



Broad Street



Sheriff Mainelli shows his prowess at Maypole Dancing with London Mayors and Pearly Kings and Queens

A Life In The Locked-Down Days Of A City Of London Sheriff

Editor writes: "This year is unique for the Ward of Broad Street in that we have both our Alderman, Professor Michael Mainelli, and a Common Councilman, Chris Hayward, serving as Sheriffs for the year 2019-20. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Sheriffs have been asked to serve a further year. We have asked them for their reflections on their roles so far, and first up is Michael. The next edition will see Chris's thoughts."

Covid-19 has meant that my Brother Sheriff Christopher Hayward and I instead of serving one year from September 2019, have been asked to serve two, ending September 2021. We believe this is the first time in almost 800 years (1228 AD?) this has happened. So a summary?

Most importantly, it's great to be a Sheriff. The several thousands of interesting people you meet, the conversations you have, the events you're privileged to attend, and the special things you're allowed to do, amount to a fantastic job. In the limited space available I'll mention three highlights.

On our first formal day we found ourselves walking sheep across London Bridge with Michael Portillo, then dancing round a maypole with the Pearly Kings & Queens at the Costermongers' Harvest Festival. Second, and more intimidating than you might think, was the honour of giving a Christmas reading to 3,000 people at St Paul's Cathedral. The acoustics are tricky, but when it finally came together it may well remain

the most special Christmas service ever for my family. Third, being responsible for the Old Bailey, ranging from letting in six dogs and 27 officers on a contraband sweep as officer in charge, to greeting the Lord Mayor with one of your two ceremonial swords as he opens the Old Bailey.

You really can't make it up. Then at night, as you get back from a Mansion House dinner and kick your heels up with your wife, it's just the two of you, a security guard, 18 courts, 74 jail cells, 400,000 square feet of offices. And finally, late on a wintry Saturday afternoon you get out your bagpipes and knock off a tune in the Grand Hall of the Old Bailey all on your own. Again, the acoustics are tricky, but what reverberation!

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Major City projects continue despite COVID-19

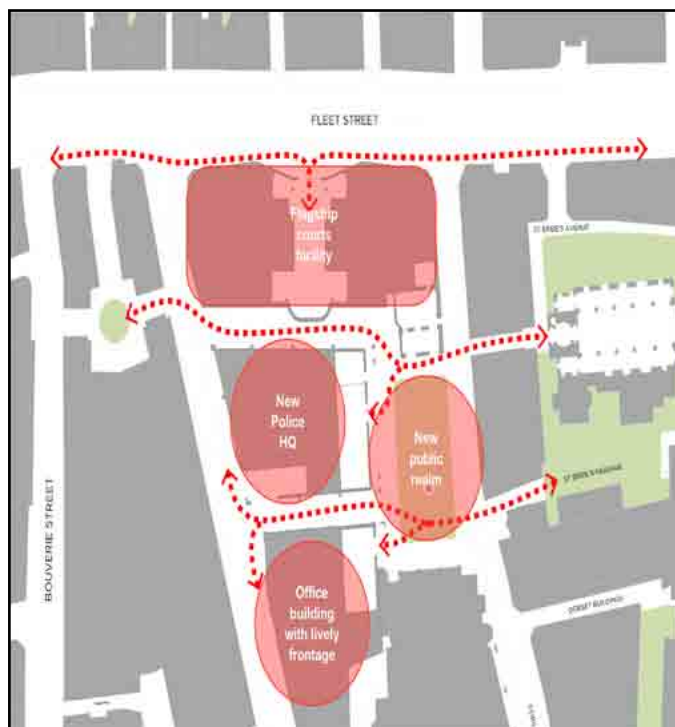
Over the summer the City of London Corporation launched an initial consultation on its plans for a new combined court and police complex on Fleet Street.

The proposals would see a flagship 18 courtroom facility for HM Courts and Tribunal Service and a new state-of-the-art headquarters for the City of London Police, along with a commercial development of offices and retail.

The new court facility, with its main entrance on Fleet Street, will create a high-quality civic frontage on this historic and important London thoroughfare. It will house significantly improved facilities for users and staff.

The City of London Police will be provided with a headquarters to support modern policing in its local and national remit and is being designed in close consultation with officers and staff.

A commercial building is planned for the rear of the site providing office accommodation and space for retail at ground floor level, creating a vibrant street scene on the route down towards the river.



Further consultation is expected to be carried out this autumn before a planning application is submitted in late 2020. You can keep up to date with the latest developments on the project website www.fleetstreetestate.co.uk

Also during the summer, the City Corporation asked for feedback on the initial concepts to re-imagine the Grade II* listed East and West Smithfield buildings and the Grade II Rotunda, should the meat market relocate. The east and west buildings are currently home to Smithfield meat market which the City Corporation has submitted an outline planning application to co-locate alongside Billingsgate and New Spitalfields markets to a new site in Dagenham Dock. Parliamentary approval is required to move the three markets and a further iteration of the Smithfield concept designs will support this process.

