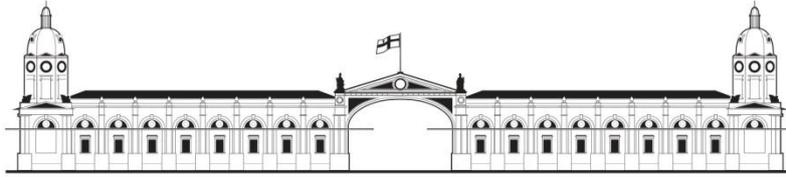


# THE SMITHFIELD GAZETTE



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## **STAY OR GO – VOTE AND SEE!**

The referendum makes your voice equal to all, whatever their creed or origin. Your vote is historic and indelible. The future will be decided by its outcome.

Your decision will determine the future of the United Kingdom.

Great Britain and its Commonwealth with all its faults taught and gave unknowing masses



a glimmer of hope which continues today. You are part of the mosaic which will be remembered a thousand years hence.

Gregory Lawrence CC  
Chairman, Smithfield Market Tenants' Association

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## THE SMITHFIELD GAZETTE COMMENT

The Referendum debate exposes the undemocratic system of voting in the City of London. The City government operates in fear of bankers and responds to the pressure they apply. We will continue to expose the hypocrisy of banks which demand privileges while secretly stowing away their profits which should be subject to taxation.

The Aldermanic group voted for staying in, they wouldn't they? Many Aldermen gained their position with a laughably tiny number of votes and act as if they were in some way superior. Well they are not. Every City worker with genuine history has at least an equal right to be heard. The City is living in the past and has now to awaken. New members of Common Council must forget their joy of election, stop feeling inferior to Aldermen and use their status to campaign for thousands of workers who are the City of London to gain a vote in its government.

### LONDON'S NEW MAYOR

Some older readers may recall when England had an empire and this line - "I danced with a girl who danced with a man who danced with a girl who danced with Lloyd George." As one who dined with many Lord Mayors I may qualify to dance with whoever remains from the empire that created the opening line. Now we are in a new world twittering about In and Out – how very sad.

I also met and breakfasted with two Mayors of London. Whatever their faults I grew to appreciate how much work and thought they generously gave. So who is this latest unlikely Mayor of London? BoJo has gone, Livingstone is a memory and the government of a great Christian city is led by a Muslim politician of the most humble origins. Who is he, how did he make it?

He is Sadiq Khan, 45, a Labour MP who grew up on a Council estate in Tooting, South London, one of eight children of Amandullah Khan, a Pakistani bus driver. He went on to study at the University of North London and is now the first Muslim Mayor of London, with the biggest mandate in its history. He made it with sheer determination, incredible application and abilities which few men possess.

When congratulated on his victory by Sajid Javid and Baroness Sayeeda, both also children of Pakistani bus drivers - he quipped: "You wait ages for a Pakistani bus driver's son to come along. Then two come at once." That a Muslim moderate could achieve power, influence and popularity in London would have seemed impossible to Lloyd George and the last of the empire stalwarts.

## IN MY OPINION

There are three main battlegrounds in the referendum debate: sovereignty, economics and immigration. On each, I find the reasons for Britain to leave the EU compelling.

### **Sovereignty**

A sovereign nation passes its own laws and a sovereign people can turf out those who govern them. We don't pass many of our laws and those who govern us are drawn from 27 other countries with interests very different from our own. We would also once again represent ourselves in international forums like the WTO where we are presently represented by the EU. People talk about having a seat at the top table - at several such tables, the EU takes our place. Leaving returns us to the international top table in our own right, enabling us to speak for ourselves rather than having others who may or may not have Britain's interests at heart speak for us. In short, we should govern ourselves. The only way to do that is to leave the EU.

### **Economics**

Numbers have been bandied around and disputed in this referendum campaign. But whether we send 350m a week to Brussels or a mere 300m, it's serious money and it's money we could better use here at home - including the money that we get back from Brussels full of conditions on use, for which we are supposed to be grateful!

People are naturally concerned about trade. The EU is the slowest growing region on the planet and we want to trade with the world, not just our near neighbours in an economic system in which geographical proximity has never mattered less. When we leave, we will be their biggest trading partner. The balance of trade is hugely in their favour. So of course, as most people now agree, a deal will get done. They need us more than we need them.

