



Marylebone Association

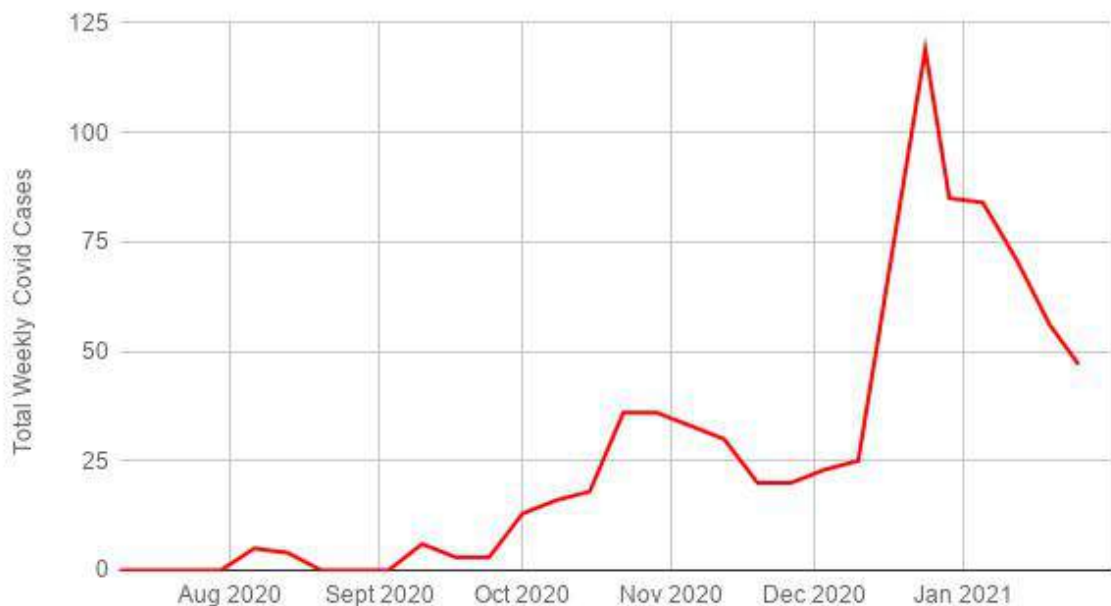
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Dear Tim,

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Covid Update - Local Cases dropping back

Marylebone Covid Cases July 2020 to Jan 2021



Local Covid cases appear to be heading in the right direction over the course of January.

The mass vaccination programme, the biggest ever undertaken by this country, is underway. In Westminster, the Community Vaccination Centres at Lord's and Vincer Square opened recently to elderly residents. These are not walk-in facilities; patients need to be registered with a local GP and have an NHS number to qualify. They will be advised by their GP and North West London CCG when to turn up for their vaccination.

This first stage of the vaccination programme is on track for the top four priority groups - care home residents and staff, residents 80 and over plus health and social care workers, those 75 to 79 and finally those 70 to 74 plus clinically extremely vulnerable individuals but not including pregnant women and those under 16 years of age - to receive their first dose of the vaccine by mid-February. Find out more on the [Council website](#).

Both testing and vaccination centres are crucial in the fight against COVID. Westminster offers two types of testing for people with and without symptoms.

For those without symptoms, these testing sites are open without appointment every day:

- Little Venice Sports Centre, 10 Crompton Street W2 1ND - 10am - 4pm
- Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue SW1P 1QH - 10am - 4pm
- Moberly Sports Centre, 25 Chamberlayne Road NW10 3NB - 10am - 4pm
- Greenside Community Centre, 24 Lilestone Street NW8 8SR
- Grosvenor Hall, Vincent Street SW1P 4HB
- Lydford Tenants and Residents Hall, 74 Fernhead Road W9 3EW

For those with symptoms (a new persistent cough, high temperature or a loss or change in sense of smell or taste) appointments are available at these semi-permanent, walk-through testing centres in Westminster:

They are open seven days a week, from 8am to 8pm. They can be used by anyone with symptoms or who has been asked to get a test. A test must be booked in advance at [NHS Online](#) or by calling 119.

