

Newsletter May 2022

Dear {Contact_First_Name},

This month you can enjoy a Cocktail Masterclass Experience at the Coach Markers Arms on 19 May and/or a guided walking tour of Royal Regent's Park on 28 May. All the details of how to book at the bottom of the newsletter.

Marylebone Association AGM Changes and Update

Dear Members.

Our last AGM was called last November and was held virtually. As was said at the time, we fully intend to revert to a live meeting this year and had hoped to bring it back to the traditional June date. However, Covid, although less of a threat now, is still very much with us and the general feeling seems to be that it would be preferable to postpone meeting in an enclosed space until after the summer break. So that is what we will be doing.

Another reason for a later AGM is to give us time to prepare for some substantial changes on the committee. Our long-standing secretary Kevin Coyne will be standing down and I also come to the end of my current 3 year term and we are still working through succession plans for this. If that were not enough our present Treasurer is also leaving us as he is now living abroad. If any of our members feel that they could usefully offer help in this latter capacity and have some modest level of accounting skills, we would be most pleased to hear from you - please just drop us a line at the usual address <a href="mailto:adminiorengerget] adminiorengerget and prepare for some substantial changes and the substantial changes are substantial changes.

Best wishes.

Michael Bolt Chairman MA

May Elections

On Thursday 5 May voters will head to the polls to vote for the councillors who

candidates will go head-to-head. Residents in the West End Ward had the chance last week to see their prospective candidates and ask questions of them at the Soho Hustings - jointly sponsored with Soho Society, ourselves, and the Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association. You can read about this below. There are unfortunately no hustings for the Marylebone Ward. Below are details of all the candidates standing in the two wards that our area now covers.

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Arzymanow, Barbara	(address in Westminster)	Conservative Party Candidate	
Barr, Alistair Graeme	Flat 9 Maybury Court, Marylebone Street, London, W1G 8JE	Liberal Democrats	
Botsford, Elizabeth	(address in Westminster)	Liberal Democrats	
Broadey, Jo	(address in Westminster)	Labour Party	
Johnston, Barbara Irene	(address in Westminster)	Labour Party	
Lord, Michael John	Flat 8, 188 Great Titchfield Street, London, W1W 5BG	Labour Party	
Poser, Freddie Anderton Joseph	(address in Westminster)	Liberal Democrats	
Rowley, Ian David	Flat 2, Dorset Court, 18- 21 Dorset Street, Marylebone, London, W1U 6QX	Conservative Party Candidate	
Scarborough, Karen Toni	Flat 6, 45 Connaught Square, London, W2 2HL	Conservative Party Candidate	

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Barnes, Tim	29A Great Windmill Street, London, W1D 7LN	Conservative Party Candidate	
Coelho, George	(address in Westminster)	Liberal Democrats	
Fisher, Paul Edward	Flat 6, 11 Talbot Square, London, W2 1TR	Labour Party	
Lilley, Patrick Eamon	36B St Michael Street,	Labour Party	

Joseph	London, W2 1QX		
Murphy, Eoghain Leo	Flat 2, 102 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 6PD	Conservative Party Candidate	
Redmond, Julie Ann	(address in Westminster)	Conservative Party Candidate	
Taylor, Sophie Amanda	Flat 37, 48 Wells Street, London, W1T 3PW	Liberal Democrats	
Toale, Jessica Jade	Flat 10, 37 Bedford Street, London, WC2E 9EN	Labour Party	
Weisz, Jonah Louis	(address in Westminster)	Liberal Democrats	

West End Ward Hustings



On the 28th April local council election hustings were held at St Anne's Church, Dean Street, jointly hosted by the Soho Society, the Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association and the Marylebone Association. This can be viewed in full here: here.

The West End Ward is of particular interest to us in Marylebone as it now covers a great deal more of our area than previously. Also, it is now the sole ward covering the length of Oxford Street, whereas before there were three. Further, in view of the fact that it did not prove possible to organise hustings for the new Marylebone Ward this was the only chance for the electorate to see any of the candidates who cover this area perform in a "Question Time" context.

The three candidates for the Conservatives were Julie Redmond, Cllr Timothy Barnes, and Cllr Eoghain Murphy.

