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#### Hat and Feathers Restaurant

25% off the whole bill. Based on 2 courses per person in the 1st floor dining rooms – excludes special events, not valid with any other offer or in December. The Hat and Feathers is located on the corner of Goswell Road and Clerkenwell Road. [www.hatandfeathers.com](http://www.hatandfeathers.com) Phone 020 7490 2244. BA members must produce proof of membership to claim discount.

#### The Larder

91-93 St John Street, EC1M 4NU. Tel: 020 7608 1558. Restaurant/Bar/Bakery/Shop. Open for breakfast from 8 am and for Lunch, tea, coffee and dinner from 11 am to 11 pm Monday to Saturday. 10 percent discount on food at all times.

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(Japanese cuisine): Special evening sushi menu for £25 made with fish delivered daily from very own Cornish fisherman. As a special introductory offer, Soseki will be offering Barbican Association members a glass of Sussex-produced Breaky Bottom Cuvée Sparkling Brut (or a choice from an alternative range of aperitifs) each and every time they dine at Soseki.

Booking is required. Please mention "Barbican Association" when you make your booking. This offer can be taken up as many times as you wish, but may not be used in conjunction with any other offer, and is not redeemable for cash. Soseki, 30 St Mary Axe 1F, London EC3A 5AA T: 020 7621 9211. Open - Mon 11:45am - 2:30pm, Tues - Fri 11:45am - 2:30pm & 6pm - 9:30pm

#### Tart Restaurant and Bar

20% off all BAR FOOD and COCKTAILS after 4pm Mon-Fri on presentation of Barbican Association Membership card.

117 Charterhouse Street EC1M 6AA. 0207 253 3003

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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.

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## Something happening on all four sides of us

In the last newsletter I spoke of old ghosts reawakening – Crossrail and St Alphage – and both have stirred into rather lively life since then. In the meantime Milton Court has almost finished being demolished and is about to become a construction site; and cinemas 2 and 3 have shut and there's the prospect of them being rebuilt in Exhibition Hall 1. In other words, the estate is surrounded on all sides by activity of one sort or another. As always, the Barbican Association is trying to make sure that that activity is at best enhancing our environment and at worst tolerable.

### Crossrail

Crossrail's work is starting to become obvious across large patches of central London, including round the Barbican. The BA has set up a Crossrail group, which I chair, and we've

### CHAIR'S CORNER

had a couple of informal meetings with Crossrail and the first meeting of the Barbican Crossrail Forum. Crossrail has also just sent out letters to many residents about its settlement deed. Please see the separate article on Crossrail for more on what is happening (page 4).

### St Alphage

Similarly, Hammerson, the developer, and its architects MAKE, have been busy working on proposals for the St Alphage site. By the time this newsletter comes out you may have been to one of the architects' presentations about the site.

You'll remember that last year we were faced with a huge development wrapped round the south east corner of the estate, and that the BA was busy campaigning against it. On 1

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*New planting in the Thomas More hanging gardens. More on garden improvements on page 6*



## THE BARBICAN ASSOCIATION

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### House Group Representatives

Andrewes House *	Jill Smith	19 Andrewes House	17638 3787
Ben Jonson House *	Chris Punter	543 Ben Jonson House	7638 0571
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Seddon House *	Jane Smith	307 Seddon House	7628 9132
Shakespeare Tower *	Pat Spicer	272 Shakespeare Tower	7638 9649
Speed House *	Mike Hayes	7 Speed House,	7256 6001
Thomas More House *	Philip Sharples	24 Thomas More House	7638 5453
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Please return this form to

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

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# St Alphage House: some successes, more to do

The St Alphage House scheme continues to develop, and in a much more positive way for Barbican residents than the previous scheme abandoned in 2008. Our BA St Alphage Sub-group has been meeting with the developers and architects since the start of the year, and late in May we were presented with the third iteration of the plans. The plan is still for two large office buildings on the site – a tower by Alban Gate and a lower range, around 8-12 floors, to the East. In between, an attractive set of gardens and new walkways will form North-South and East-West links across the site, both at Highwalk and at street level.

