

Not the Last Roundup

I had expected this to be my last article for this Newsletter, in my role as Chair of the Barbican Association and I had planned a rousing farewell. However, Coronavirus has put paid to that, as it has done to so much else.

By now, the BA's Annual General Meeting would have been over, the previous General Council would have stepped down and a new one would have been elected. One week thereafter, the officers would have been elected and no longer would I have been the Chair. However, the virus has meant that we had to postpone our AGM and the elections, and I still seem to be in post. Conveniently, things are relatively quiet and for now the BA General Council decided that there was not enough material for a meeting, even on Zoom.

Garden wars

Most of the activity has moved to the Barbican Estate Residents' Consultation Committee (RCC) and immediate Estate matters. We have all been aware of the jolly cacophony on Thursday evenings, as people (including some particularly vigorous pan-bangers in Thomas More House) go onto their balconies to support the NHS. Even more seriously, virtually every House and Tower has a group of volunteers who are available to assist any residents who need help with shopping and/or other errands. All is

centrally coordinated by a small group, some of whose members are also supporting the City's own foodbank (see <https://barbicanvolunteers.wordpress.com/city-of-london-food-bank/>).

The "garden wars" created a diversion recently, when the Police were called to Thomas More gardens to instruct people to stop gathering and sunbathing; that happened on a Sunday (read about it on *Barbican Talk*). On the Monday, I was bemused to be telephoned by a City Common Councillor with some responsibility for the gardens and was asked to "tell residents to stop using the gardens" in ways that the rules do not allow. I responded that it was hardly my responsibility to do that. If, as he reported, the Police or the City were most alarmed at what had been going on and were threatening to shut the gardens if it continued, then it seemed to be the job of the Police or the City to tell us that. I expressed the opinion that if the City was planning to shut the gardens, it had to warn people. Notices were subsequently posted, and the regular email broadcast made it clear what can be done in the gardens, namely exercising while remaining socially distanced. It is ironic, however, that the City was so keen on stating that it had consulted with the Chairs of the BA and the RCC over this issue, when at other times and on other issues (closing Beech Street comes to mind) they forget or seem

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not to have time to consult beforehand.

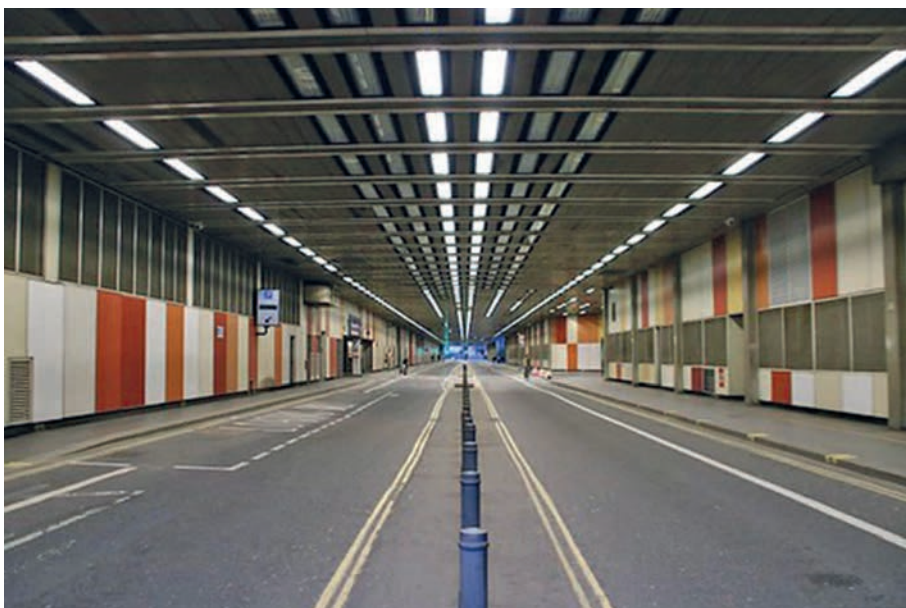
Construction work

With regard to the operation of the building sites in Golden Lane, at a meeting, the chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee explained that the City has no power to tell a contractor to stop construction and would risk effecting a breach of contract if it did so. That may be little consolation to residents exposed to noise; personally, I have long thought that noise is an under-appreciated public health problem that may be insufficiently addressed.

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Clean air is great, as is consultation

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See Fred Rodgers' article on *"inconsiderate constructors and inconvenient residents"*.

