

## NEXT DBA PUBLIC MEETING

Monday 7 November, 7.30 p.m.  
St Peter's Crypt, Northchurch Terrace  
(sorry – no disabled access)

- Election of officers

The De Beauvoir Association was revived about eighteen months ago by a small group of local residents who have since acted as its officers. They are Hilary Mandleberg, David Kingsley, Stephen Grosz, Maggie Whiteley, Helen Birch, Paul Bolding, Jeremy Forty, Sade Olushanu, Rupert Palmer, Julia Porter, Marc Hauer, Carol Lee, Kathryn Moore, Joy Beishon, Jane Ross-Macdonald, Clare Elson, Laurence Windle, Dorigen Hammond, Kirsty Norman, Shane Lincoln, Gerard Ryan and Lynda Sparks.

We have a Constitution and list of our aims and objectives, both of which can be viewed on the DBA website ([www.debeauvoir.org.uk](http://www.debeauvoir.org.uk)).

The time has now come to put the DBA on a more formal footing and spread the workload. We need to appoint a **Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Events Manager, Publicity Manager, Fundraiser, Website Manager, Rep from De Beauvoir Estate, Rep from Lockner/Kingsgate Estate**

- Address by the LBH Chairs of Regulatory Services and the Licensing Committee concerning the Licensing Act 2003

Hear how the Licensing Act 2003 will affect De Beauvoir and take the opportunity to have your questions answered and your concerns addressed.

Please **send in your nominations** for DBA officers **and any questions** for the Chair of Regulatory Services and/or the Chair of the Licensing Committee by 1 November 2005.

**Don't forget to come along, to vote and to discuss how the Association should develop from now on !**

Thanks to **The Rosemary Branch Theatre Pub** for helping to fund this issue. If you know of a local business which would be willing to sponsor the next one, then please **e-mail** us, **text** or **leave a message**.

### The De Beauvoir Association

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## THE DE BEAUVOIR ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2005

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**WELCOME** to the third issue of the De Beauvoir Association Newsletter.

On 5 September, London & Quadrant Housing Association presented to the Association's committee their outline design proposals for residential development of the sites adjoining Kingsland Basin which they have acquired from the Benyon Estate: see report on page 2.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**6 November**, St. Peter's Church will be the venue for the Schumann Festival production of 'Beloved Clara', featuring Charles Dance and Joanna David, with the pianist Lucy Parham: for full details, see page 3.

Our next public meeting will take place on **7 November**, so please send in:

- **by 1 November**, any questions you want the speakers from Regulatory Services and the Licensing Committee to answer; and
- **by 1 November**, your nominations for officers of the association: (see page 8)

by e-mail to [info@debeauvoir.org.uk](mailto:info@debeauvoir.org.uk), or **text** or **leave a message** on **07962 422149**

Come and put your concerns about all Hackney issues and find out what the Olympics will mean for the Shoreditch area when Hackney's Mayor, Jules Pipe, attends the public meeting of Shoreditch Neighbourhood Committee at the Hackney Community College on **5 December**.

### BREAKING NEWS

- There has been a revised planning application for the redevelopment of the land adjacent to Rosemary Gardens. By the time you read this, it will be too late to object, but there will have been many objections. Watch this space!
- There has been a further application to place a mobile phone mast at the junction of Downham Road and De Beauvoir Road. Again, by the time you read this, it will be too late to object. We'll keep you posted.
- There have been a lot of developments concerning the Dalston Area Action Plan (see page 7). Also see our website ([www.debeauvoir.org.uk](http://www.debeauvoir.org.uk)) for the latest news.

## PROPOSALS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF KINGSLAND BASIN by Shane Lincoln

On 5 September 2005, London & Quadrant Housing Association, with their architect (JCMT) and urban planner Mike Doyle, presented the De Beauvoir Association committee with their outline design proposals for a predominantly mixed housing scheme which they are developing on sites acquired from the Benyon Estate to the east and west of the Kingsland Basin but not quite reaching the canal towpath. (Carol Lee's detailed minutes are on the DBA website at [www.debeauvoir.org.uk](http://www.debeauvoir.org.uk).)

L&Q are currently working with the Haggerston Estate and are well versed in consulting local opinion. Their presentation endorsed this clear strategy of local liaison prior to submitting a planning application and apparently took into account comments made by other local groups before Councillor Jim Cannon suggested that L&Q contact the DBA.

The proposal comprises about 290/300 x 1, 2, 3 and 4-bedroom residential units, with family units at ground level and the remainder distributed above, wrapped around a series of courtyards or wharves open to the Basin. The development would be in ziggurat-style, with 5-6 storey buildings next to the Basin, rising to 8 storeys in the middle and then a mixture of heights along Hertford Road. Some of the existing buildings on Hertford Road might be retained although which ones remain to be agreed.

