

## AGM/ Kate Malone

Tuesday 27 September, Crypt

The DBA's annual general meeting will be followed by a talk by long-time local Kate Malone, British studio potter, ceramic artist and judge on BBC2's The Great Pottery Throw Down (second series to come). Kate is known for her large sculptural vessels and rich, bright glazes. She has two studios in De Beauvoir, and will be joined by two of her students, to talk about their work, and the future for British studio pottery.

## De Beauvoir Prom

Sunday 16 October, Church

The Olympics have been awesome but what about The Proms? If you are inspired READ ON! De Beauvoirites will be performing an exciting mix of musical styles and genres in the first De Beauvoir Prom. Please put the date in your diary. Our neighbourhood is full of talent, both professional and aspirational, but there is still some space in the programme so if you or someone you know would like to take part, please get in touch with Cec Darker: [cecilia@rosemarybranch.co.uk](mailto:cecilia@rosemarybranch.co.uk)

## De Beauvoir Fair

Saturday 27 November,  
10am – 5pm, admission £1,  
Crypt

The ever-popular De Beauvoir Christmas Fair is back again so don't buy your Christmas presents until you've paid us a visit. Stallholders will be selling delectable eats, Christmas cards, housewares, pet treats, garden must-haves, children's toys and games, "made in De Beauvoir" items and a host of other lovely things. As usual, there will be refreshments on sale to sustain you. Any DBA profit will be donated to charity.

# Around the town

## THE ROSEMARY BRANCH

2 Shepperton Road, N1 3DT  
Tel: 020 7704 6665. 24hr box office.  
**2-10 Sept June** Manuelita  
**30 Sept** Streets Paved with Gold  
[rosemarybranch.co.uk](http://rosemarybranch.co.uk)

## THE PROUD ARCHIVIST

2-10 Hertford Road  
[theproudarchivist.co.uk/whats-on](http://theproudarchivist.co.uk/whats-on)

## THE SCOLT HEAD

107A Culford Road  
**Pub Quiz: every Monday 8pm**  
**29 Sept/27 Oct/24 Nov**  
Jazz with Peter Werth  
Jazz Crew and guests

## DE BEAUVOIR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

St Peter's Crypt,  
Northchurch Terrace  
(Usually) First Thursday each  
month 7.30pm.  
**6 Oct** TBC  
**3 Nov** Bollywood themed  
meeting of local WIs  
[debeauvoirwi.com](http://debeauvoirwi.com)

## ACOUSTIC SUNDAYS

Free music in the crypt of St  
Peter's or outside if fine. Food.  
(First Sunday, dates TBC)  
2pm onwards  
[soundadviceuk.com](http://soundadviceuk.com)

## ST PETER'S CRYPT

There is a wealth of classes,  
courses and events including  
yoga, pilates, a choir and  
much more.  
[stpeterdebeauvoir.co.uk](http://stpeterdebeauvoir.co.uk)

## DE BEAUVOIR GARDENERS

St. Peter's Crypt, Northchurch  
Terrace. First Tuesday of each  
month 8pm.  
**11 Sept** Annual Flower and  
Produce Show  
**4 Oct** Garden History talk  
**1 Nov** Talk by Miranda Janatka  
of Kew, on a botanical trip to  
the British Virgin Islands  
[debeauvoirdenardeners.org.uk](http://debeauvoirdenardeners.org.uk)

# New face at St Peter's

This September St Peter's Church welcomes Jenny Walpole as part-time Lay Minister. She is due to be licensed by the Bishop of Stepney on 6 September. Jenny has a day job as a Verger at the radical West End church, St James, Piccadilly. She worked previously as Project Worker for the Manna Project helping homeless people at St Stephen, Canonbury. Jenny has just completed a 3 year part-time course in Lay Ministry at St Mellitus College. London. In her spare time she sings with the Diversity Choir, a London community chamber choir that rehearses near St Paul's at the Gresham Centre. She also enjoys classic car shows.

