



Barbican Association NEWSLETTER

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Crossrail saga over for now

Since the publication of the Crossrail Bill in February 2005, followed by two public meetings, numerous meetings of the volunteers on the Barbican Association Crossrail Committee, two petitions to Parliament, two aborted appearances and one actual appearance before the House of Commons Select Committee and countless letters and emails, we can finally bundle up all the Crossrail papers and consign them to the archive - until that point when the government commits sufficient funding for the construction to begin.

In our last newsletter we reported on our aborted Select Committee appearance in October and outlined some of our remaining concerns. We finally had our opportunity to give evidence to the Select Committee on 17th January - the day after Crossrail had asked the committee to remove all references to the Crossover from the Bill.

As a result, there will be no crossover cavern under the Barbican Estate - neither in the original location under Defoe House, nor in the alternative location under the upper lake and Gilbert House. There will be no worksite on the Beech St/Aldersgate St Junction. There will be no worksite in Moor Lane and no grouting worksites in the car parks under Andrews and Willoughby.

The main tunnels will still run under the Estate as originally proposed but there is unlikely to be any disturbance caused by the tunnel boring machines as they pass beneath us. Once the railway is operating normally, the floating slab track and other arrangements, required to protect the environment

of the Barbican Concert Hall, should ensure that we do not suffer any disturbance from the Crossrail trains. We did not manage to get a specific undertaking to extend these arrangements across the entire estate but we are asking the City of London Corporation to pursue this on our behalf.

The withdrawal of the Crossover proposal also reduces significantly any risk to our homes due to settlement which could result from the tunneling and other underground works. After further discussion with Crossrail, we are satisfied that the settlement monitoring and management arrangements will provide adequate protection for our homes.

Of course the construction of the Crossrail tunnels and stations will still have an effect on our local environment - there will still be a major worksite in Finsbury Circus for the construction of the Liverpool St Station and at Smithfield for the construction of the new Farringdon Station. There will also be smaller sites in Moorfields, Fore St Avenue, Long Lane and Carthusian St for utility diversion works etc. However the resulting new railway - once operational - should make travel in and out of the City much easier for us all.

In closing I would like to thank all those from across the Estate who worked so hard on our behalf. I would like to offer particular thanks to Joe Weiss - the City's Director of Strategic Transportation - who supported us in many ways behind the scenes, and of course to David Graves - the BA Chairman - who was involved in almost every step of the process. **Richard Morrison**



Artists impression of Crossrail train

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Mountjoy House*	Richard Gaskell	402 Mountjoy House	7628 3068
Seddon House*	Jane Smith	307 Seddon House	7628 9132
Shakespeare Tower*	Alison Gowman	382 Shakespeare Tower	7628 6067
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Reason to be cheerful – Part 2

Since this is the last Newsletter before the Association's AGM (19 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Girls' School) this piece lends itself to a 'state of the Estate' treatment. At last year's AGM I took as my theme 'Reasons to be Cheerful' based around some favourable developments in and around the Estate, such as approval for the funding to secure Bart's Hospital against closure and the arrival of Waitrose on our doorstep.

Crossrail

There were naturally challenges to cope with at the time, not least the Crossrail scheme. The original plan would have had a very damaging effect on residents in the vicinity and the revised scheme would have had a rather less damaging effect. The damaging effects (noise and other construction related matters) largely related to the construction of a crossover cavern under the Barbican.

It now turns out that no crossover is required, and Crossrail have confirmed the crossover is no longer part of their plans. This is excellent news as the construction impacts on the Estate are now likely to be limited to some traffic disruption due to works affecting some of the local roads. How the tracks can be operated safely without a crossover cavern is another matter, but Crossrail has formally confirmed to the Select Committee that it wishes to remove the crossover cavern from the Bill before Parliament. This represents a major benefit to all residents, as I have never doubted that once operational the scheme would be of real value to us, but now, assuming the scheme is actually built, we will be in line to enjoy the benefits without nearly all of the burdens we might have suffered.