Whilst that's the rational view, some people suggest that irrationality will apply: that the EU will be so angry with us that they'll lash out. That's the same rational and wonderful EU they urge us to stay in! If the only thing keeping us in is blackmail, what sort of union is it? If your friend was in a relationship in which the main reason they didn't leave was fear of what their partner would do, what would you think about their partner? What would you advise your friend to do? And of course, we would be that rare thing - a stable, liberal democracy and major economy suddenly available for trade deals in our own right. Whatever President Obama says, with strong cultural and linguistic ties I would think that the USA would be a fast one. We are their biggest investor. They are ours. Think of it this way round. If we weren't in the EU, do you think we wouldn't have a deal with the USA already? It's a mad notion to think that we **wouldn't** have a US trade deal.

## THE GREAT ALDERMANIC CONJURING TRICK

Pandora, first lady of Greek mythology, opened the box; the evils of the world flew out leaving only Hope. Today, to "open Pandora's box", means performing an action, however innocent, which could lead to unforeseen miseries. When City Aldermen "block voted" denying democratic Common Council decision making at a recent Common Council meeting on the EU Referendum, they too opened the box.

In 1264 Henry III uncovered the illegal behaviour of City of London Aldermen who, unfettered by secondary authority, stole whatever they needed from City coffers. King Henry created the Court of Common by sacking all 25 Aldermen (most of whom were re-elected) and giving final policy decisions to the Commoners.

The number of Citizens grew and the Council went on to have 250 Commoners. The 25 Aldermen of the Wards muscled into Common Council as Members, which was never the plan, but now with only 12% of the voting power.

How then to become masters again? Not wishing to increase the number of Aldermen; so eager were they to gain the Lord Mayor's role, they played their conjuring trick. Gradually reduce the number of Councilmen for various reasons, but maintain the 25 Ward Aldermen and "Hey Presto!" "We're back in control!"

Having reduced the Court of Common Council non-Aldermanic members to 100 and maintained their self-granted right to be part of it, the Aldermen, many of whom are past their "sell by date" now have 20% of the vote in Common Council.

Councilmen are committed to act on behalf of citizens and must now address the unacceptable "trades union" style block vote outlawed by John Smith in the nineties. The pre-meeting of the Aldermen prejudices an issue before Common Council robbing it of its purpose.

Councilmen must act to regain rights granted by the Crown. Their duty is to examine this issue and put the power of local government back where it should be. It is clear that Common Council was never intended to include Aldermen. As in Parliament there is a house for Commoners and a second chamber for the Lords.

One possible stop-gap action to achieve this is to gain an agreement that Aldermen beyond the Chair cannot vote. Decisions made by Common Council could be debated by the Aldermanic Court for its approval or otherwise. The target is to ensure the Common Council is a democratic voice for the people.

Lastly on economics, the biggest post Brexit topic people talk about in trade terms is whether we can trade goods with those remaining in the EU. Of course we can. The Germans will want to keep selling cars, the French wine and so on. But the most important thing - for the City at least - is not goods, but services - and not countries within the EU, but countries outside it. Here we are in the City - unarguably the capital of Europe for financial services and professional services, and arguably the world too - unable to make our own free trade deals with the rest of the world because our trade is dealt with exclusively by the EU. The biggest Brussels rule of all is - no trade deal, except through us. Escaping that restriction is one of the biggest prizes available to us in the forthcoming referendum and it's an especially important one for the City, which thrives on free markets and the ability to trade with fewer and fewer restrictions.

Think of it like this. If we vote to stay, do you think that Brussels will prioritise strongly pursuing such deals that would help the UK given our expertise in services, in the way that we will if able to form our own deals once again? It's absurd even to pretend that they would, isn't it?

### **Immigration**

Reagan said that a country that cannot control its borders is not a country at all. We cannot meaningfully control access to the UK by EU nationals and - as most people will agree - the "concessions" won by the Prime Minister are pretty much worthless. The present debacle on the continent, in which borders are being closed one after another, just shows how out of control the situation is. At the other end of the spectrum, the government's persistent failure to deliver on repeated promises to control immigration is driven in large part by EU membership and - faced with this immigration they can't control, they clamp down on the part that they can - migration by workers from outside the EU, no matter how vital their skills may be. Make no mistake: little hurts the City's access to skills more than this, and it is down to our EU membership. For all these reasons, I'm voting to leave on 23 June. Let's regain control. We are better off out.

Alex Deane CC

*Ward Deputy, Farringdon Without*

"The only function of economic forecasting is to make astrology look respectable."

*JK Galbraith*

"Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves, that if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, THIS WAS THEIR FINEST HOUR."

