



Culture, pleasure and how to find them

Dr. Pangloss, Banksy and other City characters

The City of London is producing a new Corporate Plan for 2018-2023 and Kate Smith, the officer working on it, attended the BA's general council meeting last month to present the draft and receive feedback. She explained that the plan had been produced in consequence of comments from members and officers and was now being consulted upon with key stakeholders, including residents and staff. Next March, it will come before the Court of Common Council for approval. She explained that the plan would ultimately describe the over-riding purposes of the City and provide a benchmark against which any major policies and plans would be assessed.

She had feedback at the meeting; there were references made to the BBC TV satire *W1A* and a description of the plan as Panglossian. Some comments suggested that residents seemed to come a long way down the list of priorities. There was little mention of the City of London as a local council, being democratic and providing services. There was no mention of challenges on the horizon, such as Brexit and pollution. It contained several conflicting aspirations with no indication of how they would be balanced or the conflicts resolved.

Importantly, council members agreed to take the plan back to their house groups and feedback fuller comments by the deadline of 6 November; the BA itself will also submit a response. Kate's message was, "tell us

what components you welcome, what appears to be missing and what you believe requires more prominence".

The City is not seeking formal consultation on this but so that residents, in general, can engage, we have put the plan on the BA's website (<http://www.barbicanassociation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/City-draft-corporate-plan.pdf>) as comments from individual residents are welcome. They should be sent to corporate.plan@cityoflondon.gov.uk by 6 November. If you would like the BA to make any particular points, please let me know. Below is an extract from the plan, highlighting the City's strategic objectives.

The Cultural Hub becomes the Cultural Mile

We are learning more about the Cultural Mile. Indeed, it features within the draft corporate plan, noting that "*The Square Mile is a focal point for world-class creativity and culture*". Many residents enjoy that culture already and welcome more of it. However, others fear that more "*vibrancy and attractiveness*" will just bring more noise and disturbance.

This autumn, the draft "*Look and feel*" strategy for the Cultural Hub will go to committee and then be circulated for formal consultation. We know that there are components of the strategy about which many residents care, such as improving Barbican Station, less pollution, protecting tranquillity and well-lit, safe streets. It offers interesting ideas, such as

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using subtle lighting to highlight architectural features of the Barbican rather than "activating" them with retail and other potentially disturbing uses. As soon as it becomes publicly available, the BA's Cultural Hub working group (which probably needs to rename itself as the Cultural Mile working group) will consider the paper and will be ready to engage in the consultation. We also expect to meet the chosen architects, who will be working on the business plan for the Centre for Music.

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on the Museum roundabout. The Arts Centre route offers two routes, the main one straight down Beech Street on the north side to the cinemas or across the zebra crossing to Silk Street and the other, “via the Highwalks”, over the bridge from the station to the Highwalks, down onto Defoe Highwalk and down to the Lakeside entrance via the steps. Once the new signage is installed, the City will welcome feedback, as this is a pilot.

Housekeeping

Closer to home, the City is doing another round of fire risk assessments and it is good that so many house groups and individuals responded by visiting the BEO’s open session and submitting written comments and questions about the existing fire risk assessments. We understand that the next set will be more detailed and we have asked to see a specification for the assessments; we expect to receive it shortly.

Apparently, BT is extending a technology that promises faster broadband; it is fibre to the basement or to the cabinet but not to individual flats. This has already been installed in the towers and the work is being done this autumn to enable the service to the other Barbican blocks, so it should become available soon. Although VFM have installed fibre to the Estate and many residents are using it, some residents are interested in this alternative from BT.

Where’s Banksy?

You will have noticed events and pop-ups related to the Cultural Mile, for example, the artwork along Speed House car park, the shadow lamps and the folk singer in a box in Cromwell Tower’s forecourt. These and others are part of the Cultural Mile, so we can expect more and we’ve been asking how we shall be consulted on those that take place in and around the Estate. For now, they will continue to be discussed at the routine quarterly meetings which we have with the Arts Centre, even though it may not commission all of them. We have been told that there are not likely to be any more commissions for events/works in the street over the winter.

In the meantime, it remains unclear if the Banksy works that appeared overnight on both sides of Golden Lane, where it meets Beech Street, were “commissioned” or were entirely spontaneous. Conveniently, they coincided with the Arts Centre Gallery’s exhibition of the works of Jean-Michel Basquiat, who began his artistic career as a graffiti artist. Nevertheless, they presented a difficulty for the City, with its strong anti-graffiti policy. What is to be done with graffiti that is potentially worth a considerable amount of money and brings crowds to the Cultural Mile? The answer is to cover the works with acrylic glass; it’s perhaps a pity that the City did not affix it more elegantly.