The public sector at its best

At the same meeting (a virtual one, broadcast on YouTube), officers presented updates on what they were doing to help manage the Coronavirus crisis. They described a range of practical actions which they are taking to identify and support vulnerable and general adult and child residents, rough sleepers and victims of domestic abuse and how they are working with care providers, volunteer groups and others; it was impressive. The NHS is the significant one among many public services which are doing their best at this time. The City might have been somewhat slow in its communications to residents at the outset, but it has clearly been putting practical help in place. I would specifically thank the Barbican Estate Office, which, despite having several staff members unable to work, moved swiftly to maintain key levels of service and support vulnerable residents and has continued to adapt its plans; that only happens as a result of planning and hard work.

I have been impressed with our new Member of Parliament, Nickie Aiken, who was elected in December to represent the Cities of London and Westminster. She has established a weekly telephone call with her constituency residents' associations to learn of their concerns and she is raising them with the local authorities and government. So far, she has shared information on what is happening to homeless people (at least some of them are being housed in hotels and provided with food and services), street drug users, local shops that are still open and delivering and, most recently, she has raised the issue of construction sites. She has written to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary

of State to request the UK government to give guidance to local government on restricting construction work in the interests of local residents and construction workers, because both Westminster and the City have told her that they cannot do anything without government intervention (www.nickieaiken.org.uk/news/aiken-writes-minister-calling-government-issue-new-construction-and-roadwork-guidelines).

Before the lockdown

Shortly before the lockdown, the BA contributed to a review of the City's governance conducted by Lord Lisvane; see *Heather Thomas' article on the governance review, which goes into further detail on this matter*. We pointed out that some residents often find the City's structure opaque and confusing and that in general they would wish to see greater transparency in decision-making. They would prefer better consultation, especially at early stages, when proposals are still fluid and stronger mechanisms for managing cross-functional issues. For the Barbican Estate specifically, it would be desirable to witness a more strategic approach to maintaining the integrity and physical fabric of it. Similarly, the City commissioned interesting work on climate change, but it is not clear what has happened to that.

There has been progress in the disenfranchisement saga. At its January meeting, the Standards Committee was given the legal advice that granting general dispensations, as critics of the old policy wanted, would not meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; further, the policy did not need to be as restrictive as was the City's regime. The Committee bowed to that suggestion and its Chair wrote afterwards, *"I think we now have as liberal a policy as it's possible lawfully to have"*. On the face of it, the policy is, in theory, more liberal than before, but it remains to be seen how it operates in practice. The City has also

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written to the Government to lobby for the repeal of section 618 of the Housing Act 1985 (which prohibits resident councillors who are City tenants voting on housing matters). For more details, see www.barbicanassociation.co.uk/the-citys-standards-regime-and-disenfranchisement-of-city-residents/

More and bigger offices?

Critical to the Barbican Association's work is its engagement with City planning applications but even Coronavirus has not stopped such applications. The owners of 150 Aldersgate Street seem to have been particularly keen urgently to submit a planning application. For more details on their plans for a higher building, see Sue Cox's article, "Higher and Higher". I have lived in Seddon House for 27 years and, during that time, I have seen each new building that has been constructed on Aldersgate Street becoming higher than the one before. This is one reason why we were pleased that the emerging draft Local Plan will take account of the cumulative effects of developments, but we do not know how this will be measured and assessed in practice. This greater height of the planned building might lead to further incremental loss of light to Seddon House and some Lauderdale Tower windows. No doubt there will be many objections to the application.



Jane Smith

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Business as Unusual

Please join me too in thanking our cleaners, car park attendants, concierges, duty managers and all in the Estate Office, including its reception team, for their exceptional efforts at this most difficult of times. They are working hard to maintain 'business as usual' at a time which is anything but usual. The continued provision of key amenities, including waste removal and concierge services to residents, albeit at a reduced level, is much appreciated.

The pandemic certainly makes Barbican residents' issues pale by comparison, but work continues to make this an ever-better place in which to live. Here is a round-up of

current topics for your Residents' Consultation Committee (RCC):

- The proposal to increase funding for the Barbican's private gardens, discussed at



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many RCC meetings, was approved. An additional £25,000 per annum was agreed to fund the equivalent of an additional full-time gardener. This will be reviewed after two years.

