

Your community news from



Belgravia Bulletin

FOREWORD



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Dear all,

We hope you enjoyed reading the first edition of our *Belgravia Bulletin* – many thanks to those who have provided their feedback.

In particular, thank you to everyone who attended our development consultations during the spring and provided us with their views. We were very pleased with the level of interest and response that we received and your thoughts have been invaluable in helping us to create proposals that will benefit the community. More detail on these projects' progress is provided on page IV.

In May the area played host to Belgravia in Bloom, which showed off the streets at their best. Thank you to all those who participated this year. We now look forward to all the events taking place throughout the summer. Please come and enjoy all that will be on offer throughout Belgravia. Details are provided on pages II and III and on our website. We hope to see you there.

Best wishes,
Douglas Crichton and Paul O'Grady

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DOUG THE PUG

Belgravia therapy dog Doug the Pug is sharing the love with a book aimed at encouraging people to be happy with who they are and celebrate the differences in everyone.

Doug the Pug - A Working Dog's Life shares his busy schedule as a working dog and has been written by his owner, Cate Archer, who is a companion animal therapy worker.

Aimed at children, it explains how Doug works in schools, helping children to feel secure and comforted, draw out problems and endorse empathy and positive social behaviour.

All proceeds from the book will go towards the Pets as Therapy charity, which is another area of work for Doug and Cate. Find out more at dougthepugtherapydog.com

RETAIL NEWS

Motcomb Street

The refurbishment of the **Halkin Arcade** is almost complete (see picture overleaf). A number of restaurants and cafes will offer open seating throughout the summer in this brand new space, which will also host a series of events.

At the same time, we are working up proposals for a new standalone restaurant overlooking the Halkin Arcade on the site of the current **Jumeirah Lowndes Terrace** and will keep you informed.

The Pantechinon is on track to be fully open by late summer and we look forward to providing more details in the coming months.

Waitrose will shortly be undertaking a refurbishment of its store following the recent external decoration works.

Kinnerton Street

Mr and Mrs Majeed have now retired and **Jay's Newsagent** has closed. We have obtained planning consent for the retention of the retail unit at ground floor and basement level, together with permission for enhancements to the shopfront and the creation of a separate self-contained flat above. Works will start shortly and are due to complete in early 2020.

West Halkin Street

Plans for the former **Barclays bank** unit are now underway and we expect to submit an

application shortly for change of use to retail. We hope to be on site by October this year with works lasting around six months.

We were all saddened to hear of the closure of **Grace Belgravia** and are working with the owners of the building to identify future uses.

Eccleston Yards

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Ole & Steen is now open at 31 Eccleston Place, on the corner of Eccleston Street. Please do pop down for a cinnamon social or two!
oleandsteen.co.uk

Elizabeth Street

We are pleased to welcome **Issy's** to 36 Elizabeth Street. Issy's offers a full range of hair services, exclusively using products from sustainable beauty brand **Davines**.

Pimlico Road

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

We are delighted that **Pinch** is expanding to take a second shop at 200 Ebury Street and thank John Adams for everything he has done for Pimlico Road over the years.
pinchdesign.com

Next door, **Volga Linen** will open temporarily at 198 Ebury Street while we let the unit on a permanent basis.
volgalinen.co.uk

EVENTS AND SAVE THE DATES

Open Garden Squares Weekend
Throughout Belgravia
June 8-9

Motcomb Street Party
June 12,
5.30-10.30pm

Belgrave Square Barbecue
Belgrave Square Garden
June 22

Belgravia Dog Show
Belgrave Square Garden
June 22

Belgravia Classic Car Show
Belgrave Square Garden
June 23

Live Music at the Yards
Eccleston Yards
Every Saturday in June,
3-8pm

Wimbledon screenings
Eccleston Yards
July 1-14

mayfairandbelgravia.com



Belgravia Classic Car Show



Motcomb Street Party





Halkin Arcade
refurbishment

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

We are delighted to partner with Arbeit at 27 Eccleston Place, the former Audi garage, on an interim basis prior to the proposed development starting. Arbeit provides affordable creative workspaces for artists, designers, small businesses and start-ups.
arbeit.org.uk/victoria

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. To celebrate, Grosvenor will be volunteering at the hospital in June. We will be redecorating the nurses' quarters and also helping in their communal gardens.

If you would like any more information on volunteering at

the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, please email belgravia.marketing@grosvenor.com.

SUSTAINABILITY

We teamed up with the Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA) in 2018 to support delis, restaurants and cafes in Belgravia to tackle important environmental issues like single-use plastic and food waste. In 2019 the SRA will be running free educational events and tenant workshops to help the food and beverage specialists on our estate improve how they work to help the environment. Please contact your property manager for more 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 if you would like 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 we have now submitted a planning application. We will provide a further update later in the year.

Cundy Street Quarter

Thank you to all those who attended the public exhibitions in April to share your views about the future of the Cundy Street Quarter. We were delighted with the turnout, with more than 300 people attending over the course of three days.

The team are reviewing the invaluable feedback received and will publish the results and details at our next events in June.

Information about the project is available online at cundystreetquarter.com and the team can be contacted at any time via cundystreet@grosvenor.com

35-39 Elizabeth Street

After consultation with local residents and retailers, an application has been submitted to convert the old NatWest bank into a restaurant. This application also proposes to rebuild the currently derelict building at 35 Elizabeth Street.

We think that both of these changes will bring substantial benefit to this corner of Elizabeth Street.

