

We're part of a much bigger picture

There's more activity than usual going on this summer, some of it driven by events outside the Estate, such as the Grenfell Tower fire and recent terrorist incidents but some of it homegrown.

Cultural Hub

There have been developments on the Cultural Hub and work done on Barbican and Golden Lane strategy. The Cultural Hub is launched, named and defined geographically and by reference to ambitions, with indicators, signage and artwork in Smithfield Rotunda and Silk Street. The City plans surveys to gather responses to these temporary installations. The longer-term intentions are more ambitious and these plans will be formally consulted upon once they have been more developed and presented to relevant committees in the Autumn.

Exploratory workshops set up to develop the "look and feel" strategy for the Cultural Hub reveal that:

- The "spine" of the cultural hub is from Farringdon Road, where the Museum of London will be, along West Smithfield, Long Lane, Beech Street, Silk Street, Ropemaker Street to Moorgate.
- There are several "themes":
 - >Inside out (to expose aspects of cultural to the wider environment, so that people know that they are in the Cultural Hub)
 - >Diversity and distinctiveness
 - >An urban oasis
- Supported by wayfinding, lighting, "place activation", public art, street furniture, greening, etc.

The idea of "urban oasis" recognises that the Barbican is tranquil and suited to the needs of residents. I suggested that it would be good if signage and lighting indicated the differences

between areas, – for example, between busy routes and contemplative ones.

Related work that the City has been doing is working out a wayfinding strategy for the whole City. It is likely that it will recommend using "Legible London" signage, the system developed by London Transport and used in most London boroughs. The wayfinding group recognises that detailed mapping needs to be done on the Estate, with signage that shows people how they can navigate it.

London Wall Place

Access to the estate in the short term might be improved with the opening in November of the new Highwalks across London Wall Place. With the completion of 160 Aldersgate Street, the BA will meet the occupants to discuss neighbour issues such as the use of the rooftop terraces.

Fire Risk

The City has now posted on the Barbican Estate part of its website the reports of fire risk assessments for each block that were done before the Grenfell Tower fire and they have commissioned further assessments. This is a Residents Consultation Committee matter and I'm sure it will be discussed at its next meeting in September.

Internal affairs: all change

At the AGM, we welcomed three new elected members to the Barbican Association - David Kirkby, Christopher Makin, and Mark Mallindine - but were subsequently sad to lose the services of Robert Barker as honorary secretary and Tim Macer as deputy chair. Both have done sterling service to the Barbican over the years and I'd like to thank them for their support and hard

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work. Tim, who among other things led the London Wall Place group since the initial battle over the JP Morgan plans, is moving abroad. Robert has kindly agreed to remain as a co-opted member of the committee. Helen Kay is now deputy chair and Christopher Makin is honorary secretary.

There is more change to come; Kai Virtanen, our membership secretary and web administrator, is leaving the Estate, so we are

advertising for a replacement volunteer.



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The Moor Lane pop up is one of the Clean Air Gardens that have been created this year.

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Those who attended the recent meeting with the City Police were rewarded with much information on how to keep safe from cybercrime and terrorist attacks.

Fraud and cybercrime

We are lucky, said Matt Bowler, business development manager in Economic Crime, to live in the City as City Police are the national hub for fraud and have the best fraud resources in the UK. He urged people to report frauds, online via the Action Fraud website or on 0300 123 2040, because they are massively unreported. One report rarely provides enough information for police to pursue suspects but when combined with others the police may be able to investigate sufficiently to prosecute or disrupt fraudulent activity. He conceded that few cyber-frauds are prosecuted, often because suspects are overseas, so greater effort is focused on prevention, warning people how to avoid being defrauded.

Matt described the four main types of fraud prevalent in the City:

- phishing (emails purporting to come from a well-known organisation, including banks, inviting you to click something to provide information. His advice is, Don't!);
- online shopping (if an offer is too good to be true, probably it's fraud);
- software services companies (phone calls purporting to be from a Microsoft department wanting to access your computer remotely); and
- police impersonators (who say that you have been involved in a crime and want bank account information from you; they advise you to ring them back to check their identity but then stay on the line so that when you phone the proper number, you end up talking to the fraudster). Apparently, the police have been working with BT to reduce the amount of time a call takes to clear, once the receiver had been put down; it was 45 seconds, now it is virtually zero.