Not a Banksy but might help you find one

Transport and used by nearly all London boroughs as the one that it wants to adopt throughout the City. The system allows for local variations and so it can be adapted for areas such as the Barbican. Still, the basic maps and hierarchies of signs are the same and should be familiar from moving round London. They are doing a pilot of two routes, both starting at the Barbican tube station, with one route in the direction of the Museum of London and the other to the Arts Centre. The signs have already been installed inside the station itself, on the platforms. The Museum route goes down the west side of Aldersgate Street and takes pedestrians up via the lift and stairs by Evans Cycles



Jane Smith
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Wayfinding

The City is piloting its proposed wayfinding system on two routes in or near the Barbican. It has chosen “Legible London”, the wayfinding system devised and maintained by London

Barbican Association Benefits

We had the pleasure recently of being invited by a friend, another Barbican resident, to dinner at a local restaurant which had only recently opened. It was a splendid evening; almost every aspect of it, including the excellent food, fine wine and attentive service we enjoyed, barring two elements. The first, obviously, was the size of the bill but the second and more important one was that we were the only customers during our couple of hours there.

We spoke to the worried-looking proprietor about the local area and particularly about reaching Barbican residents, representing a core prospective market of around 2000 households. I suggested that there are at least two critical actions for him. One would be to be reviewed and maybe to advertise in Barbican Life and/or its web site. Another was to have the restaurant included in the Barbican Association Discount Scheme.

It was surprising that such actions had not already formed a significant part of the pre-opening initiatives and that the proprietor seemed unaware of elements of the local market. Nevertheless, it is a potential loss both to a good restaurant and its community if it fails for ignorance of such things

I hope that when next we visit, particularly if a web site becomes up and running and a few reviews to show it will be packed with members of those households and others. For my part, I like to book restaurants where there are local deals on offer and listings in the likes of Harden's Survey and the Good Food Guide. For many, I am sure, the familiarity and trust that underpins inclusion in Barbican media, recommendations and offers is an important factor in where and how to spend the cash.

Robert McKay

Be (or remain) a Barbican Association Member

Would you like to support the efforts of the Barbican Association, the recognised association representing the interest of Barbican residents? By joining, you will also enjoy the benefits and discounts that have been negotiated for local goods and services, to which membership offers you entitlement.

One way to join is by completing the 2017 membership form, to be found on page 58 of the Autumn 2017 issue of *Barbican Life* or online (see below).

For existing members, if you pay your subscription to the Barbican Association by standing order and you have not changed it from the BA's old bank account with Santander to its present account with Lloyds (now three years old), your renewal payment at the end of the year will be rejected because we have closed the Santander account. Only a few people have not changed their standing order and if this happens to you, we would ask you to set up a new standing order to the new account (details here: <http://www.barbicanassociation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Membership-form.pdf>).

Jane Smith

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Art and the Elizabeth Line

The Crossrail Art Foundation, with support from the City of London Corporation, aims to promote public art by establishing and maintaining a programme for people who will use the Elizabeth Line, the permanent track installation of which is now complete.

Major works of public art are being developed for seven Elizabeth Line stations to create a line-wide exhibition. Together with seven art galleries and art-world representatives, the Foundation claims to be delivering the largest collaborative public art commissioning process in a generation.

At Farringdon Station, in which the square coffered ceiling of the eastern ticket hall on Long Lane, is said to be inspired by the Barbican,



Inspired by the Barbican

Simon Periton's locally influenced artworks will adorn both ticket halls at the centre of the Elizabeth Line.
Robert McKay

City of London Christmas Market 2017 Guildhall, 27th & 28th November

A shopping experience with a difference! Enjoy food tastings, book signings and workshops at the Foodiefest with guest appearances from Loyd Grossman and Cyrus Todiwala. Have your heirlooms and trinkets valued at our Antiques Roadshow stand. When you need a break, visit our art fair or enjoy an express massage in our relaxation station. Visitors can venture into the largest medieval crypt in London for lunch or a Champagne cream tea. If you fancy something more festive, visit the traditional *Weihnachtsmarkt* in the Guildhall Yard and enjoy a *Glühwein* and *Bratwurst* served from the giant beer barrel. Indulge in some guilt-free shopping at over 100 stalls and don't miss the designer pop-up boutique, to buy Amanda Wakeley samples and vintage pieces. All proceeds go towards the life-saving work of the British Red Cross in the UK and overseas.