The committee presented some strongly felt opinions which were, in summary, that:

- the site should not limit contact with the Basin
- the opportunity of an accessible bridge across the Basin linking both sites under L&Q ownership should be pursued and
- some 'heart' to the development should be included, be that a café, patisserie or bakery.

The other deeply felt concern was that a further gated community was being introduced to the area and that, taken with the development already underway at the former Edith Cavell site, this was an unwelcome change to the current housing 'type' in De Beauvoir.

Finally, the lack of a clear planning strategy from Hackney planning is being addressed by L&Q who presented the basis of a robust urban design strategy for the entire Basin. Hackney planners should be minded to heed their considered advice when addressing other applications in the area.

L&Q agreed to look into some of the points raised by the DBA. It is hoped they will come back to us again in 4/6 weeks when their application is ready, although they would prefer communications to be made through Councillor Cannon. Their target for lodging a formal planning application with Hackney Council is late October/early November.

No drawings of how the proposed new buildings would look were produced and the only architect's model showed existing buildings. L&Q did not make it clear how much of the length of the building frontage along Hertford Road would be high-level, up to 8 storeys.

## REPORT FROM YOUR COUNCILLORS Vivian Amaran, James Cannon and Frances Pearson

1. **Planning permission** for the former garage behind 27a Ardleigh Road was debated at a planning committee on 25 July. A group of residents presented their case clearly and the decision to proceed was taken with a condition requiring discussions with local residents. This was a good outcome and reflected the need for developers to share their approach with those who are going to be affected.

2. Further discussions and presentations have taken place on the **Dalston Area Action Plan** and the **East London Line Extension**. A lot of effort has been put into comments by local residents and especially the Kingsland Conservation Advisory Committee. Current thinking includes putting a slab over the railway cutting and adding a bus station to which access would be gained from Kingsland Road. Funding for this would be generated by putting a mixture of commercial, retail and residential properties on the site. Meanwhile, enabling work has now started on building the bridges for the line.

3. The next stages for the **Dalston Area Action Plan** require a report to cabinet on 24 October, followed by a six-week consultation period. This will include drop-in sessions at CLR James library and opportunities for further meetings and submissions. Subject to cabinet discussions and consultation feedback, it is likely that a public examination will take place during a six-week period in the spring of next year. Further details are on the council's website at [www.hackney.gov.uk](http://www.hackney.gov.uk).

4. Following another successful year for the council in managing its finances, Mayor Jules Pipe has declared his intention of **freezing the Hackney part of the council tax for next year**. Last year, Hackney increased its council tax by only 1.7% and a freeze next year would, in effect, mean a real reduction in council tax. The GLA element is, however, likely to increase as a result of the increase in expenditure on the police and transport. Watch this space for developments.

5. Mayor Jules Pipe will be at the **Shoreditch Neighbourhood Committee** at the Hackney Community College on 5 December. The quarterly meetings are open to all and this is an opportunity to come along and ask the Mayor about Hackney issues. He will be updating everybody on the Olympics and what it means for the Shoreditch area.

P.S. Hope you have noticed the **improvements to the road closure areas** in Ufton Road and elsewhere as part of the council's tidying-up programme. An additional programme of street tree planting is also planned for the autumn months.

**For details of councillors' surgeries contact 0208 356 3303 or  
check the Hackney Council website  
<http://www.hackney.gov.uk>**

## CRIME IN THE AREA

Our Community Beat Officer, Jamie Shaw, has provided us with the crime figures for the entire association area from 15 August–21 September 2005. They show a welcome drop in robberies, but a rise in burglaries:

- Burglary (residential and business) – 18
- Robbery – 1
- Thefts of motor vehicles – 6
- Thefts from motor vehicles – 16
- Thefts of pedal cycles – 3
- Criminal damage to motor vehicles – 9

De Beauvoir is currently being used for a large crime-prevention initiative involving Smartwater Property Marking to try and combat the burglary problem. Residents will have been receiving information packs through their doors. The police ask us all to be aware of home security and to keep windows and doors secured. As before, they remind us not to leave valuables on show inside motor vehicles. Disabled badges are still being targeted.

