

De Beauvoir

ASSOCIATION

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Hello again everybody. Children back at school (what a relief), evening classes starting and for all of us important festivals not too far off. Diwali, 17 October, Thanksgiving, 26 November, Eid al Adha, 27 November, the Feast of St. Nicholas, 6 December, Chanukah, 11-19 December and, of course Christmas and the New Year. Oh yes! Halloween on 31 October with its tricks and treats followed a few days later by Guy Fawkes night and fireworks that seem to go on for days. Celebrations that I hope will bring joy to all who take part. No. I haven't forgotten Vietnamese Tét (Chinese New Year, too) but that won't be until 14 February 2010 – the year of the Tiger. What an amazing community we have in De Beauvoir and I hope I haven't missed any important festival from the list.



Looking back, everyone who came to our Party in the Park in July had a marvellous time, particularly the children. A brilliant brass ensemble who played for us which leads me to blow the

DBA's own trumpet by saying that there are not many community groups who provide so much that is free for children in their area. The DBA are immensely grateful to **Kathryn Moore** who has tirelessly organised the party for the last 5 years and has made it such a successful afternoon. What can we say to you,

Kathryn, but THANK YOU. Of course, as well as Kathryn, there were many other volunteers who should be thanked – too many to name in this short introduction. Lots of photographs of the party on our website www.debeauvoir.org.uk.

As the compiler of the Newsletter, I hope you will find there is something of interest to you this time – there's a lot happening AROUND THE TOWN, see pps. 2/3. Any thoughts on future contents or comments on this newsletter, do e-mail info@debeauvoir.org.uk. We really appreciate your feed-back.

Our AGM is on Tuesday, October 13 at 7.30pm at the Scolt Head, (junction of Englefield & Culford Roads). Apart from a few minutes of business (voting in Committee members etc.), there will be a talk by Mr Cahit Baylav about the Turkish community in Hackney. The DBA is most grateful to the Scolt Head for making their back room available to us, not only for the AGM but other meetings, too. **DB**

NOCTURNE The romantic life of FREDERIC CHOPIN

A concert of Music and Words
SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER
at 7.00pm
St. Peter's Church
De Beauvoir Road

AROUND THE TOWN

THE DE BEAUVOIR ESTATE TRA (Tenants & Residents Association)

Rose Lipman Community Hall.
e-mail: debeauvoirtra@btinternet.com
Tel: 7249 4896.
Office open Monday, Tuesday and
Thursday 10.30am-12.30pm.

The TRA welcomes visitors, helpers and people with ideas (free coffee or tea). The Rose Lipman hall can be booked for social events or rehearsals (£250 per day with deposit). Hall or committee room daytime bookings £15 per hour.

Valentine Trust Charity “Music Hall”
in the Hall at 7.30pm on **19 December.**
Natasha Hodson

THE ROSEMARY BRANCH
2 Shepperton Road, N1 3DT
www.rosemarybranch.co.uk
Tel: 020 7704 6665.

24 hour box office. Tickets £5 to £15
and we do deals!

Imagine Drowning
by leading British playwright
Terry Johnson until **11 October.**

Branching Out 3
3 weeks (**14 October-1 November**) of
new writing, and work in progress with
the occasional polished performance
including two more chances to see Cleo
Sylvestre’s **The Marvellous Adventures
of Mary Seacole** on 18 and 25 October.

Suspense
Part of Little Angel Theatre’s London
Puppetry Festival 09 – for adults not
children. **30 October-8 November**
www.suspensefestival.com.

Death in Tbilisi
A collage of one-act plays from Ibsen Stage
Company. 23 November-12 December.

Dick Whittington

Charles Court Opera back again with
their hugely enjoyable anarchic panto.
Book now, some dates already gone.
18 December-10 January.

FREEDOM CLUB

Tuesdays 1-3pm in St. Peter’s Crypt unless
otherwise advertised. More information
from Romee on 7226 5231.

The Extraordinary Life of my Great- Aunt Clare told by Amanda Davies.

The story of a London nurse-midwife from
the early 1900s to the 1950s. 6 October.

The organ pumper’s bag carrier.

Tigger Cullinan talks about her 11 years as
a doctor’s wife in Tanzania and Malawi.
13 October.

Film: Some Like it Hot

with Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis,
Jack Lemmon – special showing at the
Scolt Head – 1.15pm, **20 October.**

DE BEAUVOIR GARDENERS
www.debeauvoirdenardeners.org.uk

The Strange and Ingenious Methods Plants use to Disperse their Seeds and Ensure Survival.

