

## Approaching 50 and Other Challenges

### Use of Resources

The past few months have seen an unprecedented focus on Barbican car parks. First, our neighbour, the City of London School for Girls (CLSG), declared that it wanted to take over the Thomas More car park and adjacent land under Mountjoy House in order to build an enlarged preparatory school (full details can be found at [www.CLSGexpansion.com](http://www.CLSGexpansion.com)). The amount of interest and opposition which this has aroused among residents was demonstrated by the large turnout (about 120-140 people) at a meeting in St. Giles's Church in May. It wasn't just the residents of the affected houses who attended; people came from all over the Estate, as did nearly all our ward members.

For now, there is a stay of execution. The school issued a statement via the email broadcast on 22 June stating that it no longer planned to extend its preparatory school to include 4 to 7-year olds. Instead, it now plans to double the intake of 7-year olds and build more accommodation for science and technology subjects. This means it no longer anticipates needing to use space in Thomas More car park. However, this isn't a cause for great rejoicing; the statement is silent about the school's intentions in relation to the space under Mountjoy House, in which it originally planned to build kitchens and a dining hall. The statement concludes that it will not be considering the Thomas More car

park "unless other options cannot be pursued".

The working group of the BA and local house groups will continue. It has embarked on practical activity, for example, assembling an agreed set of data on the actual number of useable spaces across all the car parks. These efforts are being undertaken in conjunction with the BEO, which should result in a solid, non-contested set of figures being consulted whenever the car parks are next discussed.

Second, there has been the proposal of our landlord, the City, to increase the costs of parking cars and renting baggage stores. Christopher Makin, chair of the Residents' Consultation Committee (RCC), writes about this and the outcome, in his article in this issue.

Third, the car parks have just had several charging points for electric cars installed as part of the Low Emissions Neighbourhood project. There was a grand opening recently, with demonstrations of the different sorts of chargers that are available. Several Barbican residents are using the chargers in this pilot scheme and if anyone is about to acquire an electric car, they should contact the Estate Office to gain access to the chargers.

An underlying *assumption* of both the car park charging proposals and the school's sights on the car park is that car ownership has declined dramatically and that the car parks are half-empty. The figures from the Barbican Residential Committee's working party on the car park charges show that, since 2001, car park use by residents, in fact, declined by only 6% in total over the ensuing 14 years. Furthermore, the work which the BA's Thomas More/CLSG expansion group is doing demonstrates that there are not vast numbers of available empty spaces.

### Centre for Music

Since the May 2018 Newsletter, the BA's Culture Mile working group has again met the architects of the Centre for Music, who shared some of their thinking about the building. The good points are that the architects are positive about the Highwalks and want to include similar exterior

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access paths into their building; the concept sketches look exciting. Less appealing is that the building is much higher than the existing Museum of London buildings, though the design angles the highest point to one side. This extra height is because the building is intended to include commercial space to support the business case. Other negative factors are that the Centre for Music will take over only part of the current Museum of London site. The part where Bastion House is

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will be separately developed as a commercial unit. When we expressed concern that there is a risk that an architecturally exciting concert hall building might be built alongside an unexciting office block put up by an unsympathetic developer, the City representative responded that it recognised that issue and had instructed Diller Scofidio + Renfro, the Centre for Music architects, to produce a master-plan for the whole site. The City has also withheld from the Centre for Music site a smaller patch of land on its north side, next to the ramp to the Thomas More car park and to the west of Ironmonger's Hall. The concern is that it too will be developed separately. The risk is that instead of having an architecturally stunning building on the south-west of the Estate, that corner might just end up looking a mess.

Therefore, we await the outcome of the consultation on a conservation area around the Barbican and Golden Lane Estates. Because of the number of responses and the need for officers to do additional work, there isn't a date for this to return to the Planning Committee but rather only "as soon as possible".

## Other Matters

We await outcomes of other consultations, notably, the City's Lighting Strategy (which we hope might offer some respite from light pollution) and the Culture Mile "Look and Feel" strategy. Although the latter has not yet been produced, the City team responsible for it is considering ways of enlivening the area. Two new temporary artworks planned for later this year are a colourful design for some of the panels in Beech Street, by Jason Burge and "Colourful Crossings" at the

Beech Street/Aldersgate Street junction. We await further details.