- The City confirmed that it will fund the installation of new front door 'sets' across the Estate, including the units for post/rubbish etc., next to our front doors.

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This is because the existing door sets do not meet current fire safety standards and replacing them is deemed to be an improvement. No timetable for this work is available as yet.

- The Underfloor Heating Working Party (UHWP) will survey residents' attitudes to shifting some heating from mid-winter to the 'shoulder' months of April and October, without any change to the total heating bill. The suggestion, that we have about 20 hours more heat in April/October and about 20 hours less in January/February, is in response to popular demand. If residents approve this suggestion, it will be implemented for the next heating season, on a trial basis.
- Our heating constitutes about 50 per cent of the City's total electricity bill and the UHWP will work with the City's electricity

procurement team to capitalise on the unique properties of our power needs to secure a better deal for residents. This is not a short-term project, but we aim to see the benefits in October next year.

- The RCC recommended that the Barbican redecoration contract should be re-tendered post-Covid-19 and that its established working parties should be fully engaged in this re-tender process. This will be consistent with how other contracts funded by residents through our service charges have been awarded.
- The five-yearly review of the Garchey system will begin as soon as is practical to determine if this system still represents value for money for residents.
- A survey to review the external structure of the Estate has begun. It will enable the City to create a high-level future works plan over many decades. The next RCC meeting is scheduled for

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Monday, 1 June, at 6.30pm and I have yet to be advised if that meeting can take place 'virtually', as face-to-face is most unlikely.



Christopher Makin

Chair, Barbican Estate Residents' Consultation Committee (RCC), that represents residents in their relationship with the City, their managing agent and landlord.

The City of London Corporation conducts its first governance review since 2011

"Governance" has many definitions, but it encompasses an organisation's structure, responsibilities, accountability and decision making. While it is discussed as an abstraction, like strategy or values, it has practical implications for an organisation's stakeholders. Poor governance leads to poor decision-making and is occasionally catastrophic.

At its meeting on 10 October 2019, the Common Council approved a proposal from the Policy and Resources Committee to undertake a governance review with the following terms of reference, namely to: "review the governance arrangements of the organisation by undertaking a comprehensive examination of the City Corporation's Code of Corporate Governance to ensure that the arrangements are efficient, fair, transparent and accountable". The last governance review was in 2011, since when the number of the Corporation's decision-making bodies has increased to "approximately 130 committees, sub-committees and working parties, excluding some of the bi-lateral

committee meetings". It was agreed that the review should be independent and that, given the uniqueness of the City Corporation and the volume of information or administrative support that might be required, support would be provided by officers within the Town Clerk's department. Up to £25,000 was voted for administrative, consultancy and support fees. This is reasonable for a governance review on the scale required.

The person appointed to conduct the review is Lord Lisvane, who retired as Clerk of the House of Commons in August 2014, after 40 years' service to Parliament; no tender process was conducted prior to making the appointment. It is therefore impossible to know what the selection criteria were, in particular how the independence requirement was demonstrated by the candidate and assessed by the Corporation.

Lord Lisvane is the immediate past master of



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the Skinners' Company, which is one of the Great Twelve livery companies in the City. He will, therefore, have a level of familiarity with the operation of the Corporation and with its officers. While this is useful knowledge, it also means that he will be habituated to the manner in which the Corporation operates. The risk might be that he may not be as taken aback by the Corporation's governance as those who come to it fresh. Independence is as much about perception as substance; credibility is critical. It may be regrettable, therefore, that the Corporation has appointed to deliver this much-needed review, a person at the heart of the City Establishment, without apparently considering a broader pool of candidates. Lord Lisvane has not responded to an enquiry about how he meets the criterion of independence in this role. His report is due to be published in May and will be public.

Heather Thomas

City of London Police and Action Fraud Warning

The City of London Police and Action Fraud, the latter of which is the UK's national fraud and cyber-crime reporting centre, providing a central point of contact for citizens and businesses, is run by the City of London Police, working alongside the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB). NFIB acts upon the information and crimes reported to Action Fraud. It develops and disseminates crime packages for investigation locally, regionally and nationally and executes a range of disruption and crime prevention techniques for victims across all sectors, to target criminality and engineer out the threat from fraud and cyber-crime. Together, they have published a warning about an increase in the number of Covid-19 related fraud cases, from which the following is derived:



Fraudsters continue to take advantage of unsuspecting and/or vulnerable people, who may be isolated at home. Frauds being reported relate to tickets, romance, charity, loans and more, alongside reports of Coronavirus-themed phishing emails; they will use any opportunity to take money from innocent targets. They are exploiting the pandemic to scam people seeking to buy medical supplies and sending emails dishonestly offering medical support. They are trying to lure potential victims with offers such as

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allegedly high return investments and "healthcare opportunities" or bogus health charity appeals.