Jenny says: "I am looking forward to getting to know the eclectic people of De Beauvoir and joining in with worship and life at St Peter's. I am hoping to use my music skills and to develop in the craft of preaching. I feel very thankful for this opportunity, the three years of training felt like a long road, and so I am excited to be starting something new. I am expecting to be challenged but also hoping to become rooted in this gentle Anglo-catholic tradition and that it will feel like a spiritual home." **Continued on p8**



# On the beat with Mo



**Mo Gani is a familiar figure in De Beauvoir. Courteous, determined, friendly, and often bike-mounted, he has been a Police Community Support Officer in De Beauvoir for nine years now, with three years in Haggerston before that.**

The family story is a classic example of East End immigration, hard work and integration. Mo's father left Bangladesh for England when Mo was just two, and brought his wife and two children to London six years later, in 1975. An older son has stayed behind to manage the family farmland. The family live in Tower Hamlets, and while his father worked for the rest of his career in a tyre factory in Bow, Mo joined the police, and two of his children are now going to university. Business studies, accountancy... they are doing well.

Why the police? Again, it's a familiar story: Mo had been working in the garment industry, but it was fading in the East End. The police service offered a secure job, but it was Community Support work that attracted him rather than regular police work. "I like to get involved with people... it's never boring. If a police officer arrests someone, his entire shift's gone, with forms to fill in." Mo is De Beauvoir's only dedicated CSO. (There used to be four) He has watched kids grow up here, knows the good'uns and the bad'uns, knows the hideouts they use. When he first came to De Beauvoir the N1 Gang

PCSO Mo Gani (Picture: Paul Bolding)

were moving in on the area, but with four CSOs they were able to target anti-social behaviour swiftly, and the gang moved away.

The major problems now are snatches of phones and bags by thieves on scooters, and cannabis dealing. Not much cocaine, apparently, but they find and raid entire indoor cannabis farms. There are also several rough sleepers in the area: the police try to bring contact workers from appropriate agencies, but often by then they have moved on. Mo is clearly uncomfortable that those who resist help just have to be moved on, aware of the futility of the exercise.

He hopes that he can stay on in De Beauvoir, though that decision is made higher up the chain of command. He has been commended by the Borough Commander for his work here. He is proud of having developed a good relationship with the community, though it tends to mean that people contact him rather than calling 999 or 101 when crimes happen, which is frustrating as CSOs don't have powers of arrest and often cannot react immediately.

Is he a victim of his own success? He laughs – perhaps just a bit pleased. But he does want people to call 999 if it's urgent, or 101.

**Kirsty Norman**

# Keeping bees in De Beauvoir

***It's some six year ago that I started keeping bees. I'd always been fascinated by their behaviour and over recent years, together with many other people, had become increasingly concerned that the bee population in Britain was under threat. When my wife gave me a Christmas present of a course in bee keeping I felt this was a great opportunity.***

Over six weeks I attended a course in Regents Park given by Toby Mason, who looks after 40 hives in the Park. I was hooked, and when Toby offered me a small colony (or 'nucleus') I leapt at the chance, bought a hive and the other necessary equipment, and was away.

The first challenge was where to put my hive. I was fortunate that I had a flat roof at the rear of my house, which proved ideal. Facing east it caught the morning sun so the hive warmed up early, encouraging the bees to go foraging, while the house protected the hive from the prevailing westerly winds. As the bees flew off and returned to the hive at first floor level they did not interfere with humans, and there were no problems from vibration or other animals disturbing the hive. The colony thrived. It expanded rapidly, survived the winter successfully, and in the following year I was able to create a second colony, and produce almost 100 lbs of honey!