*Winston Churchill, 18<sup>th</sup> June 1940*

## THE EVIL OF TAX HAVENS

The duty of Common Councilmen is to ask questions. Today the question they must ask is where does the City of London stand on tax evasion/avoidance? Every Councilman must declare commitment to fighting against tax evasion. Any Councilman who does not pursue this will be failing in their duty.

Archives provide an insight into the evil of tax havens and some of their quotes shine a light to follow. Here's one from a nineteenth century would-be City reformer who believed the City to be an ancient, semi-alien entity lodged inside the British nation state; a "prehistoric monster which has mysteriously survived into the modern world". The words remain apt today if you believe, as many do, that the Corporation is an offshore island inside Britain, a tax haven in its own right. Money rules! City loans to kings and governments were exchanged for privileges and freedoms from rules and laws which all others must obey. Here's another quote, this time from the City itself: "The right of the City to run its own affairs was gradually won as concessions were gained from the Crown." The Bank of England, though not controlled by the City, encouraged tax havens in British outposts in the Caribbean and elsewhere. By the 1980s the City was at the heart of a secretive financial web cast across the world.

Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man form the inner ring of the web. Jersey alone in just one quarter of 2009 provided £135bn in bank deposits to the City. Jersey quote: "Jersey is an extension of the City of London." The next ring of the web is composed of British overseas territories like the Cayman Islands and Bermuda. The outer ring is a mix of havens in Mauritius, Hong Kong and the Bahamas which, though not controlled by Britain, still feed billions in business to the City from around the world. Here's a quote from the New Statesman: "The City is the hub of a global network sucking up offshore trillions from around the world and sending it, or the business of handling it to London."

The biggest users of offshore subsidiaries are the banks. Recent research showed that there were 550 offshore subsidiaries for Barclays, RBS, and Lloyds. This is not confined to tax: banks go offshore to escape certain financial regulations and grow faster as a result. The City of London is a massively resourced international offshore lobbying group pushing for international financial deregulation, tax-cutting and tax havens around the world. All Common Councilmen owe it to those who voted for them and those who are being denied a vote but spend their entire working lives within this square mile to start now to absorb every detail of offshore skulduggery, to ask questions in Court, to go to sleep with a clear mind. Forget the banquets; you're there to reform the City, your duty is just that.

"My view is, the most important thing as prime minister is trying to make the right judgments. In order to make good judgments, you need good advice; you need good principles, and you need a clear head, and you need to have a sense of equilibrium."

"When you're taking the country through difficult times and difficult decisions you've got to take the country with you. That means permanently trying to make the argument that what you're doing is fair and seen to be fair."

*Prime Minister David Cameron*

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You shouldn't try to hold an independent sovereign nation in an organisation against its will."

*Prime Minister David Cameron*

"The magic of the Panama Papers opens up dirty secrets of the greedy rich, sending anyone with a reputation to save scuttling to pay their taxes. But above all, it opens the eyes of the public."

*Polly Toynbee*

### PROFESSOR JEFFREY SACHS ON TAX HAVENS

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Sachs said: "The UK and the US need to take the lead right now to end these tax secrecy havens. We see from the Panama Papers these are simply conduits for massive illegality, corruption, tax evasion and many other nefarious deeds. They just need to end."

"The abuses are not only shocking, but staring us directly in the face. We didn't need the Panama Papers to know that global tax corruption through the havens is rampant, but we can say that this abusive global system needs to be brought to a rapid end. That is what is meant by good governance under the global commitment to sustainable development."

## **MICHAEL WELBANK MBE** **THE CHIEF COMMONER**

Michael Welbank graduated from University College London in Architecture and Planning in 1958. Following positions in private practice, local government and central Government, the majority of his career has been as a director of the international consultancy, Shankland Cox and latterly as a director of Entec UK. During this time Michael was involved in many projects of international importance, undertaking major resettlement programmes on newly irrigated land in Sudan, Nigeria and Chad and planning the reconstruction of Port Said, archaeological projects in Saudi Arabia, and UNESCO projects at Giza, Old Cairo and Luxor.

He has been Chairman of the British Consultants Bureau, President of the Royal Town Planning Institute, Churchill Trust Fellow, Visiting Professor at Oxford Brookes University, Member of the Environmental Audit Board of Northumbrian Water; and Master of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects. Michael was elected to the Common Council for Billingsgate Ward in 2005 and has served on over 17 Committees. He was Chairman of Hampstead Heath Management Committee 2009-2012 and latterly Chairman of Planning and Transportation Committee, overseeing much of the recent development of the City's skyline. Michael was awarded the MBE for services to local government and the North West London community in the 2013 New Year Honours list.

