



Barbican Association NEWSLETTER

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A Year to Celebrate

2009 seems the time to celebrate some architecture. The Arts Centre has just opened its big Le Corbusier exhibition, and even if modern architecture isn't your interest, it's probably worth seeing it to understand more about the architectural origins of the estate that we live in – and to see why Jonathan Glancey, design critic of the Guardian (and a former barbican resident), called Shakespeare Tower a gigantic sculpture on Radio 4's Today programme.

More modestly, the BA's membership secretary Gaby Robertshaw, has reminded me that this year is the 40th anniversary of both the Barbican Estate and the Barbican Association. Gaby's got some interesting events planned for members, so watch this space and the BA's website (www.barbicanassociation.co.uk).

As this is the last newsletter before the AGM, I've been thinking back over the year, considering what the BA has been up to and has achieved. Planning and licensing issues have dominated the year: planning in the shape of St Alphage and Milton Court and licensing most recently in the Art's Centre's application for extended hours and activities in the Exhibition Halls.

Planning

The unlamented St Alphage plan for offices for JP Morgan would literally have dominated the estate, and its withdrawal in August was a huge relief. The City and the developer have promised to propose a new use for the site, but the economic situation probably means that that won't happen very soon. In the meantime the existing St Alphage building is being stripped – and the Highwalk and gardens remain.

On the other side of the estate, the Milton Court site lies empty – for now. In December the planning committee approved the final finishes of

the building in the face of residents' opposition to the dark colours (see last newsletter). Demolition of the remaining ground floor and basement structures was due to have started in January but has been postponed to the spring, apparently so that building (due to start in August) can follow straight on.

The developer and demolition contractor gave a very thorough presentation about how they intended to remove the remaining structure while minimising nuisance from noise

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and dust and vibration. Clearly they'd had gone to considerable pains to minimise the nuisance (and their slide presentation is on the BA's website for anyone interested), but we'll have to wait till it happens to know precisely how intrusive the noise is.

Crossrail

Now that the Crossrail railway has been approved, work will start across London. The first bit of work that Crossrail needs to do near the Barbican is to drill a couple of boreholes. We've now heard that they are likely to bore the first hole during the school Easter holidays – between 6 and 17 April. The first will be drilled on the terrace between St Giles' Church and the lake, followed by the second on the corner of Fore Street and Moor Lane (in the flowerbed between Moor Lane and the outer wall of Willoughby carpark). In each case work will take place between 0800 and 1800 Monday to Friday with quiet periods from 1000-1200 and 14-1600. The site will be surrounded by acoustic hoardings. We've also asked the City to create a website to update residents and city workers on Crossrail work as it progresses.

Licensing

David Graves may no longer be chairman of the BA – but he's been busy on BA business over the past few months, dealing with the Arts Centre's licensing application for late night events, sale of alcohol, and refreshments in the Exhibition Halls.

Objections from the BA, several house groups, and many individual residents resulted in a hearing by the licensing panel in late January. The residents' overwhelming concern was not about what happened inside the Exhibition Halls, but the potential for noise nuisance caused by people leaving the halls late at night. The outcome was that the Arts Centre did not get the number of late night events that it wanted, or any of the 24 hour events, and it now has to produce a plan for managing departures from the halls that meets the approval of Environmental Services.

Now there is another application for late night dancing and drinking underneath Tesco in Aldersgate Street. As I write, the letters of objection are being penned and sent in.

Even if a licence is granted for a particular premises, if there is a nuisance the licence can be curtailed or withdrawn. But in order to do that there needs to be evidence, and the BA is planning to come up with some guidance for residents on how best to establish and collect that evidence as necessary.



Noise

Noise is the common strand to both planning and licensing issues – in planning because of the demolition and construction that results from an approved application and in licensing because noise is often the biggest problem. The BA is continuing to talk to Environmental Services about noise, and they and BEO are pulling together a document that will contain all the separate guidance on noise – what the rules are for different types and places of noise, who to complain to, etc.

In the meanwhile the environmental pollution (noise) section of the City's website has got some useful guidance:

http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/LGNL_Services/Environment_and_planning/Pollution/noise.htm. This includes guidance on actions that individuals can take themselves, including taking their case to a magistrates' court (under section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990):

http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/5464859B-A35C-4892-BE1D-2C719C442029/0/HS_EH_Section82bookletforStatNuisance.pdf

CHAIR'S CORNER

BA affairs

The BA's website contains an update on other things that BA has been doing and monitoring over the past couple of months.