It became clear that bees really love De Beauvoir. There is an enormous range of plants and trees proving a rich source of nectar and pollen. Most houses have good-sized gardens and there are lots of exotic plants, shrubs and trees for the bees to feed on. The 'urban effect', which results in average temperatures a few degrees higher than the countryside, helps to ensure that there are plants and trees flowering from the early spring to late October, or even November, and importantly, the bees do not have to contend with the problems of insecticides and herbicides that their country cousins do. As a result the honey they produce is very aromatic and complex, and very popular locally.

It has not, however, been altogether plain sailing. Bees can behave very unpredictably. Last year mine managed to swarm six times, which meant I had to go round to neighbours with a box and collect them up again. Whilst



**Richard Turnbull (left) and Ian Bailey**

my bees have not, so far, been affected by any of the diseases that can afflict bees, there is the continuing problem of varroa, a mite that weakens the bees and has been endemic in the UK for many years. This can be kept under control by treating the hive a couple of times a year. And, of, course, there is always mother nature to contend with! Two years ago, a late cold snap in the spring resulted in me losing a colony, while the last winter proved too warm, and I lost another colony because the bees came out too early!

I've also been fortunate to have the help of a very experienced local bee keeper, Ian Bailey, who looks after the hives at King Henry's Walk Gardens, who has been an invaluable mentor. I hope to have some honey for sale at the De Beauvoir Christmas Fair on 26 November, so do look out for me.

**Richard Turnbull**

# Parish supports Kenya charity.

**Gillian Borrie** writes about an African charity being supported by St Peter's and how the community might do more:

***Two years ago I went on my fourth tour with Mission Direct, a charity enabling UK volunteers, on two week placements across the world, to work with local people on projects that bring practical help, hope and change to individual lives. In Kenya I met Patrick Ngigi. He and his wife work with young girls escaping female genital mutilation (FGM) and early marriage in a part of Kenya where such custom is deep rooted and very common.***

Funded only by donations, Mission with a Vision (MWV) has helped nearly 1,000 Kenyan teenagers by providing a Safe House, education and vocational training. It is now home to 65 girls. Wherever possible, MWV works with community elders to reconcile the girls with their families, a difficult and often slow process. FGM is now illegal in Kenya, but resources to support families escaping it are almost non-existent. Education is key to the long term success of improving the prospects of young women in Kenya. Educated parents are less likely to subject their daughters to genital cutting or to use childhood marriage to settle family debts.

Sponsoring the girls through school is critical to MWV's success (the cost of keeping 8-16 year olds at primary school is £25 per month). Unsponsored girls simply wait for a chance to go to school. What else can they do? Where else can they go? The numbers keep growing but no one is turned away. What Patrick needs is help with infrastructure costs. He used his modest personal savings to visit the UK last month to seek financial support from his friends here. He came to St Peter's to tell his story. He wants to install solar panels in the safe house; dramatically reducing running costs, thus releasing scarce and sporadic donations for education, food and clothing. £3,650 would provide MWV with a system that would light the house and run all its electrical appliances - for ever, assuming no fundamental change in Kenya's climate. It is very hot in the Maasai Mara and electricity in Kenya is very expensive. Patrick's work is seemingly sustained by faith alone; somehow he just keeps going,



