

# The Marylebone Association Newsletter July 2019



Dear {Contact\_First\_Name}

## Association News

Over 110 members, and four of our local councillors attended our Annual General Meeting at the Swedish Church on Tuesday 25th June at 7.00pm. The outgoing Chairman presented a summary of the past year and addressed some of the pending issues that our neighbourhood faces.

Susanne Afra, Head of Programme – Oxford Street District then gave a very comprehensive presentation about the proposed plans for the development of Oxford Street and Oxford Circus. Time did not permit the large number of written questions we received on the Oxford Street proposals to be raised, so we have forwarded these to WCC and will publish their responses on our website when received.

The meeting then proceed to the election of this years Committee.

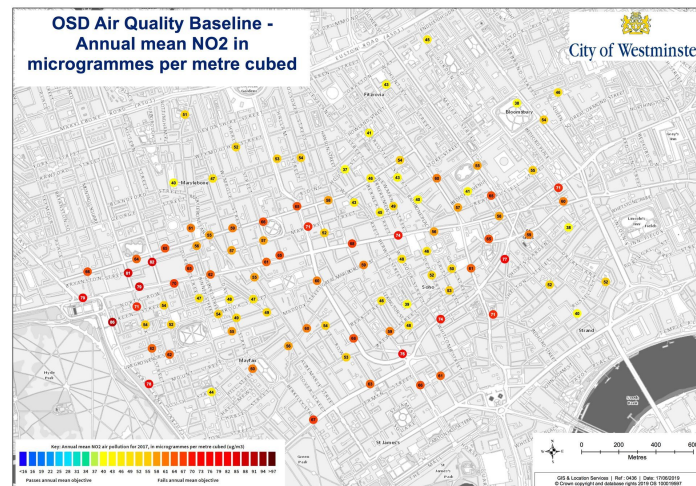
- Michael Bolt - Chairman
- Kevin Coyne - Hon. Secretary
- Mike Kostyn - Hon. Treasurer
- Tim Carnegie - Deputy Chairman/ Traffic and City Management
- Guy Austin - Licensing
- Martin Bikhit - Business Representative
- Tushna Ghadially - Families
- Mark Gazaleh - Trees/ Portland Village
- Richard Lovell - Police Liaison
- Stephen Quinn - Planning
- Neil Wilson - Chair Planning
- Amanda Feeny - HDRA, Traffic and City Management
- Lois German - Social
- Rosemary Forgan - Social

Following questions to the Committee the meeting ended at 8.40 pm and members then gathered for a reception sponsored by the Portman and Howard de Walden Estates.

Full AGM minutes can be found [here](#).

## Marylebone News

**Latest TfL Air Quality Figures show parts of Marylebone and Mayfair now more polluted than Oxford Street!**



Most of Oxford Street now has cleaner air than many parts of Marylebone and Mayfair. The traffic reduction on Oxford Street has already had a major impact on air quality figures- as can be seen from this Westminister Council map above, based on TfL's own figures. These figures will only improve further over the coming months with the planned additional bus reductions along the street, and the introduction of electric buses.

Whilst this is good news for the shoppers of Oxford Street, provided they don't need a bus to get there, it is not for the residents of Marylebone. They may be wondering why the Council proposes to continue removing non-bus traffic from Oxford Street and diverting it through Marylebone by pedestrianising Oxford Circus and closing Oxford Street at Selfridges to all non-bus traffic for large parts of the day.

## George Street Buses

The bus diversions on George Street are in place as a result of the works on Oxford Street. The works are to undertake a variety of maintenance improvements along the length of the street. The bus diversions are planned to be in place for a further 3 weeks according to the current programme.

## Royal Park Movements

The Royal Parks want to "discourage" motor vehicles through Regent's Park. However Regent's Park does not have a problem with vehicle congestion - Marylebone does - this will make it even worse - northbound traffic will have to re-route west through Marylebone. Help protect our area - go to the [Royal Parks consultation](#) before 14th July 2019 - and make your views heard while there is the opportunity to do so.

### Portland Place School Pedestrian Facilities

A potential project to install pedestrian phasing on two arms of the New Cavendish Street and Great Portland Street junction close to Portland Place School's sites is hopefully going to be approved. The scheme will increase the number of pupils walking between sites and support safer routes to school as campaigned for by all the schools along Portland Place. A CIL contribution of £300k is sought from the Public Realm/ Transport portion to enable these works.

