



# Barbican Association **NEWSLETTER**

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## St Alphage Tower **L o o m s**

A total of 950,000 square feet is a lot of space to enclose within a building, but that is the plan for the new building on the St Alphage and telephone exchange site. The Broadgate Tower offers 822,000 sq ft and the Gherkin tower 516,000 sq ft. While there is much to be said for redeveloping the site, the scale of what is proposed is truly massive. From the small model resident representatives have seen, the form is a "groundscaper". Imagine an aircraft hangar building (but bigger) with a tower in one corner nearly as high as City Point. The planning submission is expected for April.

In nine months of discussion, resident representatives have stressed two clear priorities: the bulk and mass and retaining the Highwalk across London Wall. Bulk and mass is still "a work

in progress"; the figure of 950,000 sq ft an estimate. Consequently, no images have yet been presented to show how big the building will be, and how existing views and sightlines will be affected. This is the elephant in the room. It has just been announced that the preferred plan will dispense with Highwalk access across London Wall because JP Morgan, for whom the building is being designed, considers it to be a security threat. Instead there will be a pelican crossing.

Proposals for the separate West building (at the Wood St/London Wall junction) appear to be closer to the drawing board than those for the main building.

It is not anticipated that the developer will state that the plans were developed "in consultation with Barbican residents".



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# To Oppose or Not to Oppose: Part 2

**M**y piece for the August 2007 Newsletter posed the question "To Oppose or Not to Oppose" and replied, effectively, "Sometimes, yes".

The context in which the question arose was the current torrent of planning applications, from the enormous St Alphage scheme to the Cromwell Tower "void" proposal which has recently joined the queue of pending or decided applications.

The redevelopment of some buildings is not just inevitable, it is also desirable. You may, like me, have heard the argument that 'if you don't like large commercial buildings, you shouldn't live in the middle of a City'. A fair point, but only



*St Alphage House*

so far as it goes. I suspect that those who deploy this argument are not proposing that all plans for commercial development should automatically be accepted as necessary or desirable. What we are really discussing is what is reasonable, and needless to say what is reasonable to a developer is not likely to be reasonable to local residents, and especially not so in the middle of a City that has over 2,000 homes in an Estate 'cheek by jowl' with large commercial buildings. Would it be right for the residential interest to be completely trammelled by the needs of commerce?

Restrictions on change are what the planning system is there to deal with. There are real difficulties in the City (or a city) context of marrying the interests involved. Resolving such issues should not be a case of one "interest" riding roughshod over the other. The BA has presented a proposal for a way forward which, if accepted, may reduce the scope for planning issues to become a recurring source of acrimony. The document is on the BA website: [www.barbicanassociation.com](http://www.barbicanassociation.com) and the key portions are set out in this Newsletter.

Whatever may become of the BA paper on a way forward for planning policy, the grant of

planning permission need not necessarily be the end of the story. A Local Authority is a unit of devolved democracy, it is you, me, and all the other voters. Of course, Local Authorities have a vast range of Statutory duties and obligations that are owed to a broad range of sections of society, stakeholders and interest groups, but uniquely for a Local Authority, the franchise in the City as a whole is dominated numerically by business interests. Does this mean that, as 'mere' residents, we are disenfranchised? If the City's business interests decide that a scheme like the St Alphage proposal is necessary, is there any political restraint against developing the site to the full extent that the planning system will allow, whatever the majority of the adjacent residents may feel about the development and the effect it has on their investment in the City?

This point is important and relevant because the City owns the site the current St Alphage building stands on and the associated podium space, and appears confident of acquiring control of the neighbouring telephone exchange site, which is necessary if the current St Alphage plan is to work. Politically, the City has a vast range of options for the site, and perhaps residents are just unlucky that the



*Cromwell Tower*

option we face arose when it did. The political choice made has removed other options and choices which could have been made, and which could have been far more sympathetic, in every sense, to the Barbican and its residents. The City might have offered a proposal for the site that would have met with universal acclaim and endorsement, from business and from residents. What we now face is the measure of the lost opportunity.

