

FROM VIETNAM TO N1

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 Chinese Restaurant & Takeaway
 Fully Licensed & Air Conditioned
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Mon, Wed & Thur	12.00 - 2.30pm	Closed	5.30pm - 11.30pm
Tuesday			
Friday	12.00 - 2.30pm		5.30pm - 12 Midnight
Saturday			5.30pm - 12 Midnight
Sunday			5.30pm - 11.30pm

A recent arrival to the De Beauvoir restaurant scene is **Wing Sing at 28a Stamford Road**, generous sponsors of this issue of the August Newsletter.

The proprietress, Mrs La, came to Britain from Hanoi 24 years ago. Her Chinese husband is the chef and together they have taken the plunge and opened their own business. 17 year old son, Wing Sing (Steven) – for whom the restaurant is named – and 19 year-old daughter, Julie,

sometimes help their parents out in the restaurant, but make sure that work doesn't get in the way of their studies. Steven is studying Graphic Design and Julie, Fashion Design. Another daughter, Jess, is 14, and the youngest, Kevin, is 6, and are waiting in the Wings.

Over 200 Chinese dishes are available, some Vietnamese too. Mrs La says the main difference between the two cuisines is that Vietnamese cooking uses more herbs.

Lunchtime special two-courses for only £5

Takeaway available

Free home delivery on orders of £10 or over (evenings only)

Do go along and try this lovely new restaurant (children are welcome), and take advantage of Mrs La's special offer that runs until **18 September**. You won't be disappointed!

WING SING Special Offer £5 Off until 18th September
 When spending £20 or more on eat-in menu

Terms and Conditions

PLEASE PRESENT THIS VOUCHER WHEN PAYING THE BILL.

One voucher per order.

Vouchers may not be used in conjunction with any other offer.

No cash refunds or alternatives on any promotion.

We do not accept cheques.

Vouchers are not available for lunchtime specials menu.

Thanks to **Living Spaces** for helping to fund this issue. If you know of a local business who would be willing to sponsor the next one please get in touch e-mail info@beauvoir.org.uk, or leave a text or message on 07962 422149

THE DE BEAUVOIR ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2005

This issue sponsored by Wing Sing Restaurant

28a Stamford Road, London N1 4JL

WELCOME to the second issue of the DBA Newsletter. We are making great progress, including a well attended public meeting in May. We're not just concerned with people's complaints (although there are some, as you will see), but also want to bring some fun into everyone's lives with social activities

Some of the items discussed recently are:

- Liaison with De Beauvoir, Lockner and Kingsgate Estates: we all agreed we want to work jointly as far as possible, especially on issues concerning us all such as activities for local children, social events and planning issues.
- Constitution: We planned to register the DBA with the Charities Commission but discover we do not qualify – not enough income (in fact, we don't have any)! Hopefully that will change when officers are elected - see notice on page 6.
- **Summer Event** in De Beauvoir Square: work on this has been steaming ahead thanks to a dedicated group of people. Date for your diary - **3 September, 2–5 p.m.** see page 3.

CRIME FIGURES

Due to recent London terrorist attacks our Community Beat Officer, Jamie Shaw, and other local police have been overwhelmed with work, consequently the crime figures for De Beauvoir are not available for this issue. We offer the Police our support in these difficult and tragic times.

NEWS FROM THE LOCKNER ESTATE

Our main concern is the problem of drugs and prostitution on our Estate. Police have been invited to Committee Meetings and even offered use of the Lockner/Kingsgate Association's community office as a venue for a police surgery, but no response. We fear we will lose our cleaner because of debris left by drug users and prostitutes on our staircases.

Apparently one tenant has recently been evicted for immoral behaviour and drug use but we believe there are at least a couple more. Incidents and details of cars being used for drug dealing have been reported to the police, but, again, no action has been taken. **POLICE PLEASE TAKE NOTE! THE RESIDENTS OF LOCKNER NEED YOUR HELP!!**

The play area has recently been resurfaced and negotiations are on-going with the Council to try and get our football pitch upgraded - replacement fencing and a resurfaced pitch. It is hoped there will be Council funding for the work and completion later this year.