Each set of plans shown to us has included significant improvements from the previous version, so we seem to be travelling in the right direction.

We were very unhappy with the bulk and the size of the tower in the second iteration, and we wrote to the Managing Director of



the developers, Hammerson, in May expressing our dismay that the density of the projected development appeared little different than the earlier failed plans, and that the tower proposed for the corner by Alban Gate was unacceptably high.

*Architects MAKE are proposing a new public space in the centre of the site with a series of new gardens and walkways, to link the currently inaccessible St Alphage Church ruins with the Roman Wall and the Salters' Gardens*

In the next presentation it was a pleasant surprise to see that the architects had reduced the height of the tower by around seven floors, so that it is the same as the highest part of Alban Gate. It is still larger and taller than many would like, and we will continue to make that point, but overall, the density is significantly reduced.

We have made many minor suggestions too. Not all have been accommodated, and sadly some have been overturned by advice from the City's planning department. Nevertheless, it is still encouraging to see a number incorporated in the latest plans.

In June, over 80 residents attended presentations by the developers at the Guildhall. Others who were unable to attend any of these events and would like to see the plans will have another chance in a few weeks' time when Hammerson is intending to stage a public exhibition. This will be widely publicised, including on the BA website.

There is still more to do: we understand some flats may have light issues and we will want to know more about these; there is more detailed work to go into finishes; and there are concerns about delivery and access routes.

We will continue to look at the plans from every angle, and we encourage everyone who thinks they may be affected to go and see the exhibition for themselves – and make us aware of any significant concerns. Hammerson intends to submit a scheme to planning by the end of the year.

## New Gardens' Advisory Group gets to work

Over the last few months some major improvements have been made to the Estate's gardens. Shrubs in the Thomas More garden and along the west end of the lake have been pruned, there has been new under-planting there too, and the hanging gardens between Thomas More and the girls' school have been cleared and substantially replanted. This work was initiated by the Barbican Estate Office.

The Barbican gardens, which include the private areas at Speed House, Thomas More and Fann Street as well as the podium raised beds and planters, are managed on behalf of residents by the BEO. The actual work is carried out by the City of London's Open Spaces Department.

However, earlier this year the Residents' Consultation Committee, which acts as the interface between Barbican residents, the BEO and the City of London, asked that a group of residents be formed to advise on the Estate's gardens. The RCC approved the establishment of a Gardens' Advisory Group to provide input to the technical aspects of the garden maintenance process and introduce the knowledge and experience of residents who have an interest in gardening issues.

The Barbican Horticultural Society and the Barbican Wildlife Group identified willing

volunteers. The group is co-ordinated by Helen Davinson of the Estate Office and also includes BEO officers.

Key remit areas

- Quarterly Joint Inspections with House Officers and Open Spaces Officers;
- To comment upon plants being used, to help prioritise new and trial planting schemes for new planters such as those being installed outside Shakespeare Tower - all schemes subject to funding;
- To comment upon levels of maintenance being undertaken by Open Spaces such as pruning;
- To provide a steer for the RCC and BRC for new projects and trials eg. providing allotment spaces - subject to funding.

The Gardens' Advisory Group has now met twice. Matters discussed so far include priorities for the overall care of the gardens, specific concerns about pruning and planting, the possibility of locating a beehive somewhere on the Estate (at the time of writing it seems unlikely that there will be a suitable site), the care of Highwalk planters and an allotment trial. The latter is already receiving much interest and if it is successful it will be expanded. Contact Helen Davinson if you want to know more.

Gillian Laidlaw

Tim Macer

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Work in progress at Milton Court



August 2009 JP Morgan (for whom the building was being built) unexpectedly pulled out – and we residents were hugely relieved. Now the City and Hammerson have signed an agreement to develop the site, and appointed MAKE as the architects (MAKE's lead architect, Ken Shuttleworth, formerly worked with Foster and was responsible for the Gherkin).

The consultations have been much better this time, and we've had the chance to emphasise our concerns about massive overdevelopment and our desire to keep and enhance the highwalks. However, it is probably unrealistic to think that any developer would keep as much open space as there currently is on that site. Some change is bound to happen. Please read Tim Macer's article (page 6), and let us know what you think.

