

The Marylebone Association Newsletter March 2020



Dear {Contact_First_Name}

Association News



Cato Street

The 23rd February 2020 marked the 200th year since the uncovering of a group of conspirators in Cato Street who were planning to overthrow the government.

The HDRA marked the day with a series of events as reported below:

We stepped 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 and people came to Cato Street to hear the sights and sounds of Georgian England and to find out what happened on that day 200 years ago. There was food and drinks of the past, a horse drawn tram for a ride through the streets, street sellers plying their wares. There was a magician, a Punch and Judy show, singers to entertain. Many visitors came in costumes from the 19th Century. February is always a difficult time of year, but the rain held off.

New Membership Committee member

We have a new face on the committee helping with membership at the Marylebone Association:

Julie Redmond - julie.redmond@marylebone.org has been appointed committee member with responsibility for Membership Development. She will be concentrating on membership recruitment, both business and residents, with a particular eye on expanding our reach further through social media outlets and by personal visits to local businesses. She will be working closely with Richard Lovell - Richard.Lovell@marylebone.org, who has recently taken on the role of Membership Secretary and is responsible for both business and residential membership generally.

Julie has lived and worked in Marylebone since 2005 with her husband. She is mother to a five year old boy and is passionate about the future of Marylebone. As well as being a full time mother she runs her own clinic on Wimpole Street, and is already active within the community having set up a forum for women and mothers in Marylebone: Marylebone Moms.

The Marylebone Association is the Westminster Council recognised amenity association for all of central Marylebone and membership of the MA is the best way to ensure you are informed about all the issues impacting our area, not least by giving you exclusive access to this Newsletter every month. However membership offers many other advantages both for businesses and residents.

To read more about how to make the most of your [residents](#) or [businesses](#) membership by clicking on the links above.



Home Grown Offer

Home House Collection, a business member with the Marylebone Association has developed an offer exclusively for members of the Association, it looks like excellent value and we would encourage members to take advantage:

- **Bedrooms Rates.** We have set up a corporate bedroom rate agreement for Marylebone Association members to use Homegrown, this is now loaded and available so can be promoted to members. (see our website for this) In order to make booking they must please quote the appropriate code, midweek and weekends, as detailed on the agreement.
- **Home House.** We will also offer a rate agreement for Home House on the same basis, details to follow

- **Membership of Homegrown** – we would like to offer a preferential membership option, no joining fee and an annual membership of £1750.00 for the first year.
- **Social membership** - we are keen for local Marylebone Association members to engage with the club and hopefully wish to join. We would therefore like to offer a trial social membership for a period of up to 3 months.
- The terms are as follows ;
- Interested Marylebone Association Members will need to apply directly with Joost de Kruiff, General Manager.
- Joost will then issue a "temporary social membership" to the member that will give them access to the club after 6pm (Monday -Friday) and all day /evening access on Saturdays and Sundays.
- This is not a full club membership and access is restricted to these times, but it's a great opportunity to come and try the club during periods of lower demand and then consider applying to join longer term. The temporary membership allows your members who are registered to sign in up to 3 additional guests, so perfect if planning to come in for drinks or dinner. Larger parties can also be catered for, but need to be booked in advance.

Joost de Kruiff, General Manager HOME GROWN, 44 Great Cumberland Place, London W1H 7BS D: 020 3928 8001 joost@homegrownclub.co.uk



Marylebone News

A morgue in Hyde Park? London's Worst-Case Plan for Coronavirus outbreak

Former Council Leader Nickie Aiken, now Member of Parliament for Westminster has announced: *"We have contingency plans to open up a morgue in Hyde Park - in tents,"* The open space, which was used as a refuge from plague in the 17th century might then still have a role to play if infection takes hold: *"We would run the morgue for most of central London from here"*, according to Ms Aiken.

At present, the message from central government is to avoid panic, never a good sign, but as of Friday, Britain had recorded a total number of 19 confirmed cases -- suggesting the Royal Park won't need to be put to its new use anytime soon.

