



Barbican Association **NEWSLETTER**

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St Alphage House Petition

The media are already starting to take an interest the opposition to the St Alphage House development. Articles have already appeared in the FT and in the specialist commercial property press. A short piece in the business section of the Evening Standard in May drew attention to the technical difficulties of the scheme and added that the "easily excitable and highly influential tenants of the nearby Barbican" were another cause for concern to the developers.

Don't dismiss this sideswipe from the Standard: it offers a valuable insight into how some in the outside world see us. It demonstrates perfectly our need to be scrupulously careful that our opposition to this absurdly inappropriate scheme must be objective and rational, so that it cannot be

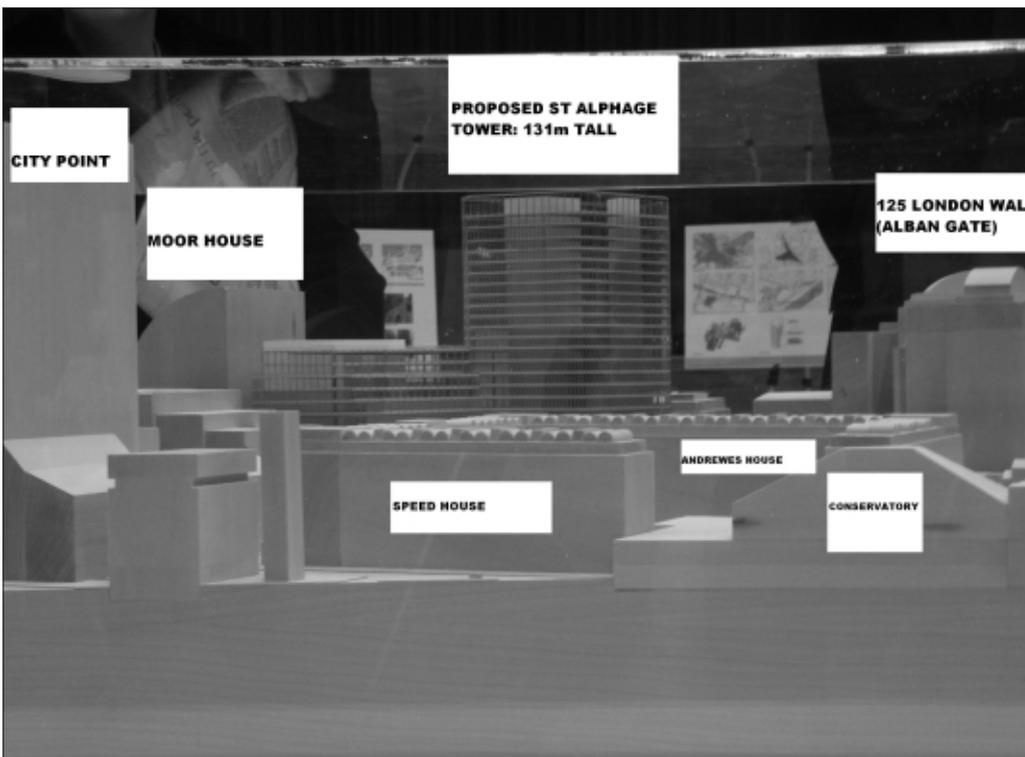
dismissed a hysterical rant from a privileged elite who 'would say that anyway'.

Preparing the ground

In March, the BA formed a subgroup to focus our objections to the JPMorgan. We realised from the outset that objecting simply because the proposal is monstrous would never succeed. We agreed to make it plain that we are not against any redevelopment, but against the specific proposal. We have been undertaking extensive research, and have used funds from the BA to engage several specialists to advise us on factual grounds for opposition, including right to light consultants and building and planning advisors. Our aim is to be ready, as soon as a scheme goes forward to

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Living in the City

CHAIR'S CORNER

At this year's Barbican Association AGM, Peter Wynne Rees, the city planning officer, painted a dramatic picture of the City as a place to live and work in. His portrait was of a thriving financial and business hub that drew its workforce from a vast hinterland of southeast England and beyond, the four corners of the globe. The City needed to attract talented workers, many of them young, and they in turn needed places of entertainment that would allow them to play hard as well as work hard. He contrasted this with Frankfurt – which he dismissed as world financial centre because its bars were all closed by 1 am.

