



# Barbican Association NEWSLETTER

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## Change all around, good neighbours at home

### Area Strategy: next moves

Thank you to the many residents who responded to the consultation on the Barbican and Golden Lane Area strategy that took place over the early summer. It was no small task given the size of the documents and the number of proposals. The consultation has now concluded and a paper on the strategy has been approved by the City's planning committee and is working its way through the policy and resources committee and Court of Common Council over the next month or so. A copy of the report, which summarises the feedback received during the consultation and sets out what will happen next, is here: <http://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk/documents/s54389/Barbican%20Area%20Strategy.pdf>

The main messages of feedback were general support for the aim of improving the Barbican and Golden Lane estates and support for more greenery and better landscaping; perception of a tension between the drive to promote a cultural hub and the needs of residents; concern that

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some proposals might compromise the integrity of the listed buildings and gardens; support for making Beech Street access only (subject to maintaining access to residents' car parks); more or less universal opposition to a bridge over the lake; wide support for a review of way-finding; and pleas from residents simply for better standards of maintenance.

As a result of the feedback one major change (alongside several minor changes and nuances) is that the strategy no longer includes a proposal to build a bridge across the lake. It is owing to that almost "universal hostility". Nevertheless, the strategy still includes the need for improved north-south connections, though there is not yet any particular solution. It has also been clarified that there will be no loss of residents' parking or concierge service in the proposals for Silk Street (and presumably Moor Lane, because the argument is the same) and that any impacts on

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The filling and planting of the pond by Bryer Court finally completes the Beech Gardens project. More on what's happening in Barbican gardens on p6.

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residents' amenity will be given careful consideration.

I was pleased to see that the review of way-finding and signage has been given high priority because the BA's submission argued that well designed and intelligent way-finding would go a long way to mitigate some of the problems that people have in finding the Barbican. Indeed, the difficulty in finding the Barbican has become something of an urban myth. If it were true, then Cumberbatch's Hamlet would not have sold out, the London Symphony Orchestra wouldn't regularly play to packed audiences, and many university students would never reach their graduation ceremonies. Nevertheless, way-finding could be much improved.

Overall the paper outlines a series of projects to be undertaken over the next 6 or more years. We have been told that each project will have its own approval process (for funds and political approval) and its own consultation. So we can expect the various elements to appear as a series of more detailed plans over the next few years, and we can expect formal consultation on each of these projects. The BA will obviously keep track of these projects and hope that residents will respond as necessary to each detailed plan as it emerges.

## Planning and building and cameras

Meanwhile, and oblivious of any grand strategy, the area goes on changing. The new building on the old telephone exchange site in Moor Lane (now called Moor Place, or 1 Fore Street) is getting occupied and causing problems from noisy parties on its terraces. London Wall Place is taking shape with the lift cores almost complete; 21 Moorfields is about to start being demolished; and 160 Aldersgate Street is being refurbished and enlarged also with terraces. And of course, Crossrail trundles on at Farringdon and Moorgate.

21 Moorfields in particular will result in a severe loss of access to the estate from the east, since the Highwalk from Moorfields to the bridge over Moor Lane will be closed about the time this newsletter is published. The BA has been pressing the City's Streets and Walkways Department to improve their maintenance and monitoring of the surrounding lifts, especially the one at the corner of Moor Lane and Silk Street: the City has agreed to hold a stock of spare critical parts so that if a lift does break down it can be repaired swiftly.

One sign of all this building work around the estate is that there are now more BA working groups than I have ever known before, set up to enable nearby residents to talk to contractors and try to ensure that the construction work isn't too intrusive (of course, it is). So we have working groups for each of the following developments: London Wall Place, 21 Moorfields, 2 Fann Street (or

Blake Tower, the old YMCA), and 160 Aldersgate Street. The working group formed over the London Film School is currently resting since the LFS pulled out of its plan to occupy Exhibition Hall 1 because it couldn't raise the funds but the City is still planning to do some enabling work to make the space easier to let, so it will be resurrected again.

If any resident is interested in joining any of these working parties please let me know and I will put you in touch with their coordinators. And may I echo a plea made by Helen Kay, the new chair of the BA's planning sub-committee, that residents should sign up to the Barbican Estate Office's email broadcast system because it offers us an effective way of contacting residents about works that may affect them. See her article on p5.

The other thing that will be happening shortly is the advent of CCTV cameras on the estate. The police submitted a funding request because the Barbican and Golden Lane areas have relatively few cameras compared with the rest of the City. The Residents Consultation Committee and the BA ran a consultation on what residents thought about this in late spring. A majority were in favour (see <http://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk/documents/s50658/Barbican%20CCTV%20Report%20-%20consultation%20document.pdf>), but the substantial minority who were against and many of those who were in favour had important caveats about the installation to do with it complying with the listed building guidelines, ensuring privacy for residents in their flats, and about the way the installation appeared and the "tone" of it. The City has undertaken to consult further on implementation, and this process is taking place through the BA's security



*Work has started on the former YMCA building, now renamed Blake Tower after William Blake, the poet, artist and dissenter buried in Bunhill Fields.*

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subcommittee, headed by David Bradshaw, and joined by Tim Macer for this issue.