My thanks go to Richard Morrison for guiding us through this to such a successful conclusion.

Supervision & Management

Since the last Newsletter, there have been some very significant developments in this area. It is a little too early to give details, but all being well a full report can be made at the AGM and in the May Newsletter.

Lease Extensions

If all goes to plan, the Guide to Lease Extensions will be ready for distribution this month. I hope it is another reflection of the value provided by the BA. The guide will go to everyone on the Estate, not just to BA members, so there will be no 'discrimination' in terms of the special arrangements we have negotiated for residents. My thanks go to those letting me know of their interest in the scheme, and for their patience over the longer than expected gestation period, and also to the City for its assistance in setting up the scheme.

Membership

I would like to say something briefly about our membership figures. We have just begun a new membership year, so we are still early on in the membership cycle, but at the end of last year there were 1,213 members of the BA and as at the end of January 1,061 members have already rejoined.

You might think this is just of interest to BA 'anoraks' and perhaps it is, but I look at the level of membership as to a degree a comment on how useful you believe the BA to be. Clearly at £5 per year by standing order, or £7 by cheque, money should not present a barrier to membership for anyone, and we are in no sense 'political', so membership carries no baggage in terms of agendas and we have no 'party lines' on issues. One thing I have learned as a resident (not particularly as BA Chairman) is that there are very few

issues, if any, about which residents have unanimous views. I am very conscious, as Chairman, that I need to be aware of and to reflect many strands of opinion, while trying to blend them into a coherent description of what residents want. That may not always be possible, but I will continue to do my best.

I mention this in part because someone asked (anonymously) to know the 2006 membership numbers, and how we intended to secure improvements for 2007, saying that discount schemes are not really a very interesting incentive. I would not dismiss the discounts so lightly, bearing in mind the (I think) true story of the member whose discount for dental treatment was sufficient to cover their membership fees for many years to come. However, I think I understand what the questioner was getting at. We exist as a Residents' Association to look after the interests of residents and to be their voice across a wide range of issues. Part of the reason, indeed the primary reason, for joining the BA is to express confidence in our ability to support the views of Barbican residents across the broad spectrum of issues we deal with. It may be the position we take on an issue is not the same as your position, but we do not have the luxury of being a single issue group, but are, I hope, a broad coalition. In other words, not everything we do will please all the members all the time. To achieve that would not be possible anyway, given the diversity of views.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this year at the AGM.

David Graves



Motor enthusiasts make a racket

You could not make this up if you had to!! On a recent Sunday morning I was kept awake at 6 a.m. by the sound of powerful cars revving their engines and powering around our homes in a low gear. Apparently there is a club with members who arrange such events and it is called Tunneling! I find this all very strange because at 6 a.m. on a Sunday morning I like to be in the land of nod like the rest of us Barbican model-citizens.

The Tunnel Club members deliberately go through the Beech Street tunnel in first



Beech Street tunnel. Photo by Gordon Griffiths

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Milton Court planning application submitted

The Planning Application for Milton Court was deposited with the City of London in mid-December and the Barbican Association was officially informed of this on 16th January. This sets in motion the official period of formal consultation and objections to the proposed development can now be made by writing to the Chief Planning Officer. The Speed House Group has already notified the City that the official period of 21 days for objections will have to be extended in order to provide sufficient time to study the application.

A set of the documents (weighing almost 30 pounds) was supplied for use of the Working Party and the Speed/Willoughby House Groups. These are being studied in detail in order to identify the concerns of residents in areas such as: loss of light to a number of flats, the reduced width/narrowing of the road adjacent to the development, the street scene provisions etc. The concerns were raised with the architect (David Walker) and the developers (Heron) at a meeting on 31 January. There will be a further public exhibition of the proposals on 8 March.

The documents supplied included photographs from various points in and around the Barbican showing the present situation and the predicted changes anticipated. These show that, if planning permission is granted, the tower above the GSMD will be somewhat higher than City Point and be visible from most parts of the Estate.

