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Chairman's Message



George Waite
Chairman of
The Belgravia Society
and ESRA

To celebrate the
past, improve
the present, and
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The Belgravia Society continues to monitor all the things happening in and around Belgravia affecting the community. Whether the issues be large or very parochial, we do everything we can do to improve things locally. I know you are all aware of our motto “to celebrate the past, improve the present and engage the future”. This is not just our motto but reason for our existence and the incentive for our work to care and protect our community.

I am very pleased to report that we had a recent meeting with the Grosvenor Estate (GE) to discuss the future relationship with Eaton Square Residents Association (ESRA). The ESRA was formed as a sub-group of the Belgravia Society and remains so today.

GE invited ESRA to a virtual meeting on Wednesday 25th November. The meeting was chaired by Simon Mantle (GE's Associate Director for Property Management) and gave Simon the opportunity of introducing several new members of his team that are responsible for the day-to-day management of Eaton Square (ES).

It is intended that GE and ESRA will meet on a regular basis to discuss matters that concern ES. Matters that concern individual properties or individual leases will continue to be discussed directly between GE and the individual residents.

The intention is that these meetings will be open to all ES residents who wish to attend or wish to raise a matter to be discussed. There are almost 400 properties on ES, therefore, GE and ESRA have agreed that ESRA will form a committee of no more than 10 residents who will attend on a regular basis. In addition, any resident that wishes to attend to raise a matter for discussion will be invited as a guest. GE have agreed to produce minutes of meetings and to circulate these to all residents. If you are a resident of ES and would like more information regarding these meetings, or if you would like to join the ESRA Committee, please contact me via your Caretaker or email info@thebelgraviasociety.com.

As always, we are pleased to support the Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum. It is an opportunity for our residents to agree planning policies for Belgravia itself. Ultimately, as you know, the Neighbourhood Plan will be put to us all in a referendum.

The Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum is proceeding at quite a pace now and there follows an invitation to the Open Forum, not just for members, but for all the community. I do urge you to attend. I look forward to seeing you there – albeit by Zoom. Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are included in your invitation overleaf.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. ■

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC OPEN MEETING:

A Public Open Meeting to discuss the key objectives and policies that will form part of the Belgravia Neighbourhood Plan (BNP) will be held by Zoom on

Monday 14th December
from 6.30-8pm

Join the meeting by visiting zoom.us/join and use the following access codes:

Meeting ID: 898 9124 3156

Passcode: 141220BNF

(The room will be open 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time).

This meeting is part of the ongoing consultation process on the BNP – the document which sets out the objectives and vision for development and planning issues in Belgravia for the next 20 years. Anyone who lives or works in the Belgravia area is strongly encouraged to attend.

This is your chance to provide vital feedback and comments before we move to more formal discussions with Westminster City Council, culminating in a local referendum in due course. Once the Plan has passed the referendum, it will be adopted by Westminster City Council. It will stand alongside the London Plan and Westminster's City Plan and have statutory force. It is thus a powerful tool for ensuring that development in Belgravia is in accordance with the wishes of people who live and work here.



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Major progress being made towards defeating COVID

by Nickie Aiken MP



Over the last couple of weeks, our news has been dominated by signs of hope. 2020 for many of us has been the toughest year of our lives, but it seems we may now be starting to see a faint light at the end of the tunnel.

As we edge towards the festive period, we have the prospect of not just a single effective COVID vaccine, but multiple vaccines that have shown promising results in clinical trials. The leading contenders have shown to be up to 95% effective, working with the body's natural defences to build protection.

The government has ordered over 300 million doses from leading vaccine candidates, including 40 million doses of the much talked about Pfizer vaccine, 5 million of the latest inoculation from Moderna, and 100 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine developed in conjunction with Oxford University in the UK. Plans to distribute these vaccines as soon as they have been approved are advancing too.