The three Labour candidates were Patrick Lilley, Paul Fisher and Jessica Toale.

The Liberal Democrats were represented by Alistair Barr who is in fact standing in the Marylebone Ward, but as none of the West End Ward candidates were available, he appeared in their place.

Representing the three amenity societies were Tim Lord, Chair of the Soho Society, Michael Bolt, Chair of the Marylebone Association and Yoram Blumann for the Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association.

Many topics were covered but the three amenity societies identified a number of key concerns that were put to the candidates first, with their representatives initially setting these concerns in context.

Questions were then invited from the floor and a number of interesting topics were raised including: cross boundary enforcement problems in areas that are stranded between Westminster and Camden; the narrowing of Regent Street, causing unnecessary traffic jams; cycle lanes in inappropriate places such as Park Lane and Marylebone Road, again causing traffic jams, pollution and congestion and in the latter case particularly, for zero benefit, as the lane was

unuseu by cyclisis.

Another questioner wanted more family-oriented spaces and spaces better designed for older people. Finally, strong assurances were given by Tim Barnes that the Mayfair Library was to remain open and that this had always been the case.

The meeting ended around 8.15pm when refreshments were served, and all the candidates stayed on for a considerable time afterwards to deal with further questions.

The evening was lively but well conducted, and some interesting positions stated and various promises made. We can only hope that these remain honoured by those candidates who are elected. But we are grateful to all the candidates who were willing to turn up and spend their evening answering all the various questions put to them. This was, as a member of the audience pointed out, a fine example of local democracy in action.

Piazzas Off the Table



The idea that Oxford Street's traffic should be diverted into surrounding areas to satisfy the Crown Estates desire to create a shopping piazza at Oxford Circus has been deeply unpopular. We were therefore relieved when WCC decided to stop work on this last year; but there has still been a question mark over whether this might be re-introduced at a later date.

Meanwhile, the recent ward boundary changes mean that whereas before there were three wards covering Oxford Street there is now one, the West End Ward - and therefore what its prospective councillors have to say on this subject is important.

Therefore, it was good news to hear in a recent interview with Fitzrovia News conducted with West End Ward Cllr Tim Barnes, Conservative candidates Cllr Eoghain Murphy and Julie Redmond, that any such plans were now off the table.

Last Thursday evening at the Soho hustings (see article above) further confirmation was received. All candidates were asked specifically: Would you try and ensure that the 2018 promise to keep Oxford Street open was honoured by guaranteeing that you will vote against any proposal to restrict traffic on Oxford Street? All candidates, Labour and Conservative, replied in the affirmative.

Julie Redmond said, "this is a topic close to my heart... if Oxford Circus was closed or the street narrowed it would have a huge impact on those that live in the area... residents feel boxed in. I do believe it is very important to everyone here. Nothing will happen as far as I am aware.. I have had assurances on that."

Patrick Lilley: "We opposed the blocking of Oxford Circus. We have written to

500 residents affected by this and the response has been overwhelmingly opposed to it .. we have listened to the residents and we have changed our minds - Labour will oppose pedestrianisation".

Cllr Murphy confirmed: "We have decided not to do it, I think it would be a disaster...we have listened to residents and responded to it... closing off Oxford Street has been ruled out by the council".

Jessica Toale - "we couldn't be more clear, we are opposed to the closure of Oxford Street and the Piazzas... there is nowhere else for vehicles to go".

Cllr Barnes simply answered yes to the question posed, on further questioning he told the room that the cabinet member responsible for policy in the Oxford Street district, Cllr Matthew Green, inherited the outline proposal "and it was my conversations, along with one or two others with Matthew where... we pointed out why we didn't think that was a good idea.. and ran contrary to the undertakings we (WCC) had given ...that led to him to remove it and take it off the agenda".

Paul Fisher also addressed the question directly - "I will vote against traffic restrictions on Oxford Street and around .. Oxford Circus..that is my commitment ..Sadiq Khan does not determine Labour Group policies on the council and never has done".

This is a pleasing consensus and we are glad to be able to report that residents appear, on the basis of the assurances given by all six of these candidates, to have no reason to concern themselves at present with this particular issue.

Pedicabs Breakthrough!