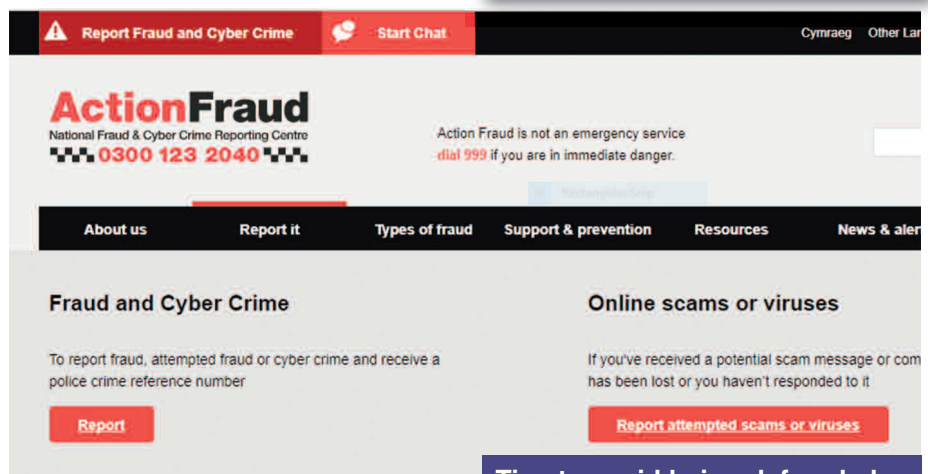
Counter terrorism

The current threat level from terrorism in the UK is severe, explained Sgt. Mark Haddon, meaning that an attack is highly likely. He spoke about sources of terrorism and about international terrorism and that from N. Ireland, from right-wing extremists and to a smaller extent, from animal rights groups, environmentalists and anti-war groups. The current concern was of lone-wolf attacks in crowded places.

The current advice is to **Run** away from trouble, **Hide** if you can't run and **Tell** (the police) when it's safe to do so.

Furthermore:

- Be aware of your surroundings, including exit routes
- If you see something suspicious report it on 999 (or 112 mobile) if necessary (if it's urgent)
- If you can run from trouble, do so and



Mostly it's about common sense but worth having information to hand

- encourage others to go with you but don't let them hold you up
- If you hide, barricade yourself in and stay silent
- Contact police when safe and give them as much information as possible
- If the police arrive, they will force their way in (they won't ask you to let them in) and then you should follow their instructions

He concluded by warning that when an incident happens, social media will always announce it first but it will probably be inaccurate. Official police messages will always take longer to arrive but they should be accurate. The Police have Twitter accounts and he suggested that residents could sign up to text alerts:

<https://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/contact-city-police/online-services-and-alerts/Pages/default.aspx>

PC Matt Hone described "**Project Servator**" – what the City Police are doing to try to prevent terrorist attacks. These are visible deployments of uniformed police officers at carefully selected places, aimed at disrupting prospective terrorists' hostile reconnaissance. He reported that these deployments are normal business for the City Police; they often do them alongside buildings' own security officers and aim to engage with the public during these deployments. They are also looking out for suspicious-looking behaviour. Apparently, in the City the arrest rate among people stopped and searched is 60% (nationally 20% is considered high) and in some months, it has reached 90%.

To complete the picture on terrorism, Acting Inspector John Zuber talked about the "Prevent" programme, the national government programme that is aimed at preventing people from being radicalised. "Prevent" is about safeguarding individuals who are at risk of being radicalised (by whatever form of radical ideology) and it uses tools developed in safeguarding victims of domestic abuse and children from sexual exploitation. He emphasised that it isn't about undercover surveillance but is a transparent programme in which

Tips to avoid being defrauded

Hover over email addresses and links in unsolicited emails that purport to be from large organisations; if the email and web links don't look right, don't trust them

Banks and the Police will never ask you for bank details

Organisations like TV Licensing don't offer refunds out-of-the-blue

Beware of online shopping sites that want bank transfers rather than credit cards and Paypal

Be cautious using 3rd party seller sites like eBay and Gumtree

Keep your computer operating system updated

Use an anti-virus program

Use strong passwords

Be careful with public wi-fi, avoiding online banking and checking emails

Use your strongest password for your email account

Never tell anyone your banking password or PINs

people have to consent to take part.

Allegedly, some of those vulnerable to radicalisation have mental health issues and some are converts who gain most of their information from the Internet rather than communities. Once someone is referred to the "Prevent" programme, a risk-assessment is performed and if the risk is confirmed, the person is asked for their consent to be put on the programme; once they consent, a multi-agency panel is convened and the person is offered support tailored to their needs, for example with drugs, mental health, employment or housing.

The officers were generous with their time and answered many questions. They offered to speak to resident groups on these or other policing issues.

Jane Smith
Chair, Barbican Association

Ian Dyson on cyber-crime and terrorism

Given the continuing increase in cyber-crime and terrorism, I noted an interview which Nick Kochan, the financial journalist, conducted recently with Ian Dyson, Commissioner of City of London Police Force (CoLP).