### Good neighbours

Because of all this local focus, it was a pleasant change at the last BA general council meeting to discuss some rather broader issues. Firstly, Averil Baldwin, the chair of Thomas More House group, spoke to the council (and a few other interested residents) about the "Good Neighbour" scheme that Thomas More house group has set up. Recognising that it had a high proportion of older residents living alone and that the design of the block (vertical staircases) was potentially isolating, the house group has set up a loose group of 18 volunteers willing to help their neighbours with small day to day jobs like picking up prescriptions, changing light bulbs, watering plants, and generally "keeping an eye out" for them. The group did a considerable amount of research, talking to City social services, Age UK, residents, the estate office, and are clear that the informal help is complementary to that provided by providers of formal care in other words, it is classic neighbourly help. Averil admitted that their one disappointment has been that take up has been low so far, but the discussion at the meeting was very positive. Several people mentioned the importance of the Tuesday Club, and one of the things volunteers can do is accompany someone to the Tuesday Club for their first visit, to make it less daunting if someone is shy.

Our next discussion was also in a way about neighbourliness but on a rather broader scale: our response to the refugee crisis in Syria and the Middle East generally. Richard Collins proposed that the BA should call on the City of London to identify itself as a City of Sanctuary and work with other bodies to facilitate successful resettlement of refugees to the UK. In the end the general council decided not to make such a motion (feeling it was beyond its remit), but the discussion acknowledged the importance of the issue and produced much individual support. As a result Richard has written a piece in this newsletter on what local authorities can do and what individuals can do to express their support (see p4).



**Jane Smith**

chairBA@btinternet.com

# RCC Update: Leases and holiday lets

At September's meeting, RCC members learned about the new process the BEO has put in place to deal with the problem of holiday-style short term lets. This is quite a milestone, and it has been reached through close cooperation between officers and residents.

It initially seemed like a hopeless situation, when the government made it legal earlier this year for property owners in London to let their flats for short periods through 'sharing economy' websites like as Airbnb or Onefinestay. Barbican residents had made it very clear it was not something they wanted.

The first encouraging sign that enforcement might still be possible was when the City Comptroller decided that there were several clauses in the lease which, while they did not explicitly mention short-term letting, did preclude the consequences arising from it and were enforceable.

The BEO's action plan was endorsed by both RCC and BRC in September. It provides a step-by-step process that the BEO will

follow if a resident complains about any nuisance arising from a neighbouring flat being let out on short-term holiday lets, or if residents report that they have reason to believe it is happening. It also deals with the subject of gathering evidence and here it is sensitive to residents' privacy, and acknowledges that we are all entitled to lend our keys to friends and relatives if we choose and provided it is not being done on a commercial basis.

Quite rightly, lease forfeiture is very much a last resort, only after polite reasoning and ever-firmer persuasion have failed. Another important principle is that leaseholders will not be pursued over technical breaches but they will be pursued vigorously where nuisance is reported and they then are negligent in bringing that nuisance under control. BEO will publicise this periodically, and remind residents that short-term letting is not acceptable.

I can also report there have already been some early successes in persuading the

relatively small number of flat owners believed to be doing this, to desist.

Now that a good process exists, the BEO will also use it as a model for dealing with the other two lease infringements that tend to exercise permanent residents: noise from unauthorised wooden floors, and problems arising from residents keeping pets. We cannot imagine anyone will have their lease terminated for these infringements in practice. The expected course is some rugs or carpeting goes down, or a pet gets rehomed to somewhere more suitable, and the problem is dealt with after discussion, by mutual agreement. But it is reassuring to know that the City Solicitor is willing to go to court, if all other remedies have failed.

If you are concerned about, or are suffering any inconvenience from short-term lets or noise from hard floors in the flat above you, make contact with your house officer.

**Tim Macer**

Chair, Residents' Consultation Committee

## Membership counts

It's now almost 18 months since the flood of yellow update forms first began. If you recall we've been moving your standing orders to our new bank account since January 2014. I am pleased to report that by January 2016 we are hoping to have switched almost all of the mandates.

At that time, members who have opted to pay by cheque will see an increase to their subscription fees. The annual fee will increase from the current £7 to £8, which remains exceptional value given the various discounts included in our membership. Our fees have remained unchanged for several years, at least since 2006, if not longer. Given the increasing admin related to these types of memberships it has become necessary to review our fee. The fee for standing order subscriptions remains unchanged and pretty remarkable given cumulative inflation during this ten year period being in excess of 20 per cent! If you have paid your 2015 membership by cheque you will receive a renewal letter in January informing you of the new fee.

