



# Barbican Association **NEWSLETTER**

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## Clarification Sought Over Crossrail Concerns

In the last newsletter we reported that the BA had submitted a supplementary petition against the additional provisions of the Crossrail Bill and we were still waiting for a response from Cross London Rail Links (CLRL).

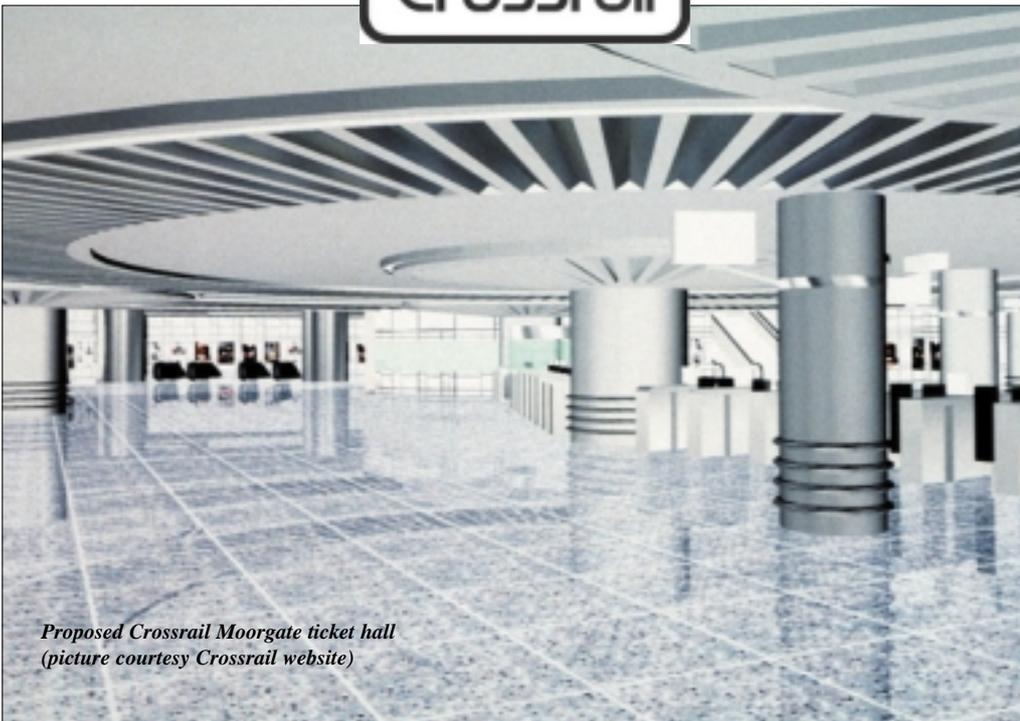
The response from CLRL was received in late August and after a couple of further exchanges of letters we were due to give evidence before the Select Committee on 19th October. At the last minute this hearing was postponed and we were rescheduled for 24th October. Unfortunately just before we were due to give our evidence, the Committee received an unwelcome response from the Secretary of State for Transport to one of their questions and as a result the sitting was adjourned. We are still waiting to hear when the hearings will be reconvened but there is as yet no firm news. It appears that the Committee may not sit again until the beginning of 2007.

However as a result of our petitions, the responses received from CLRL and our subsequent correspondence, we are still concerned about the inadequacy of the Environmental Assessment upon which CLRL have based their plans for worksites around the Barbican, and about a number of other specific issues. Following the postponement of our evidence, we have had further exchanges with CLRL and hope that we may meet with them in the near future to try to resolve some of these concerns.

First we were keen to ensure that the design, location and construction of the crossover would be in accordance with the latest plan provided by CLRL and had asked them for a specific undertaking. They have now confirmed that they have given the City of London Corporation an assurance which addresses



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*Proposed Crossrail Moorgate ticket hall  
(picture courtesy Crossrail website)*

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# Chair's Corner – Roll on Christmas

It has been a more than averagely busy three months since I sat down to prepare my piece for the August newsletter. A number of important long-running projects being handled by the Barbican Association have rolled on constructively and in some cases now, I hope, are close to a conclusion. I shall look at each in turn:

## Crossrail

Richard Morrison covers this in more detail, but we expected by now to be able to say that our petition (parliamentary language for our objections to aspects of the Crossrail scheme) had been heard by the Select Committee. We got within about two minutes of that stage, as we thought, having travelled to the Select Committee hearing room at the Palace of Westminster at the end of October for the hearing of the petition. Instead, we were treated, if that is the right word, to some parliamentary theatre, as the Select Committee Chairman reacted angrily to a statement of the Secretary of State read out just before we were about to put our case, explaining that there was no money to fund a Crossrail station at Woolwich. After an unexpected but short adjournment, everyone was summoned back into the committee room to hear than the Select Committee was to adjourn for the rest of the week at least. They have since decided to adjourn until the New Year.