## Cinemas and other new buildings

So, with Crossrail to the east and west, and St Alphage to the south, what's happening on the north side?

The Milton Court demolition is almost complete, and construction of the new building is likely to start this summer. A small group of house group representatives meets regularly with the developer to discuss issues that arise during the building works.

Also on the north side is the conversion of Exhibition Hall 1 into cinemas 2 and 3 for the Arts Centre. The Arts Centre has had to shut cinemas 2 and 3 to prevent sound leaking to the new flats above in Frobisher Crescent. It plans to rebuild them within the shell of Exhibition Hall 1, under the east side of Ben Jonson House. The Arts Centre presented its plans in a public meeting on 29 June (just as this newsletter went to press), and the BA has

been discussing these with the centre.

Our discussions have covered the issue of soundproofing the cinemas so that sound cannot be heard in the Ben Jonson flats. The Arts Centre has offered a trip to see a cinema built in the "box within a box" manner that it is proposing so residents can be convinced that it is possible to build a cinema from which sound does not leak, and we have been arguing for a sound monitoring regime once the cinemas are built. We are also concerned to get conditions in any planning consent about hours of operation, deliveries, etc that might prove a nuisance to flats nearby. The Arts Centre has offered to remove the underused "corridor" that currently crosses Ben Jonson Highwalk, and we have said that we'd welcome that; they have also suggested removing the ramp at the end of Ben Jonson – but we are resisting that. It's another access point to the Highwalks and an important element of the listed estate.

## Sustainability

The BA's latest committee has been busy, and Sarah Hudson's article in this newsletter (page 5) spells out what it's been doing. See <http://www.barbicanassociation.co.uk/sustainability.html>

But the biggest environmental issues in the Barbican are, of course, collective ones, and, importantly the BA's sustainability committee is working with the Barbican Estate Office on producing ideas, including a proposal for getting the right sort of professional advice on making this listed estate more environmentally sustainable.

Linked to sustainability but separate is asset management and maintenance. The BEO has just appointed an asset manager, and at the last Residents

# CHAIR'S CORNER

Consultation Committee meeting in June it was agreed to set up an asset working party, of residents and the BEO, to work on asset maintenance. If you are interested in this, or have expertise, please contact Randall Anderson, chair of the RCC.

## And finally

Following a consultation last year, the City agreed to fund a redevelopment of the Golden Lane Leisure Centre to refurbish the building and build new gym and sports facilities. It's been consulting on the new plans, which are set to go for planning permission in the autumn. Details are here [http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/LGNL\\_Services/Leisure\\_and\\_culture/Sports\\_clubs\\_and\\_centres/Golden+Lane+Leisure+Centre+re-development+news.htm](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/LGNL_Services/Leisure_and_culture/Sports_clubs_and_centres/Golden+Lane+Leisure+Centre+re-development+news.htm)

There will be a period when the centre or some of its facilities are shut, but the works should secure the long term future of this well used local facility.

Finally, I'm very pleased to welcome the first residents to Frobisher Crescent - two were at this year's AGM - and I hope by the time of next year's AGM that Frobisher Crescent might have a thriving house group and a representative on the Barbican Association's General Council.



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## Do you enjoy knitting?

If so, would you be willing to knit items, such as toys, dolls, baby clothes, gloves (with or without fingers!) or children's tops etc, for The Save Bart's Campaign's charity work?

The Campaign would provide the wool, if you have the expertise.

**Please telephone Angela Starling on 020 7638 8201 for further information.**

# What's happening with Crossrail?

Hoardings have gone up in Moorfields/Moorgate, in preparation for Crossrail to start digging their shaft for the west end of the Liverpool Street station. Demolition will start later this year. Also, buildings are already being demolished in Hayne Street/Long Lane, where the eastern ticket hall of the Farringdon Station will be built.

Although both these sites are masked from the Barbican we succeeded in getting Crossrail to agree to working hours on Saturdays of 9am to 1pm, rather than the normal 8am to 12pm. Lorry movements in both cases should be away from the Barbican, to Moorgate in the east and to Farringdon Road in the west.

