

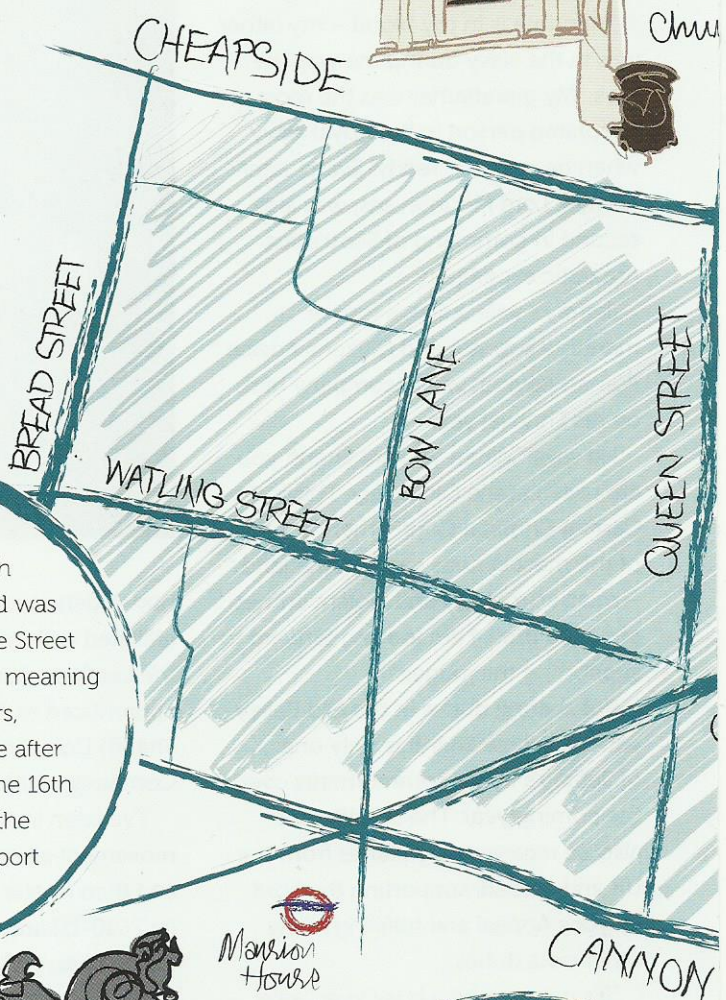
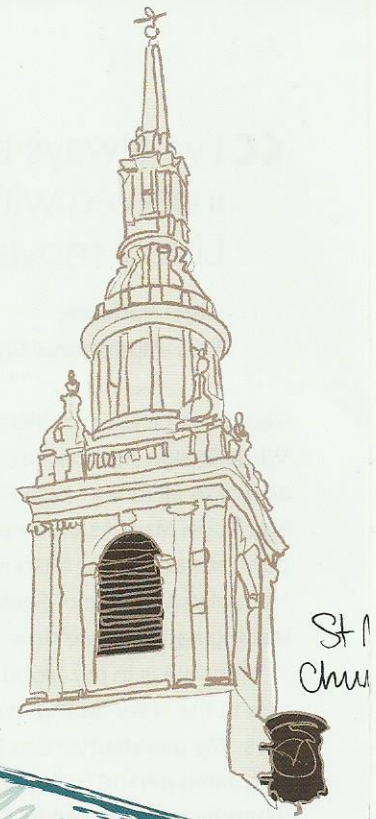


# Cordwainer tour

Lord Mayor Roger Gifford is Alderman of Cordwainer, one of the City's 25 historic Wards. Enjoy a brief tour

The Ward of Cordwainer is at the heart of the City of London. It takes its name from the cordwainers, people who make shoes or other articles from fine soft leather. The word is derived from Cordwain or Cordovan, the soft, durable white goatskin leather produced in Cordoba in Spain.

Cordwainer is one of the City's smallest wards at just 270 by 130 metres. But despite its size there is much to see.



### CHEAPSIDE

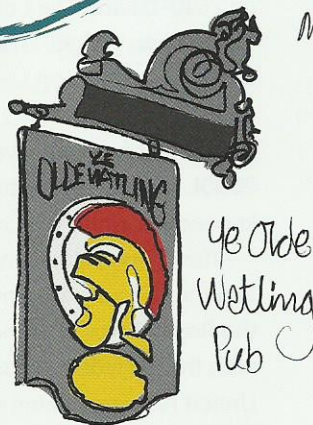
Established in 1104, Cheapside forms the northern boundary of the Ward. In medieval times, it was known as Westcheap and was the widest street in the City. The road is the former site of one of London's main produce markets; 'cheap' translating as market in medieval English. Named in the works of Shakespeare, Austen and Dickens, it's now a retail hub.

### BOW LANE

Running north to south through the ward, this road was formerly called Cordewanere Street but was renamed Hosier Lane, meaning lane of stocking-makers, before becoming Bow Lane after St Mary-le-Bow Church in the 16th century. The 'bows' are the Norman arches that support the building.

### YE OLDE WATLING PUB

Standing on the junction of Bow Lane and Watling Street, a pub on this site was said to be the first City structure to be rebuilt after the Great Fire of London. Apparently Sir Christopher Wren used it as a hostel for workmen labouring on his slightly more famous project just up the road, St Paul's Cathedral. The current pub was built after World War Two.



### WATLING STREET

Once called Athalingsgate (or Noble Street) in Saxon times, it is considered to be the oldest street in London. Watling was the principal middle street or Praetorian Way of Roman London, the 'Noble' or 'High' street of the City.