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### **SPRING INTO JAZZ, 25TH APRIL 2007 – Oliver Schofield**

On a balmy spring evening in April, De Beauvoir residents were wonderfully entertained by the sounds of cool jazz by the exceptionally talented Peter Werth Quintet. The Crypt at St. Peter's Church was transformed into the DB Jazz Café, where the audience relaxed at silver and orange candlelit tables over bottles of chilled wine and nibbles. Peter's unique quintet (comprising 6 artists!) strolled their way through a large number of well-known and rarer numbers, all of which Peter described as having a "beginning, middle and end".

The double bass strumming was a sight and sound extravaganza, matched by Peter's dynamic display on the drums and the tireless and masterful piano playing. Along with the soothing yet stimulating vocals, young and old in the audience, were transported to the good old days and back again as the musicians took us through different moods and times.

After the final flourish and tumultuous applause had died down a magnificent array of prizes were raffled, donated most generously to the DBA by various contributors. The concert raised just over £300 that will be put towards the Summer Event and a donation to St Peter's. As the evening ended and we all reluctantly headed home many of the 70 or so De Beauvoir residents who came along were overheard suggesting that this should become an annual event.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the success of the evening (and there were many) and looking forward to seeing you all at the next "Spring into Jazz" evening in April 2008!

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**De Beauvoir**  
ASSOCIATION

## **NEWSLETTER**

**JULY 2007**

**Sponsored by Bavo Restaurant**

Hello to all of you in De Beauvoir once again! This is the 9<sup>th</sup> issue of our Newsletter which we hope has at least a few items of interest that catch your eye when it comes through your letterbox (some of which, I might add, are quite vicious – I am, of course, referring to letterboxes!). And many thanks, **Bavo**, for sponsoring us this time.

Since our last offering we have had a tremendously successful JAZZ EVENING, thanks to Peter Werth and his fellow musicians and to Oliver Schofield who organized it. The octagonal tables in the scout hut (where was the hut?) were never found but we managed very well without them – see the review by Oliver on the back page.

Following that Gerard Ryan, the Chairman of the Kingsland Conservation Area Advisory Committee (much easier to say KCAAC) gave a most interesting illustrated talk about the De Beauvoir conservation area, planning and the possible horrors to come at Dalston Junction.

But that is all in the past now and, much more importantly, this issue is promoting the DBA's major **free fun afternoon** for children on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July in De Beauvoir Square**. Full fun details are on the next page as well as grateful thanks to those who have sponsored us.

## **PARTY IN THE PARK**

**FESTA NO PARQUE 14 de Julho 2-5 p.m. no De Beauvoir Square.**  
Atividades e diversões gratuitas para crianças

**FIESTA EN EL PARQUE – Sabado, 14 Julio, 2-5 p.m. De Beauvoir Square**  
Actividades y divertidos gratis para niños.

7月14日, 周六下午在 De Beauvoir Square 举行派对。  
各项免费活动, 孩子们千万别错过!

**Đàng vào công viên - Ngày thứ bảy buổi chiều, 14th tháng bảy, vào De Beauvoir hình vuông. Hoạt động miễn phí và sự vui đùa tặng đứa bé.**

**Park'da parti - Cumartesi öğlen, 14 Temmuz'da De Beauvoir Square'de.**  
Çocuklar için bedava eğlence ve oyunlar vardır.

**DI PARKE DE PARTI - Roja Semi, nivro.14e meha Hezirane,di De Beauvoir Square de**  
Aktiviteyen belas u keni ji bo zarokan.

**Impreza w Parku – Sobota po południu, 14 Lipiec 2007, De Beauvoir Square**  
Zabawy dla dzieci za darmo.

**Xaflad lagu qabanaayo PARK - Sabtida gelinka danbe, 14 ka July, gudaha De Beauvoir Square. Madadaalo xiiso u leh carruurta oo lacag la'aan ah.**

De Beauvoir Square می ۲-۵ جولاء ی دوپہر ۵-۵ پارک میں دعوت  
-بچوں کیلئے مفت تفریح اور کھیل کود

# PARTY IN THE PARK

**SATURDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
2 TO 5 P.M.  
IN  
DE BEAUVOIR SQUARE**

**Events and amusements include ...**

**TV Magician Tariq Knight  
Drum Workshop with Zoe Palmer  
Painting & Craft activities with Discover  
De Beauvoir Gardeners and Beavers**