In the meantime, we may be able to obtain undertakings from Crossrail to help to address the remaining issues and in particular to mitigate the undoubted environmen-

tal effects that will be caused by Crossrail and which Crossrail continues to fight shy of addressing properly, despite repeated urgings to do so.

## Lease Extensions

Approximately 100 of you responded to my request to get in touch with me if you were interested in exercising the legal right to a lease with an extra 90 years beyond the original 125 year term. An update is probably now a little overdue, and I am grateful for your patience to date. In terms of the "bulk deal" arrangements I referred to, there is now a draft guide for residents under review by the City Solicitors Department that explains the process for the "bulk deal", how the entire process works and which will hopefully answer most peoples' questions. The BA has obtained external legal advice as to the new lease applicants will receive (it is essentially the same lease with some updating changes) and I hope everything can now be finalised, including the "commercial" terms regarding the City's costs for processing the applications before Christmas.

## Supervision and Management Dispute

I have written about this before, and of the need to draw this dispute (which has been running for at least 8 years) to an end, either by way of a decision of a Leasehold Valuation Tribunal, which resolves disputes between landlords and tenants, or a settlement. I hope by the time you read this that there will be further news to report.

## Cherry Tree Walk

I entirely share the concern over the possible redevelopment of Cherry Tree Walk, and the potential displacement of the existing businesses which clearly do provide necessary services to residents living close by. Despite the concern, I could not sign a petition opposing proposals involving the non-renewal of existing leases without knowing what the proposals are; and at the moment we do not know what plans are currently brewing. The plans might come to nothing, and the "notices" that have been served to take effect next summer, subject to the proper legal processes, might then be withdrawn. If a redevelopment plan does materialise, which I think is likely, we should focus on the advantages and disadvantages of the plan presented, to see whether we can eliminate the "bad" elements while keeping what may prove to be beneficial aspects of change.

My understanding is that the owners of the site, UBS Global Asset Management, will be in a position to communicate their proposals currently under consideration "soon". They could not confirm to me that "soon" in this context will mean before Christmas, but they do wish to put plans on the table for people to see as soon as possible, not least because they know that in the meantime the rumour-mill and misinformation trail will be working against them. Because commercial issues are involved, they cannot discuss quite yet the options they are considering specifically, but they do

*Cherry Tree Walk, Photo by Gordon Griffiths.*

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this point. We now plan to discuss this with the City Corporation.

Our second concern related to the ground-borne noise, which would result from the operation of the Crossrail trains, and we had asked for an undertaking that they would install floating slab track under the entire estate. In response, CLRL have advised that they are putting in place special arrangements to protect the Barbican concert hall and these are likely to result in ground-borne noise levels for Barbican residents at a substantially lower level than the standard normally required for residential buildings. We have requested further clarification of this point.

We also expressed our concerns about the worksite in Moor Lane. While CLRL have now given us reasons why they are unable to move the worksite to another location, they have offered some assurances about the operating hours, confirmed that the site would not normally require vehicles to reverse and proposed that they will erect a soundproof enclosure over the site. We have asked for clarification on these points and for further specific assurances.

Finally we have raised concerns about the requirement for compensation grouting worksites within the Willoughby and Andrewes House car parks. Since the details of these arrangements will be at the discretion of the contractor appointed

to effect the works, we have asked for an undertaking that the contractor will be required to consult with the Landlord and with the Barbican Association in respect of the locations, working hours and operating arrangements for any such sites. We have not yet received any assurances on this point but continue to press them.

You will see that while we have made substantial progress, there is still some way to go. However we hope to resolve some of these issues over the next month or so and if not will still have the opportunity to present our evidence to the Select Committee in the New Year.

