



Barbican Association **NEWSLETTER**

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Milton Court redevelopment advances

The proposed redevelopment of Milton Court continues to move forward. Recently, Heron International and Berkeley Homes were appointed as the developers and, since then, there has been active interaction between them and the architect, David Walker, to discuss his proposals in detail.

Over the past six months or so, there have been a number of meetings of a working party made up of managers of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama (GSMD), the architects, the City and representatives from house groups and the Barbican Association. Discussions about the future development and neighbourhood concerns resulted in a preliminary "roadshow" earlier in the year which gave all residents and other interested individuals the opportunity to make their feelings known.

At the end of July the working party met representatives from Heron (and Mace who have been appointed as project managers) and the architect. At this meeting the residents' representatives emphasised the need to adhere to the three key aspects of great importance to residents: a "slim tower", of the highest quality above a new GSMD facility; significant street-scene improvements; and attention to the residential environment during construction. In addition, the need to keep residents informed at regular intervals as the project proceeds.

However, it was confirmed that the size of the building will increase slightly, for example by the inclusion of a couple of extra floors, so the tower will exceed City Point in height, which means the majority of Barbican residents will be able to see it from their flats.

One piece of good news that has now been confirmed is that between Heron itself and City funds, there will be sufficient funding to improve the existing street-scene with landscaping not just for the immediate perimeter of Milton Court, but also for Silk Street and Moor Lane.

By the time you read this, the development consortium (Heron, Berkeley, David Walker *et al.*) will have met with officers in the Planning Department to discuss the project to ensure compliance with the Urban Development Plan etc. A fully detailed design will now be in preparation which it is anticipated will be

presented to the residents' representatives in late September.

The GSMD Principal has suggested that a further "roadshow" presentation for residents could be planned for later in the year to show the design that will be submitted for planning approval by December 15th -- which will mark the start of the official period of consultation.

Resident representatives will continue to be involved in the scheme as it develops, and in particular we will have a chance to comment on the design before it is finalised and to assess, for example, the possible effect of the design on those closest to the tower, in Speed and Willoughby.

In other planning matters, permission has been given for 200 Aldersgate Street (the premises formerly occupied by Clifford Chance) to change use to a leisure facility (gym) at basement level and three retail/restaurant/café units at higher levels -- these are all inside the building. Some minor changes to the external frontage were also approved. Objections were discussed; however, it was considered that the changes would not cause harm to residential amenities nearby (London House flats adjoin the building) or to the external appearance of the building.

Also, in relation to 21 Moorfields, at a recent meeting of the City Planning and Transportation Committee, the existing permission was extended for a further period of three years. This is an unusual period in the City -- normally, permissions are given for five years -- but the Committee is obviously keen to get the new building started. It is clear that the project needs to be completed before the Crossrail project as both involve Moorgate underground station. It was anticipated that Crossrail might have some concerns, but surprisingly, their letter raised no objections. Assurances were given that a public right of way to Moorgate would be retained.

Don Prichard and David Graves

*Milton Court (photo by
Gordon Griffiths)*



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Phew, what a scorcher

Summer has arrived with a vengeance, and stories abound (well, I did hear one story) of office workers extending their working days to take full advantage of air-conditioned offices. Here in the Barbican, our green spaces remain green as the City is not covered by the hosepipe ban, and the gardens have never seemed busier with individuals and families 'chilling' while being poached by the sun. However, the price of peace, as was famously said, is eternal vigilance, and there have been plenty of things to keep obsessive meeting-attenders more than busy this summer.

Crossrail

We are waiting for Crossrail's formal response to the BA's additional "Petition" (which is a statement of objections, not a list of signatures) lodged in June addressing Crossrail's revised proposals. I very much regret the upset the new proposals have caused, particularly for those in Andrewes House, even though they represent a big improvement on the initial plan. In particular, I regret the fact that the level of distress reported to me seems disproportionate to the actual level of the threat presented by the proposals. I hope we will succeed in achieving further beneficial changes to Crossrail's plans to the point when everyone will find the scheme as a whole acceptable. We must not forget that if built, the Crossrail scheme will offer clear benefits to Barbican residents.