I would also like to canvas your views on whether you would like to be contacted by the BA by email. We don't currently maintain an up to date list of emails of members, which means that if we need to communicate with you quickly it can only be done by notices on noticeboards and flyers through letterboxes. If we did build such an email list it would enable us to broadcast urgent messages; obviously, we would only use it sparingly and comply with data protection rules. It wouldn't replace other regular forms of communication—like the newsletter—and we'd still put notices up and flyers through letterboxes because not everyone has

email. However, if we were to do it, we'd have to buy software and build the list and have a system for managing and maintaining the list, so it's not something to be undertaken lightly. That's why I'd like to know whether residents think it would be useful. Do let me know.

Finally, the AGM will be on 23 April, and I hope as many members as possible will come. It's an opportunity for the members of the BA's general council, and in particular its subcommittee chairmen, to give an account of what we've been doing on your behalf during the year, and to hear from you what you think we should be doing. We're always looking for new people to get involved, so do come along—and do consider standing for election (the notices about nominations will be out soon). The AGM is also a social occasion, an opportunity to meet your neighbours over a drink, so I hope you'll come—and I'll try to keep the boring bits short.

Jane Smith

Chair, BA

chairba@btinternet.com



CRIPPLEGATE WARD CLUB

The Cripplegate Ward Club welcomes residents and employees of the Barbican Estate, which has the highest concentration of electors in the Ward. Membership is open to all those who are interested in City affairs and the traditions and prestige of the City.

The Club offers a varied programme from formal (civic lunch at Guildhall) to relaxed (guided walk in the City) and an opportunity to enjoy a wide range of experiences in and around London. Food and drink forms an important part of most events where members can enjoy socialising in a genial atmosphere.

With its links to other wards and City organisations Club members have access to events held in some of the stunning Livery Halls and primary City buildings such as the Guildhall and Mansion House.

Our President is Alderman David Graves who was elected Alderman for Cripplegate Ward when our former president Sir Gavin Arthur, Lord Mayor of London in 2002 resigned on being appointed a Circuit Judge.

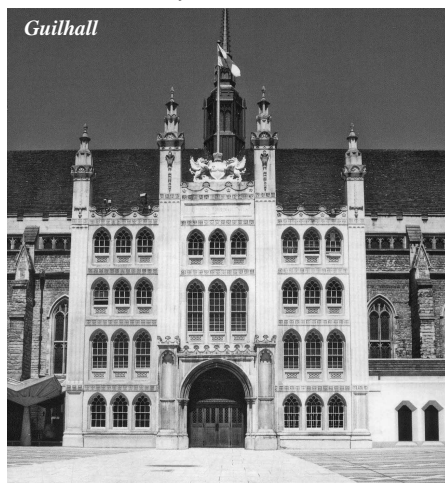
Past masters have included Sir Peter Gadsden who subsequently became Lord Mayor and Derek Kemp CC, Douglas Woodward CBE, Deputy John Barker CC and Deputy Miss Stella Currie CC who are, or have been, Common Councilmen.

Cripplegate Ward itself has its origins in the agreement made between the City and William the Conqueror, when the City was divided into smaller areas to make it easier to keep the peace. A century later Walter Fitz Terri was Alderman of Cripplegate and one of the most influential men in the City. The boundaries of the Ward have changed over the centuries, taking in part of Cheapside in the early years and moving northwards in our lifetime to include the Barbican and then Golden Lane.

Its fortunes have fluctuated as much as its boundaries. In the 13th Century it was the centre of City banking and home to the wealthy. At the end of the 16th Century when Shakespeare lodged in Silver Street (which was just south of the present London Wall) the

bankers had moved to Lombard Street and Cripplegate Ward had gone down market. Two centuries later it was thriving again as a business centre, home particularly to the textile industry which was concentrated in Wood Street, but also with many dwellings for the workers who still had to live within walking distance of their place of work.

During the 19th Century the rising value of land made living in the Ward expensive and gradually warehouses and other business premises took the place of dwellings. The railways made it possible for people who worked in the City to move out to live in the



suburbs. Inevitably the political life of the City changed. For centuries the City had been governed through the wards and all those who had a vote could attend open meetings and nominate Ward officers but as the residential population declined there was less interest in local government. Then, as now, lack of interest was a cause for general concern and one of the outcomes was the creation of ward clubs.