The advice is to think carefully before handing over money and not to reveal personal details unless you are sure with whom it is you are dealing. If you think you have been a victim, do make a report to Action Fraud.

For your protection:

- 1) Watch out for scam messages: Do not click on links or attachments in suspicious emails or respond to unsolicited messages and calls which ask for your personal or financial details.

2) Shopping online: If you are making a purchase from a company or a person whom you do not know and trust, carry out some research first and, if appropriate, ask a

trusted person for advice before completing the purchase. If you decide to proceed with the purchase, use a credit card if possible, as most major credit card providers insure

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online purchases. For more information on how to shop online safely, visit: https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/shoponline_safely

3) Protect your devices from the latest threats: Always install the latest legitimate software and application updates to protect your devices from the latest threats. For information on how to update your devices, visit: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/securing-your-devices>

David Bradshaw C.C.

Chairman, Barbican Estate Security Committee

Useful Police Contact Numbers

City of London Police switchboard-
Crime reporting: 020 7601 2222
Non-emergencies: 101
Emergencies (landline): 999
Emergencies (mobile): 112
Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321
Action Fraud Team: 0300 123 2040

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 but 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)

City of London Police Station Rationalisation

By the end of 2020, the number of police stations in the City is due to reduce from three to one. Police officers and staff currently accommodated in Wood Street and Snow Hill will transfer to Bishopsgate Police Station until a new combined police station and court facility is built on the Corporation's Fleet Street Estate site; completion is due in 2025. The Mayor's and City of London County Court, now at the Guildhall and the City of London Magistrates' Court, at the corner of Queen Victoria Street, near Bank, will both move to Fleet Street. The Fleet Street combined facility will host "a world-class fraud and cybercrime court and new headquarters for the City of London Police", according to a Corporation press release dated 28 January 2019.

Wood Street Station, built in 1963-1966, is listed Grade II*. Snow Hill Station, built in 1926, is listed Grade II. Previous plans, in 2017, to rationalise police premises in the City by modernising and expanding Wood Street Station foundered over arguments relating to its listed

status; the Corporation's Planning Committee approved the proposed development. The Twentieth Century Society argued this was an "appalling" decision and alleged that the City made decisions which "completely undermine the purpose of the listing system".

The Corporation changed direction, opting for the Fleet Street redevelopment. It announced in January 2020 that both Wood Street Station and Snow Hill Station had been sold for re-purposing as hotels. The former was sold to Magnificent Hotels, a Hong Kong-listed group, for development as a boutique 5-star hotel; the latter was sold to Whitbread plc, for development as a Premier Inn, both on 151-year leases. Both developments are subject to securing planning consent.

Prior to the sales, it had been necessary for the sites to be declared "surplus to requirements" as police stations. This decision was a matter for the Police Authority Board (PAB) of the Corporation; the Corporation is unusual in the UK because it is also the local police authority.

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The decision to declare the two police stations surplus to requirements was taken by the PAB on 24 October 2019, although discussions leading to this conclusion were redacted from publication. When asked about the sale proceeds, the Corporation initially declared that the information was confidential. A Freedom of Information Act request yielded the answers; Wood Street Station was sold for £40m and Snow Hill Station for £14.9m; in fact, the Wood Street Station price had already been published as part of a regulatory filing in Hong Kong.

In the meantime, the police will have to operate from Bishopsgate, a tired building, and residents will have to trust that the Fleet Street development will be completed on time and deliver on the promises made in the Corporation's press release.

Heather Thomas

Inconsiderate Constructors and Inconvenient Residents, Update

This article offers an update to Fred Rodgers' "Inconsiderate Constructors and Inconvenient Residents" article published in the August 2018 issue of the Newsletter (see <https://www.barbicanassociation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/BA-NEWSLETTER-AUGUST-2018WEB.pdf>)

Annie Hampson, OBE recently retired as the City of London Corporation's Director of Development and Chief Planning Officer. Her interim and, for some, controversial replacement is Gwyn Richards, previously Assistant Director (Urban Design). Of course, as any planning applications affecting Barbican Estate are made during his tenure, they will be closely monitored with interest. See Sue Cox's article for details about progress on local planning applications.

