



Barbican Association **NEWSLETTER**

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Crossrail – revision awaited

There has been little change in the Crossrail situation since our last report. The Select Committee is still taking evidence and is expected to continue for many months to come. Cross London Rail Links (CLRL) have reached agreements with a number of petitioners and you will probably have seen recent press reports about changes agreed with residents in the Brick Lane area.

We are still waiting for formal confirmation from CLRL regarding the changes to the location and construction method for the crossover under the Barbican Estate. In an email at the beginning of April we were told that they “currently anticipate the revised proposals will be deposited in early May as part of an Additional Provision to the Bill.” They also suggested that they would be in touch within days to arrange a meeting to update us. After much chasing on our part, Crossrail have invited us to a meeting on 9 May.

We believe that these revised proposals still relate to the new location for the crossover - under Willoughby House, Brandon Mews and the upper lake - and to the substantially more robust construction method reported in the last newsletter. However we cannot comment further until they publish their formal proposals.

Another area of concern is the proposed worksite at the junction of Aldersgate Street

and Beech Street, which will still be required for “compensation grouting works” and for “utility and other service diversions”. These works were outlined in the second Supplementary Environmental Statement and we have raised a number of issues with CLRL regarding the nature and scope of these works. In particular we have asked them to reconsider the working hours for the site and also the proposed weekend working plans which could be very disruptive for many residents. We have not yet had a response but will be pressing them again this week to address our concerns.

It is now 15 months since the Crossrail Bill was published, seven months since we lodged our petition and five months since CLRL outlined their revised proposals on an informal basis. It is hard to understand how it can take so long for these proposals to gain appropriate approvals but we can do little until they are published. We still have the opportunity to present evidence to the Select Committee if we are not happy with the proposals for the crossover and also to raise any other issues regarding the Aldersgate Street worksite if these remain unresolved.

Richard J D Morrison
BA Honorary Secretary



*Defoe House -
crossover cavern
to be moved?
(photo by Gordon
Griffiths)*

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Chair's corner – reasons to be cheerful



fervent prayers for Waitrose to take over the Somerfields in Cherry Tree Walk have been answered (possibly assisted by a petition organised by Barbican residents) and the new store should by now have opened.

There is, as always, a flip side. Change often raises concerns and doubts. That was perfectly understandable

restructure, and the Milton Court redevelopment.

Some issues never seem to go away. The lakes, for example, are now susceptible to pondweed and the fish are as hard to find as ever. I can't believe the heron has eaten them all. One issue I hope will go away this year is the long-running supervision & management dispute. We are close to finalising the Lease Valuation Tribunal (LVT) application which, subject to review by specialist counsel in this field, will then go forward to the LVT. This may seem a rather drastic measure, but since the only alternatives we have been offered are either to 'go away' or to continue talking to the City Corporation until we agree with them, there is no effective alternative. So, a neutral third party will be given the power to resolve this and to examine in some detail the approach and working practices of the City Corporation.

Hopefully, the uncertain issues relating to Crossrail and Milton Court will also be resolved in the course of this year. The one certain thing is that the saga of the lakes will go on, and on, before it is resolved.



David Graves
BA Chairman

It struck me when preparing my speech for the AGM that we have much to be grateful for. I don't just mean the unique qualities of the Barbican itself, which we enjoy year in, year out. I mean the fact that inconveniences such as lift and roof projects have come to an end. The TV upgrade project has finished, and we now enjoy the benefits of digital TV and of saying goodbye to NTL. The new House Officers are a success and have delivered tangible benefits to residents. Bart's has gained a reprieve which, given the nearly £1 billion of planned investment, is likely to be a permanent reprieve. As if to cap it all, the

over the licensing issues of last year given the press coverage predicting the collapse of civilisation as we know it into a collective drunken stupor. Much to all our relief, the fears were proved unjustified. No-one has suggested that the Christmas and New Year festivities of last year were any worse than any previous year. The promised guidance on how to complain about licensing issues is on the BA website (www.barbicanassociation.com) but given the apparent lack of problems, copying this across the estate may be overdoing it. Concerns are quite understandably also apparent over matters such as Crossrail, the Housing Services

Barbican Association AGM

The Barbican Association (BA) AGM for 2006 duly proceeded at the Girls' School on Apr 6. There was a good turnout, with well over 100 people attending. This was despite the fact that the date we selected over one year ago coincided with Maundy Thursday, which on reflection was less than ideal. All elected members of the BA General Council stood for re-election and there was one new joiner in the form of Patricia Norland. Sadly, one of our elected members, Keith Haarhoff, died last year from cancer and is much missed.

