



Marylebone Association

Newsletter June 2023

Dear {Contact_First_Name},

June marks the halfway point in my first year as chair of the MA. What a journey! So much has happened in this short time. There have been critical consultations on the future of the Farmers Market, Seymour Leisure Centre, Paddington Street Gardens, Baker Street and Chiltern Street. Public and private interests often diverge where profit and people exist in close-proximity but the MA has done its best to listen to all and represent its members (both corporate and individual) in an inclusive and balanced way.

Crime and public order continue to be a concern. The MA has really enjoyed strengthening its links with the police and other organisations seeking to tackle the impact on our area of the systemic issues facing our city and country.

The MA has also tried to have a voice as public health concerns and ideology battle with freedom of choice and practicality on our congested streets. Whilst none would disagree with the long-term aims of safer, cleaner streets the MA has tried to manage the short-term impact of some of the more dramatic traffic changes. It has also worked hard to make sure that public interest is being properly considered rather than vested interest simply preserved.

The MA has become a regular fixture at the Farmers Market and extended its connections with the other community organisations that operate in Marylebone. We've made many new friends and increased our membership. The MA has always sought to bring people together, to celebrate what we share rather than fixate on what divides us and to achieve representation and fairness for all.

However, there are no easy answers to many of the challenges that face our community and we are not always going to agree. We hope, however, that we act as a reminder that much of the value in this special area has been generated by and belongs to the many rather than the few.

Thanks to all of the people who have contributed to and supported the MA as it continues its work. Here's to the next six months!

Julie Redmond
Chair Marylebone Association

Coronation Parties in Marylebone





What a great start to a new reign – no rain! Near perfect weather was the order of the day on Sunday, May 8 and delivered on time as thousands of local Marylebone residents and visitors got together to celebrate with gusto, totally changing the mood from the more formal ceremony of the previous day's Coronation

Street parties were breaking out all over: starting in the west, Shouldham Street was closed and, with the help of the Larrik, the road turned into a brilliant party venue, filmed by Danish tv. A resident-guitarist made sure there was music for dancing and the true sign of a good party, people stayed around long after it was meant to finish. A little further up the road, at St Mary's Wyndham Place, hundreds of people gathered to share a wonderful feast. The food arrived – and got eaten - so fast no-one could keep a note of the numbers but the organisers confirmed they got through 86 handmade crowns ('and could have done with more') while 140 children went home with beautifully painted faces.

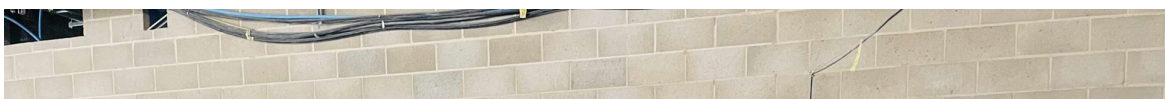
There were large gatherings and small all over the neighbourhood. A small mews party boasted every child's dream: a commercial ice-cream van dispensing its goodies free and on demand.

Over in Regent's Park, things were on a different scale altogether. The Friends of Regent's Park and Primrose Hill organised 120 tables, seating 6 people each along The Broadwalk – and the tickets sold out immediately (with a further waiting list of nearly 200). Some people reserved whole tables, others bought individual seats – and got to know some new people in the process. Party-goers brought their own food and were entertained by The London Strollers band as they enjoyed the afternoon sunshine. In some ways it was such a local, community affair – but included visitors from around the globe and Canadian, Japanese, Slovakian and Swiss tv crews amongst those covering the event.

But none of this would have counted for much had it not been for the atmosphere – kindly, jovial, smiling and warm. That's what made it such a special day.

We still miss our last lovely Queen dreadfully but what a rousing start to the next chapter.

Marylebone Square - Where Now?





We are pleased to report that the Farmers Market has now formally gained planning consent to continue trading on Aybrook Street for the next 5 years. This was the outcome that the MA had supported, see our [May newsletter](#).

Now the question of what to do with the community space left vacant is put into sharper focus, particularly as we are in imminent danger of losing it entirely.

The ground floor space was originally designated for community use under the terms of the 2013 planning consent by way of a separate set of conditions obliging the developer to grant a 125-year lease to WCC at a nominal (peppercorn) rent for the Marylebone community (the S106 Agreement).

However the developer has submitted a further planning application that is due to be heard very shortly (possibly as soon as the 13th of June) in which the community space on the ground floor would be 'swapped' with an equivalent 3000 sq ft space in the basement.