It is anticipated that the Milton Court application will be considered by the Planning and Transportation Committee at the May or June Meeting.

As the work on the north side of the Guildhall approaches completion in the



View of proposed Tower from Andrewes House Podium, West End, by kind permission of David Walker Architects

not too distant future, another significant project is expected to reawaken. This is the redevelopment of the St Alphege House site which will affect the Barbican, especially Willoughby and Andrewes Houses. As with Milton Court, it is expected that a working party will be organised for preliminary consultations with the developers. At the end of 2002, a submission was made to the City, with respect to this site; this outlined the concerns of residents, and provides a base for the discussions.

Recently, the extant planning permission on 21 Moorfields was extended for a further period of three years. The normal

period granted is five years and the shorter period indicates to the developers that the City expects some action to implement the project. **Don Pritchard**

Not the only gay...

Having clocked that I was not, in fact, the only gay man living in the Barbican, I was beginning to wonder if I was missing out on a social whirlwind of neighbourly gay dinner parties and other frivolous excitements.

And it turns out I was. Or sort of was.

It wasn't even my fault. A mysterious and, to be honest, slightly dubious posting by another resident on the Barbicantalk website about gay people on the Estate had been generating some comment from other residents. I think most of us didn't really like the tone of the original emails.

I decided that I could either get very involved in an online discussion about gay people in the Barbican or (and this seemed mightily more interesting) I could use *Barbicantalk* to actually get to know my gay (and not so gay) neighbours.

A healthy number of other people on the site, including our charming local boys in blue, thought this seemed like a perfectly sensible thing to do, which was all the support I needed to set up the first Gathering for Gay & Lesbian Residents (and their friends, of course) at the Wood St. Bar. I say 'set up' but what I really mean is that I popped down to the bar, booked a bit of the room and stuck a cheery note on *barbicantalk*, saying I'd be quite lonely on the night if no-one else turned up.

Which might explain why, several drinks later, I think we lost count of how many people actually did turn up on the night. Five of

Motor enthusiasts make a racket

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gear to make the most noise! The participants enjoy the echo and sounds that their tuned up super cars make and the tunnel amplifies this. I hear them as they cruise London Wall in first gear and at very high revs with the noise bouncing off the tall glass buildings waiting their turn to complete their loop and go back through Beech Street tunnel. They repeat this circuit until most of us are awake.

This all sounds (no pun intended) harmless and good-natured until you cannot sleep. Could we suggest they use the Dartford tunnel?

The City cameras will have noted every number plate of these cars and perhaps a few warning letters will save our Sunday mornings?

Help is now on the way. I was able to

Speak directly to our new Police Commissioner Mike Bowron on behalf of residents, like myself, who want to sleep beyond 6 a.m. on a Sunday morning. He was immediately sympathetic to our plight and had been briefed on the incident earlier the same day. He assured me that this is now under his watch and, without revealing his exact plans, a warm City of London Police welcome will be available to all Tunnelers in the future.

Any idea of a Barbican car club that would hire noisy tractors and start them outside the homes of the Tunnelers also at 5 a.m. or 6 a.m. on any given Sunday is to be discouraged.

Steve Quilter C.C.

Chairman

BA Environmental Committee

Security Matters

I am delighted to be able to report that Mike Bowron, formerly Assistant Commissioner and, since the retirement of James Hart in June 2006, the Temporary Commissioner, was appointed by the Court of Common Council on January 11 to the rank of Commissioner of Police for the City of London.

The decision means that Commissioner Bowron, in addition to looking after the welfare of City residents, City businesses and visitors to the City, he will also be responsible for the country's leading force in economic crime. He will be overseeing the Force's specialist crime investigations; many of which have national significance.

Under the City of London Police Act of 1839, the appointment of Commissioner is subject to Royal Assent and the new Commissioner must then take an oath before the Lord Chief Justice. Once those matters have been dealt with, the date on which Mike assumes office can be determined.

Mike, who has a BA Honours Degree in Sociology, was appointed as Assistant commissioner in 2002, having started his police service in Sussex after having spent time working in the City in the Lloyds Insurance market.

