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Security in the City and on the Barbican Estate

In the wake of the outrageous bombings which occurred in London on 7 July, many of us were, no doubt, both horrified that anybody could undertake such atrocious deeds against innocent bystanders and at the same time filled with admiration for the way in which our emergency services swung into action. City of London Police officers were first on the scene at Aldgate, within just 4 minutes of the first reported incident. David Bradshaw, chair of the BA Sub Committee for Estate Security, asked Commissioner Dr James Hart, for an overview of the City of London Police force's involvement and, in particular, for any advice he could provide for City residents and workers. This is what he said:

"Last Thursday the terrorist attack on London, which we had all been expecting, finally happened. Tragically, many people lost their lives as a result of the four explosions which occurred within the morning rush hour. We are doing everything in our power to prevent further incidents.

As you may be aware, the City of London Police were called to deal with the first reported attack, on a Circle Line train travelling between Liverpool Street and Aldgate. The explosion happened just after 8.50am. The alarm was raised at approximately 8.55am and the first City of London police units were on the scene at 8.59am, followed by the other emergency services.

The first priority was to evacuate Aldgate station. The scene was cordoned off and

neighbouring buildings were evacuated within minutes. By 9.40am, the majority of casualties had been taken to hospital by bus and ambulance – a further 20 of those injured were treated at the scene and taken to hospital, once their condition was stable. Despite the best efforts of all those at the scene, however, seven people died from injuries caused by the impact of the explosion.

The operation ran so smoothly because we were able to call upon well-rehearsed plans and procedures to ensure that, in the event of an attack of this nature, the emergency services would be able to deal with it swiftly and effectively. Our priorities in an operation of this nature are clear: We aim to preserve life; to preserve the scene in order to find any shreds of evidence remaining; to catch those responsible for this savage act; and to reassure the public that we are in control of the incident and are working to ensure their safety.

I am pleased to say that our painstaking planning paid off at the time it mattered most: when lives were at stake.

During the coming weeks we will not relax our vigilance. You can expect to see increased police patrols around the City's underground and mainline stations. Police officers will also be travelling on buses to ensure that passengers remain safe. However, we also need the help of our community if we are to succeed in keeping the Square Mile safe. There is no need for alarm, but people should be vigilant.

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At the End of the Honeymoon

For all Londoners, July 2005 has been an unsettling month, to say the least. Fortunately, the direct and indirect effects on the urban oasis of the Barbican have so far been unnoticeable, apart from a report in the national press that one resident has been missing since setting off for work on 7 July. Tragedies apart, as ordinary life goes on, so do our more prosaic concerns. Even these comparatively mundane matters have taken on a more unsettling edge in July, due to Licensing Applications and the progress of the Crossrail Bill.

Licensing Applications

First of all – thank you for your responses to the Licensing Applications which have been raining down on us recently. The deluge is just about to stop, but the hearings at which we will need to put our objections are yet to come. The first will probably have happened by the time you read this – it has been arranged for 1 August and relates to Boudoir in Chiswell Street. More on why all this is happening, what our ‘game plan’ is on this and on Crossrail, appears below.

Crossrail

Here, we have been granted something of a reprieve. Contrary to expectations, the Crossrail Bill did eventually receive its Second Reading in this Parliamentary sitting, on 19 July. However, the deadline for submitting our formal objections to Parliament, known as a Petition (not to be confused with the lists of signatures handed in at Downing Street) is 16 September. This means that we will have what remains of the summer to lobby Crossrail and other influential parties, in the hope of securing acceptable changes to the project. The fact that Crossrail have extra time to re-evaluate and refine their proposals will do much to focus their minds on what is really necessary for the scheme, and combined with external pressures, will

hopefully result in the withdrawal of the crossover cavern proposal and attendant works in Aldersgate Street. We will be working with our consultants, CJ Associates, to persuade Crossrail to address the flaws in their plans. We will be doing this not to defeat the Crossrail scheme, but to ensure that the scheme is acceptable to us, as residents, during the construction and operational phases.