Tickets are available at
www.redcross.org.uk/market

Start your Christmas shopping early and see what's on offer in our silent auction at
www.jumblebee.co.uk/christmasmarket2017

Henrika Priest C.C.

Barbican Tuesday Club

The Autumn session for the Tuesday Club is well under way.

Apart from a few truants on holiday, there was a full house for the Annual General Meeting on September 12th. The committee continues with June Giles, Chairman; Tony Croot, Treasurer; Ann Bradley, Pauline Jenkins, Corinne Littlestone and the welcome addition of Pauline Pearson. All reports were passed unanimously.

The outing on October 3rd was a visit to Hughendon Manor, the home of Benjamin Disraeli, an apt choice, seeing the current coverage of the Victorian reign on the large and small screen. Indeed, our members are always most interested in history, especially that of London and this is reflected in the choice of speakers lined up for the next few months.

So, to offset that autumnal nip in the air, do join us for a warm and cosy afternoon (with tea and biscuits!) on Tuesdays from 2.45pm to 4.00pm in the Lilac Room, 02 level, Seddon House. You will be most welcome. **For more details call June (020 7588 1623) or just come along.**

A trip to Canonbury

For those who might consider a brief departure from the smörgåsbord of art that sits within the Culture Mile, now including Banksy (for some, welcomed uplifting news from Golden Lane), an easy journey to Islington's Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art might be of interest.

Until 17 December, is **Poor Art I Arte Povera: Italian Influences, British Responses**. Quite a small exhibition, it displays works by Italian artists including Alighiero Boetti, Mario Merz, Giulio Paolini, Giuseppe Penone and Gilberto Zorio alongside others by Eric Bainbridge, Tony Cragg, Ceal Floyer, Anya Gallaccio, Mona Hatoum, Jefford Horrigan, Stephen Nelson, Lucy Skaer, Gary Stevens, Jo Stockham, Gavin Turk and Richard Long.

It's at 39a Canonbury Square, London N1 2AN. Opening times are Wednesday to Saturday 11.00 - 18.00 and Sunday 12.00 - 17.00. The gallery is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

TfL disappointingly represented by Capita

I've heard a few anecdotes lately specifically about dealings with Transport for London's arrangements, contracted out to Capita, regarding the Residents' Discount for the Congestion Charge, which some may enjoy by living in the Congestion Zone. My personal experiences are consistent with those of others.

Apparently, there are residents who were not sent renewal reminders and therefore incurred higher charges unwittingly, an anxiety that may grow in scale with the possibility of TfL mini-cab licence withdrawal from Uber and perhaps others, if own car use needs to increase. Some were surprised that Capita would not believe that the EC2 postcode was in the Zone, which I understand arises from a computer issue of theirs. In my case I managed to overcome the problem by editing my address details online, back to what they were already.

The evidence appears to be that it can be a challenge to deal with them. "Customers" have been at their wits' end trying to sort out problems seemingly caused by Capita and only succeeded by hounding them relentlessly by phone and online. Apart from the EC2 glitch, stories were of their web site that never retains password information, their failure to respond and let you know if annual re-registration is sorted out or not, hence the risk of penalty charges, their inability to accept

change of credit card instructions and the unfathomable responses to written complaints, that give the impression that the complaint hasn't, in fact, been read by a human. In my case, on the phone I insisted on supervisor intervention but no significant direct benefit resulted.



...or rather, overpaid

One might hope that Capita is most closely scrutinised at the time of contract re-tendering but meanwhile this might be a topic for conversation between the Barbican Association and TfL. **Robert McKay**

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

Crossrail works in Liverpool Street

Crossrail has announced that work has begun to remove the concrete batching plant from the Crossrail site in Finsbury Circus. The plant will be disassembled in sections and loaded onto awaiting vehicles by a large crane located within the Finsbury Circus site. The sections will then be removed from site via Finsbury Circus, Eldon Street, Bloomfield Street and London Wall. Some sections of the plant will require articulated lorries to transport them away from site, due to their large size. These vehicles may be required to reverse down Finsbury Circus and Eldon Street before continuing forward onto London Wall. Traffic marshals will be in position to facilitate the safe movement of them. These works will be undertaken between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00, seven days a week and Crossrail anticipates that they will be completed by early-December 2017.