Cripplegate Ward Club was formed in 1878, to create a bridge between the electorate and



the elected, to offer support to the Alderman of the Ward, the Deputy and the Common Councilmen and to provide an opportunity for voters to meet their elected representatives in a social context.

This tradition is carried on today, with perhaps more emphasis on the social side and is most evident at the annual Civic lunch when the principal guest is the Lord Mayor or, if he is abroad, the Sheriff and in the fact that the Common Councilmen are members of the Club and make a point of attending the social events which take place throughout the year.

For more information about the Club, its former Masters and Aldermen and its current officers and committee, please go to www.cripplegatewardclub.org

Membership is £20 per year. If you are interested in joining the Club please contact the Hon. Secretary, Barbara Allan c/o 4 Holly Court, 21 Southend Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4PZ Telephone: 01702 203586

Can You Help?

The Barbican Association website is authored and maintained by a resident, and the site is run at minimal cost. The webmaster, who is not a professional but who runs a number of sites for charities, feels that an occasional make-over is good ipolicy. He would welcome the ideas of a graphic designer interested in webson how to improve the site. It is policy to keep the site simple, avoid the complexities of Flash and aim for usability. If any resident with graphic skills would like to consider how the site might be improved in terms of layout, colours, fonts etc., on voluntary basis would they get in touch: geoffrey@rivett.net

Programme

26th March 2009

Civic Lunch at Guildhall – guest of honour the Lord Mayor (£69)

22nd April 2009

Afternoon (4pm) guided tour of BBC TV Studios followed buffet supper with wine (£29.50)

18 May 2009

Guided private evening tour of Dr Johnson's House with light refreshments and wine (£15)

17th June 2009

All day visit to Knole House and gardens, Sevenoaks, Kent followed by lunch at a local coaching inn (£22.50/£31)

24th July 2009

Guided tour of Lloyds of London with three course lunch at a City tavern (£35.25)

18th August 2009

City walk with Blue Badge guide finishing at a pub (£5)



Lloyds building

September 2009 - To be arranged

October 2009 – Annual banquet

November 2009 – Lord Mayor's show

followed by lunch

December 2009 – Carol service

Environmental Update

Further to my previous article 'Action Taken on Noise Disturbance' in December's issue I am pleased to report that the 6 am noisy skip incident has not recurred.

It would appear that the City Environmental Health officers have given us a success. The serving of a Legal Statutory Notice during the first week of November last year on Aherns the offending sub-contractor and the official warning to Kelbray the main contractor has produced the desired result, peace and quiet in our community!

Lakeside gurgling

At a previous meeting of the Barbican Association I reported on the loud gurgling noises that were reverberating between Gilbert and Willoughby House near the Water fall end of the magnificent lake.

This was a difficult one to track down as it was intermittent and irregular. Worst of all it became louder during the night from about 1am just when you are wanting to sleep.

To begin with I thought some

one was dragging a huge suitcase around the lakeside.

After some detective work it transpires that the circulation pumps suck down a vortex of air and water when the lake level falls below a certain level and produce the loud intermittent gurgling.

Having contacted the Barbican Centre Engineers they have now adjusted their timers to ensure that the pumps are off completely at night and this very disturbing noise has now stopped.

Vehicle reversing beepers

The busy access granted to the Golden Lane Campus of three schools behind Ben Jonson House and Breton has caused disturbance to residents. Delivery vehicles emit loud beeps and recorded messages alerting people to their presence. Very good but surely not all day long? We are now looking for a resident friendly solution.

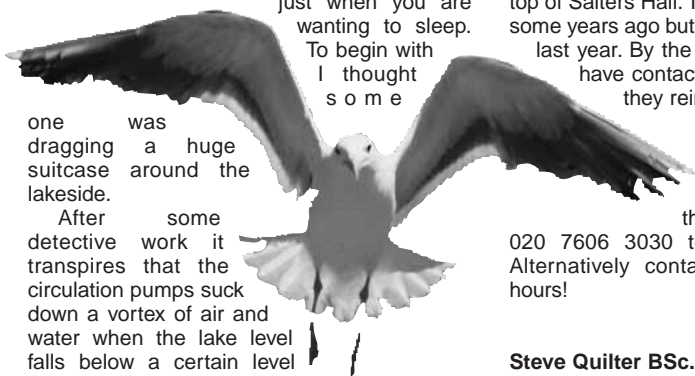
Also loud amplified playground music has been stopped with one of the school's help.