"IT companies should be required to give police a backdoor into encrypted devices, as long as the authorities have first obtained a warrant from a judge", said Dyson, opining that the investigation of many frauds and other crimes was being impeded by encryption, which was now the default for communication devices. He continued, *"I have absolutely no problem with judicial and democratic oversight over what I do. The public do not need to fear that I will abuse my powers, if I can go into their emails and messages. Apple is saying they don't want a backdoor because it can be broken into. If there was new legislation saying that all new devices need to have a backdoor, I would be very comfortable with saying that if law enforcement need to use it, they have to go and get a warrant or whatever, because that is accountability.....the use of the backdoor would be reserved for matters of 'national security and serious crime....."* *"There are challenges now for law enforcement around encryption. ...The only people who would formerly have encryption devices were government and security services. Now encryption has become the default position."*

Links between terrorist finance and money laundering will shortly be the focus of a project to be launched by the CoLP, an active member of the Global Cyber Alliance, an organisation dedicated to sharing and introducing latest techniques to combat cyber-crime.

"We need a more rigorous and academic assessment of that relationship between terrorism, and especially money laundering. It is common sense that terrorists must be engaged in money laundering and fraud, in order to raise the money, as well as, frankly, lots of other criminality. But do we really understand the true nature of some of those relationships? That is something we want to explore more," according to Dyson.

Private sector bodies such as the British Bankers' Association and the Association of British Insurers work with the CoLP to prevent fraud in their industries. A similar arrangement is being considered to fund the terrorist financing research and CoLP was pursuing funds for the project, he revealed, accepting that such a funding structure would need to be innovative; the project was at any early stage.

Some 180,000 bank accounts, website and telephone lines were closed in the last year following CoLP fraud investigations but cyber-enabled fraud has reached an "industrial scale"; only a small number of reports could be investigated, Dyson acknowledged.

He believes that national awareness campaigns about cyber-crime should be strengthened but that bank customers should be alert to their own fraud risks and act accordingly, as banks will only compensate a victim of fraud if the institution accepts fault. In fact, only half of fraud victims receive compensation, he admitted.

David Bradshaw C.C.

Chairman, Barbican Estate Security

Local hospital accident, emergency and care services

I'm sure that I am not alone in the realisation, just at the point at which important local information is required, that chances are I don't have it to hand.

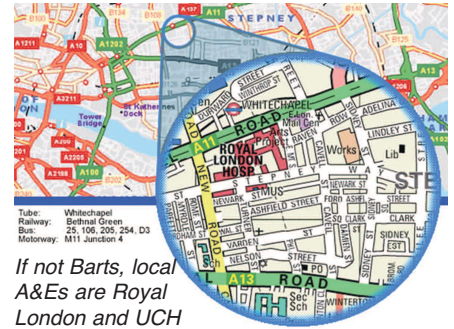
Such was the case on a recent Sunday when an accident occurred, requiring my partner to be taken after a fall, quickly, if not urgently, to hospital. It was not an ambulance situation and our car was available. The unfortunate fact was that, as this was the first incident of its kind for us since moving to the Barbican, we did not know where to go. A quick drive round to Barts clarified the fact that **although it has a minor injuries unit**, tel. 020 3465 5869, www.nhs.uk/Services/hospitals/Services/Service/DefaultView.aspx?id=288311, this opens only on Mondays to Fridays, when it may have been the right emergency choice. I was advised there that the other local options were **University College Hospital A&E at Euston Road, London NW1 2BU**, tel. 020 3447 0083, www.uclh.nhs.uk/OurServices/ServiceA-Z/ES/AE/Pages/Home.aspx and the **Royal London Hospital A&E** at Ground Floor, North Tower, Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BB, tel. 020 3594 0004, www.city-health.org.uk/service/the-royal-london-hospital-ae-and-urgent-care-centre. A hasty and uninformed gamble on issues of driving time and likely parking facilities caused us to head for the Royal London. On finding the A&E entrance and dropping off the prospective patient, a street parking space was found.

Initial processes were good, including registration, preliminary assessment and x-ray, followed by a longer wait for A&E treatment. Far more importantly, the treatment, combined with the care, attentiveness, courtesy and skill of everyone concerned, was wonderful. Sure, to

Fire safety

I write from the 35th floor of Cromwell Tower, from which, on the morning of June 14, I watched the smoke rising in West London. More than a little anxious at the sight of what can happen to a 1970s' tower block and its residents, issues of health and safety, fire safety, building regulations, planning controls and other terrible modern-day potential risks remain foremost in my mind. The number of recent posts on the BarbicanTalk forum www.barbicantalk.com/forum/search.php?keywords=fire and reports in other neighbourhood media suggest that I am not alone. One of my neighbours expressed to me his opinion that it couldn't happen here. We must ensure that he is correct and not rely on good fortune, perceived privilege and smugness. Of course, the efforts, advice and initiatives of the Barbican Estate Office deserve to be applauded, particularly for all the relevant and useful information that has been distributed to residents.

