



Marylebone Association

Newsletter February 2024

Dear {Contact_First_Name},

New Year Drinks Party



The gloom of a cold winter's evening was brightened up this January with a return to the Oriental Private Members Club in Stratford Place for our Annual Drinks Party.

This is always a delightful evening in the wonderful surroundings of their Library, where the drinks flowed freely and we enjoyed delicious canapés. Sixty-five members both residential and business enjoyed a great evening and it was nice to welcome several new members to our event, who mingled happily and were also able to meet some of our committee members

Michael Bolt, our Secretary, introduced Richard Lovell, our new Chairman, who made an interesting speech after welcoming everyone, including our Ward Councillor Barbara Arzumanyan.

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A good time was had by all and our thanks go to The Oriental and the staff who looked after our party so well.

For those of our members who have not yet attended an annual drinks event at this great venue, there will be another opportunity as we have already booked the date for next year.

Future Marylebone Association Events are listed at the bottom of the newsletter.

Changes to Resident Parking



Further to the article in our December Newsletter on the new parking charges generally, this month we look in more detail at how these will specifically affect residents.

We now have confirmation that the rates and charging structure will come into force from 1st April 2024. They will be based upon a vehicle's individual tailpipe emission levels of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂). This emissions-based charging uses DVLA data to ascertain each vehicle's CO₂ output levels. The rates are set out in the table below and the first thing that becomes apparent from that is it will no longer be obvious, without some research, what your annual parking charge will be, particularly as in addition to this certain vehicles will carry a surcharge.

Also, In what is a change to the current structure, no vehicles will be granted a resident permit free of charge, including electric vehicles (which would classify as band 1A or 1B).

An additional annual diesel surcharge of £50 applies to Permits for pre-2015 diesel vehicles to address the issue of the emission of Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x).

It is likely that many vehicles will be in band d, which will mean an increase from

the present rate of £166 (for engines above 1200cc) to £214. To find out how much you will actually be paying you can view your vehicle's data by entering your vehicle registration mark (VRM) at <https://www.gov.uk/get-vehicle-information-from-dvla>.

Where CO2 data is not held, such as for vehicles registered before March 2001 or for vehicles not registered in the UK, separate charges will be levied. A vehicle can be re-banded during permit application or renewal upon the provision of appropriate evidence of its CO2 output levels. Further, the old policy allowed up to two vehicles on a single permit policy, but under the new policy each vehicle will be covered by a single, individual permit. To accommodate this, individuals can purchase additional permits for their different vehicles, up to a maximum of three per individual, but with the introduction of an incremental surcharge per additional permit.

This will apply to new applications and any permit renewals from 1st April 2024. Second permits would be charged an additional £50 on top of the price of the permit, and third permits an additional £100.

Band	CO2 emissions (g/km)	Proposed permit charge (p/yr)
1A	0 (small 1 - 69 kwh battery)	£40.00
1B	0 (large ≥70 kwh battery)	£80.00
2	1 - 90	£90.95
3	91 - 131	£123.05
4	131 - 150 or pre-2001 ≤1200cc	£139.10
5	151 - 255 or pre-2001 >1200cc	£214.00
6	≥256 or 'unknowns' *	£321.00
M	Motorcycles	£60.99

Samaritans coming to Marylebone





The Central London Samaritans (CLS), the largest and founding branch of the entire Samaritan movement, established in 1953, are intending to move offices from Soho to Marylebone.

The Samaritans are in the process of selling their existing office and intend to purchase 13 Salisbury Place, just south of Marylebone Road.

The branch presently provides 24-hour, 365-day-a-year telephone, email and webchat support to people who are experiencing emotional turmoil as well as those who are suicidal. and CLS also contribute considerable outreach work to support homeless people, people being held in police custody cells (as well as police officers), two London prisons, the London Ambulance service and others.