The developer's proposal is to hand this basement space over to a local school together with a free fit-out to their specification. In return, he would get back the ground floor, to be let out for community use. The lease to be granted under the S106 Agreement would then be switched to the 3000 sq ft of basement space for the school use. The developer has indicated he would then expect to receive in the region of £35,000 per annum for the ground floor space at present values. Further, the remaining 3000 sqft of basement space presently assigned to community use under this application would go into retail use.

Since this original proposal, it appears that a second school on the square is in separate negotiations with the developer and WCC regarding this space.

However, the schools only represent part of our community, and our view has always been and continues to be that this would represent a net loss for the wider Marylebone constituency. Back in [August 2022](#) we set out our reasoning for this, and nothing has occurred since to lead us to change it.

The principles set out in the S106 Agreement, reached after a considerable amount of negotiation with a wide cross-section of the area's stakeholders at the time should not now be changed on the whim of the developer through a private arrangement that most will not even be aware of.

We would go further- there should be no change to the original consent without a further full and properly conducted community consultation.

If this plan is allowed to go ahead, the disastrous decision made by the council back in 2013 which resulted in the lost opportunity to put a library in this development will be compounded 10 years on by the council consenting to the

further loss of the ground floor community space in exchange for an equivalent far less valuable space in the basement.

However, ever since the Farmers Market announced it was stepping back, a considerable amount of lobbying has taken place over the space and the developer, quite understandably, has sought to capitalise on this by way of the present planning application. What is not so understandable is why anyone with an interest in what best serves Marylebone should support it, other than the local schools who stand to benefit.

But support there is, and with the variety of conflicting voices in the area one must have a certain amount of sympathy for those at WCC who have to deal with this and reach a decision.

As complicated as all this has now got, one thing is very clear - that the overriding objective must be to ensure that the ground floor space granted to WCC for the community in 2013 is not lost to us. Views as to what is done with this space are secondary to this guiding principle. There are many ideas for its possible use. However a decision should not be made on the basis of the viability of these ideas but on the basis of the value to the community of this space over the next 125 years.

As for the fit-out of the community centre to originally accommodate the farmers market - it is accepted that the developer has produced what was required under the terms of the S106 Agreement and is under no further obligation to spend any more. However, with around £2 million sitting at present in our Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund, there is no reason why some of this money could not be put towards a fit-out for whatever community use is finally decided upon.

Equally, there is no reason why space for the local schools cannot be directly provided for in the 3000 sqft of the approximate 6000 sqft of the basement originally designated for community medical use, and which the developer has, apparently, been unable to fill. But to return the remaining community basement 3000 sqft area to retail use in exchange for a fit out of that space appears to represent a very poor commercial deal.

On the other hand, allocating some basement space directly for the schools would bypass the elaborate arrangements proposed for swapping the spaces and be a far simpler solution. The developer would obviously require the going rent for this and there is room for a discussion on how that could be paid for. Perhaps, again, contributions could be sought from CIL funding, at least for the fit-out, and possibly even for some of the initial rent payments. But this is not a matter that can be decided prior to this application being heard.

For the reasons outlined, we feel that the present application would represent a bad deal for the community and should be withdrawn by the developer. If the application is not withdrawn, then our submission will be that it should be refused by the planning committee.

New Cycleway for George Street





Westminster City Council, in partnership with Transport for London, have now opened the consultation period for the Cycleway 43 - Hyde Park to Fitzrovia proposal (previously referred to as Quietway 7). The section the subject of this consultation would run via Stanhope Place, Connaught Square, Kendal Street and George Street. Whilst most of the changes would take place in the Hyde Park Estate residential area there are also significant works in Marylebone- along George Street.

It is intended that the proposed Cycleway 43 will connect with the upcoming proposals for Cycleway 51 (formerly called Quietway 16 - St. John's Wood to Marylebone) at Bryanston Square. From there, the route will continue to St John's Wood and connect with the existing C27 route that leads to Paddington at Norfolk Crescent. The green line on the map above shows route alignment which was approved by the Cabinet Member for City Management in 2021.

Whilst it is recognised that the cycle lane will arrive here in one form or another we feel that residents should take advantage of the consultation period to examine the proposed design. Even at this early stage of proceedings, we can envisage certain serious inconveniences that may result to residents and those travelling through George Street. Our main concerns at present are as follows:

This is a predominantly residential area and the loss of parking in close proximity to people's homes will be a clear drawback. A total of thirty-seven parking spaces in all are to go within the scheme, 26 of these are residential spaces on George Street.