On top of the encouraging news regarding vaccines, the UK's testing capacity continues to grow. 600,000 rapid tests will shortly be rolled out across England so that people in high risk groups can be tested weekly.

These tests, which tell whether you are infectious in minutes, may open the possibility of people being able to visit vulnerable loved ones. As I write, a pilot is currently taking place in a limited number of care homes to assess this.

As we make great progress towards defeating this virus, we can look back with pride to how we helped our neighbours and those more vulnerable than us at the height of the pandemic. You only need to go onto my podcast (*In Conversation with*

Nickie Aiken) on all the usual channels like Apple and Spotify to hear figures, including Westminster City Council Leader and Belgravia Councillor Rachael Robathan, talking about how our communities pulled together.

Of course, life is not going to return immediately to as it was prior to COVID-19. There are likely to be restrictions in place until the Spring while the major vaccine programme takes effect.

Sadly, our local economy has taken a huge hit this year and many small businesses are on their knees. Our shops, cafés and restaurants on Motcomb Street, Elizabeth Street and elsewhere across the neighbourhood, as well as our hairdressers, beauty therapists, dry cleaners, cobblers and many others, are struggling. I am so proud that Belgravia people have supported them all.

It is now more important than ever that, during the run up to, over Christmas and beyond, we continue to support them by returning to our favourite eateries, many of which have turned to take-away services during the pandemic which this working mother of two has certainly supported! Shop locally, whether in person or via click and collect, which so many small shops have embraced in order to survive. As our businesses have adapted, so have we. I am convinced that, if we all continue to pull together, we will ensure that 2021 is so much better and more positive than 2020.

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Christmas Shopping



Angela Hay of the Belgravia Traders Association just emailed as we go to press and tells us that, “Having just heard that Tier 2 is confirmed, we are trying to do the ‘official’ Elizabeth Street Christmas Lights switch-on on Sunday 6th December between 4-6pm.

“WCC will close the road and the shops will be open. A lot of them will be opening every Sunday between now and Christmas as well.”

The Belgravia Society urges you to support our shops and hospitality venues over the Christmas period so they will be there for us in the new year and into the future.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The Belgravia Society



The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

20th November of this year marked the 100th anniversary of the burial of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. This was an opportunity for all of us to remember the sacrifice and suffering of the First World War and the many young people who never came back from France to their homes.

The idea of a tomb for an unknown warrior was first conceived in 1916 when the Reverend David Railton, serving on the Western Front, had seen a grave marked by a rough cross which carried the legend, “an unknown British Soldier”. It made a sufficient impression on him to write to the Dean of Westminster in 1920 proposing that another unidentified British soldier from the battlefields in France should be buried with due ceremony at Westminster Abbey, “amongst the Kings”, to represent the many hundreds of thousands of the Empire dead. The idea was agreed by Church and government.

Great care was taken to ensure no one could know who the unknown soldier was. The remains of four of the dead were taken from separate battlefields and Brigadier Wyatt, with his eyes closed, rested a hand on one of the coffins. The other coffins were taken for reburial. The coffin of the unknown warrior remained in a Chapel overnight and was eventually transferred to the mediaeval castle at Boulogne where it awaited passage to England. A company from the French 8th Infantry Regiment stood vigil overnight.

With considerable ceremony, led by 1,000 local school children and escorted by a Division of French troops, the cortège made its way to the harbour. At the quayside, Marshall Foch saluted the coffin before it was carried on to the gangway of the destroyer HMS Verdun.

It was brought to Dover where it remained overnight and was then taken by train to Victoria Station on the morning of 11th November 1920. By gun carriage, drawn by six horses, the cortège travelled via Hyde Park and the Mall to Whitehall and the Cenotaph, which was then unveiled by King George V.

The cortège was then followed by the King, the Royal Family and Ministers of State to Westminster Abbey. The coffin was carried into the West Nave and flanked by a Guard of Honour of 100 recipients of the Victoria Cross. The coffin was finally interred just a few feet from the entrance of the Abbey with soil brought from each of the main battlefields. Tens of thousands of mourners filed past. The grave was capped with a black Belgian marble, the only such tombstone in Westminster Abbey, and engraved with brass believed to be from melted down wartime ammunition.



