

The Marylebone Association Newsletter April 2019



Dear {Contact_First_Name}

Association News

Spring is in the air. Last month was a quiet one for Marylebone - except for the seemingly endless round of road works and street closure. Some were planned road works, and others were emergency utility works - all adding to the local chaos, congestion and resulting pollution. It could be shorter to list out the streets which did not have any disruption. Hopefully, the situation will improve in April.



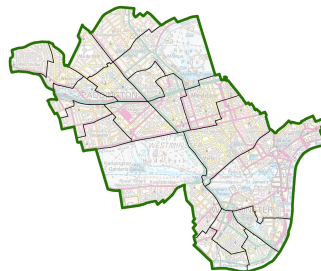
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Ultra Low Emission Zone (uLEZ)

From 8 April it will cost £12.50 a day to enter the Congestion Charge Zone if your vehicle is not compliant, and that is on top of the congestion charge and/or T-Charge. Unlike the congestion charge it will run 24 hours a day and for 365 days a year. Marylebone residents are granted a 100% discount but only until 24 October 2021. Time to look at ordering an Electric Vehicle perhaps! You may be surprised by the variety of electric cars that are now available and the number of local on-street charging points that we have in Marylebone.

The best thing to do is check if your current vehicle is compliant on the TfL website as there are some anomalies. <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/cars>

Ward Boundary Changes



Local Government Boundary Commission for England are asking local people and organisations for their help to draw up new ward boundaries across Westminster Council. The Commission has also announced that it is minded to recommend that the council should have 54 councillors in the future. They are now drawing up a new pattern of wards to accommodate 54 councillors, 6 fewer than the current arrangements. They need your help to tell where the new boundaries should be drawn. This stage of the consultation closes on 3 June 2019. The Marylebone Association will be making representations to keep the existing level of Councillors that we have

serving Marylebone. If you want to take part you can do so here: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/16234>

Royal Oak coach station stopped

Controversial plans to move Victoria Coach Station to Royal Oak have been dropped following opposition from residents and Westminster City Council.

Clr Nickie Aiken, leader of Westminster City Council, said: "Westminster Council and local councillors have been vocal from the start that this was never the right location for a coach station, so I am glad the Mayor has heeded those arguments."

Baker Street Two Way Project – final phase of work underway

The Baker Street Two Way project is nearing completion and is scheduled to be completed by this summer. Although the scheme is 90% complete, the team needs to finalise some areas that could only be completed with Baker Street operating as two-way. As such, construction will resume on Monday 1st April, as part of Phase 4 of the scheme. Three temporary road closures will be in place from 08:00 Monday 1st April. The closures will apply 24 hours a day, although works will only be taking place between 08:00 and 17:00 Monday to Friday and

08:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays. Pedestrian access will be maintained to all affected properties. The road closures will be as follows:

1. Baker Street (between Dorset Street and Blandford Street) will be closed to northbound and southbound traffic for 2 weeks until 17:00 on Friday 12th April. This is for the installation of a permanent traffic island and carriageway resurfacing. All traffic will be diverted via Gloucester Place. The taxi rank outside 55 Baker Street will also be suspended for the duration of the works.

2. Portman Mews South (between Granville Place and Portman Street) will be closed for 6 weeks until 17:00 on Friday 10th May for footway paving and carriageway reconstruction. All traffic will be diverted via Granville Place.

3. Portman Street (between Portman Square and Granville Place) will be closed to southbound traffic only for 2 weeks until 17:00 on Friday 12th April. This is to facilitate kerb replacement, drainage works and footway paving in advance of carriageway resurfacing. Southbound traffic will be diverted via Portman Square and Orchard Street

Marylebone Families

The Marylebone families community mainly communicates through the "Marylebone Mums (& Dads)" Facebook group where they number over 2,000 members as well as a related WhatsApp group. We welcome mums, dads and carers to join the group and be part of our dynamic community. There is a monthly, informal coffee meet-up where all parents, carers and of course little ones are welcome, which is advertised through the social media channels. You can also find information relevant to families in the area on the website: www.MaryleboneMums.com

Openings and Closings

Santo Mare - a new Italian fish restaurants is opening at 87-89 George Street.