Mr Wynn Rees' talk drew a predictably cool response from residents – and some slightly hostile questions. But it was important that he voiced this vision and pulled no punches about the City's aspirations. People who live in the city have to confront that vision and negotiate their way round it, protecting their rights to a reasonable domestic environment.

This is not a new problem: it has always been there to some degree, but the pace

of change seems to have grown. I have just taken over as the chair of the Barbican Association from David Graves, and I do so at a time when Barbican residents are probably feeling more under siege than ever before (I'd be happy to hear from older residents that this is not so).

St Alphage redevelopment

One of the main reasons for that feeling of siege is, of course, the St Alphage House development. This is the biggest single issue that the BA will have to deal with this year. Previous newsletters have described the bulk of this proposed building, which will dwarf the south east part of the estate, and Tim Macer, chair of the BA's St Alphage group, provides an update in this newsletter on what stage plans have reached and what the BA is doing. Peter Wynne Rees at the AGM refused to comment on the St Alphage development because it is not yet a formal planning application. But it was the leading subject of conversation at the AGM, where a petition against the

proposed development was launched. If you have not yet signed the petition it is now available on line at <http://www.gopetition.co.uk/online/19466.html>.

We understand that the plans are currently being rethought, so it is not clear when a planning application will be submitted. But monitoring this development, responding to consultations, and lobbying against overdevelopment of the site and the loss of the highwalks will remain the major piece of work for the BA this year.

Noise

But St Alphage is not the only development to affect the Barbican's residents. The redevelopment of Milton Court as a performance space for the Guildhall School of Music and Drama with a block of flats above received planning permission earlier this year, Milton Court has now been demolished, and building will start soon. Frobisher Crescent is about to be turned into flats, and the BEO's office extension in Lauderdale Place is almost complete. People often criticise the BA for "not doing anything," but in all these cases members of the BA and house groups have poured over the proposals, often objected to them formally, and, if they get approved (as many inevitably will) have spent many hours negotiating with developers to mitigate the worst aspects and get the best possible outcome for residents.

Another characteristic of all these developments that confronts and will continue to confront residents is the problem of construction noise. Indeed, I believe that noise pollution in general, whether from building sites or people's activities, will also be a major issue for the BA to tackle in the coming year.

So the Association will be busy. Membership of the Association stands at about 60% - but it would good if it could grow even more. It's good value at £7 a flat, and the Association has built up reasonable funds under the stewardship of previous chairs and treasurers. This year we will need to draw on those funds to bring in expert advice to support the St Alphage work. But apart from paying for



Milton Court: Black and Bling

People might have thought that now the planning application for Milton Court had been agreed, that was it: all that remained now was to discuss working conditions on the site to minimise the disruption to residents while the building is being built. And those discussions have indeed started.

But that is not quite it. Last month the BA and House Group representatives from nearby Barbican houses who have been meeting with the developers from the outset, were invited to another meeting to hear what plans the architects had for the final finishes of the building.

At the meeting the architects produced a new model showing what they proposed for the facades of the GMSD portion of the building and for the residential tower. As one resident commented, the building overall had "changed from a pale building to a dark one." The original planning report described the building thus: "The all glass tower incorporates varying shades of black, white and grey coloured glass (in addition to the clear glass for the vision elements), while the volume of the concert hall is clad in polished white concrete panels."

In the new proposals the volume of the concert hall remains in polished white concrete, but the all glass tower is now to be covered in panels ranging from dark grey to black. The architect is proposing to apply thin vertical strips of polished stainless steel in a varied pattern over the surface of the tower and other places on the building – an effect another resident described as "bling."