A limited number of 'face-to-face' callers will be seen in the branch between 9am and 9pm daily. We are told there will also be overnight accommodation for a limited number of volunteers – generally no more than four people – either before or after undertaking a night shift.

A change-of-use planning application can be found on the WCC website (ref:23/08920/FULL).

Harley Place Back Again



Last year an application to develop over part of the garden at 18-20 Harley Place, was reported at the time in this newsletter. The plan, which caused significant controversy, was subsequently withdrawn.

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'Partial excavation of existing rear garden to create a new two storey link extension behind 25 Wimpole Street and 18-20 Harley Place to provide Class E (g)(ii) research and development space in conjunction with a new single storey basement and mansard roof extension at 18-20 Harley Place, installation of new plant on main roof at 25 Wimpole Street and new rear garden and outdoor terrace spaces to the rear of 18-20 Harley Place and 25 Wimpole Street'

The Howard de Walden Estate would like to invite all those interested to attend any of the consultation events below to find out more about the latest proposals in detail and ask questions and gather more detail about their proposals at this stage.

The dates and times of these sessions below:

Monday 5th February: 10:00- 11:30- Presentation online Wednesday 7th February: 14:00-15:30 – Afternoon drop-in event. Tuesday 13th February: 17:30-19:00 – Evening drop-in event

All drop-in events will be held at The Howard de Walden Estate offices, however, please confirm via this email (planning@hdwe.co.uk) if you would like to attend the online event and a link will be sent to you.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend any of the sessions above, further information regarding the proposals will be available at the beginning of February via The Howard de Walden Estate [website](#).

Swiss Embassy Application



An application for refurbishment and extensions to the Swiss Embassy located on Montagu Square and Montagu Place has caused some controversy. There are extensive works of remodelling planned for inside the building, and it is proposed to demolish the top floor and build a new penthouse there, further out towards the boundary of the building, and to build over the existing roof terrace on the rear overlooking Grosvenor Gardens East. All this, it is said, will be designed to be carried

overlooking Bryanston Mews East. All this, it is said, will be designed to be carried out to high levels of sustainability producing a carbon-neutral building.

The original building was one of the four Pavillion buildings marking each of the corners of the square when first built. A much modified building was pulled down and rebuilt in the 1960s. The entire building was to be developed in a modern style originally but following considerable objections, the Montagu Square elevation was rebuilt in keeping with the rest of the square with a modernist section to Montagu Place and behind.

There are a large number of objections to the present plans from residents concerned that proposals will reduce the light to their buildings and cause them to be overlooked.

Things didn't get off to a good start as there was a problem with the consultation when not all of the documents were made available online, and certain addresses failed to receive notice of the application. As a result the consultation was restarted for a further 21-days and is running at the present time.

The Embassy organised a meeting on the 30th of January to give residents an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns, and they have indicated that they are willing to consider changes to the application if necessary.

The Garden Square was established through an Act of Parliament in 1801 and built between 1810 and 1815.

Cavendish Square Going Two-Way



Work will shortly commence on making Cavendish Square North, the section of Wigmore Street running into it, and Mortimer Street 2-way. Traffic flow on Cavendish Square's West and East sides will be reversed. More details will be supplied as and when they become available, but at present, we have been told that this work will be commencing next month and will carry on for the rest of the year.

This is all connected with the wider Oxford Street programme and one of the reasons it is to commence so quickly is to try to ensure it will be in place to take the traffic which will be diverted from Oxford Street during the main OS works.

The extensive pavement widening and related infrastructure works to Oxford Street have been scheduled to commence around October this year and it is intended that they will be finished by the time of the 2026 local elections.

However, this will be by no means the only disruption faced in the area from road engineering works

See below for more!

Trouble Ahead



Whatever one's view of the desirability of the traffic and infrastructure schemes presently proposed for Oxford and Regent Street and related roads, there is certainly no shortage of them.

Indeed, just based on what has been announced over the past year there is little likelihood of this area being free of extensive roadworks and disruption at any time in the next five years.