There is a reference in the documents to reallocation where possible, but this is rather too vague to give much comfort. Previously WCC has operated on the basis that any traffic scheme introduced in Marylebone shall not result in an overall loss of resident parking spaces. We have actively lobbied WCC over the years whenever residents' parking has been threatened to maintain this rule and do hope that this scheme will not create an unfortunate precedent.

We also fear that the proposed loss of residential spaces will be further compounded by the future loss of resident spaces on Bryanston Square from the upcoming C51 Scheme.

Further, even if WCC were to agree to no net loss of resident spaces we cannot see where at present there would be room to relocate them anywhere in the nearby area.

The addition of a stepped cycle track and double-yellow lines along the route will further restrict access for residents.

The pull in at Bryanston Square would be too small to accommodate the buses

The pull-in at Bryanston Square would be too small to accommodate the buses that serve the nearby school, this will result in increased congestion in the area.

It appears that there are no other pull-in's contemplated along the length of George Street from Edgware Road to Gloucester Place so any vehicle that stops for loading purposes will hold up the traffic behind it, which in turn will have great difficulty getting past due to the narrow lanes as designed under the scheme..

All this will likely result in the displacement of traffic away from George Street to other roads in the area.

The Council launched the 4 week public consultation week commencing 15th May 2023.

Details of the proposal can be found [here](#).

Have your say! There is a questionnaire you can complete online [here](#).

Where's It Gone?



“retaining as much of the original structure as possible”

Anyone travelling south down Welbeck Street recently will not have failed to notice that something has changed. A new vista has been opened up at the bottom of it, right across to the buildings on the south side of Oxford Street. Something is obviously missing. And that is the old Debenhams store.

Last year we reported on the planning application for this building which, although it fronts Oxford Street, is also close to several listed buildings including the Grade I listed St Peter's Church and the side/rear elevations of listed buildings in Stratford Place, including the Grade I listed Stratford House. The site is in an Area of Special Archaeological Priority.

Originally we were told that a sizable portion of the original structure was to be kept: "Permission is sought for a scheme which would retain as much of the existing structure as possible whilst comprehensively refurbishing and extending the building. The refurbishment scheme includes new facades on all frontages."

The developers further placed much emphasis on the refacing of the structure, which implied there would be a structure left to reface: "Refacing will have a dramatic effect on the appearance and result in a building modern in appearance that is appropriate to its context. Although in certain views it could be argued that the building appears somewhat monolithic there is sufficient variety in the detailing to provide visual interest"

Indeed, no one appeared to have any problem with the proposals as described for the planning application went through without receiving a single objection, very rare for an application of this size.

Last October there was a "non material amendment" submitted which stated it involved another "1% of demolition". The developer has further stated: "Central to the scheme is an aim to adapt the existing building to achieve a high standard in terms of sustainability and energy efficiency. Whilst the existing facades, central atrium and perimeter cores will all be removed the proposal is to retain a substantial proportion of the existing primary structure. Approximately 39 % of the existing structure will be retained."

But all of this is difficult to reconcile with what we now actually see - which is the desultory remains of two steel shells on the south and west side of the site with everything else gone. Surely it can no longer be argued that "a substantial proportion of the existing primary structure" has been retained?

The point here is not so much whether any tears will be shed for what was a dramatically uninspiring building in the first place. Rather, how misleading does a planning application have to be before it can be deemed not to have consent for what has actually been done?

Here the developers talked about 39 percent retention of the original and refacing the facades, reduced on subsequent revisions to maybe 34' % - but in the event we are looking at a giant open space with only a few steel frames left standing. It would appear that well under 20 percent of the old building survives in any form. In this case it may be of no great consequence, but if it can happen here, it could equally well happen to buildings with a great deal more merit.

There really should be more follow through, more control over what the developer actually does after planning consent is gained - or before we know it, we will lose something of really significant value, on the basis it was meant to be "partially demolished."

Demolition Watch

Across business, industry and government, there is an increasing move against redevelopment in favour of retrofitting. With carbon emissions and Net Zero continuing to rank high on people's priorities, demolition projects are coming under more scrutiny and facing new legislative challenges.

Some want these to be more radical however; an amendment requiring planning permission for building demolition was proposed by Baroness Andrews recently in the House of Lords. Acting on behalf of the Victorian Society, Baroness Andrews argued that existing laws governing demolition are bad both for the environment and for Britain's heritage buildings.

The amendment, which was to be put forward for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, at the committee stage in the House of Lords, was not voted

on, but is now to be brought back at the report stage. It would make it illegal for any building to be demolished without planning permission; currently, only listed buildings or buildings in a conservation area require permission.