### New City Plan for Westminster

The formal consultation, known as the Regulation 19 stage, is now open and the City Council is seeking feedback on the updated version of their new City Plan 2019 - 2040 All the details can be found here: <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/cityplan2040>. The plans will shape Marylebone over the next 20 years and Marylebone Association is supportive of many of the details but will be again making representations on certain aspects it feels could be improved. One significant change is that Portland Place will no longer have a Special Policy Area for "Institutional uses". This is a welcome change as the policy tended to trap the remaining Institutions and Charities rather than helping them move to more appropriate and efficient modern facilities that may better reflect their current aims.

### Latest Plans for Luxborough Street



Westminster Council has taken onboard earlier feedback and has drawn up new plans for Luxborough Street infill site. They now plan to build 14 new, affordable homes for intermediate rent, available to local residents in Westminster along with a community facility which is likely to be a much needed small children's nursery. The site has previously had planning consent granted for the new library with luxury housing above. The current proposal is for the right type of housing that our community needs along with space for a nursery school. While the development would result in the loss of space that had informally been used by the community as a kick-about space, we believe that a better multi-use games area could be located in Paddington Gardens. We will continue to encourage Westminster to find a solution to providing a play space for older children and undertake improvements to Paddington Gardens, particularly the underused north part.

### St Marylebone Festival 2019

Famous people connected with St Marylebone Parish have shaped the world through music, art, architecture, literature, invention and innovation, medicine and healthcare, and the Festival, now in its fourth year, tells and celebrates some of their stories.

Begin the week by signing up to 'Come and Sing' Marylebone resident Sir Karl Jenkins's powerful choral piece, The Armed Man; then spend the rest of the week enjoying a wide variety of music, dance and drama. There is an American flavour to the programme this year; St Marylebone was home to the first American legations, initially in Great Cumberland Place and then Park Crescent, where the memorial to John F Kennedy is situated. With this in mind, come and hear the visiting San Francisco Girls Chorus, or enjoy Hollywood film music arranged for Organ Duet, or relax at a Jazz Evening tribute to the great Sidney Bechet. There's a one-woman tribute to Judy Garland, following a singalong screening of The Wizard of Oz. Explore yet more surprising local connections with famous figures such as Vaslav Nijinsky, Kathleen Ferrier and Ralph Vaughan Williams. On the final evening you can transport yourself to a Marylebone of the past for a 1920s dinner and soiree, after which the Grand Festival Raffle will be drawn with amazing prizes!

Proceeds will go towards the Changing Lives project to make this beautiful Parish Church, a Grade I listed building, weather-tight, safe, secure, accessible and equipped with better facilities to continue the work of 900 years!

For a full programme and tickets go to [www.stmarylebonefestival.com](http://www.stmarylebonefestival.com) Tickets also available from Sandfords, 213-215 Gloucester Place, NW16BU.

### UCL Research Programme

Ever wondered why you're having trouble unscrewing that new jar of marmalade? Are your muscles becoming weaker or is it your imagination? Caroline Pereira from UCL might be the person to help you find out.

Caroline is carrying out a research study at UCL and has approached the Association with a view to recruiting some "mature" ladies for her study into Sarcopenia. This is basically a study into muscle wastage as we age and would involve an individual questionnaire and consent form plus approximately twenty minutes for arm, waist and calf measurements to be taken (fully clothed). Measurements would then be taken every six months. If you would like to volunteer and/or to speak to someone who has met with Caroline please contact Lois German on [lois.german@marylebone.org](mailto:lois.german@marylebone.org) or 07979 817800.

### Openings and Closings

Kusmi Tea has closed on Marylebone High Street.

## Is Marylebone about to lose a Post Office?

Howard de Walden Estate plan to redevelopment of 45-47 Marylebone Lane and 20-27 Thayer Street behind a retained Marylebone Lane facade, to provide a new building. But what will happen to the post office on Thayer Street?

Planning papers can be found [here](#) the application will be consider by Major Application Committee on Tuesday 2nd July.

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## Association Events

### [Bank of England - Past & Present Presentation](#)

Mon, July 29, 2019 11:00 AM *Bank of England Museum, Bartholomew Lane, EC2R 8AH*

ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT

Join us at the iconic Bank of England, sometimes known as the "Old Lady" of Threadneedle Street founded by Royal Charter in 1694. Our visit commences with a presentation giving a brief history since its foundation and describing its main role and functions today as a regulator of interest rates and issuer of bank notes.

After the presentation we can visit the museum which includes historical items and glittering displays of gold, including Roman and modern gold bars, alongside pikes and muskets once used to defend the bank.

