guests enjoying the Long Long lunch in St Swithin's Lane

A total of £2500 was raised so three cheers for our favourite restaurants for being proactive in giving something back in such style. All four restaurants have agreed to another Long Long Lunch on **26th September 2017** so mark the date in your diary and book your tickets. Registering with The Don Restaurant will ensure that you get notification of when you need to book.