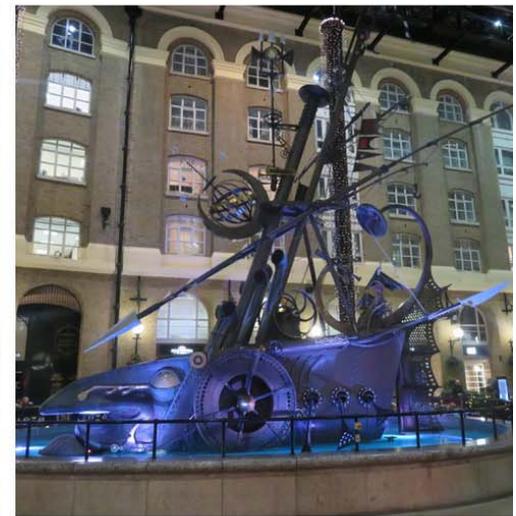


Wochenende in London

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*This is to certify that
Rainer and Jürgen
has climbed
the 311 steps of the Monument*

The Monument stands in Monument Street off Fish Street Hill in the City of London. It was built between 1671 and 1677, to commemorate the Great Fire of London and to celebrate the rebuilding of the City.

The Fire began in a baker's house in Pudding Lane on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and was finally extinguished on Wednesday 5th September, after destroying the greater part of the City. Although there was little loss of life, the fire brought all activity to a halt, having consumed or severely damaged thousands of houses, hundreds of streets, the City's gates, public buildings, churches and St Paul's Cathedral. The only buildings to survive were those that were built of stone, such as The Guildhall.

As part of the rebuilding, it was decided to erect a permanent memorial to the Great Fire near the place where it began. Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor General to King Charles II and architect of St Paul's Cathedral, and his friend and colleague, Dr Robert Hooke, provided a design for a colossal Doric column in the antique tradition. They drew up plans for a column containing a cantilevered stone staircase of 311 steps leading to a viewing platform, 160 feet (48.7 metres) above the ground. This was surmounted by a drum and a copper urn from which flames emerged, symbolising the Great Fire. The Monument, as it came to be called, is 202 feet (61 metres) high - the exact distance between it and the site in Pudding Lane where the fire began.

The Monument has recently undergone a major programme of repair and restoration at a cost of £4.5 million, the first such work to be carried out here for a hundred years. It now welcomes thousands of visitors every year, who climb the steps to admire the panoramic views, to be reminded of the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire and to celebrate the skill of the men involved in its design and construction.

David Pearson

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Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries for the City of London

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- to support and promote the City as the world leader in international finance and business services
- to provide high quality local services and policing for those working in, living in and visiting the Square Mile
- to provide valued services to London and the nation as a whole, including its role as one of the most significant arts sponsors in the UK and its support for the economic development of the surrounding boroughs.

The City Corporation is older than Parliament and its experience and tradition underpin its modern role as the provider of key services. Elected Members, headed by the Lord Mayor, operate on a non-party political basis.







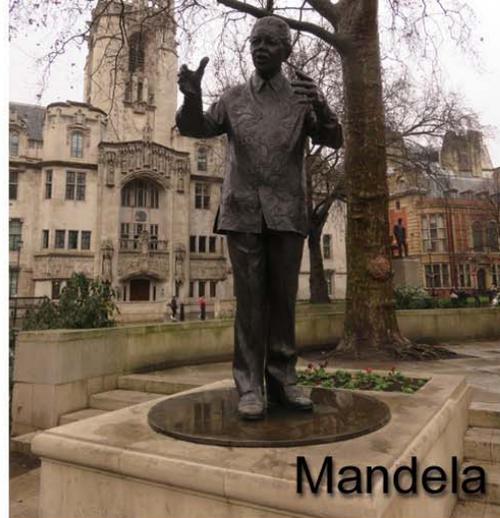




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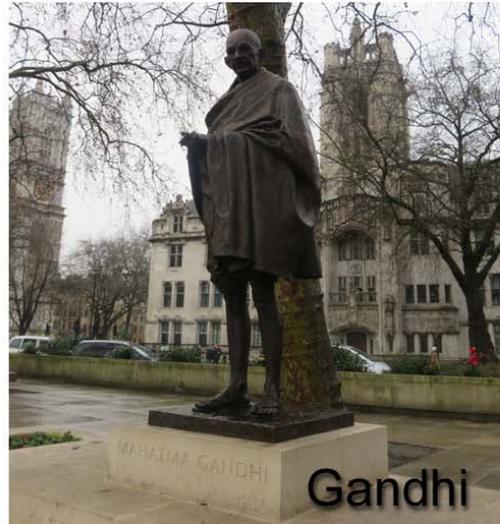