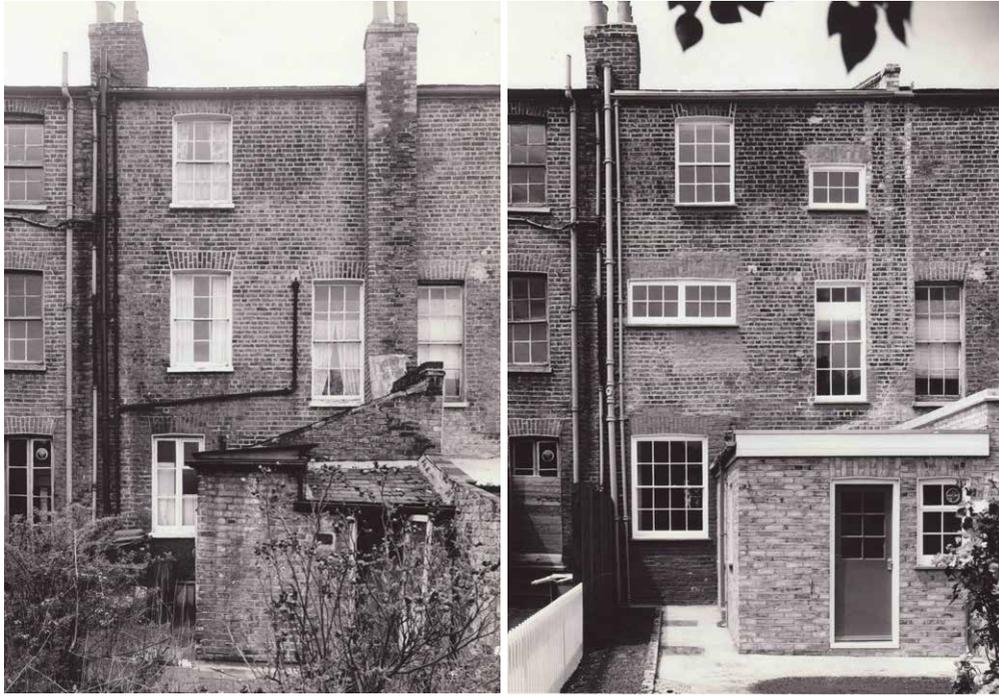
**Orphan Celestine is one of those being helped by Mission with a Vision, which is looking for someone to sponsor her education.**

hand to mouth, month after month. St Peter's supports MWV as part of its mission in a wider world than the parish. At next month's meeting the Parochial Church Council will debate how it might help. Wouldn't it be good if over the next six months church and community together were able to raise the money needed for the solar system? Too difficult or too far way?

Mission Direct works to the Starfish principle: "A little boy saw thousands of dying starfish on a beach. He started to pick them up and throw them back in the sea. "What are you doing" his mother asked "How can you hope to make any difference here?" The boy answered " Well, I made a difference to that one and that one.....".

For more details on this appeal or how to sponsor a girl through school, contact [info@debeauvoir.org.uk](mailto:info@debeauvoir.org.uk)

# “After the Act”: A neighbourhood shaped by housing law



Before (l) and after (r) images of a renovated De Beauvoir home (Picture: Graham Parsey)

***The previous newsletter outlined the decline of affordable housing in De Beauvoir predicted in the wake of the government’s 2016 Housing Act. If these predictions prove accurate, it will not be the first time the area has been transformed by a major piece of housing and planning legislation.***

After the Second World War a series of major Housing and Planning Acts enabled so-called “slum clearances” and incentivised ambitious programmes of house building. Among these was the 1957 Housing Act, which would be used decisively in De Beauvoir. The 1957 Act was the first to give local authorities a formal definition for establishing which homes were unfit for habitation, so they could be redeveloped. However, the definition was “wide enough to permit a liberal interpretation of what constituted unfitness”.

Two years later in 1959, Hackney Council used the Act to place a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) on most of De Beauvoir Town south of Downham Road, which it deemed unfit for habitation. The CPO had to be approved by the Ministry of Housing in central government, which launched a public inquiry.

The Ministry’s inspector took issue with the council’s verdict and advised that much of the housing should be left to be improved. In making his final decision, the Conservative Minister of Housing, Henry Brooke, sidestepped the disagreement, but allowed the CPO because the promised housing gain would help at least some of those on Hackney’s housing list, which was fast approaching 6,000. In the 1960s conservation lobbying groups grew across the country, in opposition to the scale, speed and apparent indiscretion of post-war demolitions. It was in this climate that the original De Beauvoir Association formed in 1968, following Hackney Council’s plans to comprehensively redevelop almost all of the area between Downham Road and Ball’s Pond Road.

The following year the 1969 Housing Act was passed, which would have enormous importance for the future of De Beauvoir Town. It created the status of General Improvement Area. When an area was given GIA status, owner-occupiers and landlords could apply for substantial grants of public money to renovate their homes.