Leasehold Valuation Tribunal and S&M charges

Part of our service charges include a sum for the supervision and management of the Estate, largely represented by the cost of the staff that work in the Estate Office. The charge was substantially increased several years ago, and this has been a bone of contention ever since. On the basis several years of talks had not achieved any consensus as between the BA and the City staff involved, we resolved to bring the dispute to an LVT for determination. We have now

obtained favourable advice from Counsel, and we have modified the claim document to reflect Counsel's comments. After providing a copy of the final form of the claim document to the City we have been asked whether we would defer the formal submission of the claim as the position is now being considered at high level within the City. It seems to me that after so many years, a few weeks delay should not be a problem.

Water charges

BarbicanNews in May mentioned the average household water charge of £245 which is payable as an alternative to the rateable value basis when a water meter cannot be fitted, which applies to nearly all Barbican



Frobisher Crescent

flats, seemingly.

For people in large flats, this will certainly save money, although for the smallest flats the rateable value basis for charging is a better deal. The £245 average household charge approximates to average usage levels for a household of 2 people. "Average" use consists of "Regular use of a washing machine/dishwasher and 4 or 5 baths, or up to 15 showers per person per week."

For many Barbican residents, the 'deemed' water consumption under the average household charge represents a gross overstatement of their actual consumption. From comments made to me, it clearly rankles with many of you, particularly those with two homes who will be away from the Barbican for substantial periods. However, any "average" single person will in principle use half the water of the "average" two person household.



Whether or not the water companies can be persuaded to modify the average household charge in appropriate cases, it is self-evident many of us would be better off if a water meter were fitted, and I will find out from Technical Services exactly what it is that stops meters being fitted.

Everything else

There are many other matters we expect to devote time to in the coming months. Examples include the Housing Services restructure, of which I have no news at all, possible replacement of the signs around the Estate, the conversion of the top three floors in Frobisher Crescent to residential flats, a possible "makeover" of the gardens and planters around the Estate and work on a conservation/heritage strategy for the Estate.

As you can imagine, all of the above are time-consuming and involve mastering a lot of information. Do let me know if you are interested in any of these issues, as we rarely find that we are overwhelmed with offers of assistance. I suspect people may find it easier to become involved in a specific issue or topic than to become "institutionalised."

Right now, as I write this in the July (just) sun on my balcony, I reflect on the fact that the next BA Newsletter will be distributed in November. So, make the most of the splendid weather and the next time I am writing this piece, we will all be looking ahead (for good or ill) to Christmas!

David Graves
Chairman, Barbican Association



Barbican YMCA urged to change flawed policy

Certain 'guests' staying at the Barbican YMCA have behaved in a completely unacceptable manner, treating the hostel as if it is a kind of Club 18-30 'lager-lout' destination. The police have acted proactively in managing the problem, and some guests have been expelled. However, the root cause of the problem in my opinion is a flawed admissions policy, which allows groups of volatile young Europeans to stay. This is easy

money for the YMCA which pleads financial problems as a justification, despite the fact the management know that such groups are likely to cause problems. So, those living around the YMCA both in the Barbican and Golden Lane estates are expected to pay the price through sleepless nights and unnecessary stress.

The City Corporation has two members on the management board of the YMCA, one of whom, John Barker, is a member

for the Ward of Cripplegate, which is where the YMCA is situated. I have made John aware of the problems, and would expect the management board to act urgently to cure the root cause of the problems, i.e. the "admissions policy".

The existing treatment – repeated calls to the police to deal with disturbances is not an acceptable remedy. If the YMCA

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Seagull settlers disturb the peace

