

The Marylebone Association Newsletter February 2020



Dear {Contact_First_Name}

Association News

The Association's January Party was once again held at the Oriental Club on the 22nd January in their magnificent Library. It proved a very successful event with 63 attendees, although we had 88 people wanting to join we had to limit the number due to the Library capacity. We were delighted to see a good many of our business members in attendance this year and plenty of new people to meet and introduce around and many different topics of conversation. The prosecco and wine flowed and delicious canapés were served and the Oriental staff were as always attentive and helpful. A good time was had by all and our congratulations to Lois German for organising such a successful party.

Marylebone News

Changes for Westminster City Council

Following the election to parliament of former Council Leader Nickie Aiken, conservative councillors in Westminster have selected Lady Rachael Robathan to become the new Leader of the Council.

There are changes also with our local ward councillors: Cllr Richard Beddoe who was Cabinet Member responsible for Planning Policy and Deputy Leader has stood down from both posts. Cllr Iain Bott has stood down from his Cabinet position as Member responsible for Sports Culture and Communities. Full details of all changes are to be found on the Westminster website.

Air Quality Action Plan Consultation

Westminster City Council (WCC) plan details actions that the council will take to improve air quality in Westminster between 2020 and 2024. With the goal of becoming a carbon neutral city by 2030 in mind, the plan focuses on initiatives such as:

- Reducing emissions from buildings and development
- Leading the way in electric vehicle infrastructure
- Encouraging a shift away from polluting vehicles
- Working with partners such as schools, businesses and universities to reduce emissions

WCC want to hear your thoughts - you can **have your say** on our Air Quality Action Plan by clicking the link [here](#). The consultation is open now and will end on Wednesday 26th of February 2020.

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WCC say that: "for the first time, our action plan commits Westminster to meeting World Health Organisation guidelines for air pollution, which go over and above targets set by UK law. Setting this ambitious target emphasises our commitment to improving the air we all breathe in Westminster".

Pedicabs

Congratulations to the Council's City Inspectors, who together with the Home Office and the police, carried out a coordinated operation against illegal pedicabs just prior to Christmas at four locations - Oxford Street, Bond Street, Regent Street and Covent Garden.

The primary focus was to target the illegal use of rickshaws and pedicabs, and followed a similar operation in November. The operation involved removing vehicles under road traffic legislation and issuing Community Protection Notices prepared jointly by the Council and by the police, addressing the behaviour of pedicab drivers. In all, 30 pedicabs were removed during this latest operation. These joint operations follow lobbying for the police to take a tougher stance against pedicabs on our streets.

We look forward to our new Member of Parliament helping Westminster Council address the problem more effectively and permanently by pressing for the long overdue regulation of the whole pedicab trade.

Moxon Street Development

The developer Concord London are in negotiations with a contractor for the construction of Marylebone Square. These discussions are ongoing but are anticipated to be concluded shortly. It is likely that works will commence in 3 to 4 months' time. We will provide a further update in due course with more accurate timings.

A40 Westway Speed Limit

TfL have announced that major refurbishment work is now needed to keep the A40 Westway running reliably. They aim to start work on site in late 2020 to replace the largest expansion joint on the flyover. This will be part of a wider package of works that will ensure continuing reliable operation of this key section of the road network.

TfL expect to appoint a contractor for these works by spring 2020, and further information – including their traffic management plan – will be shared later this year.

Ahead of the maintenance works starting later this year, from Monday 27 January 2020 they will be reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on an approximately 600 metre stretch of the Westway, between Ladbroke Grove and Westbourne Park. This restriction will reduce the pressure placed on the joint and significantly reduce the likelihood of any unplanned works and closures ahead of its replacement later this year.

Marylebone Families

Regular meet ups and social events are held in association with the Marylebone Mums & Dads group. Events are advertised on all the group's social media groups (www.MaryleboneMums.com and @MaryleboneMums) and all local families are welcome to join our friendly, supportive community.