The very long running pedi-cab saga could finally be drawing to a close as Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has announced the government will finally be taking action with new legislation will be introduced to control the vehicles, in what he called "the wild west of pedicabs or rickshaws".

Up to now all efforts to control the menace have been frustrated.

Nickie Aiken last year proposed a Private Member's Bill that would require pedicabs in Greater London to undergo similar regulation as taxis which unfortunately was consistently blocked by Tory MP Sir Christopher Chope.

Undeterred, our MP managed to gain the support of the prime minister for legislation and as a result it there is now government support for the bill. Grant Shapps has now recognised that the pedicabs do require licensing and proper control: "It's time, it's high time, I know Parliament has expressed interest through a series backbench bills that for one reason or another...have not proceeded through Parliament. We will do that on government time in the Transport Bill."

Nickie Aiken, "I'm absolutely delighted that finally after a decade of trying to secure legislation to licence pedicabs we have got it over the line. The Prime Minister took a personal interest in this because he knows how dangerous some of these vehicles and drivers are and made sure the noise and anti-social behaviour of some of these drivers will now come to an end."

Below is a personal message from Nickie Aikin to our members about this:

After a long campaign, I am immensely proud to say that pedicab legislation is on the way.

On the 26th April, Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps MP, confirmed that a pedicab licensing scheme will be included in the forthcoming transport bill. When I entered Parliament in 2019, I was determined to secure pedicab licensing to ensure they are safe, so I'm absolutely delighted by the announcement.

For too long, rogue pedicab operators have caused nuisance on our roads, blared out their music and charged rip-off pricing. I have heard directly from local people and Councillors right across Marylebone and the Two Cities their stories of how a minority of pedicab drivers have caused so much noise and anti-social behaviour. This will now stop under the new licensing scheme.

The Marylebone Association has played an instrumental role in supporting my calls. They've armed me with evidence ahead of meetings with Minister's and colleagues and kept me updated about the on-the-ground reality in Marylebone and the issues faced by local people. This achievement would not have been possible without them.

My thanks also go out to the Prime Minister for his personal commitment to giving Government time to secure a pedicab licensing scheme. The confirmation of legislation in April comes following my question at Prime Minister's Questions in February where the Prime Minister agreed for Government time should my Bill fall.

This is a success for all of us. Your examples, accounts and experiences have told the story of why legislation is desperately needed. Together, we have achieved this victory. I will continue to take your comments to the heart of Government and ensure they are reflected in the licensing regime.

As always, I am here to work for you. If there are any issues you think I may be able to help with, please send me an email to nickie.aiken.mp@parliament.uk.

Meanwhile some positive acton is being taken- Three noisy pedicab drivers have been fined over £1,200 for blasting music and disturbing residents in the West End. It comes amid a crackdown by Westminster City Council and the Met Police on noise, traffic and disturbance caused by the vehicles, also known as disco rickshaws.

Delivery riders on Marylebone pavements





While not as intrusive as Pedicabs, delivery cyclists are becoming more prevalent in Marylebone and are generally not welcomed by locals when biking on our neighbourhood's pavements.

There are now a number of areas – such as Baker Street and Great Portland Street – where commercial riders have become a real hazard while picking-up and returning from deliveries.

We are grateful that Westminster and the police have begun action to address this issue. We are particularly concerned about cyclists using the pavement without any lights at night. One operator has since had to employ a security guard to ensure riders comply with the Highway Code outside their facility.

Spiegeltent Back for Summer



It appears that we will have a large tent in Cavendish Square for the second summer in a row.

The first application was for the temporary installation of a Spiegeltent and pop-up stalls in Cavendish Square connected to the Underbelly festival. The Spiegeltent is an odd concept, best described in the planning application below:

"Erection of a Spiegeltent touring structure (with an internal capacity of up to 600), a box office, two bar areas, seven catering units, toilets, storage, outdoor seating areas and fencing with lighting and associated plant in conjunction with use of Cavendish Square for the Underbelly Festival at Cavendish Square 2022 (Sui Generis), with a maximum of 2,000 visitors at any one time, for a temporary period from 28 April 2022 to 31 July 2022. Installation and deinstallation will take place over the periods between 13 April 2022 and 8 August 2022."

