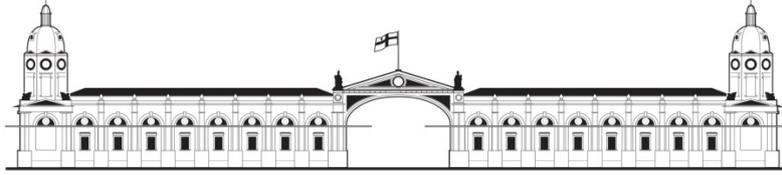


# THE SMITHFIELD GAZETTE



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## **SMITHFIELD STREET PARTY:**

## **A BEASTLY ADVENTURE**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Following on from last year's event at Smithfield celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Victorian Market, this summer Culture Mile presents a fantastical free street party with an animal theme, curated by the Museum of London.

- One-day, FREE festival on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August
- At and around Smithfield Market, London EC1A 9PS
  - Events between 11am and 7pm
- [www.culturemile.london/festivals/smithfield-street-party](http://www.culturemile.london/festivals/smithfield-street-party)

*details on pages 3 and 4*

## **THE SMITHFIELD GAZETTE** **COMMENT**

At last, some decisive action on the political front! We welcome Boris Johnson as our new Prime Minister and his wide-ranging changes to the cabinet. He commented that 'they had a momentous task ahead of them at a pivotal moment in our country's history' – how true. We hope that the new Prime Minister will be able to inject some energy and positivity into the country and achieve what he has set out to do, so that we will no longer be stuck in the seemingly endless limbo we have been in for the last few years. Businesses need certainty in order to invest and grow and it is to be hoped that this is what we will now get. The political commentators all seem to be waiting for Boris to fail – let us hope instead that he succeeds brilliantly.

## **BREXIT UPDATE**

The change in Prime Minister has meant an acceleration in 'no deal' Brexit planning and the Market is not immune. Meetings have been stepped up in order to ensure that measures are in place to alleviate any difficulties that may be encountered. Further details will be published in the next Gazette in early October.

## **MARKETS COMMITTEE VISIT** **TO SMITHFIELD MARKET**

Members of Markets Committee visited Smithfield Market on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July. This is an annual visit and enables committee members to gain an insight into Market operations and interact with Market traders. Following the tour, the committee members, Director of Markets and the Market Superintendent were joined for breakfast by officers and staff of the Tenants' Association at the Fox and Anchor.

## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future."

*John F Kennedy*

## **LORD MAYOR'S VISIT TO** **SMITHFIELD MARKET** **22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

This year's visit of the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Alderman Peter Estlin to Smithfield Market will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Following the visit, a formal breakfast will take place at Butchers' Hall which is due to reopen in September following extensive refurbishment.

## **PLAY THE MILE –** **GRAND AVENUE**

Kids are invited to Smithfield for free family adventure play on Saturday 10 August and Saturday 17 August from 12 – 4pm. With lots of activities and workshops such as water play and mask making. All you need to bring is a packed lunch and your imagination!

*Grand Avenue will need to be cleared of vehicles from 10am on both days.*

## **SMITHFIELD MARKET** **APPRENTICESHIP** **SCHEME**

**Various employers at Smithfield Market  
are looking to employ apprentices to  
start work as cutters or salesmen**

Mainly night shifts, at  
Smithfield Market, London EC1A 9LH

All skills and training provided free. Ideal for candidates aged 18 or over. Existing Market workers may be eligible to join the scheme

Starting pay will be up to £350 per week, based on a 35 hour week

Contact **020 7332 3918/3209** or email  
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more information

## **SMITHFIELD STREET PARTY –** **A BEASTLY ADVENTURE** **SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

This August Bank Holiday Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, all London's animals – past, present or future, large and small, rare and familiar – will be taking over the streets around Smithfield Market. With music, performances, workshops, games and play with 10,000 human party animals. A Beastly Adventure was inspired by the original Bartholomew's fair and the Museum of London and Guildhall School of Music and Drama's Beasts of London experience. Smithfield Street Party invites all of London's families, including their canine members, to come and take part in a full day of free beastly fun.

With a host of activities for all ages, including bands, choirs, craft market stalls, zine-making workshops, history tours with The City Guides, dog shows, fun fair rides and lots of surprises!

Smithfield Street Party: A Beastly Adventure is the culmination of Play the Mile, Culture Mile's first extended season of activity, which takes place from 18 May – 25 August. There is something for everyone and it is free to all with 2,000 years of history colliding across two new outdoor spaces, ten new site-specific music commissions, twenty-five unique venues to explore, and fifty free regular performances all celebrating the value of play and creativity in everyday life.