Many hundreds of homes in De Beauvoir were renovated with public grants through the GIA programme in the 1970s. Most were fitted with an indoor bathroom for the first time. Public funds also paid for “environmental improvements”, from tree planting to traffic calming and landscaping. De Beauvoir Town would be unrecognisable today without these taxpayer-funded grants, but it is unlikely to have happened without the one-off election in 1968 of a Tory controlled Hackney Council. It was this administration that put the 1969 Act to use, declaring the “Central Area” – roughly Northchurch up to Englefield Road – the first GIA in Hackney, in 1970. At the same time, the Tory controlled Greater London Council applied another new piece of legislation to the Central Area, the 1967 Civic Amenities Act. This Act introduced another status more familiar today, the Conservation Area.

In 1971, the GIA portion of De Beauvoir was extended south to Downham Road. The council vote took place at the very last meeting before new elections, and the certain return of control to Labour, which opposed the move. In local newspaper articles from the early 1970s, the reinstated Hackney Labour party cites the growing evidence that the GIA legislation was having disastrous consequences for long-standing residents across London. Families and the vulnerably housed were the worst affected, as renovations were used to hike rents and subdivide houses into smaller, more profitable, flats. In two wards in west London that were among the first to become GIAs, 40 per cent of residents had been forced out of the area within five years as a result of the designation.

The original DBA welcomed GIA status for De Beauvoir, working to ensure the programme developed in the interests of all residents. However, it also worked to counter the negative effects. It put in countless hours to see homes were improved, often in the face of negligent landlords. It campaigned against “winklers” – speculators who would buy tenanted houses and then intimidate the tenants into leaving, so it could be renovated for sale or rent at a much higher value. The DBA held weekly surgeries to help local residents access the social welfare they were entitled to, so they could stay in their homes. With funding from the GLC, it established a local housing association, the De Beauvoir Trust, to purchase more

than 50 houses to subdivide and let at social rents, directly ensuring the area retained some affordable housing. By contrast, the scope for resisting the worst consequences of the 2016 Housing Act can seem limited. Some local authorities, including Hackney, are pushing for the Act’s “Pay to Stay” penalties against council tenants to be delayed.

If anything can be gleaned from these past examples, perhaps it is the importance of making the most of opportunities when they arise. The planning application recently submitted to redevelop the Kingsland Fire Station is an 11-storey building without any affordable housing of any kind (Hackney Council planning no. 2016/2207). Consultants for the developers argue this is necessary to pay for the Hackney New School within the development. It is not possible to interrogate this claim because the consultants’ document is heavily redacted. Councillor James Peters estimates the developers would reap £9m in profit from the proposed development. In 1960 the Minister for Housing approved the demolition of one quarter of De Beauvoir Town because 6,000 were waiting for housing in Hackney. Today that figure is over 11,000. Amidst such an emergency, a developer claiming it is not possible to contribute any affordable housing should be challenged to open that claim to public interrogation.

**Jonathan Hoskins**

**An evening with Stuart Weir:** a life of political action, starting in De Beauvoir. XXXX 2X Nov, 6.30pm – 9.30pm. Open School East, Rose Lipman Community Centre, 45 De Beauvoir Road, N1 5SQ

In 1968 Stuart Weir became the co-founder and inaugural Chair of the original De Beauvoir Association. He was at the forefront of the campaign against the planned, wholesale demolition of De Beauvoir Town. He later became editor of the *New Statesman* magazine. The evening is also the launch of the new book *Own De Beauvoir!* by Jonathan Hoskins, which brings together 18 months of original writing and research into the narratives of collective action in De Beauvoir Town. It features over 100 images of De Beauvoir not seen before, including donations from Stuart Weir and the estate of Graham Parsey, another key figure in the recent history of the area. Stuart Weir will talk from 7-8.30pm. *Own De Beauvoir!* will be on sale throughout the evening at a special, discounted price. A paid bar will be open all evening. For further information, contact [dbjonathanhoskins@gmail.com](mailto:dbjonathanhoskins@gmail.com)

# New face at St Peter's

(Continued from p2) Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) used to be known as Lay Readers or Lay Preachers. The change in name reflects a broader focus than just preaching and leading word based worship. LLMs also support adult education and small group work, ministry with children and young people, pastoral care and outreach work. Lay Ministers are usually drawn from amongst congregation members and have the advantage of offering 'views from the pews'.