We have assembled below all the various planned interventions in and around our area that we are aware of over the next few years- and the list is quite intimidating!

Wigmore Street 2 Way

See article above- Cavendish Square North, together with the section of Wigmore Street running into it, and Mortimer Street 2-way. Commencing this March.

Main Oxford Street pavement widening

Now at design stage 2 and scheduled to commence around October 2024.

Oxford Circus Works

Works to ban all right and left turns and related works to John Prince's Street, Holles Street, Great Castle Street and Great Portland Street. Date to be

announced.

Oxford Street Programme - Henrietta Place and Cavendish Square Scheme

Traffic flow on Cavendish Square's West and East sides will be reversed with related works to Henrietta Place, Vere Street.

Oxford Street Programme - Margaret Street Scheme

Reports the consultation results for the Fitzrovia Marylebone traffic scheme, approval to proceed with part of this scheme, the Margaret Street Scheme to design stages 1 and 2.

Oxford Street Programme - Eastcastle Street Scheme

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Oxford Street Programme - Complementary Schemes

These “complementary schemes” are separate from the above and seek to “extend the public realm benefits being achieved on Oxford Street into adjacent neighbourhoods through an improvement of pedestrian access and comfort, additional seating and greening, enhanced lighting and better-quality surfacing materials.”

The Davies Street Scheme - the street is currently in theory open to traffic and the proposed scheme will close it. This is to create a new public amenity space and provide seating and greening. Reports the Costs for Design Stages 1 and 2 for the Davies Street Scheme approval to proceed to design stages 1 and 2.

The Grosvenor Square Scheme - is designed to provide safer pedestrian and cycling facilities, reducing the dominance of the carriageway around Grosvenor Square. This will be achieved through the delivery of wider footways and the improvement of pedestrian crossings.

The James Street Scheme - it is intended to close it at the Oxford Street end to provide a pedestrian and cycle-friendly environment in James Street South along with operational changes to Barrett Street, Picton Place, and James Street North. (See our article on this published in the January Newsletter-([LINK](#))).

The Future of Regent Street and Haymarket

As readers of this newsletter will be aware, consultations were carried out in 2023 on the controversial “temporary” widening of Regent Street with a view to making it permanent. Not only will it be made permanent - but there is considerably more to follow, which will be developed in two phases:

Regent Street First Phase (“Phase 1”) - Permanent pavement widening for Regent Street from All Souls to The Crescent.

Regent Street Second Phase (“Phase 2”) - Permanent pavement widening to Regent Street, St James’s, Waterloo Place, Haymarket, Charles II, Jermyn Street East and Pall Mall East.

And Additionally - WCC will be turning its attention to Piccadilly Circus and how it may need to evolve to facilitate these two projects.

Regent Street Phase 2 are just proposals at present, but with the promise of extensive Crown Estate funding, they are likely to proceed.

All the above is separate to all the standard works for utilities or closures from building works - this is just for infrastructure works in the pipeline.

Next month we will look in more detail at the comprehensive proposals for the “Future of Regent Street and Haymarket” - and beyond.

London - Slowest City on Earth?



Given all of the above, and a Mayor whose ambitions for “accessibility” makes life increasing difficult for businesses and others reliant on motor vehicles to get around, it is hardly surprising to see further evidence emerged last month that London is the slowest city on Earth, this time from the satellite navigation firm TomTom.

The TomTom data, published in the Daily Mail in January, revealed that traffic speeds in London have now been reduced to an average of 10 mph and traffic takes 37 minutes and 20 seconds to cover just 6.2 miles in the capital. TomTom claimed that the 20mph limits may have led to an increase in greenhouse gases due to the longer journey times.

London drivers had the longest travelling time among 387 cities across 55 countries analysed, putting the capital top of the slow city centre ranking for the second year in a row.