After a presentation on fire safety issues from the Fire Brigade, the formal business of the meeting was duly transacted, which included agreement to an amendment to the Constitution to permit freehold owners to join the BA. This was prompted by the purchase of their freeholds by Wallside residents. Membership of the BA at the AGM stood at 1,150 flats, but I am hoping before the end of the year to pass the 1,200 mark, which so far as I am aware would be an all-time high.

As always, the most interesting part is the lively discussion of questions raised

by members at the AGM. This is truly your chance to put us on the spot, but that will not be news to some of you. I had been asked beforehand to sound members out regarding cyclists on the podium, and it became clear that this is considered to be a problem on the estate but we must not object to the police cyclists cycling on the podium if in 'hot pursuit'. I had also been asked to sound members out regarding the very limited access allowed to the conservatory. Again, there was support for extending the present very limited access.

Milton Court and Crossrail provoked a spirited discussion. On Milton Court, there is (I think) a small group within the estate wishing to keep the present building on the basis they believe it has architectural merit. I do not consider myself qualified to give a 'professional' view about that, but whether or not the building should have been listed along with the rest of the estate, I have never found it visually attractive although it is certainly distinctive. The design ideas for the replacement building (providing better facilities for the Guildhall School with a residential tower to pay for that space) will hopefully have been presented at the Guildhall School's Roadshow for comment.

By the time you read this, the Roadshow will have happened, but the hope is that the scheme will offer a number of benefits to residents. We will need to make sure that the benefits proposed are not lost in the execution of the project.

On Crossrail, the view was expressed that the scheme should take an entirely different route, and link from Paddington via Euston and King' Cross, thus avoiding the Barbican altogether. It seems to me that the prospect of achieving this is less than miniscule. I have read some of the petitions submitted by objectors to the scheme and have yet to read one that argues that the route taken is the 'wrong' route.

Interest in the 90 year extension to our leases was apparent from questions asked, and I have prepared a piece on this for the newsletter.

A question was asked about the 'City-wide' wireless network, and whether that would mean the Barbican would be covered. It won't be.

I hope members found the occasion informative and useful, and not least for the drinks available afterwards. I remain Chairman for the coming year, so I look forward to meeting more members at next AGM.

David Graves
BA Chairman

Waitrose is coming to the Barbican

After a number of incarnations in the last few years, the supermarket at Cherry Tree Walk reopens on May 18 as a Waitrose – which says it's the only one supermarket that can boast the accolade of being named the Retail Industry's Multiple Retailer of the Year.

The opening of a local Waitrose is something that many Barbican residents will undoubtedly welcome, certainly among them the 654 who signed a petition last summer organized by Audrey Ballard urging the John Lewis Partnership (JLP) to open a store nearby. Although JLP couldn't say whether this influenced its decision, they are undoubtedly aware of the large potential market in the Barbican, so many thanks are due to Audrey.

Offering the expertise and passion of an independent food shop, coupled with the value and choice of a large retailer, Waitrose says its "passion for food and reputation for excellent customer service has established it as a favourite destination among shoppers and already in 2006 it has come top in *Which?* Magazine's Customer Satisfaction Survey."

At the new Barbican store, you'll find dedicated food counters including a delicatessen and patisserie as well as a superb choice of fresh meat and fish with staff on hand to offer their advice on how to cook and prepare. Waitrose's acclaimed selection of wines, beers and spirits has also earned it more wine awards than any other supermarket and it currently holds the titles of International Wine Buyer and Spirits Buyer of the Year.

Services like its food ordering service, Waitrose Entertaining, will be welcomed by



anyone who is expecting guests. Your entertaining requirements are just a short trip or telephone call away – wine glasses, goblets and Champagne flutes are even available to borrow completely free of charge.