One of the reasons for being able to retain such an affordable membership fee is because as a recognized residents association, some of our operating costs are recoverable from the City of London. In order to maintain this recognised status, we must be able to demonstrate comprehensive representation of the residents on the estate. This representation is measured by our active membership, which at the moment stands at 59 per cent of residents/leaseholders of the estate. As you can imagine there is always a certain degree of movement within an estate as large as the Barbican and every year we lose members as a result of moves. In order to capture new residents a warm welcome and a recommendation to join by neighbours will surely help us retain membership at above 50 per cent!

Eagle-eyed readers may have noticed a change to the association website. We have introduced a more user friendly layout, which is currently in place on our co.uk domain. We have decided to retain the old site at our .com domain to enable us to continue to provide access to some of the older material that has yet to find a place on our new site. We are also evaluating what parts may have become out-dated altogether and as always, we would love to receive your feedback and suggestions. You can share your comments on e-mail membership.BA@gmail.com or on our Facebook page or via twitter.

**Kai Virtanen**, BA Membership Secretary

*Take a look at the new Barbican Association website currently under construction.*



## Make the City a "City of Sanctuary"

The UK Government has offered to take 20,000 refugees over 5 years and 4,000 people a year. Whether or not this is a proportionate response to Europe's refugee/migration crisis, driven by several states' collapse into seemingly endless conflict and destruction, is a moot point. However, once in the UK these vulnerable people need accommodation, English lessons, befriending and so on. But visas are linked to promises of accommodation and support and the need to protect incomers from exploitation once admitted means that local authorities and notably social services departments are key gatekeepers. Without their participation needy people are excluded from entry and from securing help once among us.

Some UK local authorities have made a high level commitment to helping and they have identified themselves as "Cities of Sanctuary". Should not the City of London do the same?

Not least because earlier flows of migrants to the UK enormously enriched UK society and the UK economy. As well as the disabled and traumatised whom the UK government has (rightly) prioritised there are many youthful, healthy and well qualified people who wish to leave their own catastrophically damaged societies and come to, and contribute to, the UK.

What can we do? First, urge the Corporation to name the City, our City, as a "City of Sanctuary" and to work with other bodies, faith groups, refugee action bodies and the like, to enable refugees to settle successfully. Please write to our Common Councillors and Aldermen and MP so that the UK (and our City in particular) can more effectively help refugees and asylum seekers to enter, settle in and contribute to our society.

**Richard Collins**

## Planning: Many applications in progress

I went away on a pre-planned holiday a short time after volunteering for this role! Thanks must go to Sue Cox for covering for me whilst I was away; she did a great job and communicated well.

The weekly planning lists are distributed to the House Group Chairs and I highlight any items that are likely to affect residents on the estate. There continue to be a number of projects to update apartments, a large proportion of them carried out by Thomson Brothers. The Barbican Arts Centre has applied for planning for new signage in the food hall.

As the work starts on 21 Moorfields we now have a Liaison Group for the project. We meet with Land Securities (developers), Mace (Crossrail) and Keltbray (demolition). At our latest meeting we learnt that the closure of the Moor Lane bridge is likely to be around 15 October and the agreed signage will go up before then. Moor Lane will be closed for 5 days in October for the crane that will be building the cranes on the site. This is a complex site being built over the Crossrail line and the developers are very keen to communicate well and another newsletter is on its way. These will be sent by email through the Barbican Estate distribution system and hard copies will be posted on noticeboards. The contacts for reporting problems were in the 21 Moorfields June newsletter; Mace are in charge of the 'below decks' work and Keltbray the demolition of the building.

Residents are working with the developers on

London Wall Place (SE corner) and Blake Tower (old YMCA) as issues arise and newsletters are being produced to give us updates.

Work has also started on 160 Aldersgate. The demolition of the top 2 floors will be going on from November to the end of January. We have been promised a contact mobile number and more information about the works in the developers next newsletter, due out soon. Meanwhile, you can contact the team by email on [160aldersgatecommunication@mclarengroup.com](mailto:160aldersgatecommunication@mclarengroup.com)

There have been almost seventy objections to Wagamama's planning application to create an entry and exit double door on Moor Lane even though they have 2 doors round the corner towards City Point. With almost 200 bedrooms in Willoughby House facing east onto Moor Lane residents are concerned about noise and disturbance. The noise from the roof terraces and light spillage from the new Moor Place in Fore Street were discussed at a meeting with management. We are sure that improvements will follow.

At the Planning Committee Meeting on 8 September, planning was granted for an opening hours extension to 01:30 on Friday and Saturday nights at Neo Cocktail Bar, Carthusian Street. There had been no objections since the management plan had been in place.

Please note that it is important for residents to report any noise and nuisance to the Corporation of London. It is only when there is a documented



*The busy south-east corner of the Barbican Estate – the Moor Lane bridge before it closed, the new Moor Place building on the left and London Wall Place under construction behind.*

trail of evidence can any action be taken. Noise is an environmental issue not a planning one. You can report incidents 24/7 to 'Environmental Health' see the CoL website or call 020 7606 3030.