**Facepainting  
Football Kickabout  
Bouncy Castle**

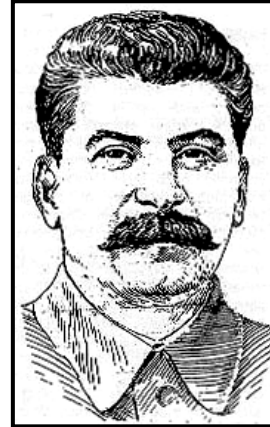
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Food, drink... Pimms bar  
Fire Engine**

**St John Ambulance  
Community Police**

*Sponsored by Team Hackney, Empowering Hackney, HCVS & Murphy*

## STALIN IN DE BEAUVOIR



A hundred years ago, De Beauvoir was the scene of a three-week meeting that helped change the face of the world. The location was a chapel, now long gone, in Southgate Road at the corner of Balmes Road, opposite the present Rosemary Gardens. There, 336 delegates of the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party, precursor of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, held their fifth congress. It lasted from April 30 to May 19, 1907. Those who took part included Stalin, Lenin and Trotsky. The two main factions, the Bolsheviks and Mensheviks, dominated the discussion and the meeting sealed their divisions, the former triumphing. They plotted revolution, which came in 1917 with the overthrow of Tsar Nicholas II.

They could not meet in Russia and the tsarist government had put pressure on other countries including Sweden and Denmark to refuse the meeting a home. The meeting elected Lenin to the presidium, along with Feliks Dzerzhinsky, who went on to found the KGB. Stalin, then little known outside his home country of Georgia, stayed in Tower House, a doss house off Whitechapel Road, making his way daily to De Beauvoir. He never referred to his stay in London.

Here is how the writer Maxim Gorky recalled the chapel: "I can still see vividly before me those bare wooden walls unadorned to the point of absurdity, the lancet windows looking down on a small, narrow hall which might have been a classroom in a poor school."

The building appears on Ordnance Survey maps as a Congregational Chapel and Congregational Church but was in use at the time by the Brotherhood Church, a Quaker offshoot that still survives, running a farm in Yorkshire on organic and ecological principles. The Brotherhood Church was formed in 1891 when John Bruce Wallace, who preached a mixture of Christianity and Marxism, took over the then-derelict church in Southgate Road. He also opened a food co-operative in Downham Road. In 1897, attendees to the 4th International Vegetarian Congress 1897 heard a humanitarian sermon at the chapel.

The building's association with causes continued: the National Film Archive has footage of mounted police ("the forces of loyalty and patriotism") breaking up a pacifist meeting there in 1917 when it was still known as the Brotherhood Chapel.

The chapel ceased to function in the 1930s. The whitelead works opposite (the site of Rosemary Gardens) was destroyed by German bombing in World War Two but it is unclear whether this was also the reason for the disappearance of the chapel.

### Paul Bolding



Joseph Stalin, Vladimir Lenin and Mikhail Kalinin, 1919

## AND NOW SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENTERTAINERS

**TV MAGICIAN TARIQ KNIGHT** – Tariq says: “From the age of five, I learnt I could fool adults with card tricks that I had read from books, and I enjoyed the bewildered looks on their faces. From that moment onwards I knew that was the path for me, so everything escalated from that point onwards.” He has a new BBC1 TV show starting on 9<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm with 21 half-hour episodes to follow. For more information about him go to [www.tariqknight.com](http://www.tariqknight.com). e-mail address [info@tariqknight.com](mailto:info@tariqknight.com). Tariq's tricks will start at about 2.00 p.m. and will continue on and off throughout the afternoon.

**ZOE PALMER** is a local musician who has been running a weekly drum workshop at St. Peter's Church on Monday evenings for the past 3 months. Zoe says: “Drumming is a great way for people of all abilities to make music together and no experience is necessary as we work from scratch at every session. We have over 30 drums funded by 'Awards for All' that are a resource to be played and enjoyed by the local community, so why not come along and give it a go in the open air on Saturday 14th July at 4pm. You never know, you might just like it.” Zoe can be contacted at [drumwithme@googlemail.com](mailto:drumwithme@googlemail.com).

**DISCOVER** is the UK's first hands-on children's centre focusing exclusively on creativity through projects, exhibits and activities exploring words, language and imagination. They are at 1 Bridge Terrace (off Stratford High St.) London E15 4BG. Further information at [www.discover.org.uk](http://www.discover.org.uk) or e-mail [team@discover.org.uk](mailto:team@discover.org.uk). Tel. 020 8536 5555.