The Victorian Society argues that we must focus on re-using our existing buildings, rather than allowing them to be demolished without local communities having a say on what buildings stay or go - “the current laws are terrible for heritage and the climate emergency and should now end.”

The Society regularly sees high-quality historic buildings demolished through permitted development rights. Worse, there is no requirement for anything to even be built on the site afterwards.

They also point out that the Government’s current tax regime offers 0% VAT on demolition and rebuild, compared with 20% on repair and maintenance, a system described as “perverse” and one that “stacks the odds in favour of existing buildings being swept away.” The Society also points to information from the Green Building Council, which says that “about 40% of the UK’s emissions are attributable to the built environment, whereas construction, demolition and excavation activities generate some 60% of the UK’s waste.”

At the same time, the City of London Corporation now seeks a 'retrofit first' approach to development in the City of London. It has issued new guidance which expects developers to carry out a detailed review of the carbon impact of development options before submitting planning applications. The guidance applies to any building with more than 1,000 sqm of space and any plans which propose knocking down most of the building.

Many expect that the Secretary of States long awaited decision on whether to allow M&S permission to demolish their Oxford Street store will be pivotal in deciding the future direction of demolition versus retrofit. Here in Westminster back in March the subject of whether or not to demolish was confronted by the Planning (Major Applications) Sub-Committee in dealing with an application to demolish an existing building at 11-15 Farm Street, and construct a six-storey building accommodating 1,522sqm of office space.

Objections were received due to the increase in height and its subsequent impact on amenity with the Residents Society of Mayfair and St James's objecting as did West End ward councillor Patrick Lilley who said “we shouldn't be knocking buildings down, we should be refurbishing them.”

The proposed terraces also proved to be a point of particular concern for councillors. However, the key decider was so much in the end the demolition of the existing buildings, but the height and massing of the proposed replacements which convinced four councillors, cutting across party lines, to vote to refuse it.

£2.4million Spent on Suds





The [Report](#) on the fitting of a series of small planted areas - SUDS - or sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes - also known as rain gardens, around Marylebone High Street area has now been released and is available [here](#).

The main takeaway, aside from the immense disruption it caused at the time, is the cost. The construction costs alone were 1.7 million, and public realm fees (design, site supervision and monitoring) came to £729k.

Confirmation, if it were needed, that in the world of infrastructure- a couple of million pounds does not buy a lot.

Luckily most of the funding for this, via the Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN), London, was from TfL.

New Lord Mayor



Councillor Patricia McAllister has been elected the new Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Westminster following a vote at Full Council on the 17th May.

WCC reported that Cllr McAllister was first elected in a by-election in 2009 to represent Queen's Park Ward, one of the most densely populated parts of Westminster. Whilst she is an advocate for residents and the local community, most notably helping set up the North Paddington Food Bank, she is also proud of

her Scottish roots.

Upon election, the new Lord Mayor said: "It is an honour and real privilege to be elected as Lord Mayor of Westminster." "...I am looking forward to meeting as many local communities as possible, from right across our amazing city, and to thank them for the amazing work that they do."

During her time as Lord Mayor, Cllr McAllister will be championing two chosen charities: The Carers' Network and The Passage. The former supports unpaid carers aged 18 and over across the city. The Passage, based in Victoria, provides support for rough sleepers to come off the streets and rebuild their lives.

The Lord Mayor's chaplain this year will be Father Michael Jarmulowicz. Fr Michael is parish priest of the Roman Catholic Parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, Maida Hill, and Our Lady of Sorrows, Paddington.

The new Lord Mayor also paid tribute to outgoing Lord Mayor, Cllr Hamza Taouzzale, Westminster's youngest and first Muslim to be elected to the post.

The Marylebone Interview



This month our chair, Julie Redmond interviews Tony Devenish, the member of the London Assembly for West Central since 2016 and councillor on Westminster City Council, representing the Knightsbridge and Belgravia ward. We hope to be able to interview other London Assembly candidates in the coming months,

Tony, what are your priorities for London and for Marylebone?

To be responsive to everyone who lives here and to the local businesses that make our economy tick. We need clean, safe streets, a transport network that works and a greener environment. Supporting individuals with case work and holding Sadiq Khan, TfL and the Met Police to account is my number priority. Residents' Associations really matter to me - thank you Julie for all you and your team do working with me. Nickie Aiken MP and local councillors

learn to working with me, Nickie / Alex / M and local businesses.

I've enjoyed every minute of my seven years as West Central London's Assembly Member and my 17 years as a Westminster City Councillor.

You can find out much more on my social media twitter @tony_devenish ; Facebook and Instagram @tonydevenisham - plenty of Marylebone photos and content online!