Seagulls

The aggressive seagulls are circling again and I see that two are making repeat visits to the top of Salters Hall. The Salters did net this area some years ago but it did not stop them nesting last year. By the time this is published I will have contacted the Hall to request that they reinstate the netting.

We must continue to report incidents and defend our cherished peace and quiet. Do make a note of the Guildhall 24hour helpline 020 7606 3030 to get help at any time. Alternatively contact myself during normal hours!

Steve Quilter BSc. (Hons) C.C.
Chairman BA Environmental and Ecology Committee



Health Care, Social Care... Do you care?

Do you want to make health or social services better in the City of London? If you're interested in anything from combating superbugs to making care better for people with learning disabilities, there's a new way to get involved to improve the services we all use.

It is backed by national law, and gives you the chance to highlight what's being done well and what needs improvement in the City of London.

What is the City of London LINK?

City of London LINK (Local Involvement Network) is a way for people who use services in the City to speak to people who run them. The LINK is an independent network, directed solely by its members. Any individual or group interested in health or social services can join. Being a part of the LINK is flexible so you don't need to commit to attending any number of meetings. You can simply keep informed via post or email and be as involved as you want to.

There is a LINK in every local authority in England and Wales. They are funded by the Department of Health, through local designated funds allocated to each local authority.

LINKs replace "Patient Public Involvement Forum" as the primary way for the public to shape health and social care services. City of London LINK has statutory powers, including the right to inspect premises and ask for specific information and responses.

How will the LINK work?

The Network will be the ears of the community, listening to people's views about health and social care issues. Once these views have

been gathered the LINK will decide which ones need taking forward. It will then set its own agenda and through using its powers, work in partnership with the health and social care providers to improve services.

Who Supports the LINK?

City.Comm (the council for voluntary services in the City of London) supports the City of London LINK. Our role is to raise awareness of the LINK, support the development of governance arrangements, build relationships with the statutory partners and support the network's work.

How is the LINK developing?

We have established a group of local residents, service users, voluntary groups and service providers to help establish City of London LINK. This group of people is called the LINK Development Group.. Its main role is lay the foundations for the LINK by informing preparations for how it will work to improve services. This group will disband once a group of members (Steering Group) is elected to run the network- this is likely to happen in May 2009. Until then we are really keen to get as many people involved as possible.

If you are interested in joining others to help pave the way for the LINK or to help the organisation itself run in future, please get in touch. Contact details can be found at the end of the article.

The network is gearing up to start work in the coming weeks and will be driven by its members' so now is a great time to make your voice heard. You can make a difference to the community by sharing your ideas on any aspect of health or social

Barbican Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club is the oldest club in the Barbican having been formed originally as the Daytime Club over 30 years ago. The club is open to all residents, not just ladies - we have several male members - and meets every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

We now meet in the new community room at the base of Lauderdale Tower. 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.

Thursday 26th March: visit to Women's Library in Old Castle Street

We had hoped to visit the Wood Street Police Station in March and hear about the Black Museum from the curator, Mr Appleby - and also to see the horses. However at present there is some doubt as to whether the museum in Wood Street will be able to continue as they appear to be in the middle of a cost cutting exercise. However I am assured that we will know some time in April whether or not the visit will be able to take place.

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON 14TH APRIL, THE TUESDAY AFTER EASTER, AND OPEN AGAIN ON 21ST APRIL.

Thursday 30th April: visit to Sir Winston Churchill's home at Chartwell in Westerham, Kent. Coach leaves Silk Street at 8.45am

Tuesday 5th May: Paul Taylor, a City Guide, will talk about Wren churches in the City

During June the annual outing on a date to be announced

Tuesday 28th July: annual summer party

THE CLUB CLOSSES FROM THE END OF JULY TO 8TH SEPTEMBER, NOT 1ST SEPTEMBER AS THIS FOLLOWS THE BANK HOLIDAY AND MEMBERS MAY BE AWAY

Tea rota

March: 3rd Mrs Ballard, 10th Mrs Bradley, 17th Mrs Buck, 24th Mrs Crawford, 31st Mrs Coburn

April: 7th Mr D Fisher. Closed for Easter 14th April.