WILDLIFE AND GARDENS

Barbican Wildlife Garden - a brief history

Barbican Wildlife Garden, Fann Street, approximately 0.17 hectares in area, is a Barbican Estate private garden. According to the City of London Corporation's Superintendent of Parks & Gardens in January 1996:

"The area is an amenity provided for the residents of the [Barbican] Estate who have access to the site but by default also provides a visual amenity to the public from Fann Street and Golden Lane Estate".

The Garden is one of the few undeveloped bomb sites in the City, with significant remnants of walls, cellars and fallen masonry buried or partially buried across the site. As such, it has increasing historic, as well as ecological significance. It was recognised in the London Wildlife Trust's May 2015 ecological assessment as being of 'moderate' value for biodiversity, which is an unusually high rating for a central city site, despite its relative isolation and its physical characteristics.

Barbican Wildlife Group, formed in 2003, has tended the Garden on behalf of the BEO since then. The Group consists of local volunteers, assisted and advised by City gardeners, working every Wednesday morning throughout the year - with new volunteers always welcome!

The Garden's various habitats are currently accessed from a mainly circular network of wood-chip paths established in 1990, when the City of London Corporation laid it out as a wildlife garden at a cost of £26,500. The four London plane trees on the Fann Street boundary survive the partial redesign, when Tudor Rose Court sheltered housing was built in 1996/97. The

Garden has continued to evolve since then, particularly under the attention of the Group.

Lying within an inner urban neighbourhood of residential, commercial and retail buildings, the Garden is affected by extensive traffic noise and pollution as well as light pollution at night from tall buildings. It serves as an important green link, connecting nearby green spaces, such as Fortune Street Park, the Barbican Estate's two other private gardens, public Barbican highwalks and gardens, including Beech Gardens, the gardens of the Golden Lane Estate and the existing Bernard Morgan House.

Recent developments have included the small pond, dug out by the volunteers. The Conservation Volunteers constructed both the large pond, funded from an anonymous donation and bird hide, paid for by Redrow, Blake Tower's developers. We hope that a donation from Tesco's *Bags of Help* initiative will finance improved bird-feeding stations.

Jo Rodgers

Joint Lead Volunteer, Barbican Wildlife Group

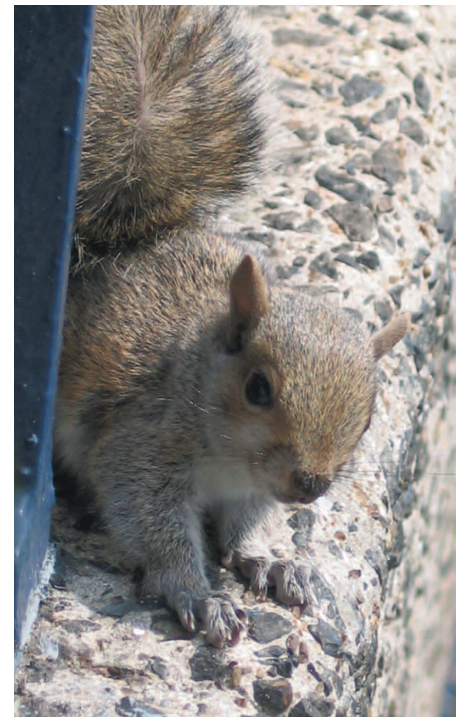
Barbican Horticultural Society - Autumn

The days are becoming shorter and the wind is picking up. Most of the bright summer flowers are gone and the balcony-grown tomatoes have been harvested. It's time to tidy up and turn our thoughts to choosing bulbs for Spring, hoping the squirrels don't munch them..... and to pit our wits with

regard to all things horticultural in our November Quiz! Come along and join us!

Membership is only £5 per year for individuals or £6 for couples/households. For more information, visit www.barbicanhortsoc.co.uk or email information@barbicanhortsoc.co.uk.

Lionel Meyringer



Hungry squirrel

Nest boxes in our Barbican Gardens

Every year a team of volunteers and City gardeners clean the nest boxes in Barbican Gardens. In the City as a whole, there are now 72 nest boxes in 22 different gardens and green spaces. In the Barbican we have 14 boxes, eight of which had nests during the 2017 breeding season, evenly split between Great Tits and Blue Tits. The nests are made of an astonishing variety of materials, from the fluorescent green fluff from tennis balls or teared out cigarette filters to more traditional grasses and moss; Blue Tits like to line their nests with feathers to make them extra cosy. Overall occupancy level of nest boxes in the City this year was 43% and we know from our annual Breeding Bird Survey that at least 27 different species of bird breed in the City, including the rare Black Redstart.

