



# Cornhill

## Lime Street & Cornhill Ward Club

By Peter Dunphy

Many Wards of the City of London have ward clubs often dating back to the mid 19th century. Membership was encouraged from both those residing in the City of London and those who came to work in the City. Most Ward Clubs historically had an interest in both social events and promoting awareness/involvement in the City's administration and electoral process.

For many years Cornhill has been associated with the Lime Street Ward Club and Cornhill's Councilmen and electors have joined in with their activities. The good news is that earlier this year the Club formally became the 'Lime Street and Cornhill Ward Club'. Formed in 1946, the Club is one of the most active in the City and over the last couple of years we have had a wine tasting, a visit to London's new gin distillery, involvement in many inter-ward events like the annual quiz night, visits to notable City buildings such as the Old Bailey, an annual carol service, civic lunch attended by the Lord Mayor and a number of formal and informal dinners and social evenings. The club is active in major City events like the Lord Mayor's show and the annual Red Cross fair.

Cornhill's Alderman Robert Howard is the current Vice – President and Upper Warden and the current Master, Tim Willens, worked for many years at Aon in Cornhill Ward before their move to Leadenhall Street in Lime Street Ward, so the Cornhill connection is very strong.

A number of Cornhill's local workers and residents have joined in recent years and we are always looking at new applications from people active in the Ward who are interested in City matters.

**If you are interested in the Ward Club there is lots of information on the website <http://www.lstwc.org.uk/> or contact Cornhill Common Councilman Peter Dunphy, who is himself an active member [petergdunphy@hotmail.com](mailto:petergdunphy@hotmail.com).**



*The connection between the wards dates back centuries*



*The Master's Badge of Office*

# Register this year, vote next



Next March sees City-wide elections for the Court of Common Council, the City Corporation's main decision making body.

So it's all the more important that you register to stay on our electoral lists when the forms are sent out at the end of August as a considerable number of the wards are likely to have a contested election. Preceding the elections you will be sent information regarding the election arrangements in your Ward, including where your polling station is located and how you can arrange a postal or proxy vote.

You will also be advised of the location of the annual meeting of the ward that takes place as part of the election process which is known as the Wardmote. This event will offer you the chance to meet and question all the candidates standing for election.

In order to be able to vote, residents and businesses voters will have to register during the autumn. For residents this is done by way completing a household registration form. These will be sent out in August and the registration for City ward elections takes place alongside the registration of electors for national elections.

Most businesses located in the City are also able to appoint voters in City ward elections.

The exact number of voters that a business may appoint will depend on the size of their workforce in the City – the more people they employ the more voters they may appoint. Each business has a designated person responsible for appointing the

voters for their organisation. The Electoral Services team at the City Corporation is happy to help workers find out the

name of the contact in their organisation so that they can express an interest in being appointed as a voter at their business.

For City businesses, especially those that have only recently located to the City or haven't registered before, having a 'worker vote' will be new to them. And this is where existing voters can help.

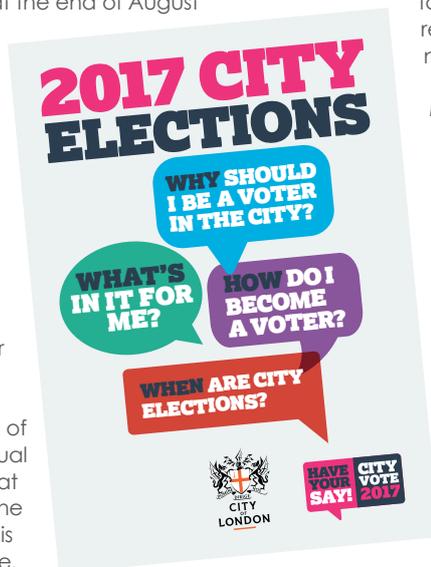
Whether a resident or a City worker, you can help us spread the word to firms and organisations that they may be eligible to appoint voters and should register or use their full entitlement if they don't already.

Being on the register means that individuals don't just have a vote in ward elections of Aldermen and Common Councilmen it also puts them in touch with elected Members who sit on the City Corporation's various committees and the Court. They represent your interests in the whole range of work the City Corporation carries out.

