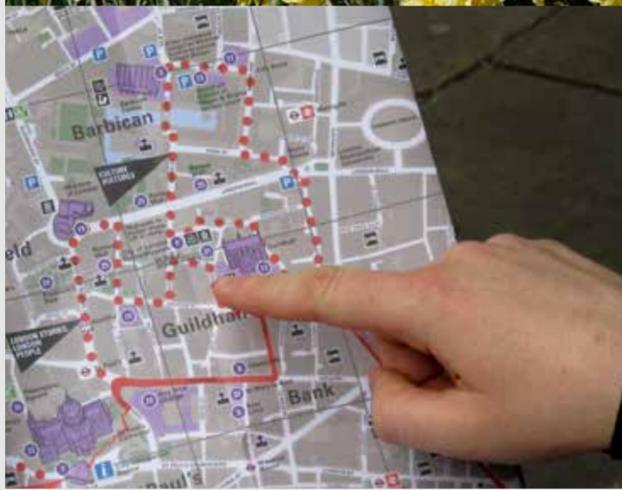




The Cheapside Business Alliance ebulletin March 2016



Wave winter goodbye

March has arrived, and with it the glorious sunshine (hopefully) and a tide of not-to-be-missed things to do in the City of London!

The City is best discovered on foot, and even better in warmer weather, so why not join a **guided walk** led by an expert City guide, which starts every day at 11am or 2pm at the **City Information Centre (CIC)**. From Roman remains to cutting-edge modern architecture, you're never short of something to see, so make sure you add them to your 'to do' list this month.

Self-guided walks and the **City Visitor Trail** – available for download or free hard copy – are also perfect for those on a sight-seeing mission through the City. Take on world famous attractions, uncover the hidden gems and feast on the culture, history and heritage of the most famous Square Mile in the world (also a fantastic route for shopping, eating and drinking). Those visiting with children can download the **Children's trail map** specially designed for little legs, and discover the marvels of the City in the company of Drago the dragon.

Take advantage of the unique and exciting offers on eating, drinking and shopping in the City by using the Cheapside Privilege Card which you can buy from the **City Information Centre**. And whether you are looking for a special treat for Mother's Day or for your favourite Easter chocolate guilty pleasures, you will be surely spoiled for choice.

And if you need eggciting ideas on where to go for the Easter break – that is, in the odd chance you want to leave the City behind, fret no more. This March the North of England will be staging a takeover of the City of London Information Centre with Northern Destinations promoting their areas directly to you over a three week period.

Why not pop in the CIC to pick up some info on York, Liverpool, Cumbria, Lancashire or the Peak District, to discover something different. You may indulge on some delicious Northern nibbles or even have a surprising Viking encounter.

For more great events and information about the City, visit our award-winning City Information Centre, where our friendly, multi-lingual staff are ready to help you plan your great day out! Enjoy March in the City!

Major upgrade of Bank Station is underway

Transport for London was granted the Transport and Works Act Order to transform the third busiest station on the Tube network.

Bank is a vital interchange at the heart of the City, used by over 52 million passengers a year, rising by 50 per cent in the past 10 years.

The **Bank Station Capacity Upgrade** team will work on site 24-hours-a-day until 2021 to increase station's capacity by 40 per cent, improve accessibility and reduce interchange times by providing:

- A new railway tunnel and platform for the Northern line
- Step-free access to the Northern line and Docklands Light Railway platforms
- More direct routes, with two new moving walkways
- Three new lifts and 12 new escalators
- A new station entrance in Cannon Street

The works have started in Arthur Street (marked in green on the picture), which is being utilised as a surface works site as it is directly above the proposed southbound Northern line tunnel and disused King William Street station.

The road will remain closed until the completion of the project in 2021. Closures of Abchurch and Nicholas lanes between Cannon and King William streets will be required to accommodate the block site (red area on the picture).

The redevelopment will add to current works on a new entrance to the Waterloo & City line just metres away from Walbrook Square.

It will offer two new lifts, four new escalators and a new ticket hall when it opens in late 2017.