We expressed our dismay at what seems to be a radical departure in surface appearance from the building that was approved by the planning committee. The developers listened, said they had other people to consult, and promised to give details of these proposals in the next newsletter about



Milton Court. The Milton Court newsletter should be going out in the first week in June (so it should be available by the time you read this).

We also identified some problems with safe pedestrian crossing points at the reconfigured junction of Moor Lane and Ropemaker Street, which will become a staggered junction. We learned that the narrow one-way section of Moor Lane will be reversed, and that introduces a risk that pedestrians could step off the kerb into the path of vehicles approaching from behind if they follow the shortest route across the staggered junction.

If the proposals remain as they were when we saw them, we will take this up with the planning department. In the meantime we would welcome your views.

The other part of the Milton Court development that remains to be settled is an application for the use of car parking spaces in the Willoughby and Speed car parks and an electricity substation. That application goes to the planning committee on 3 June (after this newsletter has gone to press). Again residents from the relevant house groups and the BA were involved in detailed discussions about the positioning of the car and cycle parking spaces in the car

parks and the security aspects. As a result of those discussions the present application has been substantially modified from the original proposals and accommodates nearly all their concerns. In essence, normal Barbican residential car parking practices will prevail.

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St Alphage House Petition

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planning, with all the arguments needed. We will also provide everyone on the Barbican Estate who wishes to object to the building, with proper planning reasons for objection.

From the work we have done so far, we are confident we can build a very strong objective case for why the original proposal, exhibited at the City of London Girls' School during Easter Week, should be rejected on planning grounds. Mindful of what happened with Milton Court, we were also exploring what other remedies we may have if planning consent is granted.

Shape-shifting

However, in the shifting sands of this project, we have now learned that JPMorgan have asked the architects to do a complete redesign. In particular, we understand the architects have been asked to explore reconfiguring the building so that it takes an entirely different form, and occupies different areas of the site. The reasons for this are unclear. While others may have speculated that the current credit crunch and also the acquisition of Bear Stearns may be cause for the rethink, our group considers this to be very unlikely – JPMorgan remain committed to finding a new HQ in London, and will be looking 5-15 years ahead, not at what happened last year and may take a couple more years to unwind.

It leaves us with nothing to object to as such, but our preparations continue. We have written directly to the CEO of JPMorgan to seek clarification and state our concerns. We have submitted a number of Freedom of Information requests to the City of London. We are looking for precedents and seeking expert opinions.

We are contacting other bodies and individuals who have statutory influence. We are assembling our facts and will be publishing an information briefing, to counter the one-sided case being made by the City for this development to proceed.

Sign the petition

We also launched our petition at the BA AGM. We have already collected several hundred signatures in the paper version and are now supplementing this with an online version. We welcome signatures from anyone who cares about the Barbican, whether you live here, work in the area, have some other connection with the Barbican or even none at all. If you have already signed the paper version, we ask you not to sign again online, as we can only count you once - no matter how strongly you feel.

Please ask your neighbours, your friends, or anyone else you know who cares about the Barbican to consider signing too. If you do not have access to the online version, you can sign the paper version at the following locations: CPA boxes at Willoughby 01, Andrewes, Thomas More and the lobby porters' at Cromwell, Lauderdale and Shakespeare Towers, or contact your House Group chair.

We will do our best to keep you informed through the Barbican Association site, the Barbican Talk website and, if there is urgent news, with a special BA Newsflash on noticeboards or through your letterbox.

Tim Macer

Chair, BA St Alphage House Group
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Web link to the petition –
www.gopetition.com/petitions/19466

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expert advice and a bit of administrative help, the BA is run entirely by residents who volunteer their time. We're always looking for people with knowledge and interest and energy, so if you want to get involved please do get in touch.