21st Mrs Giles, 28th Mrs Harris

May: 5th Ms Grettal Plumby, 12th Dr Lynd Wright,

19th Mrs A Ballard, 26th Mrs A Bradley

June: 2nd Mrs J Crawford, 9th Mrs E Crisp,

16th Mrs D Coburn, 23rd Mr D Fisher

July: 7th Mrs J Harris, 14th Mrs C Littlestone,

21st Ms G Plumby

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

care. By getting involved now, you could help improve the services that we all use.

How can it make a difference?

The last few years really show what can be achieved when London's patients and community groups work together. As a direct result of local people's work there is, for example, now an additional dentist and better information in Westminster and appointments are arranged better at hospitals around the capital. As patients we all benefit from improvements like this.

How to find out more:

Please contact Jennifer Purcell (jpurcell@citycomm.org.uk), 020 7535 0496, City of London LINK, 37 Chapel St, London, NW1 5DP) if you would like to join the LINK or receive more information.

Visit www.cityoflondonlink.org.uk for further information about how the LINK is developing and to find out about key health and social care issues in the City of London.

SECURITY MATTERS



Following on from December's *Newsletter* I have received the following update from the City of London Police in respect of the City as a whole:-

CITY OF LONDON POLICE UPDATE

Overall crime statistics have been reduced year on year by 3.9% (91 offences). Current trends in the theft of pedal cycle, theft from shops and theft from motor vehicles are showing a slight increase on last year. Fortunately, however, violent crime and theft from a person are showing significant decreases, and these are two key areas which the police have focused on.

The police are keen to ensure that City residents and workers are aware that distraction thefts at ATMs have come back with a vengeance. There have been several instances of people withdrawing money from ATMs who become distracted by someone waving a paper/shouting or using some other form of distraction and then having either their money or bank card stolen.

Two recent arrests of individuals whose methodology was to target coffee shops on a daily basis in the City to steal people's personal property, has seen the crime rate for these offences decrease by 50%. However, people should not be complacent, with the current economic climate this type of offence is likely to increase in the forthcoming months.

The reduction in violent crime is very much linked to the tactics that the City of London Police adopted for the month of December and New Years Eve. During December the police focused on the so called night time economy with the aim of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. A change in policing style to one of engagement and high visibility policing has certainly worked to provide direction and reassurance to people attending/leaving licensed premises. This significantly helped to reduce crime around licensed premises during December.

On New Years Eve, the City had the highest number of 'promoted events' for any London Borough. All of these events were risk assessed before the event and the police held meetings with the licensing community, setting out expectations on how premises should be managed. The City of London Police had over 200 officers on duty on New Years Eve, some assisting the Metropolitan Police at Trafalgar Square. As a result of these tactics, the police assisted licensing managers to 'voluntarily' close five licensed premises in the City just after midnight. Monitoring of premises had identified the potential for violence and overcrowding, and by closing the premises this allowed the police to prevent problems before they began to emerge. This tactic also helped to disperse people quickly away from the City.

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

WARDS POLICING

With the City of London Police recent restructure of staff (reported in the previous BA Newsletter), all wards officers are now based at Snow Hill Police Station. With an increase of 7 Sergeants onto the team and the new four cluster structure being implemented, it has allowed the police to streamline processes and procedures. There is now one point of contact for wards policing. Where a member of the community has a community issue which does not need an immediate policing response then they should contact (020) 7601 2452 and leave a voicemail message or email community@cityoflondon.police.uk. The Duty Ward Sergeant will action all new messages and assign wards officers to deal with the issue.

If of a more urgent nature then 999 should be dialled as normal

DOOR ENTRY SYSTEMS SURVEY

Some investigative work has been in the pipeline for some time now which is likely to result in a survey to elicit resident views concerning door entry systems.

The survey apparently was initially intended to investigate automatic door opening systems for less agile residents but has now been extended to cover door entry from a wider perspective including video surveillance of visitors and alternative systems to the current key system.

Some of the options under consideration would be extremely costly, for example, one of the schemes is estimated to cost c. £1.8 million to install plus substantial annual maintenance costs. This being so, I thought that readers would be interested in the Security Committee's view of the proposals as we have been asked for our input and to comment on a draft questionnaire that is currently being finalised.