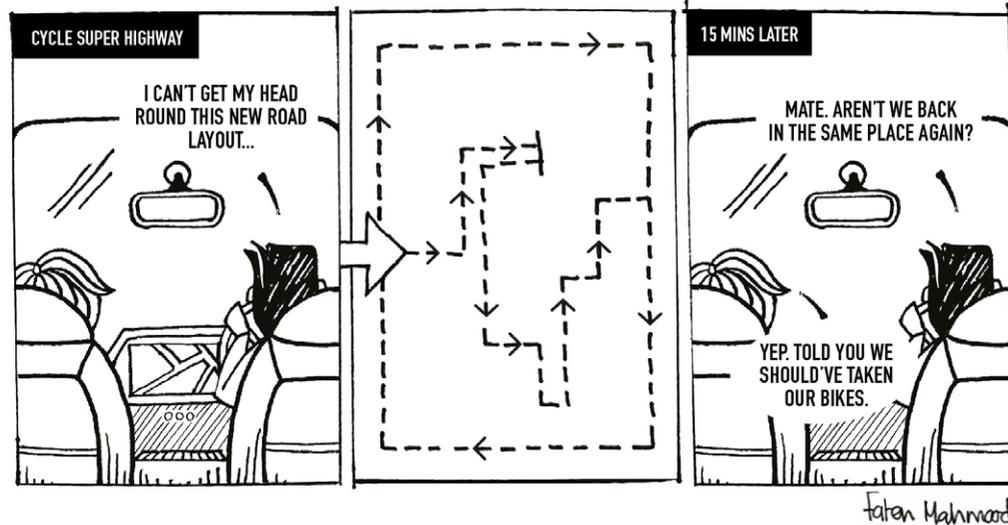
St Peter's is delighted to announce that another member of the congregation, Sarah Dallas, is starting training at St Mellitus College in September. Sarah is

already well known to De Beauvoir for the bi-monthly Balloon Debates. Behind the scenes at St Peter's she has been working on communications - our beautiful new website is thanks to her oversight - as well as supporting the work of Noisy Church. Watch out for Jenny and Sarah out and about in De Beauvoir this autumn.

In another change, the parish recently also said farewell to Curate Richard Springer who is not immediately being replaced following his move to St George in the East church in Shadwell.

Liz Kohler

# Town Talk



# De Beauvoir-based bloggers

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| <p><b>Faten Mahmood</b><br/>londonfatcat.com<br/>Lifestyle, fashion and design.</p> | <p><b>Burley Fisher Bookshop (Jason and Sam)</b><br/>burleyfisherbooks.com<br/>About the latest small press publications and all publishing and book related matters</p> | <p><b>Kerry Thompson</b><br/>clevercitycooking.com<br/>A cookery blog about eating well at home using easily available ingredients.</p> | <p><b>Hayley</b><br/>mydebeauvoirdiaries.com<br/>Fashion and style.</p> |
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# Road closures to go ahead

TfL has announced that road closures in De Beauvoir will be implemented in the autumn "subject to final approvals".