The Low Emissions Neighbourhood has another project afoot, namely, to restrict the south end of Moor Lane to vehicles with ultra-low emissions. We have yet to discover what that means, and a meeting is being arranged with the City.

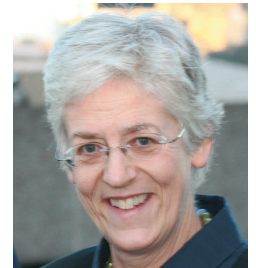
I have written before that the Corporation has conducted a review of wayfinding throughout the City and has adopted the *Legible London* system managed by Transport for London. This should be familiar from other parts of London, such as the wayfinding signs that support London Cycle Hire Scheme stands, the maps on the monoliths and the system of place-naming and pointing. As part of this project, London Transport has been asked to produce a more "granular" map of The Barbican, and the City is piloting two routes in *Legible London* format. One is from the Barbican Tube Station to the arts centre (in fact two routes, the main one via Beech Street and a subsidiary one over the bridge and via the Highwalks) and another from Barbican Tube Station to the Museum of London, via Aldersgate Street and the lift at the Museum roundabout. It will be inviting feedback from residents.

You may have noticed that the City has produced a new Corporate Plan (<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-the-city/how-we-make-decisions/Pages/corporate-plan.aspx?page=all>). I was initially rather sceptical but after a conversation with Kate Smith, the City officer who was responsible for structuring the plan, discussing it with City staff and members and shepherding it through the City's

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committees, I believe that I can see how it could and should work. She said that the objective was for every officer and member putting forward a proposal or a project to assess it at the outset against the "twelve outcomes" that the Corporate Plan seeks to achieve. These include aims and priorities such as "People enjoy good health and wellbeing", "We have clear air, land and water and a thriving sustainable natural environment", "Our spaces are secure, resilient and well maintained"; the other important aspect is that the City should work with the people affected by its proposals and projects to calculate how these outcomes can be met and adverse effects avoided. I intend to take a copy of it with me to every discussion about a City proposal and see how it matches.

Finally, It's the Barbican Estate's 50th anniversary in 2019 and the Barbican Association is developing plans to celebrate this lovely, listed Estate in which we live.



Jane Smith  
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## Rising prices, changing times

Residents with car park spaces and/or storage units in the Barbican will have seen their prices rise in their most recent service charge statement. The good news is that these increases are substantially less than those which were roundly rejected by the Barbican Residents' Consultation Committee (RCC). The bad news is that more price increases are on the way.

The Barbican Residential Committee (BRC) makes the decision on license fees and our service charges and its minutes show that car park fees are set to increase over three years unless there is a significant drop in demand for car parking. If not, car park fees will increase from £1,340 to £1,420 and then £1,500, plus future reviews.

Further, the BRC has asked City officers to consider a range of related issues. These include whether free short-term parking by visitors could/should be added to our service charges (rather than the current situation in which the car park account supports this service) and if the

free period for parking should be altered. In addition, officers will review whether an adjustment can be made, consistent with our leases, in the way in which car park attendants (CPA) services are recharged. This is because CPAs are believed to be spending more time on concierge services, such as parcels, than car parking.

The reason for which the BRC is reviewing car park charges is that the budget for the car parks is seen to have been in deficit for some time. While many residents will agree that it is reasonable that the City covers the costs of providing this service, many would not agree that the City should use our car parks as a profit centre.

The BRC also increased rents for store units. Furthermore, it decided that if Barbican residents do not take all the new stores that are to be constructed in the car parks, up to 10 percent will be offered to non-residents within a half-mile of the Barbican. These non-residents will pay a premium to offset the higher costs of serving non-residents and a management

plan (that includes a two-key system, with one key held by the CPA) will be agreed, as the RCC highlighted the security risks of allowing non-residents to access the car parks.

In addition to rising prices, we have changing times, firstly because the BRC has a new chair, Michael Hudson CC, and the RCC wishes him well. Secondly, the future of the BRC is in question as the City's Policy and Resources Committee reviewed a paper recommending that it should be disbanded, with its work being absorbed by one of several options. This paper was deferred to allow for greater consultation. Although our Common Councillors cannot always speak/vote at the BRC because they are seen to have a pecuniary interest in the Estate, we would not want any decision to be made on the body that sets our service charges without careful reflection.