There are likely to be other projects around the estate in the future, the Museum of London, the Exhibition Halls and Bernard Morgan House spring to mind. When an issue arises the easiest way to communicate quickly is by email. Residents can register their email addresses with the Barbican Estate Office, [barbican.estate@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:barbican.estate@cityoflondon.gov.uk) to keep informed and to receive newsletters giving updates on the various developments.

**Helen Kay**

Chair BA Planning Sub-committee

## City of London Access Group - New Members Wanted

My name is Xa Naylor and I am the recently elected Chair of the City of London Access Group (CoLAG). I have Multiple Sclerosis which mainly affects my balance and co-ordination so I tend to use a walking stick when out and about. It can be a struggle commuting five days a week and although I love my job as a P.A., I look forward to the weekends just so that I can rest.

CoLAG provides an active focus within the City of London for matters relating to accessibility, work with statutory authorities and others to achieve an accessible environment for the whole community (particularly those with disabilities) and raise public and professional awareness of the difficulties caused by inaccessible buildings and facilities.

Members of the Group give their time freely to provide personal input on access to the built environment. They meet bi-monthly to discuss national and local access issues as well as news, updated legislation, publications and events that affect disabled people. There is usually a speaker at each meeting giving a presentation on a topical issue to the Group.

The Access Group has been influential in ensuring that accessibility is included in the City's planning policies and has had success in changing planning proposals to improve access for disabled people for the better. For instance, they have carried out street audits which led to street improvements in terms of accessibility.

CoLAG shares a close working relationship with the City's Access team. Consisting of Rob Oakley (Head of Access) and two access advisors (Pippa Jackson and Jean Hewitt), the team supports and facilitates CoLAG in a number of ways including arranging its regular meetings at Guildhall, co-ordinating street surveys and Considerate Contractor tours as well as organising visits to other venues.

In addition the Access Team provides members with regular updates and news pertaining to 'disability', sources and corresponds with guest speakers and provides all necessary administrative and fiscal support.

Most of us in the group have a disability and



*Xa Naylor, chair of CoLAG, is keen to welcome new members to the Access Group.*

live in the City or work here in the public sector. I would be particularly interested in hearing from individuals from the private sector so if you or somebody you know would be interested in joining, please e-mail [colag@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:colag@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

**Xa Naylor**, Chair CoLAG



### Christmas Market 2015

**30 November & 1 December 2015  
at Guildhall**

Christmas wouldn't be the same without festive markets, and the City is in no short supply. The Guildhall Christmas Market has more than 100 stalls selling everything from bratwurst, mulled wine and Christmas pudding, to jewellery, books and gifts. All proceeds go towards the British Red Cross.

30 Nov. 5.30-9.00 pm. £35 Preview night tickets include drinks & canapé reception.  
1 Dec. 10.30 am-8.00 pm. £5;  
free after 5.00 pm. Tickets include a complimentary glass of wine.

### The Barbican Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club continues its programme of interesting and entertaining speakers at its weekly Tuesday afternoon meetings. You will be made most welcome in the Lilac Room, 02 level of Seddon House, every Tuesday from 2.45 to 4.00pm, or ring Chairman **June Giles** on **020 7588 1623** for more details.



## Cyber-crime on the rise

Continuing with my review of cyber-crime, I was interested to see a letter which Adrian Leppard, Commissioner of the City of London Police Force, recently issued to fellow Chief Officers. In it, he predicted that an extra 3 million offences will soon be included in official statistics as victims reveal the scale of online fraud and this will increase the total level of crimes committed to more than 10 million a year. He believes that this will undermine the Government's insistence that society is becoming safer and raises fresh concerns about billions of pounds being cut from police budgets. He wrote:-

"The public spotlight will fall on this issue soon as the results of the recently updated Crime survey for England and Wales are published. These will add an extra three million fraud and cyber incidents to the overall level of crime in the UK an increase of up to 40 per cent."

Martyn Underhill, the Dorset crime tsar who has campaigned on behalf of fraud victims, said: "I've said for a long time that crime isn't going down, it's going online. The release of this huge increase is timely as I hope it will make the Chancellor reflect on how much he cuts the police budget in December."

If Commissioner Leppard is correct in his assumption, the soaring crime rate will be revealed this month when the Office for National Statistics publishes its first estimate of frauds.

Figures for crimes recorded by police already include fraud, but faith in these statistics has been shaken after senior officers revealed the many ways in which they can be fiddled to meet targets. Latest figures show police in England and Wales recorded 3.8 million offences in the year to March 2015, including 230,630 frauds.