**Richard J D Morrison**  
*BA Honorary Secretary*

## Chair's Corner – Roll on Christmas

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wish to improve the retail offering and the amenities for local residents. I believe we should judge what they have to say against those criteria.

### Milton Court

I look forward to seeing the formal plans and models relating to this scheme at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama's (GSMD's) public exhibition on 22nd and 23rd November at the GSMD's premises. If you read this before then, I do urge you to go.

I am very conscious that there is a minority, and I am convinced it is a minority, of Barbican residents who see architectural merit in the existing building, and are fighting to preserve it. While the existing building has its supporters, it is far from obvious that it deserves to be preserved as a listed building. If it were so obvious, it would have been listed with the rest of the Estate, but the City's application for immunity from listing will necessarily entail a reconsideration of the issue of intrinsic merit.

It would be very short-sighted to believe that the issue is just about architecture, though. Almost by definition, Barbican residents have more reason to care about their immediate environment than most, and unfortunately for the supporters of the existing building, many and I believe most of them don't care much for the existing building. One can of course argue that this is an untutored or unsophisticated judgement upon the existing building by people who lack the knowledge or training or even insight to understand what it represents, but even if that were the case, and I am no architect, we do not tell people that they can



*Below: Milton Court*

only vote if they pass an exam in civics or politics and/or economics. Architecture as such is just part of the debate, and in my view Barbican residents are right to consider other factors as part of the overall "package" and in particular how the new building will look and how the overall street scene will be enhanced.

I also believe many residents struggle to see (unlisted) Milton Court as "belonging to" the Estate, as if in allowing it to be demolished, we are in some way inviting the demolition ball to move next to any other part of the (listed) Estate we think unlovely. Milton Court was built before the Estate and would I believe have been built whether or not the rest of the Estate was constructed, as there was a need in particular to replace the bombed-out fire station that existed in the now non-existent Redcross St that ran up to Beech St and joined the bottom of

Whitecross St by St Giles' Church. On looking at the pre-war street plan, it also shows that what is now Moor Lane was then named Milton Street. Thus, far from Milton Court being named according to the Barbican model of using the names of well-known (more or less) City folk of yesteryear, it was named after the street it stands in, which coincidentally was that of the 17th Century author. In that sense, it is actually different from rather than like the other modern Barbican Buildings, none of which carry the name of one of the now lost streets.

**David Graves**  
*BA Chairman*



# Security Matters

Most, if not all of you, like me, know that we have a very special, first-rate police force here in the City. You will not be surprised therefore to learn that in the National Police Performance Assessments for 2005/06 which are conducted for every police force in the UK, of which there are 43, the City of London Police (COLP) were ranked third best in the country.

Overall COLP were judged to have improved in six of the seven areas assessed and, in two of these areas namely, *Reducing Crime* and *Investigating Crime* a score of "excellent" was awarded.

The seventh area not seen to have improved was nevertheless regarded as "good" in terms of its delivery of service and the 'direction' was assessed as being stable. This area was for *Citizen Focus*.

In preparing this article I asked our local bobby, Dave Whitbread, if he had any points he wished to convey to you and, in responding, I include below a circular letter which he has prepared for all residents in an attempt to clarify which number or who we need to contact for which particular concern. I would also take this opportunity to remind you to speak with your House Officer (BEO) who can refer matters of concern to the Estate Security Committee.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the BA's Estate Security Committee, to wish you and yours all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year – where has this year gone!

**David Bradshaw C.C.**  
Chairman, Barbican Estate Security Committee

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE WARD POLICING TEAM

Dear residents,

As you are no doubt aware there have been incidents of criminal damage and anti social behaviour in the recent weeks.

Whilst these incidents appear not to be a growing trend it is important for us all to remember that we have a role to play in keeping our community a safe and crime free environment.

Therefore here are a few simple dos and don'ts about when to call the Police

**1/** If you feel your life or that of another person is in immediate danger call **999**.

**2/** If you feel that a crime is about to be committed, or has been committed call **999**.

**3/** If you see or hear anything which you consider suspicious or consider the incident not to of a serious nature, such as skateboarding or noise issues please don't leave it to someone else, call the City of London Police main switch board on **020 7601 2222**

**4/** For any other enquiry please do not hesitate in contacting the Ward policing team, see all contact details listed below.

