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Belgravia Bulletin

FOREWORD



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Dear all,

It has been a busy few months in Belgravia. We hope you have enjoyed once again the spectacular events in Belgrave Square and spent time watching Wimbledon from the Halkin Arcade or listening to acoustic musicians in Eccleston Yards.

There is also a lot to report on community and sustainability initiatives. Ebury Street is piloting the world's first green lamp posts; technology that could be transformative for improving air quality and wellbeing in urban areas worldwide. And we are proud to provide the initial sponsorship of an initiative organised by the Belgravia Residents Association, supporting the wellbeing of local veterans through free horse-riding lessons. You can read more about these in the magazine and here in the bulletin.

We were pleased to welcome over 200 people to our second public consultation on the redevelopment of Cundy Street and received a lot of useful feedback. Please do continue to send us your thoughts and look at the project website.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the summer in Belgravia and thank you for reading.

Best wishes,
Douglas Crichton and Paul O'Grady

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BELGRAVIA IN BLOOM

Retailers across Belgravia decked their stores in floral fancies to raise money for life-changing charities

Stunning flower displays took centre stage for the week-long Belgravia in Bloom festival that has also helped raise awareness of a charity aimed at keeping children safe from danger worldwide. Marie-Chantal London was one of 50 Belgravia retailers to take part in the festival, donating 10 per cent of their profits during the week to the charity Innocence in Danger, which undertakes to preserve the physical and psychological safety of children. They dedicated a floral installation at the flagship store on Motcomb Street to help spread Innocence in Danger's message.

RETAIL NEWS

Motcomb Street

We are delighted to announce that **Teresa Tarmey**, one of the leading international skincare specialists, will be opening a new store shortly at 6-7 Motcomb Street.

Waitrose will be re-opening on August 2 following their internal refurbishment. The store will now include a cash machine among many other beneficial changes.

We are pleased that the **Halkin Arcade** is now complete and we are reviewing our plans for Phase 2, which will be the refurbishment of the terrace area.

West Halkin Street

Plans for the former Barclay's Bank unit are in progress and we have submitted an application for a change of use to retail. We hope to begin construction towards the end of 2019. More on this to follow in due course.

Eccleston Yards

Over Glam is now open at 13 Eccleston Yards, offering a wide range of accessories and apparel for dogs.

Studio Pottery London is coming to 29 Eccleston Place this summer (more on page 7).

LondonCryo is set to open in September at 15c Eccleston Place, providing cryotherapy among other treatments.

Londoncryo.com

Also in September, mindful art studio **Masterpeace** opens at 12 Eccleston Yards.

Elizabeth Street

We are excited to welcome **Katie Leamon** to 73 Elizabeth Street in September. Katie Leamon offers beautiful stationery, as well as printing workshops, while championing eco-friendly credentials.

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Pimlico Road

We look forward to welcoming **Chelsea Textiles** to 40-42 Pimlico Road, who will open later in the autumn.

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PINCH is expanding to take a second shop at 200 Ebury Street and we are looking forward to their opening later in the year.

pinchdesign.com

Timothy Langston will be moving from 20a Pimlico Road into a larger showroom at 198 Ebury Street.

timothylangston.com

We were delighted to host **BADA Collection** at 46 Pimlico Road earlier in the summer. The exhibition showcased a fascinating collection of antiques from some of the country's most respected dealers.

SUSTAINABILITY

We have become a founding partner of the London Air Quality Campaign, #AirWeShare. The campaign's ambition is to measure air quality, raise awareness and alter Londoners' behaviour to reduce their total exposure to air pollution.

airweshare.co.uk

We are delighted to be working in partnership with

Wild West End to encourage wildlife, including birds, bees and bats into our London Estate, while identifying greening opportunities and creating connections with nature for our residents, occupiers and visitors.

The Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA) is running free educational events and tenant workshops to help the delis, restaurants and cafés on our London Estate improve how they work to help the environment. We are particularly keen to hear from our food and beverage occupiers who are interested in helping eliminate single-use plastics. Please contact sustainability@grosvenor.com or your Property Manager for further information.

We'd love to hear from tenants and occupiers interested in sharing their environmental data (energy, water and waste) with us. Please contact your Property Manager to be involved.

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTATIONS

27 Eccleston Place

Thank you to all those who took part in our series of consultations on the reconfiguration of 27 Eccleston Place. We received widespread positive comments from the community about our plans and as a result have now submitted a planning application. We will provide a further update later in the year.