The tomb remains a very special place for reflection, thanksgiving and a place of national remembrance. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who was married in Westminster Abbey on 26th April 1923, laid her bouquet on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior as a tribute to her late brother who had died at the Battle of Loos in 1915. It created the custom for Royal brides since then to arrange for their own wedding bouquets to be laid on the tomb the day after their wedding.

In 2002, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother expressed her wish for a wreath to be placed on the tomb which her daughter, Queen Elizabeth II, laid the day after her mother's funeral. In a private visit to Westminster Abbey, The Queen, just prior to the anniversary, visited the tomb again and a wreath was laid for her on the tomb by a British soldier.

The tomb remains a reminder to all of us of the sacrifice and suffering of the First World War, the Second World War and all the other wars in which individuals have died for the freedom of others. We will remember them. ■

The Military Wives Choir



The Military Wives Choir came out of its beginnings in Catterick when military wives and girlfriends set it up in 2010. Nicky Clark and Caroline Job had written to Gareth Malone about the benefits of a choir and what it could bring to military wives during their husbands' deployment to Afghanistan. Gareth Malone worked with the women in Catterick, Plymouth and other military bases to make music and a film as part of a series of BBC documentaries featuring the Military Wives Choir.

It was amazingly successful and, in 2011, they performed at the Royal Albert Hall at the Festival of Remembrance. This created greater empathy for military wives and, consequently, became a number one in the UK charts, raising over £500,000 for military charities, SAAFA, the Armed Forces charity and the British Legion.

Other military bases formed their own choirs. In January 2012 members of different choirs came together to create a sustainable organisation to benefit from the success of the song. Military wives choirs expanded across 46 locations in the UK and abroad. There are now over 70 choirs, and a number of women volunteered to found the charity, the Military Wives Choirs Foundation (MWCF).



The City of Westminster has worked in partnership with Military Wives Choirs to record *Abide with Me*, which was sung at the burial service 100 years ago. It was the first ever electronic recording to be released to the public. In addition, there is a short documentary of original footage which helps retell the story of the bringing of the Unknown Warrior to Westminster Abbey. You may watch it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSNFd7EGlro.

Also, do listen again to the Military Wives Choir at the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRKYjJN0HRg.

We would like to congratulate WCC on their initiative. Funds raised from any downloads of *Abide with me* will go towards the Military Wives Choir Charity and also the City of Westminster Charitable Trust. The funds will, therefore, go towards military causes and community causes in Westminster. ■

Report by Cllr Rachael Robathan, Leader of Westminster City Council

As we emerge from the second lockdown of 2020, I think all of us in Westminster are fighting to recover from an incredibly challenging year which has placed huge strain on the local economy and transformed how we live. The council has been working hard on the twin challenges of keeping our residents safe throughout the pandemic while preparing to kick-start our businesses after those dormant weeks.

On safety, I pressed central government hard for more COVID testing facilities in Westminster and that has allowed us to provide testing centres seven days a week in community centres and residents' halls. People in Belgravia have also helped with our Westminster Connects volunteering initiative which established the Unity Works kitchen at the council's headquarters and led to tens of thousands of meals being delivered to people in need, most donated by the Berkeley Hotel. Volunteers are again ready to carry out a whole range of volunteering work, from delivering meals to picking up shopping for those unable to leave the house. I am genuinely humbled by the spirit people from all walks of life have shown in coming forward to volunteer.

Business recovery has been our other priority. With 3,700 cafés, bars, restaurants and pubs in Westminster, the hospitality trade is a major employer, employing around 80,000 people. In July we launched an 'al fresco' dining scheme which, through



the use of temporary road closures, allowed restaurants to set up temporary dining spaces in the street. It proved to be very successful – benefiting more than 500 venues – and we have just announced this scheme will run for the next six months. Coupled with that we are launching a fresh push to attract our visitors back to a city which is safe to see thanks to extra pavement space and social distance signage throughout.