Licensing

The deluge of Applications for extended opening hours by local pubs and clubs over the last month has caused a lot of anxiety to many residents, and required a lot of effort in submitting objections. This has all been caused by the Licensing Act 2003. In short, licensed premises operating under the old law administered by Magistrates Courts wishing to carry forward their existing licence into the new system under the 2003 Act need to obtain their new licences by November. If they don't, they have to bring a completely new application as if the establishment had not been licensed before. Naturally, existing licensed premises prefer the ‘carry forward’ option, and have all left it to the last minute to do so. Applications made after early August are unlikely to have been granted by the November deadline. Hence, like buses, all the applications have been coming at once.

The sting in the tail of all this is that the new laws are much more permissive, and allow drinking for up to 24 hours per day. What has happened is that applicants are deciding that they might as well apply to extend the normal opening hours, in particular until midnight and beyond, at the same time as becoming licensed under the new law.

This is not necessarily bad news if the establishment is a ‘good neighbour’ and causes no noise and disruption to local residents. Indeed, we can act to influence licensees’ behaviour by not automatically opposing late licences if the applicant is a ‘good neighbour’ and reserving where we object in large numbers to cases where ‘bad neighbours’ are concerned.

The BA thought it important to have a policy regarding the licensing issue that had been agreed by the members as a whole, and this was done at the BA AGM

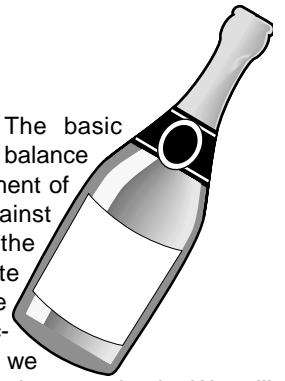
in May 2004. The basic principle is to balance the quiet enjoyment of our homes against the fact that the Barbican Estate is in the middle of a city. In practice, therefore, we work on a case by case basis. We will oppose applications that will adversely affect the quiet enjoyment of our homes, we will support residents of the Estate who wish to object, as well as objecting ourselves, and have in the past engaged professional legal help, and will continue to do so where necessary. We are likely to find an increase in noise, violence, vandalism and other disturbances caused by the “drinking culture” that is now a feature of urban life all over the country unless we continue to act collectively. Always remember when deciding whether it is “worth” sending in an objection, that next time the application might be from a pub that is close to where you live, and whose patrons may wake you up at 2am if allowed to stay open until then.

One problem we faced early in July was inadequate notice of applications, amounting to scarcely more than one week in at least one instance. There is no suggestion that the legalities were not observed (28 days notice at the premises and an advertisement in Tuesday's Evening Standard). However, we initially relied on the Corporation's systems for giving advance notice to our elected representatives, and, via its website, to everyone else. These mechanisms fell well behind, and in relying on them we were initially caught on the hop, and had to react very quickly to retrieve the position. We pointed out that the system was simply not working. I believe our point was accepted within the Corporation, and our elected representatives helped to apply pressure to get our point across, and to get the system improved.

One weapon we have under the new legislation, which did not exist before, is the ability to seek a variation of a license to restrict the hours where an establishment causes a nuisance. This makes it all the more important to log occasions you have been woken or disturbed by drunken or inconsiderate behaviour, because without such evidence, we will not be able to use this new right effectively.

Environment Generally

Similarly, we need to continue to monitor closely the planning applications around us. Crossrail may deter developers over the next few years, but we must neverthe-



less ensure that residents' views are presented and address issues such as light pollution as well as the effect of size and location of new buildings on issues such as views and access to natural light. There is increasing concern over the gradual erosion of easy access to Moorgate from the eastern end of the estate, for example the apparent closure of access to street level via Moor House, and the prospective loss of the escalator access via Moorfields.

There may be other issues we could usefully be concerned about, such as air quality and noise pollution. Obviously, living in the middle of a great City we must accept certain constraints on our expectations, but that is not to say that we should expect to have unnecessary or avoidable risks placed in our way through thoughtlessness or carelessness. Similarly, many of us have continued to look askance at the way the lakes project has been handled, although at least now, I can see fish

in the lake. I hope that the Residents' Consultation Committee will draw that issue to a satisfactory conclusion.