RECENT LOCAL EVENTS

Belgrave Square BBQ

This was the ninth year in which the Belgrave Square Garden Events Committee held its fabulous barbecue. Some 400 local residents and friends enjoyed champagne, Pimm's and cocktails, with Rémy Cointreau and Pierre Hermé working together on pairing delicious treats. Beautiful flowers from the magnificent Neill Strain added the finishing touch.

Dogs

The Belgravia Dog Show has become a fixture in the diary and this year – its sixth – brought all breeds of dogs with their adoring owners. All profits from this day were donated to Dogs Trust and Canine Partners.

Motcomb Street Party

Organised by Sue Liberman and the Motcomb Street Party Committee, the 31st street party was held on June 12. Money was raised for two excellent causes, the Lullaby Trust and the Household Cavalry Foundation.

Belgravia Classic Car Show

This year was the third anniversary of this most impressive car day with 275 vintage and classic cars parked around the square. We very much look forward to planning the 2020 show and welcoming everyone back next year.

Belgravia Dog Show



Wilton Crescent Gardens



GROSVENOR WORKS

Grosvenor is commencing the following external repairs and redecorations across Belgravia during the next three months. Your Property Manager will have been in contact with you to discuss these and will provide further communications before these works commence. While we appreciate that these works, and particularly scaffolding, can cause some disturbance, it is necessary that these works take place to maintain the building fabric and retain the beauty of the Belgravia Estate. We will aim to keep the impact of these works to a minimum. If you require any further information, please contact your Property Manager, who will be able to assist. The planned works are subject to change – please speak to your property manager should you have any queries.

NORTH BELGRAVIA:

<i>Address</i>	<i>Anticipated Start Date</i>
85/88 Eaton Square	15/07/19
94/97 Eaton Square	15/07/19
6-8 Eaton Place	22/07/19
30 Eaton Place	29/07/19
14/17 Eaton Square	01/08/19
72/72A Elizabeth Street	05/08/19
25 Wilton Row	12/08/19
45 Eaton Square	19/08/19
5/7 Eaton Square (5)	01/09/19
5/7 Eaton Square (6)	01/09/19
114 Eaton Square	01/09/19
90 Eaton Place	02/09/19
2 West Eaton Place	02/09/19
Bradbrook House	30/09/19
15 Grosvenor Crescent Mews	01/10/19
69 Kinnerton Street	01/10/19

SOUTH BELGRAVIA:

<i>Address</i>	<i>Anticipated Start Date</i>
38 Ebury Street	10/06/19
19 Cliveden Place	15/07/19
20 Cliveden Place	15/07/19
63/63A Elizabeth Street	22/07/19
19 Cliveden Place	02/09/19
20 Cliveden Place	02/09/19
75/77 Elizabeth Street	09/09/19
75/77 Elizabeth Street	09/09/19
25/25A Eccleston Street	07/10/19
96 Ebury Street	04/05/20

Cundy Street

In June we hosted our second public consultation and welcomed over 200 people over four days. This consultation showed our emerging designs, which had been developed and informed by the feedback from our first event in April. Information about the project is available at cundystreetquarter.com. Please do visit it and give your feedback. Details of our next event will be published later in the year. The team can be contacted any time at cundystreet@grosvenor.com.

35-39 Elizabeth Street

Following consultation with local residents and retailers, we have submitted an application to convert the old National Westminster bank into a restaurant. The application also proposes to rebuild the currently derelict building at 35 Elizabeth Street as a small retail unit with residential flats above. We believe that both of these changes will bring considerable benefit to this corner of Elizabeth Street.

GARDENS

Open Squares Day

On Saturday, June 8, the estate took part in Open Garden Squares Weekend. Open Garden Squares Weekend highlights some of the best gardens and green spaces that make up the rich tapestry of London's green infrastructure by opening up private gardens and spaces to the public. It's a great opportunity to show parts of London that may not always be accessible and encourages many visitors to the area. This year the estate saw record numbers of visitors across our gardens.

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HORSES FOR HEROES

Horse-riding sessions aimed at helping combat veterans re-adjust to civilian life are being organised by the Belgravia Residents Association alongside the Royal British Legion. The free lessons started this spring and take place in Hyde Park, with veterans also able to unsaddle their horses and spend time with them after each session. Qualified instructors accompany each group of veterans on their rides, offering help and advice regarding their mounts. Organised by BRA committee member Cecile Sealy, the sessions are being sponsored for a full year by Grosvenor.

COUNCILLORS

News and views from your Knightsbridge and Belgravia ward councillors

With the major protests by Extinction Rebellion in central London hitting the headlines recently, there is no doubt that the subject of the environment is on the public agenda.