Licensing News

Palm Palace 84 Edgware Road

A shisha bar applied to extend the use of tables and chairs outside until 1:00 am 7 days a week. The Association put in an objection although it is in the middle of a number of bars on the Edgware Road which are already open to all hours. The licence was refused owing to multiple alleged breaches of the existing licence.

Gulf House 127 Crawford Street

A shisha bar wanting to extend hours until 1:00am. We were objecting. This application already had 2 postponements, it had over 35 objections plus one councillor objection from Cllr Karen Scarborough. Many were going to attend the hearing but the applicant withdrew 2 days before the hearing. However this almost certainly won't be a cure to the problems being experienced there.

27b Devonshire Street

Wine Food Ltd are opening in the existing shoe/handbag shop between Côte and La Brasserie. "A specialist Italian delicatessen and off-license for specialist Italian produce and wines with a cafe for Italian specialities to be provided from the delicatessen and eaten at tables with beverages, including wines and spirits from lunchtime through to the evening." They originally applied for a licence until midnight all week. After we objected they have agreed to close at 23:00 every day except Sunday when they will close at 22:00.

Duke of Wellington Crawford Street

West 1 Pubs Ltd have applied for a new licence at 94a Crawford Street – the old Duke of Wellington. The idea is a 'gastropub'. They have applied for 'core hours',* from our feedback from local residents there appears to be support for this and therefore we have not put in an objection.

Street Entertainment – Busking: WCC consultation

Westminster Council are running a consultation on their proposals to control busking by means of a licence backed a voluntary code. It would be restricted in certain areas in, amongst them Oxford Street, the part of Marylebone where it is most predominant at present.

However it is entirely likely that the new regulations will only serve to drive buskers into the surrounding areas which will have no controls. We are therefore suggesting that the controlled areas be extended to cover Thayer Street, Marylebone High Street and Marylebone Lane and also Cavendish Square. This consultation is being conducted online: <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/busking>. The Association will be submitting a response to this. Our members can of course lodge their own views. The deadline for this is 24th February.

Firehouse- 1 Chiltern Street

There is at present is a planning application for use of the area outside the Chiltern Firehouse measuring 17m x 2.7m for the placing of 20 tables, 40 chairs and 9 heaters. If granted, as the extent of the highway boundary includes the pavement, a street trading licence would also be required for tables and chairs in this area. The applicants have shown support for this in their

required for tables and chairs in this area. The applicants have shown support for this in their application, there are however objections. The Association is aware of considerable opposition from those living in the immediate locality and is at present looking into this further.

* Westminster City Council's core hours are Monday to Thursday 10.00am to 23.30, Friday and Saturday 10.00am to Midnight and on Sundays 12.00 to 22.30.

The Nursemaids' Tunnel gains Grade II Listed Status

Last year Historic England add a local pedestrian tunnel to its protected list. Built in about 1821 during the laying out of Regent's Park (then Marylebone Park) to the landscape design of the architect John Nash. The Nursemaids' Tunnel is one of the earliest surviving pedestrian subways in London. It was built in 1821 after local residents petitioned for a tunnel under the New Road (now Marylebone Road) to link Park Crescent from the south to the gardens in Park Square. The busy road was considered dangerous, especially to children who were often taken to the park by a nursemaid. The tunnel's portals are approached by gently sloping ramps which are perfect for prams. The portals are well-executed in stucco, each with fluted Doric columns flanking the arched entrances. The tunnel demonstrates a high degree of survival of its original fabric, even retaining iron hooks and chains embedded in the walls, thought to be fixtures for oil lamps from the original lighting scheme.



This Month in Marylebone History

Cato Street Conspiracy February

The Cato Street Conspiracy was an attempt to murder all the British cabinet ministers and Prime Minister Lord Liverpool in 1820. The name comes from the meeting place near Edgware Road in London. The police had an informer and the plotters fell into a police trap and 13 were arrested, while one policeman was killed. Five conspirators were executed, and five others were transported to Australia.

How widespread the Cato Street conspiracy was is uncertain. It was a time of unrest; rumours abounded. Malcolm Chase noted that, "the London-Irish community and a number of trade societies, notably shoemakers, were prepared to lend support, while unrest and awareness of a planned rising were widespread in the industrial north and on Clydeside."