**5/** Should you wish to raise an issue which is Ward specific, an alternative method to contact the Ward policing team is using [www.barbicantalk.com](http://www.barbicantalk.com)

It is important to remember that the Ward policing team may not necessarily be available to respond to your call, due to other operational commitments, however, should you leave a message we will respond as soon as practicable.

Ward Constable PC 228B  
Dave Whitbread (Barbican Residential) can be contacted at  
Mobile **07921 095346**  
E-mail  
[david.Whitbread@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.Whitbread@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk)  
Or

Ward Constable PC 254B John Levey (Business & Retail) Mobile **07710 36488**  
E-mail  
[john.levy@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk](mailto:john.levy@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk)

Barbican Police Office  
Shakespeare Tower  
Barbican Estate  
EC2Y 8DR  
Tel **020 7601 2456**  
Fax 020 7256 2802

Ward Constable PC 408B  
Paul Gilmour (Golden Lane Residential) can be contacted at Tel **0845 456 3595**  
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[golden.lane@city-of-london.police.uk](mailto:golden.lane@city-of-london.police.uk)

Golden Lane Police Office  
Golden Lane Estate

Finally feel free to either drop in or make an appointment to speak to us as well. If you wish to learn more about the City of London Police please visit [www.cityoflondon.police.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.police.uk)

Best wishes  
**Ward Constable PC228B**  
**Dave Whitbread**



## Ready for a challenge?

When I am not involved in Barbican matters I am the chairman of Headway East London a charity based in Shoreditch which works to improve the life of people with an acquired brain injury. While 70% of our funding comes from the statutory sector, we have to raise the balance from grants and fundraising events. So far this year we have raised more than £130,000 but need a further £40,000 to meet our target for 2006/7. In addition we are being forced to move to new premises in 2007 and will

have to raise a further £100,000 to meet the costs of the move and of outfitting the new Headway House.

Between 16th and 30th November we are running our "nifty fifty" fundraising event which challenges our supporters to raise £50 each. If we can encourage 400 people to take part this will raise £20,000. When we reach this target the person with the niftiest fundraising idea will win a hovercraft ride while the person who raises the most for the challenge will be able to choose from a selection of experience days.

Are you willing to take up the challenge? You can get full details on our website [www.headwayeastlondon.org](http://www.headwayeastlondon.org) along with more information about what we do.

If you can't access the web but would like more information about Headway East London and our "nifty fifty" challenge, then please call me on 020 7588 9255

We are also looking for an architect who can help with planning the interior of our new premises. Is there anyone out there who could help us on a pro-bono basis?

**Richard Morrison**  
176 Defoe House

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
Re: *Milton Court Redevelopment*

As a former resident of Milton Court I should like to reply to Susan Hosking's letter, and to other residents concerned about the above redevelopment. I am fed up with this current debate. Where were they when Milton Court residents needed them during the long years of stressful negotiations with the Corporation to retain the fabric of the building, leading eventually to being bought out. Some residents, notably in Willoughby and Speed, were supportive, but I doubt whether the rest of the Barbican was concerned if, in fact, they knew where Milton Court was. There seems to be a romanticised vision of Milton Court being an architectural gem, but the reality is different. True, one or two ex-Milton Court residents do feel the same way as new residents, such as Ms Hosking.

Ms Hosking says Milton Court is an integral part of the Estate, the first building to be built and the same attention to detail evident in the other buildings is evident in this block. Let me correct a few things. Yes, it was the first building and was planned as a "support" for the rest of the Estate, i.e. it contained the mortuary, coroner's court, women's clinic, social services and fire station. The 13 flats were originally planned to house the firemen and their families, hence two and three bedrooms, and the void below was envisaged as a play area for the children. Why the flats were not rented out to the firemen I do not know.

When I moved into Milton Court in July 1977 (I moved out in August 2003) Milton Court was a stand alone building. It had no connection to the Estate and to visit friends in the Barbican proper, I had to go to street level and enter via the car parks or the entrances of St Giles or Lauderdale. As regards "the same attention to detail", Powell used a different kind of concrete to the rest of the Estate and it is disintegrating rapidly. As regards being Powell's favourite building, perhaps he should have lived there before making that statement. During heavy downpours, many of the flats were flooded. The drainage system was not built to cope and water was retained on the flat roof. Many was the time I came home to find my patio full of muddy water because rainwater, which had accumulated on the roof, had been swept onto the

patios by workmen. The flats were icy cold in winter due to inadequate heating, double glazing and poorly fitted windows and doors. There was no heating in the bathroom and some of the skylight windows were poorly fitted. Residents could, of course, provide their own heating and seal off the skylight, thereby causing condensation. So much for attention to detail evident in other blocks. Today I live in a nice warm Defoe House flat, which is not subject to flooding and where detail is definitely evident.