His police career has included a period of secondment to the Metropolitan Police

our local coppers were there for good measure and a good 25 or so residents came and went through the evening. And I have to say, they were all terribly good looking. And intelligent. And rich too. Obviously.

Oh, alright then. Actually, it was just a bunch of very convivial residents from the Barbican, some (shall I say it again?) very charming chaps from the local police office and a handful of our predecessors from Golden Lane (they like to boast about how Chamberlin, Powell and Bon built their estate first, don't they?).

And what's more, it turns out that we weren't the first: Had we been kicking around in the Barbican in the 1970s, we could have sung drinking songs with the Barbican Mollies of old. And, I suspect, judging by the charming cheekiness of those Mollies who came along on the night, we might have been causing far more mischief back in those days than we got up to in the Wood St Bar in January.

Which means, of course, that we shall have to meet again and see if this can all be rectified. I'm sure we can think of something.

The next scheduled second LGBT (and Friends) Barbican (and Golden Lane) Residents' Gathering (to give it its official and overtly complicated name) on Feb. 13 is before this newsletter comes out, but who knows, if the second Gathering is just as successful, I hope we'll be looking to make this a more permanent fixture in the Barbican social calendar.

Danny Williams



Commissioner Mike Bowron

and time with Kent Constabulary when he was promoted to Assistant Chief constable.

During his time in Kent, he spent six months as British Government Police Adviser to the British Embassy in Jakarta where he was responsible for carrying out a total review of policing in Indonesia. He has played an active part in the work of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), having been national spokesman on media matters, and was active in relation to terrorism and allied matters.

He is currently the lead Officer for ACPO in respect of Economic Crime and is the national lead officer for Business continuity.

Following Mike's appointment by the Court of Common Council, I asked him if he would like to contribute to this newsletter – his response is as follows:-

"I am delighted to have been confirmed as Commissioner of The City of London Police subject to royal assent. I have thoroughly enjoyed my last four years as Assistant Commissioner, and more lately as Temporary Commissioner and look forward to the challenges that my new position will present.

As you may know I have a keen interest in every aspect of policing. The City of London Police concentrates on four key priorities: economic crime investigation, counter-terrorism, public order and community policing. I believe community policing is at the heart of everything we do. I am reliant on your support as residents of the City of London to ensure that my officers continue to deliver the highest standards of service.

The Barbican is one of the safest places to live in the capital. Snow Hill officers provide a good service to the estate and try to respond to the needs of Barbican residents, as illustrated recently with the increase of evening patrols within

the estate. In fact, I enjoy patrolling the Barbican myself, occasionally on foot, and you may even see me practicing my sprints on the high walk in my bright yellow running jacket!

I am as concerned as City residents are about quality of life and general nuisance issues. I get annoyed when I see cyclists on the footpath or running red lights. I personally challenge skateboarders whom I come across in the City, but my worst bugbear is motorists using mobile phones while driving. This is both stupid and dangerous. In fact, as a service, we have prosecuted over 1,800 persons in 2006 for using a mobile phone while driving. I am also pleased to report that we prosecuted over 1,200 cyclists for contravening red traffic lights.

I am very keen to develop and enhance our already well-established ward policing system. We are currently recruiting additional Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and they will be assigned to work within individual wards, working in small teams with their police colleagues to reassure and protect the community. As I have previously mentioned, policing requires your support, it is a two way process. If you see me, any of my officers or PCSOs patrolling your community, introduce yourself as a resident, voice your thoughts and concerns or just have a chat. Alternatively pop into the Barbican Police office where my officers will be pleased to meet you and discuss any issues you may have."

David Bradshaw C.C.

Chairman, *Barbican Estate Security Committee*

Useful contact numbers

Barbican Police Office **020 7601 2456**

Snowhill Police Station – Front Desk

020 7601 2406

General COLP switchboard

(skateboarding) **020 7601 2222**

PC Dave Whitbread's mobile

(non emergency calls) **07921 095346**

Emergencies (landline) **999**

Emergencies (mobile) **112**

Anti-Terrorist Hotline **0800 789 321**

Barbican Horticultural Society

2007 kicked off with the AGM and 'New Year Italian Feast' on 18th January. The diary for the first half of the year has the following events.

