

News

New Management Company

You will by now be aware that Free Trade Wharf Ltd (FTWL) has taken over the management of the Free Trade Wharf estate. This company has been set up by residents who believe that keeping the management of FTW in the hands of those who have a vested interest in FTW is better than outsourcing to an external management agent. Brad Bamfield, Chairman of FTWL, has presented the company's ideas to the Residents' Association Committee (RAC). To summarise, these are; to manage the block more professionally, improve communication and es-

tablish longer term goals for the FTW estate. The intention of FTWL is to make every flat owner a shareholder of FTWL, giving all flat owners an equal say in the new company and the opportunity to become a director of the new company. FTWL envisage a day when there is no longer a need to maintain a separate Residents' Association and would like to merge it into the new company structure under the Communications Director. The RAC look forward to working closely with the new company, especially one that promises to communicate, consult and listen to the residents. However the Residents' Association will remain independent until

such time as our members are satisfied with the new company setup and decide that we are no longer needed.

Do you have questions to ask FTWL? You have an opportunity to do so on Wednesday 8th November, 8pm at an open meeting arranged by the Directors of the new company.

We need your comments. What do you make of all these changes?

Please let us know via email ftw-ra@free-trade-wharf.co.uk, drop a note in the Residents' Association box in the porters lodge or send me a letter at 45 Free Trade Wharf, 340 The Highway, London, E1W 3ES.

Paul – Chairman.

*Make sure you attend the
"Open meeting Wednesday 8th
November, 8pm"*

BBQ

Since the last newsletter we have had 2 BBQs. The 1st held in July on the usual Friday night was attended by 41 residents and guests. The last BBQ of the season was held on a Saturday afternoon in September and despite poor weather during the week a pleasant sunny day was enjoyed by 33 attendees. I would like thank all those that helped organise, cook, clean and tidy up. Thank you Jim, Claire, Margaret, Michaela, Elizabeth, Rodi, Tonya, Lauren & Betina.



Pink Punch Party

September's 1st Wednesday had a distinctly pink twist to it - We turned pink and went alfresco! Tables were decorated pink, napkins were pink, the punch was pink, even the bread was pink, but the PIMMS refused to go pink! All this pink was enjoyed by more than 30 residents in the courtyard of The Listed Building on a warm and pleasant evening. It was a great opportunity for residents of both



The Listed Building and Free Trade Wharf to mingle. The surprise climax of the evening was live music provided by guests of one of the flats in The Listed Building. A Finish band (who had all had a few to drink) singing Billie Holiday songs would not normally be top of my list of acts to hire, but these guys sounded pretty darn good. Thanks to our Finnish musician friends and all those who attended and helped organise this event.



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Membership is up

A special thanks to all those residents who have completed their membership forms and for the payments received. For those who haven't joined and would like to please email ftw-ra@free-trade-wharf.co.uk. So far we have 108 flats (52%) signed up, an increase of 15 flats. Any help in recruiting extra members is always welcome.

Do you recognise this?

Name: Seagull II

Certificate number: 832

Status: Designated Vessel

Function: Cargo Vessel

Type: Sprintsail Barge

Location: Chatham, Kent, England (not in this picture)

Length Overall: 13.17 metres (43.18 feet)

Draught: 1.46 metres (4.79 feet)

Maximum Breadth: 3.99 metres (13.08 feet)

Builder

1901, Gill & Sons, Rochester,

History

The Thames barge SEAGULL II was built by Gill & Sons at Rochester in 1901 for the War Department to carry ordnance and stores in Pembroke dockyard. In 1930 when she was sold and became a private yacht back in the Thames Estuary. She is half the normal size of a Thames barge.

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Bibliography

1993, Old Gaffer's Association Member's Handbook and Boat Archive, pp. 132

World Ship Society British Armed Forces Small Craft Historical Society, 1998, Survivors Register, pp. C 3.12



This extract was taken from the website for National Historical Ship, www.nhs.org.uk. The building in the background is instantly noticeable, but I hadn't a clue that such a historic gem used to be associated with FTW. May be there are some

residents who remember this, and the day of its removal. I am interested to hear more, so please contact us through the usual channels.

Notices

Recycling

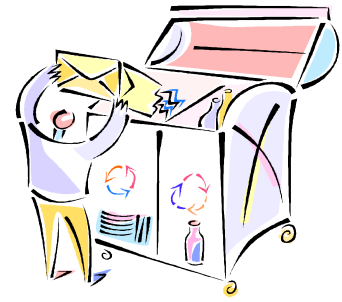
Please remember when depositing your recycling that only those items shown on the boards behind the bin can be placed in the purple bins.



Items should be removed from any plastic bags.

Plastic bags can be thrown in to the green bin, which is for rubbish.

Thanks and Happy recycling.



Residents' Association Committee

Chairman: Paul Sewell Flat 45
Secretary: Claire Troughton Flat 166

To contact the Residents' Association please email ftw-ra@free-trade-wharf.co.uk or use the drop box behind the Porters' Desk.

Members from Free Trade Wharf:

Angela Abeysinghe Flat 32
Marion Bamfield Flat 42
Michaela Brown Flat 61
Richard Falk Flat 6
Elizabeth Longden Flat 39
Pam Morgan Flat 165
Rodica Woodcock Flat 140

Members from The Listed Building:

Margaret Lenz Flat 107
Graham Venn Flat 106

Events

1ST WEDNESDAYS

Dates: Nov 1st, Dec 6th, Jan 3rd
Time: 8pm
Location: The Leisure Centre

Everyone is welcome to this event, where you will have the opportunity to meet other residents, have a chat, have a drink and get to know your neighbours.

Bring a bottle and £1 towards the snacks, which are provided.



FTW Christmas Party

Date: December 9th 7:30pm

The details are still being finalised but it looks like it will be a Curry Christmas this year. Of course a suitable alternative will be provided for those non-curry lovers. Curry may not seem the traditional Christmas meal but rest assured this will be a very festive affair, with drinks, nibbles, deserts, trees, present exchange and something to keep you amused. It may be a bit early for Santa but it is never too early to sign up for this event.

A note will be around shortly, please sign up as soon as possible to reserve your place.



Pantomime

Date: February 3rd
Brick Lane Theatre, near City Airport

Adult Pantomime "Aladdin and his Magical Lump" Dinner, Pantomime and dancing £35 per head .

Diary
November
1st—1st Wednesday 8pm
8th—FTW Directors Open Meeting
December
2nd-3rd—Skip in Staff Bay
6th—1st Wednesday
9th—FTW Christmas Party
January
3rd— 1st Wednesday 8pm