When buying the Waitrose brand, it claims that you can expect so much more, saying its "long standing relationships with suppliers are built on trust and integrity to ensure they meet the high standards set when it comes to protecting the natural environment, animal welfare and sustainability," earning it Compassion in World Farming's Compassionate Supermarket of the Year for the second time running and was it was also crowned Food Retailer of the Year by the RSPCA Alternative Awards.

YMCA noise problems

Residents in the north part of the estate and also in Golden Lane have been disturbed for some months now by noise and disturbances caused by a group of guests at the Barbican YMCA, but hopefully a solution is soon coming.

As well as loud noise from groups of young residents assembling outside the building in the early hours of the morning, there have also been a number of incidents of residents throwing rubbish from their windows, including empty bottles that smashed on the ground below, in on case hitting the roof of a car parked in the courtyard in front of the Bunyan/

Bryer/John Trundle car park. In this instance the police were called, and an arrest was later made.

In the wake of repeated calls to the police in recent months about the late-night disturbances, the local ward policing team for Golden Lane estate have been making late night patrols, and have also taken a much welcomed proactive roll in helping to facilitate meetings between local residents and YMCA management to sort out the problem – along with the Bunyan Court House Group, the Golden Lane residents' association and the Barbican Estate House Officers. The Barbican Association has also helped bring the issue to the attention of the YMCA organisation, which has been receptive to our concerns.

As result of all these efforts a meeting is due to take place on May 10 (after the Newsletter goes to print) when the YMCA



management is expected to reveal a package of measures which are being put into place to deal with guests that act in an anti-social manner. Hopefully we will able to report in the next issue of the newsletter that these measures have solved the problem.

Ronan Kavanagh

Lease extensions – what price an extra 90 years?

It is clear that there is a high level of interest in this subject currently. I have been told, much to my surprise, that to date only 12 flats have applied for and been granted a new lease with a 90 year extension. Subject to paying the premium and the legal costs involved, the new extended lease is a right accruing to all Long Leaseholders and is triggered by serving a formal notice on the City Corporation.

I guess what will interest most people is not the mechanics but the likely cost, so I will deal with that first. Unfortunately for the majority of us, including me, a Lands Tribunal decision of last year has affected the way in which the cost is calculated, with the result that it is now more expensive than before, although the precise degree is dependent on a number of factors, so each location has to be assessed on its merits.

The premium payable reflects two things. Firstly, ground rent. We pay £10 per year for this. In the new lease, no ground rent is payable (technically it is a peppercorn rent, but this is not demanded in practice). We have to compensate the City Corporation for the loss of this income. Over the 190 years for which no ground rent would be received, the total loss is £1,900. However, capitalising this as the sum payable now that would grow to £1,900 if compounded over 190 years is negligible. Thanks to the miracle of compounding, it is actually less than £10!

The other more substantial element of compensation is the deferment of the reversion. The reversion refers to the time when the lease expires and the flat reverts to City Corporation ownership. There is no ready market in reversions, but if there were it would reflect the value of the properties concerned, the level of the ground rent income, the length of the existing leases and the potential income from selling lease extensions. In practice, what happens is similar to the ground rent calculation. The value of your flat is agreed (or determined by a valuer if necessary) as at the date of the notice to extend the lease. The premium is calculated as the capital sum which if invested now would grow over the 100 years of the existing term to the current value of your flat. If one took 6% as the rate for the purpose of compounding the growth, the payment would be approximately £295 for every £100,000 of value.

In addition to the compensatory payments, the City Corporation's costs also need to be paid, indeed the notice you must serve requires you to agree to do so. Currently the charge is £350. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will know whether there is scope for reducing this on the basis that if we organise the applications to extend and they are sufficiently numerous it should be possible to process the paperwork at a 'cost' that's less than £350. The process itself is not rocket

science, and should be very amenable to economies of scale. Don't forget that so far the extensions have been pretty much one-off affairs. Even if you don't use your own solicitor, I would expect there to be Land Registry fees to pay.

You need to take a personal decision as to whether or not to extend. The way the formula works, it might be cheaper to wait if you think interest rates will rise or you think property values are about to fall. The converse naturally applies. However, all other things being equal, if you do want the extra 90 years, just doing nothing will make the price greater year by year as that is the way the formula works. Once a lease reduces to 80 unexpired years, the cost will jump further as at that stage compensation based on 'marriage value' also comes into the calculation.