Oh, and there were no security doors until problems with Social Services' clients ensued. Social services were situated on the 3rd floor and as I preferred to walk down the stairwell, I was often confronted by abusive drunks, tramps, homeless etc who peed and defecated on the stairwell. Naturally, the residents picked up the tab for the cleanup, as we paid 50% of the service charges for the whole building. I could go on, but a book would ensue.

Before I'm asked why I stayed so long in Milton Court the answer is simple: for approx 10-15 years and before the one way road system, the area was quiet, the problems with Social Services came later, it was safe, no transport costs as I worked in the City, and as a one-parent family it was initially cheap, and the patio was big enough for my son to play in. Powell built an Estate to bring families/people back into the City, but forgot essentials like play areas for kids, among other things.

Milton Court is unique and I have fond memories of the early years there. However, it is not an integral part of the Estate as such. It even has a different postcode. It was built to provide services for the rest of the Barbican. Times have changed and we must change with them.

As regards listing, when this was mooted I wrote to the then Secretary of State requesting that the building NOT be listed, but she replied that it would be. Later she changed her mind. I do not think Milton Court, unique though it is, warrants listing. I shall be dropping Elaine Pearce of DCMS a Line, but to ask her to get a move on with the demolition and building of a residential block. We need more residents in the City.

Yours sincerely,  
Valerie Meixner  
96 Defoe House

I am a psychotherapist/counsellor and have been a resident of the Barbican for 9 years. I am setting up two support groups in the New Year for fellow residents: one a women's group and the other a professional support group for small business people. I already run professional support groups for charity sector CEOs. The new groups will meet monthly for two hours and will be limited to six people.

More info about me can be found at [www.psychotherapy.city.co.uk](http://www.psychotherapy.city.co.uk) or by calling me on 0777 557 0208 or email [amanda@psychotherapy.city.co.uk](mailto:amanda@psychotherapy.city.co.uk)

Amanda Falkson

## 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.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 24th October, with 24 members present. Due to the sad death of Gene Breadmore, Leslie Breadmore has kindly taken over as treasurer. Audrey Ballard is still Chairman, Elizabeth Crisp, Ann Bradley and June Giles are committee members.

- Sunday 3rd December: Tuesday Club and the Forum for Older People to attend annual Christmas lunch party given by Merrill Lynch
- Tuesday 5th December: Christmas Party
- Tuesday 12th December: Christmas Lunch at YMCA Fann Street

**The Club will close until 9th January 2007**

### Future Events

- Tuesday 16th January: Martin Earlam, Team Asset Management for the Thames Barrier will give an illustrated talk about the Thames Barrier

### Proposed Future Events:

- Alderman Sir Gavyn Arthur on being Lord Mayor
- Clotilde Wang, Deputy and Champion for Older People
- A representative from St Joseph's Hospice
- Lady Pam Davis on her experiences as Lady Mayoress
- Members talking about their war-time experiences

### Tea rota

November: **14th** Mrs Crisp, **21st** David Fisher, **28th** Mrs Ballard  
December: **5th** the committee (Christmas party)  
January: **9th** Mrs Bradley, **16th** Mrs Buck, **23rd** Mrs Crawford, **30th** Mrs McClare  
February: **6th** Mrs Coburn, **13th** Mrs Crisp, **20th** David Fisher, **27th** Mrs Giles  
March: **6th** Mrs Leck, **13th** Miss Wright, **20th** Mrs Ballard, **27th** Mrs Bradley  
April: **2nd** Mrs Crawford

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



**THE RECOGNISED ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF  
BARBICAN RESIDENTS**

**2006 MEMBERSHIP**

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Mailing Address	<b>Member type:</b> Leaseholder / Corporation Tenant / Sub-tenant (please delete as appropriate)		
Names	1		
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	3		
	4		
Telephone Nos		Fax	
E Mail			