TomTom found that as well as London's city centre roads being the world's slowest when traffic is flowing freely, they are also where motorists lose the most time due to congestion.

The study also noted that London had the world's third-highest fuel prices last year.

Bearing in mind that the great majority of this traffic is commercial, their analysis of the economic impact of congestion showed that London's slow-moving traffic and higher fuel consumption made it one of the most expensive cities in the world to get around.

TfL have disputed that they have caused this and blamed roadworks as the

biggest cause of congestion. However, their multiple schemes reducing available road space have aggravated the issues caused by road works. Indeed these schemes generate most of the roadworks in the first place.

The Daily Mail put the findings to TfL's director of network management and resilience Carl Eddleston, who said: "We disagree with this analysis of road speeds and believe it is not representative of London as a whole. This report only looks at data collected up to 5km from the centre, regardless of the city's overall size and density, which means that fair comparisons with other cities cannot be made."

However, that assumes that traffic is travelling any more quickly further out from the city centre.

The world's second slowest city centre is Dublin, with 6.2-mile trips typically taking 29 minutes and 30 seconds, which uncoincidentally also suffers from multiple Khan-like interventions.

100 CCTV Cameras on their Way



Westminster is to see the return of CCTV as the City Council steps up its campaign against anti-social behaviour and crime blighting the lives of many residents.

The network of 100 cameras will be placed in priority areas for residents with the job of helping the police crackdown on anti-social behaviour and capturing evidence for prosecution in court.

Westminster ran cameras in the 1990s up to 2016 in St James and West Wards, then handed them over to the police together with a capital sum to operate.

The new system will be the first time Westminster City Council has run its own public realm CCTV cameras since the previous network was closed.

Police-run CCTV cameras since the previous network was closed.

While Police-run cameras will continue to monitor hotspot areas in the West End and Covent Garden, the new council system will concentrate on addressing problems that most affect local people. The idea of the new camera network is to complement what the police and other partners do – they will run side by side with the already extensive coverage that exists in Westminster's busiest areas.

The new digital cameras can be moved to different locations to tackle different issues ranging from anti-social behaviour to fly-tipping – a major advantage over fixed-position CCTV cameras.

Funding for the camera network is expected to be approved in the Council's March Budget with the first wave being installed in the early Summer.

Councillor Adam Hug, Leader of Westminster City Council Leader, said:

“Anti-social behaviour and crime in our communities blights the lives of residents across Westminster and as a Council, we want to do what we can to help tackle it.”

Read more on the new cameras [here](#).

Changes in Westminster

January saw a number of significant changes of personnel at Westminster Council.

Cllr Rachael Robathan has stood down. She was Leader of Westminster City Council through the period of Covid and beyond to the last council elections, when the council became Labour run for the first time in its history.

Conservative Councillors have now selected Councillor Paul Swaddle OBE to become the new Leader of the Westminster Council Conservative Group.

Cllr Swaddle, who also runs a mobile software development company based in Westminster and was recruited as an advisor to Lord Sugar on the TV show The Apprentice.

Meanwhile, Labour Deputy Leader, Tim Roca has stood down in order to stand as parliamentary candidate for his home town of Macclesfield. Cllr Nafsika Butler-Thalassiss was elected by members of the Labour group to be the new Deputy-Leader.

Cllr Butler-Thalassiss retains her cabinet portfolio of Adult Social Care, Public Health, and Voluntary Sector. Councillor. Ryan Jude steps up to a new position in the Cabinet, overseeing Climate, Ecology, and Culture.

Also in January, the MP for Westminster North, Karen Buck MP announced at a constituency Labour Party meeting that she will not be standing at the next election. The seat covering Maida Vale, St John's Wood, Queen's Park and Bayswater was created in 2010 and has been represented by Karen Buck ever since.

The constituency was won by Labour in 2019 by 23,240 votes (54.2%), beating the Conservatives who finished second with 12,481 votes (29.1%).