Turning from a rather serious subject, to one which may be even more serious, namely climate change, I was rather disappointed that

## CHAIR'S CORNER

there was so little response to the feature on environmental issues in the November Newsletter. Granted, when people are approving, they tend to say little, and typically it is when people are upset that emails fly and the phone rings, although fortunately I seem to have missed out on that experience. Awareness of environmental issues is clearly not lacking here on the Barbican as recycling has, for example, continued to increase. Nevertheless, there is still much to learn. I learned late last year that paper bags are a bad thing in landfill sites (I had thought they were good because they are bio-degradable). In fact, precisely because they do degrade, methane (a much more destructive gas than carbon dioxide in terms of climate change) is released back into the atmosphere. However, what really counts is for everyone to assess how they can make a difference, however small, towards safeguarding our future and that of our children and grandchildren.

To show I can mix environmental issues with paper bags and good old Barbican gripes, here's my gripe. It is to leave my flat in the morning and to look down the corridor (fortunately I do not have to walk along it as I am at one end) to see the black bags and other debris awaiting collection. It is worse than unsightly, but it is just a momentary eyesore and soon forgotten. Unfortunately, what is not so quickly removed by the cleaner is the dark possibly greasy stain left in the carpet by some substance dripping or oozing out of the bag. I can understand people not wishing to use the specially designed cupboard with current concerns over security, but using leaky bags is not a good idea, especially not supermarket bags which are deliberately given holes to reduce the risk of suffocation. Gripe over.

Finally, please note this is the last Newsletter before the AGM, which will be on Thursday, 10 April at the Girls School, commencing at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). This is your chance to meet the BA's Officers and pose questions, as well as to meet other residents. As always, we will serve refreshments at the end of the meeting. I hope to see many of you there.

**David Graves**

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# Planning Issues



*Area that would be enclosed under plans proposed for development of Aldersgate Street Tower*

The final planning aspects relating to Milton Court (or The Heron as it is to be named) are still being discussed, but most are approaching a satisfactory conclusion; these involve car parking places, security for Barbican residents and positioning of the EDF electricity substation. Residents have expressed considerable opposition to the revived (albeit revised) proposal to erect a temporary marketing suite close to Willoughby House to sell the Heron flats, and that clear message will be communicated back to Heron.

Discussions with residents about the St Alphage site development are continuing, with a number of issues left unresolved. In particular, concerns are still being expressed about the bulk of the building (which will have a significant effect on both Andrewes and Willoughby Houses and be visible to many other blocks) and maintaining a highwalk link over London Wall. At the most recent meeting,

residents were told further small changes had been made to reduce the bulk to some extent (still estimated at about 950,000 square feet) and a basic outline of the gardens was shown — but retention of the highwalk is not the preferred option by the developers. It is expected that the planning application will be submitted in April, with consideration by the Planning Committee in September. A public exhibition will be set in the near future so all can see the proposals.

Several applications are pending for changes within the Barbican. The change of use for Pintxos Bar will be considered by the Planning and Transportation Committee in the near future. The change has the support of many residents, but the recommendation of the Chief Planning Officer is to refuse this change. The application to convert the Tower on Aldersgate Street for residential accommodation is opposed by many Barbican

residents because it will change the appearance — the insertion of windows and walling in part of the Podium, a flue outlet at roof level and other associated alterations. The application claims that the Podium will be improved because the change will prevent the deposit of rubbish and use as a toilet as well as deter rough sleepers — residents consider this to be a gross exaggeration of the reality. There is also an application for conversion of some unused space in Cromwell Tower to residential use. This will involve some external work and again includes a part of the Podium becoming part of the demise. There have been a number of applications for internal changes to Barbican flats (all have received the required approval).

Finally, there is the conversion of Frobisher Crescent from offices to residential accommodation — this will have virtually no effect on the external building, though unfortunately there will be some temporary buildings set up for the duration of the building works.

This will be my last report on planning relating to the Barbican as I shall stand down at the AGM in April. I have been involved with planning for about ten years (in the early years, as the number two to Joyce Taylor) and decided that it is time to pass on the job to somebody else. At present, no replacement has been identified — I am, of course, willing to be an adviser to anybody who would like to take over.

**Don Prichard**

## Strange Days

curated by Helen Murphy

artists: Jemima Brown, Max Hymes, Caroline Achaintre, Jason Oliver, James Green, Simon Ward, Helen Murphy.

Barbican Residents and their guests are cordially invited to the Whitecross Gallery in Whitecross Street on Wednesday 5 March 2008, 6 – 9 p.m. for an exclusive evening viewing of the exciting new exhibition Strange Days.

This is an eclectic mix of eccentric characters, monstrous beasts and other exotic and fantastic creatures.