If you live in Marylebone and need to self-isolate and require help with shopping, pharmacy collections, or just a chat about Covid-19, our support group is there for you and has many volunteers ready to help. You can get in touch at Covid19@marylebone.org or phone: 07950 472916.

One of our volunteers, Agneta Lindberg, known to many of you through her counselling work and her fitness studio, has designed an online Zoom workout suite for all fitness levels to ease us through the pandemic. Classes are free and run for 30 minutes starting at 9:30 on a Tuesday and 11:00 on Thursday. Details can be found under Events.

Want to help with Vaccinations?

The Westminster Employment Service is working with the NHS to recruit for temporary mass vaccination roles across two sites opening in Westminster. There are both part-time and full-time roles available. There are approximately 200 vacancies across the following opportunities:

- Front of House – £12.18 per hour
- Administrator – £13.10 per hour
- Immuniser (full training will be provided) – £14.83 per hour

Please register your interest by [completing this short form](#) and selecting 'NHS mass vaccination jobs' under the section 'What type of work are you looking for'

A Day in the Life of a Vaccinator





After working over the last few months as a Health Champion for Westminster City Council, Marylebone Association Committee Member Julie Redmond felt she really needed to do more. After watching her colleagues from afar working on COVID-19 hospital wards and losing their colleagues and patients to COVID-19 as if this was a normal everyday occurrence she decided to help out too... [read more](#).

MA interviews Cllr Tony Devenish

Committee member Julie Redmond continues her series of interviews with Tony Devenish, long standing conservative councillor and London Assembly member for West Central. The discussion included cycle lanes, traffic and air pollution and Oxford Street changes.

He is upbeat about Marylebone High Street, he feels that it will continue to thrive and by the summer Marylebone will be full of tourists, and the high street will be busy again.

He was one of those responsible for getting the cycle lanes removed in Kensington High Street and thinks that it was a mistake for the government to allow councils to modify roads on a 'temporary' 18 month basis without allowing for local consultation. Normally there would be many months of public consultation, now these closures are put in without any. Tony says we have to make sure that our roads remain open and it's not right to tax the ordinary hard working motorist off the road.

Other topics important to a lot of families discussed were the library and Seymour Leisure centre. In his words the three big trends going forward are:

1. Online is growing, we are adapting to changes in our working lives
2. Increase of the size of the state public sector
3. The green revolution is growing bigger

Click on the link below to hear the full interview.

MARYLEBONE NEWS

Wetherby Senior School announce Significant Donation to West London Mission



Seth Bolderow, Headmaster of Wetherby Senior School, and Monty Cortazzi, the current Head Boy at Wetherby Senior were delighted to present a cheque for £12,000 to Roger Clark, CEO of West London Mission at their head office at Seymour Place Marylebone, London.

One of Wetherby Senior's core values is a strong sense of community, both within the school and the wider Marylebone community, and West London Mission, which seeks to support those impacted by homelessness, poverty and other trauma, has always been a charity close to the school's heart.

The donation is the result of incredible fundraising efforts and hard work led by Wetherby Senior's Parent Teacher Association.

Marylebone loses nearly half its Michelin Stars

Fitzrovia may steal Marylebone's foodie crown, as Marylebone has reduced from having five Michelin Star restaurants to just three.

Locanda Locatelli, Trishna, and Portland are the three left as both Roganic and Text are closing permanently. Not that any restaurants are currently open to enjoy!

The Party's Over for Illegal Parties

As millions of people and businesses across London continue to make sacrifices to

help stop the spread of COVID-19, a small number of rule-breakers have driven a rise in illegal gatherings and pop-up nightclubs across the city, ignoring essential public health guidance and putting local communities at risk.

