



# Marylebone Association

## Newsletter June 2022

Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

This month there is a lot going on in Marylebone as we have many events celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, as well as our regular Association Events which are exclusively for our members. Please scroll down to the bottom of the newsletter to find all of these.

## Labour Wins West End Ward



The May elections in the new Marylebone Ward saw the return of three Conservative councillors: Karen Scarborough and Ian Rowley, from the old High Street Ward it replaced, and Barbara Arzymanow who had previously stood for the now defunct Bryanston and Dorset Square Ward. A major change however occurred in the West End Ward, which now covers the rest of the Marylebone area down to Oxford Street, where all three of the councillors returned were Labour.

Our commiserations go to the three Conservative candidates: Tim Barnes who previously held a West End Ward seat, and had served in the Cabinet in spite of only being elected in 2018; Eoghain Murphy who had been a councillor in the old Bryanston and Dorset Square Ward and had moved over to stand for the West End Ward when the BDS ward was disbanded; and Julie Redmond who was standing as a candidate for the first time.

Our new councillors are Jessica Toale, Patrick Lilley and Paul Fisher and we look forward to working with them, as with our previous West End Ward Councillors, to continue to support residents' interests.

At these elections, Jonathan Glanz stood down from the West End Ward after

over 10 years service on the council which had seen him occupy several cabinet positions and serve a term as Lord Mayor of Westminster. Some members will recall that before this Jonathan had also served a term as Chair of the Marylebone Association. Pancho Lewis who had come into the West End Ward as the sole Labour ward councillor in 2018 had also stood down, he had been a popular and active ward councillor over the last 4 years.

We also say goodbye to Iain Bott who had previously represented the old Marylebone High Street Ward.

## Labour Wins Control of the Council



The West End results reflected the wider trend within the Westminster context, with Labour taking control of Westminster City Council for the first time since its creation. Labour won 31 Councillors and the Conservatives 23. Accordingly the Labour Party now has a majority on Westminster City Council and has formed the next administration.

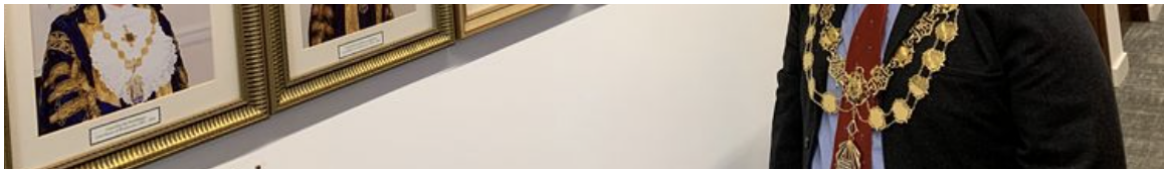
The closest vote of the night was in Lancaster Gate Ward for which Conservatives demanded a re-count and further problems ensued when the re-count yielded different numbers and a third count had to be held. In the end Labour Cllr Ryan Jude won his seat in Lancaster Gate by only two votes and Labour Cllr Ellie Ormsby won her seat by five votes.

As nearly every ward sees either new Conservatives or new Labour Candidates take office, there will be many new faces on the council. There are also a significant number of split wards, see the full wards and those elected [here](#).

Adam Hug has been elected as new Council Leader. For details of the rest of the new Labour team and their area of responsibilities click [here](#).

## Westminsters Youngest Ever Lord Mayor





Westminster City Council has already voted in the new Lord Mayor. Cllr Hamza Taouzzale, who at 22 is its youngest ever incumbent. He is local to Westminster and raised on the Lisson Grove Estate. He is the only incumbent from a Black, Asian or Multiple Ethnic background to hold the post as the City's first citizen.

Cllr Taouzzale career started just six years ago – when he became a Youth MP. After a year in office he joined the Labour Party and got selected as a candidate in Queen's Park, replacing Alderman Barrie Taylor.

He was elected as a Westminster City Councillor in 2018, becoming its youngest ever member. Cllr Taouzzale, who recently completed his Masters in Global Affairs at King's College London, has pledged to shake-up the non-political role while maintaining its traditions.