Who are you backing for Mayor and Why?

London Conservatives announce their selected candidate on 19th July and I can't wait! Personally, I'm supporting Paul Scully MP because he is a hugely energetic London MP, the existing and proven Minister for London and a thoroughly decent human being. He's getting things done, unlike Sadiq Khan.

Did you know that all UK, Commonwealth & EU citizens have a right to vote on May 2nd next year (for the Mayor of London/ London Assembly Elections), including those with a home elsewhere.

Why do you love Marylebone?

I'm old enough to remember the High Street before it became "the" London High Street. I love the mix of modern City life, whilst keeping Marylebone as a very special urban village. My favourite old-style cafe is right opposite the entrance to Marylebone Station. I live ten minutes away so I'm a very frequent visitor to Daunts, to the Oxfam bookshop as well as the occasional pub!

HMV Return to Oxford Street

HMV is set to make a return to Oxford Street after a four-year absence, with the reopening of its flagship store later this year. HMV currently has 120 shops across the UK, including a West London location in Westfield. This was the First HMV shop and was opened in 1921 by British composer Sir Edward Elgar and closed in 2019.

It will be a great relief to see the store back in its rightful place, which has been occupied for the last four years by one of the ubiquitous Candy Stores, which have done so much damage to the reputation of Oxford Street.

Cllr Geoff Barraclough, the Cabinet member with responsibility for Oxford Street said: "It's fantastic to see this iconic brand back on Oxford Street, where it stood as a driver of music and pop culture in the capital for so long. It's also particularly pleasing it is replacing one of the many US candy stores which sprang up during the pandemic.

"The return of this famous name is proof that there is a buzz back in the West End. Established retailers want a presence on the UK's premier shopping street and as a council, we want to see the nation's high street reinvigorated and home to brands like HMV."

Canadian owner Doug Putman, who first took the reins in 2019, said the Oxford Street reopening would be "the launchpad for an exciting new era for HMV", which would also include new stores in Europe.

Hanover Square Completion



Last month marked the final completion of the Hanover Square works and the unveiling of the much anticipated 'Landline' sculpture by world-renowned artist, Sean Scully RA.

CEO Dee Corsi, was joined on the momentous occasion by Westminster City Council, key stakeholders and the wider team, who have contributed to the design and delivery of the Hanover Square project over the last five years.

The coloured marble tower, which stands at the south side of the square, reflects the deep layers and sediments of history and lived experiences of the diverse people of Hanover Square and London's West End.

McDonalds Appealing

The other month we were pleased to report the applications by McDonalds – Edgware Road for a 24 hour licence was refused.

The applicant is now appealing the decision by the Licensing Committee. The appeal will be heard by the Magistrates Court and we will keep you informed.

Please click [here](#) to share your views with the licensing team.

Major New Logistics Hub Approved

WCC planning committee has granted British Land permission for an ultra-low carbon logistics hub at Paddington Central, which is calculated to remove around 100 large vans from Westminster's roads every day and reduce annual carbon

emissions by up to 90%. The 121,000 sq ft facility will be located at 5 Kingdom Street and will replace traditional vans with sustainable electric vehicles and bikes

The Crossrail Box by 5 Kingdom Street extends eastwards under the existing 4 Kingdom Street, the Hotel Novotel London Paddington at 3 Kingdom Street) and 1 Kingdom Street buildings, is approximately 8m tall and has an open south aspect over Paddington's railway.

Whilst the committee heard that the development will result in some increase in the number of HGV vehicle movements, they were told it will significantly reduce the number of LGV movements into the city and will allow for the “last mile” to be zero emissions.

Committee members raised several questions concerning the potential impact on road and cycle users and infrastructure contributions, but they concluded the application was innovative and will have a significant benefit to Westminster, unanimously approving the application.

A New BID for Fitzrovia



Westminster Council has received a proposal from the Fitzrovia Partnership Business Improvement District (BID) Ltd for a new BID in the west Fitzrovia area. The proposed BID boundary borders with the existing Fitzrovia Partnership BID in the borough of Camden which abuts Westminster's border, and will extend

the borough of Camden which abuts Westminster's border, and will extend westwards from the borough boundary to the Harley Street BID in Marylebone and the New West End Company (NWECC) BID in the west and south respectively.

The proposed West Fitzrovia BID will therefore act as the sister BID for the existing Fitzrovia Partnership BID in Camden and unify businesses from each side of the borough boundary and will fill the remaining gap where no BID currently exists to the north of Oxford Street.