Talk by Rob Kessler, an artist who bridges
the divide between art and science.
6 October.

The Devil’s Garden. Talk by Russell
Bowes, freelance garden historian.
Just past All Souls Day, Russell will focus
on plants with sinister connotations and
associations with banishment, madness,
black magic and murder most foul!
3 November.

**Meetings in the crypt of St. Peter’s
Church,** De Beauvoir Road first Tuesday
of the month at 8pm.

AROUND THE TOWN

THE SCOLT HEAD

107a Culford Road
www.thescolthead.com Tel. 7254 3965
Pub Quiz on Monday nights – starts promptly at 8pm. Teams of 6 (max.) can join in at £2 a head. Kitchen open 6.30-10.00pm every evening.

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON

119 Balls Pond Road. Tel. 7275 7640
www.thedukeofwellingtonN1.com
info@thedukeofwellingtonN1.com

Cinema Club

on 1st and 3rd Sundays every month.
Films start at 8pm, free entry.

Gimme Shelter,

The Rolling Stones. 4 October

Duck Soup,

the Marx Brothers. 18 October

Sunday Funny Sunday.

New stand-up comedy night (3 comedians) on last Sunday of the month starting 25 October. Doors open 7.30pm. £5 for Duke mailing list members, £6 others.

Sunday Roast

from 12noon-8pm, and **Saturday brunch**, served 11am-5pm.

THE LIGHT YOGA SPACE

Unit B, 100 De Beauvoir Road.

www.lightyogospace.co.uk

e-mail: lightyogospace@gmail.com

020 7254 9697

A weekly timetable of yoga classes as well as a series of workshops including vegetarian cooking, stress management, baby massage, clothed massage for beginners and a singing circle.

SKYWAY COMMUNITY COACHING

www.skyway.uk.com,

Tel. 7729 6970

Football for 8s to 12s at the Britannia Leisure Centre, 40 Hyde Road. Fridays 5-6pm. After half term, coaching will be in the Leisure Centre.

New Beauty Course for Girls

at The Blue Hut, 49 Provost Street, N1.
5-7.00 every Friday until December. Free.

SHOREDITCH SHARKS

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Behind Britannia Leisure Centre,
Pitfield Street.

Contact: Jenny Aster 07904 884485.

Boys and girls aged 7 to 17.

Sunday mornings 10-11.30am.

First 3 sessions free.

HACKNEY BULLS

YOUTH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Clissold Park, N16 & Springhill E5.

www.hackneybulls.co.uk.

e-mail: enquiries@hackneybulls.co.uk.

07770 880816. Training and competitive fixtures for under 7s to under 16s.

LOCKNER & KINGSGATE

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are a group of volunteers who represent the interests of residents on the estates to Hackney Homes and Hackney Council, and also decide how to spend estate improvement money from the Council. At the Annual General Meeting on 16 September the current Chair and Treasurer both stood down and weren't replaced so we're looking for new people to fill these important roles. If you live on the estates and would like to get involved, or be added to our e-mail mailing list, please contact Francine, the Association Secretary on locknerkingsgate@googlemail.com.

In the last year the Association has helped fix play area problems, represented residents' interests on the Council's proposals to install security gates, and made plans to brighten both estates with more flowers and planters. To make both estates good places to live we need more residents to join us. Please come forward!

Francine Rump

DB

ONE OF OUR LOCAL SHOPPING CENTRES

De Beauvoir Estate off Downham Road has become a cultural melting pot of people living and working in the area. Here, we catch up with some of the diverse local businesses and find out why it's the right place for them.



She may be nervous about stepping outside the Kurdish & Turkish Community Centre after dark, but **Seda Yildirim** says she's never felt more at home on the De Beauvoir Estate.

Seda, 25, a student who hails from southern Turkey and works at the Centre part-time, used to live in Bromley and Greenwich. "But they were very English," she says. "When I arrived here, I felt like I was back home. I thought; I won't feel lonely again!"

It's not surprising. Seda's days are spent assisting staff at the Centre who help Turks and Kurds negotiate daily life in the UK; translating forms such as marriage certificates, answering benefits queries, assisting with English language appointments, even encouraging them to stop smoking. "We've had a Stop Smoking campaign running for the last eight months involving 250 people and 50 have quit," she smiles.

There are more plans for the Centre when it moves to its new building in Dalston

Junction mid-next year. "We used to hold English classes but the rooms are too small now. When we move, we will hold them again, along with folk dance and activities for the women. It helps them have a better life here."