He said: "I do want to get out far more in the community, to be more visible in areas where the Lord Mayor isn't normally seen".

Another change is that as the Lord Mayor is of the Muslim faith, his chaplain will for the very first time be an Imam. Kabbir Uddin runs an Islamic School and is chaplain at HMP Wormwood Scrubs.

## New Leader Meets Amenity Societies



On being elected as Labour's new council leader, Cllr Adam Hug repeated his commitment to listen and work with residents: "I will seek ...to ensure that the interests of all communities are at the heart of everything the council does so that we deliver a fairer Westminster. Engaging local people in decision making and seeking new ideas from everyone in the city will be central to our fresh approach."

He has vowed to end WCC's "cosy relationships" with developers, and pledged to "create a more accessible planning system for residents". Labour's manifesto said that: "For decades the priorities of the planning system in Westminster had been dictated by the power of property developers who often set the agenda at the expense of residents, It has come at the cost of the social and truly affordable housing that we need with local communities left frustrated when their concerns are ignored".

Obviously we will need to wait and see what actually emerges from the new team in the months to come. However, in a gesture that signified that maybe change really is afoot Adam Hug made it a priority to meet with the 22 Amenity societies



really is about, Adam Hug made it a priority to meet with the 22 Amenity Societies of Westminster prior attending meetings with the various business groups and their lobbying bodies. This in itself is a revolutionary gesture, as previously they would be first in line to get the ear of the Leader.

In what was widely agreed to be a productive meeting, the Leader was in listening mode and gave a number of promises about the way policy would be developed by the council going forward with a view to greater involvement of residents at an earlier stage in the development of council plans than hitherto.

We can expect big changes to the Oxford Street District Scheme, including the abandonment of plans to divert traffic through the surrounding neighbourhoods (see article below). The Leader has also taken aim at recent developments such as Marks and Spencers redevelopment of its Oxford Street Flagship store and said that it would introduce a retrofit first policy covering all new developments.

Councillor Hug said that many choose to vote for Labour following the Marble Arch Mound fiasco which was an, “unloved and unsuccessful attempt to reinvigorate the West End.” Cllr Hug had previously said “People had an awareness of it, it wasn’t on every door but it was a significant talking point on the campaign trail and the more so the closer you got to it. “In some of the wards of Bayswater, Lancaster Gate, West End, Hyde Park, basically the ring around the Mound that Westminster Labour won, if you look at that, proximity to the mound was definitely a thing.”

## West End Landlord Mega Merger

In a sign that Labour’s aspiration to control developers will be far from easy, Capco and Shaftesbury, 2 of the West End’s biggest landlords are set to merge. Estates Gazette reports a merger has been on the cards ever since Capco bought out Hong Kong Samuel Tan’s stake in Shaftesbury in 2020.

Together the 2 companies portfolio comprise 2.9 million sq ft of offices, residential and retail space. If this proposed deal goes through the new company will have extensive property holdings through Covent Garden, Carnaby, Chinatown and Soho. How much will actually change is uncertain as the 2 companies have been operating side by side for years. The Estates Gazette however reports the merger could mean higher rents for the Shaftesbury tenants in the long term.

## Piazza - Confirmed Off the Table



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There was some concern that a change of administration may have brought with it a resurrection of the Oxford Street Piazzas - that the West End Ward Conservative councillors had promised were off the table (see last month newsletter).

However, following the promises that the three Labour West End Ward councillors gave at the West End Hustings before the election, we now have further confirmation that the Piazzas have been pulled. On the Eddie Nestor Show on Radio London, the new Leader Adam Hug said "we are not talking about pedestrianisation. That is off the agenda for four years. It is not coming back anytime soon".

Adam Hug repeated and enlarged on this at his meeting last week with the Westminster Amenity Societies. He specifically confirmed that the new council had no intention of proceeding with the Piazzas and could not see the "point of diverting all the traffic around the surrounding areas." As indeed, neither can we.