The BID ballot is proposed to take place across 20 June 2023 with the result of the ballot to be announced in July 2023.

The BID then intends to work with the Fitzrovia West Neighbourhood Forum on bringing forward the various public realm projects listed below:

- Increase pop-up parks and tree planting throughout the district.
- Create a network of walkable streets with places to dwell and relax.
- Support the provision of more al fresco dining in suitable locations.
- Improve safety at junctions to reduce collisions and casualties.
- Improve connections and wayfinding from Oxford Street.
- Widen footways and create better facilities and routes for walking and cycling.

The BID will also employ a dedicated street team who will deliver services that encompass safety and security, provide customer and visitor support, address anti-social behaviour (ASB) and event management.

The street cleaning and control will be welcomed by local residents- the wider footways to accommodate more al fresco, maybe less so. The problem is - will they have any say in it?

HS2 at Euston - More Delay



The HS2 Euston station is now not expected to open until 2041, due to the delays, both at Euston and HS2's extension to Manchester.

Although the government has committed to building Euston station, Michael Gove, the Levelling-Up Secretary has once again cast doubt on this suggesting that Old Oak Common could remain the terminus for London.

The Euston section of HS2 has long been considered the most complex section of the line. The site sits alongside the still-operational Euston train and tube station, over a web of utilities that had to be converted, in proximity to live railways and surrounded by densely populated streets filled with increasingly fractious residents.

Although Euston station is expensive, a large part of the cost is simply buying up the land to build it, and although its shrunken 10 platforms will put pressure on HS2's ability to run all the trains it plans to offer — that's still a lot more than the six platforms being built at Old Oak Common.

So now there will be some more rethinking of the station design at Euston to keep costs down, maybe by reducing the number of platforms.

These continuing delays also mean that people who live, work, or travel near HS2 construction sites can expect disruption for many years more than they had been led to believe.

On that issue, the Leader of Camden Council, Councillor Georgia Gould has said that "The community around Euston have lost homes, schools and businesses to HS2. They've already lived through years of disruption with no end in sight. If there is a delay, HS2 must not forget the promises they made to our community and must continue to deliver on them."

The cost of building HS2's terminus station at Euston has nearly doubled to £4.8 billion since it was originally planned, according to a report from the National Audit Office, with the constant changes to the design alone having wasted over a hundred million pounds.

Day Travel Cards Withdrawn

Transport for London and the Mayor of London are proposing to remove the Day Travel-cards from sale.

This could pose a number of problems, especially to occasional travellers, visitors and tourists as cash is no longer an option, the only other methods to pay for travel, including London's buses are an Oyster card, contactless bank card, and smartphone.

A Member Writes





This month an Association member writes about our local high street:

Has Marylebone High Street forgotten it needs to cater for local residents and not just visitors?

With the latest closure of Holland & Barrett, residents now have little reason to visit the High Street. But there is always Waitrose with at least one item on your shopping list out of stock.

Many residents prefer to use the Waitrose on the Edgware Road as it is so much better stocked. With the Post-office, Boots, Tesco and even a bank at the top of Baker Street is this our new local neighbourhood High Street?

We all know that times are changing, and retail patterns are no exception. But long term residents are increasingly wondering where the ever-revolving door of new retailers will end up. "Has Marylebone High Street caught the South Molton Street disease?" I heard someone comment when asked what they thought of the latest changes.

Whilst we welcome new businesses to the High Street, it would be nice if they were useful. Maybe the new shop front at Carlotta sums up the blank unappealing face of our current High Street?

Announcements

Marylebone Summer Festival



Marylebone Summer Festival – Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th June 2023

On Saturday 10th June, Paddington Street Gardens will host a spectacular open-air cinema which will be showing two films for the first time ever, to be enjoyed in the day or under the stars at night; a family friendly screening of Disney's Encanto (U) at 1:30pm and blockbuster hit Elvis (12A) at 8pm. All profits from the cinema tickets will go to the London-based Greenhouse Sports charity who use sport to engage young people.

Book tickets to Elvis

Book tickets to Encanto

On Sunday, Marylebone Village will be pedestrianised to host over 80 on-street stalls with fashion and food, funfair rides and much more. There will also be a programme of fun family activities, including a photo booth, DJ, tennis screenings, yoga classes, roaming entertainment, (stilt walkers, bubble artists and juggler) and live music.

You will be able to find us in the same place as last year at Stall Number 4, at the top end of Marylebone High Street, opposite The Orrery.

The Dog Show is back and will once again be hosted by local Marylebone institution Mr and Mrs Small. The competitions will be presented by local resident and BBC London Radio host, Jo Good and podcast partner Anna Webb who hosts The Barking Hour.