Cleaner Air Action fortnight

Cheapside Businesses Alliance will be supporting Cleaner Air Action fortnight in March. The Air Quality profile is on the rise and it persists as a hot topic in the media. Last week the BBC released an article asking "What's the best way to avoid air pollution travelling in a city? Walking, cycling or in a vehicle?"

Cleaner Air Action Fortnight (CAAF) is an exciting new London wide initiative working to tackle our urgent problem of air pollution which so far has cost the NHS £54 billion. We're joining forces with Global Action Plan, the UK's leading environmental behaviour change charity, and Kings College London University under Cleaner Air Better Business, a Cross River Partnership programme to target pollution hotspots in our area.

Our Ambassadors, along with some Cheapside Business Alliance members will become Change Makers during the month of March. As a Change Maker they will be part of a team and together they will take part in two Cleaner Air Action Days 9th & 16th March. They will help drivers to understand the effect of leaving their engines on when parked and encourage them to turn off. This will protect thousands of the most vulnerable in our community and make Cheapside a nicer place to be.

Together with the power of your community spirit we can make Cheapside a healthier, cleaner place for all. www.globalactionplan.org.uk



Events

Unseen City: Photos by Martin Parr

£5 ADMISSION

4 Mar – 31 Jul 2016

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/martinparr



Guildhall Art Gallery, London EC2V 5AE

View the City of London through the lens of acclaimed Magnum photographer Martin Parr. Explore the pomp, ceremony and behind-the-scenes activity as Parr brings the City to life, capturing the colourful Square Mile and people who make up the colourful Square Mile. Martin Parr has been the City of London's photographer-in-residence since 2013. Whether the public are familiar or unfamiliar with the City of London, this exhibition will display the unique character of the traditions, quirks and people who make up the City. This exhibition provides the opportunity to see

how the City operates, up close and personal; sparking debate, dispelling myths and sharing surprising insights.

REMINDER: Shakespeare Son et Lumiere

FREE

4 & 5 Mar, 6.45pm – 8.45pm (20 min loop – last show commencing 8.15pm approx.)



www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/sonetlumiere

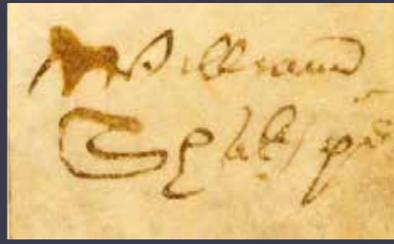
The historic Guildhall Great Hall will be illuminated with a spectacular Shakespeare Son et Lumiere to celebrate the Bard's connection to the capital. Along with a stunning light and sound production, the surrounding Galleries will operate extended opening hours where you can view both Shakespeare and London and Visscher Redrawn: 1616-2016 exhibitions. Complete

your evening with a Shakespeare themed cocktail from the pop-up bar.

LAST CHANCE TO SEE: Shakespeare and London at the City of London Heritage Gallery

9 Jan - 31 Mar

FREE



www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/heritagegallery

Find out more about Shakespeare's relationship with the capital at the City of London Heritage Gallery's Shakespeare and London exhibition. Marvel at a 1613 deed containing Shakespeare's signature and take a peek at one of the finest copies of the First Folio (the 1623 published collection of Shakespeare's plays).

Bespoke Cycling – bike fitting excellence in the heart of the The City

Spearheading the UK bike fitting revolution since 2007, Bespoke Cycling are proud to bring our years of bike fitting excellence to the heart of the The City. With two fit studios, two floors of showrooms and a comprehensive workshop, we offer the highest levels of customer service and support alongside the world's finest independent brands. From boutique marques such as Parlee, Moths and Independent Fabrication, to S-Works, Cannondale and Trek Project One, we work to get customers their perfectly fitted dream bike, whatever the budget. We additionally offer custom orthotics along with footwear, clothing and accessories from POC, Fizik, Castelli, Mission Workshop and more.

Cheapside Business Alliance members are invited to enter our prize draw to win a FREE bike fitting. Using our Bespoke 4D Fit system we'll perfect the fit of your existing bike to maximise your comfort, performance and enjoyment. Apply in store for details.

Bespoke Cycle are located on the corner of Milk Street and Russia Row, our opening hours are Monday to Friday, 09:00 – 19:00. Please call us on 020 7796 1263.