This newsletter is one way your ward representatives within the City Corporation keep constituents up to date on how they are working on your behalf.

It also acts as a reminder of who to contact if there is an issue with something within the Square Mile – from security to planning, road safety to the night time economy and air quality to broadband provision.

Electoral registration forms should be delivered in early September and a swift response means we won't have to keep chasing you.



More information is available from  
0800 587 5537  
electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk  
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityvote17



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**We all need impartial advice at some time in our lives and whether you live, work or study in the City or live on a City Corporation estate, City Advice is there for you.**

**The free and impartial service can help you with a range of issues such as employment rights, consumer rights, debt worries, legal issues, family matters, housing problems or welfare benefits.**

**There are many ways to get in touch – from email, a local drop-in session, advice lines or text – whichever way suits you best.**

**Funded by the City Corporation, City Advice is provided by Toynbee Hall**

**More information [www.toynbeehall.org.uk/cityadvice](http://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/cityadvice)**

## No smoke without...



City of London institutions are marking the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London this summer with a whole season of exhibitions, concerts, lectures and tours.

At the centre will be London's Burning, a festival of arts and ideas running from 30 August to 4 September including the anniversary weekend.

The City Corporation is founding sponsor for London's Burning.

**More information [www.visitlondon.com/greatfire350](http://www.visitlondon.com/greatfire350)**



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### Useful contact information:

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www.cityoflondon.police.uk	020 7601 2222	www.gresham.ac.uk	020 7831 0575
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## CONTACT US

To write to any of your Members, to let us know if you wish to receive this newsletter by email in future, or to inform us if you wish to be taken off the distribution list write c/o

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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.

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

### Interview with Alderman Robert Howard

Robert Howard served as a member of Common Council from 2011 to 2015. In October 2015 he was elected Alderman for the Ward of Cornhill (one of the 25 Wards in the local authority which is the City of London) and so joined the Court of Aldermen. Councilman Ian Seaton interviews Robert.

#### Q1 What are the main differences between the Court of Common Council and the Court of Aldermen?

A The main difference between the Court of Common Council and the Court of Aldermen is that, as well as being involved with the governance and oversight of the City of London as a local authority, the Aldermen also represent the City PLC to wider stakeholders, both national and international. It is important to remember that the City is the world's leading international financial centre and both the Aldermen, of whom there are 25 – one for each Ward – and the Common Councilmen work towards sustaining that position, despite intense competition from other leading financial centres such as New York, Hong Kong and Singapore.

#### Q2 Has the experience which you gained on the Court of Common Council been of

#### use now that you are an Alderman?

A Yes – most definitely. The City Corporation is a complex organisation, with deep historical roots and a wide engagement. Spending valuable time as a Common Councilman is the perfect training for joining the Court of Aldermen.

#### Q3 What are the main problems facing the ward of Cornhill and how will they be overcome?

A Cornhill is at the heart of the City and has to deal with city-centre problems such as congestion, pollution and transport. These require collaborative solutions across wider London. So the City Corporation has to work closely with other London boroughs, Transport for London (TfL) and the Mayor to ensure that we receive the required levels of priority and resources to deal with these urgent problems.

#### Q4 Why should people in the Ward register to vote?

A The City is unique in enfranchising not just residents but also people who work in the City, at their place of work. The relatively small number of voters in Cornhill (350 approximately) enables a close working relationship between voters and their elected representatives. In March 2017

there will be fresh elections (they happen every four years) for your Common Councilmen. Please do contact us if you want to discuss any issues. Please see the inside pages on the mechanics of registering your vote.



Robert Howard (Right) with Sheriff Charles Bowman

#### Q5 How do you combine your role as an Alderman with your professional career as an investment manager?

A It keeps me busy but I am delighted to say that the investment management firm for which I work – Charles Stanley & Co – is returning to the Ward in September 2016, with new offices in Bishopsgate.

#### Q6 What future do you see for the City in particular the businesses of insurance and investment management which are contained in the Ward?

A The last 5 years or so have witnessed rationalisation in many sectors of the financial services industry. We are therefore now well placed for any recovery in the industry.