Pretty much everything on this tragedy has been said elsewhere. Nonetheless, I have little hesitation in expressing the view that there must be hardly any limits to the extent that rigorous compliance with safety rules, intolerance of cutting corners and costs and constant regulatory and other efforts to improve safety and reduce risk should be the accepted norm. As with any community of residents living side-by-side, above and



If not Barts, local A&Es are Royal London and UCH

an outsider, some of it looked a little unconnected on occasion. However, for all that we were grateful for the thoroughness of the medical work initially and subsequently and the friendly, kindly attitude of the army of busy people on-site who attended.

An unpleasant experience that resulted in the need for surgery and recuperation at home served to highlight the quality and value of the NHS, specifically Barts Health NHS Trust, of which the Royal London is part, the local district nurse services, the most impressive "reablement service" provided by the City of London adult social care staff and the help of the Homerton University Hospital Integrated Independence Team.

We are less certain about **Bluebird Care - Westminster & City of London**, appointed by the Corporation to provide outsourced care of this kind at home, including that related to the "reablement service". For weekend cover, it proved to be unreliable as compared to the local authority carers. I hope that the commercial facility improves. Residents might also be advised to exercise normal caution if asked to sign what appear to be contractual documents between themselves and Bluebird.

Robert McKay

below, in great numbers, people need guarantees that everything possible is done for their protection and that there would be no room for simple expressions of regret and apology after a disaster has occurred.

Robert McKay

Useful Police 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

Numbers to call in the event of disturbance

City Noise Team: 020 7606 3030

for noise happening currently.

For advice, email

publicprotection@cityoflondon.gov.uk (response to emails is not immediate)

Transport for London (Underground):

0343 222 1234* (option 6) 08:00-20:00.

Use online form at

<https://tfl.gov.uk/help-and-contact/>

Crossrail: 0345 602 3813

Email: helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk

Bernard Morgan House

In May, based on 13 to 10 votes, the Planning Committee approved Taylor Wimpey's application for the development of Bernard Morgan House.

Save Golden Lane Consortium, an affiliated group of local community associations representing people who live, work, go to school and use the park in the area, created a "crowdjustice" fundraising page to seek legal advice about this decision. Information and a chance to donate can be found at www.crowdjustice.com/case/save-golden-lane.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government suspended Taylor Wimpey's planning permission while his department considered the question of holding an inquiry and the demolition of Bernard Morgan House was postponed.

Thanks to many donations, the consortium paid for initial advice from a specialist sunlight/overshadowing consultant and are commissioning a more detailed analysis. Their solicitors have instructed Matthew Horton QC.

The Secretary of State decided to allow the Planning Committee's resolution to stand and there are six weeks from the grant of planning permission to issue a legal claim requesting the Court's permission to proceed with a Judicial Review.

The Save Golden Lane Consortium has formed a not-for-profit limited company called OPEN Golden Lane [Organisation for Promotion of Environmental Needs (Golden Lane) Limited] to help the local community fight environmental and social injustice. Being a company, it has legal status, unlike a

residents' association or users' group, acting for and to defend members and can bring civil actions and protect individuals from personal liability. Local groups may apply to become members of OPEN Golden Lane.

An OPEN Golden Lane blog to has been launched. The consortium's solicitors have replied to the Secretary of State requesting that he provide reasons for not calling in Taylor Wimpey's planning application to be determined at an independent inquiry and the group is awaiting counsel's advice about a judicial review. See: <https://opengoldenlane.blogspot.co.uk/2017/07/why-was-call-in-request-rejected.html>.

Construction disruption

The BA has responded to the City of London Draft Code of Practice for Deconstruction and Construction. We looked carefully at the new Draft Code and used this opportunity again to seek to have no noisy work in residential areas of the City on Saturdays, as Westminster Council has recently done. We highlighted the notification of varying hours of work, strengthening measures to ensure compliance on working methodologies, including sanctions for disregarding the rules and we sought clarification on hours of work. We offered assistance in reporting when contractors breach their own approved schemes of work and suggested the adoption of a best practice standard on light pollution. The Draft Code states that it 'encourages' shrill, piercing and indiscriminate reversing alarms to be replaced by broadband self-adjusting alarms. We asked that the alarms be phased out by a specified date, again, as has been done in other councils.

