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VICE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Helene Oratore
is our Vice Chairman and a Committee member of the Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum. This is Helene's message:

The Belgravia Society undertakes to celebrate the past, improve the present and engage the future. This includes assisting residents with local issues and supporting local businesses so that they can operate in this very challenging economic environment. Our mantra is ''Stay local, shop local."

The Society welcomes Fraser Brough, Director of Cassius & Co, the latest business venture in SW1 which focuses on art and rare books. The opening event was organised by Philip Palumbo of The Walbrook Club. The Society works closely with residents, local businesses and the three traders' associations (which represent Elizabeth Street, Motcomb Street and the Pimlico Road) to find a balance for longer opening hours which do not disrupt the daily lives of residents. Please support your local traders as they enhance the area and add to the village feel. These businesses really need local support and patronage if they are to survive this extremely difficult and challenging climate.

Our Young Belgavians are back with a vengeance making their mark in the business world. Belgravia based Imme and her business partner, Sofia are hosting a photographic exhibition in 14 Cavendish Square. Further details are in a fuller article later in this edition and members of the Society have been invited.

They are offering private tours of the gallery and exhibition which they operate for their charity. The photography is displayed over several floors and there is no charge for entry. They already have over a million followers on one of their social platform pages.

The Society is very supportive of all cycling initiatives and applauds the latest scheme from Westminster requesting that unwanted bikes be donated to Westminster Wheels. This new Council-sponsored training programme is for young residents and is delivered and developed with Groundwork and Cycle Confident. It aims to refurbish a large number of disused bikes which would otherwise be destined for landfills. Please contact Westminster Council directly should you wish to donate a bicycle .

The Society has been in collaboration with the Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum helping to move forward their latest draft plan for Belgravia. We have been forwarding local examples of construction issues to highlight the much needed policies for change which the Forum is recommending for the next 20 years. Their AGM is on Monday 11th October at the Berkeley Hotel, Knightsbridge, when the latest details will be revealed.

Members of the Committee continue to attend and be involved with local liaison groups, including 6 Grosvenor Place, 33-39 Knightsbridge, 65-91 Knightsbridge, The Cleveland Clinic, and The Peninsula Hotel. ▲

UPDATE FOR THE SUMMER

– NICKIE AIKEN MP

Firstly, as a Westminster resident myself, I know how frustrating the noise and nuisance generated by idling helicopters and supercars is. Since arriving in Parliament, I have met repeatedly with the Metropolitan Police to urge the use of drones to Police events, rather than environmentally unfriendly and intrusive helicopters. I have also backed action over the increasing use of supercars on our streets which create excessive noise and sleepless nights.

It is unacceptable that this antisocial and dangerous driving occurs on our streets in Belgravia and the Two Cities. I continue to work with the Borough Commander towards a solution, so the cars' illegal modifications and use are stopped, not just displaced to a different neighbourhood.

I regularly meet with the Metropolitan Police and Home Office officials, including the Policing Minister and Home Secretary, to make clear the level of feeling amongst local people in Belgravia and across the Cities of London and Westminster over the helicopter menace. So it was reassuring in my most recent meeting with the Home Secretary that she was sympathetic to the concerns, having experienced the helicopter disruption herself.

I will continue to make a case for the use of drones and to move away from helicopters to bring peace to the skies above us. If you back my campaign to stop the Helicopter Menace, show your support at **www.nickie.news/HelicopterNoise**.

Secondly, the summer school holidays are now upon us and, for many families, it will be staycations with the ongoing pandemic. So I am inviting everyone, especially young people and children who live in the Two Cities, to go out and explore your neighbourhood, take a picture and enter my competition: Two Cities Photography Competition. Please do encourage all the children and young people you know locally to take part. It is a great way to keep our children entertained and busy

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during the school holidays. I have a brilliant line-up of judges, including committed youth worker and CEO of Caxton Youth Organisation, Rachel Akehurst, renowned journalist, Dominic Lawson, distinguished photographer, Gemma Levine, and myself!

In the autumn, pending coronavirus restrictions, I hope to invite the winners and runners-up to an awards ceremony in central London. Visit my website **www.nickie.news/summersnaps** to find out more and get involved.

