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Chairman's Message



George Waite
Chairman of
The Belgravia Society
and ESRA

To celebrate the
past, improve
the present, and
engage the future

Unfortunately, I must report another example of fake news:

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money should be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community, and neighbourhoods want. CIL regulations have changed the developer payment landscape by introducing the levy and also by changing when councils can seek s106 obligations. Developer payments contribute to the provision of infrastructure or refurbishment of existing provision to support the additional burden new development makes on both local and strategic infrastructure.

The levy must be used as detailed in section 216(2) of the Planning Act 2008 and regulation 59, as amended by the 2012 and 2013 regulations. This definition allows the levy to be used to fund a very broad range of facilities such as play areas, open spaces, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, healthcare facilities, academies and free schools, district heating schemes and police stations and other community safety facilities. This flexibility gives local areas the opportunity to choose what infrastructure they need to deliver their relevant plan (the Development Plan and the London Plan in London).

Charging authorities may not use the levy to fund affordable housing.

The levy is clearly an important opportunity for the community and needs good open consultation and the involvement of all of the various stakeholders. It was, therefore, most disturbing to hear that The Belgravia Society had already been involved in discussions and had reached an agreement as to how the levy should be spent. We believe that there is in excess of £200,000 available which is set to increase as larger developments progress and planning consents are given.

For the avoidance of any doubt, The Belgravia Society has not yet made an agreement or even met with any other amenity society, nor with the Neighbourhood Forum, nor WCC, nor Grosvenor or any other stakeholder to discuss CIL funds. It is important to note that the Neighbourhood Forum, WCC, and Grosvenor were all as surprised by the news as we were.

We will discuss CIL with our members and the above named stakeholders before formally presenting to WCC our wish list. Hopefully, rather than competing claims, there will be a jointly agreed set of priorities.

Belgravia is a special place and we will work to maintain and improve it for the benefit of all the community. ■



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Future Victoria



On 15th January 2020, there was an “engagement workshop”, part of a series for people who live, work and travel to Victoria. The hosts were acting on behalf of WCC, Victoria Business Improvement District, the GLA, Network Rail and TFL.

Their object is to produce a master plan for “Future Victoria” which they described as one of London's most iconic areas. The area called “Future Victoria” includes both south Belgravia and north Pimlico as well as Victoria Station; we observe the nearest to an iconic building in the area being the station.

Planners often come up with ideas totally unacceptable to communities. You have only to look at changes in local government which wholly failed because of local resistance. A previous idea to build a boulevard along Buckingham Palace Road has, thankfully,

not been heard of again. It seemed to us that trying to create a single area, incorporating parts of Belgravia and parts of Pimlico are wholly misconceived. They are two distinct communities and no plan could change that.

About 70 people attended and were divided into small groups and questions were asked about future and the current arrangements, and what people would like to see.

It was clear that people who attended wanted to protect their communities. However, there was a considerable degree of consensus on issues around Victoria Station itself. Generally, the facade, and interior metalwork, was felt to be something that must be preserved. On the other hand, the Station does need modernising. Generally, more green space is needed; there being no land available, the railway lines leaving Victoria Station

itself could be enclosed in a tunnel and the space above turned over to greening. The discussion was generally supportive in terms of the improvement of Victoria Station.

Other developments around stations had taken place. This was not appropriate round Victoria Station as any development would create change for its own sake, not to improve the area. What worked in Paddington or King's Cross does not work for Pimlico or Belgravia.

Clearly, this seems to be a trophy project that various institutions want to pursue. Our feeling is a Station upgrade is to be welcomed, but there should be no major developments outside the confines of the Station.

We will let you know as matters progress. If you have any comment, please let us know at info@belgrviasociety.uk. ■



Nickie Aiken MP

An update and report

My first full month as your MP, and it's still all rather surreal, but I'm beginning to find my way around the labyrinth that is the Palace of Westminster. I now have an office! I also have a small team who help me with casework and navigating the workings of Parliament.

I haven't made my maiden speech at the time of writing. I'm waiting for the right time in order to make an impact. I've asked several oral questions to Treasury, local government and justice ministers on a range of issues, from growing the Green Bonds Market and Sustainable Infrastructure Projects, to Business Rates and tackling the appalling child exploitation that County Lines drug gangs are involved in.

I've also had meetings and conversations with ministers regarding how we help more people off the streets and provide them with ways to turn their lives around. This government does seem genuinely determined to end rough sleeping.