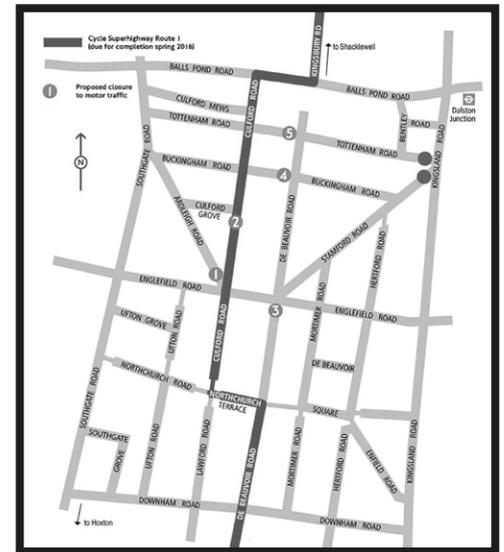
Of the five closures that were proposed as part of cycle superhighway 1 (CS1), four will go ahead as planned: at the bottom of Ardleigh Road in front of the Scott Head, nearby in Culford Road, and in Buckingham and Tottenham Roads west of their junctions with De Beauvoir Road.

However, the De Beauvoir Road / Stamford Road / Englefield Road junction will now be redesigned to allow only southbound motor traffic to enter De Beauvoir Road. Exact details have not been given. This is presumably because the many businesses at 90-100 De Beauvoir Road who opposed the plans pointed out that a complete closure would have led to delivery trucks having to make three point turns in the road. The closures will be provisional for a maximum of 18 months during which time Hackney Council will monitor the effects and hold a further consultation before deciding what to do next.

No mention was made in the 76-page report of the separate closures proposed in Stamford and Tottenham Roads at the junctions with Kingsland Road to allow Tesco trucks to park without obstructing the A10, other than to say that the closures complement each other so they will apparently also go ahead.

Plans for traffic lights at the junction of Culford Road and Balls Pond Road and a two-way segregated cycle track along Balls Pond Road are still under consideration. It's not clear what happened to other elements of the original CS1 including a redesign of the junction in front of St Peter's Church. TfL never explained in detail on what basis it would be influenced by the controversial consultation on road closures last year. The latest report said that of 1,180 responses, 57 per cent "supported or partially supported" the closures. Within De Beauvoir, 46 per cent supported them and a further eight per cent partially supported them, though partial support was not explained.

There was considerable support from the north-east quarter of De Beauvoir including Ardleigh Road as well as the lower part of De Beauvoir Road. Opposition came from streets already closed off including Northchurch Road and De Beauvoir Square as well as 90-100 De Beauvoir Road. In neighbouring areas, plans for substantial closures in London Fields ward seem to have been scaled back after protests to a single width



restriction in Middleton Road. In Mildmay, just to the north of De Beauvoir, three restrictions have been given the go-ahead but upset residents have started a petition to ask TfL to think again.

An additional zebra crossing is also planned in Englefield Road west of the Culford Road junction.

And speaking of 90-100 De Beauvoir Road, readers may have noticed refurbishment of those mainly business-occupied addresses being undertaken by the Benyon Estate. It is offering 33 commercial units of different sizes in the refurbished buildings. To find out more about the estate's vision for these buildings, go to <http://www.debeauvoirblock.com/>

And we believe work starts soon on the buildings housing Spice Island restaurant and takeaway at the mini-roundabout, where the Benyon Estate is redeveloping. The familiar round corner will go in favour of an angled façade which will allow for a wider pavement. It's not clear whether the restaurant will reopen somewhere else.

We have noticed a new opening in the nearby section of Kingsland Road at no 492: what claims to be London's first cactus shop. It's name? Prick.

Paul Bolding

# Unlocking the Geffrye

**The news that the Geffrye Museum on Kingsland Road is considered one of the 25 best small museums in Britain (Times, July 15th) will come as no surprise to its fans in De Beauvoir.**



(Above) Geffrye Museum development - cross section of the main museum building (R) Museum Director David Dewing and Chairman of Friends John Tomlins (Picture: David Trillo)

Many people love the herb garden and the period gardens which complement the museum's period rooms. Parents and grandparents are grateful for the many free activities for children and families on offer at the weekends and during school holidays.