Just across from the Centre is **Kemal Senturk**. Originally from the Black Sea in Turkey, Kemal came to London five years ago to work as a joiner. Three years in, he set up his own business,

White Cat Joinery. It's going well and he's saving hard for when he returns home in five years. "In Turkey, as a joiner, you can get by but you can't save. It's easy to save here. But I miss my home, the sun, the food and the girls," he laughs.

While the Turkish community make up a large number of those in the area, people from all corners of the world have come here to make it their home and workplace.

Mr. & Mrs. Arulkumar have worked in Spar for the past two years and came to London from Sri Lanka in the 90s. **DB**

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they've caused a bit of a stir with reporters visiting the area to cover the shop for The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and even the October edition of Homes & Gardens magazine.

Andrea and Patrizia take old furniture and turn it into designer pieces using their creativity and recycled fabrics. They've transformed the Mother Bar on Old Street, and sold lots of pieces from their show room on the Estate.

At Alpa Stores, **Dinesh and Mina Patel** are from Gujarat in India. They have been running their corner shop since 1999, but have noticed the downturn this year. "Things have slowed up and it is quite competitive here," Mina admits. But they have lived in the area long enough, they say, to know that things always change.

Next door in Best Buy, **George** helps out with the family business. Hailing from Cameroon, he worked as an English and French language teacher before moving to the UK, and says he would love to do it again someday. He likes the area and appreciates the custom from residents living nearby. "There's no trouble," he says, "And there's always support for the local shops."



At Urban Upholstery, Italians **Andrea Simonutti** and his girlfriend **Patrizia Sotille** are at the helm. Launching their business just before the recession in February 2008,

Andrea, who learned his trade with Gianni Versace, says people were surprised when he chose this location for his business. "They said 'Go to Angel or Islington' but this is the right place for us. East London is known for its design, we live in Dalston and we're near Shoreditch and Commercial Road here. We've had a good response from local people too. So we're staying." **DB**

For more information on these local businesses, visit
www.urbanupholstery.com and
www.whitecatjoinery.co.uk

Get to know your neighbours!

Here are some words that should get the talking started...

Indian: Namaste = Greeting/Respect

Turkish: Merhaba = Hello

Turkish: Ho geldin = Welcome

Sri Lankan: Vanakam = Hello/Welcome

Italian: Ciao e buona giornata = Hello and have a nice day

RIO CINEMA - Call for Home Movies!

Thanks to funding from Film London and the Goldsmiths' Company, the Rio is celebrating the 100th anniversary of films being shown on its site, with an ambitious new community project that will make archive film more accessible to local audiences. As part of the project, the Rio is especially interested in any home movies local residents may have hidden away. These films are a rich source of memories, and key to unlocking and accessing our pasts. 8mm, 9.5mm, 16mm, Super 8 – the Rio is interested in it all!

On Saturday 14 November the Rio will be hosting a special 'Home Movie' screening day, when local people can bring along their film reels and view them on screen. The Rio will digitise a selection of this material – so it can be played and enjoyed again at home on DVD. **DB**

If you have any old film footage or would just like to know more about the project, please contact Jemma at the Rio – jemma@riocinema.org.uk or tel: 020 7241 9419.
www.riocinema.org.uk
Jemma Buckley

FAMILY HISTORY

Family History has become very popular recently, thanks to the BBC and their "Who do you think you are?" programmes.

If you decide to delve into your family history grill your parents and grandparents now, as later there may be frustrating blanks that may never be filled. Where they were born, went to school, work, marriage and, possibly, the names of your great grandparents. It is relatively easy to find ancestors back to 1841 when census records started, even 1837 when births, marriages and deaths began to be recorded but earlier than that it becomes more difficult. Some of the family legends may be true or you could unearth shameful secrets: transportation, illegitimacy, bigamy. Quite exciting really, all adding colour to your family tree.

There is a wealth of information available on the internet (some requiring a subscription) mostly to the late 1700s or early 1800s – The first UK census of 1841 has only brief household details but the 1851 census is more interesting

with birthplaces and occupations listed. Even ancestors from overseas can be found if one is lucky. The 1911 census is the latest available but isn't cheap as it is pay to look unless one goes to the National Archives at Kew (an hour by train from Dalston Kingsland). Closer to home, the Society of Genealogists in Clerkenwell offers free access to six main family history websites, see **www.soc.org.uk** Open Access. For those with Hackney ancestry, Hackney Archives are even closer in De Beauvoir Road.