In January 2021 we will launch our Inside Out Arts Festival which will bring culture out onto the streets so that people can access it safely. Supported by world famous venues, I view this event as an important show of confidence in our city.

The past year has taught us the importance of residents' organisations, like the Belgravia Society, in looking out for people. Across our city, the strength of community has been remarkable in times unique in recent memory.

May I close by saying I hope everyone manages to enjoy a Christmas celebration of some sort. With the prospect of an effective vaccine now on the horizon, we look forward to a brighter 2021. ■

The Albert Memorial



A couple of weeks ago, it was a beautiful day and we decided to explore one of the Royal Parks; Kensington Gardens seemed a good idea. The day was glorious and we were delighted to discover we could park with our residents' parking permit. We were directly opposite the Albert Memorial when we ventured into the park. Despite the observance of social distancing, there were still many people there enjoying the sunshine and the autumn fresh air.

We explored the Memorial; the amount of individual work on the figures, mosaic, decorations and statues was overwhelming. The detail and care that had been put into every part of it was extraordinary. Although you cannot see it in the photographs, the people in the frieze around the base of the monument are all individually named. Each of the statues on the corners represent continents and commerce. The railings' minute details and the work which must have gone into them is stunning.

It is the sort of place where every time you look you see something new and special.

The Memorial is opposite the Albert Hall and was commissioned by Queen Victoria in memory of her beloved husband, Prince Albert who died in 1861 at the age of 42. The Memorial is 176 feet (54 metres) in height. It cost £120,000 to build, the equivalent of about £10m today, and was met by public subscription.

The design finally accepted was that of George Gilbert Scott and formally approved in April 1863. The popularity of the Prince Consort, which he had earned since coming to the United Kingdom, led to the creation of other Memorials to him around the country.

The seated figure of Prince Albert was a separate commission. Baron Carlo Marochetti prepared the first design but that was rejected.



John Henry Foley, who was the sculptor of the Asia Group, was commissioned to make a portrait and ultimately his design was approved by the Queen. The final statue was cast in bronze and Foley died in 1874 before the casting was complete.

When you look at the Memorial, specially built directly onto the earth, you never really think about foundations – at least not those of us who are not engineers or architects! In fact, below the Memorial is a large undercroft consisting of numerous brick arches which serve as the foundation and support the weight of stone and metal used to build the monument.

In the late 1990s the Memorial had fallen into a state of disrepair and a full restoration was carried out: the cross at the top of the monument was turned to its correct

position, having been put on sideways during an earlier restoration.

Following restoration, the centrepiece of the Memorial now shows Prince Albert is covered in gold leaf – for 80 years the statue had been covered in black paint. There were various theories for this but none of them very satisfactory. English Heritage's research suggests that the black coating pre-dates 1914, and may have been the result of atmospheric pollution. However, the Memorial today is a wonderful tribute to its designers, artists and workmen and all those individuals who had a hand in its building and restoration.

We can definitely recommend visiting and revisiting the Memorial to enjoy all the aspects of this amazing piece of architecture and art. ■





Local Developments Updates

Chelsea Barracks site



The developments continue. In the current phase there have been connections to gas and water. The work should have been completed by the end of November.

The traffic lights needed to control the work safely had to be manually controlled to suit traffic conditions and switch to automatic sensors out of hours.

There has been great progress in dealing with buildings 6, 7 and 8. Penthouse cladding works have progressed on buildings 6 and 7, and block work completing on all three. Lift installation is progressing on buildings 7 and 8, and the colonnade for building 7 is preparing to commence.

Chelsea Barracks Phase 4 has been involved in a number of community initiatives this quarter. Highlights include the project team and key contractors donating £1,500 to WCC Silver Sunday event. The project delivered a week-long online site-based work placement for local students providing an insight into the construction industry.