Entries close on 31st August 2021. I hope you agree that the Two Cities Photography Competition is a great way to encourage children and young people to get out and about this summer. ▲

If you would like to contact Nickie about any issue or concern, please email: **nickie.aiken.mp@parliament.uk** or call **020 7219 4553**

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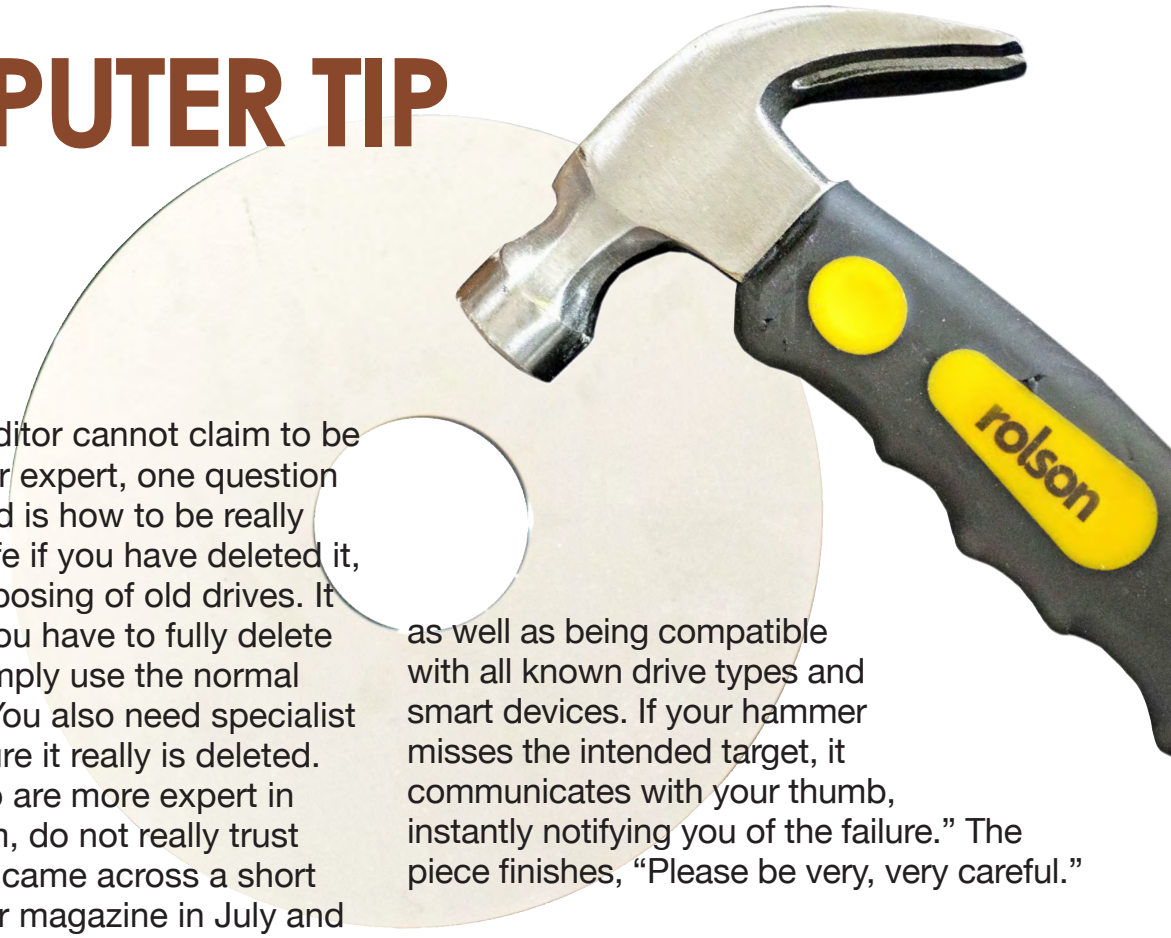
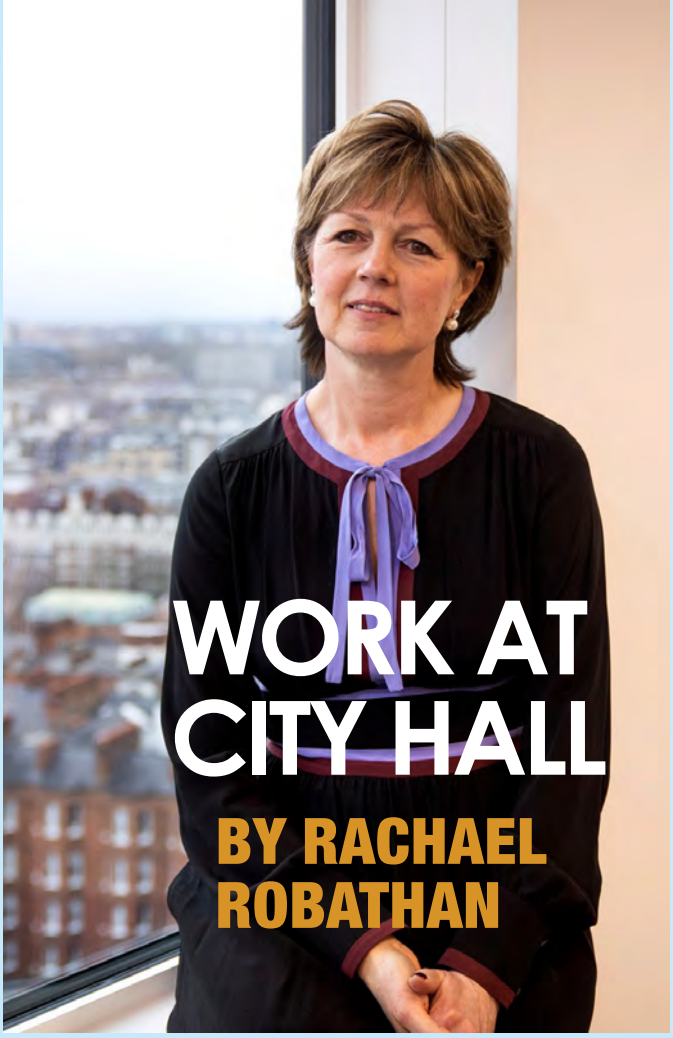