Find out more about the changes to Cabinet [here](#).

Mayfair Forum Redesignated



The Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development has agreed to re-designate the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum for a further period of five years.

The application submitted by the Forum indicated their membership consists of 630 members, composed of a mixture of residents, businesses, organisations, land owners and community associations. It was considered that the Forum satisfied the requirement in that it represented the interests of a diverse and representative group drawn from the designated Neighbourhood Area.

Consultation on the re-designation of the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum resulted in no objections or competing applications.

The Mayfair Neighbourhood Plan became formally 'made' on 24 December 2019, meaning it was adopted as part of Westminster's statutory development plan and is operational in the designated Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of assessing planning applications. This, stated WCC, demonstrates that the Forum has fulfilled its primary objectives in preparing and having adopted a Neighbourhood Plan for its area, with the focus now shifting to delivering the plan through implementation and monitoring.

The Marylebone Forum has yet to fulfil its primary function but is actively engaged in several secondary functions.

Langham Estate Sale



The 13.8-acre Langham Estate lies to the north east of Marylebone

and is owned by Samuel Tak Lee, the Hong Kong real estate billionaire. He has now exchanged contracts to sell 430 000 square feet of mixed-use assets to US

now exchanged contracts to sell 100,000 square feet of mixed use assets to an activist fund manager Elliott Management and Oval Real Estate for a figure believed to be in excess of £300 million.

There are 27 freehold assets split across a mix of offices, retail, leisure, educational, medical and residential. A separate residential building is understood to have been sold from the portfolio to a private residential developer for around £50 million.

Lee has made headlines in recent years over a legal dispute with neighbouring landowner Shaftesbury, in which he held a majority shareholding. Soho, Chinatown and Carnaby Street landowner Shaftesbury merged with Captco last year to form Shaftesbury Capital.

In further property news, the department store Selfridges is in talks with its parent company Central Group about raising cash to pay its upcoming commitments following the filing for insolvency by its co-owner, Signa. The insolvency filing stated that the debtor had assets with a book value of around £2.33bn but a liquidation value of £272m.

Rough Sleeping Strategy

Signing the Rough Sleeping Charter

WCC have now signed the Mayor of London's [Rough Sleeping](#) Charter. The charter includes key commitments to ending homelessness in the city.

Rough sleeping poses a variety of tricky problems, as it is often symptomatic of those who have fallen through the various state support systems and need help, but it is the case that some do not want to be helped. It is also increasingly the default method of choice used by organised begging gangs, particularly in the summer months who use parks and enclosed spaces in the area to sleep in. The latter group in particular can often pose a threatening and unwelcome presence to residents, as we have increasingly seen in this area in Cavendish Square, Edgware Road and surrounding areas.

Westminster Council's initial Rough Sleeping Strategy ran from 2017-2022. It identified three key priorities:

- a) Prevent people from rough sleeping in the first place.
- b) When people do end up on the streets, provide a rapid response, support people to rebuild their lives and stay off the streets for good.
- c) Protect communities from anti-social behaviour associated with rough sleeping and intervening to stop dangerous behaviour.

The strategy set out the approach intended to take in meeting these priorities. A detailed action plan was drafted, it expired in December 2022.

The Rough Sleeping Strategy sits alongside the statutory Homelessness Strategy 2019-2024. Maintaining a Homelessness Strategy is a statutory duty that is outlined in the Homelessness Act 2002 and the Homelessness Strategy must detail, amongst other things, how the authority will address rough sleeping.

The Council has had separate Rough Sleeping and Homelessness Strategies because of the scale and complexity of rough sleeping in Westminster. It is now proposed that Westminster retains the current Rough Sleeping Strategy and uses this strategic framework until a new Rough Sleeping Strategy or revised Homelessness Strategy is launched.

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when in May 2022 the new administration was voted in to run the Council, it brought with it a series of commitments in its manifesto that impact on Homelessness and Rough Sleepers.

