

The Marylebone Association Newsletter May 2019



Dear Annick

Association News

"Extinction gives us a taste of how lovely Oxford Street could be"



Well it also gave us a taste of how horrible the areas surrounding Oxford Street could be if the Mayor had not been stopped last year from inflicting his vanity project on the West End.

It was difficult to find anything written by Joy Lo Dico in her [Evening Standard article](#) that was actually correct. It was quite clear that her vision extends no further than Oxford Street itself. The whole of Central London was closed down, not just Oxford Street, it was for 2 weeks, at least at Marble Arch, not one week. Crossrail numbers will not jump up on the day it opens, the projected increases, if correct are over a 5 to 10 year period. The £350 projected expenditure is for the West End district, not Oxford Street alone. By dismissing the 25% claimed drop in footfall suffered by the shops as businesses "obsessing" she only demonstrates how out of touch she is with the real world.

Further by claiming buses were only needed because it was not pleasant to walk displayed nothing but Ms Lo Dico's arrogance in only considering those in her own demographic, the young and fit with plenty of time to spare. It obviously did not occur to her that the elderly, the infirm, those with small children, those with shopping, those that have to work in the area all need buses to get to and through Oxford Street.

Ms Lo Dico might have been breathing cleaner air, but those that actually live in the surrounding areas were certainly not. For them the nightmare of clogged roads and massive increases in pollution and inability to get in and out of the area confirmed their worst fears regarding the Mayor's ill considered pedestrianisation proposals.

She urges Westminster to listen again to public sentiment - what does she think they were doing last year? It was by listening to public sentiment that Westminster put a stop to a scheme which would have inflicted irreparable damage to the West End, both its business and those that live in it. And for that they are to be applauded.

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Has Marylebone got at Banksy (again)?

A suspected new Banksy artwork has appeared at Marble Arch amid speculation the street artist has backed the Extinction Rebellion protests. The artwork, which has yet to be confirmed as Banksy's, materialised overnight at the base of the climate activists' recent protests. Alongside the image of a child with the Extinction Rebellion emblem, it reads: "From this moment despair ends and tactics begin." If it turns out to be genuine then it looks like the Council will keep it. Ten years ago the Council took a different view under Robert Davis when a Banksy appeared on Newman Street in Fitzrovia. Banksy has painted at Marble Arch

before in the old underpasses using the slogan "What are you looking at?" appeared overnight opposite a CCTV camera.

No date for Bond Street Crossrail Station

Crossrail (Elizabeth Line) will open between October 2020 and March 2021 but without Bond Street. No date has been set for when Bond Street Station will open much to the annoyance of local residents and businesses. The line was meant to open in December 2018 and the delay was only announced at end of August.

Marylebone Forum AGM

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Marylebone Forum at 6:30pm on Wednesday 8 May at St Marylebone Parish Church, 17 Marylebone Road, NW1 5LT. The Marylebone Forum is for all who live, work or study (or have a child at school) in Marylebone.

The Forum has 3 key roles:

Local Planning policy: to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, which will eventually be formally adopted by Westminster City Council in our local area;

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy): an advisory role to Westminster City Council on the allocation of CIL funds (currently over £600k) in our local area;

To be a local 'forum' for businesses, residents and key stakeholders to exchange ideas and lobby with a forceful, shared voice.

The AGM is your opportunity to hear from the current Committee about progress made over the past year, and plans for the forthcoming year, and to elect Forum Committee members and Officers. It is also the chance to hear your views and ideas, so please come along and have your say. If you are interested in getting more involved, or standing for election to the Committee, please email chair@maryleboneforum.org.

The Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood

The Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN) project draws to a close, and the Council are seeking your participation in a short survey (eight questions) to evaluate the project [here](#). The survey closes at midnight on Friday 3rd May 2019 and the results will be shared on the Marylebone LEN website.

The diesel car parking surcharge, which was piloted across F zone (initiated by the Marylebone LEN), will be implemented across the City later in the year. Thanks to the funds raised from the pilot scheme, Bryanston and Dorset Square Schools have benefited from projects financed by the Schools' Clean Air Fund.

The Highly Contentious 'Non-Contentious Probate (Fees) Order 2018'

At the beginning of February Parliament met to discuss [The Non-Contentious Probate \(Fees\) Order 2018](#), which unlike its name has been highly contentious since its inception and is due to come into force on 1 April 2019. [Click here to read more](#). If you would like to find out more about organising your estate for the future, speak to Lalita Kauldhar at RIAA Barker Gillette solicitors.

Nobu Hotel coming to Marylebone

The old Radisson Blu in Portman Square in Marylebone is set to become a Nobu hotel and restaurant opening in Spring 2020.

Marylebone Food Festival



Last month, saw another very successful Marylebone Food Festival. With over 50 masterclasses, workshops, festival menus and supper-clubs throughout the five day festival it was a real celebration of food and drink in Marylebone. The sell-out event "The Marylebone Menu" took place on Wednesday 24 April with courses provided by Michelin star restaurants Texture and Trishna, celebrated The Providores chef, Peter Gordon, newcomer Xier as well as local hotspots Chiltern Firehouse, Roux at the Landau and Bernardi's, famous cheese shop and cafe, La Fromagerie, The Montagu Kitchen, GAIL'S Bakery, Rococo

Chocolates and Marylebone Gin. All proceeds from ticket sales went to our charity partner, Springboard. Tickets sold out within 24 hours and

Openings and Closings

The Churchill Bar & Terrace unveils its new seasonal themed terrace 'Casa de Cuba' on 15 May, by bringing the flavours and colours of Cuba to London. Savour classic Cuban food specialities and explore a brand new cocktail menu led by Head Bartender Daniele Bresciani and his team. Let the Cuban vibes begin.