Christopher Makin  
Chair  
Barbican Resident's Consultation  
Committee

## BARBICAN RESIDENTS' CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

# Planning and built environment update

## Barbican Centre Signage

The Barbican Association wrote a response to the Barbican Centre Signage planning application to remove the “4B” signs and replace them in the locations shown with two large backlit vertical ‘Barbican’ signs.

Our concerns are for the light spillage, proposed until 11.00pm, especially so close to Defoe House, the cleaning of the surface underneath and the lack of consultation with the BA. Good practice in the Listed Building Guidelines, Vol.4, states that “cumulative changes [...] can, over the years, contribute to a gradual erosion of the visual integrity and architectural character of the estate”. When removed, the iconic signs are unlikely to be put back and we believe that it is better to wait until the full wayfinding review is complete before a decision is made. The “4Bs” are to be found in numerous places around the Estate.



4Bs or not 4Bs? That's the question

We await notification of the Corporation of London Planning Meeting, at which this matter will be discussed, and a decision made.

## City Lighting Strategy and the Deconstruction and Construction Code

The Barbican Association responded to the consultation on the City Lighting Strategy and asked for a strong and innovative approach to reducing light pollution, as well as to the Deconstruction and Construction Code, which requires windows to be blacked out during fit-out.

When office buildings on the edge of the Estate have recently been built taller and closer to their neighbours, it has been left to resident groups to negotiate with developers on issues such as the fitting of blinds. There are planning rules for lighting, but experience shows that these systems are soon over-ridden by the occupiers, thus making rules about the use of blinds an important factor in alleviating light pollution. When there are problems, we are told that if the light is not ‘directed light’ such as a spotlight shining directly into a flat, it is unlikely to be deemed a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Unless a statutory nuisance exists, the City cannot take enforcement action. Common sense might suggest that the City should be enforcing the provisions of the Construction Code and ensuring that windows are blacked out during fit-out rather than creating 12 floors of permanent light pollution, for otherwise there would seem to be little point writing those provisions into the Code.

49% of the respondents to the consultation want

unnecessary lighting to be curtailed. This strategy is being written and we want the Corporation of London to take a robust approach with strong and innovative ideas for reducing light pollution. Other European cities are also ‘open for business’ and they manage to have lights switched off at night, to protect the night sky.

## Continuing construction work

Work proceeds on the 21 Moorfields development; the next piling and concrete pour will be on 20 August. This goes on overnight, sometimes, as it must be done in one pour. You may register for regular newsletters if you want prior knowledge, by emailing the Barbican Estate Office. Mace takes care to communicate with us and to hold regular meetings.

The other piling has been on the Denizen (to be renamed) site and work continues there. Updates

are posted on the Barbican Estate Office Friday alert system but see also Fred Rodger’s article.

## “Have Your Say”

Readers may wish to respond to one or both of two consultations, on the Transport Strategy for the City of London and on Construction Work Activities on Saturday in the City of London. Surveys can be completed on the City of London website; they are easy to find on the Home page. Regarding these issues, drop-in sessions were arranged in July for the Transport Strategy and at the June Planning Meeting, allowing taxis to use the Bank junction was discussed. The deadline for this consultation is 5 August.

An article on the Construction Work Activities on Saturday consultation was thought by some residents to have been biased in approach, like the script on the website listing reasons to allow noisy work on Saturdays. It evidently reflects the industry norm, using quieter streets at the weekend for moving large vehicles and loads and it speeds up projects.

Noisy work is allowed on Saturdays from 9.00am to 2.00pm. Large concrete deliveries and piling have been carried out recently in at least two neighbouring developments and there has been noise from cutting equipment. This consultation was announced at the April 2017 AGM, around which time we learnt that Westminster Council no longer allows noisy work near residential properties on Saturdays; the consultation closes on Tuesday, 7 August. The questionnaire asks if people want no noisy work on Saturday mornings. It also asks if an extra hour on each weekday should be introduced by way of compensation.

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Of course, even non-noisy work can be disruptive, with lorries and workers coming and going, along with other noisy equipment. There is a risk that five hours are added to weekdays and that less noisy Saturday morning work still goes on. The question remains as to whether or not these are reasonable trade-offs.

The consultation applies only to the Square Mile and only when the construction is adjacent to residential property.