The Denizen site closed temporarily in consequence of the Coronavirus lockdown, which means that it will be longer before the development is complete and until the footways



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enveloping it are resurfaced. The resurfacing is work which is authorised by way of the provisions of the Highways Act 1980, section 278. Permission under the section allows a

developer to carry out works to the public highway and is generally necessary in circumstances in which planning permission has been granted for a development that requires improvements or changes to a public highway. Some local residents were excited last year when they were asked, by the City Corporation, what improvements they would like to see in the surrounding area under the provisions of the section. However, after

offering various suggestions, none were accepted. All that remains is the resurfacing of the enveloping footways, agreed when planning permission was granted.

Fred Rodgers

Chair, Bernard Morgan Liaison Group

Higher and Higher

No, not a rendition of the 1967 Jackie Wilson hit but, one hopes, an apt description of the ever-increasing height and mass of the redevelopments encircling the Barbican Estate. In addition to The Denizen (see *Fred Rodgers' article*) and London Wall Place, we have the dubious pleasure of looking forward to the developments at 20 Ropemaker Street (20 storeys), Tenter House (18 storeys) and 21 Moorfields (Deutsche Bank - 16 storeys) as well as, in the coming years, the relocation of the Museum of London and a potential new Centre for Music.

150 Aldersgate, following in the footsteps of 160 Aldersgate

While, arguably, the southern end of the Estate has borne the brunt of developments in recent times, attention is now shifting firmly northwards. Planning permission for the redevelopment of 160 Aldersgate was initially refused, in December 2014, but then granted on appeal in April 2015. This increased the height of the building and prompted numerous objections from nearby properties, on grounds not only of overshadowing and loss of daylight but also of the height precedent that would be set for other buildings in Aldersgate Street.

So, it has come to pass, with a redevelopment application relating to the adjacent building, 150 Aldersgate, being lodged with the Corporation of London Planning Department. The key concern for nearby Barbican residents, again, is the proposed increase in height of the building with the plans showing the addition of three new floors to match the height of 160 Aldersgate. A public exhibition, from which the accompanying image was taken, was held in early March 2020, showing the proposed design.

The increase in height may have a major effect on nearby residential properties in virtually all the residential amenity categories, principally, loss of daylight and sunlight, overlooking, light pollution, and noise. These concerns have been strenuously voiced with the developers by the



140 Aldersgate next?

Barbican Association. We shall see if any design changes have been made and what responses are required once the planning application has been formally submitted.

1-12 Long Lane

Creeping height syndrome is not just restricted to Aldersgate Street. Just around the corner is the proposed redevelopment of 1-12 Long Lane; an initial planning application for a 10-storey office building on the site was submitted in September 2018. Following numerous objections, primarily with regard to height, a revised application for a 9-storey development was made in November 2019. While this did reduce the level of overshadowing on a number of properties, it still remained an issue for those in the immediate vicinity. Therefore, a further and final application, submitted in March 2020, showed minor changes to setbacks on floors 5-8, aiming to satisfy long-standing daylight/sunlight analysis issues.

However, even with the removal of one storey, the proposed development will clearly be at odds not only with the historic character of the area but also with the height-line of the other buildings in Long Lane. It will still be over 6 metres higher than that of the now nearly completed Farringdon Crossrail development and will

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inevitably set a precedent for any future developments in the area. Many of the objections to the application have asked for the height of the building to be further reduced at maximum to the height of the new Crossrail Station building.

Will the Planning Committee take notice of these concerns when the application is to be decided? Indeed, given the COVID-19 crisis, we remain unsure as to precisely when this will be. All recent meetings have been cancelled but were set to resume on 14th May, albeit on a virtual basis, until such time as restrictions on group meetings are lifted. This application is not expected to feature, however, until later, in June 2020.

Return of the Turret

The most recent list of planning applications includes resubmission of the plans to convert into a flat the Turret, located above the Coriander Restaurant on Aldersgate Street. The original plans were approved in 2017 but have been resubmitted as they cannot be implemented before the three-year planning approval expires. The Planning Officer has confirmed that "... the proposed scheme is unchanged from that previously approved....but representations can still be made. If there have been changes in circumstances, e.g., changes to policy ... in the locality, this might mean the proposals have a different impact". In this regard, it should be noted that, in 2018, the Barbican Estate was granted Conservation Area status and given this change in circumstances, any resident who wishes to object to this application should have emailed PLNComments@cityoflondon.gov.uk, quoting reference 20/00272/LBC, prior to 12th May 2020.

