



# Barbican Association NEWSLETTER

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## Much to do, both formal and fun

I hope that you all came to the Crossrail meeting and the BA Quiz in January – and that you will be coming to hear the Town Clerk speak (24 February), to the BA wine tasting (2 March) and to the BA's AGM (21 April). As you see, we have been busy.

This is part of a deliberate strategy to foster more social activities in the Barbican, as I mentioned in the last newsletter. The first of this series, the quiz, was a great success, (see page 3) and Tony Croot, our social secretary, hopes to build on it. The wine tasting is the next venture – so do sign up for it now.

### Railways

Crossrail came, as promised, shortly before the two tunnel boring machines come under the Barbican. These are due in early March and late March/early April, as Garth Leder describes in his account of the meeting on page 4.

Once the tunnels are built, interest will shift to how the railway will operate. This was touched on at the meeting, but Crossrail has promised to come back again and talk in more detail about the installation of the railway systems and how the railway will operate. One thing they did confirm at the January meeting is that the rails running under the full extent of the estate will be built on a floating

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slab track – which should ensure that residents hear no noise from the trains. The floating slab track is necessary because of the concert hall in the Arts Centre, but we too will feel the benefit.

Discussion of floating slab tracks has brought back into focus the ordinary London Underground tube lines that lie below the estate. This track apparently had one of the earliest floating slab tracks ever built in the UK, but the residents who can hear the tubes have been complaining about the noise getting worse. Moreover, it is possible that the lines under the Barbican may see 24 hour running from 2018. Currently there are no firm plans because London Underground is doing major improvement works on the Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines. But. Its website says, "Once these improvements are complete, we will look at introducing Night Tube on parts of those lines where there is known, significant night time demand." The BA, in collaboration with the affected house groups, has therefore set up a working party to start discussions with London Transport. We are lucky to have the benefit of a Barbican resident who is an expert in railways, and he points out that if

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Work will soon begin on planting the Beech gardens to a design by Nigel Dunnett, whose credits include the London Olympic Park and several show gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show. Five lucky residents will be invited to help with the planting.



# THE BARBICAN ASSOCIATION

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Cultural hub working party	Jane Smith, 307 Seddon House	7628 9132
London Film School Group	John Whitehead, 111 Breton House	7628 3887

## Elected General Council Members

Randall Anderson, Bruce Badger, Robert Barker, David Bradshaw, Sarah Hudson, Garth Leder, Tim Macer, David Murray, Jane Smith

## House Group Representatives

Andrewes House *	Natalie Robinson	7 Andrewes House	7920 0599
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Breton House	John Whitehead	111 Breton House	7628 3887
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Bunyan Court	Gordon Griffiths	312 Bunyan Court	7588 2900
Cromwell Tower *	John Tomlinson	133 Cromwell Tower	7628 3657
Defoe House *	Helen Hudson	15 Defoe House	07842 235268
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Gilbert House *	Gianetta Corley	208 Gilbert House	7628 3469
John Trundle Court *	Janet Wells	14 John Trundle Court	7628 8602
Lambert Jones Mews	Richard Collins	4 Lambert Jones Mews	7588 0512
Lauderdale Tower *	Tony Swanson	151 Lauderdale Tower	07736 849425
Mountjoy House *	Gillian Laidlaw	309 Mountjoy House	7638 0069
Seddon House *	David Graves	209 Seddon House	7628 4371
Shakespeare Tower *	Pat Spicer	272 Shakespeare Tower	7638 9649
Speed House *	Brian Parkes	21 Speed House	
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things are planned early enough there may be things London Underground can implement that will cost them little but improve residents' experience a lot.

## More big changes

The other big project that will affect us, and which I wrote about in the last newsletter, is the Barbican Area Strategy Review and the related concept of the Cultural Hub. We learnt a bit more about the cultural hub at the meeting in December when Nick Kenyon and Sharon Ament, the directors of, respectively, the Arts Centre and the Museum of London, shared some of their ideas and answered questions. Both suffer from the difficulty visitors have finding their way to the two venues and they want to improve accessibility. They also want to see improvements to the routes that exist at the moment, such as Beech Street. Nick Kenyon assured residents that he didn't want the Barbican to become like the South Bank or become a 24 hour environment, but he did want the arts centre to be more welcoming. The directors explained that there are few concrete plans as yet and they see the cultural hub as a longish term project. The BA's working party on the cultural hub is having a further meeting with the directors, where we hope to learn a little more of their plans and discuss them in a bit more depth.

