



Dear {Contact\_First\_Name}

## Association News

### Our Christmas Wishlist for the Neighbourhood

1. Invest in The Seymour Centre for both Sports and Library users
2. Making Shisha Smoking a "Licensable activity"
3. Regulate Pedicabs
4. Regulate busking across Westminster
5. Fix the short-letting problem
6. Introduce a multi-use games area into Paddington Gardens
7. A break from constant highway projects just undertake maintenance work
8. Remove the threat of living under Heathrow flight path
9. Increase the local police presence rather than needing private security patrols to take on their work
10. Prevent the spread of the night time economy into residential areas
11. Ban non-electric public transport from Marylebone
12. A peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year

What is on your wish-list for Marylebone - please let us know? [contact@marylebone.org](mailto:contact@marylebone.org)

## Interfaith Service 2019

This years Interfaith Service was held at the Parish Church of St Marylebone, jointly sponsored by the Marylebone Association, the Howard de Walden and the Portman Estates. The service was led by the Reverend Cannon Dr Stephen Evans and was attended by many different faith representatives who all contributed by way of readings and music.

Also in attendance was the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Ruth Bush and representatives of major local organisations and other stakeholders. After the service attendees were invited to stay behind for refreshments. Our thanks go to the Howard de Walden Estate and the Portman Estate for their usual generous contributions towards this event.



## Marylebone News

### Lighting of Marylebone's Christmas Tree

Marylebone is getting its own Christmas Tree this year outside St Mary's Church on Wyndham Place. The switch on events begins at 6pm with the tree being lit by The Swedish Ambassador H.E. Mr Torbjörn Sohlström. There will be performance from the St Mary's Primary School choir and a group of professional singers. The tree has been funded by a single donor and refreshments are being provided by St Mary's Church and Boxcar. Thanks go to the Bryanston & Dorest Square Councillors and in particular to Cllr Barbara Arzymanov for this initiative.

### General Election 12 December 2019

Councillor Nickie Aiken, the current leader of Westminster City Council, has been selected to be the Conservative candidate to fight the Cities of London and Westminster constituency. This is set to be a key battleground for the Conservatives as outgoing MP Mark Field saw his majority slashed to just 3,148 votes in 2017. The Liberal Democrats have chosen high profile candidate Chuka Umunna and Labour have selected Gordon Nardell QC, a former Southwark Councillor. (Full list of candidates below).

Polling Stations (check your polling card for where to vote)

- West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street Entrance, W1H 5AU
- Seymour Leisure Centre, Shouldham Street, London, W1H 5TJ
- St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, St Vincent Street, London, W1U 4DF
- Central Synagogue, 36 Hallam Street, London, W1W 6NW
- St Marylebone Parish Church, 17 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5LT

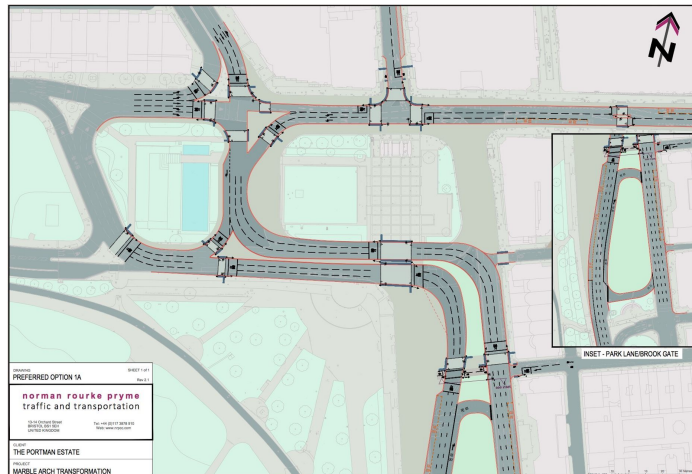
List of Candidates for Cities of London and Westminster Constituency

- Nickie Aiken - The Conservative Party Candidate
- Jill McLachlan - Christian Peoples Alliance
- Gordon Lawrence Nardell - Labour Party
- Zack Polanski - Green Party
- Chuka Harrison Umunna - Liberal Democrats

- Dirk Vincent van Heck - The Liberal Party

### Marble Arch Highway Improvement Plans

We have been shown the early stage concept designs for improving the Marble Arch area. We are pleased to report that these would improve both the setting of the Arch, provide easier access to Hyde Park and not displace or exacerbate traffic problems elsewhere. We support these proposals and hope that they will gain wider support and funding from the multiple stakeholders involved. The potential road layout is pictured below.