This is very good news for all Marylebone residents and represents a victory for common sense over intensive business lobbying and is hopefully the end of a three year struggle led by the Association to get rid of this significant threat to our area.

## Manchester Square Goes on Hold



Controversial plans to pedestrianise the northern part of Manchester Square and divert traffic up and around George Street were originally meant to have commenced in March this year. They were however put back until after the election for reasons that were never made clear. Parking bay suspensions had already been put in place at the southern end for the storage of work materials with a view to commencement of works in late May.

However, following the surprise election result, all this has now been stopped, the bay suspensions removed and the whole project put on hold to be reviewed by the new administration. We understand that this sort of scheme may not now be meeting with quite such a favourable reception as previously, and will no doubt have more to report on this next month. For further details of the proposed scheme see our [November 2021 Newsletter](#).

## The Platinum Jubilee





This month celebrations will be in full swing for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

One of the highlights of the Platinum Jubilee will be a large flypast over central London tomorrow Thursday 2nd June, featuring aircraft from the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force.

The flypast will start in the vicinity of The Wash, The North Sea and Southwold, Suffolk and Southend then route from the hold via Swaffham and Thetford and Colchester towards London to overfly Buckingham Palace.

The flypast over Buckingham Palace will be at 1pm, following the Trooping the Colour ceremony, which this year takes place on Thursday instead of Saturday. The usual route over London — but to be confirmed — is that the planes approach from the east, forming up over Stratford and Shoreditch before flying over the City of London and lining up for a flypast along The Mall.

After the planes have flown over Buckingham Palace, the dispersal will occur to the south and west of the London Control Zone over Kent, Surrey, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

There's always a flypast of sorts on the Queen's official birthday, but this year's flypast is going to be much larger than usual. So much so that rather than just issuing a notice to air traffic to avoid the area, the government has issued a larger flying restriction over the route of the flypast. In total, it's expected that over 70 aircraft, including the Red Arrows, will take part in the display — which is about three times larger than a traditional Queen's Birthday flypast. As well as the most recent aircraft in the military, it will also include historic aircraft from the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

For further Jubilee celebrations - see under Announcements below.

## What Lies Beneath?





The Marylebone Association engages with Westminster Council on the upkeep of the Borough's infrastructure such as roads, pavements, lighting and drains by highlighting various problems on a regular basis via our Councillors or through our involvement with the Highways Panel, which includes a senior Councillor, WCC staff, Contractors who carry out much of the work and various Amenity societies such as ours.

The contribution of the Amenity societies is important for their overall scrutiny and for their physical involvement as eyes and ears picking up local problems.

The upkeep of this infrastructure is important to all of us. Over the last year it has become apparent that the drains, many of which we cannot see as they are underground, need special attention with the increase in heavy rainfall. This means that Westminster Council needs to examine closely the way these are cleared and how effective a job is done. They also need to listen to complaints made by residents if they flag up a problem and a proper system of replying and responding to such complaints needs to be put in place.

So much is happening below our roads and pavements which can affect our properties – the digging up of the roads for cabling infrastructure, the placement of EV chargers for our increasing numbers of electric vehicles, replacing of gullies, road repairs, or even tree roots growing in the wrong places. These things are happening all the time in our city. But does Westminster Council either know or think about what might be beneath? Do they give their contractors sufficient information about what to look out for and what to avoid? And what happens when something goes wrong?

George St was closed for well over a year due to problems with storage facilities underneath the road. This turned into a dispute between a block of flats and the Council as to who should pay for the repairs as the carriageway had become so weakened that it had to be closed to traffic. We do not know the details of this case but we do know that George Street was closed all through the dispute - and then the repairs took a very long time.

Many of the properties in Marylebone benefit from coal vaults - under the pavements and roads in front of their properties - which have been 'tanked', i.e. water proofed so that they can be used as dry storage, laundry rooms or even bathrooms. The process of 'tanking' a coal vault can be very expensive but as they are underground they need to be dry. There is a lot of damp at this level and even underground rivers, such as the Tyburn.