**David Bradshaw C.C.**

Chairman, Barbican Estate Security Committee

### Useful contact numbers

Barbican Police Office 020 7601 2456  
 Snowhill Police Station Front Desk  
 020 7601 2406  
 General COLP switchboard  
 (skateboarding) 020 7601 2222  
 Emergencies (landline) 999  
 Emergencies (mobile) 112  
 Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321

## In Your Gardens

A new border in Speed Garden, better irrigation for the lawns, and a second, larger pond in the Fann Street Wildlife garden were some of the issues discussed at September's meeting of the Gardens Advisory Group. GAG is made up of residents, Barbican Estate officers and City of London Open Spaces representatives and meets every quarter to review the gardens and discuss ways to improve them.

The trial of a border of annual wildflowers in the Speed garden generated mixed reactions. While it was agreed that at its peak the border looked lovely, it was over all too soon. A rethink of the bed, perhaps an herbaceous border similar to the planting in Christchurch Greyfriars, was suggested. Also some residents thought more shaded areas would be desirable on hot summer days, and a plan to plant another tree was agreed.

Lawns in both Speed and Thomas More gardens suffered badly in the hot weather early in the summer, and the problem was exacerbated by problems with the irrigation system. In future this will be checked every March or April to make sure it is working properly. Other efforts to improve the lawns,

which have been looking rather patchy, will be made. However, the "fairy rings" of toadstools may be difficult to eliminate.

A survey by the London Wildlife Trust of the Fann Street wildlife garden carried out in the spring had concluded that the level of biodiversity was "unusual for such a heavily urbanised area". It recommended that this could be improved further through a number of measures including the addition of another pond and more trees to extend the habitat for birds. A 5 year Management Plan is currently being written.

The allotment scheme continued to be popular with a waiting list of over 30 residents. A further 6 planters were being transferred to use as allotments, and work is being done to provide more taps so that gardeners can easily fill their watering cans.

**Maggie Urry**

*The flower border in Speed Garden is set for a rethink.*



## BA DISCOUNT SCHEME

The Barbican Association has negotiated the following discounts with the suppliers below. You may need to present your BA Membership Card to take advantage of these. 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 020 7588 0898 – or by email at [barbicanlife@gmail.com](mailto:barbicanlife@gmail.com) – for further information.

### CURRENT SCHEME MEMBERS

#### FOOD AND DRINK

**Artillery Arms** 15% discount on food and drink on presentation of BA membership card. The Artillery Arms is at 102 Bunhill Row, EC1Y 8ND. Telephone 020 7253 4683 for table bookings. Website [www.artillery-arms.co.uk](http://www.artillery-arms.co.uk)

**Barbican Tandoori** 10% off food on presentation of Barbican Association membership card. Eat-in or take away. Delivery service available within the Barbican estate. 55 Aldersgate Street. Tel: 7600 4747 or 7796 4499

**Café Below** Crypt of St Mary le Bow church, Cheapside. 5% off your evening meal at Café Below on presentation of a Barbican Association membership card. Open Monday – Friday serving suppers from 5.30pm – 10pm. Menu changes daily and can be viewed on our website. "Food this good and at this price is rarer than mermaids' kneecaps!" View London. [www.cafebelow.co.uk](http://www.cafebelow.co.uk). 020 7329 0789

**Chiswell Street Dining Rooms** 20% off total food bill in the evenings Mondays to Fridays. To take advantage of the offer please bring proof of membership. Not

applicable with any other offer. To view menu or to reserve a table visit the website [www.chiswellstreetdining.com](http://www.chiswellstreetdining.com)

**Coq d'Argent** A complimentary glass of Champagne when ordering from the a la carte menu (up to 6 pax, not to be used in conjunction with any other offers). To redeem, Barbican Life members will need to mention 'Barbican Life' when making their booking or present their membership card on arrival. Coq d'Argent, No 1 Poultry, EC2R 8EJm Tel: 020 7395 5000.

**Fish Central** Bustling neighbourhood seafood restaurant serving the well known as well as the more exotic varieties of the freshest fish. 10% off the total bill – restaurant only. 149-155 Central Street, King Square, London, EC1V 8AP. Tel: 0207 2534 970

**Gattis** 10% of final bill in the evenings, Monday to Friday. To take advantage of the offer please bring proof of membership. Gattis Restaurant, City Point, 1 Ropemaker Street, EC2Y 9AW. Tel: 020 7628 8375. [www.gattisrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.gattisrestaurant.co.uk) Take-away and deliveries also available.

**The Jugged Hare** British Gastro Pub with open kitchen and separate private events space on the corner of Chiswell Street and Silk Street. 20% off the total food bill Monday - Friday dinner and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. 49 Chiswell Street. London EC1Y 4SA. [www.thejuggedhare.com](http://www.thejuggedhare.com)

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

**2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Barbican Address			
Mailing Address	<b>Member type:</b> Leaseholder / Corporation Tenant / Sub-tenant (please delete as appropriate)		
Names	1		
	2		
	3		
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Telephone Nos		Fax	
E Mail			

**Membership fee £7 if paying by cheque OR £5 if paying by STANDING ORDER: For addresses outside the Barbican add £3 for UK, £6 for Europe, £9 for rest of world to cover postage.**

**Membership cards:** Membership cards are printed in batches either monthly or bi-monthly depending on the print run required

**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

**Roger Howorth, Assistant Membership Secretary, 63 Thomas More House, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8BT. E mail: roger@rogerh.com**

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.