More information
www.wholesalemarkets.co.uk/smithfield

Register to vote in City elections

If you're a City worker, you may spend more time in the office than you do at home... so why not have the same say on services in the Square Mile as you have where you live?

Staff in City businesses and organisations can join residents and vote in the City of London Corporation's elections.

The City is unique in residents and workers being able to register to vote for local ward councillors.

This means they can have a voice on areas including air quality, cycling, personal security, green spaces, commuting and transport.

As far as possible, the appointed voters should reflect the diversity of the organisation's employees. This includes gender, ethnicity and seniority. The right to be appointed as a voter is open to staff at all levels – from chief executive to entry-level employees and even regular contractors –

so that the voters are truly representative of the whole City.

The City Corporation has sent registration forms to all eligible organisations. If you want to find out if your company has a named contact to help you register to vote, please get in touch on 0800 587 5537 or electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workervote



Have your say on City landmarks



People are being asked to give their views on statues, street and building names and other landmarks in the City of London with historic links to slavery and racism in all its forms.

The City of London Corporation has launched a three-month consultative exercise asking people which landmarks they think are a problem and what action they would like to see taken.

The survey is being promoted by the City Corporation's Tackling Racism Taskforce, set up in June with the aim of considering what action the organisation can take to tackle racism in all its forms.

It comes as organisations across London and the UK review the cultural legacy of slavery and colonialism in the light of the Black Lives Matter movement.

People can take part in the consultative exercise, which runs until Tuesday, 24 November, online at cityoflondon.gov.uk/historiclandmarksconsultation or by writing to: Tackling Racism Taskforce, City of London Corporation, Guildhall, PO Box 270, London EC2P 2EJ

New mental health centre opens

A new counselling and psychotherapy centre for workers and residents in the City of London and neighbouring boroughs is due to open in October,



Supported by the City of London Corporation, the City Wellbeing Centre will provide access to both longer and shorter-term talking therapies not easily available through the NHS in recent years. The charity, Tavistock Relationships, has been commissioned to provide a range of services from the centre.

As a non-profit making organization, Tavistock Relationship will look to make its services accessible to all, by providing therapy on the basis of what individuals and couples can afford and, in this way, it will play an important part in tackling health inequalities within the City.

Located at 75-77 Middlesex Street E1 7DA, the Centre will provide a range of counselling and psychotherapy services to individuals, couples and groups with mental health concerns and relationship difficulties.

www.citywellbeingcentre.org

Call for firms to enter environmental awards

City firms cutting back on single-use plastics and committing to improve London's air quality are being urged to enter London's top environmental gongs.

The City Corporation, which runs the Clean City Awards, wants to hear from firms of all sizes and sectors across the Square Mile.

The scheme, now in its 26th year, rewards businesses leading the way in improving environmental performance – be it by reducing their plastic use, taking action to cut their carbon emissions or just going that extra mile to be more environmentally friendly.

There are four award categories:

- Resource and Circular Economy
- Plastic Free City
- Air Quality and Climate Action
- Communication and Engagement

There is also a chance to apply for and win the Chairman's Cup, which looks at organisation's environmental and sustainability performance, and behaviour change during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Applications are open until 16 October 2020. To sign up, apply and find out more information please visit www.ccaslondon.co.uk



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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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Yet there is a serious side to all this. The civic team works to strengthen our community of over 500,000 workers and 9,000 residents. Our long-term objectives are to create prosperity, share success, and enrich our environment. We have clear strategic themes:

- Promoting the business, professional, technical, and financial services of the City and the UK;
- Increasing the impact of charitable and voluntary activities;
- Continuing to develop London as THE global city.

The Lord Mayor travels. We Sheriffs stay here at home, judging prizes, giving out school awards, and dancing round maypoles. Together we address issues such as finance's role in

COP26 in Glasgow, how to keep London foremost post-Brexit, or how to support initiatives like the northern liverymen's Brigantes club.

You couldn't make it up; a year, or two, of living above a gaol and we get 'locked down'. After a furious six months of shrieval, civic, and Old Bailey social events crashed to a halt, they've been replaced by continuous videoconferences with businesses, global financial centres, or livery companies. The transition has been hard, but successful. The civic team work is as relevant as ever, and the continuity of those who know the old and new systems has been most useful. Clearly, we're all working to establish a new normal that gets business and businesses back in the Square Mile.

We Sheriffs are using our time in the Old Bailey particularly to promote the rule of law. Rule of law is cited by international partners as a fundamental reason for conducting their business in London rather than elsewhere. We want to ensure that if Britain is open for business, unless you're a crook, you can easily open a UK bank account.

Along the way we've hosted events on green finance, diversity, lawtech, fintech, maritime trade, international regulatory interoperability, property development, and the Culture Mile. Though these events and our work move online, the next twelve months will still be at least as full as the past. And, if permitted, I look forward to another round of maypole dancing.