Two breaches to previously tanked underground vaults have now occurred in the HDRA neighbourhood. In one case it was in the replacement of the gully that caused the problem. The contractor breached the brickwork of the coal hole and Westminster Council rather heavy-handedly tried to get the owner of the property to claim on his insurance to pay for the repairs. Parking was suspended for months and the street closed in one direction while the dispute was ongoing. The other breach happened when the contractors came in to put an EV charger post on the pavement. They knew immediately they had dug in the wrong place, covered it up and put the post further along. But the damage was done. As a result, the pavement has been closed for months and ironically the EV charger is not accessible behind a wall of plastic fences diverting pedestrians (see photo). Both these disputes are ongoing.

Why does it take so long? Why does WCC drag its feet over the repairs? And if the damage has been done by the contractors – why don't they simply come round and mend their error and avoid a long dispute?

If proper instructions were given by WCC to the contractor in the first place



perhaps many of these problems could be avoided altogether. It is time for WCC to improve its systems for overseeing our infrastructure and when they or their contractors make a mistake, they must have a quick and honest resolution process, rather than evasively delaying to the point of the utter exasperation of the resident.

While authoritatively purporting to be legally entitled to insist that the resident pays all costs, they are in fact passing responsibility between departments and their contractors, with apparently focused misrepresentation of the ethical & legal reality, fully understanding the impact of the cost and effect of their delays on frustrated residents who are unlikely to have the willpower or the endless resources (tax-payer funds and manpower) that WCC seem to waste irresponsibly.

Currently the system is not fair, nor is it fit for purpose. Westminster City Council should pay more attention to what lies beneath in the first place. A change of administration offers the ideal moment to take stock and do so.

## AirBnB leading to displacement of Westminster Communities

Around 2.8 million households across England casually rented out part of or their entire home on platforms such as Airbnb in 2017-18. Nowhere in the country however was this as widespread as in Westminster.

In 2015, the UK government deregulated short-term rentals in London, allowing homeowners to share their home for up to 90 nights per year without planning permission. However, it is not just private homeowners who are taking advantage of this system.

The findings of a recent report by Tom Simcock, Research Fellow, Edge Hill University, reveal that a significant portion of the Airbnb activity in London is not what could be seen as the authentic sharing of homes, where the asset is being underused (a spare bedroom, for example), but commercial activity. It is unlikely that local communities can access and realise the benefits of the sharing economy as intended.

The research has found that instead of offering their property as a longer-term rental, some landlords were moving their houses on to Airbnb where they can make higher profits. This raises concerns about the impact of short-term rental activity on housing availability and affordability in London.

The findings reveal worrying trends amid considerable growth in Airbnb activity across London. Since 2014, there has been a 571% increase in the number of entire home listings, with nearly 45,000 entire properties available to rent. There has also been substantial growth in what could be classed as "commercial" activity rather than occasional home sharing.

From 2015 the number of entire home listings that were available for more than 90 nights had increased by 123% to just over 18,000 homes. The report further found that 61% of these properties were offered by hosts with more than one property, and this activity had increased by 275% since 2015.

Further, there is a concentration of entire property listings provided by hosts with two or more properties in a few London boroughs, specifically Westminster (23% of listings), Kensington and Chelsea (15% of listings) and Camden (10% of listings). Other researchers found similar results in other large cities including New York, Madrid and Berlin.

The report concluded that activity found in Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea and Camden is likely to lead to displacement for communities in these neighbourhoods. Researchers term this tourism gentrification, where tourists displace residents from their local communities through increases in rental prices and decreased housing availability, making it difficult for people to find an affordable home to rent in their local neighbourhood.

Airbnb has taken action to limit this activity by enforcing the 90 night limit in London by automatically stopping properties being booked for more than 90 nights without evidence of planning permission. But there is evidence that some landlords are bypassing the system by setting up new listings for the property or using multiple platforms to advertise the property. There is a need to limit landlords from using homes on these platforms for the long term, by using a local registration and licensing scheme.