Paddington Street Closed - Again

Residents and business on Paddington Street could be forgiven for being rather annoyed at having to suffer yet another road closure here, this time for 2 months, for what could qualify for the most pointless roadworks we have seen locally for sometime.

The reason for all the disruption? It is in order to raise the road by 2 inches as part of TfL's Cycle Quietway 2 Scheme. There are no other benefits or junction changes from this work.

The road was closed in one direction for over a year to facilitate the building of 66 Chiltern Street. It was then closed for Low Emission Neighbourhood works which led to the exposure of catacombs, which still need to be repaired. Also we have yet to have G-network dig it up, which no doubt is scheduled to commence at a time after the present works have been completed.

Heathrow Flight Path

The threat of Marylebone being under the Heathrow flight path has been somewhat lessened now the controversial plans for a third runway at Heathrow Airport have been thrown into doubt after a court ruling. The Appeal Court ruled that the government's decision to allow the expansion was unlawful because it did not take the government's own climate commitments into account.

Heathrow is now to appeal to the Supreme Court, but the government said it would not appeal. Heathrow is still trying to change their airspace and flight corridors so the immediate threat has not disappeared.

Oxford Street Update

The grand and disruptive designs proposed for Oxford Street last year appear to still be on hold. We would like to think this was because Westminster Council had had a change of heart - but it is probably because nearly all those charged with seeing the project through have resigned or been moved on; the project manager has been outsourced, the cabinet member responsible for its implementation has stood down and been replaced, and the Leader of the Council, who was ultimately the driving force behind all this, has left.

Meanwhile, we continue to wait for news of when we will finally be able to meet and discuss this with the Council. When we do, we hope that the new team will recall pledges given at the last election to keep Oxford Street open to traffic and will honour the Council's promise of positive engagement with stakeholders on any future Oxford Street scheme.

Meanwhile, retail may be struggling with high rents and more people shopping online but currently there are more homes than shops being built on Oxford Street.

The retail thoroughfare is undergoing a £1.06 billion building boom. A survey by [Aston Chase](#), undertaken in association with [Galliard Homes](#), a leading developer on Oxford Street, highlights that there are nine new residential or residential-led mixed use developments on or adjacent to Oxford Street, delivering 437 new homes, 84,939 sq ft of new retail outlets and more than 365,800 sq ft of new office premises.

It looks like the street could be set for a residential revolution.

Chiltern Firehouse update

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The application by the Firehouse Hotel for planning consent for 20 tables and 40 chairs on the paved area outside the old firehouse on Chiltern Street has proved [very contentious](#). The Firehouse have obtained much support for this but to the Association's knowledge, the great majority of those who live in the immediate vicinity are opposed. They are concerned with the further noise disturbance that they fear this will bring, and the residents after all, were there prior to the hotel's opening in 2013. For this and other reasons the Marylebone Association has indicated its opposition to the use of this area for outside seating.

The Firehouse has now submitted changes to the application to Westminster City Council, these include:

- Reduction of hours to 9am to 8pm daily - a reduction from 8am to 11pm daily.
- Reduction in tables and chairs to 10 tables and 20 chairs - half of previously proposed.
- Removal of outside heaters.

The Operations Management Plan has also been updated and submitted to WCC.

As a result the statutory consultation period will be further extended. Letters are being hand delivered by the Firehouse Hotel to 1,500 properties in the area with this information. ([link to letter](#))

Tube Noise

A number of Marylebone residents have endured a significant rise in noise and vibration from the Tube service over the last few years.

Now, after some investigation Marylebone High Street ward councillors are pleased to record that TfL has carried out rail-grinding to remove corrugation (ridges or grooves on the rail surface that can increase noise). If you're still affected, complaints can be made to TfL by phoning 0343 222 1234 or online [here](#).

TfL state "If you report noise at your property, an engineer will contact you about taking measurements. The noise-level will be monitored over a period of time, usually no longer than an hour. The monitoring-results tell us the level, character and source of the disturbing noise. In areas where there are a cluster of complaints, we can identify the source by monitoring in just one or two properties

Nobu Marylebone

The soon-to-close Berkeley Street branch of Nobu gained its first Michelin star in 2006, an accolade it managed to keep hold of for several years, before losing the rating in 2014. This restaurant will now close permanently on 23 March, before relocating to a new Nobu hotel in Portman Square this summer.