Further to this, a number of policies and strategies are being developed or launched in 2023/24, including the Housing Allocations Policy and the Council's first Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

The Future of Westminster Commission will also develop policy proposals and its recommendations will have an impact on the strategic direction for homelessness and rough sleeping services.

Meanwhile the priorities set out in the previous strategy remain and we hope that as well as prevention and support, the council will give serious consideration also to the protection side of the strategy - "Protect communities from anti-social behaviour associated with rough sleeping and intervening to stop dangerous behaviour."

Tesco's - Asset of Community Value



Last year we reported on the surprising but welcome decision of the WCC planning committee to refuse planning consent to demolish an Art Deco building on Dean Street in Soho and replace it with office space and retail units. This went against officer recommendations at the time and the committee vote split along party lines.

Following the committee's decision, the Soho Society nominated the supermarket to become an Asset of Community Value due to its contribution to the local community. The council has since agreed to recognise the store as such, describing it as offering the "best range of products and price points" in the area.

An Asset of Community Value is an interesting concept, first introduced by the Localism Act 2011 (the same place from which Neighbourhood Forums emerged).

It is defined as follows: “A building or other land is an asset of community value if its main use has recently been or is presently used to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community and could do so in the future.” The Localism Act states that ‘social interests’ include cultural, recreational and sporting interests.

Once listed as an Asset of Community Value, the local community will be informed if it is listed for sale within the five-year listing period. The community can then enact the Community Right to Bid, which gives them a moratorium period of six months to determine if they can raise the finances to purchase the asset.

Given land values in Soho this would therefore appear to be a somewhat academic exercise - but at least it draws attention to the issue.

New Business Member



OPSO restaurant has stood in the beating heart of Marylebone since 2014 when it first introduced modern Greek food into London's dining scene.

OPSO [gr. ΟΨΟ] is an ancient Greek word for a delectable morsel of food, a delicacy. Inspired by the Greek culinary heritage, and wrapped with the famous Greek hospitality, OPSO offers a contemporary culinary approach that elevates modern Greek food into new sensory heights.

Featuring a vibrant dining area, a private room and a welcoming terrace, OPSO is the perfect spot for any occasion—be it a relaxed lunch, a sophisticated dinner, or the renowned brunch, consistently ranked among London's best.

OPSO's thoughtfully curated wine list features a diverse array of Greek wines and a selection of premium international labels. The cocktail list showcases seasonal cocktails, crafted with unique Greek spirits and homemade cordials.

Marylebone Association members will be offered a welcome glass of champagne!

Please note this in the comments/requests section if booking online or mention when booking by phone. OPSO Marylebone, 10 Paddington Street, Marylebone, W1U 5QL 0208 487 5088 www.opso.co.uk reservations@opso.co.uk

Announcements

300th Anniversary of JS Bach's St John Passion at St. Marylebone Parish Church



 S'Marylebone festival

J.S. BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION

Special 300th Anniversary Performance

with Choir of St Marylebone Parish Church and St Marylebone Festival Baroque Orchestra