If you are a family history investigator, or would like to be, please contact me as perhaps we can start a local group. It is helpful to exchange ideas, make use of website subscriptions, magazines and hear about others' antecedents. This short article only skims the fascination of discovering one's past and the records that can be examined. Do get in touch. E-mail carol@crystalclear.it or tel. 7254 2281 and don't be put off thinking I know it all. I don't! **DB**
Carol Lee

NOCTURNE – The romantic life of Frederic Chopin

Residents who enjoyed the “Beloved Clara” concert at St Peter’s Church in 2005 will be pleased to hear that Lucy Parham is bringing her latest project to De Beauvoir in November. “Nocturne” is a programme of words and music which chronicles the romantic life of Frédéric Chopin. Acknowledged as one of Britain’s finest pianists, Lucy won the BBC Young Musician of the Year Piano Class in 1984 and since then has performed extensively throughout the world. She has appeared regularly at all the major London venues and music festivals in the UK and been a frequent guest presenter for several BBC Radio 3 programmes. Next year

is the 200th anniversary of Chopin’s birth and “Nocturne” will be performed at Wigmore Hall in 2010. De Beauvoir residents have the opportunity to preview the concert on Sunday 15 November at 7pm in St Peter’s Church. The narrative read by two acclaimed actors and scripted from letters and diaries follows Chopin’s turbulent relationship with Madame Dudevant, better known as George Sand the renowned French novelist, their time together in Majorca, his fragile health and death in Paris aged 39. Lucy will play some of Chopin’s most loved and poignant compositions. **DB**

Fiona Darbyshire

THE WARRIORS CRICKET TEAM REVIEW OF 2009

The Mighty De Beauvoir Warriors are now in their fourth season of cricket, and can finally report that victory has been attained. After many valiant efforts the Warriors, led by captain Kevin Read, put Stoke Newington to the sword in the July derby. This was the team’s first ever win and was celebrated appropriately at the Scolt Head afterwards. Indeed, founder member Richard Lynam is still celebrating somewhere in Norfolk...The Warriors are now the holders of the Old Fart’s Cup.

On a less successful note, the lads fought in vain against the Baring pub over the August bank holiday weekend, losing the Ashes trophy which Lawrence Windle (captain of the Baring team) has kept in his grasp since 2006. Our first match in June was a defeat, away to Eric Tracey’s boys down in Wiltshire at Fonthill Gifford. Beautiful bucolic setting; awful performance! The teas were rather splendid though... Special thanks must

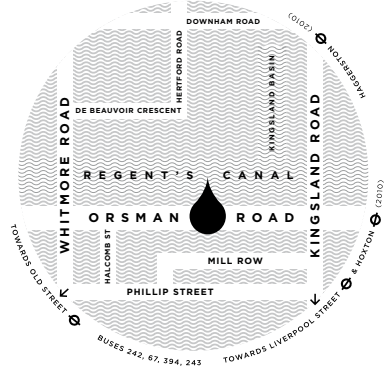
go to Kate and Andrew Green for their loyal support and of course being the best scorers in town!

During the summer a series of nets were well supported at Lords, and many new faces have arrived to make a difference - we have welcomed newcomers Richard Charkin, Nick Mallender, Everett Williams, Farooq Malik, Taimoor Moazzam, Tim Sholer, Aly Duncan and all have contributed magnificently. Old faces like Barney Lom, Ben Gerrans, Ed Gerrans, Jonnie Silver, Roger Ward, guest star Bobby Hillman (from the Baring) and the brothers Dudding (Dave and Jonathan), Sameer Rege, Colin & Mostyn Taylor all made the season memorable and cordial.

If anyone would like to join the team for next season please drop an e-mail to Kevin Read (Kevin.read@barclays.com) or Russell Toone (Russell.toone@sothebys.com). **DB**
Russell Toone



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JONATHAN BANNISTER, THE DBA NEWSLETTER – AND OUR LOGO.

In July 2008 the format of our newsletter changed and took on a professional appearance. This was thanks to Jonathan's Company, Typhoon Creative Partnership – and particularly Tomasz Jurek who produced the new layout and was incredibly patient in dealing with our constant alterations to the text. Not only has Typhoon been involved with the newsletter but has produced some magnificent posters for us and created our logo, familiar to all of you.

Jonathan has now resigned from the Committee and so for future newsletters we will try and follow the guidelines so ably laid down by

him and Tom. We are most grateful for the tremendous assistance that has been given us over the last few years and wish Typhoon every success in the future.

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