Luxury Italian menswear brand Luca Faloni has signed a 10-year lease on a 1,700 square foot flagship on Marylebone High Street,

Holmes Hotel London is set to open in May 2019. Formerly Park Plaza Sherlock Holmes London, the repositioned hotel situated on Chiltern Street Marylebone, has seen a multi-million-pound refurbishment.

Association Events

Architecture on the Thames

Sat, May 11, 2019 1:00 PM *Crown Pier, Victoria Embankment EC4Y*

**** Just a few places left****

Arranged with Open City, London's leading architecture education organisation. Join us for this journey on the River Thames which we hope this will be of interest to our business members as well as residents as it is on a Saturday afternoon. Departing from and returning to Crown Pier, Victoria Embankment EC4Y. Duration 2.45 hours approx. Lovely to sit out on deck on a Spring afternoon but lots of space inside in case of inclement weather. This Open House tour will first take us upstream to Nine Elms, taking in Battersea Power Station, and Foster's Studio. Then cruising downstream, past Michael Hopkins' imposing Portcullis House, iconic Somerset House, and Renzo Piano's hulking Shard. The new vertical towers of the City soar above the lower riverbank architecture creating a dramatic skyline from our unique river perspective. Led by specialist guide, architect Benedict O'Looney, whose in-depth knowledge guarantees deep insight, thoughtful commentary and humour. This was such a popular trip when we did it a couple of years ago, this is a second chance to enjoy the amazing river on which we all depend. Open House Tours are offering a reduced ticket price of £28.40 (20% off normal price of £35.50) per person for our group.

As there are now very few places left you will need to book directly on line. It's really not as complicated as it looks here! [Go to https://open-city.org.uk/public/open-house-monthly/tours](https://open-city.org.uk/public/open-house-monthly/tours) Scroll down to Architecture on The Thames Central Sat May 11 – click on 'book tickets' putting in the number you require and clicking on 'add to cart'. Then view cart, check out and fill in contact details but also look on the right hand side of the page where it says 'Gift card or discount'. Put in the code MARYLEBONE and click apply. That's it, done!

If you have any queries please contact lois.german@marylebone.org or phone 020 7487 2706 – and she will email you with directions on how to get there/where to meet. Please let her know anyway, once you have booked, so we know how many will be on the trip.

Coffee Morning

Wed, June 12, 2019 10:30 AM *The Wallace Collection, Manchester Square, W1*

An opportunity to meet new members and old friends in the wonderful Atrium Restaurant surroundings. No need to book - everyone welcome. £5 per person. Why not stay on and visit the Wallace Collection itself.

Walking Tour - Royalty meets the Establishment

Thu, June 13, 2019 11:00 AM *Pall Mall and St James's Street*

Join us for this walking tour with Blue Badge Guide, Christine Jarvis, who has conducted several previous walks for the Association.

Although we may all know the area, this fascinating walk will cover coffee houses, gentlemen's clubs and some of the oldest shops in the country, which were set up to cater for the royalty and the court of St James.

The tour will last an hour and the pace can be relaxed as although there is so much to see the actual distance travelled is not too far.

Christine donates her fee of £90 to Combat Stress and the RNLI.

Our cost therefore will be payable in cash on the day, divided equally by the number of attendees (but likely to be between £7-£9). To book please contact Lois German by email lois.german@marylebone.org or on 0207 487 2706.

Regular Association Events

(For more details click on the event)

Book Club

Tue, May 07, 2019 6:30 PM *The King's Head pub, Westmoreland Street, London W1*

Pub Evening

Mon, May 13, 2019 6:30 PM *The Prince Regent, 71 Marylebone High Street W1U 5JN*

Scrabble Club

Tue, May 14, 2019 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1*

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Tue, May 28, 2019 5:00 PM *The Natural Kitchen, 55 Baker Street, W1*

Marylebone Events

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Catch Your Breath - Exhibition

Tue, April 02, 2019 9:00 AM

Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4LE

"Everyone in Our World Deserves Fresh Running Water." Photographic Exhibition

Wed, May 01, 2019 *The Crypt at St Marylebone Parish Church*

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Wed, May 08, 2019 6:30 PM *St Marylebone Parish Church*

Savills Property Briefing

Thu, May 09, 2019 6:00 PM *The Marylebone Hotel - entrance 6 Bulstrode Street, W1U 2JF*

Westminster - Open Forum

Wed, May 22, 2019 6:30 PM *Sir Simon Milton Westminster UTC, 1 Sutherland St, Pimlico, London SW1V 4LD*

Evelyn Wrench ESU Lectures 2019

Mon, June 03, 2019 6:30 PM *Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, W1J 5ED*

Evening Parenting Seminar - Screenagers - Growing up in the Digital Age

Tue, June 11, 2019 7:30 PM *St Mary's Church, W1H 1PP*

Mean Girls: The Movie and More

Wed, June 12, 2019 6:30 PM *Seymour Leisure Centre, London*

Marylebone Summer Fayre

Sun, June 16, 2019 *Marylebone High Street*

Taste of London - Regent's Park

Wed, June 19, 2019 *Regent's Park - Marylebone Green*

Portman Square Garden Party

Wed, June 19, 2019 6:00 PM *Portman Square Garden*

Shakespeare in the Squares

Fri, June 28, 2019 *Paddington Street Gardens*

London Pride 2019

Sat, July 06, 2019 *Portland Place*

The St Marylebone Festival

Sat, July 20, 2019 *St Marylebone Parish Church*

Prudential RideLondon 100

Sun, August 04, 2019 *London*

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