Local Fibre Expansion

G.Network has been most active in installing its fibre network throughout Marylebone – most notably including installations in neighbourhood's mews. You might well have seen their crew working on our street installing their cables over the last year. Other operators have expressed interest to deliver fibre data services here – notably to residential blocks. These include [Hyperoptic](#) and [Community Fibre](#). See where G.Network is available [here](#).

Hyperoptic and G.Network have also rolled out their services to areas of Marylebone previously most [under-served](#) by BT/Openreach. Prices have also become more competitive over the last year. 5G mobile data services are now being implemented by [six operators](#) over the West End. Once fully operational, these will provide additional fast internet options for those living and working in our neighbourhood.

This Month in Marylebone History

March 1932 – The BBC opened their Broadcasting House on Portland Place and Langham Place within an Art Deco-style Portland stone building - subsequently Grade II listed.

The first radio broadcast from the building was made on 15 March 1932, and the building was officially opened two months later, on 15 May.

It was from this building that the nation heard the first Christmas speech from a monarch, King George V.

Association Events

[Selfridges Tour & Breakfast](#)

Thu, 26 March, 2020 9:00 AM 400 Oxford Street, W1A 1AB

In 1906 Harry Gordon Selfridge arrived in London from Chicago with a singular desire to create the greatest shopping experience in the world. Over 100 years later Selfridges continues to honour and celebrate that vision and to create a shopping experience that promises to surprise, amaze and amuse its customers. Selfridges are delighted to welcome you for an exclusive tour before store opening to share the extraordinary story of this iconic building and how Selfridges revolutionised the art of shopping. (Some of the things we will view are not accessible to the general public).

Following our tour we will move to the Brasserie of Light for breakfast. This stunning art deco dining space will in itself be an experience not to be missed. The combined tour and breakfast is being charged at a special price of £15.00 per head and limited places are available. To reserve your place please email:

Lois German lois.german@marylebone.org or telephone 0207 487 2706. Cheques for

£15.00 payable to the Marylebone Association should be sent to Lois German at Flat 99, 15 Portman Square, London, W1H 6LL. When booking please advise if you prefer to pay direct to the MA in which case details can be provided.

[Coffee Morning](#)

Wed, 29 April 2020 10:30 AM TEN Manchester Street Hotel, 10 Manchester Street, London W1U 4DG

An opportunity to join us in the elegant Boutique Hotel just behind Marylebone High Street to meet new members and old friends. £5 per person. No need to book - everyone welcome.

Regular Association Events

Regular Recurring Events

(For more details click on the event)

[Book Club](#)

Tue, 03 March, 2020 6:30 PM *The King's Head pub, Westmoreland Street, London W1*

[Pub Evening](#)

Mon, 09 March, 2020 6:30 PM *The Prince Regent, 71 Marylebone High Street W1U*

[Scrabble Club](#)

Tue, 10 & 24 March 2020 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1 5JN*

Marylebone Events

(For more details click on the event)

[Marylebone Family Brunch](#)

Sun, March 01, 2020 12:00 PM

Percy & Founders, 1 Pearson Square, Fitzrovia, London W1W 7EY

[Public Exhibition redevelopment of 48 Chapel Street](#)

Wed, March 04, 2020 2:30 PM *Bryanston Room, Seymour Leisure Centre,*

[London Handel Festival](#)

Thu, March 05, 2020 *Wigmore Hall and other venues*

[Public Exhibition redevelopment of 48 Chapel Street](#)

Sat, March 07, 2020 10:00 AM *Bryanston Room, Seymour Leisure Centre,*

[Histories of the Unexpected LIVE!](#)

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

[Pop, Rock and Roll](#)

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

[English Speaking Union](#)

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

[Pride in London Parade](#)

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

Mailing Address: *Marylebone Association, 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5PN*

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