

NEW HOME FOR HARCA

HARCA Head Office is moving to 155 East India Dock Road in the New Year. You'll better know the building as the old George Green School. The existing office will be an employment & training hub, working with locals to make sure they get first dibs on the job opportunities the regen will offer including construction, retail, management and a variety of other careers. The space will also host pop-ups and events.



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HE'S A BERRY NICE MAN

Estate Manager Darren Berry talks day-job:

"I'm Darren, Chrisp Street's Estate Manager.

I'm based in the Management Office in Market Square and look after the 100+ shops and lock-ups in Chrisp Street, plus shops on Aberfeldy Street, Teviot Street, Coventry Cross and Stroudley Walk.

I'm responsible for Health & Safety at Chrisp Street. I also help retailers day-to-day, and advise and assist with the great events hosted in the market.

Market stalls are managed by the Council. They decide who gets a stall, the quality of goods and the rent. The Council also retain responsibility for cleaning the market and surrounding area.

Before arriving in 2015, I was a security contract manager for 17 years, looking after the V&A Museum, Facebook's Head Office and the O2 Arena. To do all that I had a great team of 120 staff.

I enjoy playing pool and for a local pub team, and am a QPR season ticket holder. You could wonder why a Bethnal Green boy has supported QPR for 40 years, but that's a long story for another time."

EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Neighbours in Poplar (NiP) supports older and vulnerable people in Poplar, and needs your help this Christmas.

NiP is hosting a party for over 50s on Friday 14 December 11am – 3pm at St Matthias.

Tickets are £5

They also need volunteers to help get meals to older people alone over the festive period. Drivers are needed to deliver meals at lunchtime on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Helping hands are also needed at St Matthias Church 9am-12noon for preparation, cooking and washing up.

If you can help, call Sister Christine on 020 7987 0257

WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE?

Now planning permission has been approved, what happens next?

We hope to start work in autumn 2019 with market stalls and shops trading throughout the works.

Chrisp Street stays open for business

Work will be done in phases. That way there will always be space available to keep shops trading. The first phase starts where Cordelia Street meets Chrisp Street. Watch this space for details and timings – or pop into the Chrisp Street Management office for a chat.

What happens to market stalls?

The stalls will move to East India Square (by the fountains, outside the Idea Store) while we replace the canopy and install new electricity supply and drainage. Work should take about a year, then traders return to the heart of the market. Stalls are likely to move in 2020.



A reminder of why we're regenerating Chrisp Street

- Shop improvements (at no cost to owners)
- New shops, new canopy, new market stalls
- Current traders supported to stay with no shop rent increases during the works and for 12 months after each phase
- More social and affordable homes plus private sale helping to pay for it all
- New cinema and restaurants
- Two pocket parks
- New Sure Start Centre
- New community hub
- Bigger Idea Store and new co-working space
- New public toilets
- Restored iconic clock tower

SHOP NEWS



BYE BYE BEST SELLERS

Chrisp Street Market favourite Carle Woottan will be retiring from 'Steve's' Best Sellers in January after over 50 years. He started off as a tea boy, graduated to a stall of his own and then a shop next to what is now Callaghan's. He moved to where he's been for 28 years in 1990.

Best Sellers has always been a family affair. Carle's mum, 5 sisters and 2 brothers have all been behind the till at some point and he currently runs the shop with daughter Cassie.

The staff who worked with Carle over the years have all been invited back for a stint on the shop floor, and Carle's retirement party. Bargains are guaranteed with the fond farewells on Saturday 19 January.

Carle said,
"The Market transformation is exciting but I've been in Chrisp Street for over half a century so, for me, it's time to slow down a bit and enjoy spending valuable time with my grandchildren."



Carle with daughter Cassie



Where it all began



NEW BUSINESSES

Soiful Miah, a self-taught local artist, has turned lock up no. 5 (opposite Callaghan's) into a gallery selling artist materials and personalised art. Pop-in and have a look.

BUDDING BUSINESS IDEA?

In the next few months, new local start-ups can apply for available space. The shops or lock-ups are only available short term but still offer a great opportunity for new or expanding businesses to test ideas.

Chat with Simon or Darren in the Chrisp Street Management office if you're interested.

IDEAS HAPPEN IN THE BATH(S)

The Idea Store is getting a make-over in the New Year. Services will move across the road to Poplar Baths for three months while work takes place.

STATE OF THE ART SMILES

Doctors Kole and Oyin Banjo have moved the Chrisp Street Dental Surgery to opposite the Chrisp Street Health Centre. Their new home has been kitted out with state of the art equipment for bigger smiles all round.

NEW PASTURES FOR LOCK & SAFE

Terry and Gary Watts started their locksmith business in Chrisp Street Market 30 years ago when they left school. They were sad to recently close their business, including Market Lock and Safe on Vesey Path, but new pastures beckon.



SO LONG KENNY

Kenny Long retired from his fruit and veg stall earlier this year. Several generations of his family have worked in the market and his cheery chat and antique wooden veg cart will be missed. While there's no more 3am starts to get to Spitalfields – Kenny can still be spotted occasionally delivering fruit and veg boxes to grateful and faithful Poplar customers.



i For more information, business ideas, and a look at the plans

Pop into the Chrisp Street Management Office at 19 Market Square.

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