By the August Newsletter, the detail should I hope have been worked out on an efficient process for the likely number of extension applications and full information on all costs involved. However, I hope the above provides sufficient cost guidance to enable residents to decide whether this is cost-effective and they would like to proceed with a formal application.

David Graves
BA Chairman

Save Bart's petition

A fellow resident in Speed House, Marge Berer, drew my attention to the fact that the government had asked the Bart's and the London Trust to review its planned improvements to both hospitals, and that there was again a strong chance that Bart's would close. "We need to get up a petition!" said Marge dramatically. "We have to do it this week, the decision will be made next Monday!" "What do you mean, WE?" I asked, "I don't do petitions."

She persisted, of course, and bit by bit I became involved in the plan. To try to reach every Barbican resident, I asked David Graves, the BA Chairman, if he would contact House Group Chairmen for permission to put notices on their House Group boards. The notices advised of the petitions waiting with Car Park Attendants or Lobby Porters. Having checked with the Estate Office that this was alright, we tramped around the Estate leaving the sheets to be signed with the CPAs and Lobby Porters, who became very enthusiastic, and really worked at getting signatures. They only had about four days in which to do it.

Then I received a call from Wendy Meade, the Common Councillor who, with many others, has worked for so very many years on the Save Barts Campaign. She wanted some residents to come with petitions to Bart's the next day because the BBC was going to film for a news item. More telephone calls, and I rounded up some wonderful willing souls who came and stood in the cold outside the hospital gates while we waited for the BBC to arrive.

Suddenly, three of the gentlemen we had press-ganged disappeared in the direction of the nearest café. Asked where they were going, they said that they were going to collect signatures! Competitively, we women now began to ask passers-by to sign our sheets. Beatriz Phipp did wonderfully well, and was rewarded a couple of days later by seeing herself on TV! The chaps came back, rather self consciously bearing large cups of coffee, but also some signatures, so we forgave them.

When Marge and I collected the signatures from around the Estate on the Saturday morning, we had 470. With more time, we would have had many more, I am sure. We knew that the Save Bart's Campaign had been going for a long time, and the long-term campaigners are probably now quite weary. Perhaps it needed



someone new to come along just then, with the energy and purpose to start another wave of protest.

The sheets were sent to the Prime Minister, to Gordon Brown, Patricia Hewitt and Mark Field, our MP. He had already secured an adjournment debate in Parliament, and was working with other local MPs, including Frank Dobson, to persuade the Health Minister to withdraw her request to the Trust.

Whether our signatures had any effect we will never know, but there has now been another reprieve for Bart's, so to all those who signed, and all those who helped in those frantic few days, many thanks and congratulations. It is amazing how a community can rally round when there is a proven need.

Patricia Norland

Milton Court update

A part from applications by a number of residents to make changes in one form or another to their flats, so far this year commercial planning applications have not had any effect on the Barbican Estate. However, the rumours relating to Milton Court, which have been circulating for several years, suddenly hardened into fact in January when preliminary details of a development proposal from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the City of London were given to representatives from the Estate.

Since then the consultation process has got underway with interested house group representatives (especially from Speed House and Willoughby House) meeting with the architect, planners and GSMD staff. The "final" scheme will have been presented to residents at two Roadshows before these notes are published. Nevertheless, as this is being written (in April) there are still a number of outstanding residents' concerns which have to be dealt with - not least, the ancillary work to the street scene in the immediate area of Milton Court and how this is to be funded. Also the problems with replacing the bridge which currently gives residents access to Ropemaker Street and the potential need to reroute the 153 bus. Speed House and Willoughby House

residents are pressing for effective tests to be made to minimise their loss of light.

The (now redundant) Milton Court building is to be replaced by an annexe to the GSMD's current premises which have become increasingly overcrowded as a result of the doubling of student numbers since the late 1970s. The proposal has two parts. A building to include a mid-sized concert hall with seating for 650, a training theatre seating 200, a studio theatre and space for teaching, office and support staff (this is expected to cost in the region of £40 million); and a slim, residential tower above the school's complex rising to around the same height as City Point (which will cost approximately £60 million).

Assuming that the resident consultation process is satisfactorily completed, the planning application is expected to be submitted to the City of London in June with the overall project being completed before the end of 2009.