St Marylebone Parish Church
16th March 2024, 17:00-19:20
Doors open 16:30

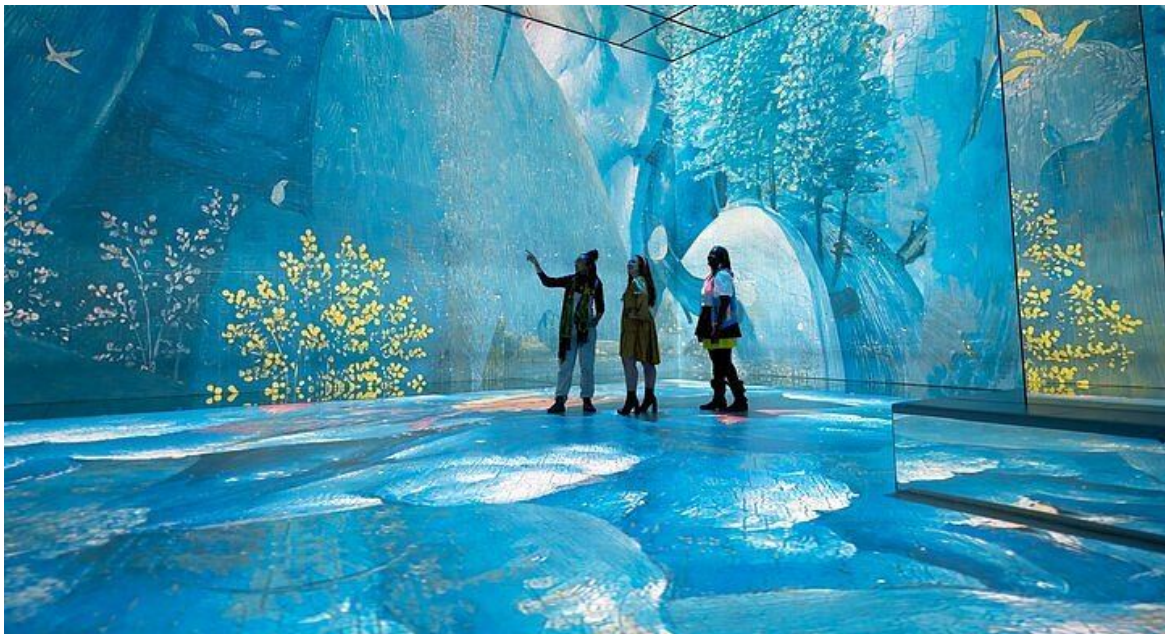
St Marylebone has a long-established legacy of musical excellence, which we celebrate and uphold today. To mark the 300th anniversary of J.S. Bach's St John Passion, we are holding a special evening concert, performed by our professional choir and baroque orchestra on the 16th of March.

- Musical maestro, Bertie Baigent, conducts the ensemble:
- St Marylebone Parish Church Choir
- St Marylebone Festival Baroque Orchestra
- Anna Cavaliero, soprano
- Timothy Morgan, alto
- Charlie Baigent, bass
- Edmund Danon, Jesus
- James Micklethwaite, Evangelist

Please find the link to buy tickets [here](#).

Frameless





Frameless is an award-winning art experience, featuring 4 multi-sensory galleries, a beautiful Café Bar, and a curated Gift Shop. Each of our galleries presents art as you have never seen it before, featuring masterpieces from world-renowned artists such as Van Gogh, Dali, Monet, Cezanne, and many more, reimagined through cutting-edge technology and accompanied by a carefully curated soundtrack.

Frameless is for everyone but we would love to connect with you specifically around our Art Talks Sessions. These are monthly sessions that take place at Frameless in partnership with Artsclapes, where we delve into the stories behind the art with 45 minute lectures hosted by esteemed Art historians. Our first Art Talk is on January 30th where we will cover Impressionism and participants can also explore our galleries on their visit before or after the lecture. You can visit our Art Talks webpage [here](#).

Queen's College Preparatory School Open Days



Upcoming Open Events

Friday 26th April 2024
9:30-11:00

Friday 10th May 2024
9:30-11:00



Queen's College Preparatory School is a leading independent day school for girls aged 4 to 11, situated in the heart of central London on Portland Place. QCPS is a place of creativity, conviviality and cosiness, where each girl can happily play, learn and thrive. We aim to nurture a lifelong love of learning in every pupil while ensuring they achieve the highest possible academic outcomes – and have great fun along the way.

At QCPS we are proud to be a part of the remarkable history of Queen's College, London, which was founded in 1848 and became the first school in the UK to award academic qualifications to women. Building on this long and distinguished history, QCPS is an inspirational and empowering school, which remains at the forefront of education for girls.