I held my first surgery at the end of January and will be holding surgeries on a regular basis. To book an appointment at a forthcoming surgery, please email me at nickie.aiken.MP@Parliament.UK. You don't have to wait for a surgery as my office is more than willing to deal with issues via email and telephone if more convenient. ■

Tutankhamun – the best show in town?

By Mary Regnier-Leigh

Anyone I asked who has seen this exhibition has said it was a great one and well worth visiting – and it was. The ticket prices were expensive but that was made up by the fact that the numbers allowed in were small enough to guarantee you could actually see the exhibits. Also, many were in free-standing cases. Both sides had descriptions and information. In addition, there were relevant computer-aided videos showing things like the many layers of a sarcophagus and how eventually you saw the coffin and the mummy.

Tutankhamun reigned as Pharaoh for nine years in the mid-1300s BC. He was an obscure Pharaoh from the famed 18th dynasty, only 19 years old when he died. His tomb was very small for a Pharaoh and seemed to be accomplished very quickly.; some of the grave goods that appear were actually made for someone else, but have been re-named for him. It is possible that he died suddenly and unexpectedly. For reasons that we do not know, after his death, his cartouche (see *overleaf, top left*) was removed from monuments and seemed almost lost to history. Perhaps they had to separate him from his father, Amenhotep III, whose religious views were no longer appreciated.





*Tutankhamun's
cartouche*

However, amongst the detritus of broken stones and rubble in the Valley of the Kings, Tutankhamun's cartouche was spotted. Archaeologist, Howard Carter, was sure there would be a tomb for Tutankhamun, and Lord Carnarvon funded his search. After interruption for the First World War, the search started in earnest in 1917. After five annual sessions, the tomb was still not found and Lord Carnarvon said he would

food and model boats which, by magic, would grow for him to use; vases, alabaster items, many covered in hieroglyphs, boxes and other receptacles. There is also a bed, chairs and couches, as well as statues and statuettes, jewels and many other wonderful items.

stop the funding. Carter prevailed on him to fund one more season and on 4th November 1922 Carter found the stairway that led to the tomb. The rest is history.

The tomb had been undisturbed when it was found, so the grave goods were amazing – all in place as they had been for nearly three and a half thousand years. They included ceremonial bows, shields and figurines which would look after the dead Pharaoh, or be used by him in the afterlife; spells to guide Tutankhamun through the path to the afterlife;

As you walk round the exhibition, there is a feeling of awe, seeing these most beautiful objects. One wonders what the tombs of the other, better known Pharaohs would have been like. Yes, the best show in town. ■

The exhibition is open until May 2020 at the Saatchi Gallery.





New Leader for Westminster City Council

Cllr Rachael Robathan

We are pleased to introduce Cllr Rachael Robathan as Leader of WCC. She was elected at the Council meeting on 22nd January. Cllr Robathan is, of course, one of the councillors for Knightsbridge & Belgravia Ward, and many of us know her well.

Cllr Robathan said:

“I’d like to pay tribute to Cllr Nickie Aiken who, as my predecessor, has made our ‘City for All’ vision the road map for the way ahead, and I look forward to working with her as our local MP.

“I’m honoured to have been elected as the new Leader of Westminster City Council. Westminster is a special place at the heart of the capital, home to 250,000 residents and thousands of businesses including the nation’s high street, Oxford Street, and the wider West End. But it also faces complex challenges including climate change, air quality, rough sleeping and affordable housing.

“I’m determined to deliver at pace in a fast-changing city. That means we need to continue to drive forward our ‘City for All’ vision relentlessly and with innovation. We need to be flexible, using resources intelligently, and be unafraid of pushing forward new technology to help the people we serve and to improve lives.

“I’m looking forward to delivering world-class housing for our residents, tackling the climate

emergency we face and ensuring Oxford Street remains a great place to live, work and visit in the future. We can’t do this alone – so I’ll be determined to work together with our key partners including the public and private sector, such as the NHS, business groups and police, to achieve this.

“My passion for Westminster, my experience in the private and voluntary sectors, together with a decade as a councillor, means I’m ready to hit the ground running to deliver for our residents and maintain our reputation as a council which gets things done.”

Cllr Robathan became a councillor in 2010. Since then, she has held senior cabinet member posts with responsibility for finance, property, housing and adult services. Cllr Robathan has also sat on the finance and children’s policy and planning committees.

A mother of two, Cllr Robathan has spent most of her career in business. In addition, she is a trustee of the Westminster Almshouses Foundation, a charity which provides sheltered housing to over 60s, and is a director of the Big Lottery Fund.

We were pleased to welcome both Nickie Aiken MP and Cllr Rachael Robathan to our AGM where they were able to meet our members and share the champagne buffet. ■

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM took place on 29th January at St Peter's Church and the formalities were kept to a minimum to maximise the time for our reception.