The dog show will comprise 3 competition categories, talks by expert speakers, demonstrations, and consultations. The competition categories comprise of:

Look Like Your Owner - 12:00pm

Special Talents - 12:45pm

Fancy Dress - 13:30pm

Enter the dog show [here](#).

Marylebone Music Festival 22-25 June



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Marylebone Music festival Programme 2023

Tickets are required for all events, including free ones - book now to avoid disappointment!

Thursday 22nd June

7pm | A Celebration of Hans Zimmer & John Williams
The Orion Orchestra perform the very best scores of the two greatest film composers of the 20th century.

Friday 23rd June

11am & 12.30pm | 'A Knightsbridge Tale'
World premiere of a new story set to music, performed with a live orchestra.

2pm | The Royal Academy of Music
The Kyan Quartet and Westminster Quartet perform works by Felix Mendelssohn (FREE EVENT)

7pm | Beethoven in the Gardens
The Orion Orchestra perform Beethoven's 3rd Symphony, the 'Eroica' conducted by Nicholas Daniel.

9pm | Celtic Music Night (FREE EVENT)
Celtic folk band Green Time Folk performing tunes from Ireland and Scotland

Saturday 24th June

10am & 1pm | Third Space, (FREE EVENT)
'The Method' Exercise class to music.

7pm | 'A Night at the Opera'
Your favourite Opera Arias, Duets and Quartets including works by Puccini, Verdi, Mozart, performed by Soloists from the Royal Opera House conducted by Toby Purser.

9pm | Marylebone Music Festival Banquet Hosted by the Wallace Collection Restaurant. Three course dinner including a glass of wine.

Sunday 25th June

10:30 | Mozart Mass in the Gardens (FREE EVENT)

12:30pm | Marylebone Music Festival's Antique Road Show with BBC's Adam Partridge (FREE EVENT)
Bring your most treasured items and Adam will value them for free.

2pm | Elgar Serenade with Sue Perkins (FREE EVENT)

3pm | Regency Community Brass (FREE EVENT)

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Marylebone Farmers Market 20th Anniversary!

On Sunday 4th June 10am – 2pm, the week before The Marylebone Summer Festival, the Marylebone Farmers market will be celebrating its 20th anniversary! Join us for a Sunday Farmers Market full of merriment, with cake to be eaten and prizes to be won.

Lots of great produce will be on offer to fill your bags. From seasonal fruit and veg like strawberries and asparagus, rare game meats from the Cotswolds, raw milk from free range jersey cows in Hampshire, delicious bread and cakes made by local bakers using local ingredients, hand-made cheese from our dairy farmers and much more. If you've shopped at the market, whether it's one week or twenty years, please come along and celebrate.

20 years is a significant milestone for the farmers market and a testament to the farmers, the producers and the customers who have made the market a success throughout the years. The farmer's market has played an essential role in promoting sustainable agriculture, supporting local farmers and food producers, and has provided access to fresh, healthy, and seasonal produce for the Marylebone community.

Marylebone Community.

Ian Smith from London Farmers Markets said;

'Marylebone is one of our flagship markets, customers do their weekly shop at the farmers market, a social event to meet friends and neighbours. Farmers and stall holders consider many of their customers to be dear friends as they watch their children grow and their lives develop. Our farmers market has become a part of the social fabric of Marylebone.'

As the market celebrates this anniversary, it's an excellent opportunity to reflect on the positive impact the market has had on the community and to look ahead to the future. We are pleased to say with strong support from the local community, that the market will be retaining its position on Aybrook Street once the Marylebone Square development is complete. With continued support from the community and a commitment to sustainability and local food, the Marylebone Farmers Market can continue to thrive for many years, come rain or shine!

Thank you to everyone who made it possible. Here's to the next twenty years!

St Marylebone Parish Church

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson

With Prof. Lawrence Goldman

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson

Elizabeth made great progress for women in medicine, as the first woman to qualify as a physician and surgeon, and the co-founder of the first hospital staffed by women. Elizabeth started St Mary's Dispensary for Women in St Marylebone in 1866. She also made great strides in politics, as the first female mayor in Britain and the first dean of a British medical school. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson was indispensable to the Women's Movement.

Prof. Lawrence Goldman

Professor Lawrence Goldman is Emeritus Fellow in History at St. Peter's College, Oxford. He taught modern British and American History in the Oxford History Faculty for three decades, and served as Director of the Institute of Historical Research in London. He has published widely on Victorian political and social history. He lectured at the centenary celebrations for Elizabeth Garrett Anderson in her home town of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, in 2018.