Every year, residents count birds in Barbican gardens on the last weekend in January, as part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. If you would like to help with the surveys or with keeping the bird feeders topped up, please contact Sarah Hudson at info@friendsofcitygarden.org.uk.

Sarah Hudson

Chair, Sustainability/Air Quality sub-committee



Blue Tit nest, St. Giles' Terrace

T/Commander Jane Gyford

With the increasing number of terrorist attacks and/or plots now threatening us, I was keen to read an article about T/Commander Jane Gyford, who led the City of London Police response to recent incidents in London.

In response to both the Westminster and London Bridge attacks, the City of London Police worked jointly with the Metropolitan and British Transport Police. In the case of the London Bridge attack, Jane said, "we were the main responders, first on the scene with the armed response". For both incidents, "we ran the casualty bureau and helped with secondary investigations". It was fundamental to have been fully exercised and planned and Jane had led three exercises in preparation for such emergencies.

In terms of the recent upsurge in such attacks in the UK, Jane commented, "terrorism can be much lower complexity now, we are getting higher numbers coming to fruition. For that reason, our tools have to adapt". She explained that the City of London Police, in protecting the City, is building on many years' experience and the strength of partnership working in the City. She said "we are very lucky to have well-established relationships and a network of people all on the same side. The human factor counts for so much".

She outlined how existing protective security measures are being enhanced, including further Hostile Vehicle Mitigation, such as barriers and street furniture and how vulnerable sites, such as bridges, are being assessed with further measures being put in place where necessary.

Jane is leading on a review of both the 'Ring of Steel' and the technical enhancements to the City of London control room and she emphasised the importance of bringing these "into the here and now and for the future". She is also leading on the digital future of the Force, which will enhance the communication interaction among it, the community and even those committing crime.

There will be continued and enhanced use of Project Servator - the police tactic to deter and detect terrorism and criminality, involving officers specially trained to spot unusual behaviour. "It is an unpredictable approach. It doesn't just involve uniformed officers; it could include horses and dogs, and sometimes armed units". The City of London Police is the lead for Project Servator and will roll out the training to services around the country.

The City of London Police is working with business and the community to improve further long-standing partnership initiatives. It has been in contact with those responsible for security in crowded places in the City and initiated Re-ACT training in line with Project Servator. "It is a two-way communication; we have to listen to each other and bring back material benefit in terms of what we need to protect".

On being asked how she would like individuals to respond, Jane said "I think the British public, in the main, have a huge pride in their personal and civic responsibility. I would like to see this brought to the fore, not taking on the role of the police but supporting and being unified in the approach". Jane has an impressive CV; before joining the City Police, she worked for the Metropolitan Police Service, where she amassed a wealth of experience and knowledge to apply to her current demanding role. This includes ten years investigating murders, a stint in the anti-corruption command, Detective Inspector in Public Prosecution in Waltham Forest and lead for the Specialist Firearms Command. Her approach is "to do justice to my profession and as a public servant; you have a right to know that I am keeping up my skill set".

I could go on with other major highlights in Jane's career to-date. However, it is reassuring and good to know that we are in the hands of such a competent and skilful officer.

David Bradshaw C.C.

Chairman, Barbican Estate Security

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SECURITY AND SAFETY



Jane Gyford

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

The Denizen - Bernard Morgan House - halfway between an alien and citizen

PLANNING AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Taylor Wimpey UK's Stirling Prize-winning architects, AHMM, proposed replacing Bernard Morgan House with a slim tower but apparently the Corporation of London's planners required, what was to some, an ugly mass, based on Alison Brook's 2014 scheme. That requirement was made without reference to elected members or more importantly, the local community. TW UK's scheme, which was granted planning permission on August 30, 2017 may have a long-lasting negative impact on the tenants and property assets within that community.

A narrow tower may still have had a negative impact but it is unlikely to have blocked sunlight to the same extent. The sun would have passed behind it, only briefly blocking light from Fortune Street Park and the surrounding buildings. It would also have ensured significantly more open space, reducing the scale of the potential problem.

However, from the outset of its decision regarding Wood Street Police Station, CoL may have been blinkered. Even when, having considered Barbican Exhibition Halls, which were unacceptable and rejected, as an alternative to its Wood Street proposals, it failed to consider BMH, which would have been entirely suitable, in the view of critics.