The Spiegeltent then, is a self-contained structure with a very large capacity, meaning that it would, as it did last year, take out the great majority of Cavendish Square for the period it is installed there. The Planning Committee however welcomed the proposal and its contribution to the economic vibrancy of the West End and unanimously approved the application.

Our view is that the existing vibrancy of the area is already quite sufficient, but what is not sufficient is the amount of green space that is open to residents and public alike. This is the only green space in the area and this will now be lost for the majority of the summer and as such we think it is unacceptable. The MA put in an objection to this can be seen here.

The Underbelly Festival at Cavendish Square will run from 28 April 2022 to 31 July 2022.

3D on Oxford Street



Another proposal that is being touted in the interests of "vibrancy"- is the proposal to install a multi-functional 3D digital display on the first and second floors of the building at 376 Oxford Street. This is the building that GAP, vacated the building in July 2021.

The owner had submitted a number of consented planning applications to refurbish the building, including altered elevations and entrances, new windows, green walls and green roofs, and the installation of solar panels.

The owners are now looking to install a multi-functional 3D digital display as a means of "sustainably enhancing the offering of the building to future occupiers whilst creating a new and unique strategic landmark for the Oxford Street District that will contribute positively to the local community."

The proposed screen will be an exclusive branding opportunity for future retail occupiers at 376 Oxford Street. So how such an obtrusive hoarding benefit the local community? Because screen time, we are told, will also be given over to the benefit of the local community. "This could include messages from BIDs or neighbourhood forums, public service announcements, news headlines and public art."

Whether this would make up for the obtrusiveness of the scheme remains to be seen.

M&S Oxford Street Demolition to be reviewed





In our December newsletter we wrote about WCC's decision to allow the demolition of Marks and Spencers Art Deco building on Oxford Street, in spite of the fact that the proposed scheme would contain 39,500 tonnes of embodied carbon and would be detrimental to the character of the area. Offsetting this much Co2 would require the planting of 2.4 million trees, according to the council's own report.

Westminster's decision was also at odds with the Mayor's London Plan policy. The Mayor's review disappointed though, for after a "thorough assessment" of the scheme it found that it did not contravene the London Plan. He was also satisfied that the "carbon footprint" of demolition had been considered from early on in the proposals and did not pose an issue. This angered the various heritage groups and drew criticism down on the Mayor not being serious about achieving net zero.

Now, in a surprising last minute step, Michael Gove (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government) has blocked the proposed demolition to allow ministers time to scrutinise the scheme. It will be now down to him to decide whether to call in the application or allow Westminster City Council's decision to stand.

"A direction preventing Westminster Council from issuing a final decision on this application was issued on 14 April 2022, in order to allow ministers to consider whether the application should be 'called-in' for them to determine," a DLUCH spokesperson confirmed. "The application will now be assessed against the published policy on calling-in applications and a decision will be issued in due course."

The government could call the project in for review, in which case there will be a public inquiry into it, as happened recently with The Tulip. The decision by the government to block that building was based in part on its embodied carbon impact, and much of the argument against the demolition of the M&S building is based on the same issue.

There is also a request to grant the building a listing status as a heritage asset based on a report from Historic England, which is still pending. However, that would likely only affect the 1930s third of the building, leaving the rest to still be demolished.

Sherwood Court Problems



An update on an issue reported in last month's newsletter: the latest retrospective

planning application for Sherwood Court basement car park has been rejected. This is because the nature of the undertaking did not fit with the Westminster Plan on the grounds of safety (the activity is the storage and charging of lithium batteries) and loss of amenity by residents due to noise and disturbance.

Several residents objected as did the Harrowby and District Residents Association, highlighting the safety aspects, the risk of a precedent being set by this change of use of the car park space and the bad faith shown by the business in setting-up without applying for planning permission in the first place.

This latter point echoes previous entities that have popped up in this space. Residents have been disappointed with the lack of proactive engagement on these matters by the Portman Estate, as the ultimate landowner. We hope that they will recognise that the repeated disruption caused to residents and the bad faith shown by companies, who have to be forced by residents and WCC action into applying for retrospective approvals, is not a sustainable or satisfactory way forward.

