



Quay Notes

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Newsletter for residents of Merchants Landing

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Wapping Wharf Developers Unveil the Next Phase



An aerial view of the proposed development from the north

Developers Umberslade and their architects from the Alec French Partnership presented their plans for Phase 2 of the development to a meeting of local residents and others in M shed on 5th June.

Residents will be aware that Phase 1 is now well under construction, and it is understood that completion is due in April 2015. In the aerial view above, those are the blocks at the western end of the site, on either side of a new pedestrian route to be called Gaol Ferry Steps, running from the existing footbridge over the New Cut, down to the newly-landscaped Museum Square on the waterfront by M shed. That first phase will contain 194 apartments, including 26 affordable homes to be managed by Knightstone Housing Association, and a row of small shops. Phase 2 will continue the development along Cumberland Road to Wapping Road, and will incorporate the old gateway to the Bristol Gaol, and the former chocolate factory behind the wall on the corner of Wapping Road.

The architects maintained that the plans for Phase 2 are broadly in accordance with the Master Plan approved in outline by the City Council in 2006, though the proposed hotel has now been moved into the next phase of the development, and will be just behind M shed. It is now proposed that the eastern end of Phase 2 will be a block of affordable housing, probably also managed by Knightstone, containing 80 units in buildings 3 and 4 storeys in height. Residents of Wapping Road present at the meeting expressed concern about the loss of aspect to their properties, and we all now have an opportunity to make representations to the developers prior to a new planning application submitted in the autumn. Further info at: www.wappingwharf.co.uk

AVERYS



Cellars Tasting

Merchants Landing Residents Association invites you to join your neighbours for a wine tasting at Avery's historic wine cellars at **9 Culver Street** on Wednesday **September 10th 2014 at 7pm**. Cheese and Pâté supplied by the Arch House Deli, Clifton.

From luxury whites of the Loire like Vouvray and Sancerre to the unsung heroes of the south like Corbières and Minervois, this tasting will highlight the often under appreciated (and cheaper) parts of France.

Tickets cost £25 per head and, as these evenings sell out very quickly, MLRA will buy a block of tickets in advance. If you want to come, please e-mail geri.bowie@gmail.com or phone 0117 929 4689 by **Sunday 22nd June**, and we will then collect money and buy the required number of tickets.

Other News from your Residents Association

Joi Demery, Chair of Merchants Landing Residents Association says:

Thanks again to everyone who helped make the summer party another great event. For fuller report and some great pictures go to the MLRA website.

Open Gardens – Saturday 28th June.

Back by popular demand - we are looking for people to open up their gardens & balconies again. Last year we enjoyed looking at the variety of gardens & many people were inspired with new ideas. If you are willing to open your garden please let Joi Demery know. We will meet in the communal garden at 2.30.

Annual General Meeting – 3rd October
The AGM for MLRA will be held on Friday 3rd October at 7.30pm on the John Sebastian.

The Merchants Landing Residents Association Committee:

Anthony Rackham	5 Merchants Quay	9297562	Joi Demery	9 Merchants Quay	9213412
Geri Bowie	7 Merrick Court	9294689	VACANCY	VOLUNTEERS SEE JOI	VACANCY
Tony Little	13 Challoner Court	9227336	Sandy Conway	1 Draycott Place	9293454
Shirley Stark	8 Wapping Road	9293953	Jan Walsh	8 Bathurst Parade	9268714



Your Residents Association Committee, taken at the Summer Party last weekend. From left: Geri Bowie, Anthony Rackham, Joi Demery, Tony Little, Shirley Stark, and Jan Walsh. (Sandy Conway unable to be there).



The proposed 'doubling up' of the Bathurst Basin bridge at the south end of our development. To be built in the next couple of years as part of the Metro Bus project. Planning permission was granted in March.

Spike Island is about to become a Residents Parking Zone. Further information on the City Council's website.

Amenities Company News

Roy Demery, Chair of Merchants Landing Amenities Board reports:

The AGM of the Amenities Company will take place on Friday 17th October on the John Sebastian. All shareholders to be invited.

Foxes and rats have recently been seen around the development, and residents are asked to ensure that food is not left outside, and that bins have secure lids so as not to encourage them.

Another health concern is dog fouling of our communal gardens, and residents exercising their dogs are asked to ensure that they clean up after them.

Residents will be aware that the white lines in our car-parking areas were repainted last year, but they rapidly deteriorated because of bad weather at that time; the majority of the lines have now been done again, free of charge by the contractors, and it is hoped that the remainder will be done soon.

A letter was recently circulated from one of the office workers in Merchants House asking if any of our visitors car spaces were available to rent. Residents are reminded that the permits are restricted to occasional use, cannot be transferred or sold, and any abuse will result in cancellation.

Lastly, a culinary note: In various parts of our communal gardens there are herbs that are freely available for residents to cut and help themselves.

Continuing our series on local place names:

BATHURST BASIN & PARADE

Named after Charles Bathurst, who was MP for Bristol from 1796 to 1812. Born Charles Bragge in 1754, he changed his name to Bathurst in 1804. He held various government posts including Secretary of War, Master of the Mint, and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster from 1812 to 1823. He was a member of the Society of Merchant Venturers and supported the slave trade. He died in 1831 aged 77.

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