The situation could be made even worse as central government is planning on introducing significant rental changes, such as the Renters Reform bill in England. This will introduce further red tape to renting and could drive more landlords to use Airbnb over providing long-term housing. This will ensure that further properties are not lost from the residential sector.

## Elizabeth Line Opens



Pictured above is local school girl Miki from Hampden Gurney presenting flowers to Her Majesty The Queen.

The Elizabeth Line (Crossrail) officially opened on Tuesday 24th May.

Abbey Wood, Canary Wharf, Custom House, Farringdon, Liverpool Street, Paddington, Tottenham Court Road, Whitechapel and Woolwich stations were all given the green light and issued with authorisations. Bond Street has been given the go-ahead, but only for safe evacuation procedures, as it will open for passengers later than the rest of the line.

Almost four decades has elapsed between the first official proposals for an east-west "Crossrail" line under London, and the start of construction works for what would eventually become the Elizabeth line.

The line's £15 billion projected cost has now come out at £3 billion over budget. TfL is still in discussions with the Department for Transport over a funding settlement that's been ongoing ever since the pandemic wiped out most of TfL's income. The current funding settlement expires on 24th June 2022.

Under the current funding settlement, TfL must identify £400 million of cost savings. The Elizabeth line, along with the expanded Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) will raise around £500 – £750 million per year from fiscal 2023, that still

leaves a gap of around £1 billion for the year.

TfL is dependent on fares revenue for much of its income and although passenger numbers have grown significantly since pandemic lows they are still only 72% of pre-pandemic numbers. Inflation could put increased pressure on fares, which could keep numbers depressed and put further pressure on TfL to find other ways to service its debt.

## Closure on Bulstrode & Thayer Street



There is an upcoming road closure on Bulstrode Street and Thayer Street. This is to allow the new electrical supplies to be brought into the project on the Thayer Street side and will commence on 20th June 2022. The anticipated duration for the work is 2 weeks. We await the full details of the diversion route.

## Marylebone Diary



Lina Stores restaurant/deli and bar downstairs on the corner of Marylebone Lane and Wigmore Street will open on the 10 June for their soft launch and their official opening date is the 20 June.

Cavita restaurant, a new Mexican restaurant has already opened its doors on Wigmore Street. Piazza Castello and Frame are fashion newcomers to the high street.

Lois and Rosemary hosted many Association events over the last few weeks one of which was the coffee morning which was held in The Manderley Hotel which



of which was the coffee morning which was held in The Mandeville Hotel which was a great success.

Jarvis Cocker and Chilly Gonzales came to Marylebone to The Gallery of Everything on Chiltern Street last week to play an intimate performance and celebrate the Good Pop Bad Pop exhibition.

We are all looking forward to the Marylebone Summer Festival on 18/19 June and the Jubilee Celebrations next weekend. The Summer Festival will include an open air cinema, a dog show, alfresco bars, live music and many more family friendly activities.

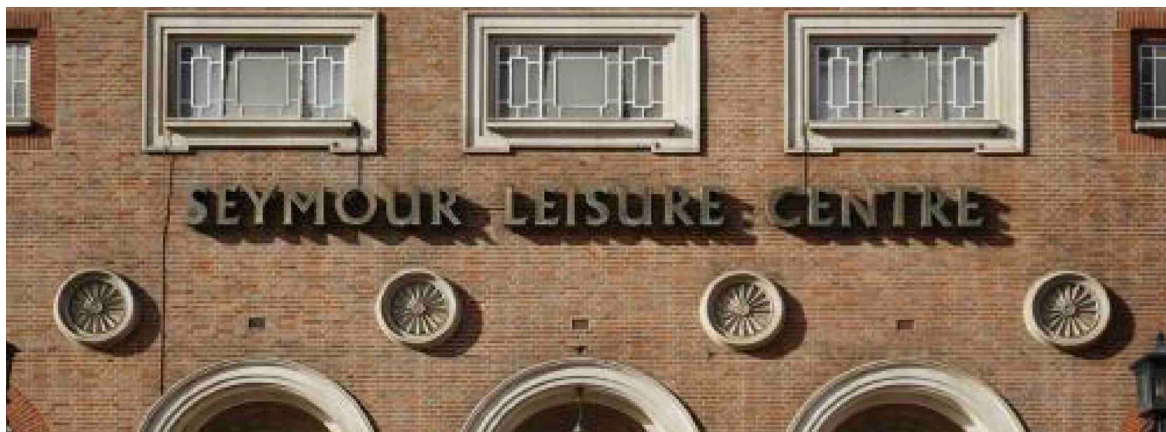
A little further afield, a former nightclub just off Oxford Street will open as a Soho bar, with a load of retro arcade games. And by retro, we don't mean, 5 years old, but proper old school retro, the sort of retro that only people in the 30s and above will recognise.