**STANDING ORDER**

To	Bank	Branch Address
	Branch	

<b>Bank</b>	<b>Branch Title</b>	<b>Sorting Code Number</b>
Lloyds Bank		30-91-79

*For the credit of:*

<b>Beneficiary's Name</b>	<b>Account Number *</b>	<b>Quoting Reference</b>
Barbican Association	27933660	

*Commencing*

Date of first payment	Amount of first payment if different	Amount in figures	Amount in words	Due date and frequency
	£	£		1 January annually

Date of last payment

Until further notice in writing or  and debit my/our account annually

<b>Name of account to be debited</b>	<b>Sort Code</b>	<b>Account Number</b>

This replaces my/our previous standing order for the transfer of £  to the same account (cross out if not applicable)

Name(s)	Signature
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**BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE**

Address	Signature
Postcode	Date

**L'atelier des Chefs** Love cooking! Join us in our cookery school for a truly unique cook and dine experience! We offer a fantastic selection of hands-on, interactive cooking classes in London, ranging from 30 minutes up to 4 hours. Open Monday – Saturdays, upcoming classes can be viewed on our website [www.atelierdeschefs.co.uk](http://www.atelierdeschefs.co.uk). Barbican Association members can get 10% off our classes and in our cookware shop. 10 Foster Lane EC2V 6HR, 0207 796 0110.

**London Wall Bar and Kitchen** Museum of London – podium level: A complimentary glass of Prosecco with a main course order. Residents will need to show their BA Card to redeem the offer, one glass per main course ordered, normal licensing laws apply, not valid with any other offer. For reservations call: 020-7600 7340.

**Moshi Moshi** Moshi Moshi is a calm, discreet place serving authentic Japanese sushi and izakaya-style dishes. It offers all Barbican Association Members a 10% discount on their total bill on presentation of the BA Membership card. Liverpool Street, Unit 24, Liverpool Street Station, London EC2M 7QH (above platform 1, behind M&S). Tel / Fax: 020 7247 3227

**Neo** 14-17 Carthusian Street, Tel: 0207 726 8925: Special pizza and drink offer for BA members - any Pizza and a glass of house wine or soft drink for £9.95. Neo's pizza dough is made fresh every morning and only quality fresh toppings are used. Special offer applies from Saturday through to Wednesday.

**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.

**St Barts Brewery** New bar/restaurant on corner of Long Lane and West Smithfield. 20% weekend discount off all food and drink on production of Barbican Association membership card. Bookings not necessary but advised. 66 West Smithfield, EC1A 9DY. Tel: 020 7600 2705. To view menus see [www.stbartsbrewery.com](http://www.stbartsbrewery.com)

**The Well Gastropub** 20% off total food bill Monday to Friday on presentation of Barbican Association membership card. Please mention on arrival. The Well, 180 St John Street, Clerkenwell, London EC1V 4JY. Tel: 020 7251 9363

**Vecchio Parioli** Friendly Italian restaurant at the corner of Aldersgate Street and Carthusian street offers Barbican Association members a 10% discount on production of their membership card. 129 Aldersgate Street, EC1A 4JQ. Tel: 0207 253 3240.

**Vino & Vino** Italian wine bar – wine shop – lunch – aperitivo. FREE Italian tapas with your wine from 5 pm. 15% off food on presentation of Barbican Association membership card. Open Monday-Friday, 10 am to 9pm. Over 60 carefully selected Italian wine labels to choose from, ham and cheese platters, large bruschettas and salads served daily. [www.vinoandvino.co.uk](http://www.vinoandvino.co.uk). 16 West Smithfield, EC1A 9HY.

**Wood Street Bar and Restaurant** Mon to Wed 10% off total bill when sitting down to dine. Maximum of 6 people in a party. The Barbican Association card discount must be mentioned either when booking or when ordering to take advantage. Barbican Association membership card should also be shown to person taking order. Wood Street Bar and Restaurant, Cnr. Wood Street and Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 5EJ. Tel 020 7256 6990.