Sue Cox

BA Planning Committee

Barbican Estate v. Berlin Estate Living

I have been comparing notes with a Berlin resident who lives on a well-maintained estate overlooking the Tiergarten, which is of comparable age to the Barbican Estate. He asked for a personal opinion as to whether or not, for those with teenage children, the Barbican Estate is a good place in which to live?

Barbican Estate parents and carers and their children know that cats and dogs are not allowed; nor is the flying of drones. In addition, the following are prohibited on the Estate: ball games; bicycles; roller skates; skateboards; scooters; electric scooters; electric skateboards; one wheels; hoverboards; parkour; base jumping.

For visitors who are not Congestion Zone residents, in normal times, it will cost £12.50 for ULEZ non-compliant vehicles, plus the £11.50 Congestion Charge. They should avoid Bank Junction (£135 fine). If approaching the Estate through the Beech Street tunnel, they might be advised first to stop, park and insert their vehicle registration number into a website to check if the vehicle emits less than 75g CO₂/km and has a more than 20 mile capability, purely on electric power (see the February 2020 issue of the Newsletter: <https://www.barbicanassociation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Barbican-Association-Newsletter-FEBRUARY-2020-approved.pdf> for more details.). If not, it could cost £130 each time they drive through the tunnel in either direction.

My Berlin friend was incredulous.

Tony Swanson

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Future city break?

Social Value and the Barbican Wildlife Garden

The City of London Corporation describes “social value” as “leveraging service and works contracts to protect and enhance the health and wellbeing of local people and the local environment, providing skills and employment opportunities and promoting the local economy”.

Social value is Pillar 1 of City Corporation’s Responsible Procurement Strategy 2015-2018, with, of course, “the golden thread of value for money applying throughout”. Protecting people and the local environment comes under Pillar 1A and includes enhancing nature and biodiversity, as well as mitigating air, land, water and noise pollution.

Barbican Wildlife Garden has tapped into this social value by having a good relationship with ISG plc, which is contracted with the City Corporation to build the City of London Primary



“butts at the bottom of the recently erected steps”

Academy Islington (CoLPAl) in Golden Lane. As a result, the Garden received the remains of the trees which were felled in order to enable the

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development to proceed, despite the efforts of the “Golden Baggers” and others to save them. The tree trunks are now used as perching stools and for the creation of a fernery; a constant reminder that no healthy trees, ideally, should ever be felled.

Recently, ISG laid paving slabs to provide level surfaces for the Garden’s water butts and it has built a wooden shed at the bottom of the recently erected steps. This houses unwanted tables and chairs collected from around the Estate, valuable for when hosting workshops and the Open Garden Squares Weekend, alas not in 2020. The Group originally called it the “chalef” but now it has been upgraded to the “chateau”!

Jo Rodgers

“Collecting Covid”: the Museum of London

The Museum of London is seeking to collect both objects and first-hand experiences to reflect Londoners’ lives during the COVID-19 pandemic time, in order to keep a record and to ensure that future generations of Londoners will be able to learn about and understand this extraordinary period.

London has faced several epidemics, including smallpox and the 1889-1893 and 1918 flu pandemics and the museum holds collections relating to these outbreaks. It is keen to focus on three strands of collecting: how the physical

spaces in the city have been transformed – from a bustling metropolis to hushed streets - while the social and working lives of many have moved to digital; the effects on key and home workers; and how children and young people reacted to and coped with the changes with many schools closing.

The Museum is hoping to collect both physical and digital objects, reflecting the voices and experiences of a broad range of Londoners. From those working on the front line to those

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quietly working in the background, from parents turned home-school support to young people online gaming, the museum wants to collect objects from those who can tell the story of London in lockdown.

Individuals and organisations who would like to donate objects should contact via social media @MuseumofLondon or email enquiry@museumoflondon.org.uk.