Berkeley Hotel



On 17th November we attended a Zoom meeting relating to changes at the Berkeley Hotel. There was a very good presentation and it seems they wish to make the common parts of the hotel more friendly and open: there will be a new sushi bar and a patisserie on the ground floor; the restaurant will increase in size; there will be an extension built onto the front with much larger windows for more light (which can be seen in the CGI illustration above). The application will go two WCC in early December. We understand the planners had some reservations as it might obstruct the view of the church. However, the view of the church is already obstructed by trees, and we thought the extension does improve the appearance.

Crossrail 2

As you probably know, the government has had to bail out the Mayor and TfL. One of the conditions of the bailout is that Crossrail 2 would be shelved.

The new North-South line across London was described by the National Infrastructure Commission in 2016 as a national priority. How things have changed! Construction should have started in the early 20s, costing an estimated £33bn.

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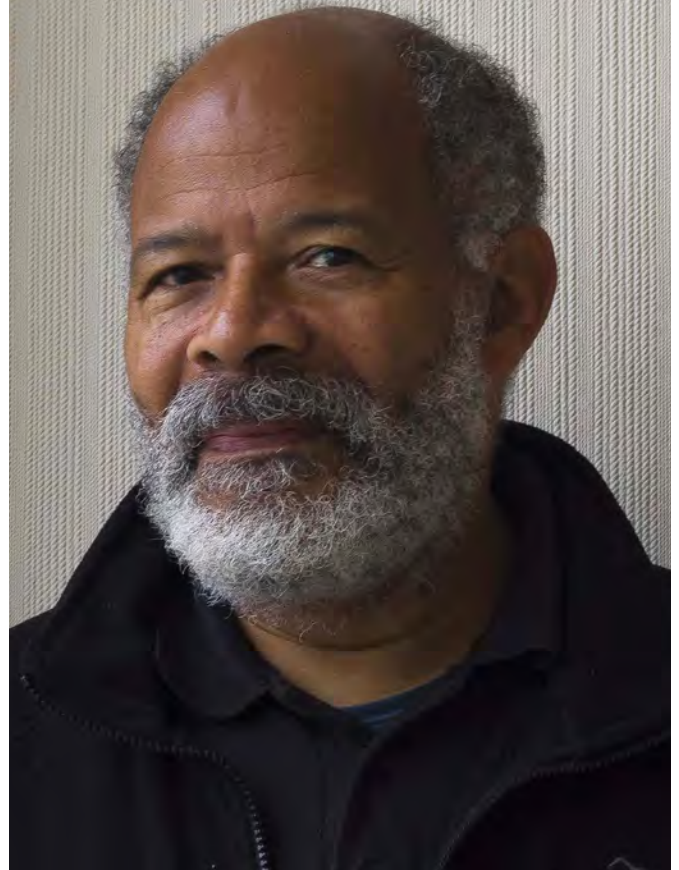
However, the imbalance in spending on the South East and other regions has changed the emphasis and the policy.

The Department of Transport has demanded that TfL “brings an orderly end to the consultancy work as soon as possible”. It was a condition of the bailout that expenditure on Crossrail 2 cease.

We understand that the skills of the Crossrail 2 team have already been transferred elsewhere. It is agreed, however, to continue to safeguard land allowing the scheme to be potentially revived in the future.

Although many of us disliked the scheme, we were prepared to accept it, subject to substantial changes in terms of protecting local areas. However, I think we can safely assume that it will be many years before the scheme is revived and we may not see it ever happen. We trust that the safeguarding will not create a blight on the areas it still affects. ■

Piano Tuner – Temporary Porter



During the lockdown our porter became ill with COVID-19. As usual, when the porter is away we rely on a temporary, agency porter. Most of the candidates have interesting other jobs as well as filling in as porters.