While your editor cannot claim to be a computer expert, one question often asked is how to be really sure your data is safe if you have deleted it, especially when disposing of old drives. It is well known that you have to fully delete data and not just simply use the normal deletion functions. You also need specialist software to make sure it really is deleted. However, those who are more expert in computers than I am, do not really trust even that solution. I came across a short note in my computer magazine in July and this is what is suggested in answer to how to destroy data on old drives.

"Most cost-effective tool for permanent data eradication is just over 3 million years old and known, in the UK at least, as a "hammer". Hammers are small and cheap as well as being compatible with all known drive types and smart devices. If your hammer misses the intended target, it communicates with your thumb, instantly notifying you of the failure." The piece finishes, "Please be very, very careful."

You need to disassemble the drive first to get to the part that records the data. Do not attempt to use the hammer without a full risk assessment first. Personally, I use a sharp, pointed object and deeply scratch the surface of the drive and then break it up into small pieces, which I can do without a hammer! ▲



WORK AT CITY HALL

BY RACHAEL ROBATHAN

The last few weeks at City Hall have been ones of intense activity – working to revive the economy after months of lockdown and, more locally, helping residents after the flash floods which hit central London.

Parts of Belgravia and Maida Vale were affected and I saw for myself some of the worst affected basement properties. The intensity of the rainfall caused devastation and some householders will need weeks to get their homes and lives back to normal.

While nobody can legislate for an extreme weather event like flash floods, we are judged as a local authority or utility company on how we respond. I know there were problems for some residents getting through on the Council's emergency number, and I am looking into how we, as a council, can tighten up our response. There were also, quite clearly, issues with Thames Water's performance, and I have been pressuring the company to step up and support residents. Thames Water has committed to an independent review of both the cause of the flooding and how it responded, but I have insisted that local people must be involved in determining both the scope and terms of reference of that inquiry.

Another issue that raises tempers locally is e-scooters. Next month, Westminster City Council joins eight other London local authorities in trialling the vehicles on roads for 10 months. Transport for London, which is running the trial, wants to see what the potential pitfalls are. I suspect these are clear to Belgravia residents already. Some people drive e-scooters in a cavalier manner which results in all too many near-misses. I understand the annoyance of Belgravia residents and I am pushing the police in Westminster for more enforcement, especially when e-scooters are ridden on pavements.