## Conservation Areas

An email from City planning officer, Petra Sprowson, on the conservation area consultation stated that “Many of the submissions were lengthy and contained extensive material and information. We are working to address all these comments, and carrying out some additional work, which is taking longer than originally expected. We are aiming to take a full report to committee as soon as possible after this work is completed, and all those that commented on the consultation will be notified by email once a committee date is confirmed”.

## New entrance to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama

Work is being done in designing a new entrance to the GSMD on Silk Street. It is said that the school does not have what could reasonably be described as a front entrance and it lacks hospitality space for donors and VIPs. The school wants a more defined street frontage and to develop the existing foyer. No doubt there will be more meetings for consultation as this work progresses.

## 80 storey wooden tower block

Some readers may have watched the Channel 5 programme on Tuesday, 26 June on high tower buildings. PLP Architects has submitted a design for an 80-storey wooden tower block on the



Ready for take-off?

Thomas Moor Gardens, to be almost as high as the Shard; it is called Oakwood Tower. The programme may still be seen on smart televisions and online and the proposal can be viewed on the PLP website. Apparently, by building in wood, there is less of a need for as much foundation as otherwise.

### Planning conditions

When permission is granted for a development, there are often several planning conditions. The ones to protect residents, such as hours of use of external terraces are important. When there

was a recent license application for a café on London Wall to trade until midnight seven days a week, someone remembered a prior planning condition for that unit and the restaurant at London Wall Place; it had to be closed by 11.30pm, making it impossible for a midnight application.

My next project is to list the relevant planning conditions for all the adjacent developments for the Estate so that we can refer to them at times like this. It is not easy to find them, and Annie Hampson has asked the IT department to inform me about the best way to do this.

### Local meetings

Meetings with Brookfield on London Wall Place 2 and the Highwalks/public realm continue, as do those with Schrodgers and Overbury (fitting out) on London Wall Place 1.

At a recent meeting with Annie Hampson at the Corporation of London, she reported that there has been no more news on Tenter House. That is one which we are watching because of the delivery and servicing space on New Union Street.

**Helen Kay**

Chair BA Planning Sub-committee

## Inconsiderate Constructors and Inconvenient Residents

**D**esign and build construction company, McAleer & Rushe, returned to the Barbican on 29 May, taking possession, from Greater London Demolition, of the former Bernard Morgan House site, in order to construct what Taylor Wimpey currently calls The Denizen. Three weeks later we were informed that the Considerate Contractors Scheme signs were still to be delivered to site. The intention remains to power the site facilities and equipment, up to October at the earliest, with electricity produced by three diesel generators. M&R's initial Construction Method Plan was submitted in November 2017, with the statement that it intended using mains electricity. However, the application for a mains supply was not made to UK Power Network until 24 April.

Gwyn Richards, the City of London Corporation's Assistant Director

(Development Management Design), who considered The Denizen "to be an appropriate building for the site, which doesn't compromise the setting or general landscape", was one of three speakers presenting Changing Places, as part of The London Festival of Architecture. Mr. Richards gave a whirlwind presentation of the Eastern Cluster, telling us that it was likely more than to double in size over the next few years. Apparent lack of regard for residents in the presentation was somewhat evident as Mr. Richards promoted increasing high-rise office block development. When questioned on this perception in, for instance, the refusal to employ a design review panel, as proposed by the Mayor of London, Mr. Richards conveyed the opinion that the importance of the City to the UK justified residents being treated as something of an inconvenience.

Mr. Richards, who chose to illustrate

reference to the City's bars with a photo of drinkers outside the Artillery Arms in Bunhill Row, was dismissive of the Golden Lane Estate, claiming that it was of its time and that time has passed, thereby disallowing entitlement to a buffer. The same argument might, of course, be applied equally to St. Paul's Cathedral or the Tower of London.

Other speakers included Paul Lincoln, who lives on the Estate and is the Executive Marketing and Communications Director at the Landscape Institute; he is also a City Guide. Mr. Lincoln's presentation was on "The Culture Mile/Barbican - an illustrated tour of the Barbican, GLE and Smithfield, with everything in between". Grant Smith, a professional photographer, presented "Cheapside, its architecture and side streets", by means of his own photographs.