What does have a firm timetable, however, is the related Barbican Area strategy. The main findings of the first phase of the consultation (which included a wide consultation conducted by the consultancy Publica and their analysis of various aspects of the area – historical, social, land use, transport, etc) will be presented to the planning committee in late February. After that a draft strategy document will be produced and go out for consultation in late spring. The key findings from this first phase include some predictable things, both positive and negative, about the current area – for example, that it includes areas of tranquillity and greenery and that Beech Street is a hostile and polluted pedestrian environment. It also notes some less obvious observations – such as the multitude of car parks and subterranean spaces that affect the public realm and the lack of a north-south route through the Barbican. The BA will be responding to the next phase of the consultation when it happens, and we'll be encouraging residents to do so too, because this strategy will be important for the place where we all live.

## Our community, our AGM

As well as fostering more social activities and supporting community activities such as encouraging residents to plant their balconies (look out for the "Blooming Barbican

Balconies" campaign being run in April by the Gardens Advisory Group – see Sarah Hudson's article on page 5), we are keen to get more people engaged with the BA. In the hope of encouraging some of the many residents who have young and teenage children, we are having education as the topic of this year's AGM. The City has recently set up an Education board to co-ordinate its educational activities, and we hope to have a speaker from the City to talk about the City's educational strategies and what they mean for residents. So do come along – it's on 21 April, at 7.30pm in the Girls' School.

We will also have some vacancies for elected members of the BA this year, so we would welcome some new faces. If you have a useful skill (planning, licensing, law, architecture, engineering, diplomacy... anything really), or there's something on the estate you feel strongly about, then why not get involved and stand for election. (Do contact me if you would like to find out more.)

## The City, the Town Clerk

On the planning front, the City's planning committee did an unusual thing in turning down the planning application for refurbished offices at 160 Aldersgate Street; the application was objected to both by residents on the west of the Barbican but also those in London House in Aldersgate Street. We've just learnt that the applicant is appealing against the decision; they have made some changes to their plans but the building still includes an extra storey, taking it above the street line. Other planning applications in the pipeline or about to be are for 21 Moorfields – for a redevelopment of the area between the Moorfield escalators and the Willoughby Highwalk; for the old YMCA building to be



*Come and hear John Barradell, the town clerk, talk to residents and answer questions on February 24 at 7pm at the Girls' School.*

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developed into flats; and for the London Film School to move into the remaining space in Exhibition Hall 1.

John Barradell, the town clerk, is coming back to talk to residents on 24 February. At his last talk he has

promised to report back on progress on consultation processes; improving the appearance of Beech Street (though that is a core part of the Barbican Area strategy so it will be interesting



to see whether he can say much on that); and a strategy to cope with the substantial increase in pedestrians around the Barbican area when Crossrail trains start running in 2018 (again, part of the Barbican Area strategy). He was also asked about completion of the Beech Gardens work; what the City was doing about air quality; and the successful redevelopment of the former YMCA. So come along to hear him on these issues – and to raise any new ones.

**Jane Smith**

chairBA@btinternet.com

## Quiz night a great success

On the cold, wet evening of Monday 19 January, some thirty Barbican residents gathered in the upper room of the Artillery Arms in Bunhill Row, to be tested on our knowledge of geography, history, art, music, popular culture, sport, and similar topics. Grouped into teams of 3 or 4, we did our best to answer the many varied questions set by Question-master John Whitehead and to try and identify the cartoon dogs set as an additional test during the interval. There was a spot prize, consisting of a drink on the house, for the quickest answer to a one-off question mid-way through each section, and the winning team, who led the rest by some ten points, received a box of appropriately-named 'Celebrations' chocolates. The Artillery Arms provided a substantial and delicious buffet, served on platters for each table, at the half-way mark; and we left at the end of the evening, full of good cheer, after a most enjoyable time.

The next event to be held by the Barbican Association will be a Wine Tasting on 2 March, at El Vino's on the Highwalk. Please check posters and your e-mail for full details – applications and cheques to Tony Croot (316 Bunyan Court) by 20 February at the latest.

**Tony Croot**, BA Social Secretary

## RCC Update: Improving communications

With 91% of residents responding to last year's annual survey saying they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the communications the Barbican Estate Office provides, it looks as if several recent initiatives are meeting with people's approval. Nevertheless, both Residents Consultation Committee and BEO are keen to make further improvements.