Finally, I just wanted to touch on al fresco dining. The current raft of licences expires at the end of September. The schemes in Elizabeth Street, Eccleston Street and Motcomb Street have been a great success in terms of helping hospitality businesses to survive and bring a real vibrancy to these areas. However, we were always clear that these were temporary schemes. We are looking at whether permanent al fresco schemes can be designed going forward on a case-by-case basis, but this will be subject to a full consultation with residents and will only proceed if a clear majority of local people support it.

If you are opting for a staycation this summer, I hope you can enjoy the great programme of activities we are promoting across the City as part of our new *Westminster Reveals* campaign. I was lucky enough to be at the first full concert post-pandemic at the Royal Albert Hall to mark its 150th anniversary, and it reminded me just what unequalled cultural treasures we have in this City. ▲

E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW

GOVERNMENT TRIAL SCHEME

The trial comes to Westminster at the end of July. Only E-scooters which are part of the official scheme will be allowed. Privately owned scooters are outlawed (see below). Hired scooters will be easily recognisable by their livery. The speed of the E-scooters will be limited to 12.5 mph and the area they operate in will be controlled via geo fence technology, i.e. they won't work outside of a specific agreed area.

For the hire scheme E-scooter trial, all riders will be required to be 16 or over and have either a provisional or full driving licence although there will be no specific category that covers the device.

PRIVATELY OWNED E-SCOOTERS

Privately owned E-scooters are illegal to use except on private property with the consent of the landowner. If they are unlawfully ridden (i.e. not on private land), then they are subject to the Road Traffic Act. Riders risk prosecution for riding/driving with no insurance and not in accordance with their driving licence. They could incur 6 to 9 points on their licence. If they do not have a licence, the points would be applied to a ghost licence should they ever apply and obtain a UK driving licence.

Further details can be found at:
www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters
www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users

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Invitation to the next Society committee meeting

We would be delighted for you to join our video meeting. Please let us know by email if you wish to be linked in: **info@thebelgraviasociety.com**.
We can only accept a limited number, so first come, first served.
Our next video meeting is
14th September 2021

THE LIME TREE HOTEL

BY MARIA BOWER

The bar at The Lime Tree Hotel

A HAPPY DISCOVERY ON OUR DOORSTEP – AND A SECRET OASIS IN BELGRAVIA

Living in Ebury Street for the past 20 years has meant the happy discovery of lots of local businesses, particularly the restaurants and other shops of Elizabeth Street. However, lockdown and the pandemic made me notice things I had missed. I have walked past the Lime Tree Hotel in Ebury Street for many years and never ventured in.

Between lockdowns last August, however, I noticed that a beautiful floral arrangement had been put on the front of the hotel and it suddenly beckoned. In I went with a girlfriend one very hot morning and we discovered their café, The Buttery, had opened to locals as well as hotel guests. Not only that, to our amazement, we discovered their secret garden where we had delicious coffee and pastries, sitting at a table on the grass. We were immediately transported and felt we were in the countryside – even to the point of taking our shoes off and letting our feet feel the cool grass as London sweltered in that heatwave. It then became a habit to meet and have coffee there.

During this time, I got to know the owners, Matt and Charlotte Goodsall who took

over running the hotel about 12 years ago. Previously it had been run by Charlotte's parents, so a true family business. They told me that they had closed the hotel in November 2019, just prior to the pandemic in order to carry out a full refurbishment. Despite all the difficulties of socially distanced works being done, their refurbishment was finished but, sadly, they could not welcome hotel guests due to COVID restrictions. The Buttery ran a slimmed down version of what it does now – and the good news is that, since reopening in June this year, Matt and Charlotte have a new chef and a much larger menu catering for breakfasts, lunch or brunch, afternoon teas and, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, wine, cocktails and serious nibbles can be had.

The garden is a delight with an area devoted to vegetables and herbs – something the chef is using for added inspiration! If you are fortunate, you may discover their in-house resident out in the garden – Alan, the robin who has adopted the garden as his own.