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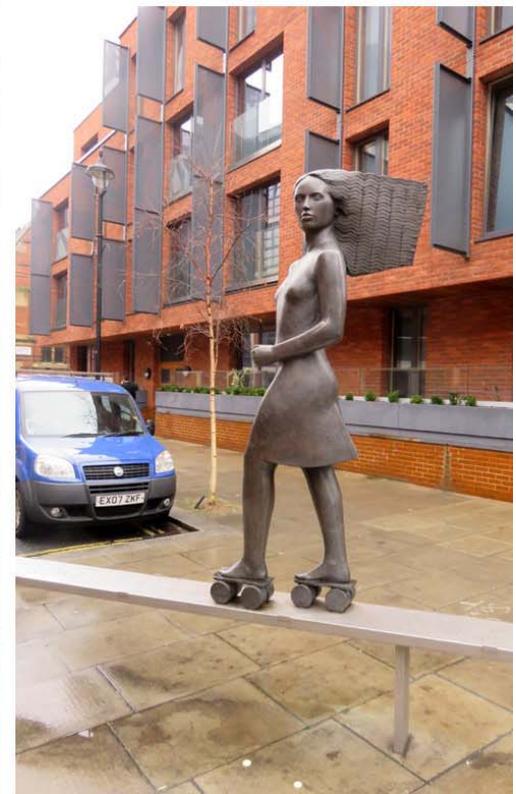


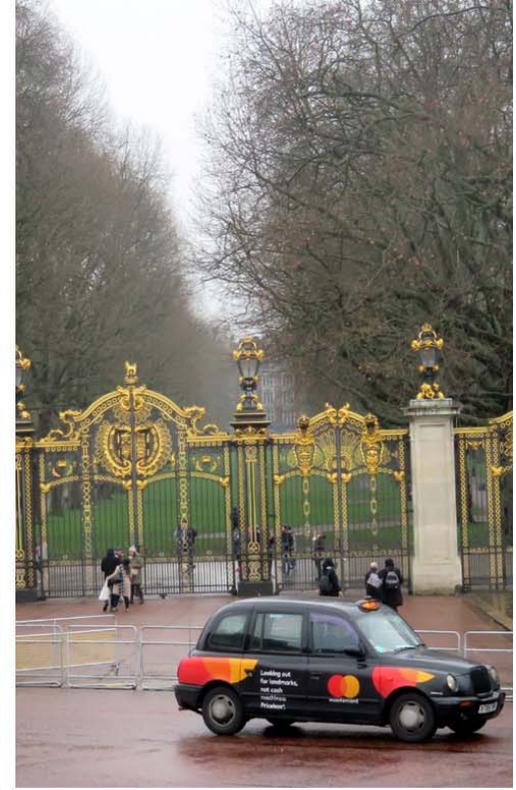
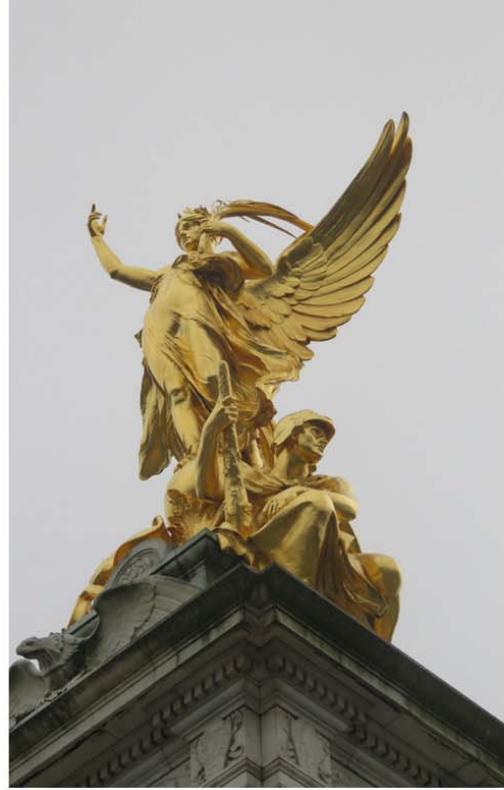
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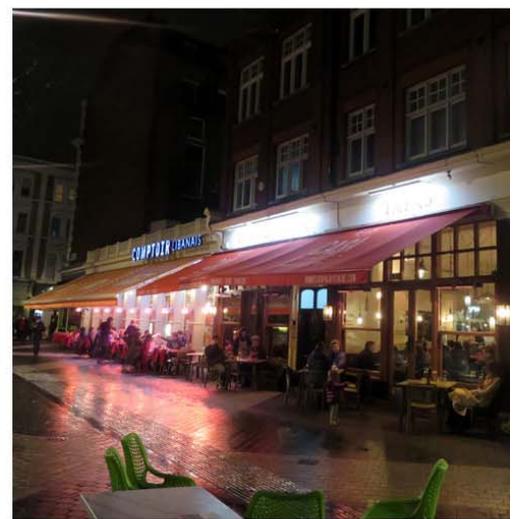