### Gloucester Place and George Street Pedestrian Crossings

Having received much feedback about the George Street crossing or lack thereof, as part of the Baker Two Way project. We are pleased to see temporary traffic lights and an improved pedestrian traffic light crossing at the junction of Gloucester Place and George Street. We look forward to these being replaced with a permanent solution.

### Highways Improvement Nominations

We were pleased to see that one of our main highway improvement nominations - for the resurfacing of the entire carriageway of Wigmore Street from James Street to Wimple Street - was carried forward on to the Council's list and was undertaken last month.

Don't forget that these nominations for highway and pavement improvements are submitted yearly by the Association - and members are welcome and encouraged to put forward their own suggestions for consideration.

### New Controls on Busking and Street Entertainments

In recent years amplified busking has become an increasing nuisance in and around Oxford Street. After much lobbying Westminster Council is finally launching a pilot scheme to look at ways to control this. It will occur on the corner of Oxford Street and Quebec Street, and there will be a number of public meetings to consult interested parties. However we feel that ultimately any restrictions should be imposed throughout the area, not just on Oxford Street, otherwise there is a danger that the nuisance may well just be pushed back into those more residential streets that remain uncontrolled.

### Were you married at the Old Town Hall?

2020 will see the centenary of the Old Town Hall on Marylebone Road. The registrars are keen to collect pictures and memorabilia of weddings and civil partnership ceremonies that have taken place there over the past 100 years to help document the history and mark the anniversary of the building.

Do you or any of your family or friends have material you are willing to donate or lend? If you are able to help please contact Alison Cathcart - [acathcart@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:acathcart@westminster.gov.uk)

### Westminster Council Planning News

#### Council City Plan

The Westminster City Council Plan was approved in November at Full Council, and the draft City Plan 2019-2040 has now been submitted to the Secretary of State for public examination. You can see the full set of City Plan papers at [www.westminster.gov.uk/city-plan-examination-documents](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/city-plan-examination-documents).

Hard copies of the City Plan and the policies map can be viewed in all Westminster libraries or by prior appointment at Westminster City Hall. To book an appointment please contact [planningpolicy@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@westminster.gov.uk). The next steps are that the Secretary of State will appoint an independent inspector who in turn will set the dates for the public hearings. This process is run independently of the Council.

#### Planning Committee Changes

At November's Planning & City Development Committee number of changes were agreed in relation to planning. The key points are:

1. The creation of a new Planning Sub-Committee, returning the number of committees to four: the Major Applications Committee + three Sub Committee's.
2. Each of the Sub-Committee Chair's will sit on the Major Committee
3. The committee changes will be taking effect from 1st January 2020.

View the full report [here](#)

### Chiltern Firehouse Outside Seating Consultation Event

Chiltern Firehouse are hold a drop-in event for the local community to view their proposals for an outside seating area on Chiltern Street to operate between 8am and 11pm. The drop-in event will take place in the room above the Bok-Bar pub at 56 Blandford Street, on 9th December between 4pm and 8pm. A planning application will be made in the New Year. For

### This Month in Marylebone History

On 14 December 1974, an IRA unit carried out a gun attack on the Churchill Hotel in Portman Square, three people were injured. Five days later they exploded a car bomb in a vehicle parked opposite to Selfridge's department store. The bomb attack was carried out by an IRA active service unit known as the "Balcombe Street Gang" who carried out some 40 attacks in England between October 1974 - December 1975. The Balcombe Street Siege was an incident involving members of the IRA and the Metropolitan Police Service of London lasting from 6 to 12 December 1975. The siege ended with the surrender of the four IRA members and the release of their two hostages. The events were televised and watched by millions.