If you were in any doubt about the developments within the City, let me tell you that almost two kilograms of documents for the next Planning Committee meeting have just been delivered to me—and that is only the public reports!!

Don Pritchard

Chairman BA Planning Committee

Security matters

Following the Barbican Association's AGM and my return as an elected member of the BA's General Council I have also retained the privileged position as chairman of the estate's security committee.

Given the start of a 'new' year for the committee and the relatively recent introduction of House Officers, I have taken the opportunity to invite these three new members of the Barbican Estate Office - Helen Davinson, Becky Marshall and Sarah Styles - to join the committee. In this way, individual house group problems can be brought to the attention of the committee.

The committee will continue to address security matters relating to the estate as a whole and, in so doing, it will also review concerns, and attempt to resolve those concerns, affecting specific areas of the estate.

One such recent example is the Speed House lawn area; an area identified by the committee as a 'soft spot' in terms of being potentially insecure and open to unwanted infiltration and abuse by non-residents.

To avoid such unwelcome intrusions, a practical and fairly low cost solution, and one which should not create a problem with the estate's listing, would be to install full-height gates at the

bottom of the staircases at either end of Brandon Mews. This particular concern and proposed solution is currently under discussion.

With the imminent approach of Dr James Hart's retirement as Commissioner of the City of London Police I thought it would be appropriate to ask him if he wanted to contribute to this article. Unfortunately, the Commissioner's Easter break overlapped with the Newsletter's deadline and so he was unable to provide any text personally. However, Angeline Burton, Head of Corporate Communications for the City of London Police has made a contribution on behalf of the Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner 'signed-off' the following piece which Angeline penned:-

"It is now 10 months after the events of 7/7, and memories of the horror of London's first suicide bomb attacks may be fading, but the City of London Police's commitment to protecting its unique community remains as determined as ever.

With its world-wide business and financial profile, the City has always faced some degree of terrorist risk, so counter-terrorist policing has been a priority for the Force for many years. Following last year's events, protecting the City from would-be attackers has taken on even greater significance.

Over the years the City has learned to adapt, with vigilance being key and protective measures

Barbican Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club is the oldest club in the Barbican having been formed originally as the Daytime Club over 30 years ago. The club is open to all residents, not just ladies - we have several male members - and meets every Tuesday at 3 p.m. We are at present in temporary accommodation at the rear of Milton Court Technical Services meeting room.

All the events scheduled below are in conjunction with the Forum for Older People in the City of London.

- Tuesday 23rd May: Alderman Alison Gowan talking about the Sir John Soane Museum
- Wednesday 28th June: annual outing to Knebworth House, Hertfordshire which dates from the early 17th century
- Tuesday 11th July: proposed visit to see "Oh what a lovely war" at the GSMD
- Tuesday 25th July: annual summer party to be held at YMCA Fann Street

The club will be closed during August, reopening on Tuesday 5th September.

- Tuesday 12th September: Deborah Bradfield from the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre, talking about the work there
- Tuesday 17th October: AGM of The Tuesday Club
- Tuesday 24th October: AGM of the Forum for Older People
- Tues 21st November: proposed visit to Wood Street Police Station
- Tuesday 5th December: Christmas Party and club closes until new year
- Tuesday 12th December: Christmas Lunch at YMCA Fann Street

Tea rota

May: 9th Mrs Crawford, 16th Mrs Coburn, 23rd Mr Fisher, 30th Mrs Giles
June: 6th Mrs Harris, 13th Mrs Leck, 27th Mrs McClare
July: 4th Mrs Ballard, 11th Mrs Breadmore, 18th Mrs Bradley
September: 5th Mrs Buck, 12th Mrs Crawford, 19th Mrs Crisp, 26th Mrs Coburn
October: 3rd Mr Fisher, 10th Mrs Giles, 17th Mrs Harris, 24th Mrs Leck, 31st Mrs McClare
November: 7th Ms Wright, 14th Mrs Ballard, 21st (proposed visit), 28th Mrs Breadmore
December 5th: the committee

For more information please contact Audrey Ballard, Chairman, on 7588 4330.

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We would prefer you to pay by standing order. It saves our volunteers much time. Please complete the attached form. Alternatively send a cheque payable to 'Barbican Association' with your address on the back.