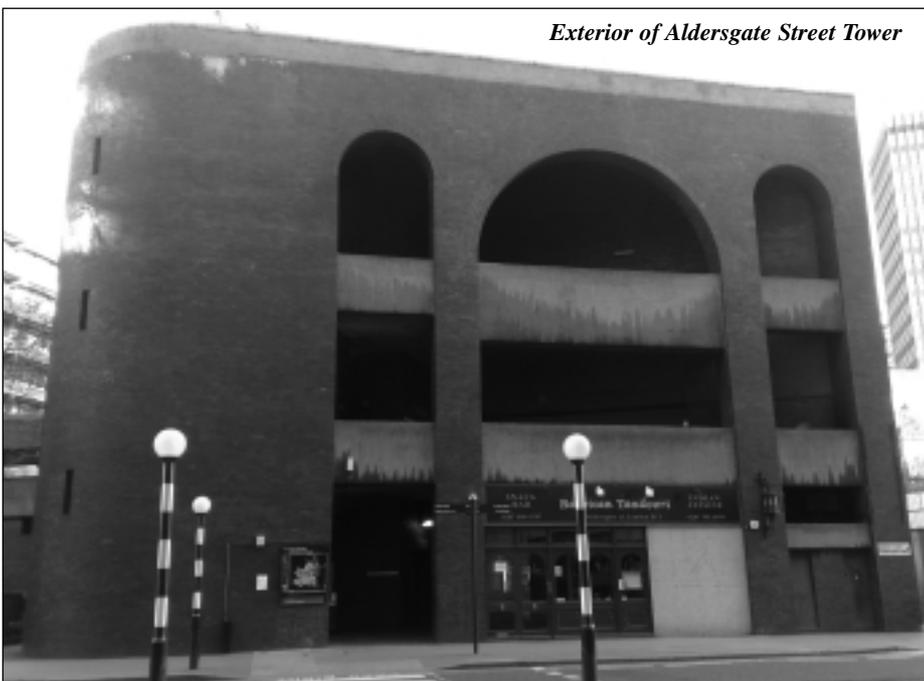
Combining cutting edge young Royal College of Art graduates with more established alternative artists, the exhibition challenges viewers to question the modernist notion of progress, by taking a stroll through history to ancient times and suggesting a shifting of priorities between product and process, image and spirit.

The seven artists: Jemima Brown, Max Hymes, Caroline Achaintre, Jason Oliver, James Green, Simon Ward, and Helen Murphy, use a variety of materials, textures and imagery, to lead viewers through their quirky imaginations, providing a unique, and wholly magical experience.

Refreshments will be served. Whitecross Gallery will also be delighted to offer a special 10% discount on all artworks sold on the night.

This event is sponsored by Alba restaurant, 107 Whitecross street.

Whitecross Gallery at 122 Whitecross Street is open Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 6pm. For further information contact Francesco Petillo on 7253 4252, e-mail: [info@whitecrossgallery.com](mailto:info@whitecrossgallery.com). Website at [www.whitecrossgallery.com](http://www.whitecrossgallery.com)



*Exterior of Aldersgate Street Tower*

# Barbican Association Proposals for Management of Planning Issues affecting the Barbican Estate

The objective is to secure a fair balance in the assessment of planning applications between the needs of business and the needs of residents of the Barbican Estate. Although prepared with the Barbican Estate in mind, the principles would apply in any area in which there are significant residential populations, such as the Golden Lane and Mansell Street Estates in the City.

The key elements of the proposals are as follows:

- Planning matters affecting residential areas within the City should be handled with particular sensitivity.

- The existing Policy gives insufficient guidance to Officers of the Planning Department in assessing planning proposals affecting residential areas. As a result, it can appear that there is an "institutional bias" favouring development in Planning Officers' assessment of planning proposals.

- The Grade II Listing for the buildings of the Barbican Estate and Grade II\* Listing of its gardens require that planning proposals have due regard to the effect of development on the setting of the Estate. As noted at para. 4.21 of the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines:

'The spaces between buildings were as important to the design as the buildings themselves. The use of brick to surface the walkways, flower beds and minor structures ensures that the minimal palette of materials used at the Barbican is further emphasised. Other important planned features of the landscaping include the lakes and gardens - designed to give aspect to every flat on the Estate.'