I could go on, but in the interests of meeting the copy deadline, shall call a halt here.

David Graves
BA Chairman
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Crossrail - an update

The Hybrid Crossrail Bill had its second reading in the House of Commons on Tuesday 19 July and was passed by a majority of 394 – 24.

Speaking in the debate Mark Field referred to the "dozens of letters" that he had received expressing the concerns of Barbican residents regarding "the effect on the structural integrity of the estate due to the proposed tunnelling works and particularly from the proposed construction of the cross-over cavern under the estate". He also noted residents' concerns in the short term about "the environmental impact of the noise, dust, vibration and traffic congestion ... which are inevitable in any Crossrail development work". He proposed that the "Bill should contain rules that will constrain construction activities to offer no less protection than those that apply to other contractors working in the City of London".

Following the second reading the Bill now passes to the Select Committee stage and we have to submit our petition by 16 September. The matters which will be addressed in our petition were outlined in the last newsletter and there has not been any substantial change over the last few weeks.

We have raised a number of questions with Crossrail about the crossover cavern and related environmental issues. In their

response they have confirmed that they are still evaluating the alternative crossover layout and location which may replace the cavern plan but that it will be some weeks until they are able to assess this work and make a decision on this alternative. There are still a number of questions relating to noise, air quality and vibration issues which they have not yet answered.

We hope to arrange a further meeting with Crossrail before the petitioning deadline to address these issues and then to amend our draft petition if necessary. Once the petition has been finalised it will be made available to all interested residents – probably in a special newsletter in September.

The Corporation will also be petitioning on the Crossrail Bill and many of our concerns are reflected in the points that they will raise. However we have expressed concerns to the Corporation that they have not supported our opposition to the crossover cavern. Their petition will object to the concrete batching plant which is proposed for Aldersgate Street but not to the cavern itself. We are grateful that the Barbican Residential Committee addressed the issue of the crossover cavern at its recent meeting and will be pressing the Planning Department to amend the Corporation's petition.



Meanwhile we will continue our efforts to persuade Crossrail and the Corporation to drop the proposal for the crossover cavern and the attendant worksite in Aldersgate Street which is the major part of our opposition. Many of the environmental issues of concern to us are also being raised by many other parties who will petition against the Bill, and it will be interesting to see how all of this develops during the summer.

Many thanks to the residents who wrote, as requested, to our representatives and who provided copies of the replies they received. We will keep you informed of any major developments, and will let you know should we need to call on you for further support.

Richard J D Morrison

Electrical testing in flats: A message from Eddie Stevens of the Barbican Estate Office

It has been brought to my attention that agents of the local electricity Board have been canvassing residents of the Barbican Estate offering free electrical tests of the electrical circuit within residents' flats.

Firstly, I would wish to discourage residents who live in flats still in the ownership of the Corporation of London from taking up this service. The landlord (us) carry out this function and hold safety certificates on all of our rented flats.

For our leaseholders I have the following observations to make:

☞ Tests are not mandatory, however, increasingly, certificates are required when selling a property, particularly when alterations have been carried out within the flat.

☞ The test offered will probably highlight a number of items that do not comply with current regulations. Please be aware that the regulations do not apply retrospectively, however safety must be a consideration in any decision that you make.

☞ Contractors carrying out the tests may suggest that since the wiring is in

excess of thirty years old a complete re-wire is required. Working evidence has shown us that the PVC wiring is still in good condition but this may vary and will be part of the insulation test.

☞ Under the new regulations, it is worth highlighting that any new work in bathrooms and kitchens can only be carried out by a contractor that is able to supply self-certification for such work, usually a member of NICEIC.

☞ If residents are in any doubt, my technical officers are available to offer advice if you so require.