Plans for Culture Mile were announced in July 2017 as a new home for contemporary culture in the ancient heart of London's working capital. It's a partnership of four leading UK arts, culture and learning institutions led by the City of London Corporation together with the Barbican, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London Symphony Orchestra and the Museum of London. Stretching from Farringdon to Moorgate, Culture Mile inspires visitors to wander winding medieval streets, marvel at architectural wonders and experience incredible music, theatre and art all in one day with imaginative collaborations, outdoor programming and events seven days a week. Culture Mile fosters collaboration and innovation

and champions the social and economic value of creativity within the area as it welcomes visitors both local and international with its diverse offer of programming and soon an additional 1.5 million visitors a year will be within a 45 minute journey of the area when the Elizabeth Line becomes fully operational and the North-South Thameslink line is upgraded.

### **Smithfield Street Party highlights include:**

#### **Grand Avenue**

The **Soaring Smithfield Canopy** where an exciting line-up of aerialists swing from the rafters creating a dazzling performance in the Victorian iron structures of the Central Markets. Expect performances from amazing companies such as **Extraordinary Bodies** and **Upswing**, with more to be announced soon.

Audiences can create their own winged creations with **Scribble and Smudge** and watch giant bird puppets from **Artillery**.

Transform yourself into a magical creature with masks, face painting and headdresses.

Change your perspective through a series of interactive wild installations.

#### **Rotunda Gardens**

Enter into the magical **Beastly Den**. Bring your wild ideas to create mythical creatures and habitats and add them to the House of Wayward Plants and watch it grow as the day passes.

Do as bees do and get a wiggle on at a waggle dance workshop.

Get up close and personal with the mini-beasts including some not-so-mini Giant Snails and hissing cockroaches from **SunTrap**.

Learn about different habitats animals live in and how to care for the world around us.

**The Young Coneys** want to talk to you about the animals of our world. They will be wandering around Smithfield Market with their uniquely designed puppets to spark a conversation on animal conservation.

### **Long Lane**

Visit the **Watering Hole** for a range of refreshments, world foods and local delicacies. Or bring your own picnic and grab a seat!

### **Round the West Smithfield Rotunda – Wild Rotunda Plains**

With a host of free activities including London's Biggest Play Street. This is where you can go wild, build a den or run through the urban world as never seen before.

Look at the world through the eyes of a cat with beginner's parkour classes.

Hear stories of some of London's young women created with artist Jenny Moore.

Have a go at the Rig and make the sounds of the beast around us.

Visit the **Tall Tails Tent** to take a break from all the fun. This space is to relax and unwind for the littlest party animals with storytelling and chill-out zones. Sit and read a book or listen to the storytellers tell winding tales.

#### **Find Smithfield Market, London EC1A 9PS**

- From Farringdon Station in Cowcross Street – follow Cowcross Street to the Market
- From Barbican Station on Aldersgate Street – turn right into Long Lane
- From St Paul's Station – take Aldersgate Street north past the Museum of London and turn left into Long Lane, or take Newgate Street to Snow Hill and then turn right into Smithfield Street
- From City Thameslink – take the Holborn Viaduct exit, cross the road and go down Snow Hill, turn right at Smithfield Street

**Note – the Smithfield Car Park will not be accessible during the event. Charterhouse Street and East Poultry Avenue will remain open to traffic, but Long Lane, Lindsey Street and around the Rotunda will be closed to traffic throughout the event with limited access for local businesses and residents**

**Catherine McGuinness, Policy Chair at the City of London Corporation**, said: "Smithfield Street Party: A Beastly Adventure will continue the fun and strong sense of community from last year's celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Smithfield Market and is the culmination of Play the Mile, Culture Mile's first season of extended activity. This annual event brings together people from all walks of life and takes us one step closer to realising our ambition to redefine the Square Mile – already established as a leading global financial centre – as a world-class destination for culture, heritage and creativity."

**Sharon Ament, Director of the Museum of London**, said: "This is definitely the year of the Beasts! We cannot wait to take over the historic Smithfield streets once again and put on a wild street party like no other. Just down the road from where the new Museum of London will be in a few years, this is a wonderful example of how Culture Mile partners and the Smithfield Market Tenants' Association can come together to put on a truly spectacular, free show for Londoners and visitors in the heart of the City. Bring your family, friends and your dogs to enjoy free fun, festivities and food for one day only."

**Gregory Lawrence, Chairman of the SMTA that represents the Smithfield Market meat traders**, said: "We are very pleased that Culture Mile is following up last year's very successful Smithfield 150 with another event this year. It was extremely gratifying that people came out in such numbers last year and showed so much interest in the history of the institutions in the area as well as participating in the many and varied activities on offer. It reinforced what we all believe, that Smithfield Market is a very special place, and we are looking forward to welcoming the Museum of London as our neighbours in the old General Market and Annex buildings, which can only add to the area's interest. I know that the team behind this year's event have an exciting and varied programme planned and we look forward to welcoming people again to our Market."

