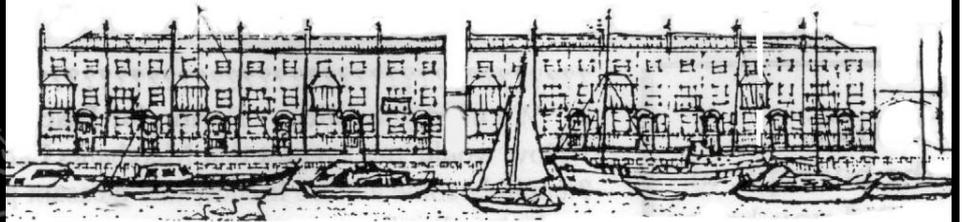


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NEW CITY CENTRE LINK TO OPEN IN APRIL



On Sunday 2 April the new link between Baldwin Street and St Augustine's Parade will open along with the introduction of new permanent city centre traffic movements.

The changes are designed to:

- Simplify traffic flow for motorists and reduce congestion;
- Create a simplified city centre layout
- Make the key traffic movement from Anchor Road/ Park Street to Baldwin Street more direct
- Reduce the overall number of traffic movements through the centre
- Divert through-traffic to more suitable routes
- Create simplified, largely segregated routes for buses, pedestrians and cyclists

Baldwin Street will be closed to traffic from 7am to 5pm on Sunday 2 April for the switch over. Diversion routes will be signposted.

The final city centre design will include a dedicated cycle route through the central zone which is due to open in the summer. This new route will link with the existing cycle lanes at both ends and mean greater segregation of pedestrians and cyclists through the Centre. ■

Light at the end of the bridge?

Shaun Taylor, head of highways maintenance at Bristol City Council, said "Prince Street bridge had presented many challenges, but it was worth it because it was such an historic landmark in the city".

He praised Historic English for the way in which they were prepared to negotiate as challenges arose and modern methods could be employed to return the bridge to as near original as possible.

The restoration work is now thankfully coming to an end and if all goes well, then **the bridge should be re-opened sometime in April/May**. The work has reputedly cost about £1.5million, but restoration has been much cheaper than scrapping it and replacing it with a replica. It could not be replaced with a non-swinging new bridge because it is a listed structure.

Mr Taylor said "they had deliberately tried to restore the bridge in such a way that it kept its architectural integrity as well as being fit for purpose for many years to come". ■

CARGO 2 line-up announced



- **Mabboo** – clothing and accessories made using Bamboo.
- **Salt & Malt** - serving its signature gluten-free fish and chips,
- **The Athenian** – Greek-style street food and mezzé.
- **John Kelly 1880+** – designer jewellery, silver and metalware.
- **Pure Yoga** – lunchtime express classes as well as early morning and evening classes.
- **CUPP Bubble Tea** – serving Taiwanese bubble tea and noodles.
- **The Pickled Brisket** – locally-sourced hot salt beef sandwiches.
- **Oliver's Ice Cream Ltd** – artisan Italian ice cream (gelato) and sorbets.
- **Loop Massage** – offering bespoke, affordable massage.
- **TARE** – restaurant with a seasonally changing menu focussing on local produce.
- **Story@Cargo** – a neighbourhood butcher using animals raised responsibly, often organic and always free-range.
- **Big Juice** – freshly-prepared fruit and vegetable juices and smoothies ■

The latest line-up of businesses set to join CARGO 2 has been announced.

Retailers reported to be opening soon include:

- **Gopal's Curry Shack** - Indian inspired street food with a British twist.
- **The Bristol Cheesemonger** - selling the best local cheeses from the West Country.
- **Brace & Browns?** - cocktails and shared eating. Its trading name has yet to be announced.
- **Spuntino** – New York comfort food.
- **Gambas** – Andalusian tapas.



RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Great Bristol 10K run - Joi met with the organisers of the Great Bristol 10K run on behalf of MLRA and ML(A)L. This year's run takes place on Sunday **May 7th** and will follow the same route as last year. Organisers will have the same arrangements in place, so roads will be closed from approximately 8.00am for most of the morning, however, they will be in contact nearer the time with further information regarding alternative parking and access.

The annual Resident's Garden Party will be held on Saturday **June 3rd** in the communal gardens from 1.00pm. Please bring some food to share and don't forget your tables & chairs, crockery & cutlery and of course your favourite tippie! Usual entertainment, plus strawberries & cream. All residents, friends & families welcome.

Open Gardens, Saturday **July 8th**, further details to follow plus details of how you can nominate your garden for viewing. ■

ALL ABOARD FOR THE MRLA'S BOAT TRIP TO AVONMOUTH!

The Bagheera (pictured) has been booked for Sat **2nd Sept 2017**. Departing at 14:15 from the steps in front of Trin Mills (opposite the Ostrich) and returning at approximately 17:45. There's a bar on board, so no BYO. Tickets £15.00 per head (£10.00 for children) including tea and cake.



Open to all residents, families and friends. Tickets available soon from your committee members. ■

ML(A)Ltd NEWS

Niki Thomas has recently resigned from the ML(A)L board as she is moving away from the area. Niki has been the main point of contact with the gardeners for the past few years and was instrumental in the refurbishment of the street furniture around the development. Her energy and enthusiasm will be missed and the Directors wish her well for her future move. Thank you Niki.

Niki's departure leaves 2 'A' shareholder vacancies, if any 'A' shareholder is willing to put themselves forward to be

co-opted onto the board, please contact any of the remaining Directors or Roger Bryan.

At the request of a number of shareholders in Bathurst Parade, the gates in the centre of Bathurst Parade have been refurbished and returned to operation.

The groundwork in the communal garden scheduled for early March is currently on hold awaiting delivery of the edging bricks, hopefully work will start soon.

WHAT'S ON?

15-16 APRIL

Taste Chocolate - Bristol Hotel

19-21 MAY

VegFest - Harbourside

7 MAY

Great Bristol 10K Run

3 JUNE

Resident's Garden Party

21-24 JUNE

Bristol Sounds Music Festival - Ampitheatre

1-2 JULY

Grillstock Festival - Harbourside

8 JULY

Resident's Open Gardens

21-23 JULY

Harbour Festival

10-13 AUGUST

Bristol Balloon Fiesta - Ashton Court

2 SEPTEMBER

Resident's boat trip

7-10 SEPTEMBER

Bristol Open Doors

The next director's meeting is scheduled for 10th April, so if any shareholder has concerns that they would like raised please contact Roger Bryan at Bristol Leasehold Management. ■

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The Invisible Man on a recent visit to Bristol.

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