On 23 February, Richard Birnie, Bow Street magistrate, and George Ruthven, another police spy, went to wait at a public house on the other side of the street of the Cato Street building with twelve officers of the Bow Street Runners. Birnie and Ruthven waited for the afternoon because they had been promised reinforcements from the Coldstream Guards, under the command of Captain FitzClarence, an illegitimate son of the Duke of Clarence (later William IV). Thistlewood's group arrived during that time. At 7:30 pm, the Bow Street Runners decided to apprehend the conspirators themselves.

In the resulting brawl, Thistlewood killed a police officer with a sword. Some conspirators surrendered peacefully, while others resisted forcefully. William Davidson was captured while Thistlewood, Robert Adams, John Brunt and John Harrison slipped out through the back window but they were arrested a few days later.



Openings and Closings

William Hill has closed on Paddington Street

Martel + Ram shoe shop has opened on 56 New Cavendish Street

Allbirds shoe shop will be opening at 46 Marylebone High Street

New Business Members

Peloton - 116 Marylebone High Street

Visit Alfie, Piotr and the Team in the Peloton Showroom on Marylebone High Street and experience Peloton for yourself!

Peloton is a global interactive fitness platform that brings the energy and benefits of studio-style workouts to the convenience and comfort of home. With thousands of live and on-demand classes, Peloton delivers real-time motivation and curated playlists from the best artists. The Peloton Bike offers the very best of fitness and tech, connecting riders to world-class workouts led by the world's best instructors whenever, wherever. With instant access to classes, performance tracking metrics and a motivating real-time leader board, Peloton is changing the way people get fit through a comprehensive and socially connected experience. At the Marylebone High Street showroom, you will have the chance to try Peloton, get a personalised tutorial, and learn more about the live studio experience you can bring home. The showroom offers a private riding room and shower facilities, so bring your workout clothes and come and sweat with us! Already a member? Celebrate your Milestone ride with us and we will even jump on the bike and do a class with you!

Book a test ride here: www.booking.onepeloton.co.uk

Association Events

Coffee Morning

Wed, 26 February, 2020 10:30 AM 108 Marylebone Lane, W1

Our first coffee morning in 2020 as usual held in the Marylebone Hotel. Everyone welcome – no need to book. £5.00 per person.

200th Anniversary of the Cato Street Conspiracy

Sun, February 23, 2020 2:30 PM Cato Street

Step back in time on February 23rd 2020-the 200th anniversary of the Cato Street Conspiracy the plot to murder the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet.

Come to Cato Street to hear the sights and sounds of Georgian England. Stroll down the street to find out what happened on that day 200 years ago.

Taste the food and drinks of the past, jump on a horse drawn tram for a ride through the streets, listen to the street sellers plying their wares and be transported back in time. There will be games for children to play, a street magician to amaze you, and a singer to entertain you. Please visit <http://hdra.xyz/catostreetconspiracy/>

Regular Association Events

(For more details click on the event)

Book Club

Tue, 4 February 2020 6:30 PM *The King's Head pub, Westmoreland Street, London W1*

Pub Evening - The Larrik

Mon, 10 February 2020 6:30 PM *The Larrik, 32 Crawford Place, W1H 5NN*

Scrabble Club

Tue, 11 and 25 February 2020 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1*

Marylebone Events

(For more details click on the event)

The Wallace Collection: Princely Arms and Armour

Tue, 11 February 2020 1:00 PM *The Wallace Collection*

Rotary Club of St Marylebone Networking Evening 2

Mon, 17 February 2020 6:30 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church Crypt,*

SOE and the Secret Service

Wed, 26 February 2020 1:00 PM *55 Baker Street*

Histories of the Unexpected LIVE!

Thu, 12 March 2020 7:30 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

Pop, Rock and Roll

Thu, 26 March 2020 1:00 PM *55 Baker Street*

English Speaking Union

Tue, 31 March, 2020 6:30 PM *Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, London W1J 5ED*

Pride in London Parade

Sat, 27 June 2020 8:00 AM *Portland Place*

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