And it's for adults only. So expect to try and remember how to play Ms Pac-Man, Mortal Combat, Double Dragon, Galaga, Tekken, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, to name just a few. The decor is lots of neon and big bold colours, so very 1980s.

The retro games arcade is a temporary tenant at this site, as the entire block facing Oxford Street is due to be redeveloped at some point. Planning permission for that was granted in early 2020.

# Announcements

## Seymour Centre Consultation



From Westminster City Council: WCC is working on early plans to refurbish the Seymour Leisure Centre to create a thriving community hub that provides a holistic range of services, is respectful of the building's rich heritage and meets the changing needs of its current and future users.

The proposals will include an improved leisure offer as well as a permanent home for Marylebone Library and a range of flexible and community spaces. We have now launched a public consultation so that we can present our early thinking and receive feedback from local people.

As part of this consultation, we will be holding a series of in-person and virtual events. These will be attended by the project team and provide an opportunity for them to talk you through the plans and listen to any feedback you may have.

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WCC will be holding these events at:

12pm-1pm, Monday 6 June – a public Webinar via MS Teams

6pm-7pm, Tuesday 7 June – a public Webinar via MS Teams

4pm-6.30pm, Tuesday 14 June – a drop in event at Marylebone Library

12pm-4pm, Thursday 16 June – a drop in event at Church Street Library

10am-1pm, Saturday 18 June – a drop in event at Seymour Leisure Centre

Full details of these events and details of our early proposals can be found in the attached flyer and will be made available on our website shortly:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/leisure-libraries-and-community/seymour-centre-project>

## St Marylebone Festival

From St Marylebone Church: Between the dates of 17th – 22nd July St Marylebone Parish Church welcomes you back for our annual St Marylebone Festival!

Every year our festival (brought to you as part of the St Marylebone's Changing Lives project), tells the stories of our local community in creative and vivid ways. Join us for a week of music, dance and drama. There is something of a South-American flavour to this year's programme. Indeed many of the South American 'Liberators' of the early nineteenth century, such as Simón Bolívar and José de San Martín, lived in the parish. With this in mind, come and learn how to tango with experts from the neighbouring Arthur Murray Dance Studios, or join Joanna MacGregor and her amazing band of musicians for their 'Tango Nuevo' evening, or even enjoy food, drink and music at our 'South American Soirée'.

For more information and to buy your tickets, see here:

<https://www.stmarylebonefestival.com/>

## Open Gardens Weekend

Manchester Square Gardens is just one of the over 100 normally private gardens across London that will open their doors to the public on the weekend of 11 to 12 June. This is London Square Open Gardens Weekend, now in its 22nd year, after a break due to the pandemic, and showcases a range of green spaces from the historic and traditional to the new and experimental.