### Openings and Closings

- BaoBab a scented candle shop has opened at 65 Marylebone High Street.
- Boteh Jeghe a Persian restaurant opened at 110 George Street.
- Tamarind Tiger is opening on Baker Street.
- Kol is opening on Seymour Street in 2020 by Ex-Noma Mexican chef Santiago Lastra
- Aspinal of London has closed on Marylebone High Street.

### New Business Members

[DAN'S](#) which is a brand new Dance + Fitness Studio at 5 Cavendish Square, have joined the Marylebone Association. *"No matter whether you are young or old, expert or beginner, you're welcome at DAN'S. Our expert teachers offer an innovative range of classes from our three different DAN'S categories Fitness, Soul and Technique, to ensure you find your favourite ways to move."*

### Members Offers

**NVS Pharmacy** on Baker Street 15% off

*The perfect opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping: NVS Pharmacy, who are Business Members of the Marylebone Association would like to support our local community by offering 15% off all fine fragrances and skin care. Brands include Chanel, Elizabeth Arden, Hermes and many more. Gift wrapping service is available and the offer ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.*

### Association Events

#### [Afternoon Tea](#)

Wed, 4 December, 2019 3:00 PM *The Wallace Collection, Manchester Square,*

Join us for a pre-Christmas afternoon tea with sandwiches, scones, cakes and a glass of Prosecco in the lovely surroundings of the Wallace Collection. Cost per person including tea & service £25 (the same cost as last year) payable on the day. Please book places with [linda.davies@marylebone.org](mailto:linda.davies@marylebone.org) or telephone 07771 656509.

#### [New Year January Drinks Party](#)

Wed, 22 January, 2020 7:00 PM *The Oriental Club*

Join us for the annual wine and canapés party in the elegant atmosphere of the Library at The Oriental Club. This Grade 1 listed private members club is one of the most impressive surviving examples of Georgian architecture in this part of London.

All residential and business members are welcome with the opportunity to meet old friends and new, along with members of the Committee. We can look forward to a very enjoyable evening.

The cost is maintained at £30 per person with the event this year organized by Lois German. To reserve your place please email Lois on [lois.german@marylebone.org](mailto:lois.german@marylebone.org) or telephone 0207 487 2706. (Email confirmation will be received after the 13<sup>th</sup> December). Cheques for £30 payable to The Marylebone Association should be sent to Lois German, 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.

### Regular Association Events

(For more details click on the event)

#### [Book Club](#)

Tue, 3 December, 2019 6:30 PM *The King's Head pub, Westmoreland Street,*

#### [Pub Evening - The Larrik](#)

Mon, 9 December, 2019 6:30 PM *The Larrik, 32 Crawford Place, W1H 5NN*

#### [Scrabble Club](#)

Tue, 17 December 2019 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1*

#### [Coffee Morning](#)

Tue, 25 February, 2020 10:30 AM *108 Marylebone Lane, W1*

Our first coffee morning in 2020  
Everyone welcome – no need to book. £5.00 per person.

### Marylebone Events

(For more details click on the event)

#### [Horatio's Garden Charity Carol Concert](#)

Mon, 2 December, 2019 6:30 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

#### [Lighting of our Christmas Tree](#)

Wed, December 04, 2019 6:00 PM *St Mary's Church, Wyndham Place*

#### [RAF Benevolent Fund carol concert](#)

Thu, 5 December, 2019 *St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2R 1DH*

#### [A Silver Christmas Celebration](#)

Fri, 6 December, 2019 6:30 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

#### [Public Art \(Statues to Subways\)](#)

Tue, December 10, 2019 1:00 PM *55 Baker Street*

#### [Christmas Carol Service - The Sick Children's Trust](#)

Wed, 11 December, 2019 6:30 PM *St Marylebone Church*

#### [The Wallace Collection: Princely Arms and Armour](#)

Tue, 11 February, 2020 1:00 PM *The Wallace Collection*

[SOE and the Secret Service](#)  
Wed, 26 February, 2020 1:00 PM 55 Baker Street

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