Finally, I'd like to pay tribute to my predecessor David Graves, who was chair of the BA for 3 years before standing down in April. Under his chairmanship the BA achieved several important benefits for residents. These include the standard agreement on lease extensions and successfully lobbying Crossrail so that the Crossrail plans no longer include a crossover cavern under the estate. David also managed to resolve a longstanding

dispute with the City over the level of charges for supervision and management within the service charge and secured a repayment for long leaseholders. And his final act as chair was to speak against a planning proposal to turn the Aldersgate Street Turret into a flat that also would have enclosed some of the highwalk. The planning committee turned the proposal down, despite a recommendation from the planning officer that it should proceed.



Jane Smith

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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.

24th June: June Helen Evans from the Citizens' Advice Bureau together with Frances Lawson, Finance Officer, and Barbara Hatch, Service Manager from City of London Adult Services, will be discussing what services are available for the elderly in the City now cutbacks are on the cards owing to a black hole in Children's and Community Services

1st July: Annual Summer Outing to Brighton – let's hope for a fine day!

9th July: visit to the Women's Library in Old Castle Street, E1

29th July: Annual Summer Tea Party will take place at the YWCA Errol Street, 2.45 for 3pm

THE CLUB CLOSSES FOR THE WHOLE OF AUGUST REOPENING ON TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2008

16th September: Professor Gerald Vinten from Speed House will give a talk on whistle blowers

21st October: Annual General Meeting – all nominations for chairman/ committee to be entered by Tuesday 14th October.

Please note that Audrey Ballard will be away in November and back for the meeting on 25th November

Future events: proposed talk by a City Guide in October / November

9th December: Annual Christmas Party

16th December: Annual Christmas Lunch

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE KIND AMERICAN LADY WHO GAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL LARGE BAG OF WOOL FOR THE KNITTERS – WE ARE STILL NEEDING WOOL FOR KNITTING FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN MAINLY IN THE EASTERN BLOCK COUNTRIES

Tea rota

July 8th Mrs Bradley, **15th** Mrs Buck, **22nd** Mrs Crawford

September 2nd Mrs Crisp, **9th** Mrs Coburn, **16th** David Fisher, **23rd** Mrs Giles, **30th** Mrs Harris

October 7th Mrs Littlestone, **14th** Mrs McClare, **21st** Ms Plumbly, **28th** Dr Wright

November 4th Mrs Bradley, **11th** Mrs Buck, **18th** Mrs Crawford, **25th** Mrs Ballard

December 2nd Mrs Crisp

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

SECURITY MATTERS

Safe garden

I'd like to start this article by stating how delighted my committee and I are about the installation of full height gates leading to what is known as the Speed House garden at both ends of Brandon Mews.

We have for some considerable time been very concerned about this area which represented an extremely 'soft spot' in terms of security. Readers will know how easy it is to step-over the small gates at podium level i.e. the gate that leads to "Mothers & Toddlers" and a similar gate on the north side; thereby gaining easy access to the gardens, Willoughby car park and Brandon Mews generally.

Access will now only be possible by using your residents' communal key. It has taken us a long time to obtain agreement and the required permissions to arrive at this solution but we have persevered and finally won through.

Serious incident – robbery with assault

I wanted to remind everybody about the dangers of allowing strangers to 'tailgate' you into your block.

You will be aware of the recent serious robbery that occurred on Friday 7 March 2008 when a woman, who was residing with her boyfriend in Defoe House, returned home from a birthday party. Contrary to rumour she was not intoxicated.

She had arrived at Barbican station at about 11.30pm that evening. Crossing Aldersgate Street, she entered Lauderdale Place and took the stairs by Lauderdale Tower. Using her boyfriend's keys she opened the stairwell door to Defoe House. Unfortunately, she did not realise that two women had followed her.

As the door was swinging shut, one of the women prevented it from closing and both women got into the lift with the victim. They prevented her from getting out of the lift and then proceeded to put her in a headlock and beat her until she handed over her mobile phone and handbag. Even after complying, the victim received a kick to the head that resulted in serious head injuries.

The police are doing all they can to find the victim's attackers and if anyone thinks they may have seen or heard anything suspicious around the time the offence took place would you please contact the C.I.D. office on 020 7601 2472 OR the Barbican Police Office on 020 7601 2456.