George Waite began the proceedings with a welcome and brief introduction and report. The Minutes of the last AGM were approved. Helene Oratore gave details of the many of our activities and a wide range of projects were mentioned. She explained the breadth of our work. Mary Regnier-Leigh reported the funds we had received were satisfactory. She asked members to support the raffle and mentioned the Magazine.

Emily Anderson from Grosvenor spoke next about Grosvenor's policies on the environment. They were looking at how design, management and operation initiatives helped reduce the carbon footprint. The green lampposts in Ebury Street were certainly encouraging biodiversity. The contribution to pollution reduction has yet to be assessed. Emily went on to describe how we could all contribute to carbon reduction and climate change initiatives.

Cllr Rachael Robathan spoke next. She thanked The Society for all the work it does on behalf the community. She said that it was great that Nickie Aiken was now our MP as she understood some of the problems in Westminster that require legislative help. She referred to problems relating to short-term lets and rough sleeping. WCC was very supportive of initiatives around climate change and pollution. She mentioned the importance of finding solutions to better deal with waste. Housing was an issue. An Oxford Street Plan was proceeding. She also mentioned the Ward boundary changes.



Nickie Aiken MP was due to speak next, but had been held up by a three line whip. She had sent a message to say that she was leaving the House of Commons and should be with us in about 30 minutes. The elections were then held and the meeting concluded. Nickie Aiken arrived and was able to address us before we went into the reception. Nickie talked about homelessness and addiction that leads to it. Now as an MP, although she has no power, she is able to influence. She had talked to ministers and had been able to help them understand the problem and progress could be made. She is also now involved in Parliamentary committees dealing with homelessness and short-term letting.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excellent champagne and the food. The reception did not end until about 9pm.

Helene and Vincent Oratore generously sponsored the AGM and the wonderful champagne reception, for which we thank them, and also for organising the event, and their daughters for organising the raffle. ■

Photos courtesy of Alexandra Morgan-Thomas.



Royal Trinity Hospice

Royal Reception at Clarence House

**Thursday
23rd January
2020**

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall hosted a reception on behalf of Royal Trinity Hospice on Tuesday 21st January 2020.

Her Royal Highness has been Royal Patron of Trinity – which is the oldest hospice in the country – for over ten years and, in that time, has visited the hospice in Clapham, London on a number of occasions.

Guests at the reception at Clarence House included supporters of the charity, long-serving volunteers and those who have personally experienced Trinity's outstanding care. Among the guests were Ben Harvey, who has raised over £250,000 for the hospice and children's charity, Ickle Pickles, since his wife, Katie, died at the hospice in 2017; supporters Ian and Jane McFarlane whose daughter, Lisa Lynch's book, *The C-Word* was adapted into a BBC film following her death at Trinity in 2013; and Trinity patron, Alexander Hoare, whose family founded what became Royal Trinity Hospice in 1891. Alexander Hoare is, of course, of the banking family, well known to us as there is branch of Hoare's Bank in Lowndes Street.

During the reception, Trinity's Chairman, Adrian Williams, thanked Her Royal Highness for her support and reflected on the hospice's success in the last year, including its innovative approaches to reaching more people and improving patient care and its recent 'Outstanding' rating from the Care Quality Commission, the highest rating awarded.

Dallas Pounds (pictured here with the Duchess), CEO of Royal Trinity Hospice said, "The reception was a wonderful opportunity to introduce Her Royal Highness to some of Trinity's exceptional supporters, volunteers and champions and celebrate their contribution. It's always fantastic to see Her Royal Highness and update her on all of the news from the hospice and tell her about the difference we are making to the lives of those who need our support across central and south west London."

During the reception, Her Royal Highness was presented with an enamel pin in the shape of Trinity's new logo, which was announced last week. ■

Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum

We are very pleased to report that the Forum has been re-designated so it may continue its work to prepare a neighbourhood plan for Belgravia. It was held up as a new forum had made an application that incorporated part of Belgravia's area. That would have cut Orange Square in half!

You may recall that a very comprehensive survey was carried out last year by the Forum, whose function in completing a plan for Belgravia includes considering the kind of developments that would be acceptable.

The Forum can specify building heights it considers appropriate to the area. Design, green spaces and many different aspects of planning can be covered. The plan must not contravene the policies of WCC and they must approve it. Once that is done, it goes to a local referendum for the community to approve (or not). The Forum will also have influence on how the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will be spent.