In summary, the Barbican Estate Committee ('BESC') unanimously recommends continuing with the existing key system with a review in five years time. This view is based on the following

1. The level of crime in the Barbican has always been low and remains so. There is therefore no case to support change especially costly ones at a time of economic downturn.
2. There is no evidence to suggest that the keys which have been lost over the years has resulted in any additional crime levels – a fact supported both by BEO records as well as City of London Police data.
3. The greatest problem is tail-gating and irrespective of what system is installed; unless residents are more vigilant about letting strangers in, then problems will occur from time to time.
4. City of London Police Officers - members of BESC - have advised that statistics show that more sophisticated systems such as the Lock & Key Fob/Card system as employed on the Golden Lane estate (one option being considered) do not have any better results in terms of preventing crime. Indeed, there are two major disadvantages firstly cost both in terms of installation & maintenance and also when problems occur with this and other electronic systems all the entrance doors are released thereby providing "open-house" for any potential infiltrators until the problem has been resolved and all doors reset and locked again.
5. Current maintenance costs of the existing key system are low particularly when compared with other options being considered; there are no capital costs involved and replacement components are still readily available.

David Bradshaw C.C.

Chairman, Barbican Estate Security Committee

Come join us in The Barbican's Countryside

Do you enjoy gardening? Do you miss not working in a garden that is on your doorstep? If the answers to these questions are both yes, opportunity is truly at your doorstep – the Barbican's own Fann Street Wildlife Garden.

Fann Street is the only large wildlife garden in the City of London and one in which residents work each week under the guidance of Gary Blaxland, Open Spaces's supervisor for all the Barbican gardens.

The highlights of being a Fann Street gardener? Among the many are: discovering the range of plants that grow in the garden and observing them throughout the year; discovering the animal life that lives in the garden – frogs, insects of an amazing variety, spiders, birds; watching the insects and birds feed off these plants and seeing how they use the shrubs, trees and plants for homes and shelter and to protect and raise their young.

In an environment created mainly by man and with only the occasional hint of the changing seasons, the garden provides the opportunity to see the first catkins, to enjoy spring blossom, the succeeding appearance of snowdrops, daffodils, bluebells in the spring through to the berries of the autumn.

But most of all, it is the sheer physical labour of working in a garden - being able to dig the soil, clearing the over prolific weeds, plant out our own plant contributions and those of friends and relatives and to see our efforts turn into a more attractive garden for wildlife and residents.

Though returning to podium levels, I often

get puzzled looks of how anyone could cover themselves in dirt and burrs within the boundaries of the Barbican Estate.

Non-gardeners are most welcome to join too

There is no budget for additional plants for the garden – and we rely on collecting seed from the garden and elsewhere, and contributions from residents. One of our great successes is a rowan tree that Monica Darnborough grew on her balcony.

We also welcome new members to help record the wildlife in the garden (and in the Barbican Estate as a whole) as part of Open Spaces' commitment to biodiversity.

Come join us!

We are a small group of dedicated volunteers – and welcome all newcomers.

Looking back over last year, we were incredibly lucky with the weather and only had to cancel a limited number of working mornings - this year of course we have had our first cancellation because of snow!

For nearly five years, residents have enjoyed Wednesday mornings in the garden and we have already contributed 1000 hours to help transform the garden.

For your hard work, your expertise, your donations to our plants.

Please contact Paula Tomlinson, the Chairman of the Barbican Wildlife Group on 020 7628 3657 or at paula@johnandpaula.com for further information.



THE RECOGNISED ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF BARBICAN RESIDENTS

2009 MEMBERSHIP

Barbican Address			
Mailing Address	Member type: Leaseholder / Corporation Tenant / Sub-tenant (please delete as appropriate)		
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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

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

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	

Bank	Branch Title	Sorting Code Number
Alliance & Leicester Commercial		72-00-05

For the credit of:

Beneficiary's Name	Account Number *	Quoting Reference
Barbican Association	97028605	

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
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BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Address	Signature
Postcode	Date

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 website and in the Barbican Association's quarterly newsletter for so doing. Contact Lawrence Williams on 07711 066198 – or by email at barbicanlife@gmail.com – for further information.

CURRENT SCHEME MEMBERS

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

Ligne Roset City:

10% Discount on any Ligne Roset order placed outside of our Sale or Promotional periods. View a sample of Ligne Roset's extensive range on www.ligne-roset-city.co.uk or in person at 37-39 Commercial Road, London E1 1LF. Tel 0207 426 9670.