The next Estate Committee meeting will be in September

NEWS FROM THE DE BEAUVOIR ESTATE

Good news... Hopes for August opening of a youth club on Balmes Road run by CRIB Youth Clubs. We wish it every success.

Urgent estate improvements needed...

- The only estate in Hackney with **open refuse skips** - a health risk, unsightly and an encouragement to fly-tippers. Tenants have fought for installation of Paladin bins and one already serves Rozel Court. We hope the Council actions Paladin replacements by year end.
- **And removal of Garchy systems from flats** (large sinks for kitchen waste, water filled, which run down to pits under the flats, emptied every fortnight). After 30 years these are grease and slime filled and the smell from them comes into our flats. Many new tenants don't know how to use the system and the elderly find them very difficult. **Let's get these sinks OUT – PLEASE!**
- Finally, we are fighting to get our **pavements re-laid** throughout the Estate. About time too!

OUR VERY OWN FOOTBALL LEAGUE – Clare Elson

Monday 1 August sees the launch of our very own De Beauvoir Football League. A qualified, council-registered coach will be taking budding footballers aged 7–16 through their paces each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.00 to 3.00 p.m throughout August at the football pitch on the corner of Downham and Ufton Roads.

There will be regular after-school and holiday coaching for boys and girls in the De Beauvoir area. This is an extension of the playground project in De Beauvoir Square. This follows recent discussions and meetings with local residents and has been made possible by funding from Living Spaces, who also helped with the redevelopment of the De Beauvoir Square playground. Local youth coordinators, Sky Partnership in Kingsland Road, will manage the project on our behalf.

Coaching sessions in August are free to all and will finish with a trip to a local football stadium for those children who attend at least 75% of the programme. On 3 September, at the De Beauvoir Summer Event in de Beauvoir Square, anyone aged 7–16 can have a kick-about with our coach and sign up for after-school coaching sessions for the Autumn Term.

For more information and to book your FREE space for summer holiday coaching sessions, call Marlon at Sky Partnerships on 0207 729 6930 or email info@skypartnership.org.uk.

A LOAD OF OLD RUBBISH

Are you fed up with piles of rubbish/garbage sacks dumped days before collection date on street corners, smelling, with contents strewn about after attack by animals? If so, take a photo (mobile quality will do) and e-mail to james.cannon@hackney.gov.uk, Frances.Pearson@Hackney.gov.uk or Vivian.Amaran@Hackney.gov.uk demanding action by the Council – more collections, provision of robust containers, stricter controls, name and shame etc. Alternatively call the Council's Waste Hotline 020 8356 6688.

EAST LONDON'S DISCOVER IS A BIG SUCCESS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN!

1 Bridge Terrace (off Stratford High Street) Stratford, London E15 4BG

Over 80,000 young children have been through Discover's Story Building Trail and Story Garden experiences in the last 2 years. With the guidance of trained "Storybuilders" children enjoy sessions of 2 hours or more whilst improving their skills in literacy, language and communication.

For children aged 0 - 8 years, and parents and teachers, this exciting new centre is just 5 minutes walk from Stratford's underground, rail and bus stations - look out for the signposts.

Open every day during school holidays between 10 and 5 and for School Classes during school term, Tuesday to Sunday. Also open every weekend for parents and children. Special events at Christmas and other holiday times with Story Bags, Music and Art Weekends, Wooden Spoon Puppet making, etc.

Discover can be booked for Birthday Parties at weekends or for organisations working with children any day. For more details phone: 020 8536 5555 or e-mail: team@discover.org.uk.

YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE IT - and so will you!

DOG FOULING

Jo Sutton kindly volunteered at the last DBA meeting to look into the weird world of dog-fouling inside De Beauvoir Square (beyond the 'No Dogs Allowed' sign inside the railings). Michael Dixon, who is responsible for Parks and Open Spaces at Hackney Council, is aware of the problem right across the borough. He says any decision regarding action is currently 'at director level', by which he means that they are looking into the revising of the dog fouling act and ways of enforcing it. Jo has not heard any more since, but will let us know if she does.

Meanwhile, she also had a comment from a local resident who said that there is a shortage of doggy poo bins, so she'll take that up with Michael Dixon too.