As Chief Commoner at the City of London Corporation Michael is responsible for promoting the aims, values and responsibilities of the City of London Corporation internally - and externally in support of the Lord Mayor and the Policy Chairman and also takes the lead in relation to all matters of City Corporation hospitality.

## **BARONESS SCOTLAND**

It has been alleged as part of a Mail on Sunday investigation that Baroness Scotland, Alderman for the Ward of Bishopsgate, was appointed as the sixth Secretary-General of the Commonwealth in an "utterly corrupt process". The allegations focus on the awarding of knighthoods and charitable donations by the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George to politicians in Caribbean nations with a vote in the election. These included the prime minister and president of Dominica, Baroness Scotland's country of birth, who nominated her as their country's candidate.

A full investigation into the allegations has been called for.

## **CHIEF COMMONER**

Many centuries ago the citizens of London enjoyed the rights to any land in the City the ownership of which was unknown. Such land was known as 'Common Soil'. Over the years this was added to by bequest and purchase, becoming the foundation of 'City Lands' and the rents received became an important source of income which allowed the Corporation to undertake the unique range of activities which it still does today.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century the Common Council established the 'City Lands Committee' to administer these lands and because of this important role its Chairman took precedence over the other Common Councilmen. This led to the Chairman being empowered to settle disputes related to Common Council business and being regarded in some manner as Father of the House. However the title 'Chief Commoner' was not used until the 19<sup>th</sup> century and, although this title has now become well established, it has never received any formal grant for its usage. In recent times the arrangements for the administration of the Corporation's property assets were changed leading to the demise of the 'City Lands Committee' but the need for a Chief Commoner for the duties other than those directly related to property administration remained. The Chief Commoner is now elected annually by the Common Councilmen for a term of one year. Today the role has two functions. The primary one is to protect the rights and interests of the Commoners. Conversely this leads to the duty of ensuring the Commoners meet their responsibilities and of dealing with any questions, problems or grievances raised by the Commoners. The other role is to promote the aims and values of the Corporation, internally and externally.

## **THE CITY'S AIR QUALITY**

It is often assumed that air pollution in the Smithfield area must be high because of the activities of the Market. Smithfield operates when there are few other vehicles around. Data collected on nitrogen dioxide levels (emitted by diesel vehicles) show that readings at the Market are among the lowest of the sites monitored by the City of London. Readings taken during a three month period at the end of 2015 at Smithfield did not exceed the EC upper limit, although it was often exceeded at other locations.

The new mayor of London has pledged to tackle London's air quality as a priority. A new Ultra Low Emissions Zone was already due to come into force by September 2020. Vehicles failing to meet the new emissions targets will pay a daily charge in the zone, over and above the congestion charge. Sadiq Khan has now said that he will hold a public consultation on plans to double the size of the ULEZ and extend it to the north and south circular roads and possibly bring the implementation date forward to 2019.

## MIGUEL DE CERVANTES - "DON QUIXOTE"

While remembering Shakespeare and his legacy we also remember his contemporary Miguel Cervantes who left the globe at the same time 400 years ago. Cervantes remains one of the world's greatest novelists. "Don Quixote" is considered among the finest works of fiction ever written. Cervantes, a soldier in the Spanish navy infantry, was captured by Berber pirates and imprisoned in Algeria. He was released after five years when a ransom was paid by his parents and the Catholic Church.

Cervantes returned to Madrid and became a purchasing agent for the Spanish Armada, then a tax inspector, but errors in his own accounts had him imprisoned in Seville. In 1605 the first part of "Don Quixote" was published and its success allowed him to return to the world of literature. He settled in Madrid and wrote a series of acclaimed novels including part two of "Don Quixote".

He was buried in the convent of the Trinitarians in central Madrid in 1616 but later that century his remains and those of several others were moved to an unknown location in the convent when building work was carried out. In May 2014 researchers using infrared cameras began a major search for his remains. In 2015 several remains were found including a casket bearing his initials MC and in June 2015 Cervantes was formally reburied at the convent.

We also remember Peter O'Toole, the Star of David Lean's legendary film "Lawrence of Arabia", who was a six footer while Lawrence was only five feet five; no one seemed to care. He took the lead in "The Man from La Mancha" a musical film version of "Don Quixote" he was no singer either; no one seemed to care. Peter O'Toole captivated audiences and brought Cervantes to our modern world.