Last weekend, council officers were alerted to a location on Edgware Road at which more than 150 people were found drinking, smoking and partying, complete with a DJ setup. Each attendee was presented with a £200 fine, while the DJ was served with a £10k fine as well as having their music equipment seized. The council is also pursuing a venue closure notice, which would remove the opportunity for organisers to rearrange future parties and gatherings. The council runs a 24/7 service, so is able to respond to incidents like this quickly. We are always working closely with our police partners.

“Ending unsafe parties and gatherings is a continued challenge for the council,” said Cllr Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration. “We shall keep up our efforts to help curb the spread of COVID-19 across Westminster by stopping these illegal and dangerous events and we thank both the public and the police for their support.

Marylebone Mums and Dads Community and Play

The Marylebone Mums & Dads community is continuing to provide friendship and support to local families during this difficult period with schools shut for an extended period. It would not be an overstatement to say that families are really struggling, especially those with younger, school-aged children. The pressures of combining homeschooling and working, while juggling isolating in small flats without gardens is becoming impossible for many.

Times like this highlight the immense need for public outdoor space and crucially play space in the Marylebone area. The short days with limited daylight outside of school hours have meant few opportunities for outdoor play for families, the majority of which have no outside space at home. Timetabled lunch breaks of 40 minutes in some cases mean a 15 minute walk to Regent's or Hyde Park is not feasible. Paddington Street Gardens is the only publicly accessible, conveniently-located play space in the area and there have been days when it has been very crowded with social distancing difficult to adhere to. Sadly the loss of the outdoor play space at Luxborough St could not have come at a worse time - just when people value outdoor space far more than we ever have done.

Looking beyond lockdown, the closure of the Seymour Leisure Centre Soft Play facility and more recently the “temporary” closure of the climbing wall there too means our children and families have very few opportunities for play and exercise not only now during a difficult lockdown period but also in the future.

Many families in the area have no family or support network locally. Lockdown has affected the mental health of everyone, adults and children, and parents with young children have been struggling especially due to the lack of social interaction. The Marylebone Mums & Dads group is unfortunately unable to hold regular meetups currently but continues to be very active through the multiple social media channels. As well as friendship and fun, the group provides support, advice as well as sharing

As well as membership and fun, the group provides support, advice as well as sharing information and recommendations for parents and carers in Marylebone. It is a truly supportive community and we welcome new members, especially during this time when we all may need maybe a little extra support to get through the weeks.

Find us @MaryleboneMumsDads on Instagram, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/marylebonemums> and on Twitter @MaryleboneMums. The group also has various Telegram/Whatsapp groups of interest to parents - email MaryleboneMums@gmail.com for more details.

A Thank You for Helping to Change Lives



St Marylebone Parish Church and its community partners are issuing a massive thank you to local people for helping to make its Christmas appeal an overwhelming success. Over 600 needy local families in our parish received either a child's book for Christmas or a £50 voucher for an entire Christmas dinner.

Your donations were converted into vouchers at the local Daunt bookshop and Waitrose on the Marylebone High Street and delivered by Chaplain Fr Jack and the team at St Marylebone Parish Church to many grateful recipients. The parish church friends and neighbours at the London Clinic also offered enormous support by creating additional food hampers and collecting books from a number of their suppliers.

St Marylebone Parish Church Chaplain Father Jack Noble said: "After a difficult year for a lot of people, it was wonderful to see the delight on so many faces and the real difference this project made to so many. Everyone I spoke to was totally overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. Thank you."

Further good news then followed, with a match funding donation of £5,000 from the

Church Revitalisation Trust, allowing the St Marylebone Parish Church and the London Clinic to continue to join forces and support more people into January. This donation will go towards creating additional food hampers for frontline hospital staff and local families on free school meals. To help families develop their cooking skills on a budget Executive Chef Paul O'Brien at the Clinic will host a selection of Zoom Cookery Masterclasses. The Head Chef at the London Clinic has also made an amazing cake in the shape of the church which looked fantastic - until eaten.