Do join the Forum. There will be public consultations about the plan and, as a member, you will be able to vote on Forum matters. Visit thebelgraviaforum.org/join-us/membership-eligibility to join online.

The Forum will hold its AGM on 21st May at 5pm at the Caledonian Club. It may be an open meeting, but certainly there will be an open meeting in September. ■

Police and Crime



Murder outside Harrods of Mohammed Al-Araimi – Update

Detectives investigating the murder of Mohammed Al-Araimi, who was fatally stabbed near Harrods on 5th December 2019, have charged a man with murder. Badir Rahim Alnazi, 23, of no fixed address, was charged on Thursday 9th January with the murder of 20-year-old Mohammed, attempted robbery and possession of a bladed article. Alnazi appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court later the same day. Alnazi was arrested on Wednesday 8th

January after handing himself in at a central London police station. Enquiries continue.

The crime statistics seem to have got much worse. Burglaries in Belgravia and Knightsbridge have doubled in October, November and December 2019 over 2018 – 5, 10, 8 against 4, 4, 4. Theft from motor vehicles in Belgravia during October, November and December were 47, 31, 35 against the same period last year 17, 27, 21. These figures are alarming and the additional policemen promised cannot come too soon. ■



Invitation to the next Belgravia Society committee meeting

We would be delighted to see members at our meeting. Please let us know by email if you would like to come: info@belgraviasociety.uk

Space is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.

Our next meeting is on **11th February 2020**

Forbes House



Forbes House was built in the early mid-19th century and was originally called Mortimer House, after Edward Harley Earl of Mortimer and Oxford for whom the house was originally built. It was then acquired by Bernard Forbes, 8th Earl of Granard. Forbes was of Scottish origin and the Granard title was Irish, but the money came from his American wife, Beatrice Mills, as his funds were limited, and she also helped restore his Irish seat, Castle Forbes in County Longford. Another resident was Edward Douglas Pennant, 1st Lord Penrhyn from 1860 .

The house was later used in the Hitchcock film, *The Man Who Knew Too Much* with Doris Day. For over 50 years it was the HQ of the Society of Motor Manufacturers, and was allowed to fall into disrepair. It was then acquired by Sir David Barclay for his son, Aidan, who sold it to the current owner.

On 10th January, the planning application on Forbes House was heard. The main part of the application was to re-orientate the grand

staircase so that when visitors come to the house the first thing they see would be a magnificent hallway. The applicant wanted to move the staircase 90 degrees to the right. There were two reasons for this. The applicant wanted to re-orientate the house to increase privacy for the garden which is now overlooked by the Peninsular Hotel. In addition, and more importantly, he wanted to return the house to full residential use. The house was remodelled in 1912. Rather than the house being a private residence, it was used for entertaining. The new staircase was installed, but it only gave access to the entertaining rooms; access to the bedrooms was by a separate back staircase. The family using the upstairs rooms would need to come downstairs to the other staircase in order to go upstairs again to the bedrooms.

That might seem very straightforward, but not so. The house is Grade II listed, but the listing did not mention staircases. English Heritage were consulted and they said the change would cause less than substantial damage. That is Heritage-speak for, “it won’t do much

damage, so it's up to you (meaning WCC) if you agree, but sort it out for yourselves". In Heritage- and planning-speak, in order to get consent, it would be necessary to show some public benefit. You would expect that means the building has to be a public building, but that is not so. Public benefit is derived by a variety of things. One would be the restoration of a listed building, rescuing it from an uncertain future – if it had one at all. The workmen who would work there to restore it, those who would in the long term repair and maintain it would be employed. They would specialise in restoration work and might well have apprentices to train. The economy would be enhanced by the vast fortune needed to be spent on it. In addition, the owner offered to dedicate a piece of land in Grosvenor Crescent where walkers could sit and enjoy the fresh air.

However, much to my surprise, the officers recommended a refusal of consent.

In accordance with the new arrangements, WCC speakers were allowed to address the Committee: three minutes each. No one spoke against the application except the officers.

A representative of the applicant spoke and an expert on his behalf. I spoke on behalf of The Belgravia Society as the Society took the view that the application was more than justified and there was a great public benefit in restoring the Grade II Listed building which is part of Belgravia's history, as well as a common sense approach to the internal layout.

We also thought the new aspect of the hall on entering the house was spectacular. The photo does not do it justice.

It will take at least two years to complete the work. We hope we have the opportunity of seeing the finished article. ■

The Belgravia Society Planning helpline

Do not forget our Planning telephone helpline, there to guide you if you receive a Notice of a Planning Application relating to a property near you.