One of the subgroups, the Service Level Agreement Working Party, has taken on the task of developing a new, integrated communications plan with the Estate Office. The aim is that residents should always be kept well informed and able to access the information they need about Estate services and improvement works. There is no intention to increase the cost of this service to residents – but rather to make it more efficient and convenient for everyone.

Providing much more information on the web will be one goal. For time-sensitive information, email will play an increasing role. As well as being quick and inexpensive, email allows information to be targeted more closely to those who want to or need to know. The BEO sent out 377 email broadcasts last year: around half of these were sent selectively to one or more blocks.

This year, the number of residents signed up to receive email updates from the Estate Office surpassed 1,400 and it is continuing to grow. Nevertheless, it still does not reach everyone, and there will always be a minority of residents that email won't reach. A key part of the strategy will be to ensure those residents are not disadvantaged.

Residents tend to gravitate naturally to their concierge if wanting to know about something, so one idea successfully trialled has been to

supplement some information provided electronically, with hard copy available for residents to collect from their CPA or lobby porter.

In a related but parallel activity this year, we will be working with the BEO to update all of the information that was in the old 'residents information pack', which was last issued in booklet form ten years ago. The revised edition will be put online, where it can be updated more easily, but in a format where it can also be downloaded or printed for those who don't use the web. You should soon start to see the fruits of these initiatives, as the year unfolds.

### Committee news

At the RCC's AGM in February, a small but important change was made to the constitution of the committee, to allow the RCC to elect two Deputy Chairmen as well as a Chairman – with the aim of sharing the load as well as offering scope to bring in more talent. Our previous Deputy Chairman, Prof. Chris Mounsey has had to step down from the committee. In his place Robert Barker has been elected. Robert is well-known across the Estate as the current Secretary of the Barbican Association, where he also looks after licensing issues. I am pleased to have such a knowledgeable and observant Deputy!

### Join the email list

If you are not signed up to the BEO's email broadcast, that is easily remedied. Simply send your name, flat and block in an email to [barbican.estate@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:barbican.estate@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

**Tim Macer**

Chair, Residents Consultation Committee

## Big Garden Birdwatch



*A sparrowhawk spotted in Thomas More garden*

This is the eighth year Barbican residents have counted birds in our gardens and other gardens across the City as part of the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch on 24/25 January.

At least 14 species of garden bird live all year in the City. Residents may have noticed that the bird feeders in Thomas More and Fann Street (kept topped up by members of the Barbican Wildlife Group) have been a focus for hungry tits and finches this winter. Wrens, dunnocks and the odd sparrow also enjoy foraging on the ground for spilt seeds. Even an opportunistic sparrow hawk has been observed hanging out round the feeders!

The weekend of the bird count was bitterly cold but some hardy blue tits were already checking out the nest boxes in Fann Street garden. Blue tits are still the most numerous species recorded in the City, closely followed goldfinches. Sparrows still seem on the decline, but the Estate Office is trialling three sparrow nest boxes to be fixed to trellis on the upper Podium to see if we can help the remaining colony to breed in the Barbican.

For the full results of the count visit [www.friendsofcitygardens.org.uk](http://www.friendsofcitygardens.org.uk).

**Sarah Hudson**

## Crossrail: the tunnels are almost here

Bill Tucker, Steve Kay and Mike Black of Crossrail made a presentation to Barbican residents on 21 January.

The TBMs (tunnel boring machines), Elizabeth and Victoria, are currently under Spitalfields, approaching Liverpool Street at about 25m per day. The machines will probably start tunnelling under the Barbican Estate in late February and March. You can follow the machines' progress under Willoughby House, Brandon Mews, Gilbert House and Defoe House at [www.crossrail.co.uk/route/near-you](http://www.crossrail.co.uk/route/near-you).

Crossrail is confident the tunnelling will not cause any structural damage. The tunnels will lie some 30m below ground and at least 11m below the deepest piles of any Barbican building. Crossrail monitors noise and vibration continuously: to date, ground settlement has typically been half Crossrail's estimate, and has nowhere exceeded its expectations. Crossrail will continue to monitor settlement until less than 2mm per year.