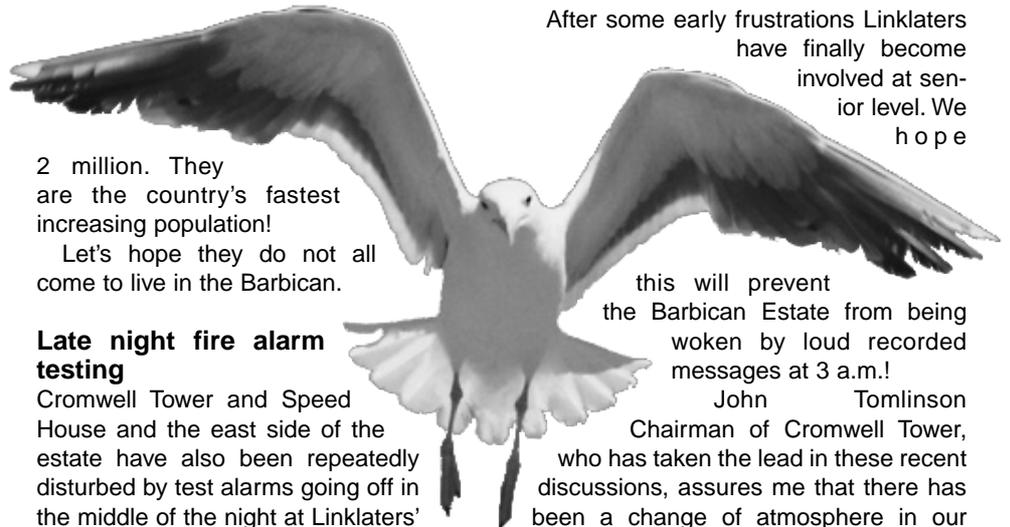
The latest threat to our peace and quiet seems again to be coming from above.

The noise of the geese has not disappeared, it only seems that way, as we can no longer hear them above the screeching of seagulls!

These gulls have now moved permanently inland and scavenge within and around cities and feed off the plentiful supply of leftovers. They also eat our ducklings for lunch!

Now they have reached a critical mass in the Barbican nesting high up around Fore Street and Moor Lane to my certain knowledge. The sound of their calls can be continuous. During this hot weather anyone wanting to leave a window open is woken at anytime throughout the night but especially at about 5 a.m. by the seagulls' blood curdling screeching.

I have asked the Estate Office to consider proposals to stop this from becoming ever more of a problem. Apparently the gull population is currently half a million strong and expected to grow rapidly to



2 million. They are the country's fastest increasing population!

Let's hope they do not all come to live in the Barbican.

Late night fire alarm testing

Cromwell Tower and Speed House and the east side of the estate have also been repeatedly disturbed by test alarms going off in the middle of the night at Linklaters' offices. This has been occurring repeatedly for some time. After many emails of various hues of anger including some of my own The City of London Environmental Health Officers have kindly become involved and they have been active in explaining the law on this to Linklaters one of our top solicitors!

After some early frustrations Linklaters have finally become involved at senior level. We hope

this will prevent the Barbican Estate from being woken by loud recorded messages at 3 a.m.!

John Tomlinson
Chairman of Cromwell Tower, who has taken the lead in these recent discussions, assures me that there has been a change of atmosphere in our favour and that your future night's sleep is now much less likely to be disturbed by Linklaters.

Perhaps their higher management can also help with the seagulls!

Steve Quilter

Lease extension costs become clearer

Interest in the entitlement to extend our leases (which typically have 100 years left to run) continues. In the May BA Newsletter I gave some guidance regarding the cost of the extra 90 years, at roughly £295 per £100,000 value of your flat. The interest rate used in the calculation that produces this result is 6%. The higher the rate, the less the extension costs, and vice versa. It is understood that some important test cases are awaiting decision before the Lands Tribunal, with September the expected date when verdicts will be given. These may affect the interest rate used, and consequently the cost of extensions. I have no idea which way these cases will go.

In addition to the cost of the extra 90 years, applicants also are required to meet the City's (reasonable) costs. For the handful of extensions granted to the spring this year, a flat charge of £350 was made. We had hoped that by designing an efficient streamlined system for processing these applications a reduced charge could be agreed. What actually happened was that we were told that the City Solicitors costs would need to increase to £450 and that the Estate Office would charge an extra £150, making a total of £600. On learning of this, I expressed my disappointment, and became more determined to show that by working co-operatively with the City on this issue we could achieve a much better outcome for all concerned.