If at any time you see anyone acting suspiciously please call the City of London Police on 020 7601 2222.

I make no apology for reiterating my request for you all not to allow anyone you do not recognise as a resident into any block across the estate. If, on approaching your block somebody you do not recognise arrives at the same time or is in the general vicinity, then walk on by and come back when they have gone. Similarly, residents must not 'buzz' strangers into the block, no matter how credible they may sound.

Central City Residents' Consultation Meeting at Guildhall Monday 2 June 2008.

If you were unable to attend this meeting, the following notes cover the main points made by Assistant Commissioner Frank Armstrong:-

■ Total staff of 1,240 of whom 69% are involved in 'front line' activities

■ 10 horses – latest to join has been named "Little Dave"

■ 24 dogs – latest recruits being "Max & Bouncer". "Billy" (the sniffer dog first on the scene at Aldgate during the July bombings) has now retired

■ Recorded crime down 5% year on year – a continuing trend for the 6th successive year

■ 7,500 crimes reported with a detection rate of 36% as compared to the Metropolitan Police's level of 26%

■ 54 street robberies recorded during the year

■ Motor vehicle theft reduced by 50% during the same period

■ Violence against people reduced by 3% over the last 12 months

■ 100 Officers dedicated to Ward Policing and Ward Panel meetings now held every 3 months

■ "Operation Poncho 2" has reduced rough sleepers in the City down to 48 persons

■ "Talkback" magazine – free issue circulated to update residents about security and related policing matters

■ New byelaws currently being proposed to counter public urination through the issuance of fixed penalty notices

■ There are some 700 licensed premises in the City and 'promoted events' at weekends are on the increase adding to what is referred to as the "Night Time Economy". Unfortunately, these events, attended by non-City folk, have caused noise and other disturbances for City residents. COL Police are working hard with other agencies to curtail those events where attendees show little or no respect for residents and/or the City area generally

■ Road safety – accidents down by 7%

■ 740 accidents involving pedestrians (mainly due to pedestrian lack of attention in crossing roads); of which 330 resulted in injury

■ 525 penalty notices have been issued to drivers caught using their mobile phones whilst driving

■ There are some 300,000 cyclists using City streets – 90 accidents occurred last year

■ 1,300 penalty tickets were issued to cyclists ignoring red traffic lights and 330 tickets were issued to those cyclists caught riding on the pavement. In contrast, the COLP's Cycle Squad has been awarded a Transport For London Special Award for the work they have done with the City's cycling community. The Snow Hill team were selected after they hosted a road safety forum for members of the City's cycling community. The forum gave cyclists, members of road safety groups, police officers and local authority representatives the opportunity to discuss safety issues facing cyclists, cycle crime prevention and plans for the future.

■ The Government has awarded National Lead Status to COLP for their work against fraud

■ COLP continue to provide special protection for visiting Heads of State; the most recent event being the State Banquet hosted by the City of London Corporation for President & Mrs Sarkozy of France at Guildhall

The Assistant Commissioner ended his report by informing those present about the World Naked Bike Ride scheduled for 14 June. He did, however, quickly add that the planned route would not be coming through the City!

Other recent news in the City outside of Barbican

PCSOs work brings robber to book

Determined legwork by two Bishopsgate PCSOs led to the conviction of a robber who targeted branches of a well-known bookmakers' shop. After robberies at two premises PCSOs, Natasha Hex and Simon Hill, took a suspect's photograph to various bookmakers' in the City in the hope that some of the staff might recognise him.

Then, on a Sunday evening in March, their work paid off.

City Police officers arrested the suspect at another bookmakers on Bishopsgate, after staff at the original shop, on the same street, reported that he'd entered and then immediately left their premises.

The robber was sentenced to a total of six years at Southwark Crown Court.

Good Behaviour Zone

The Mansell Street Good Behaviour Zone has been authorised for a further period of 6 months, which starts from 00.01 hours on 1st June and runs until 23.59 hours on 30th November 2008.