GARDENS

For any information in relation to garden squares, tennis court memberships and dog registrations, please contact:
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OLLIE BIDS FAREWELL TO THE STAR TAVERN

Ollie Coulombeu has left his post as general manager of the Star Tavern.

The pub at 6 Belgrave Mews West, famed for its links with the Great Train Robbery – its upstairs room was the main rendezvous point for the robbers – appointed Ollie in December 2017.

"It's with a heavy heart that I'll be leaving The Star – I have fallen in love with Belgravia and the people who make it such a fantastic community to live in.

"I want to thank everyone who has come to the pub for the great memories, the laughs and the friendship."

COUNCILLORS

News and views from your Knightsbridge and Belgravia ward councillors

The start of the financial year means a new allocation of funds to the Knightsbridge and Belgravia annual ward budget. The annual budget is £46,000, which is to be used to address issues and priorities in Knightsbridge and Belgravia.

The council has a few criteria for eligibility of proposed projects: they are to be of benefit to local residents, they are not to be against council policy, and they are to be managed by an organisation or club – not by individuals.

Examples in recent years have been new railings, the installation of traffic-calming measures, the change from single to double yellow lines on some problematic roads, a new playground for seniors, reduced-price concert tickets, the employment of a ward-dedicated planning enforcement officer, the provision of hanging baskets, deep cleansing of the pavements and additional bins.

Do you know of a group or organisation that could benefit? Is there a part of your neighbourhood that could use a bit of sprucing up? We need suggestions and proposals from residents and businesspeople – please get in touch with us or apply online at westminster.gov.uk/ward-budgets. A better Belgravia is just a click away.

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De Vroomen exhibition

Artist Ginnie de Vroomen celebrated “the joy of colour and light” in an exhibition of paintings at Hepworth Court in Grosvenor Waterside. Ginnie is married to jewellery designer Leo de Vroomen, who has a shop on Elizabeth Street in Belgravia. Two main paths have naturally evolved through Ginnie’s paintings and her relationship with the landscape: “representational”, in which she captures the transforming effect of light and the rhythms and patterns in nature, and “abstract”, in which she expresses the memories that specific places conjure up in her mind.



BRITISH POULTRY CLUB

A picture has emerged of the British Poultry Club at Eaton Square in the heart of Belgravia during the Second World War. This show in March 1943 was organised by a group of air raid wardens, who purchased rationed feed for the hens and shared the eggs. Poultry Club shows were held throughout London and the UK during the war years, raising money for the Red Cross. It was said that domestic poultry keepers helped save pure-bred poultry during World War Two.

MICHAEL DE KARE – SILVER

A new book by a Belgravia-based author sets out a “roadmap and blueprint to help companies navigate their way through these changing times”.

Winning in 2025 by Michael de Kare-Silver – a leading digital adviser with extensive experience for companies including Argos – tackles the importance of digital and data transformation in today’s business market.

Published by Troubador, it’s out now, priced £15 for a printed copy or £4.99 for the ebook.



Judith Blacklock’s new book

Beautiful flowers are an integral part of a wedding and a new book by flower arrangement expert Judith Blacklock offers a step-by-step guide on how to save money by doing your own arrangements.

The book features clear and concise instructions and invaluable advice so that anyone can have a go at creating their own magnificent floral displays.

Judith runs an internationally renowned flower school in Knightsbridge and has written 17 bestselling books on flower arranging and floristry. She also publishes *Flora* magazine.

Wedding Flowers: A Step-By-Step Guide is out on June 4 and costs £35. Visit judithblacklock.com

BLUE PLAQUES

InLink screens in Belgravia will be helping to raise the profile of London’s famous blue plaques, particularly those featuring women, in a new initiative.

Legendary actress Vivien Leigh and *Frankenstein* author Mary Shelley are both featured on plaques in Belgravia but they are just two women in a sea of plaques featuring famous men.

Only 14 per cent of the English Heritage plaques celebrate women so InLinkUK has teamed up with the charity for residents to nominate local female heroes who deserve celebrating to address the gender imbalance.

InLinkUK will be showing blue plaques in each borough on its screens and enabling a search function for users to see where they can locate them.

You can find Mary Shelley’s plaque at 24 Chester Square, while Vivien Leigh is commemorated on a plaque at 54 Eaton Square.



Motcomb Street Easter egg hunt

Hotels, hair salons, chocolatiers and other businesses in Belgravia joined in with an Easter extravaganza to bring holiday fun to youngsters over the bank holiday weekend.

The Motcomb Street Easter egg hunt, organised by Motcomb Street Traders’ Association chair Sue Liberman, saw a host of events for families including face painting, decorating Easter bonnets and following a bunny footprints Easter egg trail through the streets in search of a golden egg. Children also met the Easter bunny, watched a puppet show and enjoyed magic tricks.

TENNIS COACHING

As Wimbledon approaches, tennis fever is hitting London – with many fans keen to brush up on their skills.

Tennis coach and former national player Nick Poulton (pictured) offers coaching sessions across Belgravia, working with top hotels to provide coaching for residents and guests.

Nick represented his county as a youngster in the Nationals, even beating world champion doubles player Jamie Murray once en route to a final.

His main coaching areas include Cadogan Place and Belgrave Square and he is the preferred coaching service for hotels and clubs including The Berkeley, The Cadogan and the Caledonian Club.

Contact Nick via booftennis.co.uk



Photo by Debbie Walpole, The Snappy Artist