## 1) Liverpool Street Station/west entrance at Moorgate

Crossrail's original intention had been to build the ticket hall at basement level underneath the main Moorgate Station (ie the bit between Moorfields and Moorgate). That would not have affected escalator or ramp access to the Highwalk.

Crossrail is, however, keen to build a ground level joint ticket hall for Crossrail and London Underground on the site of the current LU station on the west side of Moorfields. This would involve removing the existing escalators and stairs by the old Boots. Crossrail (and the City) is committed to replacing access to the Highwalks from the east.

The latest proposal is to place the access point at the south of the block, on the corner of Moorfields and Fore Street Avenue. This would have the advantage that it is quite close to the existing ramp and to the lift at Moor House.

Crossrail is still proposing two lifts and a staircase at this new point, but the BA Crossrail group has said from the outset that we want them to replace the escalators. Escalators are a more inviting route to the Highwalk and better able to cope with volumes of people (for example going to or coming from the Arts Centre). We've repeated this message at the Barbican Crossrail Forum, where it was strongly supported by the chair of the City's Planning and Transportation Committee.

## Barbican area Forum

This is a forum set up by Crossrail and the City, which will meet roughly every six months. The first meeting in March was attended by lots of Crossrail people, City officers, members, BA and RCC and house group representatives, Arts Centre representatives, and the odd small



business in Moorfields. This was mainly for the Crossrail people to introduce themselves and talk about what is happening in 2010 in this area: mainly procurement, enabling works, and demolition. The trains will start operating in 2017.

Two weeks before any major works leaflets will be distributed to premises nearby, and there's a section on Crossrail's website called "Near You" to tell people about work near them. There's also a 24/7 helpline, for any questions or complaints.

In 2011 shafts will be built at Hayne Street and by the existing Farringdon station to enable the entrance and exit of a small tunnel boring machine specifically to build Farringdon's platforms.

The main tunnels, those that carry the trains, will be bored from Royal Oak in the west and from the Limmo peninsular in the east, with spoil being taken out at both ends. The tunnel boring machines meet at Farringdon.

Hours of work across all Crossrail sites will be 8am-6pm, and round the Barbican 9am-1pm on Saturday mornings.

The next meeting of the Forum will cover: tunnelling, traffic management, Finsbury Circus, and the role of the complaints commissioner.

## Settlement letters

Many of the Barbican blocks lie within the settlement zone of the tunnelling work, so many residents will recently have received letters about a settlement deed from Crossrail.

As I understand it, these are formal letters that Crossrail has to send out because it is responsible for putting right any damage caused by its tunnelling activities. It has also emphasised to the BA that it will be taking lots of measures to ensure that settlement is minimised, and that it is talking about very small amounts of ground movement (millimetres). It has also pointed out that the tunnels are about 30 metres under the surface, so the potential effects should be minimal. We have asked the City for its advice on how residents should respond to these letters, and whether there is anything the BA needs to do collectively, and we are hoping for its advice very soon (in time for the Barbican Estate Office's next newsletter); we will put any advice on the BA's website. The City, is of course, the freeholder, so it is equally concerned about any settlement.

If any residents want to raise any issues or find out more please do contact the BA's Crossrail Group.

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Crossrail hoardings on the former Boots at the corner of Moorfields and Fore Street Avenue

# BA's new working group examining a more sustainable future

The "Environment" is attracting ever-increasing attention at national level, and for London and the City. The BA's newest working group is looking at ways in which the Barbican Estate and its residents can live more sustainably. As one of the world's leading urban villages, the Estate has always been regarded as an example of innovation in both design and as a living community since it was first planned in the grim aftermath of the war. Perhaps we now need to refresh our ideas - many of us are convinced that there are things we could all be doing both as individuals and as an Estate that would not adversely affect our standard of living and in some cases might even improve it at little or no cost.

The working group is looking for the "low hanging fruit" which could help individuals, our community, and over time the planet. Any changes would have to work their way through the Barbican Association (BA), Residents' Consultation Committee (RCC), the City's Barbican Residential Committee (BRC) and possibly other parts of the Corporation's machinery. But the group is already offering ideas on savings and good practice that individuals can adopt if they so wish. A webpage is updated as new ideas emerge, which can be accessed from the BA's home page <http://www.barbicanassociation.co.uk>.