There will also be an additional delivery of over 600 homemade sandwiches and cupcakes to the frontline staff working tirelessly at St Mary's Hospital and University College London Hospitals during this difficult time.

If anyone would like to show their further support for this wonderful project, please contact: RachaelChurch@stmarylebone.org

Moxon Street Car Park Site



Piling commenced along Cramer Street and St Vincent Street and along Aybrook Street week commencing 18 Jan 2021.

Upcoming events:

- Continue piling along St Vincent and commence along Aybrook Street
- Completion of permanent hoarding, gates and vehicle to form new one way system
- Parking bays have been suspended on Aybrook street to allow for a safe zone for piling. (see picture to the right)
- Commence capping beam along Cramer Street

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WESTMINSTER WIDE

Oxford Street - update

We attended an online presentation on the latest Oxford Street District (OSD) plans last week hosted and presented by Councillor Melvyn Caplin and the OSD Project Manager Elad Eisenstein.

WCC is keen to continue with the OSD scheme but with 30 to 40% closures forecast the clear need at present was to develop policies to combat that and pull businesses back in. So there are no imminent plans to go ahead with any road closures on Oxford Street. For the present WCC wishes to introduce a series of temporary measures in a pragmatic approach to develop the street to cope with current demands.

We were given an assurance that we will be consulted prior to the implementation of any of the temporary schemes so they can be discussed beforehand and their consequences assessed prior to their introduction (unlike at Regent Street last year).

It was emphasised that temporary means just that and we took some comfort from the Project Manager's statement that with any of these schemes, temporary or otherwise there is no intention to create any displacement of traffic through the areas surrounding Oxford Street, which is one of our major concerns.

We look forward to attending regular meetings during the course of the year on the Oxford Street proposals and will be keeping members informed of their outcome through the Newsletter.

The Council has launched a new website for the 'Oxford Street District' <https://osd.london/about/>

Zero Emissions Transport Zone (ZETZ)

You have heard of ULEZ, LTN and the C-charge, but is ZETZ the new acronym for London traffic to deal with? The [New West End Company](#) is proposing a Zero Emissions Transport Zone by 2025. Should Marylebone be part of this?

Coming Our Way





Is it a giant rubbish bin? No, it's a cycle store, and we just hope that Westminster didn't spend too much on the design.

We can look forward to seeing a considerable number of these grace our streets in the coming months and it is true that the more we are encouraged to cycle the more we need think about cycle parking.

Westminster Council over the last decade has done a good job in finding spaces for cycle hoops all over the borough but still there are not enough spaces and the hoops are neither secure nor do they provide cover for the bikes. They are essentially intended for destination cycling for people cycling around the borough and parking for short periods.

Bicycle theft continues to be a serious problem despite magic marking and expensive locks. One solution WCC has come up with is the bicycle hanger, which are springing up all over Marylebone. These are welcome and there are waiting lists for spaces within them.

However, there are two problems here - the first being they are a hideous design. Many parts of Marylebone fall within conservation areas because of our heritage architecture. Could WCC not find a more attractive hanger than this one in Bryanston Square? Perhaps competition for a better design is needed. Secondly, they do not hold many bikes.

However, it should not be the sole responsibility of WCC to think of ways of providing more cycle parking in this more eco era. Around the West End a few outlets like 'Bike Drop' or Spokesafe have started opening up where you can park your bike securely (for a weekly/monthly fee) but these are mostly aimed at the daily commuter with the expensive bike. People still need parking back at home. Many of the mansion blocks do not have bicycle storage for residents – they should try to find a corner for their residents to park their bikes.

Perhaps the lovely garden squares could find a hidden spot to put a secure bike shed for their residents? Offices or blocks of flats could convert some underground parking spaces into secure parking for bikes. Perhaps the Estates could find spaces in underground car parks which could be sealed off and made secure for local residents to rent? Westminster could also be bold and look to examples abroad such as in Tokyo where they do things in [style](#).