TV update

Good News

The following blocks now have the network installed:

Andrewes, Brandon, Cromwell, Gilbert, Lambert Jones, Lauderdale, Mountjoy The Postern, Seddon, Shakespeare, Speed, Thomas Moore, Willoughby, Defoe (in process at the time of writing). 1200+ flats in these blocks have new sockets fitted

91% of residents surveyed so far (Shakespeare) are satisfied with the work overall and the dissatisfaction seems to relate to information supply by the Technical Division rather than the work of the contractors. We have taken steps to fix this area, but there is probably scope for further improvement.

Work on the estate should still be completed by the end of September and should still be on budget, but some issues are arising which may affect time and costs – see below. These are being investigated, but hopefully will not have a material impact.

Problems

The contractors have so far been unable to gain access to some 250 flats. This is a big problem because the contract assumes new sockets will be installed in a

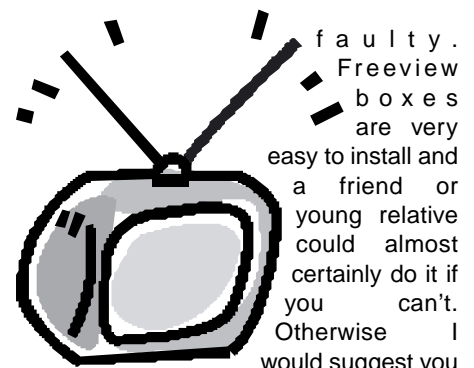
reasonably cost effective way and that those residents unable to be present for any of the offered appointments will give key permission. It's not efficient to have installation engineers going to a block just to make 1 or 2 socket changes.

All residents who have been unable to make appointments on the specified dates, or give key permission, will be offered one more date towards the end of the installation period. If this opportunity is not utilised the socket conversion will not be available within the contract and residents will have to make their own arrangements direct with the contractor and at their own cost.

Those with the old sockets will be able to get the 5 terrestrial TV and (if they have a box) Freeview channels, but would be unable to get Sky.

Asbestos has been found in Thomas More, Speed and Andrewes. This is being dealt with in a safe and professional way by the Corporation, but has held up provision of those connections into flats which require drilling, i.e. residents requiring Sky+ and those residents (less than 5%) whose terminating cables have been found to be of poor quality.

Some people are having difficulty in installing new equipment e.g. Freeview boxes, after the contractor has fitted the new socket, and are ringing the contractor. Any subsequent work is not covered by the contract, unless the installation is



get your box before the contractor's appointment.

There have been intermittent problems with the service. These are normally just temporary outages while the work is progressing and should cease once the network is fully installed. However others are more serious; e.g. interference from nearby transmitters. These are being dealt with. But, as any problem affecting you may not be as set out above, it is important you report any service quality problems to Pam Rampasard (7332 3766) as soon as possible. She can either put your mind at rest, or advise the contractor a new issue has arisen so that investigations can be put in hand.

If you have any difficulties which the Technical Division cannot resolve please don't hesitate to contact me on email john@johnandpaula.com or on my mobile 07765 717 043. I can't promise to fix it though!

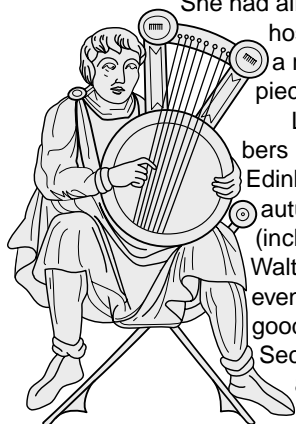
Barbican Music

You will probably have heard of the recent and unexpected death of our Membership Secretary, Susan Gold, who regularly contributed to this newsletter. She came to England in 1938 as a refugee from the Nazis following Kristalnacht (usually translated as "Night of Broken Glass"), the pogrom against the Jews when individuals, synagogues and shop windows were attacked. Despite still feeling herself (in many ways) to be an Eastern European, she became a genuine and well-known Barbicanite.

She was a long-standing, influential member on the Committee of Barbican Music and will be missed greatly. I was fortunate enough to be present at her funeral which was a combination of sadness at her departure and yet a celebration of her life. It is strange to come away from such an event with a feeling of elation—but that is how I felt; this resulted directly from the music that Susan had chosen before the event.

