CHELSEA BARRACKS – BACK IN BLOOM

Chelsea Barracks – the coveted new address in Belgravia, SW1 and exclusive neighbour of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show – combines fine craftsmanship, rich heritage and five acres of new green space.

The Royal Hospital is home to the opening event of the Season – the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show. Much-loved by the Royal Family, the Flower Show welcomed the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge for the first time in spring 2016. Their Royal Highnesses marked the occasion with a visit to the gold-medal-winning Chelsea Barracks Garden (pictured far right), designed by leading gardener and designer Jo Thompson. Jo took her cues from the architecture and landscaping of the Flower Show’s equally prestigious neighbour, Chelsea Barracks. Showcasing five acres of green space – inspired by traditional Belgravia garden squares – Chelsea Barracks will open up an exceptional new neighbourhood in SW1. Based on designs by world-renowned architects and work by best-in-class craftsmen, the regeneration at Chelsea Barracks is in full bloom. With each phase individual yet complementary in style, Chelsea Barracks is a development like no other. With it comes the type of architectural quality and botanical elegance that has not been seen in London since Thomas Cubitt first designed Belgravia almost 200 years ago. The residences range from spacious apartments to magnificent townhouses, with Chelsea Barracks combining five acres of beautifully landscaped gardens with shops, fine dining and state-of-the-art leisure and wellness facilities. Chelsea Barracks will seamlessly weave into the surrounding Belgravia neighbourhood, with every home looking out onto stunning new green space. It will provide greater amenities, lateral space and scale, which is simply not available in Belgravia’s older properties. Of the five garden squares at Chelsea Barracks, Garrison Square (right) has as its centrepiece, the Grade II-listed Garrison Chapel.

The chapel’s design is unusually stylish, with its brick banding and stone decoration. One of the few surviving chapels of its kind in London, the Garrison Chapel has undergone extensive renovation and is being expertly restored to sit at the heart of the new neighbourhood, for everyone to enjoy.

The Chelsea Barracks Garden at last year’s Flower Show also paid homage to the extensive history of Chelsea Barracks, with a water feature representative of the lost River Westbourne that flows beneath the neighbourhood. Two of the garden squares – Mulberry and Whistler – will replicate the flow of the river as an elevated rill meanders through the 12.8-acre site.

For Chelsea Barracks to set to bloom over the next few years, everything will be coming up roses in this corner of London.

For more information, please visit chelseabarracks.com
After more than 100 years of being closed to the public, Chelsea Barracks is back on the map. Literally. Situated only a precious stone’s throw away from luxury fashion boutiques, chic hair salons and cutting-edge milliners – the development is positioned perfectly for getting you ready for The Season in style.

Whether you’re admiring the gardens at RHS Chelsea Flower Show next door or Andy Murray’s ball skills at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, nowhere will be better suited to a spot of post-garden-gazing/match-watching celebration than here.

‘CHELSEA BARRACKS IS SET TO BECOME THE RENEWED HEART OF SW1’

Chelsea Barracks opens directly onto the boutiques and restaurants of Pimlico Road, as well as the nearby King’s Road, so you’ll have a world of culture, high fashion and the finest culinary masterpieces on your doorstep. With shops, a restaurant and café strategically placed around the development’s Garrison Square, Chelsea Barracks will take its place as the renewed heart of SW1.

From its honourable beginnings as an army base for the country’s most decorated regiments to its transformation into one of the world’s most elite neighbourhoods, Chelsea Barracks has represented prestige for more than 150 years. The local neighbourhood was once being home to ‘greats’ such as Ian Fleming and Vivien Leigh, so you’ll be among well-regarded company as you dine, shop and laze around the garden squares.

Every year, the Season brings a distinctive series of society events to the doorstep of SW1, where Chelsea Barracks offers the height of luxury living.

Unrivalled in quality and exclusivity, we believe Chelsea Barracks will be the missing piece of the magnificent jigsaw that is Belgravia. Until that time, here’s our personal recommendation of the must-visit places to make sure you look – and feel – fabulous at the Season’s best events this year.

MAP ILLUSTRATION BY ZOE MORE O’FERRALL