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

**Certax Accounting (EC London)** 5% off the first years Tax & Accounting services if you are looking to change accountants. Aimed at individuals, companies, contractors & landlords. Contact Marie on 07903 585959. 81 Rivington St., Shoreditch, EC2A 3AY. [www.certaxaccountingecLondon.co.uk](http://www.certaxaccountingecLondon.co.uk)

**Mail Boxes Etc, Barbican** 10% discount to BA members on any Fedex International Priority or UPS Express shipment. Members should show their BA membership cards and discount will be applied at time of purchase on the current Fedex or UPS retail price. Not valid with any other offer and only available at Mail Boxes Etc, Barbican. We are open from 8.30am to 6.30pm Monday - Friday. 128 Aldersgate Street, London, EC1A 4AE. Tel: 0203 3261116, email: [info@mbearbican.co.uk](mailto:info@mbearbican.co.uk)

**Prince of Wales Dry Cleaners** Service includes dry cleaning, laundry service, linen service, shoe repairs. We also clean leather and suede, and do alterations and repairs. Free pick up and delivery from the Barbican. Special offer laundering 5 shorts for £7.50. Offering 10% discount on first orders and any bulk orders. Call 0207 267 1540 or 07590 377245 17 Prince of Wales Rd, London NW5 3LH.

**REtailoring** We are a local tailoring service offering both Bespoke and Made-to-Measure suits and quality alterations to all types of garments. We are happy to offer 10% discount on all items for Barbican Association members. REtailoring, 12 East Passage, London. EC1A 7LP. Tel: 020 7600 4600. Opening Hours 9:30 to 6:00 Monday to Friday, Saturdays by appointment

**Urban Locker Self Storage** Your stuff, close by at Paterson Court, Peerless Street, London EC1V 9EX. Tel: 020 3637 0850. Catering for all your storage needs. Business and Domestic, Safe and Secure 10% Discount on any solution when presented with the BA membership card

**FURNISHING**

**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.

**Ligne Roset City** Contemporary furnishings. 10% discount available to Barbican Association members, but not available in conjunction with any other discount. See website: [www.ligne-roset-city.co.uk](http://www.ligne-roset-city.co.uk) for furniture details. 37-39 Commercial Road, London E1 1LF. Tel: 0207 426 9670

**MAR-DEN** We source and sell a range of art deco, midcentury and modernist furniture. We already have fantastic clients in the Barbican and would now like to offer all residents a 10% discount. Please contact Frances on 07940 762885, or email [info@marden.co.uk](mailto:info@marden.co.uk). Alternatively you can enter 'barbican' in the discount box and purchase items online. Please visit [www.mar-den.co.uk](http://www.mar-den.co.uk)

**MILK Concept Boutique** Small furnishings, contemporary hand-crafted lighting, collectable porcelain, fragrances, travel accessories and exclusive fashion labels can all be found relaxing in comfort amid the whitewash Victoriana and petite elegance of The Clerk's House, beside Shoreditch church. BA Members offered discounts of 5% to 10% on all goods except Fornasetti. 118 1/2 Shoreditch High Street, London E1 6JN, Tel/Fax 0207 7299880

**MyDreamKitchen** 5% discount. Contact Spiro Nicholas, MyDreamKitchen, 708 Lea Bridge Road, London E10 6AVV. Freephone 0800 018 5654. Email: [spiro@mydreamkitchen.co.uk](mailto:spiro@mydreamkitchen.co.uk) Web: [www.mydreamkitchen.co.uk](http://www.mydreamkitchen.co.uk)

**HEALTH BEAUTY AND WELLBEING**

**Acupuncture Access** Acupuncture Access at 193 Whitecross St offers 20% off initial consultation to Barbican residents, and 10% thereafter. Beat-off burn-out with this deeply relaxing treatment. Herbs are not used, which keeps the overall cost of treatment down. [www.AcupunctureAccess.co.uk](http://www.AcupunctureAccess.co.uk) | 07553 636841

**Barbican Acupuncture** 10% discount off all prices listed on website to anyone presenting their BA card. 1 Wallside, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8BH. Tel: 020 7638 4322. Email: [Gary@BarbicanAcupuncture.com](mailto:Gary@BarbicanAcupuncture.com) Website: [www.BarbicanAcupuncture.com](http://www.BarbicanAcupuncture.com)

**Barbican Dental Care** 10% off normal fees; 25% off customised home whitening; 30% off combined "thermal diffusion" and customised home whitening Amanda Lenihan, Barbican Dental Care, Lower Ground Floor, 2 Cophall Avenue, London EC2R 7DA. Tel: 020 7256 2477. Website: [www.barbicandentalcare.com](http://www.barbicandentalcare.com)

**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. [www.barbicandentists.co.uk](http://www.barbicandentists.co.uk)

**Barbican Physio (under new ownership)** A team of highly qualified and experienced physiotherapists offer a broad range of physiotherapy services. 15% discount on physiotherapy fees for self-paying Barbican Residents on presentation of BA card. Entrance off Podium Level. No. 1, The Postern, Wood Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BJ. Tel: 020 7606 6530. Website: [www.barbicanphysio.co.uk](http://www.barbicanphysio.co.uk)

**Bodymotion Chiropractic Clinic** 15% discount on presentation of Barbican Association membership card. No. 1 Wallside, Barbican. Phone 020 7374 2272 for appointment. [www.body-motion.co.uk](http://www.body-motion.co.uk)

**Cissors Palace** Hair, nails and beauty salon in the Barbican. 10% off on all hair and beauty treatments (minimum spend £20). Please quote Barbican Life to claim discount. 1, Lauderdale Tower, Barbican. Phone 020 7588 0051 for information or to book an appointment.