The Barbican lies on the final stretch of

tunnelling: the boring machines should reach Farringdon about a month after they start under the Barbican, following which the Crossrail tunnels will be complete. The shaft for Moorgate station is finished, and is the deepest point on Crossrail. Earth will be removed through the tunnels; much will then be taken by barge to build an RSPB nature reserve on Wallasea Island.

Crossrail is liable to make good any damage, including cosmetic damage, such as sticking doors or cracks in paint or window frames. Crossrail expects any damage would appear within a few days of tunnelling, but residents can claim any time up to two years after tunnelling. Residents' first point of contact, to make a claim or for any other query, is the 24-hour Crossrail helpdesk, at [helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk) or 0345 602 3813. Crossrail may then arrange for a loss adjuster to visit the flat. Crossrail will pay all costs, whether or not a claim is approved. Crossrail plans to fit out the line and stations by the end of 2017. The TBMs will be removed almost entirely through the

tunnels they have dug. Crossrail has promised to return to present further details. It does not expect residents to hear the work as a bespoke drilling rig is used to drill some half a million holes in the tunnels under the Barbican.

Crossrail does not expect the running of the line to disturb residents. The line is much deeper than the Underground, and, to minimize noise and vibration under the Barbican, the rails and sleepers will rest on the elastic pads of a Floating Track Slab, for the temporary construction railway as well as the eventual running lines.

We can look forward to boarding a Crossrail train in 2018.

**Garth Leder**



## Air Quality project – final results and report

On 14 October, after a year of monitoring NO<sub>2</sub> levels on the estate, we handed in our last diffusion tubes, returned our portable particle monitors and waited for the final results. Over 100 residents participated in the year-long Citizen Science project – and as we learnt at the meeting on 15 January when the final report was presented – this has been the largest Citizen Science project on air quality ever undertaken in the UK.

One of the objectives was to raise residents' awareness of poor air quality; this was certainly achieved and the results came as no surprise. Over the year the average level of NO<sub>2</sub> recorded across the estate exceeded the annual EU limit for health of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>. Again not surprisingly Beech Street was found to have the highest NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations, to the extent that it is probably not a good idea to wait for the 153 bus at the stop in the tunnel!

Beech Street was closed for two months during the summer – and NO<sub>2</sub> levels during that period fell to safe levels, only to rise again after the tunnel was reopened to traffic. This confirmed the views of nearly all residents who participated in the project that Beech Street should be closed to through traffic. Interestingly, this view appeared to be endorsed by speakers from the City, who have taken on board results of our study and are now actively looking at alternative options for Beech Street. The study showed there was no evidence that diverted traffic increased pollution elsewhere within the

monitoring area. The City have taken these findings on board and hopefully the Barbican Area Strategy will present options for reducing local emissions, including greater pedestrianisation of surrounding streets, introducing green barriers to trap pollution and better management of taxi, bus and delivery vehicle traffic. A copy of the report is on the BA website <http://www.barbicanassociation.com/>

### Future steps

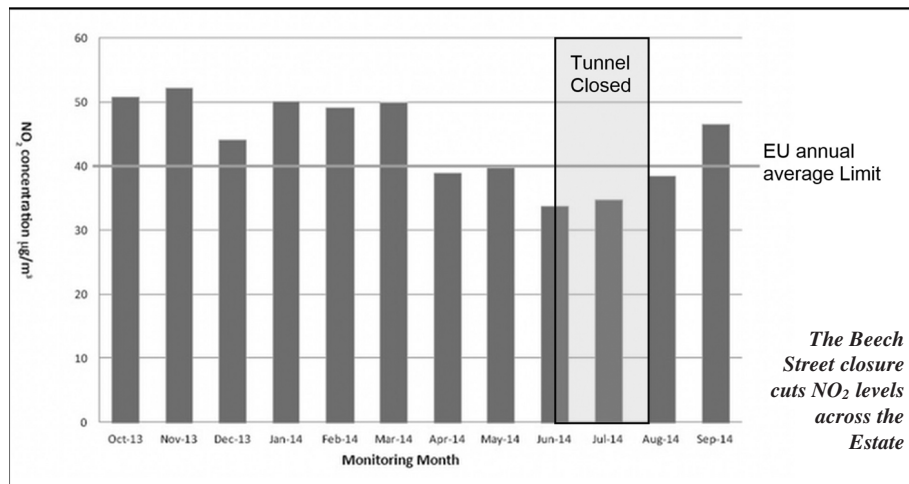
**Business engagement:** Data gathering is now complete, but the City is funding an additional programme of engagement with local

businesses. So far Barbican residents have participated in meetings with eight local firms to inform them on the results of the project and explore ways they might reduce their emissions. More meetings are planned, if anyone would like to participate in this please contact Sarah Hudson at [ba\\_sustainability@btinternet.com](mailto:ba_sustainability@btinternet.com)

**Action on idling engines:** If you are interested in spending a morning out on the streets helping the City's air quality team engage with drivers with idling vehicles and spreading the word on the impact of their behaviour on local air quality, the City will be organising some sessions. Please contact Sarah for more information.