More Planning deregulation proposed

Fancy living in your old favourite shoe shop or restaurant? Marylebone could look very different in a few years time with plans to allow shops and any business property to become residential. The government has taken yet further steps to deregulate the planning system and with it diminish community say in future development.

The latest proposals, the biggest and potentially most radical of the changes yet proposed would see permitted development rights (PDR) extended further to allow business (in the new Class E) to convert to residential without the need for planning permission. Despite the entire justification for it being related to high streets, the rights are not limited to high street properties, but in fact apply to every commercial unit in England wherever situated.

From 1 September last year a commercial, business and service (Class E) use class was introduced to provide “greater flexibility” to move between a wider variety of uses, from banks and restaurants to gyms and crèches, without planning permission.

The government’s planning White Paper argued that they wanted to give communities a more meaningful voice in the future of their area. These proposals seem to suggest the government wants to give communities as little voice as possible.

The government is now consulting on their latest proposals: “It is proposed that the right would allow for the change of use from any use, or mix of uses, within the Commercial, Business and Service use class to residential use (C3). The right would replace the current rights for the change of use from office to residential (Part 3, Class O of Schedule 2 to the General Permitted Development Order), and from retail etc to residential (Part 3, Class M of the General Permitted Development Order) which remain in force until 31 July 2021.”

Pubs, theatres and live music venues would not fall under this use class.

The government has proposed that there should be no size limit on the buildings that can benefit from the right. There is some nominal safeguarding in that certain categories would require prior approval. These prior approvals would apply to such conversions including flooding, transport and contamination. To ensure appropriate living conditions the prior approvals include the impacts of noise, the provision of adequate natural light, and fire safety.

Unlike the previous planning deregulation measures, these do not exempt conservation areas, with the rather weak exception of the inclusion of some specific prior approval criteria allowing councils to consider the impact of the loss of the ground floor use to residential within conservation areas.

Given the impact that Covid 19 and the associated restrictions have had on the economy, there will be a real temptation for commercial landlords to go for a short term gain and change vacant units to residential before looking at other, more traditional, commercial uses for them. Even if a business remains it may see their income fall as other businesses in the area, and their employees, leave.

This will not benefit residents as there will be the impact of the loss of valuable community facilities, including shops which meet local needs. We will also see increased demand for remaining facilities. A few small developments may be possible without this impact but if the impact is large or large sites are included in these proposals, it could have a substantial adverse impact on our area.

The Association therefore believes that this PDR should not be implemented and has

submitted a response along these lines. However, if it is decided that it makes sense in some parts of the UK, we are of the opinion that it should not apply in London's West End and CAZ area. There may be an argument for it in some parts of the country with derelict and dying high streets, but this is not the position in our area, and we can only see it doing harm by undermining the existing commercial areas. Our area does not need this PDR as there are significant negative consequences associated with its introduction.

Unrestrained development might sound enlightened, but it has been controlled for the past 100 years for a reason.

TfL lobbies for road charging and reduced bus services

Faced with an ever ballooning debt burden TfL is looking to new forms of income. These are set out in a document commissioned by TfL called 'New Solutions for a Changing City'.

Smart Road Pricing (SRP) is a proposed evolution of the current Congestion Charge, ULEZ and tolling systems (such as DART). In this way TfL would finally abandon the pretence of green levies and switch to a comprehensive tax on all roads within the area of their control, to be paid by all road vehicles with a combustion engine.

Further bus reductions are also proposed. Due to the high fixed cost of rail infrastructure and the relatively low marginal cost of bus operation, "encouraging more bus users to switch to rail where possible will make more efficient use of the network overall, reduce the cost of bus operation, and release capacity on the road network for more active travel."

