

## City Elections 2009

***On March 16th 2009 the City of London held Elections to select Common Councilmen for each of the City Wards. This was the first election to be conducted under the four year rule. Previously Councilmen had had to stand for election annually. The electorate is composed of a business vote with each registered company, business or residence being allocated votes according to the number of people there.***

In Lime Street Ward there were 350 business electors. There are no resident electors. Most unusually there were no candidates other than the three sitting Ward Members. These were Christine Cohen, Dennis Cotgrove and Elizabeth Rogula. At a Ward Mote held on March 13th in the Old Library Lloyd's the three named above were duly appointed as Common Councilmen for the Ward of Lime Street. The Ward Mote is a meeting for electors and is held in the presence of the Alderman for the Ward concerned. Our Ward Mote was conducted by Alderman Sir John Stuttard. The word 'mote' is of Saxon origin and means 'meet'.

The Court of Common Council is the Local Government body charged with the running of the City of London. It is responsible for all the usual local duties, such as Planning, Community Services, Education, Environmental Services and Police. Unusually it is also responsible for other diverse functions. These include being the Port Health Authority for the tidal Thames area, managing open spaces such as Hampstead Heath and Epping Forest, the management of the Barbican Centre and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and the running of three wholesale markets, Smithfield, Billingsgate and Spitalfields.

### Watch your step!

#### Increase in Pedestrian Casualties

There has been a rise in the number of pedestrian casualties in the City. Every effort is being made to reduce these figures and, as part of the initiative, the City Police and the City Planning Department would like to remind all pedestrians to look carefully both ways when crossing the road especially if they are listening to an ipod or using a mobile phone. Several accidents have happened due to pedestrians' attention being distracted.



Your three Councilmen are most grateful to have been returned unopposed for a four year term. They are fully committed to the Ward and to those who work there.

Christine Cohen OBE is the Ward Deputy which means that she acts for the Alderman if he is unable to be present. She has served on the Court of Common Council for 22 years. She is currently Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee and serves on many other committees.

Dennis Cotgrove was elected to the Common Council in 1991. He has a great interest in education and serves on the Boards of Governors of City Schools. He is Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Managers of West Ham Park.

Elizabeth Rogula was elected in 2008. She serves on the Community Services Committee, and Markets Committee.

For full details of all the Councillors' City Corporation activities please visit the ward website on: [www.limestreetward.co.uk](http://www.limestreetward.co.uk) They welcome contact with all within the Ward.



# New makeover for wards policing

In Spring 2008 the City of London Police had a full review of its structure and one of the key findings to emerge was the need to address the way it delivers wards policing.

The review highlighted several advantages to merging the Snowhill and Bishopsgate wards policing units. It was found that if the force was able to pool its resources it could provide a higher level of service to the community. Under the restructure more supervisors will join wards policing, providing more direction and supervision of staff. This should lead to a better use of resources and proactive operations to tackle community issues and engagement opportunities.

The restructure presented an ideal opportunity to change the original groupings of wards into four clusters - North, South, East and West. Supervisors with specific skills in areas such as licensing consultation or proactive



operations will be appointed to lead each section.

Office watch meetings are now incorporated into the resident cluster meetings allowing local business representatives and residents to come together to discuss community issues with wards policing. The scheme has

been running for eight years and it promotes a safe and crime free office environment.

The force believes that it will be able to offer a better service to the local community when all the proposed changes in wards policing are implemented.

## Help at hand

With the economic downturn affecting all of us, knowing where you can turn for help and advice can make all the difference.

Whether you are a resident or run a small or medium sized business (SME), the City of London Corporation's website may be able to point you in the right direction for support. Bringing together resources from different areas of the website in two dedicated pages they can direct you to information on all sorts of useful topics.

On the residents' page you can find details of employment and training, debt and benefit advice and health and leisure. On the SME page you can find links to employees' skills, affordable workspace, money matters and the City Corporation's supply chain.

### More information

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/support](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/support)



# Train more, gain more

For a business to be successful it needs to be able to compete, and to compete it needs to train its staff. In these challenging times, businesses need every advantage and research shows that businesses that do not train their workforce are more than twice as likely to fail as those that do.

The City of London's Adult Education section can help boost performance and keep companies ahead of the competition through Train to Gain, a new Government programme. If you are a private sector business with less than 250 employees you can access free training to help ensure that your staff have the right skills.