Email events@stmarylebone.org



You are welcome to St Marylebone Parish Church at 6:30pm on Wednesday 7th June 2023 to explore the life of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson (1836-1914). Garrett Anderson was the first woman to qualify as a physician and surgeon, and co-founded the first hospital staffed by women. Locally, she started St Mary's Dispensary for Women in St Marylebone in 1866. She also made great strides in politics, as the first female mayor in Britain and the first dean of a British medical school. This free talk will be led by Professor Lawrence Goldman, Emeritus Fellow in History at St. Peter's College, Oxford, who has served as director of the Institute of Historical Research and published widely on Victorian political and social history. Please contact events@stmarylebone.org for more information or book a ticket on our [website](#): 2023 Lecture Series: Elizabeth Garrett Anderson

Dashing Tweeds by Guy Hills



Inspired by the history of tailoring and with a desire to modernise tweed for an urban life in the 21st century I set about looking for interesting cloth.

Me and my partner Kirsty initially set up in a tiny shop in Sackville Street and it took me no time at all to realise that Chiltern Street was the place to be. In fact, we moved into the old WideScreen Centre shop at the corner with Dorset Street and upon viewing the space I knew immediately that was the home Dashing Tweeds needed.

We could not be happier now that we are settled after five years in Dorset Street. The area becomes more vibrant by the day and we have a steady stream of the right kind of customers.

Those who delight in our creative offerings of new fabrics and take pleasure from having them tailored by us and the various tailors we work with. Our business is now thriving and our fabrics are sought after by people in the know worldwide. We supply almost all the major film costume designers with cloth, we have to sign

supply almost all the major film costume designs with cloth, we have to sign NDAs and are delighted when our cloth is worn by star characters from Mary Poppins to moody Sci-Fi heroes.

I'm in the shop most days so do drop by anytime and say hello, we like to inspire customers to think of garments they would like to bespeak from us and then make their sartorial dreams come true.

For more on Marylebone Memories and Dashing Tweeds by Guy Hills go to [here](#).

Association Events

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 14th June at 10.30am

The Wallace Collection, Hertford House, Manchester Square, W1U 3BN

Returning to this popular venue for our June Coffee Morning in the lovely setting of the Wallace Restaurant. Coffee, tea and pastries will be provided, at the price of £10.00 per person payable on the day. All members are welcome, both Residential and Business.

Places need to be booked so to reserve your place please contact Lois German on lois.german@marylebone.org or telephone 0207 487 2706. Few places remaining.

Jenny Wren Canal Cruise from Camden Lock

Friday 23rd June 2023 at 12.30 pm

Join us for a unique perspective on a familiar landscape: a 90 minute canal boat cruise from Camden Lock, through London Zoo and Regent's Park, along a short canal tunnel to Robert Browning's Island at Little Venice before returning to Camden. An interesting commentary from the boat's crew will tell us what to look out for. We hope it will be a lovely summer day but if not the boat has a full-length canopy so no-one will get wet. This third generation family-run business has been operating canal rides since 1968 so they must be doing something right? Adults £18.50, concessions £16.50. No food or drink for sale on board but passengers are welcome to bring their own. For further details and to reserve a place contact Rosemary Forgan on 020 7916 9353 or rosemary.forgan@marylebone.org Just a few places remaining.

ANACAPRI DINNER

Wednesday 12 July at 7pm

Anacapri Ristorante, 10 Dorset Street, London, W1U 6QR

Once again we have arranged an alfresco dinner at this traditional local Italian restaurant. Emilio will again provide a three course dinner, with house wine, from the A La Carte menu (with the exception of fillet steak and Dover sole) all for only £40.00 per person including service. Those who have attended previous dinners here will recall the generous portions, free flowing wine and a most enjoyable evening.

As before we will be taking advance payments for those wishing to secure a place. All members welcome, both residential and business. Places are limited but to book and arrange payment please contact Lois German on lois.german@marylebone.org or by phone 0207 487 2706.

Regular Association Events

BOOK CLUB

Monday 5 June at 6.30 pm

The King's Head, Westmoreland Street, W1G 8PJ

June's book: Love Is Blind by William Boyd

July's book: Blood and Oil by Bradley Hope and Justin Schek

Book Club now 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 June at 6.30pm

The Larrik, 32 Crawford Place, London 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 evening, where you will be greeted by our hostess for the evening - Anne Marie Johnson.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Tuesday 13 and 27 June 2023

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 0788 789 1977.

Mailing Address: Marylebone Association, 6 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 8AL

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