- The Highwalk access into the Barbican Estate at Podium level is an integral element of the design of the Estate. Proposals involving further removal of Highwalk-level access onto the Barbican Estate are incompatible with the Listing and must not be permitted. As noted at para. 5.5 of the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines:

'It [the Barbican] also combined the key planning themes of highwalks and



megastructure, both favoured planning solutions of their time.'

See also the booklet 'Barbican Estate A Listed Building Guide for Residents' which states in the section headed "The Vision":

"Chamberlin, Powell and Bon rejected traditional planning ideas and sought to create an urban centre with high density housing and a clear definition of planned spaces: private, public, transport, pedestrian, retail and community facilities. The elevated walkway system, designed to separate pedestrians from vehicles, was an important part of the planned rebuilding of the City in the post-war era."

If a development is proposed that will have detrimental effects upon a residential area following completion of construction, the developer will need to address:

A. why the development could not have been pursued in some alternative location;

B. the improvements to flow from the

development, firstly to the residential community, secondly to the business community and thirdly to the City;

C. what measures are proposed to mitigate (and to remove where possible) the detrimental effects to local residents;

D. what compensatory arrangements are proposed, including payments to local residents and, in the most severe cases, purchasing homes affected, in the event that permission for the development is granted.

Defining "detrimental effects" in an exhaustive manner is difficult to do. It would be unwise to proceed as if these are somehow fixed categories. Examples of detrimental effects include:

- Overall bulk and mass causing overshadowing, overlooking and loss of sightlines;

- Overall bulk and mass causing loss of light, including sunlight to flats and common areas including gardens;

- Overall bulk and mass causing a loss of public amenity space;

- Overall bulk and mass causing excessive movements of people and vehicles, creating excessive noise or other nuisance;

- Loss of connection to the city. The Barbican Estate is intended to be accessed via Highwalks, not the street level.

In relation to development within the curtilage of the Barbican Estate, it is suggested that the following principles apply:

"Development enlarging the built environment within the Barbican Estate, or the uses to which existing space is put, is not to be encouraged. If such proposals are put forward, a clear justification and rationale must be presented that is consistent with the context of the Estate as a collection of largely coherent residential Listed Buildings and Open Spaces. There will be a presumption against development that cannot meet that requirement."



# SECURITY MATTERS

How depressing to read and hear about widespread job culture in many parts of the country as well as the surrounding London boroughs and how reassuring it is to live in a place that is, in comparison, a safe haven. Long may it be "all quiet on the Barbican front"; not that any of us should ever become complacent.

As all is quiet and peaceful in the Barbican at this time, I thought fellow residents might care to read some City of London Police notices which I received recently which apply to Citywide issues not solely Barbican.

## Rough Sleepers in the City

Like the majority of other Boroughs in London, the City of London continues to see a transient rough sleeper population pass through the square mile. The obvious concern for all support agencies is one of welfare. During the colder winter months vulnerable people are susceptible to illness and crime and with the help of specialist agencies the City of London Police are working to get rough sleepers into sheltered accommodation.



*A St Mungos worker with homeless person - picture from St Mungos website*

Over the last six months all agencies have worked together and successfully 'housed' 30 people, all thanks to the support services offered by the City of London Street Population Co-ordinator and St. Mungos <http://www.mungos.org/>. Seven people have been assessed under Mental Health legislation with six people sectioned. Unfortunately we also know that three people have died in the last few months as a result of sleeping rough on the streets.

We know that rough sleepers can be associated with anti-social behaviour such as urination, criminal damage, drunkenness and violence. Therefore businesses and residents are asked to notify the police immediately if they notice any evidence of rough sleeping in their area. Also the police would ask that people do not provide rough sleepers with money as it unfortunately hinders the work of the support agencies and charities. If people want to help rough sleepers then it is recommended that any money be donated to a registered homeless charity.

## CITY OF LONDON POLICE COMMUNITY E-MAIL

Do you work or live in the City of London? Do you know what's going on?

Then the City of London Police Community email could be useful to you. The City of London Police send out regular updates to both residents and businesses on issues such as :-

- Current policing operations (Xmas campaign, road safety campaigns etc);
- Current crime trends and methods suspects use;
- Forthcoming events, including road closures and local disruption

Although the system is not designed to be an 'active' messaging system, the City of London Police will use this important communication link to provide updates on current incidents where possible.

The system is managed by Vocal on behalf of the City of London Police. To sign up to the system please log on to

<http://warnandinform.com/cityoflondon/community.html>

You can unsubscribe at any time.