A Tale of Two Cities



It sometimes seems that property prices in parts of central London have entirely uncoupled themselves from any relationship with the real world.

Now Charles Dickens' former Regent's Park property has been listed for £22.5million. This seven-bedroom property overlooking Regent Park is on sale for the first time since before 1995. Dickens once summered in the Grade I listed home in 1861. He was the highest paid writer of his generation, but we wonder whether even he could afford to live there at that price.

A couple who would have had no trouble with finding the money, at least up until last month, was Roman Abramovich and his business partner Aleksandr Frolov. A Marylebone connection has been revealed by the Guardian, in that their I00 million UK property portfolio includes co-investment in the redevelopment of All Souls church near the BBC.

New West End Company Chief Executive to quit



Jace Tyrrel is leaving after six years as Chief Executive of New West End Company in order to head up Australia's first BID at the New Sydney Waterfront Company from 1 October this year. We wish him all the best in his new role. We have had a number of differences with the New West End company over the years, not least of which was their desire to close Oxford Street for the benefit of shoppers. However, Jace has always been willing to listen to and engage with residents and we will miss working with him

Jace will be leaving in October and will be replaced by Dee Corsi, Chief Operating Officer.

Jace said, "Representing our District in this great global city has been an absolute privilege, and I have no doubt that the West End will continue to move from strength to strength"

Professional Begging Blight



After a temporary reprieve the professional beggars are back in force in Marylebone. There are many theories as to why, one is that Camden has adopted a far more robust approach to this than Westminster and therefore many of the beggars originally there have migrated over to Westminster.

The problem is not just one of intimidation but also security. If they are allowed to roost in the same spot all day, day after day they soon get to know who is coming and going, and what properties are empty and when. This information can then be passed on to the gang-masters and render these properties vulnerable to breakins.

Westminster Council appear to be powerless to stop, or even control this. The police, in theory, have the responsibility to enforce - as it is, after all against the law, but are too under-resourced to do so. The only remedy remaining now is private enforcement through the BID's and Estates.

This is not ideal because not only do private security firms have no real powers, hence they are largely ignored, but it also means even when the beggars do consent to be moved on, they just go back to their allocated areas shortly offerwards, or they go to areas not expected by private acquirity. In other words

Westminster News

Holocaust Memorial Quashed

Planning permission for a national Holocaust memorial outside Parliament has been quashed by the High Court. The London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust charity opposed the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre being built in Victoria Tower Gardens, a small triangular Grade II-listed green space next to Westminster Abbey and the Palace of Westminster. They had argued it was the "right idea, wrong place".

Westminster City Council had refused to give planning permission in November 2019 but it was granted in July last year, following a public inquiry and the recommendations of a planning inspector.

Campaigners then successfully challenged the government. They argued the plans did not comply with a 1900 law affecting park land, the requirements of which represented "a prohibition on using Victoria Tower Gardens as anything other than a garden open to the public".

In the ruling, the Hon Justice Thornton said the trust's case against the planning permission had succeeded in relation to its arguments over the 1900 law.

The act "imposes an enduring obligation" to retain land "as a public garden and integral part of the existing Victoria Tower Gardens", she said.

Leaders from UK's Jewish community have expressed disappointment at the ruling, arguing the memorial was needed to continue to educate people about the Holocaust and the age of Holocaust survivors meant time was short to build one.

The government has said it remains committed to a permanent memorial.

John Lewis Easter Cheer

Once again, the staff at John Lewis have got the extra mile to help a local cause this Easter. This time round it is the local Ukrainian refugees. in need and the have generously donated boxes of hot cross buns and Easter eggs to help make Easter a little more cheerful for those who have so much less than us.

Announcements

Retrofitting

A message from the Council:

Westminster Council is determined to tackle the climate emergency and to help householders make their homes more energy efficient in order to reduce household bills and make the cost of living cheaper.

Until recently, there were challenges to retrofitting homes in Westminster, especially those in historic buildings. Now, thanks to a new scheme, householders can get discounted advice if they wish to install slimline double glazing, green roofs or walls, solar panels, including those as part of Westminster's 'Solar Together' scheme, or air source or ground source heat pumps.