"Don Quixote" is one of the Encyclopaedia Britannica's Great Books of the Western World and has been called "the ultimate and most sublime work of human thinking". The book created the phrase "the proof of the pudding is in the eating" and paves the way to remember "the proof of the work is in the reading".

"I love Smithfield Market. You should really go at three or four in the morning when the butchers are getting their deliveries. You can buy your meat at wholesale prices and you must try out a 'greasy spoon'. It's a typically British workman's café which serves up traditional British stuff like bacon and eggs, sausages and baked beans all day long."

*Sharon Ament  
Director, Museum of London*

## CROSSRAIL FUND-RAISING

The Farringdon Crossrail and BFK team would like to thank the Smithfield Market Tenants' Association for their generous support in our, what has now become, legendary meat raffle. This year we raised a massive £1,700 to support our fund raising efforts for our cycle ride to Amsterdam.

Following a year off to recover from the 3 Peaks Challenge (in 2013), the Ride to Paris (2014) and the arrival of the Elizabeth and Victoria (Tunnel Boring Machines) in 2015, the Farringdon team have decided to don the lycra for this challenge to the Dam.....Amsterdam. Why Amsterdam, I hear you ask? Because a ride to Norwich just doesn't sound as good. A 160 mile adventure to demonstrate teamwork, endurance and collaboration with a bit of fun thrown in plus an opportunity to raise funds for charity.

This year the money is being raised in memory of Andrew Dickinson, (ex-CRL Utilities Site Manager) who died earlier this year in a road traffic accident. We shall be supporting the Taplow Traffic Charity Trust, which was his family's charity of choice. They look to help bereaved families come to terms with their loss and support them at such a difficult time.

We have set our target at £7,000 and are currently 70% of the way there thanks to the generosity and kindness of the SMTA. Thank you to all the tenants who kindly donated to this cause, it is very much appreciated. We will be setting off from Farringdon Station on the 24<sup>th</sup> June with our lycra and a Garmin navigational tool (heaven help us), we shall ride like the wind to Harwich to pick up the ferry to the Hook of Holland and then on to the Dam!!"

Andy Scholes

*Site Manager, Western Ticket Hall, Farringdon*

## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL – A NEW ERA BEGINS

A state of the art Cardiology Unit, claimed to be the biggest and most modern in Europe, is now fully operational, joining world class cancer services at Bart's. Bart's Hospital is once again attracting leading medical and surgical consultants from around the world, attracted by Bart's reputation and innovative, leading edge equipment.

Most welcome is a Direct Access Heart Attack facility which is not only saving lives in the City of London, it also serves the whole of North East London 24/7 via ambulance admission. In its first three weeks of operation it saw 150 cases.

Wendy Mead OBE CC

## THE MUSEUM OF LONDON

The Museum of London plans to move to Smithfield's General Market which has been unused for 30 years. Director Sharon Ament hopes to double the number of visitors once leaving the Barbican site which has no street level entrance. Sharon says, "I'm desperate to keep the train line running through it- nobody else has one of those, imagine people on the trains seeing a museum around them and the people in the museum seeing the trains go by."

Sharon hopes to double visitor numbers to more than 2 million per year. "This area is full of people round the clock, from commuters by day, the market from midnight, and clubs like Fabric till dawn." Smithfield traders are concerned about possible problems regarding parking and other issues and anxious to maintain their unique rights while doing all they can to ensure that the Market remains what is; a remarkable icon of the City.

## GENERAL MARKET – THE VILLAGE

The tragic background to the debate on the future of the General Market began on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1945 when the last but one V2 rocket crashed at Smithfield Market, penetrated into the underground railway and exploded, killing 110 people and seriously injuring many more.

The Market was built in three stages: Central Market, 1866-68; Poultry 1873-75 (burnt 1958) General Market (Fruit & Veg) 1879-83. Fruit & Veg trading was not successful and the General Market became part of the overall meat trading area.

As the General Market lay in a valley, an attempt was made to adapt the air-cooling technique so successful on the higher ground by creating a tall central tower of slatted louvered glass which resembled the Japanese style pagoda of Kew Gardens. Tenants and workers called it the Japanese Village which reduced to "The Village" by which name it is still known to them.

SAVE has produced a brochure which prominently features the dome which it describes as "the beautiful roof structure" when in fact it is an ugly, cheap and crude war-damaged mess that has absolutely nothing at all to do with Victorian architecture.

As for the "diminutive lavatory block" a one-time smelly, dreadful gathering place for vagrants, its demise would be welcome.