## CITY NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

Changes to the Licensing Act in 2005, has seen a national growth in the night-time economy. Particularly here in the City we have seen an increase in the number of licensed premises, extended opening hours and larger venues emerging, offering promoted events.

The City of London Corporation is keen to promote a vibrant city where people can work, live and socialise in a crime free environment. We all recognise that along with this growth there are bound to be new challenges for the police and local authority to deal with. Over the last year the City of London has seen a slight increase in violent crime and thefts linked to licensed premises as well as an increase in anti-social behaviour such as urination, criminal damage, noise disruption and obstruction of pavements. All of this can have a huge effect on residents and business.

At a recent residents' meeting, the night time economy was raised as one of their highest concerns.

The focus for the new Licensing Act is very much around negotiation – working with Designated Premises Supervisors (DPS) to deal with issues and reach solutions. Anyone can call for a review of a license as long as they have evidence to support their objections. Any call for review should ideally document evidence of previous negotiation which has failed to resolve issues, which will provide a stronger case for the City of London Licensing Committee to consider at the review process.

If any resident or business has issues with any licensed premises in the City then it is important to contact the police to register your concern at the time of the incident. The City of London Police can then take the relevant action. If you require advice on licensing issues then you can either contact the City of London Corporation Licensing Department by emailing: [david.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:david.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or City of London Police Licensing Officer [Ashlie.May@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Ashlie.May@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

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## 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 now meeting in temporary premises at the base of Lauderdale Tower in the Barbican Estate Office's boardroom. Anyone wishing to join us should come to the Estate Office and they will be directed to the meeting.

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

**Tuesday 26th February:** Mr Graham Way from Penhalligan's will give a talk on perfume

**Tuesday 11th March:** Katrina Moore from the Recycling Unit of the Barbican Estate will talk about recycling

**Later in March:** Lady Pamela Davis will talk about her experiences when being Lady Mayoress

**Tuesday 24th April:** Club visit by coach to Osterley Park

**Saturday 7th June:** Club members are invited to the open garden and tea at St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, Hackney. In February the Club will hold a bring and buy sale in aid of the hospice

**Late June or early July** will be the annual summer outing, venue to be decided.

Also planned is a visit to the Women's Library in Spitalfields

Some members have now taken up knitting for disadvantaged children. IF ANY BARBICAN RESIDENT HAS ANY SPARE KNITTING WOOL IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED – CONTACT A.D. BALLARD ON 020 7588 4330

### Tea rota

**February 5th** Mrs Crisp, **12th** Mrs Coburn, **19th** David Fisher, **26th** Mrs Giles

**March 4th** Mrs Harris, **11th** Mrs Leck, **19th** Dr Wright

**THE CLUB WILL CLOSE FOR EASTER AND REOPEN ON TUESDAY 31ST MARCH**

**April 1st** Mrs McClough, **8th** Mrs Ballard, **15th** Mrs Bradley, **22nd** Mrs Buck, **29th** Mrs Crawford

**May 6th** Mrs Crisp, **13th** Mrs Coburn, **20th** David Fisher, **27th** Mrs Giles

**June 3rd** Mrs Littlestone, **10th** Mrs McClough, **17th** Mrs Clough

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

## Useful contact numbers

Barbican Police Office 020 7601 2456

Snowhill Police Station – Front Desk

020 7601 2406

General COLP switchboard

(skateboarding) 020 7601 2222

Emergencies (landline) 999

Emergencies (mobile) 112

Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321



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

**2008 MEMBERSHIP**

Barbican Address			
Mailing Address	<b>Member type:</b> Leaseholder / Corporation Tenant / Sub-tenant (please delete as appropriate)		
Names	1		
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E Mail			

**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.

**STANDING ORDER**

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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](http://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](mailto:barbicanlife@gmail.com) – for further information.

## CURRENT SCHEME MEMBERS

### FURNISHING

#### Alma Home:

10% discount on furnishings. View at showroom at 8 Vigo Street, London W1S 3HN, or in Selfridges. See also website [www.almahome.co.uk](http://www.almahome.co.uk). Contact Tisha Richbell on 020 7377 0762 or by email: [tisha.richbell@almahome.co.uk](mailto:tisha.richbell@almahome.co.uk) for further details.