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

Quinn Interiors: 10% off curtains, blinds, soft furnishings and re-upholstery. Contact Quinn Interiors, 53 Rosslyn Avenue, Harold Wood RM3 0RG. Phone: 07050 159156. Fax: 07050 259256.

Email: info@quinn-interiors.com.

Website: www.quinn-interiors.com.

HEALTH

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

Barbican Dental Care:

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

Barbican Dental Practice:

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

Bodymotion Chiropractic Clinic. 15% discount on presentation of Barbican Association membership card. No. 1 Wallside, Barbican. Phone 020 7374 2272 for appointment. www.bodys-motion.co.uk

Feelgood Centre: 20% discount on all services such as massage, breathing classes and migun thermal massage. FREE trials for yoga breathing classes 11 am to Noon 6th April and 4th May. For all yoga/breathing details call Sankar on 07940 784 657. FREE trial Indian Head Massage 5th April, 3rd May. Call Cheli for details on all massage treatments on 07789 567 612. Templeton House, 33-34 Chiswell Street, EC1Y 4SF.

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

Email: info@hermeshealth.co.uk.

Web: www.hermeshealth.co.uk

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.

Web: 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

RESTAURANTS/BARS

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.

The Cuban: Restaurant/Bar.

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

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 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.

Missouri American Grill and Restaurant:

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

Moshi Moshi serves a range of hot Japanese dishes and sushi using fish that is delivered daily by Chris Bean, a fisherman working off the coast of Cornwall. Moshi Moshi is happy to invite Barbican Association members to a glass of wine and a complimentary platter of sashimi made from our daily Cornwall catch of the day, each and every time they dine with us. Liverpool Street, Unit 24, Liverpool Street Station, London EC2M 7QH (above platform 1, behind M&S)

Tel / Fax: 020 7247 3227

The Passage Cafe: French Bistro. 10% off food for Barbican Association members. 12 Jerusalem Passage, EC1V 4JP.

Tel: 020 3217 0090. www.thepassagecafe.com

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.

Smithfield Bar and Grill

20% discount on food from Monday to Friday, dining at any time, and a 40% discount on food when dining on a Saturday evening. To take advantage of the offer BA members should book ahead and show proof of membership of the BA at the restaurant. The Bar and Grill is open Mondays to Thursdays from noon to midnight, Fridays from noon to 1 am and Saturdays from 6 pm until midnight. Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays. 2-3 West Smithfield, EC1A 9JX. Tel: 0870 44 22 541, Fax: 0870 44 22 542, Email: smithfield@barandgrill.co.uk. Web: www.barandgrill.co.uk

Soseki (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

Tas Restaurant:

Glass of house wine or organic juice per head. Must mention Barbican Association. 37 Farringdon Road. Tel: 020 7430 9721

The St Germain Restaurant and Bar

20% discount on all food bills (either in the restaurant or bar). BA members are asked to make reservations and mention the discount at the time of booking, however, booking is not absolutely essential. Either way, if the members could show their BA membership cards when asking for the bill the discount will be organised. The restaurant is open Monday to Friday from 12-3 for lunch and Monday to Saturday from 6-11 for dinner. We are also open from 11-4 Saturday and Sunday for brunch. The bar is open Monday to Saturday from 12pm-12am and on Sunday from 11-5. Food is served in the bar throughout the day. 89 Turnmill Street, EC1M 5QU. Tel 020 7336 0949. Email restaurant@stgermain.info.

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.

CLOTHING

Bread and Honey:

Men's and women's casual fashions. 10% discount on non-sale items. 205 Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8QP

SERVICES

Abracadabra Services:

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

Elite Home Maintenance:

10% off labour costs for Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Tiling, Carpentry and Electrical work; Contact: Steven Richards, 153 Amhurst Road, London E8 2AW. Tel: 020 7241 3957 or 07976 352 395; Email: richardsbuild@btinternet.com

Spencer Thomas Estate Agents:

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

Zipcar: National car sharing scheme with a Toyota Prius available in the Barbican itself in Bunyan Court Car Park. Cars available by the hour. Price includes fuel, 60 free miles, congestion charge and insurance. BA members may now join at a reduced rate of only £10 plus a £10 FREE driving credit.

To sign up go to www.zipcar.com/barbican

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