**Fred Rodgers**

Chair, Bernard Morgan Liaison Group

### Barbican Wildlife Garden - A Volunteer's Perspective

**A**s a resident, I've been visiting the Wildlife Garden for years; it's a peaceful haven in every season. The amount of wildlife to be seen is quite something and it's officially a site of importance for nature conservation, providing a much-needed green-space for wildlife travelling across London.

I used to think that residents had access only on sufferance; maybe there was some ancient right of way for City-dwellers, so long as they didn't bring their goats. In fact, although encroaching development has made the garden less obvious and accessible than it once was, it's an original part of the Estate plans, being one of our official private gardens and run by resident volunteers, with the help of City gardeners. They meet there every Wednesday morning and are known collectively as the Barbican Wildlife Group.

Having seen them working and deciding it was a good thing, one day last year I turned up and offered my services. I was nervous. Perhaps there would be a test on bug and bird identification, Latin plant names, the correct end to hold a spade; all that difficult stuff. I needn't have worried; it's a very inclusive group. In no time, I found myself holding a spade by the correct end, digging holes and doing the sort of gardening of which I had only dreamt. There's always much to do but rather than being tired at the end of a session, I feel recharged and more inclined to work at my desk.

The reward is the reactions of visitors, who tell



"greenfinches, goldfinches, frogs or maybe even a sparrowhawk or a fox"

us how much they appreciate the Garden. On Open Garden Squares Weekend, people came from all over the country, marvelling that a space like this exists in the centre of the City.

If you haven't already visited the Garden, do come and discover it; it's yours. You might see greenfinches, goldfinches, frogs or maybe even a sparrowhawk or a fox!

**Lionel Meyringer**

### Horticultural Society Summer Competition

**L**ooking back on this time last year, I remember thinking how challenging was the weather which we'd been having. Those conditions seem almost benign now. We've had a bigger freeze, turning many of the Estate's pelargoniums

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and fleshy plants to porridge. The late Spring stalled growth and the heatwave turned some of the battered survivors into crispy pigeon food.

All this coincided with the annual summer competition. We were concerned there would be fewer entries than normal, but we needn't have worried. There were quite a few new entries, notable for trying things suitable to the space and time which the entrants could devote to them. One was a terrace orchard and vegetable patch, created by a relative newcomer, not just to the Society but also to gardening. The message to take from this is that it doesn't take cryptic skills and a lifetime's experience to grow things successfully. Experiment, to see what works and don't be discouraged when it is otherwise.

With hindsight, the weather has been a great opportunity to experiment and recognise plants that really work in the Barbican micro-climate. All the better, it has been a nice summer.

If you want to meet other Barbican residents who are interested in gardening at all levels of experience or just want to come to our events, membership is only £5 per year for individuals or £6 for couples/households.

For more information, visit [www.barbicanhortsoc.co.uk](http://www.barbicanhortsoc.co.uk), or email [information@barbicanhortsoc.co.uk](mailto:information@barbicanhortsoc.co.uk).

**Lionel Meyringer**

## CULTURE

### Suffragettes, Neo-Futurists and Alcohol

Events about which we have been notified are:

At the **Museum of London** until August 29, *Keeping Alive the Suffragette Spirit*, including Suffragette scrapbooks newly digitized by Google Arts and Culture and a Handmaid's Tale-inspired dress explores how technology, media and art can help keep alive the Suffragette legacy alive.

At the **Estorick Collection** until September 16, *The Art of Campari*, featuring posters and designs by influential artists working for the company, as well as original sketches by Depero, complemented by objects including crates, glasses, bottles, plaques and other ephemera. Until October 21, *Make Futurism Great Again* presents the full repertoire of the Neo Futurist Collective which celebrates urban noise in all its visual and aural forms. Inspired by the Milan Futurists and the Art of Noises manifesto (1913), as well the poetics of the Dada movement, this 10-year art experiment culminates and ends this year.

### Barbican Tuesday Club

As it had been such an enjoyable experience a few years ago, the Tuesday Club decided to return to Whitstable for its June outing. It was a glittering day, with sunshine, a gentle breeze, sparkling water, a picturesque harbour and those oyster bars. Idyllic!

Not quite so the club's visit a month earlier to the Law Courts, interesting though it was. On the day in question, London experienced a tremendous thunderstorm. Club members dripped their way around the stately halls and eventually were released, thankfully not subject to bail.