On The Bab the Korean street food business in Marylebone Lane has relocated from Marylebone to Soho.

A dim sum library, Japanese restaurant, and Spanish deli will be joined by a regular café, all operated by Aqua, on the former site of Villandry.

A reminder that Fratelli Greci deli has reopened at 26 Seymour Place.

Association Events

Last months Chinese Banquet

Members of the Association met for dinner at the Bright Courtyard Club restaurant on Thursday, March 7th. The restaurant is bright and cheery and located on Baker Street. The cuisine was a wonderful and eclectic representation of Chinese food. The food kept coming in large quantities and was beautifully presented and most delicious. The evening flew by...a sign of a successful event. Our thanks and appreciation go to Lois German for her hard work organising the dinner.

Coffee Morning

Wed, 17 April 2019 10:30 AM *The Arch Hotel, 50 Great Cumberland Place, W1H 7FD*

An opportunity to join us in the elegant Martini Room, to meet new members and old friends. £5 per person. No need to book - everyone welcome.

Architecture on the Thames

Sat, 11 May 2019 1:00 PM *Crown Pier, Victoria Embankment EC4Y*

Arranged with Open City, London's leading architecture education organisation. Join us for this journey on the River Thames. We hope this will be of interest to our business members as well as residents as it is on a Saturday afternoon. Departing from and returning to Crown Pier, Victoria Embankment EC4Y. Duration 2.45 hours approx. Lovely to sit out on deck on a Spring afternoon but lots of space inside in case of inclement weather. This Open House tour will first take us upstream to Nine Elms, taking in Battersea Power Station, and Foster's Studio. Then cruising downstream, past Michael Hopkins' imposing Portcullis House, iconic Somerset House, and Renzo Piano's hulking Shard. The new vertical towers of the City soar above the lower riverbank architecture creating a dramatic skyline from our unique river perspective. Led by specialist guide, architect Benedict O'Looney, whose in-depth knowledge guarantees deep insight, thoughtful commentary and humour. This was such a popular trip when we did it a couple of years ago, this is a second chance to enjoy the amazing river on which we all depend. Open House Tours are offering a reduced ticket price of £28.40 (20% off normal price of £35.50) per person for our group. To book a place please send your cheque, payable to "The Marylebone Association", together with your email address (preferred) or postal address, to Rosemary Forgan, 1/99 Crawford Street, London W1H 2HN. You will receive a reply confirming your booking. For any queries email rosemary.forgan@marylebone.org or tel: 020 7916 9353 (please leave a message and your number if no reply).

Regular Association Events

(For more details click on the event)

Book Club

Tue, April 02, 2019 6:30 PM *The King's Head pub, Westmoreland Street, London W1*

Pub Evening - The Larrik

Mon, April 08, 2019 6:30 PM *The Larrik, 32 Crawford Place, W1H 5NN*

Scrabble Club

Tue, April 09, 2019 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1*

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Marylebone Events

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[Wolford Sample Sale](#)

Wed, April 03, 2019 8:00 AM 96/98 Baker Street, 2nd Floor, London W1U 6TJ

[Marylebone Forum AGM](#)

Wed, May 08, 2019 6:30 PM St Marylebone Parish Church

[Savills Property Briefing](#)

Thu, May 09, 2019 6:00 PM The Marylebone Hotel - entrance 6 Bulstrode Street, W1U 2JF

[Marylebone Summer Fayre](#)

Sun, June 16, 2019 Marylebone High Street

[Taste of London - Regent's Park](#)

Wed, June 19, 2019 Regent's Park - Marylebone Green

[Portman Square Garden Party](#)

Wed, June 19, 2019 6:00 PM Portman Square Garden

[Shakespeare in the Squares](#)

Fri, June 28, 2019 Evening Paddington Street Gardens

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