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Warwick Ward – Cllrs Jacqui Wilkinson, Christabel Flight and Nickie Aiken MP

Annual Free Westminster Tea Dance



Warwick Ward Councillor Christabel Flight inaugurated Westminster's Free Annual Tea Dance 14 years ago and it continues to go from strength to strength. Near 1,000 over 65s from across Westminster joined her and other councillors in early December for a fun-filled afternoon at the Great Room of the Grosvenor House Hotel. The VIPs were Julia Mackenzie (*Miss Marple*) and the Lord Mayor.

Christabel Flight said: "We were supported by 80 volunteers and, of course, the Westminster Police Cadets. The prize hamper was won by a sprightly gentleman of 100 years young. All in all, it was another tour de force.

If you want a flavour of the event, our photographer has produced a wonderful gallery of photos for you to peruse. We are now collating all the feedback – the first one I have looked at was from John, which says simply, 'The highlight of my year'".

New Anti-Idling Signs Being Installed



Cllr Nickie Aiken, when she was Leader of Westminster City Council, introduced and promoted Westminster's Anti-Idling Campaign, which

was aimed at reducing air pollution by encouraging drivers to switch off their vehicle engines whilst stationary. Anti-Idling events have been held across Westminster, including Belgravia. New lamppost signage, promoting our anti-engine idling message, is now being installed at 200 hotspot locations throughout Westminster. The eye-catching green signs will remind drivers to 'cut your engine, cut pollution' and complements the efforts of air quality marshals.

Churchill Ward – Cllr Murad Gassanly

Cllr Gassanly reports that a food-waste recycling initiative is taking place in his Ward. This sounds a great scheme and is to be welcomed.

Westminster City Council is introduced a food waste recycling trial at Churchill Gardens in autumn 2019. The estate is part of a city-wide trial with around 7,500 households taking part across Westminster. It may expand further in the future.

Around 30% of the rubbish that we throw away in Westminster is food waste. By using the new service, all your food waste can be recycled which will help reduce our impact on the environment.

The food waste collected will be sent for processing to a plant in Hertfordshire.



Cllr Gassanly, with the council's recycling team, delivering household food-waste bins in Churchill Gardens

The plant will use the food waste to produce biogas (used to generate electricity and heat) and bio-fertiliser which will be used on local farmland. Special household bins and liners have been distributed across the estate. There are challenges around the scheme and residents have been getting in touch with Cllr Gassanly to comment on various issues, especially locations of the food-recycling bins around the estate. This will be closely monitored and any problems will be addressed in the course of the trial.

Tony Devenish – GLA Member for Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham, and West Central

Cllr Devenish tells us that at least 71, 624 homes are still needed by April 2022, an average of 6,511 per quarter. Overcrowding is worse, not better.

On policing, he reports that the homicide figure is the highest since 2008 and knife crime has increased by over 52% since 2015/16.

Tony reports that Crossrail has been delayed by two years and is £2.8 billion over budget. Costs seem to be still spiralling. He does not suggest when it might be opened or whether the additional costs will have to be met by Londoners.

Please get in touch by email if you have any concerns or if Cllr Devenish can help in any way. To find out more about his work, follow him on Facebook or Twitter.

Complaints to Westminster City Council

If you have a complaint for Westminster City Council, you can “Report it” at www.westminster.gov.uk.

Failing that, you should telephone 020 7641 6000 and ask to speak to the appropriate department.

Also, do contact your councillor. They are always there to help (see page 15 for contact details). If you are not sure which Ward you are in, go to the WCC website and click on “Westminster’s Councillors”. Then either type in the relevant information or click on “Find the Ward you live in”. Then put in your address for the result.

Planning Advice

If you get a notice of a planning application near you and you want advice, telephone our dedicated helpline: 07578 969509.

Councillors' Surgeries and Contact Details

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Warwick Ward

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Tel no for Cllrs Flight and Wilkinson	020 7641 3411

The Warwick Ward Councillors meet with residents' groups, individual residents and businesses at your individual request. Please contact our Member Services Officer on 020 7641 4299.

Churchill Ward

Cllr Murad Gassanly (Con)	mgassanly@westminster.gov.uk
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If you require help and/or support with a problem, email Councillor Gassanly or call at the above telephone number. Councillor Gassanly holds monthly drop-in advice surgeries at City of Westminster Housing South Area Advice Centre, 137 Lupus Street, London SW1V 3HE, no appointment necessary. Dates for 2020 to be confirmed.

Cllr Andrea Mann (Lab)	amann@westminster.gov.uk
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Postal address for all Councillors:	Westminster City Hall 64 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP
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Membership Application

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