Apart from an impressive range of speakers who presented on the Festival of Britain, Palestine and

Versailles in the reign of Louis XIV, we have had the opportunity for much discussion on happenings in the Barbican. Members find it helpful to ascertain other views and exchange friendly advice, which is another good reason to consider joining the Tuesday Club.

We broke for the summer recess on July 17th and will re-open on September 11th at 2.45pm in the Lilac Room, 02 level, Seddon House. Put the date in your diary and come along; you will be made most welcome.

**For more information, telephone June on 020 7588 1623.**

June Giles



"those oyster bars. Idyllic!"

### City Resident and Motorcyclist

It's disheartening to be a City resident and a keen motorcyclist and to read the most recent accident statistics. 33 motorcyclists were killed in London in 2016, which compares to 8 pedal cyclists. Over the last five years, the number of cyclists killed has reduced by 45% and the deaths of car drivers by 47%. However, motorcycle deaths have increased by 13%. While the provision of cycleways, advanced stop lines and active cycle schemes with 20mph road limits have been both laudable and

effective for protecting cyclists, motorcyclists remain excluded from bus lanes in the City, from the now "safer" re-engineered Bank junction and they are disadvantaged by new road narrowing schemes, high pavements and bollards, which block motorcyclists from passing traffic congestion. In contrast to Transport for London and other London Boroughs, the Corporation's Road Danger Reduction and Active Travel Plan refuses to acknowledge that permitting motorcycles to

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ride in bus lanes provides motorcycle and scooter riders with clear sight lines, more room to manoeuvre and greater safety. I shall happily provide a pillion seat on my bike to a City Corporation decision-maker, so he/she can experience riding in the impenetrable City, compared to a bus lane on the Holloway Road. Any takers?

**Tony Swanson**  
Lauderdale Tower

### Electric mobility in the City - there are alternatives to electric cars

Advancing battery technology enables me to take a train to a rural railway station and then travel the final three miles down country lanes without noise, pollution and at little cost, to my parents' village. My form of transport is much smaller and lighter than a folding bike, has a top speed of 22 mph, a range of 10 miles, LED lights at night and

improves my core fitness by requiring competent balancing skills. It's not an electric bicycle, nor an electric scooter but a small light Bluetooth-controlled electronic skateboard. It rides smoothly in bicycle lanes among bemused cyclists and if there is no cycle lane, cautiously on pavements, avoiding smartphone-obsessed pedestrians, some of whom

seem oblivious to fellow walkers, let alone a skateboarder; others not so and/or hold different views. I'm now waiting for my next model, a "Raptor 2" with 30 mph capability, 16-mile range and a larger-wheeled board; better for the potholes. Ride into the future, wherever it's both safe and legal!

**Tony Swanson**  
Lauderdale Tower

# Don Randall Honoured

My congratulations go to Don Randall MBE, a respected former City of London Police Officer, for having been awarded an "OSPA", an Outstanding Security Performance Award, for his lifetime achievement. This award recognises a senior member of the security community who has been working in the industry for over thirty years. It seeks to acknowledge an individual who has consistently shown outstanding performance and who has had a substantial impact on designing and driving standards in the security sector.

Don served with the City of London Police until January 1995, leaving at the rank of Superintendent. He was appointed Managing Director at JP Morgan Chase and held the post of International Security Manager for Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Asia Pacific regions. In 2008, he was appointed Head of Security at The Bank of England and in 2013 was appointed as the Bank's first Chief Information Security Officer. Since 2015, he has acted as senior consultant/advisor to several UK and international corporate and professional clients.

His contribution to the security sector has been in establishing and leading several key public-private security partnerships which have become pivotal to security in London, nationally and globally. Don is founder and Chairman

of the "Sister Banks", "Project Griffin" and the Building Accreditation Scheme (BAS), and founder, Vice Chairman of Trustees and Chairman of the Senior Management Board of the "Cross Sector Safety and Security Communications" (CSSC) initiative. He is also Chairman of the City of London Crime Prevention Association and Chairman of the London resilience Business Sector panel and a member of the City of London Safer City

## 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](mailto:helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk)

## SECURITY AND SAFETY

Partnership, the London First Advisory Board and various expert panels relating to the prevention, determent and detection of crime and terrorism.