## WHO WAS THE ARCHITECT?

It is my belief that Sir Horace Jones, acclaimed architect of Smithfield Market, simply took the credit for another man's work. It is recorded in City files that he "completed projects begun by his predecessor". The other man was the City Architect James Bunstone Bunning who designed the Coal Exchange, the City Prison, Billingsgate Market, the Freeman's Orphans Schools, law courts at Guildhall, Almshouses in Brixton and countless projects including Smithfield Meat Market.

Smithfield had become a place of nuisance and in 1850 the Government acted. The City closed the market and Bunning designed a market for live cattle in Copenhagen Fields Islington, which opened in 1855. The Smithfield site was used to build a Market for dead meat and poultry. Re-organised as London Central Markets before the invention of refrigeration, it needed to provide maximum time to allow traders to display, cut and sell fresh products before deterioration.

Bunning began plans for Smithfield in 1861 but died before work commenced. In 1864 he was succeeded by Horace Jones who used the Bunning designs for the Market and claimed them as his own. From the Barbican, the view of the East and West Market Buildings shows the fall to Holborn and the Viaduct opened by Queen Victoria in 1869 and for which Bunning produced the first plans in 1848.

Bunning planned a market on top of a hill using natural air down drafts. His market had gates and windows with open ironwork but no glass. The wide main avenues were bisected with side avenues which helped air from the raised roof channels of criss-crossed louvered panes to spiral down and around the building which resulted in a temperature reduction of 10 degrees, an astonishing achievement.

Sir Horace Jones died in 1887. Remembered for Tower Bridge, he never lived to see it. His co-partner on the project, architect John Wolfe Barry, completed the works. Jones was never involved with the mechanics of the Bridge, nor the Smithfield airflow technique.

James Bunstone Bunning was distinguished for integrity as a public official and for his unvarying kindness and courtesy. After his death in 1863 the following tribute was made. "Not content with the mere routine of official duty (which however he carried out zealously and with stern integrity), he had higher aims, and with an earnestness beyond all praise he directed his efforts to give his buildings for the City the stamp of a monumental character, worthy of the corporate body whom he represented"

Peter J Martinelli MBE

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**John Todd**, Chiswick Councillor, former Snow Hill Superintendent and long-time Smithfield supporter was accompanied by FA Chairman Greg Dyke when he unveiled a blue plaque at the one-time Chiswick home of comedian Tommy Cooper.

**Former Lord Mayor and Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir David Brewer** has been appointed a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter by the Queen.

### SMITHFIELD MARKET APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

Several employers at Smithfield Market will be recruiting apprentices to start work as cutters or salesmen in September 2016.

The average working week is 35-40 hours and it will be mainly night shifts, so it is ideal for candidates aged 18 or over.

To express an interest please contact

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### DIARY

22 June SMTA Council Meeting  
20 July SMTA Council Meeting  
20 July Markets Committee Meeting  
26 July Lord Mayor's Visit to Smithfield Market  
21 Sept SMTA Council Meeting  
21 Sept Markets Committee Meeting

## TAIL PIECE

Dreams are mysteries most possibly prompted by factual events. What happens when daytime awareness stops and night time dreams lead to weird, sometimes frightening situations? After being locked into a world of reality, are we drifting into a vision of the consequence of an act of supreme selfishness?

In this nightmare I dreamt of walking almost forever throughout the world in every hemisphere. Around me were dead bulls, cows, steers, calves, pigs, sheep, lambs, goats, turkeys, chickens and their devastated owners.

Tip toe through the vegans, you'll know who they are, they are the ones with the celery sticks in their mouths looking like they need more substantial fillings. Move quietly through the vegetarians, pale but still eating fish; advance into the real world where we stewards raise meat and poultry, the natural food provided.

Stop now; hear the "starve the world" fantasists; "let's kill off billions of cows and bulls, let everyone else eat whatever they can get to survive". The greatest terrorist act of all time has begun. Ask those who lay you to rest to preserve your teeth to use on your premature gravestones to help those who survive to wonder what sort of ancestors they inherited.

If you wish to stop eating fish, as vegans do, you can speed up the total decline of our world and help to achieve the total extinction of the human race. And, by the way, those animals vegans claim to protect are now extinct; nobody it seems wants a pet cow!

Millions of humans die slowly from disease and injury. Those who rear life supporting animals do not allow them to suffer such agony or "caring homes". Their parents and family will never need to mourn. Our animals will not grow old, anymore than a butterfly, they are God's gift to all, created to give health and life.

*Yours as ever,*

*Fred*

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