Perhaps the most interesting is Martin Barty. He is actually a piano tuner whose work has mostly dried up following the COVID-19 outbreak in March. He was able to tell us of all the jazz musicians he has met and worked with over the years, including Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington.

So if you want an interesting piano tuner or Porter, Martin is available at [**bartyhayes@gmail.com**](mailto:bartyhayes@gmail.com). ■

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Invitation to the next Belgravia Society committee meeting

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the meeting:

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We can only accept a limited number,
so first come, first served.

**Our next video meeting is
8th December 2020**

The Party Wall Act 1996



We all remember reading about the collapse of the house in Durham Place in Chelsea & Westminster. It set us thinking about renovations and excavations for neighbours and how it affects so many people here in Belgravia.

We are very delighted that Committee and Founder Member Trustee, Helene Oratore, has agreed to write about the problems from her personal knowledge.

Here is the first of several articles on the subject which we are sure you will find interesting.

I write both from the experience of someone who has used the Act to serve party wall notices on neighbours, and as the recipient of awards served on me.

The Party Wall Act was created to prevent and resolve disputes in relation to party boundary walls and excavations near neighbouring properties. However, this Act never anticipated, so cannot now deal adequately or fairly with, the legal complexities of lengthy, multi-million pound central London developments and all the problems that arise from them. There are huge financial incentives and time pressures which can encourage developers /owners to cut corners which can result in catastrophic consequences, especially during the ground work stages; buildings may collapse because of cost cutting exercises due to the use of inadequate structural supports.

Nor does the Act have a direct mechanism to deal with fraudulent claims for unjustified compensation. This can only be dealt with by mediation or additional expensive recourse to the Courts. Most important of all is that Councils need to provide enforcement officers to closely monitor these developments once consent has been granted.

The process requires that a building owner (BO) must give at least two months notice to all adjoining owners (AO) of his intention to build in the way set out in the Act.

A person receiving the notice may do one of three things – give consent, dissent in writing, or do nothing. If, after 14 days, the recipient of the notice does nothing, a dispute is deemed to have automatically arisen. In a dispute, each side then selects their party wall surveyor with a third surveyor to settle disputes when the two surveyors cannot agree. In all cases, the surveyors appointed under the dispute

resolution of the Act must consider the interests and rights of both owners and draw up an award, impartially. This level of impartiality is incredibly difficult to achieve, especially if all three party wall surveyors have their fees paid for by the BO.

I know of a case where an 1815 Regency cantilevered stone staircase was damaged several times by the excavation work done by the BO, who initially heavily disputed it. Finally all parties agreed that it was the BO's work that had caused the damage and the cost of the repair was to be paid for by the BO. Yet, the third party wall surveyor concluded that the costs of the structural engineer and specialists who were used to prove the damage had been done by the BO, would be paid for by the AO and NOT the BO! The only way for the aggrieved AO to have disputed this decision would have been to undertake costly litigation in the courts. ■

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What's On during Tier 2

Grosvenor has given us some last minute information following our Tier 2 designation. They tell us there are a few things that you can follow up:

- **Wander Art**, an outdoor gallery and public art trail will be fully installed in December. Look out for art in Eccleston Yards, Elizabeth Street, Pimlico Road, Halkin Arcade, Grosvenor Gardens and Eccleston Street, and visit mayfairandbelgravia.com/wander-art for more information.
- **Christmas lights** are up in Belgravia, including a brand new design on Motcomb Street, featuring radiant rainbows and sparkling angel wings.
- **The Eccleston Yards Weekend Market** returns in December, visit the market for gifts & food, Friday – Sunday throughout December
- Spend over £25 in participating shops in December and you will be entered into the **Belgravia Christmas Giveaway**, with a weekly draw for prizes from your local shops and restaurants worth up to £2000 each week. Look out for signs in shop windows to see who is participating.





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Surgeries, usually held on the second Thursday of the month, 7-8pm, are currently on hold. Please call or email for updates.

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