In practice the group has been investigating new technologies, as well as national and local government initiatives (that sometimes include funding) that might be applicable to the Estate. The group works closely with the BEO, which has already made significant improvements to the Estate's sustainability, without increasing service charges. The group is also actively engaged in its own research. It is working on potential cost effective ways in which the Estate can reduce the amount of water, energy and other resources it consumes whilst respecting its grade II listed heritage.

## Some current projects include:

### 1. Modelling the Estate's energy consumption

We are working with academics and graduate students from the Faculty of the Built Environment at University College London (UCL) who are modelling energy consumption, heat loss and ventilation of a cross section of Barbican flats. This research is being undertaken on a pro bono basis and will provide useful data on what can be done to improve the energy efficiency and comfort levels of Barbican flats in both summer and winter.



*The new insect hotel (pictured), a family of wrens, and the variety of wildflowers proved highlights for visitors when the Barbican Wildlife garden in Fann Street opened to the public last month as part of the London Open Garden Squares Weekend. More than 270 visitors enjoyed the garden, which plays an important part in promoting biodiversity in the City.*

UCL normally finds access to premises a constraint on its research and is pleased to have volunteers actively keen to have their flats used for worthwhile work by Masters and PhD students. The results will help residents evaluate possible changes and any future studies by the BEO on the cost effectiveness of improvements/changes to the current underfloor heating system and insulation.

### 2. Barbican energy data

The group has analysed the last 8 years of energy consumption data for underfloor heating and has calculated the annual Kwh per square metre for flats in each block. This data will be useful in monitoring the effect of any future work to improve energy consumption. Block by block comparisons can also be used if residents decide to adopt different solutions in different blocks. The group plans to post the block energy consumption comparisons for underfloor heating on the BA website and have copies of this and other energy information on block notice boards.

### 3. Investigating Smart metering

The group is also exploring with the BEO the effectiveness and potential cost to individual residents of installing Smart energy monitors in the flats of residents who would like to monitor their own domestic energy consumption. It is amazing how easy it is to stop wasting energy when you can see a meter, and the pound signs, ticking up.

### 4. Improving biodiversity

The group plans to work with the BEO and the gardens' consultative committee and residents' wildlife and gardening groups to continue to promote improved

## Barbican Tuesday Club

The Barbican Tuesday Club is the oldest club in the Barbican having been formed originally as the Daytime Club over 30 years ago. The club is open to all Barbican residents, not just ladies - we have several male members - and meet every Tuesday at 3pm. We now meet in the new community room, 02 level Seddon House. Anyone wishing to join us should come to the Estate Office and they will be directed to the meeting.

ALL THE EVENTS SCHEDULED BELOW ARE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF LONDON.

**Tuesday June 29th:** Annual Summer Outing this year to Folkestone

**Tuesday July 6th:** Chief Inspector Barnard from the City of London Police will talk to us about fraud

**Tuesday July 13th:** Peter Anderson, a City of London guide, will talk about the history of Regent Street

**Tuesday July 27th:** Annual Summer Party

THE CLUB CLOSSES FOR AUGUST REOPENING ON 7TH SEPTEMBER.

**Tuesday September 7th:** Joy Hollister, the new Director for Children and Adult Services, will be joining us for the first meeting after the summer break

**Tuesday September 21st:** Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday September 28th:** Eleanor Woolridge will talk on the history of the Peabody Buildings

**Either Tuesday October 5th or 12th** we are hoping to have an outing to Cambridge.

**Tuesday October 19th:** Denis Ballard will talk about Samuel Pepys and his shorthand method

**Tuesday November 6th:** Corianne Littlestone will talk about her work when she was a Marriage Guidance Counsellor

**Tuesday December 7th:** Annual Christmas Party

THE CLUB WILL CLOSE UNTIL 4TH JANUARY 2011.

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

plant and animal biodiversity through the Barbican landscape.

### How can you help?

If you have expertise to share on specific sustainability issues or would like to join the group we would love to hear from you.

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