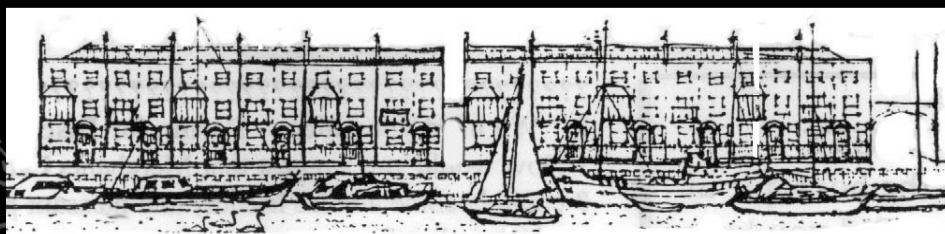


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Newsletter for residents of Merchants Landing

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## BATHURST BASIN BRIDGE OPENING SOON



After a delayed start, the beams for the second Bathurst Bridge were put in position on Sunday 20th August. The crane from the Middlesbrough firm Sarens is capable of lifting 500 tonnes, but the steels placed

were only 35 tonnes apiece. When delivered on Saturday the crane developed a faulty sensor and a technician had to drive down from Middlesbrough to fix it delaying the installation until the Sunday.

According to the site manager, all the work should be completed by the end of October and traffic will be using the new bridge in November. ■



## ROAD RECONFIGURATION Temple Circus roundabout



Work to remodel the Temple Circus roundabout, close to Temple Meads station will involve short sections of lane closures for initial site investigation work with the main works following from late September through to Autumn 2018.

The southern section of the Temple Gate roundabout is closed. This will restrict the number of traffic movements in the area

allowing traffic to flow more easily during the works. Traffic from the north will no longer be able to turn right into Victoria St from Temple Way and traffic exiting from the Friary will no longer be able to turn right onto Temple Way or straight on to Victoria St. Diversions will be signposted.

Sources suggest that the Temple Gate scheme will provide a more direct route for traffic travelling through the area and will make journey times more predictable. This builds on the approach taken in the city centre which has proved successful at reducing traffic delays. It will also bring improved walking and cycling routes for the hundreds of pedestrians and cyclists passing through the area every day. ■

## WATCH YOUR STEP!



The uneven surface and sloped kerb on the newly refurbished Prince Street Bridge is proving to be particularly treacherous. Several cyclists

and pedestrians have already taken heavy falls and one unfortunate commuter has been hospitalised with a dislocated shoulder. Let's be careful out there. ■



## Speeding on Cumberland Rd

With the removal of the 'temporary' 20mph limit, and the wind-up of Metrobus works, the problem of speeding along Cumberland Rd has apparently returned. Before the Metrobus works, there was a "Vehicle Activated Sign" by the Baltic Wharf shop, to slow cars approaching what is a dangerous exit junction. Annoyingly, the Council says, "Unfortunately there is no budget available to provide new Vehicle Activated Signs currently in Highways". However, the council have been persuaded to get the police to restart proactive enforcement along the road. ■

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

### It's AGM season

The MLRA and ML(Amenities)Ltd AGMs are rapidly approaching.

The venue for both AGMs will be the John Sebastian.

#### MLRA AGM

will be held on  
**Friday 6th October**  
**7:30pm**

#### ML(A)Ltd AGM

will be held on  
**Friday 13th October**  
**7:30pm**

All residents, shareholders or their representatives are welcome to attend.

### A gorgeous day afloat



On Saturday September 2nd residents, family and friends set sail to cruise the Avon Gorge from Trin Mills to Avonmouth. The trip took in spectacular views of the gorge and iconic sights such as the SS Great Britain, the Suspension Bridge and the Severn Estuary. We were blessed with glorious sunshine, mountains of cake, lashings of tea as well as a few glasses of wine and beer. A delightful day was enjoyed by all, despite the boat developing an engine problem on the return journey. Thankfully Gromit was on hand to tow us safely back to Cumberland Basin lock. ■



### CRIME WATCH

The rubbish cupboards at the rear of Merrick Court were recently broken into and several bags of rubbish were ripped open. A man was seen sat on a wall outside the open doors, but when challenged denied seeing anything. Please keep your eyes peeled for anything suspicious and ensure your doors and windows are locked when you're not at home. ■



### COMING SOON

21 October—8 April 2018

Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2017



The renowned wildlife photography competition with 100 spectacular images will be back at the M-Shed from 21st October 2017 - 8 April 2018.

From frozen wastelands to tropical paradises and fascinating animal behaviour; this year's selection is a call to action – a plea to band together and protect our fragile planet.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year is the most prestigious photography event of its kind, providing a global platform that showcases the natural world's most astonishing and challenging sights. ■

## WHIST DRIVE FRIDAY OCTOBER 27th



For your entertainment, we're organising a 'Whist Drive' for Friday October 27th, 7.30pm for an 8pm start, on board the

'John Sebastian'. No previous experience or skill required and no need to bring a partner. There will be attractive prizes for the highest scoring lady and the highest scoring gentleman. ■

### Please help keep Merchants Landing tidy

As the council continue to make cut backs and bins are left unemptied our streets are becoming strewn with rubbish.

If we all pick up just one piece of litter a day, we will be doing our bit to help keep our neighbourhood neat and tidy. As they say 'every little helps'. ■



## WHAT'S ON?

**6 OCTOBER**  
**MLRA AGM**

**13 OCTOBER**  
**ML(A)Ltd AGM**

**27 OCTOBER**  
**Whist Drive**

**21 OCTOBER**  
**to**  
**8 APRIL**

Wildlife  
Photographer of the  
Year M-Shed

### The Merchants Landing Residents Association Committee:

Anthony Rackham	5 Merchants Quay	9297562	Joi Demery	9 Merchants Quay	9213412
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Super-cool doggy boarder

SPOTTED ON THE HARBOUR, FRI SEPT 1st

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