Alan, the 'resident' robin

The hotel has 27 rooms too, which have been decorated to a high standard with each retaining its own individuality. Certainly, something to recommend to friends visiting London.

Front entrance to The Lime Tree Hotel, decorated with flowers

It has been such a happy discovery to find a local business such as the one Matt and Charlotte run. It proves the point that Belgravia can have a village atmosphere if we support and get to know the businesses and those who run them. ▲

THE LOST CLUBS OF BELGRAVIA

BY JOE BRIGGS

Maps from 1900 and 1950 showing the change from Mortimer to Forbes House as well as a selection of old and new clubs

Belgravia has a reduced selection of private clubs these days. There is Mosimann's at 11 West Halkin Street, which occupies an old Presbyterian Chapel. Scots are well catered for with the Boisdale Club at 15 Eccleston Street and the Caledonian Club at 9 Halkin Street, built on the site of St John's Chapel next to Forbes House which, back then, was known as Mortimer House. Just outside Belgravia there is the Sloane Club at 52 Lower Sloane Street and the Royal Thames Yacht Club at 60 Knightsbridge. The Lanesborough, Berkeley and Jumeirah Lowndes Hotels all host their own exclusive health and spa clubs.

The area was full of private clubs in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, back when late night dances at clubs were more likely to take place on a *piano nobile* in Belgravia than a dimly-lit basement in Mayfair. The Anglo-Belgian Club, a popular place for Deb dances in the '60s, occupied 6 Belgrave Square before moving to share with the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

The Wellington Club, a stone's throw from the London townhouse of the Dukes of Wellington, occupied the north end of the site that is now being turned into the Peninsula Hotel. The south end of the same row was home to the Ladies' Carlton Club.

Across the road on the other side of Halkin Street there was another ladies-only club called the Forum Club, which was popular with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The building was previously the home of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who was the first "First Lord of the Treasury" to use the new official title of "Prime Minister". More recently the area lost Grace, another private ladies-only club that occupied the site above Waitrose on West Halkin Street.

Mountaineers had the Alpine Club at 118 Eaton Square, sharing the premises with the Ski Club of Great Britain before moving to Shoreditch. The Irish had the Irish Club at 82 Eaton Square, the former home of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands who also had her secretariat at 77 Chester Square.

A map from 1950 identifies an unnamed "Eaton Square Club" on the corner at 67 Eaton Square.

Royal Automobile Club had its Motor Sports Association at 31 Belgrave Square. There was a working men's club known as The Grosvenor Club which was located at Carmel Hall on Bourne Street, built on the site of the former Carmel Baptist Chapel and now part of Francis Holland School.

There also was a club on the site of the Diplomat Hotel at 2 Chesham Street which was the former home of Walter Kennedy Whigham, Sheriff of the County of London, as well as Arthur Marcus Cecil Sandys, 3rd Baron Sandys, who is famous for discovering the recipe for Worcestershire sauce while serving in India. ▲

THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS CLEANER, HEALTHIER, SAFER STREETS

BY ANDREW GEDDES

Where figures now show that only 30% of Westminster households own a car, of those car owners, about one third use their cars for a journey of less than two miles. The level of pollution in Westminster is one of the highest in the country and exceeds legally allowed limits. Also Westminster has the highest number of KSI (Killed and Seriously Injured) in the country. So the question is whether we can embrace the concept of what has come to be called "Active Travel", such as walking or cycling, or whether we become ostriches with our heads in the sand.

A campaign has recently launched to make people aware of the unacceptable levels of pollution: a painted stencil on the pavement to show the locations where pollution monitoring took place and showed results that were beyond legal limits. The campaign against illegal pollution levels in favour of cleaner air launched by "Mums For Lungs" was commented upon by the *Evening Standard* (23rd July) showing strong support (**www.standard.co.uk**).

Also, Westminster Council is running a consultation on the state of our streets. One item that needs more enforcement is the 20mph limit, since the local police do not seem to be equipped with speeding control equipment on their street vehicles and there are very few 20mph speed cameras. Meanwhile, if the street is clear, vehicles appear not to bother about the speed limit. Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN) are intended to stop rat runners and make for a much safer area whilst still allowing local residents access with their car. Some interesting research led by Dr Anna Goodman, a public health expert at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, with academics from Westminster University and Imperial College London, showed a massive reduction in KSI thanks to LTNs in other areas of London. This research was reported on 23rd July in *The Guardian* (**www.theguardian.com**) which shows an even greater saving of life and injury than 20mph limits, thanks to stopping rat-runners.