These are the opening times for garden squares in Marylebone:

Montagu Square – Sat 11 10.00 – 17.00

Bryanston Square – Sun 12 10.00 – 17.00

Dorset Square – Sun 12 10.00 – 17.00

Portman Square – Sun 12 12.00 – 17.00

Manchester Square – Sun 12 15.00 – 18.00

## Queen's Jubilee Celebrations



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations run from Thursday 2 – Sunday 5 June, here is a round-up of some of the special offerings in the area starting from this week:

On the morning of 30th May, a tree planting ceremony took place on the northwest corner of Bryanston Square to mark the Jubilee and as contribution to The Queen's Green Canopy. The tree planting was led by His Excellency Markus Leitner, Switzerland's Ambassador to The United Kingdom. Marylebone Ward Councillors

Barbara Arzymanow, Ian Rowley, Karen Scarborough were also in attendance.

The Larrik is organising a community event. From noon on 2 June part of Shouldham Street will be closed.

There will be cup-cakes, Victoria sponges, coronation chicken, strawberries and cream and sandwiches. Non-alcoholic drinks will be served outside the pub. Consumption is allowed either at the outdoor tables or inside the pub.

The Harrowby & District Residents Association (HDRA) is hosting a lunchtime street party in Molyneux Street on Sunday 5th June to mark the unparalleled 70 years of Her Majesty The Queen's rule.

The local community from the HDRA area - mainly Molyneux Street, Harrowby Street, Brendon Street, Cato Street and Shouldham Street - are coming together to celebrate the Jubilee and take the opportunity to socialise with neighbours and enjoy the first face-to-face community event for over 2 years.

Light refreshments, sandwiches, soft drinks will be provided and a special cake will be cut and shared under a marquee with tables and chairs scattered around the area. Eventbrite registration has been necessary to manage numbers at the event and it is now full.

The HDRA Platinum Jubilee Street Party is sponsored by The Marble Arch Business Improvement District and their support along with that from the Portman Estate and York Estates is greatly appreciated.

All are welcome on 5 June when St Mary's Church is holding a Street Party community celebration on the Wyndham Place Piazza. Craft activities, a live band and face painting will be available between 1 and 3 pm.

Leader of Westminster City Council, Cllr Adam Hug, invites you to join him at our Big Jubilee Lunch for community groups and volunteers on Sunday 5 June from midday at Paddington Recreation Ground (Randolph Avenue, Maida Vale, W9 1PD). There will be lunch, live music and lots of fun activities for all the family to enjoy, followed at 2.30pm by an open-air screening of the Jubilee Pageant on the Village Green.



The Big Lunch is open to all, but please register your interest in attending by emailing [rsvp@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:rsvp@westminster.gov.uk) before Monday 23 May. You can also email if you have any queries about this event, or call us on 07971 026 113.

On Thursday 2 June 13:00-14:00 join the Royal Connections trail around the Marylebone area with Blue Badge Guide Mark Conroy; find out details and book [here](#).

## **Food & Drink**

### **Bill's**

From Monday 30 May to Sunday 5 June, Bill's will have a special edition Platinum Jubilee Menu. You can enjoy the Nation's Favourite Fish and Chip Burger, the Platinum Eton Mess, limited edition breakfast items such as the Queen Almighty Breakfast & the Jubilee Royal and special edition cocktails, The Crown Jewel & The Royal Flush.

### **SOHO Coffee Co.**

**SOHO Coffee Co.** at 55 Baker Street will be launching a special Eliza-berry & Cream muffin to celebrate the royal event. A new take on the Victoria sponge, it's available in their stores for a limited period from 25 May to 8 June.

The Kitchen at Holmes has created a commemorative cocktail especially for the Jubilee. '1952' is a blend of camomile-infused Beefeater Gin with Champagne, agave and lemon juice. You can enjoy drinks, and the bar menu including summer specials, on the new Chandon Garden Spritz summer terrace.

### **Trishna**

Trishna, the celebrated Marylebone restaurant, has devised a limited edition Jubilee special from 1 to 5 June. The highlight dish is Scottish Blue Lobster Chukka served with uthapam, shrimp balchao and mixed sprout sundal. Make it an alfresco lunch or dinner on their terrace in Blandford Street. Trishna has also launched a special new summer cocktail list, including the Waterfall Negroni, Pondicherry Cup, Toddy Shop Sour or the Malabar Gold.