For this to work, it requires more integration of fares to allow for easier, "multi-modal journeys" based on a simple universal fare structure for all, removing the separate flat bus fare and zonal rail structures. This would require changes to existing fare structures including a single network-wide approach to fares that is harmonised across bus and rail.

This will have the effect of reducing the scale and cost of bus operation by removing duplication and driving growth in demand for rail services. It will mean bus fares becoming more expensive, offset with concessionary fares targeted at those in greatest need.

TfL Road Closures ruled unlawful

London's mayor took advantage of the pandemic to introduce "unlawful" road closures and cycle lanes, according to a High Court judgment in January.

Dozens of roads were closed and others narrowed to create new cycle lanes last year in an effort to encourage walking and cycling.

The judgment followed a legal challenge by organisations representing black cab drivers who were angry about being banned from a new bus-only route on the A10 in Bishopsgate. This scheme was part of plans to make the area one of the largest car

free zones in any capital city in the world.

A High Court judge has condemned the Mayor's 'irrational' road closures and pop-up cycle lanes for unfairly excluding taxis, the elderly and disabled

In the judgement, Justice Lang added: 'The scale and ambition of the proposals, and the manner in which they were described, strongly suggest that the Mayor and TfL intended that these schemes would become permanent, once the temporary orders expired.'

“However, there is no evidence to suggest that there will be a permanent pandemic requiring continuation of the extreme measures introduced by the Government in 2020.”

Justice Lang said the A10 scheme treated cab drivers unfairly and should be abolished. But her judgment also called for an end to the Mayor's wider Streetspace initiative, including the introduction of several hundred miles of temporary cycle lane

The lanes sparked criticism from motorists for increasing congestion, and one on Kensington High Street was removed late last year following a local outcry.

In addition to cycle lanes, Streetspace - which was put in place last May - saw the implementation of bus gates, banned turns and restricted access to streets in Low Traffic Neighbourhoods across London with the aim of encouraging walking and cycling. A similar scheme was proposed by WCC for the Hyde Park Estate but withdrawn after substantial resident opposition as reported in last month's newsletter

The Judge found that TfL had also acted unlawfully in respect of the Equalities Act. The Assessment produced by TfL did not meet the required standard of a "rigorous" and "conscientious" assessment conducted with an open mind. Rather, it was "inconsistent and irrationally underrated the risk". As the Judge said, "Most worrying of all, the Equalities Assessment read as if its purpose was to justify the decision already taken".

What is happening in Hyde Park?



The Royal Parks' Movement Strategy was published last year. As part of the Movement Strategy, the Royal Parks are running six-month trials in six of the Royal Parks. They want to hear the views of the people who use these parks and have an interest in these trials

interest in these areas.

- Expanding the regular Sunday motor vehicle restriction on South Carriage Drive to include Saturday
- Motor vehicle restriction introduced on North Carriage Drive
- Creating new park space and improving the park environment for park users
- The roads remain open to all park users on foot or bicycle

The Association shares the concerns of the Hyde Park Estates Residents Association that the closure of North Carriageway Drive will only displace more traffic through residential areas in the Hyde Park Estate, particularly when traffic levels return to normal. We have responded to the consultation accordingly.

Romas move on after 7 years



The Romas have finally left their Park Lane residence, leaving devastation in their wake.

The notorious illegal camp that was home to beggars and linked to a rise in crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area was finally dismantled in January. Council workers were left to clear piles of rubbish and dismantle tents.

It was by no means the first time groups of people have set up shop on the road, with a group of rough sleepers - believed to be migrants - staying there in July.

In fact the area has been blighted by trouble over a period of some seven years, with different groups coming and going. Westminster City Council Leader Rachael Robathan said last month that WCC didn't have the legal powers or resources to deal with encampments where people refuse or aren't entitled to help and urged Priti Patel to help shut it down. Following this considerable negotiations were undertaken to remove the camp occupants. we understand.

Once the occupants left and abandoned their tents, WCC moved in armed with heavy machinery and removal vehicles, to clear up the mess.