**City Psychotherapy** Psychotherapy and Jungian analysis for adults by UKCP accredited psychotherapist. 10% discount on initial consultation for BA members. Consulting room 2 mins from Barbican tube station. To arrange an appointment please call Catherine Cox on 020 7796 3454 or email [ccox@citypsychotherapy.org](mailto:ccox@citypsychotherapy.org). For further information please visit [www.citypsychotherapy.org](http://www.citypsychotherapy.org)

**Clear Coaching and Training** Moving you from where you are now to where you want to be. 1-2-1 coaching in the Barbican with accredited Coach, DISC assessor and NLP Practitioner. 10% discount on Coaching Sessions. Contact Michele 020 7628 0887 / 07939 047 094 E-mail: [michele@clearcoachingandtraining.com](mailto:michele@clearcoachingandtraining.com), [www.clearcoachingandtraining.com](http://www.clearcoachingandtraining.com)

**Health in the City** Formerly the Feelgood Centre and now moved to Room 57, 65 London Wall, EC2M 5TU, is offering Barbican Association members a 10% discount on a wide range of Therapies and Treatments which are available from specialist practitioners. For a full listing please check the website: [www.feelgoodcentre.com](http://www.feelgoodcentre.com). For booking or further information call 07946 084 848 or email [feelgoodcentre@yahoo.com](mailto:feelgoodcentre@yahoo.com). Web: [www.healthinthecity.co.uk](http://www.healthinthecity.co.uk)

**Insight London** Counselling and Psychotherapy 20% discount on the initial consultation for BA members. Fees for ongoing sessions are negotiable according to individual circumstances. Individual, couple and family sessions with a Chartered Clinical Psychologist. Consulting rooms in Golders Green, close to the Underground, 25 minutes from Moorgate. On-street parking is available. Website: [www.insightlondon.co.uk](http://www.insightlondon.co.uk). To arrange an appointment contact Marc Hekster 07775 629 432 or email [info@insightlondon.co.uk](mailto:info@insightlondon.co.uk)

**London Eye Optique** London Eye Optique Optometrists is offering Barbican Association members 10% discount on all complete pairs of spectacles. \*Terms and Conditions apply. London Eye Optique Opticians, 2a Cherry Tree Walk, Whitecross St, Barbican, London EC1Y 8NX. Tel: 0207 256 9778. To find out more about our services please email us on [optician@londoneyeoptique.co.uk](mailto:optician@londoneyeoptique.co.uk) or alternatively visit our website - [www.londoneyeoptique.co.uk](http://www.londoneyeoptique.co.uk)

**No74 Hair & Beauty London** No 74 is delighted to give a introductory 30% discount for the first visit on a single service for all BA Members. Discount 30% off for the first visit, permanent discount 10% off on all hair and beauty services incl. YON-KA massage and facials, Sebastian, Wella & OPI treatments @ No74, 74 Compton Street, EC1V 0BN. [www.no-74.co.uk](http://www.no-74.co.uk), [info@no-74.co.uk](mailto:info@no-74.co.uk), Tel. 020 74 908555, BA card required

**Psychotherapy City** 10% discount on first four psychotherapy, counselling or coaching sessions to BA members on production of their membership card (5% to all Barbican residents). Practice at London Bridge. Contact: Amanda Falson. Phone: 0777 557 0208. Email: [amanda@psychotherapycity.co.uk](mailto:amanda@psychotherapycity.co.uk). Web: [www.psychotherapycity.co.uk](http://www.psychotherapycity.co.uk)

**Registered Osteopath- Lucy Bracken** 25% discount on the first three appointments 10% discount thereafter to all BA members. Based five minute walk north of the Barbican. Drakes Gym, 1 Pardon Street, EC1Y. Call Lucy on 07712 647 282 or email [Lucybracken@mac.com](mailto:Lucybracken@mac.com)

**Shai Hair** Now teamed up with Glass Salon in Carthusian Street. Barbican Association members receive 10% discount upon showing their BA card - minimum spend over £25 and new customers receive 20% discount on the first visit (minimum spend over £25 not in conjunction with another offer).

**Yoga with Olivia** Come meet your fellow residents at our Barbican yoga class at St Luke's Community Centre, Wednesdays 7-8pm. We also specialise in private one-to-one tuition. 50% discount on your first class upon presentation of your BA membership card, plus 10% off your first purchase of a group class pass or private lesson. For more information see [www.yogawitholivia.co.uk](http://www.yogawitholivia.co.uk) or contact [olivia@yogawitholivia.co.uk](mailto:olivia@yogawitholivia.co.uk).

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