I am still optimistic. We have received the new proposals, based on a standardised 'bulk' approach to processing lease extensions. This has somewhat reduced the anticipated legal costs, and we have yet to address the Estate Office's proposed "fee" which we will discuss as part of the package deal. We have sent the paperwork proposed by the City to solicitors for independent advice so we can be confident that the proposals protect residents existing rights and that the rights created by the new lease with the extra 90

years are not onerous. We will examine closely the rationale for the proposed legal costs, which seem to me to give ample scope for further negotiation. I hope (writing this at the end of July) that by the time you read this in August, the advice will have been received. All being well, I hope we will have negotiated a deal on the fees in the autumn, by which time the verdicts in the pending cases should also be available. We should all then be in a position to work out what it will cost to obtain leases with an extra 90 years to run, and decide if and when to submit applications. If the final stage has been reached before the November newsletter is ready (which I hope will be the case) a special bulletin will be circulated.

If you are interested in extending your lease, please let me know, as we will need to assemble an initial batch of applications to demonstrate that the package deal approach works effectively. I should add that the package deal will be entirely optional, so anyone wanting to act entirely through their own adviser will remain free to do so, although the City's costs may in such a case be higher than the package deal costs. Finally, I have been told that any deal that is negotiated will be subject to any external events (such as changes in statute or case law) having an effect upon the appropriateness of the deal.

David Graves

Barbican Music

At the recent AGM, it was reported that the Charity had had another successful year with members attending 45 different events and over 700 tickets provided. As a result it was possible to give £1,000 to the GSMD Bursary Trust -- and this was passed on to Bragi Bergthorson, an Icelandic baritone, who is on the opera course. He also gave a recital for Barbican Music members in St Giles' Church which was greatly appreciated.

If you would like to become a member to attend the LSO concerts—as well as help to support a student at the GSMD—please contact Don Prichard for details (020 7588 6691)

Crossrail & the Barbican Estate - an update

There has been little movement since our letter of May 31 and the public meeting with Crossrail on June 6.

As we explained at the meeting, the BA has submitted a supplementary petition against the additional provisions of the Crossrail Bill and we await a response from Cross London Rail Links (CLRL) which is now expected during the second or third week of August.

Our petition, while addressing a number of outstanding issues, has concentrated on our objections to the worksite in Moor Lane and to the compensation grouting sites proposed within the underground car parks.

We have submitted that the Moor Lane worksite is unnecessary since the works could be effected from the existing worksite in Moorfields and that CLRL do not appear to have considered this option.

While we have objected to any worksites being established within the Estate, the indicative nature of the CLRL proposals



for the compensation grouting sites has made it difficult to lodge any specific objections since the details of such sites will be the responsibility of the main contractor (the nominated undertaker) of the project. However we have submitted that the Bill should require the nominated undertaker to consult with the landlord and tenants of the

Estate and obtain their agreement to the location and operating arrangements which will apply to any such sites.

The Crossrail Select Committee has continued its hearings and has dealt with about 75% of the petitions that were originally lodged against the Bill. As a result of Parliament's summer recess, the Select Committee hearings will now resume in the autumn. We will not be scheduled to present our evidence until we have seen the CLRL response to our supplementary petition.

We understand that CLRL will be publishing a third set of "additional provisions" in the near future and we will have to study these when published to see if they raise any new concerns - or hopefully address any of our outstanding issues. However the summer recess means that there is unlikely to be any real movement until October.

We will continue to keep you informed of progress

Richard J D Morrison

Security matters

In the last issue of this newsletter, I advised everybody of the then forthcoming departure date for James Hart as Commissioner of the City of London Police Force. James retired from the force on Friday 23 June 2006 having served us superbly well. He will be missed but I'm sure that you will join with me in wishing him all the best for his 'new life'.

We are extremely fortunate to have another fine officer who was "waiting in the wings" as it were, having served under James as Assistant Commissioner and then Acting Commissioner. That officer is Mike Bowron who is now our Commissioner of the City of London Police Force.

I asked Mike if he would like to prepare a piece for Barbican residents and his response is as follows.

David Bradshaw C.C. (*Chairman, Barbican Estate Security Committee*)

"I would like to introduce myself to Barbican residents as the new Commissioner for the City of London Police.

When Dr James Hart stepped down as Commissioner in June, he left a fantastic legacy: crime figures reduced for the fourth year running; significant success in our role as the lead force for economic crime investigation in London and the South East; and a proud tradition of developing a community-minded approach to counter terrorism.