She had already fixed a date later in the year when she intended to host a record evening. At the end of September I shall host a record evening to play her funeral music and some other pieces she intended to include.

Life has to go on and a group of Barbican Music members will be off in August for the annual pilgrimage to the Edinburgh Festival. Planning is already in progress for the autumn and places are reserved for the LSO concerts (including a wonderful mix of music ranging from Elgar and Walton to Sibelius and Shostakovich) as well as other events. New members are always welcome and now is a good time to join. Please contact the Acting Membership Secretary, Valerie Wise, 401 Gilbert House, Barbican EC2Y 8BD. Telephone: 020 7628 3701



Don Prichard, Chairman

Betty (Elizabeth) Prestwich late of Gilbert House

It is with great regret that we learnt of the death of Betty Prestwich who was for many years a member of the Barbican Tuesday Club. Betty, a Yorkshire lass, was well known for her freshly baked bread which many in Gilbert House will remember by the delicious smell wafting up from her flat. (Nothing quite like the smell of freshly baked bread and in the Barbican too.) She was also for many years a stalwart helper for the Friends of the British Museum.

I and several others from Barbican attended her funeral held at St.Sepulchal's Church and afterwards at a reception in her flat in Gilbert House hosted by her family.

She will be greatly missed by all old friends in Barbican.

Audrey Ballard

Barbican Wildlife Group takes off!

The Open Spaces Department has now handed over the ongoing development of the biodiversity, sustainability and accessibility aspects of the Fann Street Wildlife Garden to the Barbican Wildlife Group (BWG).

We installed seed and peanut feeders and a birdbath in autumn 2004 and there has been an increase in the number of tits and finches. The Corporation provides bird food. We have also compiled a list of the trees,

bushes and plants (the latter through observation over the spring months) in the garden and completed our first planting - seven holly trees planted along the Fann Street edge of the site. Thanks to the help of the Open Spaces team, we now have funding for the planting of a holly hedge in the autumn of this year.

Open Spaces continues to have overall responsibility for managing the garden on behalf of the Barbican Estate. Certain major gardening jobs will continue to be done by the department, such as tree cutting, bi-annual grass strimming, litter collection. Open Spaces will also manage specific projects where the BWG will need to rely on their Health and Safety and technical expertise, for example, the excavation of the proposed pond.

The Open Spaces Department will also continue to help us get projects off the ground, where it is able. For example, they are obtaining free wildflower seeds and liaising with schools to provide practical help for specific projects.

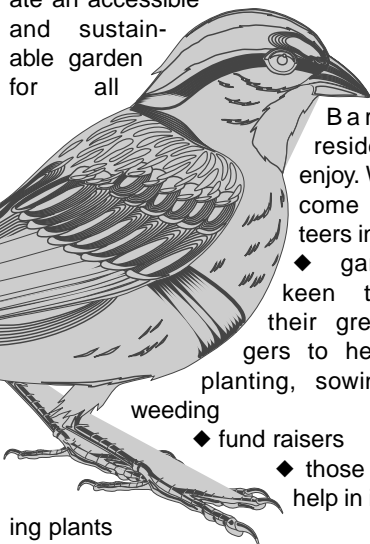
Come and visit the Fann Street garden but please take care!

Caterpillars of the Brown Tail Moth have been identified in two or three shrubs in the garden - please take care not to touch or go near them as they can cause a skin reaction. The moth is landing on specific species of shrubs - these will be removed over the winter and replaced with Corylus whips. Also the steps from the John Trundle car park into the garden are not safe to use and there is a sign at the top of the steps which will be repositioned by our gardeners. These steps may be refurbished or removed in future.

We welcome your help

The BWG welcomes all Barbican residents to join the group and to help us cre-

ate an accessible and sustainable garden for all



Barbican residents to enjoy. We welcome volunteers including gardeners keen to use their green fingers to help with planting, sowing and weeding

- ◆ fund raisers
- ◆ those able to help in identifying plants
- ◆ balcony gardeners willing to grow plants from cuttings
- ◆ those able to donate tools and materials
- ◆ those with communications skills

The bird feeding team welcomes new volunteers - this could be on an ad hoc basis as well as part of the permanent rota. Feeding currently requires only one visit a week (as mentioned above, the bird food is provided by the Corporation and is on site next to the feeders).