Hopes for the future

Barbican Tuesday Club

Remembering June Giles

It is with deep sadness that I have to report that the Barbican Tuesday Club’s former chair, June Giles, died on Sunday, 8th March. June and her husband, Vic had recently moved from Shakespeare Tower to Chamberlain Court, a retirement home in Tunbridge Wells, where June had been looking forward to being cared for, but regrettably this was not to be. Her funeral took place towards the end of March, but because of difficulties imposed by the Coronavirus, it was a family-only occasion. It is hoped that there will be a memorial service later in the year.

The Club recommenced weekly meetings on 14th January but because of the outbreak of the

virus, the committee decided to suspend the meetings for now. During the short period of 2020 activity, members enjoyed its annual New Year lunch at Vecchio Parioli, and were entertained by speakers on various subjects, including “Transylvania and Tallin” and “Footsteps of the Famous in Soho”.

Open to Barbican residents only, the annual membership fee is £12 and, in normal circumstances, provides a friendly weekly get-together, with discussions, speakers and trips; Club meetings are held on Tuesdays between 2.45pm and 4.00pm in the Lilac Room, level 02, Seddon House. If you would like to join us, please contact **Tony Croot** on 020 7638 5215; email: antony.croot@macace.net.

BA DISCOUNT SCHEME

A list of organisations offering discounts or other incentives to Barbican Association members. If you are not already a BA member, make sure you join the Barbican Association to qualify – for most of these just one visit will more than cover your annual BA membership subscription cost. Local businesses which wish to participate and offer a discount or other incentive to BA members should contact Lawrence Williams on 020 7588 0898, or 07853 836 623 or by email to barbicanlife@gmail.com for further information.

CURRENT SCHEME MEMBERS

FOOD AND DRINK

Après Food Co – MAKE FRIENDS WITH FOOD

Delicious homemade gluten free food your body loves. Comfort food without the slump. We all need great food that makes us feel alive – that’s why this isn’t just a restaurant: it’s a movement. Offering Barbican Association members 15% off all food on the menu (so please mention when booking and/or show membership card on arrival). Open Mon – Fri: 8am – 4pm and 6pm – 10pm & Sat: 10am – 2pm, 72 St John Street, Clerkenwell, EC1M 4DT, Tel 0207 6868 888, Email hello@apresfood.com

Artillery Arms 15% discount on drinks 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

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

Chiswell Street Dining Rooms

20% off total food bill in the evenings Mondays to Fridays. To take advantage of the offer please bring proof of membership. Not applicable with any other offer. To view menu or to reserve a table visit the website www.chiswellstreetdining.com

Coq d’Argent A complimentary glass of Champagne when ordering from the a la carte menu (up to 6 Max, not to be used in conjunction with any other offers). To redeem, Barbican Life members will need to mention ‘Barbican Life’ when making their booking or present their membership card on arrival. Coq d’Argent, No 1 Poultry, EC2R 8EJM Tel: 020 7395 5000.

The Coriander Indian Restaurant. Family-run business, fresh Indian food. 55 Aldersgate Street, Barbican EC1A 4LA T: 0207 600 4747 or

0207 7964 499 www.thecoriander.com/barbican-coriander.html Barbican Resident Special Discount (please show BA card). 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

Fare New all-day-dining bar and canteen split across two floors offering a grab and-go coffee area, intimate cocktail and wine bar, and restaurant serving a selection of modern seasonal small plates with larger sharing dishes from the robata grill. 20% off food for Barbican Association members. State resident discount when booking and show membership card on arrival. Find Fare Bar + Canteen at the Morelands building on Old Street, 0203 034 0736 www.farebarandcanteen.com.

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

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 www.thejuggedhare.com

LINO London LINO is a new bar and restaurant taking a new approach to drinking and dining in the city. The offer they are currently running for residents is 25% off the food bill. (Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Subject to availability. Offer valid for bookings + walk-ins. State resident discount when booking and show membership card on arrival). Find LINO at 90 Bartholomew Close, EC1A 7EB or call on 020 8016 5199 www.linolondon.co.uk

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.

Old Red Cow 71/72 Long Lane. 15% OFF food and drink Monday to Saturday. Please bring your card and quote 'BA Membership Card' if booking. Discount cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Walk-ins and bookings welcome. Tel: 020 7600 6240, email: oldredcow@localbeerhouse.com

Pho Vietnamese Cafe/Restaurant 10% discount at all times. 86 St John Street, EC1M 4EH. Tel: 020 7253 7624. Email: info@phocafe.co.uk. Pho is open Monday to Friday from late morning to late evening and on Saturday evenings.