Having been at City of London Police in the role of Assistant Commissioner since 2002, I am proud to have been able to

contribute towards that legacy.

I am now committed to building upon and developing these significant achievements, so that all residents can continue to enjoy the benefits of living in one of the safest - and most pleasant - square miles in the country.

My vision is a force that prides itself on high visibility policing. City of London Police is already renowned for its system of ward policing, in which each of the City's 25 wards has its own, dedicated

policing team - I hope you are already familiar with your ward policing team, led by Sgt Tim Dixon. I intend to strengthen this further, by making neighbourhood policing an integral part of our policing style and ensuring that, wherever you are in the City, you will see friendly, approachable officers who are actively working to maintain a safe and secure environment in which to live, work and travel.

We will continue to police the community with a combination of police officers and community support officers, so that we can provide maximum visibility and coverage of our unique community. Police Community Support Officers or PCSOs were first introduced in the City last year, when we initially employed 14 individuals to act as the 'eyes and ears of the force', providing intelligence to officers and a reassuring presence to the public. They appear to have been welcomed by the public and officers alike, and we shall be increasing their numbers to 52 during the coming year.

It is vital that we keep in touch with residents and that we work to address your concerns and issues whenever we can. If you have any comments or questions about the Force, please feel free to raise them with your ward policing team. It is only by helping us to understand the community's priorities that we can continue to provide an effective and responsive police service.

My very best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer"

Mike Bowron

Commissioner for the City of London Police

Useful website and contact numbers:-

More information about the Force and advice on security matters can be found on the website:

www.cityoflondon.police.uk

Barbican Police Office
020 7601 2456

PC Dave Whitbread's mobile
(non emergency calls) **07921 095346**

Snowhill Police Station - Front Desk
020 7601 2406

General COLP switchboard
020 7601 2222

Emergencies (landline) **999**

Emergencies (mobile) **112**

Anti-Terrorist Hotline
0800 789 321

Have you joined the City Parents Group yet?

The City Parents Group now have a new Chairman, Nicola Baker, and are looking to recruit as many members as possible. You are eligible for free membership if you live in the City and have or are responsible for any children aged 18 and under or are expecting or trying for a child -- grandparents are also welcome.

The City Parents Group (CPG) is a non-profit organisation who campaign for rights and resources for all parents living inside the City of London. They are currently compiling a database of all support available to parents both within and around the City, so if you have a group or activity you wish to share then they would love to hear from you.

So far the CPG has:

- organised meetings with council representatives for children;
- responded to the Draft Children's Plan and suggested a number of initiatives;
- met with managers from Family Learning and the City to discuss suitable venues and play provision;
- met with managers from the City and Hackney Primary Care Trust responsible

for health visitors within the City to outline our concerns and try to improve local services;

■ provided representatives to sit on the Children's and Young People's Strategic Partnership and the CityTogether Inclusive and Outward Looking City sub-group.

More help is needed. The Committee is looking for a Secretary and a Membership Secretary as well as people to take the lead on certain issues or to be the contact person for each of the residential estates in the City.

Whether you want to volunteer in any way, send us details of activities, complain about lack of provision or find out where to go for information, the City Parents Group are here to help. Call them on 08000 196853 or email them at city.parents.group@googlemail.com and leave details of your email address and/or phone number.

The contact phone number has been donated by Positive Results Nanny Consultancy, a parenting advice and workshop provision company based in the City.

Barbican Book Group

The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. in members' flats to discuss, over refreshments, the book we have read (or not, according to taste!) We have about 20 members but would always welcome more as holidays or sickness often reduce that number. We were delighted to see 3-4 new members recently.

Since we have been going for just over four years we have read a variety of new and classic novels, as well as biographies. Naturally we look out for Booker prize winners – as soon as they are published in paperback. Recently we have read "The Birth of Venus" (Renaissance Florence), "The Shadow of the Wind" (Franco's Spain) and "The Surgeon of Crowthorne" (Oxford English Dictionary) We will not be meeting in August, our next date being September 19th.