Level 2 and 3 National Vocational qualifications are available in team leading, customer service, business administration, management, security services, information technology and cleaning and support services. English and maths for business is also on offer (worth thinking about when one in 10 workers suffers from poor basic skills). The programmes are a combination of open learning, on-site one-to-one assessments and practical group study sessions.

**For further information**, details of course schedules or to discuss requirements call Monica Irvine on 020 7332 3911 or email [monica.irvine@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:monica.irvine@cityoflondon.gov.uk)



## Broaden your mind

Bishopsgate Institute is a cultural institute based in an impressive Grade II listed building in central London. Just two minutes walk away from Liverpool Street station and Spitalfields Market, since 1895 it has provided an independent meeting place for people with shared interests to learn about a vast array of subjects.

Over the years visitors have been able to further their own learning in an enjoyable way, free from the pressures of work or formal environments. Enjoyable learning remains at the core of its mission and the Institute offers a diverse range of activities in one beautiful historic building.

These include a Courses for Adults programme which offers over 125 different courses three times a year; Bishopsgate Library with its important collections on the history of London and the labour, co-operative, free thought and humanist movements; and an exciting programme of cultural events which range from music concerts and illustrated talks to debates and poetry.

### More information

[www.bishopsgate.org.uk](http://www.bishopsgate.org.uk)



## LIME STREET WARD NEWS

### COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

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*ALL THE COUNCILMEN IN THE WARD ARE READILY AVAILABLE AND WELCOME CONTACT WITH ALL WHO WORK IN LIME STREET WARD. THEY ARE HAPPY TO GIVE PRESENTATIONS ON THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION AND ITS WORKINGS.*

## Lime Street Ward Club

We started our 2009/10 year in a very positive way with our AGM and Dinner at the Army and Navy Club. Mr Alistair Basset-Cross assumed the role of Master, Mr Stanley Liu, Upper Warden and Mr Stephen Hatton, Lower Warden. This was extremely well attended with 80 Members and guests and our Guest Speaker was Sir Gavyn Arthur, one of Her Majesty's Circuit Judges and a former Lord Mayor of London. This was followed a couple of weeks later by a very successful informal Members Evening at The Grapes in Lime Street with a Bangers & Mash supper. The next event in a busy year was to have been a Wine Tasting, which regrettably had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the G20 troubles – a replacement event is being planned.

Further events during the year include our Civic Luncheon at Guildhall on 20 May in the presence of the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and Alderman Sheriff Roger Gifford and his wife; a visit to Royal Hospital Chelsea at 1.30pm on Wednesday 17 June; an evening with the Lord Mayor's Bodyguard on 6 July; an evening walk led by a senior Blue Badge Guide on Tuesday 22 September which he is calling 'Bridge Ward Without – tales of pilgrims, playwrights, prostitutes and gouls'! This should be fun and will start from Southwark Cathedral at 6.30pm finishing at The Anchor, Bankside for supper. Also planned is a visit in October to The Tower to watch the Ceremony of the Keys, and a Dinner at the Guards Museum...more on these and other events next-time.

We are hoping to promote closer ties with other Ward Clubs and are working on 2 specific projects with this in mind – further information in the next Ward Newsletter

**As a very active Ward Club we are always keen to gain new members – if you would like more information on any of the above events or Membership please contact Ann Benson, The Hon Secretary at [annbenson179@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annbenson179@yahoo.co.uk).**

## The Three Devils of St Peter

Each year the Lime Street Ward Club and Common Council Members for the Ward hold a Carol Service in the church of St. Peter upon Cornhill. There is also a Service there prior to the Ward Club's Civic Luncheon.

It is thought by some that this is the oldest Christian site in the City, dating back to King Lucius in the second century. It is certainly close to the site of the Roman Basilica, but the first recorded reference to it is in 1127.

St Peter's stands on almost the highest ground within the City and was dominant on the skyline until Wren's St Paul's Cathedral was built. By the mid 15th century a school, built of stone, is recorded which was paid for by the estate of Sir John Crosby who lived in a mansion nearby.

St Peter's was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666 and was rebuilt to a Wren design. Sadly most of the interior was removed in Victorian times and this, together with the dark stained glass windows, gives the church a rather gloomy appearance inside. From the garden, which is maintained by the City of London Corporation, one can see the tower and the dome on which there is a ten foot high representation of the Key of St Peter.

A 19th century vicar noticed that plans for an adjacent new building showed that there was an incursion of one foot onto church land. He protested and his objections were accepted. To celebrate his victory he added three terracotta devils on the wall which faces onto Cornhill.