THINGS TO DO WITH PRE-SCHOOL & PRIMARY AGE CHILDREN

Jane Ross-Macdonald and Emma Garth have produced a mass of information on playgroups, soft play centres, story-telling, ballet, gymnastics – you name it – they've researched it and all with addresses and phone numbers. Unfortunately it was just too long to include in the Newsletter. Don't despair, though, it's all on the DBA's website or, if you don't have internet access, text or phone 07962 422149, ask for a hard copy – and don't forget to leave your address.

www.debeauvoir.org.uk

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 or by sending a text or leaving a message on 07962 422149. We especially need people to
- ♦ deliver and/or produce the Newsletter
 - ♦ act as Treasurer ♦ Secretary ♦ Membership Secretary ♦ speak up for elderly & 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!

the assessment of planning applications in the area and the identification of the priorities for Dalston.

The first consultation period has been concerned with getting comment on the positive and negative aspects of Dalston and ways to manage growth. This consultation finishes on 12 August. A further 6-week consultation period is to be held during November and December on a Draft Document which will state specific planning policies.

If you would like to register your interest and receive information on this stage of the project please contact John Vercoe, either by logging on to <http://www.hackney.gov.uk/planning-policy-aap-dalston.htm> or, if you don't have internet access, you can obtain a copy of the project documents by visiting your local library Alternatively, if you would like to speak to the project officer managing the Dalston Area Action Plan, please contact John Vercoe on 020 8356 8231 or via email at john.vercoe@hackney.gov.uk.

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE KINGSLAND BASIN

A representative of London and Quadrant Housing Trust has been in contact with us concerning the plans they are currently putting together for the redevelopment of the Kingsland Basin. The Trust's main purpose is to provide homes for people to rent – private, shared and affordable housing. They tell us that they are a not-for-profit organisation and are the preferred bidders for the Haggerston/West Kingsland redevelopment.

We will be meeting with London and Quadrant at our next committee meeting on 5 September to hear more about their plans. We are also liaising with representatives of the Kingsland Conservation Area Advisory Committee (KCAAC) and will keep you informed of any developments. Quadrant hope to get a planning application to Hackney Council "in the autumn."

If you are interested in finding out more about London and Quadrant, you can access their website on <http://www.lqgroup.org.uk>.

NEXT DBA PUBLIC MEETING

7 November, 7.30 p.m

St Peter's Crypt, Northchurch Terrace.

Election of officers: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership and 2 other Committee members are required. **Nominations to be submitted by 1 November.** E-mail info@beauvoir.org.uk, text to 07962 422149 or leave a message on 07962 422149.

The Chairs of Regulatory Services and of the Licensing Committee will speak on the subject of new pub licensing arrangements and how they will affect the people of De Beauvoir. **Please submit any questions by 24 October** - email, text and phone as above. (Also see **Pub Noise – time to act** on page 3.)

CHILDREN'S PARTY & PICNIC
SATURDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER

DE BEAUVOIR SQUARE

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Not just for children but **EVERYONE**. Bring your own picnic. Fancy dress competition (and De Beauvoir-ites are very imaginative judging by animals made from vegetables at recent Gardening Club Shows). Under 14s can bounce on the castle, face painting for all those that fancy it, amazing feats of juggling, football, books and storytelling, fire engine, bunting and balloons.

This extravaganza has been arranged thanks to Living Spaces, Hackney Parks Department, Discover, The Circus Space, Kingsland Fire Brigade and St. John Ambulance – and tireless DBA workers!

THE CIRCUS SPACE have very kindly agreed to run a 'How to Juggle' workshop free for us at the above Event. Based in Hoxton they are the powerhouse of Britain's contemporary circus. Come and take part in this and then visit them at their home in Hoxton for one of their spectacular Cabaret nights featuring top acts from around the world, including graduates from their own BA Hons. Circus Degree.

The Observer wrote, 'I left the Circus Space Cabaret on a high. It has precisely what Cirque du Soleil lacks: poetry, wit and charm. The old power station in Hoxton is a fine place – a conversion that is at once spacious and intimate. It is delightful to sit at a table with a little candle burning and look upwards.'