Anyone interested please contact Valerie Wise 020 7628 3701 or v.wise@btinternet.com



Barbican Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club is the oldest club in the Barbican having been formed originally as the Daytime Club over 30 years ago. The club is open to all residents, not just ladies – we have several male members – and meets every Tuesday at 3 p.m. We are at present in temporary accommodation at the rear of Milton Court Technical Services meeting room.

All the events scheduled below are in conjunction with the Forum for Older People in the City of London.

The club will be closed during August, reopening on Tuesday 5th September.

- Tuesday 5th September: Ivy sharp talking about "Taking on men at their own game"
- Tuesday 12th September: Deborah Bradfield from the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre talking about the work there
- Tuesday 17th October: AGM of The Tuesday Club
- Tuesday 24th October: AGM of the Forum for Older People
- Date in November to be announced: visit to Wood Street Police Station
- Date to be announced: talk by Alderman Sir Gavyn Arthur
- Tuesday 5th December: Christmas Party and club closes until new year
- Tuesday 12th December: Christmas Lunch at YMCA Fann Street
- Date on a Sunday in December to be announced: Tuesday Club and the Forum for Older People to attend annual Christmas lunch party given by Merrill Lynch

Tea rota

September: 5th Mrs Buck, **12th** Mrs Crawford, **19th** Mrs Crisp, **26th** Mrs Coburn
October: 3rd Mr Fisher, **10th** Mrs Giles, **17th** Mrs Harris, **24th** Mrs Leck, **31st** Mrs McClare
November: 7th Ms Wright, **14th** Mrs Ballard, **21st** Mrs Breadmore, **28th** Mrs Bradley
December: 5th the committee, **12th** Christmas lunch at the YMCA

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

Left: The Tuesday Club had a very successful visit and interesting outing to Knebworth House, the Hertfordshire home of the Lytton Family since Elizabethan times, when one of the family was the Governor of the Bank of England, which made it all the more interesting to us city dwellers. The photo shows members at Knebworth.



**THE RECOGNISED ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF
BARBICAN RESIDENTS**

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Membership fee £5 if paying by standing order (see form printed below). £7 if paying by cheque: For addresses outside the Barbican add £3 for UK, £6 for Europe, £9 for rest of world to cover postage.

Membership cards: Membership cards are printed in batches either monthly or bi-monthly depending on the print run required

We would prefer you to pay by standing order. It saves our volunteers much time. Please complete the attached form. Alternatively send a cheque payable to 'Barbican Association' with your address on the back.

Please return this form to

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

The Barbican Association keeps a database of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e mail addresses of Association Members. Information from the database is used by our General Council and Affiliated House Groups for maintaining and increasing membership, distributing our publications, managing and reporting on our finances and accounts, and carrying out other objects of the Association. We also disclose information about our membership to the Corporation of London (including the Barbican Estate Office) in order to maintain their recognition of the Association. By becoming a member of the Association, you consent to the use of your information for these purposes.

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Bank	Branch Title	Sorting Code Number
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For the credit of:

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

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	£	£		1 January annually

Date of last payment

Until further notice in writing or and debit my/our account annually

Name of account to be debited	Sort Code	Account Number

This replaces my/our previous standing order for the transfer of £ to the same account (cross out if not applicable)

Name(s)	Signature
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BARBICAN ASSOCIATION DISCOUNT SCHEME

The Barbican Association has negotiated the following discounts with the suppliers below. You may need to present your BA Membership Card to take advantage of these.

The scheme members offer discounts or incentives to Barbican Association members to buy their products or utilise their services and are publicised in each issue of Barbican Life Magazine, on the www.barbicanlife.com website and in this quarterly newsletter. Contact Lawrence Williams on 07711 066198 – or by email at barbicanlife@gmail.com – for further information.

CURRENT SCHEME MEMBERS

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whitening and revolutionary healOzone treatment. Ground Floor, 80-83 Long Lane, London EC1A 9ET. Phone: 020 7600 4147. Contact Nikki Skews

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

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

RESTAURANTS/BARSESTUARANTS/BARS

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

Issus Turkish Cafe Grill and Meze Bar: 10% off food and drink after 3pm. 117 Charterhouse Street. Open Monday to Thursday 12 noon to 3pm and 6pm to 11 pm, Friday 12noon to 3pm and 6pm - 2 am, Saturday 6pm to 2 am. Closed Sunday. Contact David on 020 7253 2070 for reservations

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

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.