Numerous objectors to TW UK's scheme wished to retain BMH, with the idea of incorporating it into a scheme; even more were concerned about the effect on the community, as well the lack of affordable housing. CoL's Local Plan required either 33 affordable flats on-site (but there are none) or cash in lieu from TW to build 66 flats off-site. The £4.5 million agreed payment hardly pays

for 14 flats, according to the £324,000 unit cost identified at the City of London Primary Academy Islington site in Golden Lane.

In an era of increasing terrorist activity when Transport for London's services are a known primary target, CoL Police closed BMH, leaving its officers to rely on free public transport to secure the Square Mile. The Romans built a fort for 1,000 soldiers within the City Wall but now CoL Police is reduced to finding spare offices, cupboards even, to billet

its anti-terrorist response. Meanwhile CoL permits TW UK to make over £20 million profit from The Denizen.

All is not yet lost. Lawyers acting for local residents are now in communication with CoL, ready to make a court application for a judicial review. To help fundraise for the potential legal action, go to: <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/save-golden-lane/>.

Fred Rodgers

Chair, Bernard Morgan Liaison Group

*No longer suitable
police accommodation?*



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.

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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 Cophthall 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

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

NEW - Justwaxit Waxing & Threading: Justwaxit has opened at the Malmin Clinic, 131 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4EB (between Barbican tube/Nat West and Tesco). Barbican Association members receive 20% off all body waxing, 30% off intimate waxing. Tel: 0207 251 2222 website: justwaxit.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

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

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

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 8EJH 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 Restaurant Special Discount. Take Away Collection - 15% Take Away Delivery - 10% Dine in - 10%

NEW -Crab Tavern Crab Tavern in Broadgate Circle is a seafood restaurant and bar that boasts a menu that merges New York style with classic west coast American fare. Choose from an abundance of hero crab dishes, rolls and salads, as well as more refined dishes from the classic grill and seafood selection. 15% discount on food only offered to Barbican Association members. Unit 37, Broadgate Circle, London EC2M 2QS, UK. Tel: 020 7096 2044. Website: crabtavern.co.uk

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.

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

REVISED - HIX Oyster and Chop House Restaurant offers Barbican Association members 25% off total bill valid every day a la carte & set menus lunch & dinner. Not applicable for Happy Hour oysters. Maximum bookings 6 people. Please show your BA Membership card on arrival. Kids under 10yrs eat free. Children under 10yrs receive a free main course from the children's menu. One child per dining adult. 12-6pm. Bring your own wine Mondays - no corkage charge. Happy Hour Oysters £1.25 each between 4-6pm Mon-Fri. Offers valid till Jan 2018. 36-37 Greenhill Rents, Crosscross Street, London EC1M 6BN. Tel: 0207 017 1930. Website: www.hixrestaurants.co.uk/restaurant/hix-oyster-chop-house Opening times: Mon - Sat midday-11pm, Sun midday-10pm

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.

NEW - The Localist Bar/Restaurant: The Localist offers BA members 10% off food & drink at any time. Not in conjunction with other offers and please show BA card when paying. The Localist, 38-42 St John St, Clerkenwell, London EC1M 4DL. Tel: 020 7490 9230. www.thelocalist.london Open: Mon/Tues 12-11pm Wed 12pm-12am, Thurs/Fri 12pm-12.30am, Sat 5pm-12am

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 12 pm to 3pm, 5.30 pm to 11pm. Sat 5.30pm to 11pm. For reservations call 020 7251 7950 or email reservations@thisissmiths.com. Web: www.smithsofsmithfield.co.uk/

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. Sourced Market, 7-21 Goswell Road, EC1M 7AH. www.sourcedmarket.com

St Barts Brewery 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 4YJ. Tel: 020 7251 9363

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

Vino & Vino Italian wine bar - wine shop - lunch - aperitivo. FREE Italian tapas with your wine from 5 pm. 15% off food on presentation of Barbican Association membership card. Open Monday-Friday, 10 am to 9pm. Over 60 carefully selected Italian wine labels to choose from, ham and cheese platters, large bruschettas and salads served daily. www.vinoandvino.co.uk. 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

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

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.certaxaccountingec2london.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

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://lso.live.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. REtailoring, 12 East Passage, London. EC1A 7LP. Tel: 020 7600 4600. Opening Hours 9:30 to 6:00 Monday to Friday, Saturdays by appointment

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

CULTURE

NEW - Velorose Gallery: Cultural Hub Gallery in beautifully refurbished landmark building offers Barbican Association members 5% - 10% discount on works from current and previous exhibitions. 1B Charterhouse Square EC1M 6EE | www.velorose.com | 020-7253 1090 | galleries@velorose.com

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

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