

news

PADDINGTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



August 2009

www.inpaddington.com

20 August 2009
2 - 8 pm



FREE

ENTRY

CIRCUS IN THE SQUARE

THE FIRST EVER CIRCUS AT
NORFOLK SQUARE GARDENS

With Acrobatics, Clowns and
Circus Skills Workshops

All the fun of
the fair with
stalls, fairground
games & stilt-
walking band!

FOR INFORMATION, CALL 020 3145 1213
OR VISIT WWW.INPADDINGTON.COM

Circus Wristband Special Offer Scheme

Everyone attending receives a 'Circus in the Square' wristband as a free gift. The band, marked 'Circus in the Square 2009 www.inpaddington.com' offers wearers access to a range of deals, special offers and discounts from businesses in the local area from 20 August to 31 August 2009. With this scheme we hope to generate greater business for you in Paddington. If you would like to participate in this scheme please contact Ann Hunter on **020 3145 1213** or email ann_hunter@inpaddington.com by Friday 14 August 2009. All discount offers will be listed on a 'site plan' handout given to guests on the day of the circus and be shown on the www.inpaddington.com website.



Start your Summer in Style - Stay 3 nights or more and get 15% off! Don't let this summer end before you enjoy a refreshing experience in the Hotel Indigo on London Street.

Offer expires 6 September

Pamper yourself with the Westfield London package! VIP Westfield package includes one way taxi transfer from or to Westfield Shopping Centre and 10% discount voucher for selected stores. Only one voucher per booking.

Subject to availability, one voucher per booking. Offer expires 31 August 2009.



Arabian Nights @paddington casino

Join Paddington casino on Saturdays throughout August for nights of live dancing, Arabic music and the best Middle Eastern

food. Enjoy Free Meze Buffet on Saturdays from midnight.

Visit before 10pm on Saturdays and you'll receive a free scratch card

For more information visit www.paddingtoncasino.com.

Free Bike Marking

A free bike marking service run by Westminster City Council's City Guardians will take place between 13 and 15 August from 11am until 3pm at St Mary's Hospital, outside the Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother Wing on South Wharf Road. For more information please contact the local Guardians on **020 7641 3769**.

Bob Cotton OBE Launches BID Business Forum

Bob Cotton OBE, Chair of the British Hospitality Association, launched the first BID Business Forum in July. Bob discussed issues facing the sector, including new labour market regulations, the performance of the sector, tax issues and the lobbying agenda. Established in 1907, the British Hospitality Association, which incorporates the Restaurant Association, is the national trade association for the Hospitality industry. The BHA works for your business within government and beyond, promoting and protecting the interests of all operators in the industry, from the largest multi-national to the smallest independent. Paddington BID has become a full member of the BHA, which:

- Lobbies for us and ensures our voice is heard at local, regional, national and international levels, influencing key industry decision makers and helping to shape policy;
- Offers free advice, Paddington BID has access to two help-lines offering advice on legal issues, accountancy and tax
- Hosts a website detailing all activities, lobbying round-ups, downloadable documents and industry news, www.bha.org.uk
- Recommends ways to save money and offers an exclusive procurement service;
- Offers networking opportunities at events held nationally throughout the year.

Paddington BID will ensure businesses are kept up to date and well informed of any industry news, events or meetings which may be of interest to you.

BHA business update newsletters can be found at <http://www.paddingtonbid.com/documents-and-press/default.aspx>.

If you would like to suggest topics for future BID Business Forum meetings please email them to ann_hunter@inpaddington.com.



Bob Cotton, OBE Chair of the BHA speaks at the BID's first Business Forum

Business Rate Supplement

The Mayor and Greater London Authority (GLA) have published their proposals for the introduction of the Business Rate Supplement from April 2010.

This is to finance the GLA's agreed contribution of £4.12 billion towards the estimated total overall cost of £15.9 billion required to fund the Crossrail project. A summary explanatory leaflet will be sent by post, before the end of August 2009, to all rate payers who could be liable to pay the business rate supplement.

Further information can be found at www.london.gov.uk/crossrail-brs. Questions and comments can be directed to this website on or before 22 October 2009 or the BID team on 020 3145 1212/3.

Crossrail Project Update

Crossrail have started local enabling works in Paddington, preparing for the main station construction in 2011. A number of small trial holes are being excavated to help them identify the local ground conditions, each hole is generally only open for 2-3 days. Then, working with Thames Water in Westbourne Terrace, ducting channels for utility diversions will be laid between September and February next year – before moving into Craven Road. However, where Thames Water previously closed Craven Road, Crossrail expect to be able to keep one side open. Also starting next month is the work on the north-east side of the station to enable the construction of the new taxi deck and access ramp from Bishop's Bridge. Crossrail are working very closely with Westminster City Council and Network Rail to minimise disruption in the area. Anyone wishing to enquire about any aspect of the construction or report a problem can contact the BID Team on **020 3145 1212/3** or the Crossrail Helpdesk on **0845 602 3813** or helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk.

Meet the BID Board

Paddington BID held its Annual General Meeting at the Norfolk Plaza Hotel on 8 July when member businesses reviewed the previous year's activities and financial statements and celebrated the successful renewal ballot. With changes in the company's governance being made for the BID's second term, the size and composition of the Board of Directors and the sectors they represent changed slightly. The new Board elected at the AGM is:

Maxine Chapman, M & L Associates Office (Chair)	Paul Charalambous, Sussex Arms Public House Restaurants, Cafes and Public Houses (Vice-Chair)
Orlando Barry, Barry Brothers – Retail	Gary Goldston, Paddington Jewellers – Retail
Edward Green, Land Securities – Office	John Wakerley, CB&I – Office
Andreas Klohe, London Town Hotels – Hotel	Anastase Moros, Dolphin and Shakespeare Hotels – Hotel
Osama Muttawa, Norfolk Plaza Hotel – Hotel	Gary Andrews, Ladbrokes Casino and Sports Bar - Other
Lynda Addison, West End Quay Residents Association – Residential	Donald Newell, Hyde Park Estate Association – Residential
Nancy Randall, Marks & Spencer - Voluntary Contributor	

There are two vacancies on the Board from the Health and Office sectors which should be filled at the next meeting of the Board in September.