### **Wulf & Lamb**

Wulf & Lamb the new vegan restaurant on Chiltern Place has a special offer for Jubilee weekend – a three-course menu and drink for £36.95 per person. Simply book online [here](#) to redeem the offer, for bookings from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June. [www.wulfandlamb.com](http://www.wulfandlamb.com)

## **Exhibitions**

### **Madame Tussauds**

Madame Tussauds London will display seven of the beautifully-made gowns that have been used to dress some of The Queen's figures at the attraction over the years. There have been 24 figures created in total during her reign of 70 years. The display will include a replica of one of the original 1953 Coronation dresses.

### **Hyatt Regency London – The Churchill**

The hotel has a new photography exhibition, telling the story of the relationship between Sir Winston Churchill and The Royal Family. The exhibition is curated by The National Trust and Chartwell House, his former family home in Kent.

### **The Wallace Collection**

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## Marylebone Summer Festival



After a two year pause the The Marylebone Summer Festival is back with us - over the 18-19 June with a Film Night and Festival Bar, at Paddington Street Gardens. On Saturday – 3pm – 10:30pm and an all day street fair on Sunday. This will see the return of stalls, funfair rides, wellness activities, a children area and much more!

It is organised by the Howard De Walden Estates as a local community event, whilst also bringing in money for their nominated charity partner- Greenhouse Sports.

As always, the Marylebone Association Committee members will be found at their stall on the High Street, and we look forward to seeing many of you there over the course of the day. Further details including road closures can be seen [here](#).

## Oriental Club Dine at Home



ORIENTAL CLUB

The Oriental Club, located in Stratford Place offers a premium meal delivery service. Spruce up your midweek suppers with their mouth-watering meals, ready in just 5-10 minutes. They offer specially selected signature dishes, including their famous Curries, that reflect the traditions and reputation of their two-hundred-year-old heritage.

The meals are cooked to order at Stratford House and then chilled and expertly packaged, to arrive in perfect condition and delivered via their courier service. You simply heat and enjoy. They are offering 10% off your first order when you

sign up to their newsletter [here](#).

# Association Events



## **COFFEE MORNING**

Wednesday 15th June at 10.30am

The Wallace Collection, Hertford House, Manchester Square, London, 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, all for the excellent price of £6.50 per person payable to the restaurant on the day. All members welcome both residential and business.

Places need to be booked, with early booking encouraged as numbers must be given to the Wallace by the 13th June. To reserve your place please contact Lois German on [lois.german@marylebone.org](mailto:lois.german@marylebone.org) or telephone 0207 487 2706.

## **ANACAPRI DINNER**

Monday 18th July at 7pm

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

Join us to help celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this traditional Italian restaurant. This will be alfresco, assuming good weather, although those who attended last year's event will recall how skilfully the staff arranged cover, under giant umbrellas, when the rain came down!

As previously, Emilio will 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.

Once again 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](mailto:lois.german@marylebone.org) or by phone 0207 487 2706.

## **PLANNED FUTURE EVENTS – put the date in your diary now:**

Wine Tasting Luncheon - Sunday 14th August at 1.30pm at Ishtar



## REGULAR ASSOCIATION EVENTS

### BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 1 June at 6.30 pm  
The King's Head, 13 Westmoreland Street, London W1G 8PJ

Members meet upstairs at The King's Head pub in Westmoreland Street. Anyone who is interested in joining in should contact Liz Queenan.

Meetings have changed to the first Wednesday of each month but still commence at 6.30. This month's choice is A Single Rose by Muriel Barbery. all books read are available on paper and on e-readers. For more information contact Liz Queenan (liz.queenan@marylebone.org) or tel: 020 7486 3709.

### PUB EVENING

Monday 13th June at 6.30pm  
The Larrik, 32 Crawford Place, London, W1H 5NN.

Continuing with our regular bi-monthly pub evenings at this cosy 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 14 and 28 June 2022 at 5.00 pm  
The Duke of Wellington, 54a 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 7pm, 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.

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