The Zone provides Police and Community Support Officers with extra powers to deal effectively with anti social behaviour that sometimes occurs as a result of groups gathering on the estate. The types of behaviour that will be targeted is anything that could result in a member of the public being intimidated, harassed, alarmed or distressed, such as spitting, shouting, causing damage, graffiti, taking drugs and drinking alcohol.

Officers have discretion to use this power where appropriate, as clearly not every gathering would involve anti social behaviour. Where anti social behaviour does occur, the Police can order the group to disperse and in the case of non-residents, to leave the estate for a period of up to 24 hours. In the case of an unsupervised young person (under 16) who is out after 9pm on the estate, an officer can return them to their home.

Please contact the City of London Police on 0207 601 2222 to report anti- social behaviour or contact your ward officer.

Fake notes served up

The Bishopsgate Safer City Ward team has seen an increase of reported uses of fake £20 notes in coffee shops and licensed premises in their area. Ward teams would like to remind staff at these premises to check currency carefully. Guidance on recognising fake notes can be obtained from your ward officer or call 020 7601 2606.

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

Emergencies (landline) 999

Emergencies (mobile) 112

Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321



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

2008 MEMBERSHIP

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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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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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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 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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FURNISHING

Alma Home:

10% discount on furnishings. View at showroom at 8 Vigo Street, London W1S 3HN, or in Selfridges. See also website

www.almahome.co.uk. Contact Tisha Richbell on 020 7377 0762 or by email: tisha.richbell@almahome.co.uk for further details.

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-roset-city.co.uk or in person at 37-39 Commercial Road, London E1 1LF. Tel 0207 426 9670.

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5% discount. Contact Spiro Nicholas, MyDreamKitchen, 708 Lea Bridge Road, London E10 6AW. Freephone 0800 018 5654.

Email: spiro@mydreamkitchen.co.uk

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Quinn Interiors: 10% off curtains, blinds, soft furnishings and re-upholstery. Contact Quinn Interiors, 53 Rosslyn Avenue, Harold Wood RM3 0RG. Phone: 07050 159156. Fax: 07050 259256. Email: info@quinn-interiors.com.

Website: www.quinn-interiors.com.

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.

Bodymotion Chiropractic Clinic. 15% discount on presentation of Barbican Association membership card. No. 1 Wallside, Barbican. Phone 020 7374 2272 for appointment. www.body-motion.co.uk

Feelgood Centre: 20% discount on all services such as massage, breathing classes and migun thermal massage. FREE trials for yoga breathing classes 11 am to Noon 6th April and 4th May. For all yoga/breathing details call Sankar on 07940 784 657. FREE trial Indian Head Massage 5th April, 3rd May. Call Cheli for details on all massage treatments on 07789 567 612. Templeton House, 33-34 Chiswell Street, EC1Y 4SF.

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

Psychotherapy City

10% discount on first four psychotherapy, counselling or coaching sessions to BA members on production of their membership card (5% to all Barbican residents). Practice at London Bridge. Contact: Amanda Falkson. Phone: 0777 557 0208.

Email: amanda@psychotherapycity.co.uk.

Web: www.psychotherapycity.co.uk

Registered Osteopath- Lucy Bracken

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

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

Hat and Feathers Restaurant - 25% off the whole bill. Based on 2 courses per person in the 1st floor dining rooms – excludes special events, not valid with any other offer or in December. The Hat and Feathers is located on the corner of Goswell Road and Clerkenwell Road. www.hatandfeathers.com Phone 020 7490 2244. BA members must produce proof of membership to claim discount.

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. 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. Web: www.barandgrill.co.uk

Tart Restaurant and Bar - 20% off all BAR FOOD and COCKTAILS after 4pm Mon-Fri on presentation of Barbican Association

Membership card. 117 Charterhouse Street EC1M 6AA. 0207 253 3003

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.

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

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

Elite Home Maintenance:

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

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