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The Barbican Association keeps a database of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e mail addresses of Association Members. Information from the database is used by our General Council and Affiliated House Groups for maintaining and increasing membership, distributing our publications, managing and reporting on our finances and accounts, and carrying out other objects of the Association. We also disclose information about our membership to the Corporation of London (including the Barbican Estate Office) in order to maintain their recognition of the Association. By becoming a member of the Association, you consent to the use of your information for these purposes.

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BARBICAN ASSOCIATION DISCOUNT SCHEME

So long as you pay the 2006 subscription by standing order, BA membership will continue to cost you only the minute sum of £5. However, if paying by cheque or cash, we will charge £7 in 2006 to reflect the extra work involved in processing these forms of payment compared to standing order. We do urge you to pay by standing order, not just to continue to benefit from the £5 subscription but also to help us to reduce the administrative work involved in renewals. The subscription helps to us to look after residents' interests: for example, dealing with Crossrail, licensing issues and mitigating the potentially over-onerous listing guidelines for the interiors of Barbican apartments, which cost a significant sum on consultants and legal advice, all money well spent in protecting residents from unreasonable constraints on the enjoyment of their homes.

But there is even more value to be obtained from membership, through the Members' discount scheme, offering valuable discounts with a number of local suppliers – and this list is growing the whole time. You can easily save the cost of your membership, possibly many times over, by taking advantage of the discounts available to members. So, if you are not already a BA member, please complete the membership form and standing order in this newsletter and post/deliver it to Gaby Robertshaw, BA Membership Secretary, 706 Bryer Court, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8DE. E-mail: gaby3@tiscali.co.uk

Current local businesses which offer BA Member discounts are as follows:

Abracadabra Services: 5% discount off regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly cleaning prices and a 10% discount off prices for one-off Spring and end of tenancy cleans. Contact Abracadabra Services Ltd., 10 Glasshouse Yard, Barbican, London EC1A 4JN or call Allan Lee on 020 7336 7686. Fax: 020 7336 7687. Email: allan@abracadabra.co.uk. Website: www.abracadabra.co.uk

Barbican Dental Care: 10% on all services including tooth whitening and revolutionary healOzone treatment. Ground Floor, 80-83 Long Lane, London EC1A 9ET. Phone: 020 7600 4147. Contact Nikki Skews

Barbican Dental Practice: 10% discount on procedures for BA members on production of their Membership Card. (5% discount for all Barbican residents). 1 Wallside, Barbican. Phone: 020 7638 8200 for appointment.

Barbican Film: Two for one offer on Sunday evening screenings in the Barbican Centre for BA members on production of their BA membership card at time of booking. Not valid in conjunction with any other Barbican Film or discount offers.

Brasserie Malmaison in Charterhouse Square offers BA members booking breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner a complimentary glass of the excellent Pelorus New Zealand vintage sparkling wine; (This offer does not apply to the current low cost Grand Prix lunch promotion at the Malmaison); Bookings advisable - call 020 7012 3700.

City Boot: 20% off food and wine; Moorfields Highwalk (above Boots). Contact Susie @ 020 7588 4766

Coconut Lagoon: 15% off food – eat-in and take away. Also special offer for Coconut Lagoon Experience - £20 per head as opposed to £25 per head normally. Includes cocktail and nibbles on arrival, 3 course meal from full menu, half a bottle of wine and dessert wine followed by coffee (15% discount doesn't apply to this offer). 7 Goswell Road (under Citadines Hotel). Tel. 0870 755 7747. Email: city@coconutlagoon.com Web: www.coconutlagoon.com

Heads & Tails Restaurant/Bar: 15% discount.; 020 7600 0700.; Email: headsandtails@hartfordgroup.co.uk

Hermes Health: Osteopathy: including cranial osteopathy and visceral osteopathy, pilates rehabilitation ; 10% discount for BA members on initial osteopathic consultation and treatment (around 45 minutes) and 5% discount for further treatments (each around 30 minutes) up to a maximum of six in any six month period. For Pilates rehabilitation a 5% discount on individual sessions (60 minutes) or 10% if a block of 5 is paid in advance. Information: Hermes Health Ltd., Templeton House, 33-34 Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4SF. Appointments - Phone 0870 246 1460. Fax: 0870 246 1641. Email: info@hermeshealth.co.uk. Web: www.hermeshealth.co.uk

Issus Turkish Cafe Grill and Meze Bar: 10% off food and drink. 117 Charterhouse Street. Open Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 11 pm. Contact David on 020 7253 2070.