Helen Kay

Chair, BA planning sub-committee

Barbican horizons

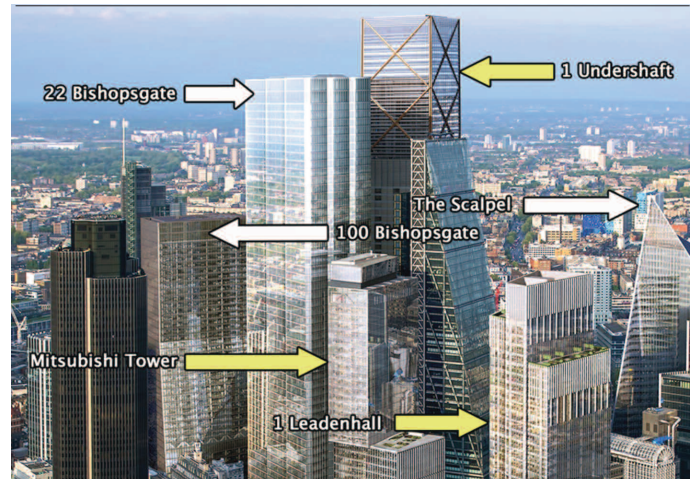
Concerns have been rekindled over what is happening around our community. Protests mount against the City of London's approval of Taylor Wimpey's plan for the Bernard Morgan site on Golden Lane (see Helen Kay's contribution on this topic). Concurrently, it seems almost certain, as funding goals seem achievable and design work advances, that the Museum of London will move out of the Barbican Estate in 2022.

The concept of the Cultural Hub is developing and the museum site might be occupied by an acoustically-perfect auditorium as the home of the LSO. If this happens, the architectural shortlist having been drawn up, we can anticipate a world-class iconic building but there will be years of uncertainty before funding and planning are settled and then further years of disturbance before anything can be enjoyed. If it does not happen, what then for the site?

In recent years, we have watched several close-by structures rising. Residential blocks have included Heron Tower, which brought with it the lovely performance venues for the Guildhall School of Music and Drama; then came Roman House and now, just emerged from its scaffolding, is Blake Tower (see the Summer issue of Barbican Life). More recent commercial developments include London Wall. After a long and noisy development period, this might bring something positive to our community, with a small but welcome open space and importantly, the re-installation of attractively designed bridges to reconnect at podium level with the Guildhall and Moorgate. These arrive in time for us to stroll to board Elizabeth Line trains, when they start operating in 2018. If only the City planners and TFL would co-operate to establish a route with a lift to the Barbican station! This is a significant omission at the busiest entry point for the Estate and Arts Centre. The London Wall project has also resulted in a dazzling refurbishment of Salters' Hall. Another nearly completed project is 160 Aldersgate, which now has a much softer appearance and extra floors.

Baggage stores

A pre-planning consultation took place for the proposed development of more baggage stores, i.e. for the change of use of 201 car parking bays, should there be insufficient demand from Barbican Estate residents, to "ancillary storage" for use by residential occupiers and users of the buildings and non-Barbican residents within walking distance. This would mean the installation of 316 self-contained, pre-fabricated, galvanised steel storage units, in place of parking spaces at Breton House, Bunyan House and car park levels 01 and 03 of Willoughby House. The deadline for making comments was Monday 17 July and the notification was distributed on the Barbican Estate Office emails. See also Richard Tomkins' contribution on this topic.



Shall we see a new settled cityscape? Absolutely not!

Fortunately, nowadays the City planners and the Barbican Association seem to work hard, with meaningful consultations with residents, to prevent a repeat of unpopular monsters such as Alban Gate and 100 Aldersgate. Of course, the City must balance the pressures of commerce with the needs of residents and compromises, that are rarely satisfactory, must be found.

Further to the east, the crane count has risen in a burst of activity before the UK leaves the EU and it is on an ambitious scale. Huge concrete triffids are rising fast to fill some of the gaps through which to glimpse dawn. On Bishopsgate and Undershaft, where, at 73 storeys, there will be the tallest building in the City, already nicknamed "The Trellis", buildings will rise to change the shape of the "City Cluster", reminding us and the world of London's claim to be the greatest financial centre.

For all that, are we coming to the end of an era? Shall we see a new settled cityscape? Will the herons each Spring still find a route into our lakes to cull fish stocks and terrorise the chicks?

David Kirkby

Car Wars

The Barbican Estate was built in the “Age of the Car”, when its architects envisaged a car-reliant community requiring almost as many parking bays as flats. Over the years, however, use of the car parks has declined and the loss of revenue has put a strain on the Barbican car park budget, which is administered separately from the service charge account.

Under pressure from the City of London to reduce the deficit, thus far the Barbican Estate Office has made two attempts this year to increase revenues. First, it planned to convert many parking spaces into extra baggage stores for residents; *see also Helen Kay's contribution on this topic*. Second, it sought to introduce an eye-wateringly large increase in the annual charge for a parking space, from £1,225 a year to £2,000.