The presentation will last one hour, with an opportunity to ask questions, and time can be spent afterwards in the museum. This visit is free of charge but must be booked with Lois German by email on [lois.german@marylebone.org](mailto:lois.german@marylebone.org) or on 0207 487 2706.

### [Summer Wine Tasting and Lunch](#)

Sun, August 11, 2019 1:00 PM *Ishtar Turkish Restaurant, 10-12 Crawford Street W1U 6AZ*

Engin Servi, the owner of Ishtar, is once again holding the annual August Wine Tasting lunch for MA members. He will discuss all the wines together with his wine merchant and there will be a selection of summer rosé and white wines, plus light reds. Wines will be available to purchase, from a single bottle to a whole case. Cost per person including wine, lunch, tea/coffee + service remains a remarkable £30, payable on the day directly to Ishtar by the usual methods. To register for a place, please contact Ann Marie Johnson on 020 7723 0684 or via [annmariejohnson34@aol.com](mailto:annmariejohnson34@aol.com).

### [Japan vs Scotland Whisky Tasting Evening](#)

Wed, September 04, 2019 7:00 PM *The Whisky Exchange, Fitzrovia*

Join store manager Chris Bolton for a very special free whisky tasting evening, exclusively for Marylebone Association members - Residents and Business. The event will take place at The Whisky Exchange, Fitzrovia, which recently opened on Great Portland Street and stocks an impressive range of over 3,000 beers, wines and spirits – whisky of course being the main feature! The tasting will look at three whiskies from the more traditional homeland of Scotland, and compare them with three from the relative new-comer to the category - Japan. In recent years, whiskies from the latter have scooped prestigious awards from a number of different international competitions. This is a great opportunity to hear how the Japanese came to start making the amber nectar, and see how they fare against their Caledonian counterparts. The tasting will start at 7:00pm and will last roughly 90min, with plenty of time for questions and debate afterwards. Places are limited so to reserve yours please get in touch with Rosemary Forgan, [rosemary.forgan@marylebone.org](mailto:rosemary.forgan@marylebone.org) or tel: 020 7916 9353 (resident members) or Janice Bowling [janicebowling30@gmail.com](mailto:janicebowling30@gmail.com) for business members.

## Regular Association Events

(For more details click on the event)

### [Book Club](#)

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

This month's book is the autobiography "Becoming Michelle Obama" All books read are available on paper and on e-readers. For more information contact Andrew Cooper (tel 020 3712 3861, email [jacoop1238@gmail.com](mailto:jacoop1238@gmail.com))

### [Pub Evening](#)

Mon, July 08, 2019 6:30 PM *The Prince Regent, 71 Marylebone High Street W1U 5JN*

In addition to the Larrick, the Prince Regent is our venue for the Association's pub evening. This date is also the pub's quiz night (8-9.30 pm) - we are all welcome to join in and drinks/bar snacks are pay as you go as usual. Juliet Simpkins/Anne Hamilton will be there to meet and greet from 6.30 pm onwards.

### [Scrabble Club](#)

Tue, July 09, and July 23 2019 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1*

Meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1. Two sessions, starting around 5 pm and 6.30 pm - but come and go/play as you please. Scrabble sets and dictionaries provided. New members please contact Rosemary Forgan, tel 07887 891977, email: [rosemary.forgan@marylebone.org](mailto:rosemary.forgan@marylebone.org) in the first instance so she has an idea of numbers.

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(For more details click on the event)

### [George's Park Pop-Ups](#)

2nd, 16th, 18th, 23rd July 2019 11:00 AM *George's Park, George Street*

### [London Pride 2019](#)

Sat, July 06, 2019 *Portland Place*

### [Summer in the Square](#)

Mon, July 08, 2019 11:30 AM *Portman Square Garden*

### [Heathrow Expansion Consultation Event](#)

Fri, July 19, 2019 2:00 PM *20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN*

### [The St Marylebone Festival](#)

Sat, July 20 -26, 2019 *St Marylebone Parish Church*

[The Hidden History of Tyburn](#)

Wed, July 24, 2019 1:00 PM *Tyburn Gallows*

[The Story of Selfridges](#)

Sun, July 28, 2019 1:00 PM *55 Baker Street*

[Prudential RideLondon 100](#)

Sun, August 04, 2019 *London*

[The Wallace Collection: Old Master Paintings Tour](#)

Sat, September 07, 2019 1:00 PM *The Wallace Collection*

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