Missouri American Grill and Restaurant: 20% discount from the a la carte menu or the £12 set two course or £16 set three course menu between 5pm and 11 pm. 76 Aldgate High Street, EC3. Tel: 020 7481 4010

Pho - Vietnamese Cafe/Restaurant: 10% discount at all times. 86 St John Street, EC1M 4EH. Tel: 020 7253 7624. Email: info@phocafe.co.uk. Pho is open Monday to Friday from late morning to late evening and on Saturday evenings.

Quinn Interiors: 10% off curtains, blinds, soft furnishings and re-upholstery. Contact Quinn Interiors, 78 Hermon Hill, Wanstead, London E11 1PB. Phone: 07050 159156. Fax: 07050 259256. Email: info@quinn-interiors.com. Website: www.quinn-interiors.com.

Rudland & Stubbs: Fish restaurant. 10% discount for BA members who book and indicate membership at the time of booking and present BA membership card at restaurant. For reservations call 7253 0148. 35-37 Greenhill Rents, off Cowcross Street, EC1

Spencer Thomas Estate Agents: Specialists in the sale & letting of residential and commercial property throughout The City, Clerkenwell, Farringdon, Shoreditch and Smithfield. Tel: 020 7490 1333. Discounted sole agency selling fees to 1.5% plus vat of the sale price and 7.5% plus vat on letting of property.

Susannah Hall Tailors: 10% off any purchase - bespoke or ready to wear, mens or womens - suits, shirts and fabulous range of ties and accessories. 110 Clerkenwell Road; Tel: 020 7253 4055. Email: susannahhall@aol.com

Barbican Bridge Club

Do you enjoy playing duplicate bridge in congenial company? Then do come along to the Barbican Bridge Club. We play from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (approx.) on the first Monday of every month. No need to bring a partner but please register your interest in advance with David Iliffe, telephone: 020 7628 3320, email: david161defoe@aol.com.

The Club has been going for more than 20 years but we always welcome new members. So why not give it a try? Refreshments are available at minimal cost.

If you would like more information, please contact Ruth McWilliam (Chairman) 612 Gilbert House, telephone: 020 7374 0382, email: ruthmcw@aol.com.

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If you would like to comment on any of the articles in this edition of the newsletter, make any suggestions about items you would like to see covered, or better yet, offer to write an article yourself, please contact us.

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familiar sights. The 'ring of steel', with licence plate recognition and CCTV, plus the innovative Project Griffin, which trains private security guards to be informed 'eyes and ears' has ensured the City is not a soft target.

It would be fair to say that most City residents have a heightened awareness of terrorist activity, and we have worked closely with you through the years to ensure the continued safety of the Square Mile. The most important thing to remember is that if you have any suspicions, report them immediately. If it's an **emergency dial 999**, if not call the **Anti-Terrorism hotline on 0800 789 321**

Vigilance is one of the best ways of preventing and detecting crime, including terrorist crime. We firmly believe that communities defeat terrorism. We don't mind if it proves to be a false alarm.

Total security can never be guaranteed but we are committed to making sure that the City continues to thrive. Since 7/7, the determination of the community not to let fear affect the superior quality of life that both residents and City workers enjoy, has been more apparent than ever. The City of London Police will continue to work in partnership with you all, to make sure it stays that way.

More information about the Force and advice on security matters can be found on the website: www.cityoflondon.police.uk

Having referred to James Hart's pending retirement, may I, on your behalf, express our

gratitude to his highly efficient leadership and successful management of the City of London Police Force. A Force, second to none in terms of effective policing for businesses, visitors to the City and for us residents. It is also a force that has been, and continues to be, a world-class operator in successfully tackling fraud on a global basis as well helping the Metropolitan and other Police Forces in the UK providing specialist skills for specific projects.

Useful contact numbers:-

Barbican Police Office 020 7601 2456

PC Dave Whitbread's mobile
(non emergency calls) 07921 095346

Snowhill Police Station – Front Desk
020 7601 2406

General COLP switchboard
020 7601 2222

Emergencies (landline) 999

Emergencies (mobile) 112

Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321

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