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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.**

Please return this form to

**Gaby Robertshaw, Membership Secretary, 706 Bryer Court, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8DE. E mail: [gaby3@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gaby3@tiscali.co.uk)**

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The scheme members offer discounts or incentives to Barbican Association members to buy their products or utilise their services and are publicised in each issue of *Barbican Life* Magazine, on the [www.barbicanlife.com](http://www.barbicanlife.com) website and in the Barbican Association's quarterly newsletter for so doing. Contact Lawrence Williams on 07711 066198 – or by email at [barbicanlife@gmail.com](mailto:barbicanlife@gmail.com) – for further information.

## CURRENT SCHEME MEMBERS

### FURNISHINGS

■ **Alma Home:** 10% discount on furnishings. View at showroom at 8 Vigo Street, London W1S 3HN, or in Selfridges. See also website [www.almahome.co.uk](http://www.almahome.co.uk).

Contact Tisha Richbell on 020 7377 0762 or by email: [tisha.richbell@almahome.co.uk](mailto:tisha.richbell@almahome.co.uk) for further details.

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### HEALTH

■ **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.

■ **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](mailto:info@hermeshealth.co.uk)  
Web: [www.hermeshealth.co.uk](http://www.hermeshealth.co.uk)

### RESTAURANTS/BARS

■ **The Cuban: Restaurant/Bar.** Latino/Caribbean atmosphere. 20% off meal (food only) in restaurant OR two drinks for the price of one at the Long Bar. 1 Ropemaker Street (in City Point complex). For reservations call 0870 850 8975. Website: [www.thecuban.co.uk](http://www.thecuban.co.uk)

■ **Issus Turkish Cafe Grill and Meze Bar:** 10% off food and drink after 3pm. 117 Charterhouse Street. Open Monday to Thursday 12 noon to 3pm and 6 pm to 11 pm, Friday 12noon to 3pm and 6pm - 2 am, Saturday 6pm to 2 am. Closed Sunday. Contact David on 020 7253 2070 for reservations

■ **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](mailto:info@phocafe.co.uk). Pho is open Monday to Friday from late morning to late evening and on Saturday evenings.

■ **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

■ **Vinoteca Bar & Wine Shop:** 5% off all wines purchased from our Wine Shop on production of BA membership card, until end of May 2006. Free delivery of 12 bottles or more to Barbican. Wine Shop open 11am to 11pm, Monday to Saturday. Vinoteca - 7 St John St, London EC1M 4AA, tel 020 7253 8786.

### SERVICES

■ **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@abraserve.co.uk](mailto:allan@abraserve.co.uk). Website: [www.abraserve.co.uk](http://www.abraserve.co.uk)

■ **Elite Home Maintenance:** 10% off labour costs for Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Tiling, Carpentry and Electrical work; Contact: Steven Richards, 153 Amhurst Road, LONDON E8 2AW. Tel: 020 7241 3957 or 07976 352 395; Email: [srichardsbuild@btinternet.com](mailto:srichardsbuild@btinternet.com)

■ **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

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## Gene Breadmore - A tribute from Audrey Ballard

On 12th September 2006, St Mathew's Day, a memorial service was held for Gene, and it was a joy to see St Giles Church full of family and friends.



Gene Breadmore was for many years an active member of the Barbican Association helping Leslie, her husband, pour out wine after those early meetings of the Barbican Association in the Girls' School.

Gene and I became friends when we volunteered to help Regina Bullock in an un-let shop in Leadenhall market for the Providence Row Charity. During this time Gene asked me if I would take over the Chairmanship of the Tuesday Club as Rose Croot was retiring. I said OK as long as you become treasurer. So there we were for nearly 15 years. Gene will be remembered by all the Tuesday Club for her lively wit, cajoling members to pay up their subs and keeping me in check.

She made us laugh about her early years working for Lew Grade and her contacts with the old music hall stars and TV personalities.

Her other great love was the art class and she produced many delightful watercolours. Both she and Leslie joined us all in the early days of the Music Society enjoying the cheap concerts and getting together in the interval for a gargle and a gossip.

I know I speak for all the members of the Tuesday Club, and indeed many other Barbican residents, when I say how much we will miss her. Folk like Gene are special: they are the salt of the earth; what you saw is what you got.

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