**Sarah Hudson**

Chair, Sustainability sub-committee



## Blooming Barbican Balconies!

Make a date on Saturday 11 April to come to a window box planting demonstration outside the Estate Office

This spring the BEO, the Gardens Advisory Group (an RCC working party) and volunteers from Friends of City Gardens are joining forces to make revitalising your balcony planters as easy as possible. The Blooming Barbican Balconies campaign will be launched over the two weeks 4-18 April. There will be two skips on the Estate for spent soil; compost and plants will be available on a first come, first served basis and you will also be able to buy recommended plants and compost through Marianne at Geranium and John, our

local Goswell Road greengrocer.

On Saturday 11 April there will be demonstrations by a horticultural expert on how to plant your window box. Planting guides will be available with recommendations for growing flowers and vegetables that will thrive in our challenging conditions and provide year round colour and interest as well as encouraging beneficial insects and birds.

Volunteer to help your neighbours. If you would like to volunteer to help with carrying compost bags or disposing of spent compost for less able neighbours please let the Estate Office know.

More details will be announced nearer the time.

**Sarah Hudson**



*The Barbican Horticultural Society welcomes people new to horticulture. We can make your fingers green, if you want! Forthcoming monthly events include a guided walk through 300 years of Westminster history in February, while March offers a tour of Spitalfields with Huguenot history, Jack the Ripper and more – events typically have more than purely horticultural interest.*

*The summer culminates in the Annual Competition – categories include all sizes of balcony and terrace, and first entrants are very welcome. There is also the house prize, currently held by Andrewes. Can they be beaten this year?*

*If you'd like to find out more, please email [barbicanhortsoc@outlook.com](mailto:barbicanhortsoc@outlook.com)*

## The Barbican Tuesday Club

The Club's year started at the Vecchio Parioli Restaurant on 13 January with 25 members tucking in to lunch and happily recounting their activities, dubious or otherwise, over the holidays.

Speakers are now lining up to give talks over the next few months on subjects ranging from crossword compiling to the London Underground. Visits are planned to meet Sherlock Holmes at the Museum of London and visit the newly set up Victorian Artists exhibition at the Guildhall Art Gallery.

If you are interested in joining the merry throng why not give Chairman June a ring on 020 7588 1623 or come along to a Tuesday meeting 2.45 to 4.00pm in the Lilac Room, 02 level of Seddon House. You will be made most welcome.

**June Giles**

# SECURITY MATTERS



## We must remain on our guard

Although fortunately the Barbican represents an extremely low crime rate and generally safe area, the case last month nearby in Liverpool Street, where one of two would-be smash and grab robbers of a jewellery store wielded a 2 foot long machete knife, serves as a reminder to us all that we need to remain vigilant and to avoid becoming complacent.

We must also remain on our guard against the renewed potential terrorist threat that has reared its ugly head as witnessed in the recent tragic events in Paris and other parts of France.

I do not wish to be a scare-monger but I do want to remind everybody that we live in difficult and dangerous times and that every one of us needs to be aware of the terrorist threat and remain focused so that we can continue to live in a safe environment.

I was interested to read Adrian Leppard's response – as Commissioner of the City of London Police Force – to three questions which had been posed in light of the increased threat level. The questions raised were as follows:

- What should be the main priorities for those developing and delivering security?
- What barriers are there to overcome to deliver effective security?
- What do you see as the emerging trends and opportunities for all those working in security in 2015?

He said: "Everyone will have noticed the increase in the terrorist threat level and we should all be extra vigilant as a result. The square mile has long been a target for terrorism and our tactics have developed as the threat has changed over the years.

"Many of you will have seen my officers working alongside security staff from the business community on high visibility patrols across the City. These Project Servator

deployments will continue and I would urge all security staff to get involved with my officers.

