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Newsletter for residents of Merchants Landing
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WAPPING ROAD TRAFFIC CHAOS

The new cycle lane and pedestrian walkway on Wapping Road is causing huge problems. While cars are parked on the single yellow lines the road carriageways are now too narrow to accommodate two way traffic. The problem is compounded by cyclists riding on the road instead of the designated cycle path. The situation is even worse at weekends, when cars have been seen straddling the road and the bike track.

Any person inconvenienced by the traffic on Wapping Road should write to the Council Highways Department to complain about the parking on this road, which often causes problems to those going in or out of the Landing. The more of us who write the better. ■



www.bristol.gov.uk/streets-travel/tell-us-about-a-road-safety-concern

FREE WATERSPORTS for the over 50s



In a bid to keep us all fit and active, All Aboard Watersports are offering the over 50s a chance to take to the waters and enjoy many of their activities free of charge. Everything from rowing and sailing, to kayaking and guided walks are up for grabs. Plus there's also an eight week intergenerational boat building course bringing together small groups of people spanning all ages to build two brand new boats from scratch. For more information visit:

www.allaboardwatersports.co.uk

COUNCIL OPEN SURGERY

Our local councillors run an open surgery every 2nd Saturday of the month for neighbours who wish to visit them on Prewett Street. ■

Help keep the harbour tidy!

As the weather gets warmer the crowds come out to play and the rubbish piles up. The resulting increase in litter is already causing the waste bins to overflow. Sadly much of the additional detritus is ending up in the harbour. This litter is unsightly and is also a risk to the wildlife. The council do a pretty good job keeping the harbourside tidy, but if you spot a problem then please notify them and additional help can be deployed. To report an issue please visit:



www.bristol.gov.uk/streets-travel/street-that-needs-cleaning

WARNING! ROAD CLOSURES

great **bristol**
10k



The annual Great Bristol 10k Run will be taking place on Sunday 5th May.

As a result, Cumberland Road will be closed from 6:00am - 12:00 and Wapping Road will be closed from 6:30 - 12:30. Prince Street and Prince Street Bridge will also be closed to traffic from 6:30 - 12:30. Further information is available at:

www.greatrun.org/bristol10k

SUN
5TH
MAY

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION & ML(A)Ltd DATES & UPDATES

New railings and gate coming soon

Planning permission has been granted for railings and a gate to be fitted in the arch fronting the quayside between Merrick Court and No. 1 Merchants Quay. ■

SAVE THE DATE ~ GARDEN PARTY ~

Summer's coming and the weather's getting warmer, so why not put the date of the MLRA Garden Party in your diary now? ■

**SAT
1ST
JUNE**

Falling Masonry

Temporary fencing has been erected in the walkway between Byzantine Court and Trin Mills due to an issue with the parapet on Byzantine Court. The area beneath the parapet has been fenced off as a precautionary measure.

The brickwork has been inspected and deemed not immediately dangerous. Repairs will be undertaken as soon as possible which may involve temporary closures of the walkway. ■



FREE KEFIR GRAINS

If anyone would like some free Kefir grains, please contact Janet Walsh on: jcmwalsh49@gmail.com

All aboard the John Sebastian!

Residents should watch out for future events on the John Sebastian as these are often open to residents. Recently the Cabot Cruising Club had a fundraising evening featuring David Sproxtton, co-founder of Aardman Animations. He gave the audience a fascinating insight into the company and showed some of his early videos.



A reasonable sum of money was raised not only for the Children's Hospital (via the Wallace and Gromit appeal), but also for the maintenance of the John Sebastian, in what was a very interesting evening.

The Lightship Theatre then presented its second Scratch Night on the John Sebastian, during which the audience was treated to various pieces from members of the Southwest Scriptwriters, performed by various professional actors. Again it was a very enjoyable evening".

Residents interested in being informed about future events can join the Cabot Cruising Club for a small fee as an associate member. Just go down to the club on a Thursday night, which is the regular club night in order to check it out. In addition to that, all residents who have joined David Demery's email list will receive notifications." ■

For more information visit: www.cabotcruisingclub.co.uk/events/

Collectables, a slide show and more...

A 'Collectables Evening' will be held on Friday 3rd May, at 7.00pm on board the John Sebastian Lightship in Bathurst Basin. John and Marjorie Bates will be showing some of the amazing things they have collected over the years and asking people to bring their own unusual items too. All residents are invited to what is always a fascinating event. Watch out for the flyers which should now be in your letterboxes. ■

**FRI
3RD
MAY**

WHAT'S ON?

**3 MAY
COLLECTABLES
EVENING
John Sebastian**

**1 JUNE
MLRA
GARDEN
PARTY**

**5 MAY
GREAT BRISTOL
10K RUN**

**19 - 21 JULY
HARBOUR
FESTIVAL**

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