It is not known, however, where the group have now moved to.

WCC: Changes at the Top

The following changes to the Cabinet at Westminster City Council have been announced:

Cllr Andrew Smith, current Cabinet Member for Environment & Highways has left the cabinet to focus on other commitments and the top team will reduce in size to eight resulting in a minor realignment of responsibilities. He was thanked for his work to introduce 20mph schemes across the city and, in recent months, his role in delivering the al fresco dining schemes to help hospitality businesses stay open during a difficult period.

Cllr Matthew Green, will combine his existing responsibilities as Cabinet Member for Business and Planning and take on the additional responsibility of Licensing. The Leader says this is designed to ensure Westminster can respond agilely to the difficult circumstances many businesses in the city are facing.

Cllr Melvyn Caplan, will take on an additional role delivering City Management Services, which allows for closer alignment with his existing role in driving forward the Oxford Street plans, Cllr Caplan remains Deputy Leader.

Cllr Paul Swaddle, will take on the Finance & Property brief in addition to his existing role around smart city, digital and customer services.

Cllr Heather Acton will lead a new communities and regeneration portfolio which brings together the programme to deliver new affordable homes with community engagement, community protection and police liaison. Cllr Acton will also lead Westminster Connects which has been a lifeline for some of the most vulnerable residents since the start of the pandemic.

Leader of Westminster City Council is Cllr Rachael Robathan.

The full details of the new cabinet can be found [here](#).

Property investors ended the year with a West End office buying spree

In spite of it looking like a ghost town, the big money appears to be sticking with the West End: property investors flocked to buy West End offices at the end of the year as hopes surrounding Covid vaccines improved, with over £1 billion of sales agreed in December. According to data gathered by Savills, West End office transactions in the last three months of 2020 reached £2.9 billion, which is 38% above the five year average for the final quarter.

December's turnover of £1.16 billion across 12 transactions was the highest monthly volume of the year and that this single month was responsible for approximately 25% of the total amount transacted in the West End over the whole of 2020.

Tottenham Court Road Car Ban



And finally, more traffic restrictions - as of today almost all the traffic changes planned under Camden's West End Project will be completed.

A centerpiece of the project is the new, very complicated, motor-traffic restrictions on Tottenham Court Road, with various banned turns that come into force from Monday February. Gower Street will also become two-way for all traffic from February. The traffic changes will also affect Bloomsbury Street, and some parts of High Holborn and Shaftesbury Avenue which were previously one-way and will now become two-way.

When the Monday to Saturday restrictions are in operation, only buses and pedal cycles will be able to travel the whole length of Tottenham Court Road. Drivers of private motor vehicles, including taxis, will be routed either east or west off the street at various points and "sent on a misguided tour of Fitzrovia's narrow, Georgian streetscape before joining Gower Street to escape the chaos". Fitzrovia News.

Or maybe they will end up further afield, in Marylebone for instance, where it is still possible to drive through most of our roads without multiple restrictions.

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scams Awareness

A Message from Westminster trading standards

More than ever it is crucial for everyone to be aware of scams.

Criminals around the world are targeting our friends, family and communities with scams. As the financial impact of the Covid 19 pandemic is felt globally Westminster Trading Standards and the police have seen an increase in reports of victims.

Whether it's telephone calls from people claiming to be from HMRC regarding outstanding tax; emails allegedly from your bank stating there is problem with your account; text messages allegedly from the NHS offering Covid 19 vaccines for a fee fake websites selling PPE, doorstep callers offering supposedly bargain priced home improvements or letters from clairvoyants predicting good health or wealth, the scammers aim is to con you and get access to your money or personal details.

Anyone can be a victim of scams. Criminals will exploit everybody, so it is important be on the alert.

Learn how to protect yourselves and others from scams by visiting: www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

If you do not have access to the internet, a booklet on scams can be posted. Call Westminster Trading Standards to request a copy tel: 020 7641 1111.