"I am confident that this partnership can help reduce the threat and ensure the square mile remains safe from crime and terrorism.

"The nature of security is changing dramatically with the rapid increase in online technology and the potential for remote attacks due to our increasingly online world. The police service and the security industry are having to grapple with ever more sophisticated methods used to commit cybercrime. This challenge will not go away and will only increase in the years to come and I urge every business to take this threat seriously. I have called for a national fraud and cybercrime campaign to educate everyone against this increasing threat. It is only through education that we will arm the public as well as the business community with the necessary skills to prevent cybercrime."

It is worth emphasising that although the Commissioner's response was predominantly aimed at businesses and security organisations, the concept of his message applies equally to us City residents.

**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

## Have you switched to the BA's new bank account?

After a busy year of handling yellow forms I was pleased to find that well over half of the residents paying via Standing Order have successfully migrated to our new account! Many thanks to all of you who took the time to help us in this transition.

Much to our disappointment we have found that in a handful of cases banks have neglected the instruction to replace your previous mandate and we have a small number of payments across our two accounts that we suspect to be duplicate payments. Whilst we will endeavour to contact those who have accidentally paid twice, unfortunately the payee details we receive from the bank are far from perfect, so a high degree of investigative work is required to clarify certain payments. As such we would like to ask all members to check with their bank what payments were issued to Barbican Association in the first week of January when most payments were received. If you have accidentally made more than one payment, please get in touch and we will arrange a refund.

We are still left with over 400 members who continue to make their subscription payments to our old account. Whilst our old account remains open and we have noted all received payments from this account, we will eventually have to close it. As such these members will receive a reminder to act and renew their mandates before it is too late.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind members of two unchanged practices:

1. New Membership cards are issued in late January/early February. Your previous card will continue to remain valid until a new one is issued. If you have problems with any retailers participating in the discount scheme, please get in touch.

2. Our membership period is a Calendar Year (Jan to Dec), so please renew your membership early in the year to make full use of your membership.

Thank you for persevering through these changes in your membership renewal process. We are pleased to see that so many of you continue your membership. A substantial membership is an essential requirement for fulfilling our official resident association status.

**Kai Virtanen**

Membership Secretary

## BARBICAN ASSOCIATION 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

#### RESTAURANTS/BAR RESTAURANTS/BARS

**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

#### The Jugged Hare

New 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)

#### 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%

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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 4		
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

Name of account to be debited	Sort Code	Account Number

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

Name(s)	Signature

**BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE**

Address	Signature
Postcode	Date

# BARBICAN ASSOCIATION DISCOUNT SCHEME

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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. 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 website [www.stbartsbrewery.com](http://www.stbartsbrewery.com)

## Smithfield Tandoori (now at new location).

A traditional Indian restaurant which delivers consistent, always fresh, quality favourites as we have done for over 10 years in the Farringdon area. Barbican Association members may receive 10% off their total bill. 12 Smithfield Street, London EC1A 9LA. Telephone: 020 7248 4000. Website: [www.smithfieldtandoori.co.uk](http://www.smithfieldtandoori.co.uk)

## 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@abracadabra.co.uk. Website: [www.abracadabra.co.uk](http://www.abracadabra.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.certaxaccountinglondon.co.uk](http://www.certaxaccountinglondon.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@mbebarbican.co.uk"

### Prince of Wales Dry Cleaners

Service includes, dry cleaning, laundry service, linen service. We also clean leather and suede, and do alterations and repairs. We also provide shoe repairs. Free pick up and delivery service. Special offer laundering 5 shirts for £7.50. Offering 10% discount on first orders and any bulk orders.

### REtailoring

We are an 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. RE:tailoring, 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 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-rosset-city.co.uk](http://www.ligne-rosset-city.co.uk) for furniture details. 37-39 Commercial Road, London E1 1LF. Tel: 0207 426 9670

### 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 6AW. Freephone 0800 018 5654. Email: spiro@mydreamkitchen.co.uk Web: [www.mydreamkitchen.co.uk](http://www.mydreamkitchen.co.uk)

## HEALTH AND BEAUTY

### 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 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 Copthall 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)

### 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 City with accredited Coach, NLP Practitioner and DISC assessor. 10% discount on Coaching Sessions for Barbican Residents. 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)

### No74 Hair & Beauty Salon

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, 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 Falkson. 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)

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