The present drought makes it very clear that it is crucial to have a permanent water source in the garden if we are to be able to successfully plant and develop the gardens as a whole. The BWG need to acquire a water butt and position it in the hazel coppice near the bird feed bin. The contract gardeners will regularly fill the butt.

Longer term, the BWG hope to create a pond in the Fann Street Garden, which will attract insects and amphibians. It will enhance the garden's biodiversity significantly and should increase interest in the garden for families. This is of course a major project. The BWG will need to secure funding for this to go ahead. This might be in the form of gifts in kind (liners, loan of a small digger - a mini-peller - and an experienced driver) or donations and sponsorship.

How to join

If you are interested in joining the Barbican Wildlife Group, please contact Paula Tomlinson at 1 3 3 Cromwell Tower, by phone on 7628 3657 or by email paula@johnandpaula.com. It would be most helpful if you

would include all your contact details and a short summary of the areas of activity you are interested in and possible level of commitment - i.e. from a one off afternoon to longer term.

In order to keep all members informed and involved, we wish to hold regular monthly meetings of the BWG. These should be on a mutually convenient day and time - on the same day each month (such as the first Tuesday in the morning). So let me know which are most convenient.

Please also contact Paula if you have any questions or comments on our proposed projects.

The Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club reopens on 6 September after the summer break. Here is the programme until the end of the year:

- **Tuesday 13 September:**
Leslie Breadmore, wine tasting
- **Tuesday 18 October:**
AGM Tuesday Club
- **Tuesday 1 November:**
AGM Forum
- **Tuesday 8 November:**
A. Ballard talk on diamond wedding celebration
cruise to the Baltic Capitals
- **Tuesday 6 December:**
Annual Christmas Party
- **Tuesday 13 December:**
Annual Christmas Lunch, venue to be arranged

BARBICAN ASOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2005

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Please return this form to your House Group Chair or:

Gaby Robertshaw, Membership Secretary, 706 Bryer Court, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8DE
Telephone 020 7638 4003

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*For addresses outside of the Barbican add £3 for UK, £6 Europe, £9 rest of world to cover postage costs

We would prefer you pay by standing order. It saves our volunteers much time.

Please complete the form below.

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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To	Bank	Branch Address
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Bank	Branch Title	Sorting Code Number
Girobank PLC	Bootle	72-00-05

For the credit of:

Beneficiary's Name	Account Number	Quoting Reference
Barbican Association	07023605	

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Until further notice in writing or Date of last payment and debit my/our account annually

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

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Security in the City and on the Barbican Estate *continued from front page*

If anyone spots a package left unattended – wherever it may be – or they witness behaviour which they believe to be suspicious, they should dial 999 immediately. If they have information which could assist the police they should call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789321. It is inevitable that we will receive false alarms, but better this than the alternative.

The City of London Police works closely with staff from the Barbican Estate office to be able to get relevant information disseminated to residents. Should there be a bomb alert within the Barbican estate the advice is not to leave your home unless directed by police or estate staff. Other actions that could be taken to offer more protection for yourself include closing doors and windows, closing curtains and blinds, keeping away from windows, turn off cooking appliances, moving to a smaller room e.g. bathroom, have a torch and portable radio available and await for advice that there is no further danger from the police or estate staff. The government advice is "Go in, stay in and tune in!"

Further advice or information can be obtained from the City of London Police Website www.cityoflondon.police.uk or contact the community safety branch on csb@city-of-london.police.uk or on 020 7601 2063 or 0207 601 2086

Over the past week, the people of this country have proved they will not be cowed by terrorists. Things are almost back to normal, and you have my commitment that the City of London Police will do everything we can to ensure that it remains 'business as usual'. I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer".

David Bradshaw adds: "As always BUT particularly now, as the Commissioner suggests, we need to remain vigilant at all times – everywhere.