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

Stem and Glory Vegan restaurant located close to the Barbican in Bartholomew Close. First London location following huge success of initial Cambridge establishment. Restaurant offers Barbican Association members 20% off food for bookings and walk-ins. Please mention BA discount offer when booking or entering. Stem and Glory is at 60 Bartholomew Close, EC1A 7BF. Tel: 0203 969 9392. Web: stemandglory.co.uk. Open Mon-Fri 08.00–23.00, Sat 10.00–23.30, Sun 10.00–17.00.

Vecchio Piroli 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.

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 1 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 Cophall Avenue, London EC2R 7DA. Tel: 020 7256 2477. Website: www.barbicandentalcare.com

Barbican Dental 10% discount on examinations and hygiene treatments for Barbican Association Members. 1 Wallside, Wood Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BL Tel: 0207 638 8200 Website: www.barbicandental.com

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 cox@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

Easton London New barber in the WeWork building on Moor Lane. Online booking only (pay after) and customers can also enjoy free café and bar. Currently, Easton London offers a 50% discount on first-time bookings for their hair and beard package. Use the code EASTON50 to redeem. However, for Barbican Association members, you can also use the code BARB10 for an ongoing 10% discount on all services. Book your appointment at https://www.eastonlondon.com/pages/locations-moorgate and just show your Barbican card at the shop to qualify.

Health in the City Formerly the Feelgood Centre and now moved to Room 57, 65 London Wall, EC2M 5TU, is offering Barbican Association members a 10% discount on a wide range of Therapies and Treatments which are available from specialist practitioners. For a full listing please check the website: www.feelgoodcentre.com. For booking or further information call 07946 084 848 or email feelgoodcentre@yahoo.com. Web: www.healthinthecity.co.uk

Insight London Counselling and Psychotherapy 20% discount on the initial consultation for BA members. Fees for ongoing sessions are negotiable according to individual circumstances. Individual, couple and family sessions with a Chartered Clinical Psychologist. Consulting rooms in Golders Green, close to the Underground, 25 minutes from Moorgate. On-street parking is available. Website: www.insightlondon.co.uk. To arrange an appointment contact Marc Hekster 07775 629 432 or email. info@insightlondon.co.uk

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

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, EC1V 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

NEW Registered Osteopath and pain management – Christopher Blackburne – BA members and residents receive a 25% discount for Initial Osteopathic consultation and treatment and 20% discount thereafter. Hermes Health, 33-35 Chiswell Street, EC1Y 4SF. For bookings text Chris on 07966 243653 or email chris@cbosteopathy.com. Website – www.cbosteopathy.com www.hermeshealth.uk

Thao V Hair Studio Our stylish hair salon is based in a lovely location at the foot of Lauderdale Tower in the Barbican. We have a special offer of 20% off a haircut or blow dry on your first visit, and we also have a loyalty scheme for regular customers. Full details, pricing and opening times are on our website www.thaov.com Bookings: 020 7628 4897, or Book Online at www.vagaro.com/thaovhairstudio

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@abraseve.co.uk Website: www.abraseve.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 585599. 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://solve.iso.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 6.00pm 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

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

Charterhouse 10% off the Charterhouse tour, or the Brother's Charterhouse Tour, subject to availability (normally £15 and £20 respectively). Tours daily Tuesday-Saturday. Book at Museum Reception showing your card (one tour place per card). You can book up to one week in advance. A great opportunity to discover one of London's most important historic sites, embracing seven centuries of history, right on the Barbican's doorstep. The Charterhouse has been a burial ground, a monastery, a Tudor mansion, school, and almshouse, which it remains to this day. www.thecharterhouse.org Charterhouse Square, London EC1

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 | gallery@velorose.com

FURNISHING

Adams Blinds Measure, supply and fit premium made-to-measure window blinds and shutters. Use promo code BARB01 for 15% discount. www.adamsblinds.co.uk or email John at info@adamsblinds.co.uk for further details.

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.

Hand Drawn Walls Bespoke murals from Hand Drawn Walls: Make your space your own with an interior mural. See a wide range of examples from small details to full walls at www.handdrawnwalls.co.uk. We'd love to offer all Barbican Association members a free initial visit and a 15% discount. Drop us a line at tom@handdrawnwalls.co.uk, or call Tom on 07906 382 639.

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

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