**For full programme listings and FAQs visit [www.culturemile.london/festivals/smithfield-street-party](http://www.culturemile.london/festivals/smithfield-street-party)**

## THE CHARTERHOUSE – OPEN GARDENS

Opportunities to visit the lovely Charterhouse gardens are rare, as they have been created especially as a peaceful haven for the residents who live in the alms-house there. Recognising the high demand to see the gardens, however, Charterhouse will be opening them for a monthly series of Open Garden evenings. On these occasions visitors will be able to spend a relaxed evening walking in the gardens on these non-guided events, with the opportunity to enjoy an informal BBQ and bar. Discover this beautifully planned oasis on their stunning seven-acre site. (Food and drink not included in ticket price).

For tickets go to

<http://www.thecharterhouse.org/visit-us/whats-on/>

### **August Open Gardens**

15 August 2019 | 5:30pm – 8:30pm

### **September Open Gardens**

12 September 2019 | 4:30pm – 8:30pm



## THE CHARTERHOUSE – ALMSHOUSE ELIGIBILITY

Affordable accommodation when you're over 60 and on your own is becoming an increasing challenge for many people. Almshouses are one of the solutions – and at the Charterhouse they offer not only housing and support but the opportunity to join a caring and thriving community. Do you know someone who might be eligible to live there? Find out more here <http://www.thecharterhouse.org/joining-the-community/almshouse/>

## FANTASTIC FEATS: THE BUILDING OF LONDON **31 MAY – 1 DECEMBER 2019**

Celebrate towering architecture, invention and engineering with Fantastic Feats: The Building of London. The six month long series of street theatre and circus, art, music, exhibitions, walks and tours is inspired by several important historical anniversaries, including the 200<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Sir Joseph Bazalgette (inventor of London's sewer system) and Sir Horace Jones (architect and designer of Tower Bridge), 125 years since the completion of Tower Bridge and 150 years since Blackfriars Bridge and the Holborn Viaduct opened.

“War has rules, mud wrestling has rules –  
politics has no rules.”

*Ross Perot*

“The whole aim of practical politics is to keep  
the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous  
to be led to safety) by menacing it with  
endless series of hobgoblins, all of them  
imaginary.”

*HL Mencken*

## **BDCI FESTIVAL DINNER**

BDCI are delighted to announce that Hugh Dennis, well known comedian, writer and actor, will be the guest speaker at this year's BDCI Festival Dinner on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Hugh is the star of many comedy series including Outnumbered and Mock the Week. He is a supporter of Action Aid and Alzheimer's Society and participant in Comic Relief including the Red Nose Day Convoy.

The 2019 BDCI Festival Dinner will once again be held at the iconic and historic Grade II listed Whitbread Brewery building in the City of London.

Tickets are £180pp which includes a drinks reception before the meal, plus half a bottle of wine per person. Last year's Festival Dinner was a complete sell out so make sure you book your table now.

Andrew Garvey, BDCI Trustee and Spokesman said, "The Festival Dinner is always regarded as the highlight in the Meat Industry's calendar, BDCI is proud that the event is so warmly regarded and it reflects the generous nature and community spirit of our industry. I would like to welcome Jo Discombe in her role as BDCI Festival Chairman, I know she will be an enthusiastic and dynamic Festival Chair. With a great night of entertainment planned, this year's dinner is set to be a fantastic event."

Jo Discombe, BDCI Festival Dinner Chairman for 2019 said, "The Festival Dinner is such a fantastic event, which I hope will raise lots of funds for this amazing charity, BDCI. It is the biggest opportunity of the year to meet up with old friends and colleagues from within the industry and have some really good fun, truly hoping to help make this a fantastic evening for everyone with some amazing food choices. I am counting on your support!"

**To book tickets for the BDCI Festival Dinner please visit <http://www.bdc.org.uk>**

### **DIARY**

18 Sep SMTA Council  
25 Sep Markets Committee  
22 Oct Lord Mayor visits Smithfield Market  
23 Oct SMTA Council  
20 Nov SMTA Council  
27 Nov Markets Committee

## **SMITHFIELD MARKET JOINS LONDON OPEN HOUSE 2019**

Smithfield Market has successfully applied for and been accepted for London Open House 2019. The Market will be open to the public for visits on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September between 10am and 4pm and on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September between 10am and 3pm. The public will be able to walk through the buyers' walks of the three market buildings admiring the Victorian architecture in the East and West Market buildings and comparing it to the 1960s Poultry Market building. All three of the buildings are listed and each have their own unique character. The east and west were designed by the city architect Sir Horace Jones and despite changes to the internal layout retain much of their original iron work and colour schemes. The Poultry Market by contrast is starkly modern and has more in common with the architecture of the Barbican estate than its Victorian counterparts. The highlight of this building is the internal dome which was in 1961 at the cutting edge of architecture.

Details of the London Open House 2019 programme can be found at <https://openhouselondon.org.uk/>

### **GAZETTE BY EMAIL**

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