(**DISCOVER need more children's books to give away.** Have another look in your cupboards and on your shelves. Bring them to 81 Mortimer Road and/or phone for us to collect 0207 275 8889.)

**DE BEAUVOIR GARDENERS**, who are helping with painting and craft activities on The Day, will be having a Garden Walkabout on 3<sup>rd</sup> July (meet at St. Peter's Church at 6.50 p.m.) and a Summer Picnic on 7<sup>th</sup> August at 27 Albion Drive, E8. Information about the Club is at [www.debeauvoirgardeners.org.uk](http://www.debeauvoirgardeners.org.uk) or e-mail [dbg@debeauvoirgardeners.org.uk](mailto:dbg@debeauvoirgardeners.org.uk).

**LUCIA WAY of Mush Arts** was brought up in Mortimer Road. Along with her colleague, she will be face-painting young people throughout the afternoon. Mush Arts have a team of face-painting artists and organize community events, parades, arts workshops and much... much more! Contact Lucia of Mush Arts: [musharts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:musharts@hotmail.co.uk). Tel. 07753281045



**BEAVERS** is a local and inexpensive parent-assisted playgroup for children aged 2 to 5 at the Rose Lipman Community Centre, Downham Road. For further information telephone 020 7275 7086. The DBA are not only pleased that Beavers will help on 14<sup>th</sup> July but are also most grateful for the **lovely raffle prizes** they have donated.

**FOOTBALL KICKABOUT** will again be organised by Marlon of SKY (South Kingsland Partnership). Don't forget they have free football sessions for 7 to 11s at the Britannia Leisure Centre on Fridays between 5 and 6 p.m. funded by the De Beauvoir Neighbourhood Group. E-mail [MarlonGayle@skypartnership.org.uk](mailto:MarlonGayle@skypartnership.org.uk) or Tel. 0207 729 6970.



## HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN - REACHING OUT AFTER 157 YEARS

Wayne Sheffield of Perth, Western Australia has traced his ancestors to the early days of De Beauvoir using the DBA website to contact the present owners of the house where his great-great-grandfather, Charles Sheffield, lived. Charles is shown living with his wife and two sons at 30 De Beauvoir Square in the 1851 census - and may have been the first occupant. He called himself a “Landholder.”

One of Charles' sons, Adolphus, was born in the house in 1850 and is Wayne's great-grandfather. Charles died in 1852 and Wayne, though he had a picture of the gravestone, did not know where he was buried. We checked the Abney Park cemetery records and found him there, passing the information to a grateful Wayne. The cemetery has 25 Sheffields listed, so they may have been an important family in Hackney.

Wayne's grandparents, William and Ada, left England with their five children in 1923 on the RMS Osterley for a new life in Australia. Now, Wayne plans to visit De Beauvoir to see the house where his great-grandfather was born.

**Paul Bolding**



### HAVE YOU LOST A BABY?

De Beauvoir's **Joy Beishon** is the Group Treasurer for **North East London Sands**, a support group run for bereaved parents by bereaved parents. Joy's daughter, Alex, was born sleeping 3 years ago, and she is a trained **SANDS**

**BEFRIENDER**. (All befrienders have experienced stillbirth or neonatal death.) Informal monthly get-togethers give the chance to share experiences and get mutual support. For more information please contact **07948 272486**, alternatively [nelondonsands@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nelondonsands@hotmail.co.uk).

### BEWARE CLOTHES MOTHS!

A friendly warning from a household invaded by the Common Clothes Moth: these small, silvery moths are on the increase, due to the warmer weather. Rentokil have treated several households in De Beauvoir recently, including ours: it's expensive, takes three days over a period of a month, and was not totally effective. Moths are VERY destructive, infesting wool, silk, fur, and sometimes originating from bird's nests in attics. The eggs are hard to see, as the casing is made from whatever they are laid on, and they blend in. The larvae are little white grubs with a brown spot on the head, and the larvae cases are long, silky and white: these are the most visible. See <http://www.the-piedpiper.co.uk/th8a.htm> for more detail.

The best prevention is old-fashioned spring-cleaning, plus zipped jumper bags, and polythene to wrap rolled carpets or other textiles. Remove the food-source, and the moths will go. Mothballs are NOT effective if just placed in a cupboard, and there is now some concern that they are carcinogenic, so I'd advise avoiding them. If infested, take the items into the garden and thoroughly vacuum, examine, remove larvae, lay in the sun. But check around the house: if you have one object infested, there may well be more. To treat an infestation yourself, go to [historyonics.com](http://www.historyonics.com), and you can order a water-based spray designed for use on museum objects i.e. will not damage precious items. Rentokil's is solvent-based, therefore more noxious, and it stained one of our pale carpets. However, if you have a bad infestation, treating single objects won't solve it, as the moths hide in skirtings, floorboards, cupboards, and I'm afraid a full commercial fumigation might be unavoidable. Good luck!