Full details can be found at www.thecircusspace.co.uk

PUB NOISE - TIME TO ACT

We enjoy visiting local pubs, however many residents have suffered from anti-social behaviour from other pub users, landlords and pub managers alike. With new licensing laws coming into effect during 2005 we know a significant number of De Beauvoir residents are concerned that their quality of life could be completely shattered. Do any of the following cause you concern? If so, now's the time for the DBA's collective voice to be heard by making appropriate representations to our local Councillors and the Council.

Out of hours drinking. Drug abuse. Threatening behaviour. Unlicensed music and other entertainment. Vandalism. Excessive noise levels

All of the above have been witnessed in De Beauvoir pubs. It's time to encourage Hackney Council to deliver on their commitment to be tough on law-breakers and public nuisance.

People have been affected by noise and anti-social behaviour from the Trolley Stop and are in discussions with Cllr. Fran Pearson for measures that can be taken against this pub and its landlords.

If you wish to make your views known about this or any other pub in the area, please come along to the next DBA meeting on 7 November (see notice on page 6).

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De Beauvoir Gardening Club
Flower and Produce Show
Sunday 4 September 2–5 p.m.
Northchurch Terrace (alongside St Peter's Church)

Planning continues to be a major issue for a number of local residents. Particular issues cover the backlands developments and the latest to attract attention is the former garage behind 27A Ardeigh Road. Residents understand that there will be developments but they are concerned that these should be reasonable and fit in to the conservation area. We are always willing to assist with any aspect of planning and we are in close contact with both the DBA and the Conservation Area Advisory Committee – we don't always get the desired result but we are willing to try!!

London and Quadrant have purchased the property beside the Kingsland Basin in Hertford Road and the basin itself. They are a major Housing Association and are keen to include the local community in discussions about the future development. We will be keeping a close eye on progress and will be seeking to ensure that the resultant developments are to the benefit of De Beauvoir (see more details on page 6).

Fran Pearson has been active in working with local residents and community groups to help set up a summer football competition for the young people of the area. It is hoped that this will be especially attractive to those with energy during the summer holidays (see page 2) and there has also been a Time Team dig at Shoreditch Park for those younger citizens who are less inclined to chase balls. This was run in conjunction with the Museum of London and the hope is that the programme will be shown on Channel 4 later this year.

The success of the London bid for the Olympics will give real opportunities for Hackney with 30% of the Olympic site in the borough. Mayor Jules Pipe has been concentrating on trying to make sure that the transport infrastructure of the Borough is improved and provides a legacy for all. Part of that is the East London Line extension which is due to go ahead for 2010 – sounds a long way off. The council is also trying to agree further extensions to include an eastern loop link to Stratford as well as the link to Highbury. A Dalston Area Action plan is being drafted (see more details on page 6).

Changes to the licensing laws have been causing concern for some local residents. In addition some of our local pubs have been adversely affecting the quality of life for people living nearby. Fran Pearson has been meeting with some local residents to discuss the general and specific issues. A session on licensing led by senior councillors from Hackney will be part of the 7 November meeting of the DBA (see more details on pages 3 & 6). In the meantime, Fran will try and answer any queries or follow up your concerns – frances.pearson@hackney.gov.uk.

PS Did you know that a recent independent survey said Hackney's Planning website is in the top 20 in the UK?

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

STOP PRESS: Rosemary Gardens - a result!!

The revised Rosemary Gardens application was thrown out by Islington Council at the Planning meeting on 26 July on the grounds that the resultant increased amount of vehicular traffic was undesirable.

The developers will probably return with an application that uses the existing Downham Road access which will be better but will still not help the people living in Park Place and may antagonise those living in Downham Road.

Ideally we would like Islington to find another location altogether for the Greenspace depot. Hopefully in view of all the local opposition, they will.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU THINK A HOUSE IS BEING SQUATTED?

Report the incident to the Corporate Contact Centre (020 8356 3000) or email Corporate.ContactCentre@Hackney.gov.uk. If on an estate tell the relevant Manager at the Neighbourhood Office or, in some cases, refer to the police.

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**REPORT FROM YOUR COUNCILLORS
Councillors Amaran, Cannon and Pearson**