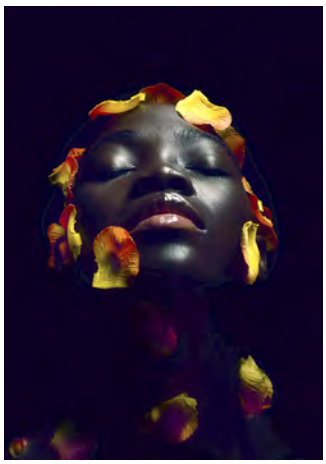
DfT has issued a statement saying, "The DfT will soon be issuing 'statutory guidance' which means that cycling and walking schemes will not be able to be removed until they have been in place long enough for their impacts to have been "properly assessed".

Think back, for example, to the High Street Ken cycle track which was being used by thousands of cyclists a day, thanks to the extra safety, but was scrapped on the basis of objections by local residents with the help of local Councillors. We may have many marked cycle lanes within Westminster, but for cyclists to feel safe it needs to be a protected track, not just some paint on the road which is typical of most tracks within Westminster.

So we need to stop and re-think our travel habits if we are ever going to see improvements in our streets. ▲

YOUNG BELGRAVIANS' LATEST INITIATIVES

BY HELENE ORATORE



Belgravia based Imme Dattenberg-Doyle and her business partner, Sofia Carreira-Wham, who together form Doyle Wham, are hosting their latest venture in central London. It is an exhibiton which brings together four photographers from Nigeria, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon.

Sofia is a curator and arts writer who trained at some of the UK's top national museums and galleries. Imme is Director of Right for Education Foundation and founder of Afrikan Gallery, which has over a million followers in Africa.

Together they work "exclusively with young African artists providing exhibition opportunities and much needed representation through their digital platform and physical pop-up exhibitions".They donate 10% of their profits to charities uplifting access to art education in sub-Saharan Africa.

Due to the tight timetable, do not miss out on this unique invitation to our membership of The Belgravia Society.

Doyle Wham, the UK's first contemporary African photography gallery, is delighted to invite The Belgravia Society members to an exclusive guided exhibition tour. It takes place Friday 23rd July to Friday 20th August, 1am-7pm, in the unique setting of 14 Cavendish Square, a Palladian mansion built in 1770 that has been gutted and stripped to reveal its stunning, original Georgian architectural features.

Just contact Imme and Sofia and suggest a date and time that suits you for your private tour of the exhibitIon.

If you have a pop-up shop they could use gratis, please contact them at:
www.doylewham.com
or **hello@doylewham.com**.

WAINWRIGHT STAMPEDE AND OUR TRUSTEE

We are fortunate to have a wide range of Belgravia Society members, and that applies to our Trustees. Simon Davie, one of our founding Trustees, spent some years in the army. Aged 26, he was posted with his Battalion to Wainwright in Alberta, Canada, which happened to coincide with the Wainwright Stampede, second only to the Calgary Stampede.

He decided that we Brits should show the Canadians that we too could play their game and entered himself into the Bareback Bronco riding event. This required the rider to stay on the horse for eight seconds whilst his horse did its best to ensure that he didn't. No mean feat if you hadn't tried it before. As Simon admits, he remembers being surprisingly nonchalant considering the possible consequences. He had at least ridden horses since he was eight, but this was something rather different. He decided to watch those going before him and realised that balance was the name of the game and certainly not grip. Legs out straight, heals down, toes up, lean back. Centre of gravity on the coccyx. Simple!

As he waited for the shute to open, the commentator's memorable remarks still remain with him. "Ladies and Gentleman, we now have Captain Davie from London, England. The nearest this boy's been to bucking is Buckingham Palace!" Hard to beat that!

Having remarkably managed to stay on for the required eight seconds, the next thing he heard, despite the cheering from the stands, was the commentator saying, "He can hear you now folks."