Our curriculum is very broad, designed to promote excellence and to give the girls as many opportunities as possible to identify their strengths and expand their horizons. We combine exceptional specialist teaching, first-class facilities and high-quality pastoral care to ensure girls grow into confident, accomplished, creative young women with emotional intelligence and high personal standards.

As well as a strong academic standard in the curriculum, girls benefit from a wide variety of co-curricular activities. Our diverse programme of more than 30 after school clubs covers activities from pottery to robotics, languages to sports, and is designed to ensure every girl can find something that appeals to her.

QCPS is, above all, a nurturing place which offers tailored support to help every pupil achieve her full potential. We understand that if a pupil isn't happy, she will not succeed academically, and we value pastoral care as one of the most important things that we do.

We offer entry at 4+, 7+ and 10+ as well as occasional places for other year groups. We would be delighted to welcome you at one of our Open Events, these are the best way to get a feel for life at QCPS. [Register for an Open Day](#).

International Women's Day

Saturday, 9 March 2024 at 2.30
St Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5LT

The award-winning Jubilate Ladies' Choir is organising a female voice concert to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) on Saturday 9th March 2024, in union with guest choirs Reunited in Harmony and the girls' Chamber Choir of The St Marylebone CE School. Together, they aim to raise the roof in song and raise life-changing funds for the Marylebone Project, a charity that provides shelter and support for displaced women in London.

Sabrina Nugara, who sings in the alto section with Jubilate, explains the motivation behind this concert:

"There's a fantastic sense of camaraderie and belonging in our choir, and we wanted to mark International Women's Day and use our voices to help other women who find themselves in less fortunate circumstances. So, we decided to challenge ourselves by putting on a concert in a fabulous venue, St Marylebone Parish Church, in aid of a fantastic charity, the Marylebone Project, which offers solace, serenity and support to women in the heart of London.

Tickets are £10 (£7 concs/children) and are available [online](#). All proceeds from ticket sales and online donations will go towards the work of the Marylebone

Project.

Association Events

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 21st February from 10 am to 11.45am
Home House, 20 Portman Square, W1H 6LW

Join us for the first coffee morning of 2024 in the sumptuous surroundings of the Bison Bar at Home House, the celebrated private members club in Portman Square. Coffee, tea and pastries will be provided at a cost of £8.50 per person. There is a limit on numbers so booking is essential. (Please do not turn up on the day without booking). If you wish to attend you need to contact lois.german@marylebone.org or telephone 0207 487 2706 to reserve your place.

Regular Events

BOOK CLUB

Monday 5th February at 6.30 pm
The King's Head, Westmoreland Street, W1G 8PJ

February's book is: Jane Austen, A Life by Claire Tomalin. March's book is: Christ stopped at Eboli by Carlo Levi

Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month, upstairs at The King's Head pub in Westmoreland Street. All book choices are available in paperback and on e-readers. For further details – and anyone interested in joining us - please contact Liz Queenan (liz.queenan@marylebone.org) or tel: 020 7486 3709.

PUB EVENING

Monday 12th February at 6.30pm
The Larrik, 32 Crawford Place, W1H 5NN

Continuing with our regular bi-monthly pub evenings at this cosy, warm and welcoming gastro pub, with great food, wines, beers and cocktails... Everybody is welcome so do come along whether you are a regular or new to our pub evenings, where you will be greeted by our hostess for the evening Ann Marie Johnson.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Tuesday 13 and 27 February from 5.00 pm
The Duke of Wellington, 94a Crawford Street, London W1H 2HQ

The Scrabble Club normally meets in the private dining-room at The Duke of Wellington pub in Crawford Street on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, from 5 until 7, with Scrabble sets and dictionaries provided – and all levels of players very welcome. Anyone interested in joining and/or wanting further information should contact rosemary.forgan@marylebone.org or 020 7916 9353.

Why not come along and just watch, to see if you enjoy it?

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