Many residents welcomed the idea of extra storage space, even if it meant paying for it. Likewise, many car owners could see benefit if it took some of the pressure off the car park charge. However, the plan came unstuck in the face of objections about a) the lack of

consultation and b) if there were sufficient vacant bays for the number of storage containers proposed.

The obvious answer to the second objection was that there would be more than enough space once the car park charge had risen to £2,000. At that stage, though, the increase had not been announced, so the Estate Office, struggling to answer awkward questions about numbers, decided on a tactical retreat and withdrew the application, with a view to resubmitting it later.

The dust had barely settled (as ever, on residents' freshly-washed cars) before the Estate Office returned with its proposed increase in the parking charge to £2,000. This provoked many normally peace-loving residents into the Barbican equivalent of violent anarchy, writing polite letters to their local councillors, asking them, if it wasn't too much trouble, to vote against the plan. Their councillors duly obliged and that plan, too, was rejected.

The result? A working party, of course. This is now looking at various suggestions for balancing the car park books. One of them is that a larger portion of the cost of employing

the 28 car park attendants could be incorporated into the service charge account, reflecting the fact that the CPAs now spend most of their time on concierge duties. Meanwhile, the planning application for the storage containers is due to reappear, this time with proper consultation beforehand. It's a story that will run and run. How, if ever, will it end? Watch this (parking) space!

Richard Tomkins

Can you help?

The Barbican Association is looking for a:
Membership Secretary/Web Administrator

Our current membership secretary/web administrator is leaving the Estate, so we need to recruit one or two people to fulfil those roles

(they can be done together or separately).

If you have the relevant skills and would like to volunteer to help the BA in its job of representing the interests of Barbican residents, please contact me.

All inquiries welcome.

Jane Smith chairBA@btinternet.com

Barbican Wildlife Garden in Open Garden Squares Weekend

Our OGSW weekend was a great success, aided to a large extent by fine weather. Fortunately, we had copious supplies of water for our visitors and volunteers and they could enjoy homemade biscuits, which, with plant sales, enabled us to raise over £120 in donations. This was donated to the Red Cross Fire Relief Fund.

We had over 760 visitors during the two days, with most of them on Saturday, from near and far, including Australia, the USA and mainland Europe, though not just to see Barbican Wildlife Garden! There was a high level of interest and our volunteers were busy answering questions on a variety of topics. Our two leaflets, one on the Garden's history and habitats and the other on the species found there, together with the results of monitoring carried out by Barbican Citizen Scientists, were much appreciated by visitors.

Visitors were also able to see our installation for the RHS “Greening Grey

Britain” initiative in Bridgewater Square, which is our contribution to the 2017 City in Bloom Challenge. London Environmental Network-provided air quality plants were displayed in a giant red flowerpot and bike-lock planters.

We were fortunate enough to have John Canfield, our “Poet in Residence” adding cultural depth by connecting Cripplegate Without with Shakespearean sonnets. Although John had prepared, he was taken aback by the inspiration that the Garden provided, not just for his own efforts but also for the poetic efforts which he encouraged from visitors.

The Garden's participation in OGSW was advertised on BarbicanTalk, the Garden's Facebook page (@barbicanwildlifegarden) and its Twitter account (@BarbicanWLG). The two leaflets have been posted on Facebook and copies are in our new bird hide.

Jo Rodgers, Joint Lead Volunteer, BWG

WILDLIFE AND GARDENS

Barbican Horticultural Society Summer Competition

What a challenging summer we've been having, with multiple heatwaves, endless building works, external decorations and of course vine weevils! Even so, each season brings some gardening pleasures, like a basil grown big enough to make into pesto and of course the BHS summer competition.

This year had several interesting new entries and the judge was most impressed by the 'worlds within worlds' that had been created. As ever, the results were announced over a convivial glass of wine and members opened their gardens for viewing.

If you are interested in knowing more about the challenges of Barbican gardening or want advice on how to get things going, why not join?

For more information please visit our website: www.barbicanhortsoc.co.uk or email: information@barbicanhortsoc.co.uk

Lionel Meyringer

Moor Lane Pop up Clean Air Garden

Volunteers helped install the new pop up garden in Moor Lane. It consists of 57 galvanised steel pipes and is planted with species that help improve air quality by filtering out particulates. It is intended to raise awareness of air quality and encourage pedestrians to mitigate their exposure to poor air quality by taking the low emission route across the Podium to the Barbican Centre and underground station, rather than walking at street level. Follow the footprints!