Rudland & Stubbs: Fish restaurant. 10% discount for BA members who book and indicate membership at the time of booking and present BA membership card at restaurant. For reservations call 7253 0148. 35-37 Greenhill Rents, off Cowcross Street, EC1

Vinoteca Bar & Wine Shop: 5% off all wines purchased from our Wine Shop on production of BA membership card. Free delivery of 12 bottles or more to Barbican. Wine Shop open 11am to 11pm, Monday to Saturday. Vinoteca - 7 St John St, London EC1M 4AA, tel 020 7253 8786.

SERVICES

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

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ment. I urge you to express your concerns about the destruction of Milton Court to Elaine Pearce of DCMS at elaine.pearce@culture.gsi.gov.uk

**Susan Hosking
Willoughby House**

Dear Editor,

I wonder if other residents are suffering from the effects of mosquito bites this summer? My own experience is that I have lived in Cromwell Tower since 1983 without even thinking about the wretched things - that is until last summer, when I suffered very badly.

This summer is exactly the same; my arms and legs are covered in unsightly, incredibly itchy lumps. I sleep with doors to the balcony open and wearing, er, very little so perhaps some will say that it is my own fault. Nevertheless, I blame the so-called experts who have spent our money on changes to the lake which benefit, seemingly, no-one.

Anyone who has spent any time in the Far East would know that mosquitoes 'sit' on the surface of water and what keeps the population down is a shoal of hungry fish which comes to the surface from time to time and eats them up.

Surely, twenty one trouble-free years and two bad years cannot be a coincidence? Am I the only one in the Barbican to suffer in this way?

**Robin Boyle
171 Cromwell Tower**

Letters.....

Dear Fellow Residents,

I write in response to David Graves comments about Milton Court [in the last edition of the newsletter]. All residents should be thinking about what implications this matter has on their environment - and on architectural history.

I have recently purchased an apartment in the Barbican - one of the new generation of inhabitants, we were attracted to the estate because of its architectural significance.

I was horrified to hear that Milton Court is not already listed, not due to be listed and worse, in danger of being torn down. To do this would be a travesty. Milton Court is an integral part of the original design of the estate by Chamberlin Powell and Bon. In fact, it was the first building on the estate to be built. The same attention to detail evident in the other buildings (in fact, arguably more) is present in this block.

It baffles me how Milton Court has not received listing - it is at the very least of equal significance to the other blocks that together form the architectural gem that is the Barbican. Powell's widow wrote that Milton Court was Powell's favourite building in the Barbican - how sad he'd be.

To tear it down 'because it's ugly' is outrageous. The whole Barbican is deemed 'ugly' by many people. That's its beauty - it is so remark-

ably different it divides people. The Barbican stands as a globally recognised example of modern architecture. It stands as this as a collection of buildings designed together. Milton Court is very clearly a part of the overall sum that is the Barbican. If there is any doubt about this, one needs only to look at its name. Milton Court - named after John Milton. Like the names of other blocks in the Barbican, this name was chosen because of the local significance of the individual, further emphasised by the fact that (like some of the other blocks' namesakes) his body lies in St Giles Without Cripplegate - in the middle of the Barbican. He clearly holds a place in the Barbican, so surely would the building named after him.

To not list Milton Court is to rob the Barbican of a significant part of its identity - and therefore to destroy an architectural masterpiece. I understand that the building needs to find a new usage given the departure of the service industries housed inside it, however I think these should be introduced within listed building guidelines. That way we can ensure that the integrity of the Milton Court building is kept and therefore the Barbican not irrevocably damaged.

Please think about this carefully - we are devaluing our precious and special environ-

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continued from page 3 cannot generate a viable business plan and cannot (or will not) control its guests it should not be allowed to operate from its current building, which could be put to alternative (benign) uses. Ironically, the City's website refers to the Barbican YMCA as long term accommodation which is often fully booked, suggesting that the 'lager lout' types may be pushing out people who should be more deserving of the low cost accommodation available.

David Graves

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