**Jamie Shaw PC 230 GD**  
**0207 275 3686**

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## NEWS FROM THE LOCKNER ESTATE by Lynda Sparks

The feeling that ‘as nothing gets done why bother to attend’ meant that the Estate Committee meeting on 19 September was very poorly attended by residents, so unfortunately the people who had come from the Council in response to our complaints didn’t get the full picture. However, the Council’s Anti-Social Behaviour Department has agreed to hold separate estate meetings on both Lockner and Kingsgate with residents, the police and themselves, some time in October. Hopefully this will help resolve things

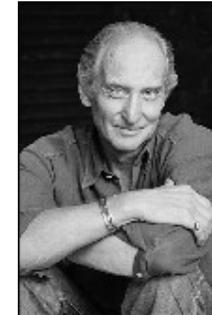
The ball areas on both estates are to be refurbished. The work on Lockner is to start by the end of October but the Council have now caused problems on Kingsgate. All the planning and finance had been arranged – the Estate Committee had agreed that the Environmental Income Budget monies were to be used – when suddenly it was discovered that the sheds that form two sides of the play area are to be demolished!!! NOT ONE PERSON on the Estate OR on the Tenants and Residents’ Association Committee had been notified by the Council of the proposed demolition. Some of the (pram) sheds are still used – and paid for – by tenants who were allocated them at the time of their tenancy. They form part of their ‘living space’. We will be fighting this!

We have invited PC Jamie Shaw to our next meeting on 8 December but won’t hold our breath!

As you can see from the above, the Council seems to operate with no regard for its residents until they shout.

## THE WEST END COMES TO DE BEAUVOIR by Clare Elson

Charles Dance, Joanna David and renowned pianist Lucy Parham are the three big names coming to St Peter’s Church in De Beauvoir Road on the evening of Sunday 6 November.



‘Beloved Clara’ is a performance tracing the relationship between Robert Schumann, his wife Clara, and Brahms. It is told in their own words through diary extracts and music.

This programme is part of the ongoing ‘Schumann Festival’ in the West End that celebrates the 150th anniversary of the life of Robert Schumann. It has been highly acclaimed in the national press and is featured on BBC Radio 3 and 4.

The evening begins at 5pm and the performance will last approximately 2 hours including an interval. There will be a bar providing drinks during the interval and an opportunity to catch up with fellow De Beauvoir residents afterwards.

Tickets are subsidised by Living Spaces and Hackney Council and are therefore on sale at just £5 each. Please call either Maya Bhose on 020 7226 0224 or Clare Elson on 020 7249 3194 to get your ticket.

For more information see [www.schumannfestival.com](http://www.schumannfestival.com) and [www.lucyparham.com](http://www.lucyparham.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

### THE DBA NEEDS YOU!

Are you an architect, planner, youth worker, writer, editor, accountant ... or simply willing to spare some time? Please let us know by e-mailing [info@debeauvoir.org.uk](mailto:info@debeauvoir.org.uk) or by sending a text or leaving a message on 07962 422149. We especially need people to

- write articles for, help deliver and/or produce the Newsletter
  - speak up for elderly and disabled people
  - organise social events
- take up the cudgels on behalf of the neighbourhood when needed.

Please put yourself forward even if you can only spare a few hours a month. Thanks!

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**Forgotten Woman**

5-6, 12-13 November at 2.30pm

All performances: £5 (£3 concessions)

To celebrate Black History month, you just have to come and see this one-woman show about Mary Seacole, written and performed by our very own Cleo Sylvestre. Suitable for family audiences, it has already been very successful at The Museum of London, the National Portrait Gallery and Florence Nightingale Museum.



Just in case it had slipped your mind, Mary Seacole was a feisty and intrepid half-Jamaican, half-Scottish nurse, much loved and admired for relieving the suffering of soldiers in the Crimea but not quite so popular with the British establishment, including Ms. F. Nightingale herself.

Full programme details are on our website at [www.rosemarybranch.co.uk](http://www.rosemarybranch.co.uk) but please note some date changes below.

**Peer Gynt** **£1.00 off tickets with this newsletter**

29 September-30 October

New and original production from Dale Teater Kompani, one of our favourite theatre companies

Tuesday-Saturday at 7.00pm; Sunday at 5.00pm

Saturday matinees at 2.30 pm on 22 and 29 October

4-23 October £10.00 (£8.00 concessions)

25-30 October all tickets £12.00

**I'm an Asylum Seeker Get Me Into Here**

2-20 November

Four failed asylum seekers compete in a reality TV show to stay in the UK.

Tuesday-Friday 8.00pm; Saturday and Sunday at 7.00pm

Extra matinee 19 November at 4.00pm

8 November pay what you can.

£10 (£8.00 concessions) until 13 November

15-20 November all seats £12.00

**The Mikado**

29-30 November and 1-2, 4-5 December at 7.30pm

'Fan'omenal fun in Japtastic G&S show with 9 top young professional singers'

£12.00/£10.00(concessions)

Gala night Fri 2 December: Dress up! £30 (includes champagne reception)

Paupers' night Tuesday 29: all seats £8.00

**A Victorian Christmas House Party**

7-8 and 10-15 December at 7.30pm

Festive frolics, mesmerising magic, cantabulous carols and ghoulish ghost stories

All seats £8.00