If you have been targeted by a scam please report it to Action Fraud, the police national fraud reporting centre at www.actionfraud.police.uk tel: 0300 123 2040

If you need advice about scams or your consumer rights contact the national Citizen Advice Consumer Service www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer tel: 0808 223 1133

EVENTS

Association Events

Covid-19, as we are all too aware, has put a temporary rein on Marylebone Association social events but as our 'virtual walk' again proved popular, here is another to consider:

Hampstead Heroes and Heroines

Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 4pm.

From art and poetry to design, architecture and literature, a virtual walk taking us from the late eighteenth century into the world of the 1930's modernists and beyond. This walk is one that would normally make the legs ache, with steep hills to climb, but which we can enjoy from the comfort of our own homes! We'll get to learn about how the area was a destination in the 1700's as a popular spa resort and, after the craze of taking the waters ended, how it became a creative enclave with former homes of artist John Constable and poet John Keats. We get to visit "the

became a creative enclave with former homes of artist John Constable and poet John Keats. We get to visit "the nest of gentle artists" where in the 1930's there was a thriving community of distinguished writers and artists such as Henry Moore, Paul Nash,

Barbara Hepworth, Ben Nicholson and Piet Mondrian. Architecture is not forgotten with the modernist home of E Goldfinger and the connection between London Zoo and another modernist masterpiece the Isokon Building with connections not only to artists and writers but also to spies!

Fee £10.00 per household - for further details contact Lois German on 0207 487 2706 or email: lois.german@marylebone.org

Book Club

Tuesday 2 February 2021

Members normally meet at The King's Head pub in Westmoreland Street – but since this is not possible right now meetings are via Zoom. Anyone who is interested in joining in should contact Liz Queenan. Meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30 – but our Zoom meetings start at 5.

This month's choice is East West Street by Philippe Sands.

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.

Sadly all cancelled until further notice

Marylebone Events

Boxing

Rathbone Boxing Club's non-profit arm, Rathbone Amateur Boxing Club, is pleased to announce an initiative to keep young children active during Lockdown.

Following on from a successful programme over the Christmas holidays the club will host free weekly ZOOM sessions combining boxing technique, exercise and games for children from 5-11 years of age. Each session will be led by two England Boxing qualified coaches who are safeguarding trained and DBS checked.

The sessions are funded by Camden Giving so are completely free and everyone within the age range is welcome. They will run every Monday from the 18th January 4:30pm for 40 minutes and require no equipment; however, please ensure the area used is clear and your child has a drink to hand.

The FREE CLASS will run on Mondays for 12 weeks and daily during Half-Term in addition. Please join us using the joining details below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6274390114?pwd=eVhEbHZQRG5xWVdiSTFvK2s0VVRaUT09>

Meeting ID: 627 439 0114. Passcode: Rathbone

Westminster Council Q&A session

Westminster Council is running an online Q&A session on vaccination on Wednesday 3 February at 6.30pm. Join Lord Simon Woolley CBE, founder of Operation Black Vote, Professor Kevin Fenton, regional director at Public Health England, Cllr Rachel Robathan, Leader of Westminster City Council and a panel of health experts and community representatives for an open conversation about the COVID-19 vaccination.

The event will be live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube and the council's website and will offer the opportunity to ask questions and share any concerns you may have about the COVID-19 vaccination.

Agneta Lindberg Studio

Agneta Lindberg, known to many of you through her counselling work and her fitness studio, has designed an online Zoom workout to ease us through the pandemic. This 30 minute session is suitable for any fitness level, and is designed to warm up the major joints of the body, get you ready for the day. You will learn exercises to strengthen and mobilise and you are welcome to work at your own pace and comfort. No prior experience is required, no equipment needed and as long as you are pain & injury free you are very welcome to join in.

Register in advance for this workout. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Tuesday 09:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/t7Akdu6vqzcrHtVMvi66e8hDe7awvqzrDr>