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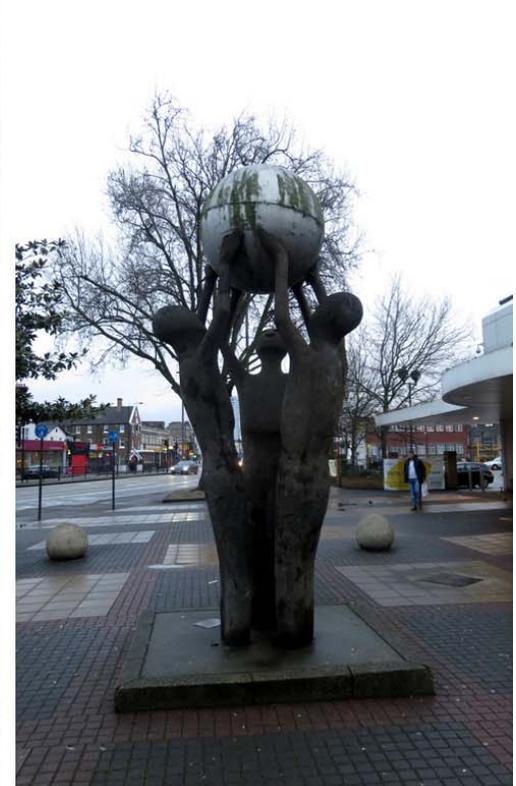


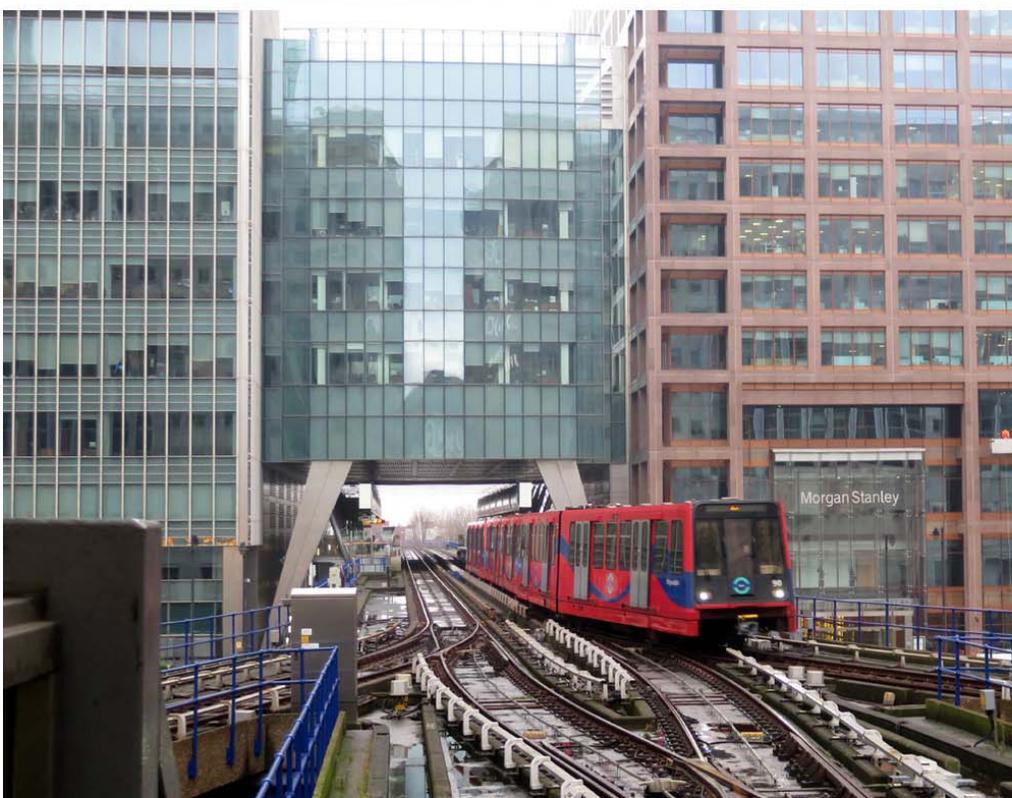






















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