In the 2007 New Year's Honours List, Don was awarded an MBE for services to law enforcement in the harmonisation of public and private sector agencies. In 2011 he was appointed a Visiting Senior Resident Fellow of the University of Portsmouth (Institute of Criminal Justice Studies). In 2013 he received the Imbert Award by the Association of Security Consultants, which recognises contributions to the advancement of security and management in the UK and a Security Excellence Award for outstanding contribution to the security profession. In 2015 he was admitted to the Register of Chartered Security Professionals and became a recipient of the International Police and Public Safety 9/11 Commendation Medal.

Don has made an outstanding career contribution to the development of public-private security partnerships, which have become integral to the 'Protect' and 'Prepare' strands of the UK's national counter-terrorism strategy.

**David Bradshaw C.C.**

Chairman, Barbican Estate Committee

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.artillery-arms.co.uk)

**NEW – Bowling Bird** Contemporary neighbourhood restaurant offering fresh, seasonal food and a select choice of fine wines and spirits. Offering Barbican Association members 25% off all food on the menu. (Please mention when booking and/or show membership card on arrival). Opening Hours Tuesday through Friday 12 noon to 3.30 pm and 5.00 pm to 10.00 pm. Bowling Bird, 44 Cloth Fair, EC1A 7JQ. Tel: 020 7324 7742. [www.bowlingbird.com](http://www.bowlingbird.com)

**Chiswell Street Dining Rooms** 20% off total food bill in the evenings Mondays to Fridays. To take advantage of the offer please bring proof of membership. Not applicable with any other offer. To view menu or to reserve a table visit the website [www.chiswellstreetdining.com](http://www.chiswellstreetdining.com)

**Coq d'Argent** A complimentary glass of Champagne when ordering from the a la carte menu (up to 6 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](http://www.thecoriander.com/barbican-coriander.html) Barbican Resident Special Discount. Take Away Collection – 15% Take Away delivery – 10% Dine in – 10%

**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](http://crabtavern.co.uk)

**Fish Central** Busting 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](http://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:

**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 or set menu. 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 September 2018.36-37 Greenhill Rents, Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6BN. Tel: 0207 017 1930. Website: [www.hixrestaurants.co.uk/restaurant/hix-oyster-chop-house](http://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](http://www.thejuggedhare.com)

**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](http://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

**Neol** 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.

**'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 2018. 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 menu see website www.stbartsbrewery.com

**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.

**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

## 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.barbicandentis.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

**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 a introductory 30% discount for the first visit on a single service for all BA Members. Discount 30% off for the first visit, permanent discount 10% off on all hair and beauty services incl. YON-KA massage and facials, Sebastian, Wella & OPI treatments @ No74, 74 Compton Street, EC1Y 0BN. www.no-74.co.uk , info@no-74.co.uk , Tel. 020 74 908555, BA card required

**Personal Training** Private personal training in a studio – up to 20% discount for BA members. Individual 1:1 sessions provided by an experienced, passionate trainer close to Old St roundabout (less than 10 minutes walk from the Barbican): phone 07729219328 email: JamesDrainEsq@gmail.com Website: BodyEngineer.co.uk

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

**Registered Osteopath – Lucy Bracken** 25% discount on the first three appointments 10% discount thereafter to all BA members. Based five minute walk north of the Barbican. Drakes Gym, 1 Pardon Street, EC1Y. Call Lucy on 07712 647 282 or email Lucybracken@mac.com

**Thao V Hair Studio** We are a new hair salon, based in a lovely location at the foot of Lauderdale Tower in the Barbican. We are delighted to offer a discount to Barbican Association members of 20% off your first visit, and 10% off subsequent visits. Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Closed on Sun & Mon. Bookings: Call 020 7628 4897, or book online at www.vagaro.com/thaovhairstudio Further information and pricing is on our website www.thaov.com

## 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@abradabra.co.uk Website: www.abradabra.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.certaxaccountinglondon.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://lsolive.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 372245

**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, Peckless 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

**Velorse 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.velorse.com 020-7253 1090 |gallery@velorse.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 Victoriana and petite elegance of The Clerk's House, beside Shoreditch church. BA Members offered discounts of 5% to 10% on all goods except Fornasetti. 118 1/2 Shoreditch High Street, London E1 6JN, Tel/Fax 0207 7299880

**MyDreamKitchen** 5% discount 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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