As I was completing this article today a further 4 bomb attempts took place. Fortunately only one person seems to have sustained any injury and this is not life-threatening."

Useful contact numbers:-

Barbican Police Office – 020 7601 2456
Snowhill Police Station, Front office – 020 7601 2406
General switchboard – 020 7601 2222
Community Safety Branch – 020 7601 2063 – 020 7601 2086
Emergencies (landline) – 999
Emergencies (mobile) – 112
Anti-Terrorist Hotline – 0800 789 321

BA Member discounts make joining the Association more than worthwhile.

BA membership will cost you only the minute sum of £5 pa and helps fund the task of looking after residents' interests. For example, the recent success in mitigating potentially over-onerous listing requirements relating to the interiors of Barbican apartments, cost a fair sum in external consultancy and legal advice, and without this residents could well be facing the hassle of going through Listed Building Consent should they wish to make even the most minor alterations to internal fittings like kitchens and bathrooms.

But there is an even more positive side to the value obtained for this membership fee in the Barbican Association Members' discount scheme, whereby we have negotiated valuable discounts with a number of local suppliers – and this list is growing the whole time. You can easily save the cost of your membership by taking advantage of any one of these discounts available to you. So, if you are not already a BA member, please just complete the membership form in this newsletter and post/deliver it to Gaby Robertshaw, BA Membership Secretary, 706 Bryer Court, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8DE Telephone 020 7638 4003, or to your House Group chair. Current local businesses which offer BA Member discounts are as follows:

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

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 resi-

dents). 1 Wallside, Barbican. Phone: 020 7638 8200 for appointment.

Brasserie Malmaison in Charterhouse Square offers BA members booking breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner a complimentary glass of the excellent Pelorus New Zealand vintage sparkling wine. (This offer does not apply to the current low cost Grand Prix lunch promotion at the Malmaison); Bookings advisable - call 020 7012 3700.

City Boot: 20% off food and wine; Moorfields Highwalk (above Boots). Contact Susie @ 020 7588 4766

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 2AW. Tel: 020 7241 3957 or 07976 352 395; Email: srichardspaint@supanet.com

Heads & Tails Restaurant/Bar: 15% discount.; 020 7600 0700.; Email: headsandtails@hartfordgroup.co.uk

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

Issus Turkish Cafe Grill and Meze Bar: 10% off food and drink. 117 Charterhouse Street. Open Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 11 pm. Contact David on 020 7253 2070.

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.

Quinn Interiors: 10% off curtains, blinds, soft furnishings and re-upholstery. Contact Quinn Interiors, 78 Hermon Hill, Wanstead, London E11 1PB. Phone:

07050 159156. Fax: 07050 259256. Email: info@quinn-interiors.com. Website: www.quinn-interiors.com.

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

Spencer Thomas Estate Agents: Specialists in the sale & letting of residential and commercial property throughout The City, Clerkenwell, Farringdon, Shoreditch and Smithfield. Tel: 020 7490 1333. Discounted sole agency selling fees to 1.5% plus vat of the sale price and 7.5% plus vat on letting of property. www.spencerthomas.co.uk

Spice Corner: New Indian Restaurant in Aldersgate Street underneath the Barbican 20% discount on take-away menu and 15% off eat-in menu for BA Members.

Susannah Hall Tailors: 10% off any purchase - bespoke or ready to wear, mens or womens - suits, shirts and fabulous range of ties and accessories. 110 Clerkenwell Road. Tel: 020 7253 4055 Email: susannahall@aol.com

The Sutton Arms: 10% off restaurant charges. 6 Carthusian Street, London EC1M 6EB. Phone: 020 7253 0723

Dear Readers

We hope that you have found this edition of the BA Newsletter useful and informative. The next issue will be published in October, so please send your contributions to barbicaneditor@yahoo.co.uk by **Friday 7 October 2005**. By then we hope that Ronan Kavanagh, our editor, will be back in operation. He is currently suffering from RSI; the back up team wishes him a speedy recovery.

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