Sarah Hudson

Chair, Sustainability/
Air Quality sub-committee



Lionel Meyringer's image of a glorious hydrangea on an entrant's garden for the Barbican Horticultural Society Summer Competition

University of the Third Age

Jan Filochowski, Islington U3A's communication lead, writes: "Islington U3A has over 400 members. It offers a huge variety of activities from birdwatching and walking groups, through creative writing, book and language groups to yoga. Visit the website: www.islingtonu3a.org for full details, come along to find out more and, we hope, join." The 2017 Open Day is on Monday, October 2, 2.30pm – 4.00pm, at Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road (next to Nag's Head Waitrose).

Barbican Tuesday Club

So much for bragging about the weather always being kind to the Tuesday Club summer outings! On June 6th, despite gale-force winds along the Margate promenade, intrepid club members still enjoyed their day. Perhaps some were occasionally bemused by the Turner Gallery's exhibits but all found good places to wine and dine. Now the club is deciding on a stately home or similar for the autumn outing. The final speaker of the summer "term" presented on the "Images of the British Empire". Then our summer tea party at Thackeray's, the Charterhouse café, on July 25th saw us closed until September 6th, when we shall be happy to meet new members. If you are interested, put the date in your diary and come along to the Barbican's Lilac Room (2.45pm - 4.00pm).
June Giles (020 7588 1623)

Artistic events

Velorse Gallery is in a purpose-built shop fit-out combining an architecture and design studio and art gallery at 1B Charterhouse Square, which is the commercial part of a refurbishment of a long-derelict building at the corner of the square. It was launched to exhibit and sell work that addresses physical space, the built environment and traditions of representation. David Rosenberg, a Cromwell Tower resident, is the gallery and studio director.

This autumn, Velorse hosts Will Pryce's series of tableaux of libraries from around the world and across the ages. A special evening for Barbican residents is scheduled for Thursday 3 August, 6pm - 9pm; drop in for a

glass of wine and a private view of the current exhibition 'OBJECT / IMAGE'.

Another artistic event that may be worth travelling not too far away to enjoy is **Franco Grignani: Art as Design 1950-1990**, at the Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art, 39a Canonbury Square, London N1 2AN. Best known for his 'Woolmark' logo, Franco Grignani was an influential artist and graphic designer whose works anticipated Op Art. This exhibition features around 130 paintings and works on paper, including his graphic design projects. It runs until 10 September.



Within a Cultural Hub, to raise the spirits

BA DISCOUNT SCHEME

The Barbican Association has negotiated the following discounts with the suppliers below. You may need to present your BA Membership Card to take advantage of these. The scheme members offer discounts or incentives to Barbican Association members to buy their products or utilise their services and are publicised in each issue of Barbican Life Magazine, on the www.barbicanlife.com website and in the Barbican Association's quarterly newsletter. Contact Lawrence Williams on 020 7588 0898 – or by email at barbicanlife@gmail.com – for further information.

CURRENT SCHEME MEMBERS

FOOD AND DRINK

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

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

Coq d'Argent A complimentary glass of Champagne when ordering from the a la carte menu (up to 6 Max, 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.

The Coriander Indian Restaurant. Family-run business, fresh Indian food. 55 Aldersgate Street, Barbican EC1A 4LA T: 0207 600 4747 or 0207 7964 499 www.thecoriander.com/barbican-coriander.html Barbican Resident Special Discount. Take Away Collection – 15% Take Away delivery – 10% Dine in – 10%

Fish Central Fish Central Bustling neighbourhood seafood restaurant serving the well known as well as the more exotic varieties of the freshest fish. 10% off the total bill –

restaurant only. 149-155 Central Street, King Square, London, EC1V 8AP. Tel: 0207 2534 970

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

NEW- Hammer & Tongs South African style barbecue (braai) restaurant in Farringdon, close to Exmouth Market. Meat and fish dishes cooked over an open wood fire indoors to give the authentic braai taste. 20% discount on the total bill for Barbican Association members. Please mention membership on booking or being seated in the restaurant. Open Monday-Saturday 12 noon to 12 midnight. Hammer & Tongs, 171 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3AL. Tel: 020 3302 6645. Web: www.hammertongs.co.uk

HIX Oyster and Chop House Restaurant offers Barbican Association members 25% off the total bill valid every day, lunch and dinner on a la carte, set and Sunday menus. Reservations compulsory. Also bring your own wine on Mondays only, and Hix won't charge you corkage. Offers valid until September 2017. 36-37, Greenhill's Rents, Cowcross St, London EC1M 6BN. Tel: 020 7017 1930. Website: <http://www.hixrestaurants.co.uk/restaurant/hix-oyster-chop-house>

The Jugged Hare British GastroPub 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

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

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

Pho Vietnamese Cafe/Restaurant 10% discount at all times. 86

St John Street, EC1M 4EH. Tel: 020 7253 7624. Email: info@phocafe.co.uk. Pho is open Monday to Friday from late morning to late evening and on Saturday evenings.