**Kirsty Norman**

**CALLING ALL SHARKS.** Shoreditch Sharks have a full team of under 13s **RUGBY PLAYERS** but would love to have more and would also like to grow their new under 10s group. **Girls** are most welcome as well! Currently, training sessions are held at Shoreditch Park, Pitfield Street on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7.30 but when the new season starts in September the sessions will be on Sunday mornings from 10.00 to 11.30. Transport to away matches leaves at 9.00 a.m. and is shared between parents. The Sharks have an Open Day on Sunday, 9th September from 10 to 3.00 p.m. in Shoreditch Park. (The compiler is not sure about the illustration – right shape but perhaps it is an American football? Hope not!) Further information from the **Manager, Jenny Aster (07904 884485)** or the **Chairman, Richard Raynes (07855 741482)**.



**SPORTINSPIRED – HACKNEY 2007** is a festival of sport showcasing every activity available in Hackney, featuring interactive games, chances to meet and get coached by instructors and inspiration to start new clubs. It will be held in Shoreditch Park on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> July from 12.00 to 5.00 on both days. Richard Raynes is one of the organizers and they have a website at [www.sportinspired.org](http://www.sportinspired.org). Five years still to go before 2012 and how splendid it would be to have a De Beauvoir medalist!

**AND SOMETHING SPECIFICALLY FOR GIRLS – THE GUIDES**



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Hoxton Rainbows/Brownies/Guides meet at the **Florence Bennet Centre, Cherbury Street** as follows:  
 Rainbows – Wednesdays, 6pm-7.30pm (5 to 7 years)  
 Brownies – Mondays, 6pm-8pm (7 to 10 years)  
 The Guides – Tuesdays 6pm-8pm (10 to 14 years)

For more information contact Judy Phillips, e-mail [phillips.jnjj@virgin.net](mailto:phillips.jnjj@virgin.net).

Sadly, despite the De Beauvoir Scout Hut it seems we do not have any **SCOUTS**. Congratulations, anyway, to the **Scout Movement** for achieving their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007.

**DISCO AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH**  
**SATURDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

6-10 p.m. in the Crypt with DJ Barrett Joshua  
 All welcome

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**PETER'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

The Crypt, St.Peter's Church, De Beauvoir Road (020 7249 0041)  
 is now **open** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 to 7pm  
 "We serve nutritious, cheap food, hot and cold drinks"

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE DBA WEBSITE** where lots more information can be found including our e-mail address and phone number.

[www.debeauvoir.org.uk](http://www.debeauvoir.org.uk)

**MANY THANKS TO THE HACKNEY COUNCIL SPONSORS OF THE DBA SUMMER EVENT**

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And thank you, too, **Gillian Trevethan** (Information & Communications Manager, Hackney Council for Voluntary Service, HCVS) for providing this information. She can be contacted on 020 7923 1962 or [www.hcvs.org.uk](http://www.hcvs.org.uk).

**AND**



The DBA are very grateful to **J. Murphy & Sons Ltd.** for most charitably providing a disabled loo for the afternoon of our Summer Event on 14th July.

Many thanks, Murphy

**CRIME AND CRIME PREVENTION IN DE BEAUVOIR - APRIL**

Burglary (residential & business)	11
Robbery (inc. snatches & pickpocketing)	7
Thefts of motor vehicles	9
Thefts from motor vehicles	10
Thefts of bicycles	3

**The De Beauvoir Safer Neighbourhood Team** is based at **33 Stoke Newington High Street, N16 8DS**. Tel. 020 7275 3686/07879 435 146. The De Beauvoir Team comprises Police Sgt. PS44 Tina Davies, PC 160GD Chris Pearce and PC 128GD Eòin Beirne with Police Community Support Officers 7177GD Paul Hartley, 7181GD Ross Phillipson, 7193GD Jenice Gunning and 7140GD Mo Gani.

**WARNING** – Beware of Distraction Burglary – currently 2 white men posing as police officers who may call and try to get into your house. Check meter readers' credentials, too. Don't leave upper windows open when you're out or at night unless they have safety locks.