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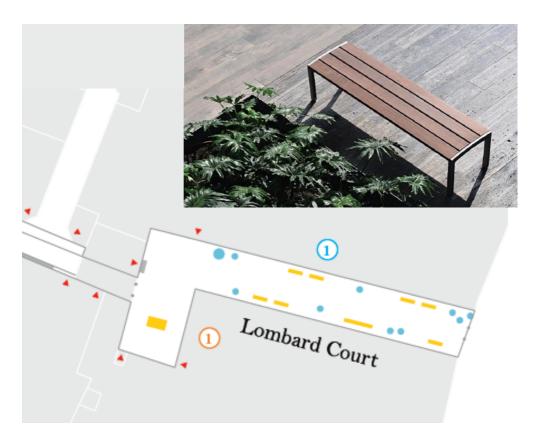
An update from your Common Councillors CHRIS BODEN & JAMES ST JOHN DAVIS



Arthur Street - Major Upgrade

Plans are in place to backfill the shaft on Arthur Street that was used for the main tunnelling works during the construction of the upgrade of Bank Station.

These works will run from 02 June to 29 October 2025. At this point the road will be handed over to the City of London for further road works. The existing blue hoarding will be completely removed and replaced with a lightweight transparent hoarding at the top of the road. This will enable the City of London to then deliver their own planned works.



Our first Candlewick Parklet

We've written previously about greening plans for the Ward given the limited public and open space and our desire to ensure we make the best use of accessible space across the Ward.

We have identified four sites in the Ward for greening and are excited to confirm that the first site - Lombard Court – will be installed in the next few weeks. The design has been agreed and approved for this and the other sites (George Yard, Change Alley and Bengal Court) which involves a mixture of benches and large plant pots.

The planters are denoted by the blue dots and benches by the yellow blocks in the image above:

The parklet comprises of 10 benches and 10 planters.

Everything has been spaced to allow for easy pedestrian access and they will be maintained by the City Gardens and City Cleaning teams. The first planters will be arriving in early July – just in time for summer!



Micro-Museum

A planning application has been submitted to convert the long-closed underground public toilets at the junction of Gracechurch Street and Eastcheap into a 'micromuseum' for the Monument to the 1666 Great Fire of London. 'Colourful graphics' are promised for the exterior of the new museum, telling "big stories ... in a tiny space".

We have worked on several potential plans for this underground facility and welcome this imaginative re-purposing of the space. We are clear that this proposal must complement, not clash with, the impending TfL major works to improve the safety and effectiveness of Monument junction later this year.



Phone Marking

Mobile phone theft is a real problem in the City.

Unfortunately, of the more than 1,000 stolen mobile phones recovered in the last two years by

the City of London Police, fewer than half have been able to be returned to their owners, because the owners couldn't be readily identified.

To act as a deterrent, and to allow the police to return recovered phones to their rightful owners, the City of London Police have set up "Operation Swipe" to allow devices to be uniquely marked, free of charge.

There'll be events on Cheapside by Bank junction from Noon till 2pm on Thursday 3rd July and at the same times on Wedsnesday 16th July, with other times/ locations able to be viewed if you google "Op Swipe London". If your company would like to do this on a firm-wide scale, please contact us to arrange a special visit to your offices in the Ward.

Toast Awards

The City BIDs teams have joined with City AM to launch the "Toast the City" awards.

The awards will bring together top names in hospitality to select the best pubs, coffee shops, outdoor space and restaurants, all nominated by the public. With 18 categories to choose from, nominations are open until July 31st. Please visit https://www.cityamevents.co.uk/toast-awards to nominate your favourite local food and/or drink establishment, most especially those in our Ward of Candlewick.



You're cordially invited to

THE CANDLEWICK GARDEN PARTY

on

THURSDAY 24TH JULY, 5.30-8PM

in the

GARDEN OF ST MARTIN ORGAR

By kind permission of VWV London

Access via VWV London, 24 King William Street, EC4R 9AT

Drinks and canapés will be served Tickets £10 per person

Please RSVP to James St John Davis james.stjohndavis@cityoflondon.gov.uk or 07823559453 www.candlewickward.org





Should you have any questions or issues you'd like to discuss in relation to the Ward of Candlewick, please do get in touch.

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