Sabor Iberico. Spanish Tapas Restaurant, 107 Whitecross Street. Hola! Come and enjoy our delicious range of Spanish tapas from Mon-Sat with a 20% discount on *A la Carte menu for Barbican Association Members*. Please do bring proof of membership and mention when asking for the bill. Book a table @ 02073746713 or saboriberico107@gmail.com. Hasta pronto!

'SMITHS of Smithfield' SMITHS offers Barbican Association members a 20% discount in the Top Floor Restaurant and Second Floor Dining Room on food only with a Barbican Association membership card. Max 6 people. The discount is available up until year-end 2017. Top Floor Restaurant is open: Mon – Fri 12pm to 3pm, 6pm to 11pm; Saturday 6pm to 11pm; Sunday 1pm to 3:30pm. Dining Room Mon – Fri 12pm to 3pm, 5:30pm to 11pm. Sat 5:30pm to 11pm. For reservations call 020 7251 7950

or email reservations@thisissmiths.com.

Web: www.smithsofsmithfield.co.uk/

NEW - Sourced Market Barbican The new Sourced Market independent food and drink market underneath the Citadines Hotel in Goswell Road offers Barbican Association members 10% off its fantastic coffee, artisan bread, bean to bar chocolate, craft beer, wine and a selection of great food from breakfast to lunch to light plates in the evening. BA Membership card must be shown to receive discount. Sourced Market, 7-21 Goswell Road, EC1M 7AH. www.sourcedmarket.com

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

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

Vecchio Parioli Friendly Italian restaurant at the corner of Aldersgate Street and Curthuisian 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 5pm. 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. 16 West Smithfield, EC1A 9HY.

Vivat Bacchus 20% off total bill when you dine at Vivat Bacchus (Farringdon or London Bridge) valid on any Saturday for a dinner/evening booking. Not applicable with any other offer. Excludes December bookings. Please note that a discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to the bill. To book a table please call 020 7353 2648 (Farringdon) or 020 7234 0891 (London Bridge) and state that you are a Barbican Association member. Please present your membership card on arrival to confirm discount.

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

SALES AND SERVICES

Abacadabra 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 Abacadabra Services Ltd., 10 Glasshouse Yard, Barbican, London EC1A 4JN or call Allan Lee on 020 7336 7686. Fax: 020 7336 7687. Email: info@abraserve.co.uk Website: www.abraserve.co.uk

Certax 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.certaxaccountingelondon.co.uk

Computer Saviour Friendly visiting computer specialist undertakes maintenance, repairs, installations, networking virus removal etc. – all your computer needs. 10% discount for Barbican Association members. Call Neill Hoskins on 079 600 89528 or email neill@computersaviour.co.uk

NEW- LSO Live LSO Live is the record label of the London

Symphony Orchestra, the Barbican's resident orchestra. Barbican Association members may claim a 20% discount – using the code BARBICANLSO – on any orders of CDs or downloads made via the online shop – https://solive.lso.co.uk. LSO Live CDs are also available from the Barbican Centre shop but without a discount for now.

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. 17 Prince of Wales Rd, London NW5 3LH Phone: 02072 671540 and 07590 377245

REtailoring We are a local tailoring service offering both Bespoke and Made-to-Measure suits and quality alterations to all types of garments. We are happy to offer 10% discount on all items for Barbican Association members. 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. Contact Tisha Richbell on 020 7377 0762 or by email: tisha.richbell@almahome.co.uk for further details.

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

MILK Concept Boutique Small furnishings, contemporary hand-crafted lighting, collectable porcelain, fragrances, travel accessories and exclusive fashion labels can all be found relaxing in comfort amid the whitewash Victorian 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 on fitted kitchens. 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

HEALTH, BEAUTY AND WELLBEING

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

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

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.barbicandentis.co.uk

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

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

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. For further information please visit www.citypsychotherapy.org

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

Clerkenwell Chiropractic Clinic & Clerkenwellbeing We are offering BA members 10% off their first treatment, class or block of classes. Offer expires 31 Dec 2017. Quote "Barbican" when booking. Treatments and classes: Chiropractic, Acupuncture, Chinese Herbal Medicine, Massage Therapies, Nutrition, Chiropody, Podiatry, Psychotherapy, Pilates, Yoga & Chi Kung. Tel: 020 7490 4042 Email: info@clerkenwellisingtonclinics.co.uk Web: www.clerkenwellisingtonclinics.co.uk

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. For booking or further information call 07946 084 848 or email feelgoodcentre@yahoo.com. Web: 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. To arrange an appointment contact Marc Hekster 07775 629 432 or email. info@insightlondon.co.uk

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

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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

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