

The Marylebone Association Newsletter September 2019



Dear {Contact_First_Name}

Association News

Our apologies that this month's news is running late, we have been trying to get some articles into this month's edition - but they will have to wait to the next month!

The Association has had a quiet summer with lots of people going on holiday. We did however enjoy an excellent and well attended Business Members networking evening in August at the Chiltern Firehouse and an informative Whisky Tasting last Tuesday night at the Whisky Exchange on Great Portland Street.

Over the summer we found time to reply to the latest draft City Plan Consultation. This Plan contains many important new policies which will be affecting all of us in one way or another over the coming years and our response can be found [here](#).

Marylebone News

TfL's Dirty Diesel Buses

The latest TfL Bus Audit makes for a depressing reading. TfL continue to buy ten times as many diesel buses as electric buses! In the first three months of the year, they purchased no electric buses and 37 pure diesel and 109 diesel hybrid - which are basically slightly cleaner diesel buses.

TfL has only 155 electric buses (both single and double-deckers) out of a total fleet of 9,142 buses currently operating in London. In 2018 they added 66 electric buses - but also an additional 671 diesel buses. The Mayor is asking Londoners to do their bit, is it not time he led by example? It can be done, and it will save TfL and Londoners money, as reduced running costs make the total lifetime costs lower. Shenzhen in China has switched to having 16,000 fully electric buses and soon their 22,000 taxis will be electric too.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) applications

A quick reminder that the deadline for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) applications is 11th September 2019. Completed application forms should be sent: contact@maryleboneforum.org Please note that there will be further opportunities to bid for the neighbourhood portion of CIL in future. The Council expects the next round of funding to be decided in April 2020.

Camden Consultation on Construction Cumulative Impact

Camden's strategic planners may be a decade or more behind the times but they are seeking the public's views on how to better manage the cumulative impact of construction. We will watch with interest the outcome, if any and whether there are any lessons which can be shared with Westminster Council.

This month in Marylebone history

Baker Street Robbery - September 48 years ago

The Baker Street robbery was the burglary of the safe deposit boxes at the Baker Street, London branch of Lloyds Bank on the night of 11 September 1971. The robbers had rented the leather goods shop Le Sac, two doors north of the bank, and tunnelled a distance of approximately 50 feet passing under the intervening Chicken Inn Restaurant. To avoid being overheard, they dug only during weekends. They initially used a thermal lance to try to break into the vault but ultimately had to use explosives. Robert Rowlands was a ham radio operator who lived in a fifth floor flat on Wimpole Street. He overheard conversations between the robbers and their rooftop lookout at 11:15 pm. He contacted local police, who did not take him seriously but suggested that he tape-record the conversations while the robbery was in progress. However, there was insufficient information to identify which bank was being robbed.

At 1am, Rowlands contacted Scotland Yard, who immediately sent officers to his flat in Wimpole Street. At 2am, a senior police officer alerted radio detector vans to track down the gang's exact location. Police checked the 750 banks within 10 miles of Rowlands' receiver, including the Baker Street bank. At the time, the thieves were still in the vaults but the police failed to realise this because the security door was still locked. The thieves got away with £1.5m cash (equivalent to £20.8 million in 2018) and valuables from over 260 safe deposit boxes. The total haul was believed to be near £3m (2018: £41.7m).

The robbers left a message on a wall reading 'Let's see how Sherlock Holmes solves this one!'

Openings and Closings

The Drug Store opened at 14 Hinde Street, London W1 and sell a range of CBD cannabidiol health products believed to treat stress and chronic pain.

Tommy Hilfiger is set to open on Marylebone High Street.

Association Events

[Dartmouth House, home of the English Speaking Union](#)

Thu, September 26, 2019 2:30 PM 37-38 Charles Street, London W1

A unique opportunity to glimpse London life as it would have been in the 18th and 19th century - if you were wealthy. Lord Revelstoke, of the Baring banking family, described as 'one of the most conspicuous consumers' of his time, bought the building to house his vast collection of antiques and art. A banking crisis (and a Bank of England bailout) still left him

bankrupt but a few decades later the building was acquired by the newly formed English Speaking Union whose aim was to promote communication to bolster international understanding and, ultimately, peace. Today the ESU still operates as a members' club but also runs an extensive educational programme to help young people express themselves and to think for themselves. Our visit will take approximately 1 hour, with a guide to take us through the history of this remarkable place. To reserve a place contact rosemary.forgan@marylebone.org or tel: 020 7916 9353. Cost £10 (to include tea/coffee after the tour)

[Coffee Morning](#)

Wed, October 02, 2019 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.

[Anacapri Ristorante](#)

Thu, October 10, 2019 7:00 PM *10 Dorset Street, London, W1U 6QR (Just off Baker Street)*

Following on from last year's popular evening at the traditional Italian restaurant Anacapri, several members have requested a repeat visit this year.

As previously Emilio will provide the same offer of a three course dinner, with house wine, from the extensive A La Carte menu, (with the exception of fillet steak and Dover sole) for a maximum of only £35 per person including service. Those attending last year will remember the generous portions and free-flowing wine. The restaurant will take individual payments on the night and if you decide on just two courses, the charge will be lower.

The dinner has been arranged by Lois German and there are **just a few places left** so please book your place as soon as possible by contacting Lois on lois.german@marylebone.org or by phone (NB: FROM 7 Sept onwards ONLY for phone reservations) on 0207 487 2706.

Regular Association Events

(For more details click on the event)

[Book Club](#)

Tue, September 03, 2019 6:30 PM *The King's Head pub, Westmoreland Street, London W1*

[Pub Evening](#)

Mon, September 09, 2019 6:30 PM *The Prince Regent, 71 Marylebone High Street W1U 5JN*

[Scrabble Club](#)

Tue, September 10 & 24, 2019 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1*

Marylebone Events

(For more details click on the event)

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

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

[Oscar & George On Film](#)

Tue, September 10, 2019 7:00 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

[Catch Your Breath - Exhibition](#)

Fri, September 20, 2019 9:00 AM *Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4LE*

[Oscar & George On Film](#)

Tue, September 24, 2019 7:00 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

[Madame Tussaud – The Lady and the Legacy](#)

Thu, September 26, 2019 1:00 PM *55 Baker Street*

[Frieze London - Regent's Park](#)

Wed, October 02, 2019 *Regent's Park - Marylebone Green*

[Oscar & George On Film](#)

Tue, October 08, 2019 7:00 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

[Oscar & George On Film](#)

Tue, October 22, 2019 7:00 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

[Murder in Marylebone \(True Life Crime 1800s – 1942\)](#)

Wed, October 23, 2019 6:00 PM *55 Baker Street*

[Oscar & George On Film](#)

Tue, November 05, 2019 7:00 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

[Oscar & George On Film](#)

Tue, November 19, 2019 7:00 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

[The Old Marylebone Town Hall](#)

Wed, November 27, 2019 1:00 PM *55 Baker Street*