On 21st February there is a visit to the National Gallery with a rare opportunity to enjoy a specially chosen guided tour by a National Gallery art historian showing us the floral contents of works painted between 1500s and the 1900s.

The Spring Competition will be held on 28th March and will include the usual categories of window boxes, roof gardens, terraces, along with two new categories, for 'First Timers' and 'Children'. Unlike the Summer Competition, the Spring Competition is open to all residents, not just members of Barbican Horticultural Society. Further information can be obtained from William Howard on 020 7256 6392 or wahoward@clara.co.uk.

On 12th April there is a visit to Red House and Danson House and Park. This is a great opportunity to visit the Red House which is only possible as part of an official guided tour. This is the house which William Morris built for himself in 1859 and is in red brick, in Gothic style with a garden to complement the house, all acquired by the National Trust in 2003. Danson House is described as a 'Palladian gem' and is set in parkland designed by Capability Brown. Danson House, built in 1766, the design of Robert Taylor, architect of the Bank of England, has recently been restored and won an award from the Georgian Group in 2004. We will travel by train from London Bridge to Bexleyheath.

Last May, Sandra Lea, a City of London Guide, led a very interesting walk round some of the City's gardens, starting with the gardens in Bunyan Court. Despite the extremely windy evening, the planned tour of one hour stretched to three hours, such was the enthusiasm and interest in each of the gardens. On 18th May in the evening, Sandra will be leading another walk and the plan is to explore some of the City gardens towards the east of the City. Also in May one of our members will be hosting an 'at cost' plant sale where, as last year,

she will take orders from members. There will be a great choice of plants bought from Crews Hill nurseries.

Fenton House and Garden is the destination of the visit on 7th June. Fenton House is a handsome seventeenth century merchant's house in Windmill Hill, Hampstead, and is a National Trust property. We will have a talk introducing us to the house and the specialist collection of early keyboard instruments, followed by a tour. Afterwards, a fifteen minute walk will take us down to 2 Willow Road, the house designed by Modernist architect, Erno Goldfinger (of Trellick tower fame). As well as the house and its furniture, also designed by Goldfinger, there are works by Max Ernst, Bridget Riley and Henry Moore. A special bonus is that this is the day on which Fenton House is holding a reception in its walled gardens, at 6.30 p.m. for the National Gardens Society. It will be possible to spend a little time in Hampstead and then attend the reception, with wine, in aid of the National Gardens Society.

Other events for the rest of the year are in the planning stages. For membership of Barbican Horticultural Society, please contact the Member Secretary, Angela Simons, on 020 7638 3845 or a.simons@clara.net.

Fiona Savory

Bunyan Garden



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

Please note that at present we are in temporary accommodation at the rear of Milton Court Technical Services meeting room. We will let you know when this changes.

Tea rota

February: 6th Mrs Coburn,
13th Mrs Crisp,
20th David Fisher,
27th Mrs Giles
March: 6th Mrs Leck,
13th Miss Wright,
20th Mrs Ballard,
27th Mrs Bradley
April: 3rd Mrs Crawford

No meeting on 10th April because of Easter.

Next meeting 17th April.

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



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

2007 MEMBERSHIP

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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

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

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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.

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HEALTH

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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. Appointments – phone 0870 246 1460. Fax: 0870 246 1641 Email: info@hermeshealth.co.uk. Web: www.hermeshealth.co.uk

RESTAURANTS/BARS

Barbican Jazz Lounge 10% off food and drink after 3pm. 117 Charterhouse Street. Open Monday to Thursday 12 noon to 3pm and 6 pm 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

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. 1Ropemaker Street (in City Point complex). For reservations call 0870 850 8975. Website: www.thecuban.co.uk

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 11pm. 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

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