#### Ligne Roset City:

10% Discount on any Ligne Roset order placed outside of our Sale or Promotional periods. View a sample of Ligne Roset's extensive range on [www.ligne-rosset-city.co.uk](http://www.ligne-rosset-city.co.uk) or in person at 37-39 Commercial Road, London E1 1LF. Tel 0207 426 9670.

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### HEALTH

#### Barbican Dental Care:

10% on all services including tooth 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. Appointments – Phone 0870 246 1460. Fax: 0870 246 1641 Email: [info@hermeshealth.co.uk](mailto:info@hermeshealth.co.uk). Web: [www.hermeshealth.co.uk](http://www.hermeshealth.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](mailto:amanda@psychotherapycity.co.uk). Web: [www.psychotherapycity.co.uk](http://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](mailto:Lucybracken@mac.com)

### RESTAURANTS/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](http://www.thecuban.co.uk)

**The Larder:** 91-93 St John Street, EC1M 4NU. Tel: 020 7608 1558. Restaurant/Bar/Bakery/Shop. Open for breakfast from 8 am and for Lunch, tea, coffee and dinner from 11 am to 11 pm Monday to Saturday. 10 percent discount on food at all times.

#### 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](mailto:info@phocafe.co.uk). Pho is open Monday to Friday from late morning to late evening and on Saturday evenings.

#### Smithfield Bar and Grill

20% discount on food from Monday to Friday, dining at any time, and a 40% discount on food when dining on a Saturday evening. To take advantage of the offer BA members should book ahead and show proof of membership of the BA at the restaurant. The Bar and Grill is open Mondays to Thursdays from noon to midnight, Fridays from noon to 1 am and Saturdays from 6 pm until midnight. Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays. 2-3 West Smithfield, EC1A 9JX. Tel: 0870 44 22 541, Fax: 0870 44 22 542, Email: [smithfield@barandgrill.co.uk](mailto:smithfield@barandgrill.co.uk). Web: [www.barandgrill.co.uk](http://www.barandgrill.co.uk)

#### Tas Restaurant:

Glass of house wine or organic juice per head. Must mention Barbican Association. 37 Farringdon Road. Tel: 020 7430 9721

#### The St Germain Restaurant and Bar

20% discount on all food bills (either in the restaurant or bar). BA members are asked to make reservations and mention the discount at the time of booking, however, booking is not absolutely essential. Either way, if the members could show their BA membership cards when asking for the bill the discount will be organised. The restaurant is open Monday to Friday from 12-3 for lunch and Monday to Saturday from 6-11 for dinner. We are also open from 11-4 Saturday and Sunday for brunch. The bar is open Monday to Saturday from 12pm-12am and on Sunday from 11-5. Food is served in the bar throughout the day. 89 Turnmill Street, EC1M 5QU. Tel 020 7336 0949. Email [restaurant@stgermain.info](mailto:restaurant@stgermain.info).

#### 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.

### CLOTHING

#### Bread and Honey:

Men's and women's casual fashions. 10% discount on non-sale items. 205 Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8QP

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### 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@abraseve.co.uk](mailto:allan@abraseve.co.uk).

Website: [www.abraseve.co.uk](http://www.abraseve.co.uk)

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10% off labour costs for Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Tiling, Carpentry and Electrical work; Contact: Steven Richards, 153 Amhurst Road, London E8 2AW. Tel: 020 7241 3957 or 07976 352 395; Email: [srichardsbuild@btinternet.com](mailto:srichardsbuild@btinternet.com)

#### Spencer Thomas Estate Agents:

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## SECURITY MATTERS

### ... and finally to end on a note for the ladies ...International Women's Day 2008

The City of London is celebrating International Women's Day this year with a champagne breakfast at the Great Hall, Guildhall on Friday 7th March. The City held its first event last year to celebrate women's success and achievements in the Square mile, which was a resounding success.

This year the event will be Chaired by BBC Ten o'clock News Presenter Fiona Bruce, and with high profile guest speakers, including the renowned networker Carole Stone, delegates will hear perspectives on the significant contribution women have made to the success of the Square Mile and the challenges they have faced along the way.

The City of London Corporation has provided sponsorship for the event this year and all additional sponsorship funds raised on the day will go directly to REFUGE, the national women and Children's charity fighting against domestic violence. REFUGE provides specialist accommodation for more than 900 at risk women and children every day. Visit [www.refuge.org.uk](http://www.refuge.org.uk).

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