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Newsletter for residents of Merchants Landing

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Twenty is definitely plenty on Prince Street Bridge

TWENTY'S
PLENTY

20

20mph INJURES
30mph KILLS



A recent event on Prince Street Bridge has once again raised concerns about speeding in urban areas. This alarming incident involved a large transit van which collided at high speed with the width restriction bollards on the north side of the harbour. The young female driver and her passenger were very shaken up and several members of the public were also distressed by the intense impact and subsequent aftermath.

One eye witness who saw the drama unfold reported that the van was travelling in excess of 50mph. The van hit the bollards with such force that the vehicles front wheel was snapped off its axle.

With so many children, pedestrians, cyclists, tourists and pets using the bridge it's vital that drivers respect the speed limit.

Luckily on this occasion no one was injured, but it clearly demonstrates the wisdom of the TWENTY'S PLENTY traffic calming initiative. ■



SHIPBUILDING TO RETURN TO BRISTOL HARBOUR



On the same day as the SS Great Britain celebrated its 175th birthday, bosses of Brunel's famous ship have revealed that they will be taking over the running of the neighbouring Albion dry dock.

When shipbuilder David Abels retired in 2016, there was uncertainty over the future of the 540ft-long grade II listed Albion Dry Dock. Now, a partnership between the SS Great Britain Trust and Bristol City Council will once again see shipbuilding as well as repair and maintenance taking place at Albion Dock.

Albion Dock Company director Martin Childs said: "Together with the services already offered by the Underfall Yard and the Bristol Marina, a functioning Albion Dry Dock will mean that Bristol can support an even broader range of high-quality maritime services." Tanner said that at a later stage, he and his team would like to explore increased public access to the dockyard so that people can see and learn about maritime engineering skills. ■

EMERGENCY ACCESS 24/7

More worrying traffic news has been brought to my attention. This time concerning emergency access to Merchants Quay and the wider Merchants Landing via the barrier from Wapping Road near Prince Street Bridge.

Unfortunately one resident who was taken ill recently had to wait for parked

cars to be moved before an ambulance could gain access and reach the patient requiring medical attention.

Following this troubling occurrence the difficulties were reported to the council, they have since responded by confirming that the SINGLE YELLOW LINE across the barrier entrance will be upgraded to DOUBLE YELLOW LINES. The council have also promised to install a sign as soon as possible stating that the entrance needs to be kept clear for emergency access at all times.

It is vital that this entrance isn't blocked by careless parking. If anyone notices cars blocking the barrier, please report the vehicle in question to the relevant authorities. Seconds really do count. ■



GATES UPDATE...

The possible installation of further gates around the periphery of Merchants Landing was discussed by Bristol Leasehold Management directors at a meeting on May 22nd 2018. The debate raised a number of issues that require further investigation. These include rights of way, planning, interests of residents etc...

Hopefully a final decision will be made soon. ■

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

ALL ABOARD THE BAGHEERA!

MLRA BOAT TRIP NEWS

Following the success of last year's river trip excursion, Merchants Landing residents are due to set sail again on **Sunday September 2nd**. This year the MLRA committee have chartered the Bagheera to take us all upstream to Hanham lock and back.

Put the date in your diary and make sure you get your tickets which are available from Shirley Stark. Book early, as tickets are selling fast. After all, who doesn't like mucking about on the river? ■



SUN
2ND
SEPT

MLRA NEWS

It'll be AGM season before we know it. Please put **Friday the 5th October** in your diary and join us on the John Sebastian at 7:30pm for the Merchants Landing Residents' Association AGM. ■

FRI
5TH
OCT

ML(A) Ltd NEWS

The ML(A)L AGM will be on **Friday 19th October** on the John Sebastian at 7:30pm, official notification will be sent out nearer the date.

FRI
19TH
OCT

WHIST DRIVE — 2018 —

Back by popular demand there's a repeat of last year's inaugural and highly enjoyable Whist Drive. Play your cards right and you might even win a prize. Your hosts Alan and Mike will be waiting to greet you on board the John Sebastian. ■

FRI
12TH
OCT

? PUB QUIZ ?

Put on your thinking caps and head over to the John Sebastian at 7:30pm on **Friday 16th November** for another round of Bob & Steve's quizzical puzzlings. The big question is - who will be the winners? Why not form a team of six and enter into the spirit of things? ■

FRI
16TH
NOV

The ML(A)L newsletter will be online only this year and will be posted on the MLRA website, just follow the Amenities Company link. ■

The party in the garden and all that jazz

We were once again blessed with glorious weather for our annual Garden Party. Everyone enjoyed a feast of flavoursome summer nibbles, strawberries and cream, lashings of fizzy and a generous helping of live jazz. As well as being a lot of fun and an opportunity to catch up with neighbours, family and friends a grand total of £200 was raised for the Bristol Soup Run Trust.



Thank you to all the volunteers and helpers on the day.

WHAT'S ON?

2 JULY - 2 SEPT

GROMIT

UNLEASHED 2

9 - 12 AUG

BRISTOL
INTERNATIONAL
BALLOON
FIESTA

2 SEPT

MLRA BOAT TRIP

14 - 15 SEPT

BRISTOL OPEN
DOORS

5 OCT

MLRA AGM

JOHN SEBASTIAN

12 OCT

WHIST DRIVE
JOHN SEBASTIAN

19 OCT

AMENITIES AGM
JOHN SEBASTIAN

16 NOV

PUB QUIZ
JOHN SEBASTIAN

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