His Commanding Officer's sniffy comment the next day was equally memorable. No pride in Simon's achievement, he remarked, "I hear your hat came off." In the days when you wore a bowler hat in London, carried a rolled umbrella and wore a stiff collar, to have your hat come off was about as serious as it got. ▲

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ELEPHANTS COME TO OUR PARKS

The herd of life-size lantana elephants

Did you know that herds of elephants have been on show in Green Park, St James's Park, Berkeley Square and other places? Of course, these are not live elephants but they are remarkable models created by indigenous communities who live in close proximity to their real life counterparts. They have been created in Tamil Nadu, but we have been able see them in our own parks.

The designer and founder of the *Real Elephant Collective* has said that life-size elephants are seen as bridging the gap filled by the innate knowledge of elephants that the indigenous artists have. Any funds raised will be directed to grassroots organisations across India that allow people and wildlife to live together in greater harmony.

The herds distributed across the parks carry a unique story of human-wildlife coexistence. The project is supported by their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. This acts as a

Coexistence Herd – these lantana elephants have been on display from 14th June-23rd July in Green Park, St James' Park and Berkeley Square

reminder of the Duchess' late brother, Mark Shand, who co-founded *Elephant Family*. Following the death of Mark Shand in 2014 his daughter, Ayesha Shand, has taken up the cause.

Elephants have a highly developed brain and are the largest of all the land mammals. Their brain is three or four times larger than that of humans. Elephants are extremely intelligent and have memories that span many years. It is this memory that serves matriarchs who lead the herd during dry seasons when they need to guide their herds to watering holes that they remember from the past.

Elephants are also highly sensitive and caring animals. If a baby elephant seems in distress, the entire family will go over to touch and caress it. Elephants express grief, joy, compassion, self-awareness, altruism, and play. Elephants pay homage to the bones of their dead, gently touching the skulls and tusks with their trunks and feet. When an elephant walks past a place where a loved one has died, he/she will stop; a silent and respectful pause that can last several minutes.

Elephants are one of the few species that recognise themselves in a mirror. The others are humans, apes, orcas, dolphins and, most recently discovered, magpies.

These wonderful animals are under threat from poachers and their numbers have fallen dramatically. The elephants are killed for their ivory.

It has been an enormous privilege to see these wonderful models that are so lifelike in our parks. Each elephant has a real-life counterpart and is made from lantana, an invasive weed whose removal from protected areas benefits wildlife. We understand that the elephants will be displayed in the parks until late July, then they will be going on sale for between £6,000 for a calf and £30,000 for a fully grown one. The proceeds will go to the work of *Elephant Family,* including securement of wildlife corridors to enable safe movement of animals and people and the expansion of national parks and protection of indigenous species. ▲

CASSIUS&CO – A REVIEW

BY HELENE ORATORE

Image shows Fraser Brough, Director of Cassius&Co

Although the Belgravia Society is predominantly a residents' local amenity association, it fully encourages members to support all local businesses. The Society's mantra is ''stay local, shop local". We are delighted to welcome another business, Cassius&Co, to Belgravia, whose very charming and knowledgeable director is Fraser Brough.

Cassius&Co is a new gallery focusing on art and rare books from the 20th and 21st centuries. The current exhibition is by the artist, Raphael Egil, and 19 of his works are displayed. The artist lives outside Lucerne, Switzerland, and this exhibition is his first solo showing outside the German-speaking world. Egil presents a group of works forming a spiral between himself that is his mind and his body or his inner and outer existences.

On view are such delights as the series entitled Badende (Bathers), Blauer Baum (Blue Tree) and Landschaftsbild (Landscape). All are oil or oil and tempura on canvas. The sizes range from 45 cms x 45 cms to 242 cms x 122 cms.

Cassius&Co also has works available by Lucie Rie, Gabriel Orozco, Balthus and Roni Horn and the upcoming exhibition is by Dorothea Stiegemann.

On the lower floor is a superb selection of rare books. The collection includes various categories including Design – Kettle's Yard – A Way of Life by Jim Ede, Art – Pierre a Feu – Les Miroirs Profonds by Henri Matisse, Poetry – The White Goddess by Robert Graves, and Poèmes by Samuel Beckett. There is also a selection of photography, fiction and non fiction. ▲

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