



Cleveland Square celebrated in the Royal Academy

This painting of Cleveland Square, W2, was included in this year's Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

Artist Louis Turpin explained how he came to paint it. "Walking through the Inns of Court in 2010 to discuss my first exhibition at the Langham Gallery in Lamb's Conduit Street I was reminded how beautiful the London squares are. The ensuing shows at the gallery included several paintings of squares. In 2014 I thought more broadly and looked into the roots of my

interest in these magnificent combinations of architecture and open spaces (and mature trees).

"In the 1950s my parents were close friends with Frank and Magda Cordell who lived at 52 Cleveland Square and attracted around themselves a group of creatives. While the adults discussed new movements in the arts and worked towards the founding of the Institute of Contemporary Arts, I played with the children of the house and we roamed through the rooms and into the railed gardens with the towering white stucco buildings staring down on us. I loved the light breaking down through the leaf canopy and the glimpses of these splendid structures. This painting was one of a series I painted."

His work can be found at www.louisturpin.com.

Westminster refines enforcement team

The City of Westminster has made further adjustments to its programme of making sure its roads are clean and that traders are complying with their license requirements.

Over the past six years it has had a warden system, under which a local warden took responsibility for one area so that there was a joined-up approach to controlling street-based activity. If residents had a complaint, they weren't referred to a variety of different departments – the warden would deal with it and follow through the enforcement.

Now the system has been modified so that the wardens, re-named City Inspectors, also have oversight over pubs and bars, according to a spokesman for the City. "It removes an artificial spit between two previous regimes to form a combined service."

The City Inspectors act as ambassadors and coaches, helping traders and service providers comply with the rules through education and encouragement. They can initiate legal proceedings if these measures don't bring results.

Accident investigations continue

Investigations into three accidental deaths in garden squares last year (*GSN* Autumn 2014 and Spring 2015) are continuing and no results are available yet, said Metropolitan Police and Health & Safety Executive (HSE) spokesmen.

Teresita Sison, 58, died last October in a fallen tree incident at Rutland Gate, SW7. The tree fall, plus the conduct of five of the police who attended the

scene, remains under study.

A balcony fall took the lives of two moving men who were lifting a sofa last November at Cadogan Square, SW1. The victims were Tomasz Procko, 22, and Karol Szymanski, 29.

The HSE spokesman said "in the Cadogan Square case police retain primacy and the inquests in both cases have not yet been held."