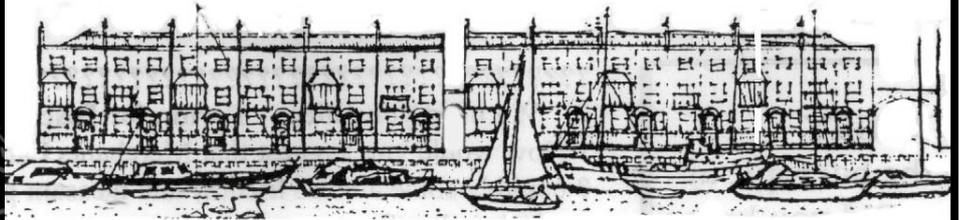


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Stop, start, stop, start, stop..

MORE TRAFFIC CONGESTION can be expected on Commercial Road over the next few months. In addition to the ongoing Metrobus bridge work new drains are also being installed. The current roadworks and temporary traffic lights are rendering the Louisiana bridge one-way to traffic in both directions.

The two bus stops adjacent to the John Sebastian serving route 506 have also been suspended for the foreseeable future. The nearest alternative bus stops appear to be the stops at the top of Gaol Ferry Steps. The temporary traffic lights at the far end of Cumberland Road appear to come and go, so drivers should now be prepared for delays when heading out in either direction. ■



BRIDGING THE GAP

Work to repair Princes Street Bridge has been delayed further and it will not open again until next year. So far costs have trebled and the council have yet to reveal if it will reopen to traffic. The repairs were expected to cost £400,000, however the damage was revealed to be 'substantially worse than originally thought' and costs are now estimated to be about £1.2m. The closure has been blamed for congestion in the city centre. Mayor Marvin Rees said: "The most important thing is that we properly tackle congestion in the city and look at the big picture. Opening it to traffic wouldn't mean we don't value walking and cycling and closing it to traffic wouldn't mean we want to penalise motorists. It's got to be about what's right overall for the broader transport network" ■



KEEP COFFEE LOCAL

The Crêpe & Coffee Cabin on Princes Street Bridge could do with some help. This local business has had no support and no offer of compensation from the council during the extended bridge refurbishment work. Their trade is based on footfall which is currently being diverted overhead. The council even removed a sign the owner had positioned on the bridge. It's a fabulous spot for a cappuccino and a crêpe, so go on, why not treat yourself?



WAPPING WHARF UPDATE

The large pile of stone fronting Wapping Road will be removed from site in the next few days. The site will then revert back to a car park. Churmgold will remain to prepare the foundations for Cargo 2. The main build of phase 2 has been delayed and is due to start in April/May next year. The build is expected to take 2 years. Planning permission has been granted to demolish the "free standing" wall opposite the Louisiana – this will happen in a few weeks time and probably require a temporary road closure. All apartments in Phase 1 are sold and all retail units are now under offer or occupied. Cargo 1 opens this week with nine new retailers and Cargo 2 will start arriving on site at the end of the month. It will take approximately eight weeks to construct and retailers are expected to move in just before Christmas ■



Metrobus flood defences near completion

THE NEW £775k flood-wall, which runs 250m between the Bristol Harbour Railway and Vauxhall Bridge, will reduce the tidal flood risk to an estimated 170 homes and businesses around the floating harbour, in particular Avon Crescent, which has been flooded several times recently. The 250 metre flood-wall has been faced and capped with a

combination of new and existing pennant stone. The metal railings have also been replaced. One unfortunate side-effect of the lovely new railings is that it has created stark contrast with the ugly decrepit railings upstream of Vauxhall Bridge. The council are reportedly investigating the possibility of improving the appearance of the old railings ■





PARKING NEWS from ML(A)Ltd

ML(A)L are in the process of changing parking enforcement companies, consequently there will be a short delay in the issue of car parking permits, existing permits can continue to be used until the new permits are issued.

Following a recent leaflet drop requesting parking spaces, residents are reminded that the parking permits are for personal use only and should not be sold or hired out. Similarly parking on communal land in front of individual garages is permitted for residents only, and the space cannot be hired out.

Yikes! It's Bristol's spooky film festival

The Bristol Film Festival returns for a packed Halloween weekend of spine-chilling horror. The centrepiece on Saturday, October 29, is the first ever screening at Bristol Cathedral of Jack Gold's 1978 supernatural thriller **The Medusa Touch**, starring Richard Burton. The film's climax was filmed in the Cathedral, doubling for 'Minster Cathedral', which collapses into a mountain of bouncing rubber bricks. The Cathedral will be bathed in candlelight for the screening, with live music, a wine reception and self-guided tours. Before the main feature, they'll be showing a short documentary, specially produced by the Bristol Film Festival.

Other festival events include screenings and screamings of several fearsome favourites in Redcliffe Caves ■

For more information visit: www.bristolfilmfestival.com

Cabot Cruising Club

MLRA has a close association with the Cabot Cruising Club whose club house is the John Sebastian Lightship in Bathurst Basin.

Several members of the Landing are either full or associate members of this historic club and the association often takes advantage of its premises to host functions. Thursday evenings are club nights, from 19.30 the doors are open to members, guests and anyone who would just like a convivial atmosphere to have a drink and a chat. Have a look at their Facebook page or log on to their website for more information: www.cabotcruisingclub.co.uk.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Friday the 13th (6pm-8pm)
The Descent (8.15pm-10.30pm)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Beetlejuice (1pm-3pm)
Poltergeist (3.15pm-5.30pm)
Shaun of the Dead (5.45pm-8pm)
Dawn of the Dead (8.15pm-10.45pm)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Young Frankenstein (1pm-3pm)
Scream (3.30pm-5.30pm)
A Nightmare on Elm Street (5.45pm-7.45pm)
The Exorcist (8pm-10.30pm)

RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION UPDATE



A bloomin' good show

It seems a while ago now, but the annual OPEN GARDENS event was a popular and most enjoyable day with impressive displays around every corner. Thanks to Shirley for hosting the gathering in her garden.

The SUMMER GARDEN PARTY was also blessed with wonderful weather and everyone had a great time. Thank you again to Shirley for the strawberries and for arranging the band. The bookstall and raffle raised over £100 ■



WHAT'S ON?

14 OCTOBER

The Merchants Landing Amenities Company AGM - 7:30pm

12 NOVEMBER

Auction on the John Sebastian organised by John Bates, held in conjunction with Cabot Cruising Club.

25 NOVEMBER

Bob's quiz night again on board 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	Ann Phillips	6 Trin Mills	3297412
Tony Little	13 Challoner Court	9227336	Kevin Little	3 Merrick Court	
Shirley Stark	8 Wapping Road	9293953	Jan Walsh	8 Bathurst Parade	9268714



As I walked past the General Hospital building site a workman doffed his hard hat and politely said "Good afternoon Madam"

SUSAN HART

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