At £300, the written advice is considerably cheaper than the £1,644 previously charged for pre-application planning advice on a listed building. The advice can help give comfort to those living in listed buildings who want to make energy-efficient changes to their homes but want to ensure that they are legally preserving the special architectural or historic interest of their property.

You can find more about the advice <u>here</u> and make an application for advice <u>here</u>. You can also find more advice in the Retrofitting and Sustainable Design chapter of the Council's <u>Environmental Supplementary Planning Document</u>.

Harley Street Bid

The Harley Street Business Improvement District (BID) begins its first term

A message from the BID team:

We can't quite believe that the month we have been waiting for is finally here! We're delighted to begin our first term as the Harley Street BID with a refreshed look for our newsletter.

As ever, there has been lots going on right across the area. In this issue, we're filling you in on what a BID means for Harley Street, along with exciting news about upcoming events and news from local businesses. We're also meeting some of the inspiring people of Harley Street with the launch of the Commuter Club's Harley Street edition!

Got an interesting story or an update that you'd like to share? Please do let us know. We're always keen to hear from our partners and local businesses – just email christine@hsmapartnership.com with the details.

Hanover Square Closure



Hanover Square has some upcoming road closure as part of the Hanover Square Public Realm Improvement scheme.

The closures will temporarily restrict vehicles from entering Hanover Square from Brook Street starting on Monday 25 April for approximately five weeks. The closure is required to complete footway works on the west of the Square in coordination with adjacent developments. Efforts will be made to finish earlier, where possible. All other access points to the Square will be retained during this closure.

The works will consist of excavating the existing footways and will upgrade and extend the footways with new highway paving materials. The closure will be in place at all times. Appropriate signage will be provided on-street to provide alternative routes. Vehicles will be diverted southbound on Bond Street to Conduit Street and onto St George Street to Hanover Square northbound.

Association Events

COCKTAIL MASTERCLASS EXPERIENCE

Thursday 19th May at 6pm The Clubhouse, The Coach Makers Arms, 88 Marylebone Lane, W1U 2PY

Join us at The Clubhouse, Marylebone's very own secret cocktail bar hidden in the basement of The Coach Makers Arms for a bespoke and interactive cocktail experience. The Clubhouse's master mixologist will guide us through the creation of 3 scandalous cocktails, inviting guests to participate in the stages. Tickets cost £30 and are inclusive of 3 cocktails.

We expect this to be a fun evening with all MA members, both Residential and Business welcome.

Places need to be booked, with final numbers given to the venue by the 12th May. To reserve your place please contact Lois German on lois.german@marylebone.org or telephone 0207 487 2706.

ROYAL REGENT'S PARK WALK

Saturday 28th May at 2.30pm Join us for this tour led by Blue Badge Guide, Janice Liverseidge.

Once a royal hunting ground for the exclusive use of Henry VIII, the park has been open to the public for nearly 200 years.

However, in this Royal Platinum Jubilee year we'll take a look at the many links with royalty including: the George V Silver Jubilee gates, Queen Mary's Garden and not just one, but three Royal Societies. Along the way we'll hear the story behind the Grade II listed St John's Lodge a skating club, and discover a 'secret garden'.

As Regent's Park Theatre celebrates its 90th Anniversary, we'll hear how it came to be Britain's oldest professional permanent outdoor theatre and of the many actors who have performed here. Finally, we'll look at both the Japanese and Mediterranean gardens and learn more about the Park's sculptures. The duration of the walk is approximately 90 minutes.

Places need to be booked and the cost will be £10 per person, payable in advance. To reserve your place please initially contact Lois German on lois.german@marylebone.org or telephone 0207 487 2706.

PLANNED FUTURE EVENTS

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 15th June at 10.30am at The Wallace Collection

Dinner to mark their 30th Anniversary - Monday 18th July at 7pm AnaCapri Ristorante

REGULAR ASSOCIATION EVENTS

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 4 May 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 Claire Tomalin's award-winning biography Samuel Pepys – The Unequalled Self. 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 9th May at 6.30pm

The Prince Regent, 71 Marylebone High Street, W1U 5JN Continuing with our regular bi-monthly pub evenings at this popular London pub with plush bar menu and real ales. 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 Anne Hamilton.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Tuesday 10 and 24 May 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 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.

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