Protecting our environment is something that we, as councillors, take very seriously, and there are a couple of exciting initiatives to improve air quality taking place locally. The first is the installation of green columns on six lamp posts on Ebury Street. These green pillars will have a range of vegetation to reduce air pollution, promote biodiversity and help with noise reduction. Although this is just a pilot, if successful, they could be rolled out across Westminster. And with 14,000 lamp posts in the borough, it could go some way to improving the air we breathe.

Another development related to air quality is that Westminster City Council has requested powers to issue instant fines to drivers who are caught leaving their engines running unnecessarily. The council's #DontBeldle campaign started in 2017 with drivers being given a warning and a leaflet on the serious impact that leaving a car engine idling has on air quality. Now, the Department for Transport is considering increasing the existing £20 fine to a £100 on-the-spot penalty to create a greater deterrent.

Air quality affects all of us, all the time, and these relatively small changes that we can make now will benefit everyone, and make Belgravia an even better place to live.

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Other local news

Chronicles of wartime Belgravia

Life in Belgravia during and after the Second World War is being written about by former resident Maureen Rubichon. Now in her eighties and living in the South of France, Mrs Rubichon decided to write her memoirs to present life in the area as she saw it then, during the war years. “I felt that this period was a parenthesis in time, creating a bridge between the two totally different periods.

I also wanted to leave to my four daughters a link to their English



Maureen Rubichon, who has chronicled life in Belgravia during the Second World War

heritage.” The book will include photographs and illustrations, including a painting she did as a child of the house opposite her own home. She is visiting London this summer in the hopes of getting her manuscript published.

WAITROSE BAGS TITLE

Waitrose emerged as winners of the fourth Belgravia pub quiz at The Star Tavern.

Led by Motcomb Street branch manager Ross Borthwick, they defeated five other teams in the closely fought contest which took place at the historic watering hole.

With each quiz taking place for charity, The Doorstep Library at 34 Grosvenor Gardens will receive a cheque, having been nominated. The charity recruit and train volunteers to go into the some of the most disadvantaged areas of London and teach children the pleasure of reading.



The winning Waitrose team outside The Star Tavern



Voices like angels

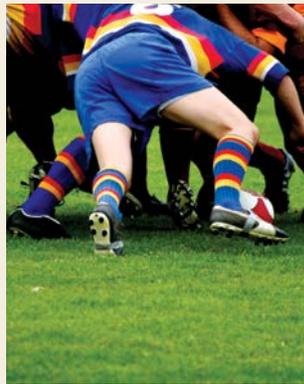
Young singers from Belgravia beat off top choirs from around the UK to make it through to the finals of the BBC *Songs of Praise* Young Choir of the Year 2019. Francis Holland School in Sloane Square were up against Rochester Grammar School and Tring Park School for the Performing Arts in the climax of the nationwide competition. The Senior Chamber Choir of 27 girls were told they sang Doerksen's "Faithful One" "like angels" by judges Russell Watson, J. B. Gill and Carrie Grant, but just lost out to eventual winners Tring Park School. Headmistress Lucy Elphinstone said: "We are very proud not only of their flawless performance, but also their modesty and enthusiasm."

VICAR'S FOND FAREWELL

Churchgoers from St Michael's bid a fond farewell to departing minister Charles Marnham and his wife Tricia at the annual summer garden party at Chester Square Gardens in June. The couple have been ministers in the parish for 24 years and will be retiring this summer. Live jazz, canapés and cake featured at the free event, aimed at bringing the local community together to interact, as well as promoting the church and its varied programme of events and services.



Tricia Marnham (vicar's wife, Family Life and Women's Ministry), Jelena Vilotjievic (Ministry Trainee) and the Revd Preb. Charles Marnham, vicar of St Michael's.



Game on

Rugby fans awaiting the start of the Rugby World Cup this autumn will be treated to special screenings at two Belgravia venues. The Alfred Tennyson's loft space The Ruby Rogue will be showing early-morning matches screened live from Japan, alongside rugby breakfasts and a lunch menu of pub classics, while The Lanesborough's Garden Room will be converted into a screening room, with a breakfast menu by Michelin-starred chef Steeven Gilles. The World Cup runs from September 20 to November 2.

BELGRAVIA'S OPEN GARDENS

Belgravia's hidden green spaces opened their gates to the public for one special weekend this June. The Open Garden Squares Weekend revealed more than 130 gardens to visitors, including Chester Square, Wilton Crescent Garden and Belgrave Square, which received more than 1,000 visitors. Guided walks also took place around Belgravia and Pimlico, and entertainment came from performances by the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, poets and singers, with activities for children, as well as food and drink.



Chester Square Gardens