The "museum of the home" has become much busier in recent years, thanks in part to access from Hoxton station on the East London branch of the London Overground. This growing popularity has highlighted problems over access and congestion.

Happily things can only get better, thanks to "Unlocking the Geffrye", a £15 million project supported by a grant of £11 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and a further £1.7 million from other sources. The London Borough of Hackney has now granted planning permission for this ambitious development which opens up spaces previously unseen by the public. Seventy per cent of the museum's buildings will be open to the public as opposed to 30 per cent now.

The proposed cross section of the main museum, as illustrated here, shows the new library space on the first floor and a home gallery on the lower ground floor. These new spaces will enable much more of the museum's collection to be on show and improve circulation of visitors through the museum. Other

features include: a new entrance opposite Hoxton station, a "learning pavilion" and studio in the gardens. There will be a cafe in the ground floor of the early Victorian pub, the former Marquis of Lansdowne, which stands on the corner of the museum's land, opposite Hoxton station. Architects Wright and Wright, who are responsible for this sympathetic design, have won awards for their work in heritage settings.

Previous plans by leading David Chipperfield that would have meant demolishing the pub were rejected by Hackney Council in 2013 after a huge public campaign.

The museum's priority now is to raise the funding balance - £2.3 million - by next spring. The aim is to start work on the site by the end of 2017 when the museum will close for 12-18 months before reopening in 2019. To read about the museum, its plans and activities visit [www.Geffrye-museum.org.uk](http://www.Geffrye-museum.org.uk).



Readers may also be interested in the Friends of the Geffrye, whose subscriptions support the museum, its programmes and exciting plans for the future. Membership provides access to a wide range of talks and visits, a biannual newsletter and invitations to special events. This spring we enjoyed a couple of lectures at the Museum, a walk around Shakespeare's London and a private visit to Hoxton Hall. Our recent summer party was held on a miraculously balmy evening and was enjoyed by about 200 Friends and their guests. Those who were able to tear themselves away from the glorious gardens enjoyed talks from the curators, tours of the restored almshouses and were able to listen to a harpist in the chapel. Further information about the Friends and their activities is available on the website or contact [members@fotgm.org](mailto:members@fotgm.org). Do think about joining us and supporting our local museum.

**Judith McEnergy, Friends of the Geffrye**

# Love Clean De Beauvoir



- Outside Benyon Estate-owned houses on Hertford Rd
- The south-west corner of De Beauvoir Square
- At the junction of Mortimer Road and Downham Road, on the corner opposite Loco

**You know who you are ... please read on, and help to stop this happening.**

We have created a poster which will be going up at these spots, and in local shops, schools etc. Let us know if you would like to have one, via [info@debeauvoir.org](mailto:info@debeauvoir.org). uk. It has been approved by Hackney Council, and street sweepers will be instructed not to take it down. We will also be contacting some local businesses ourselves, to let them know where local residents have identified them as sources of litter.

## Disposing of your own bulky waste:

**Here's how to do it...**Hackney offers a free collection service for bulky items from residential properties. They will remove up to five items per collection and will make up to four collections per household each year. (NB only one collection of five items per day). This includes unusable furniture, large appliances like televisions, fridges and washing machines, and mattresses. They won't remove building waste (which the builder must remove), or household or garden waste which go in the normal bins.

Do book collections online: that way Hackney has all the info they need on record <http://www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling> If however you don't have internet access, call: 020 8356 6688. If you are disabled or older you may be eligible for an "assisted collection".

With items that are usable, consider putting them on Freecycle <https://my.freecycle.org/> or Streetlife [www.streetlife.com/area/de-beauvoir-town/](http://www.streetlife.com/area/de-beauvoir-town/) You don't get any money, but someone else collects it, and you can feel virtuously that the object hasn't ended up in a dump. **Continued on next page**

**Recently, we asked local people to flag up places in the area which are blighted by the dumping of rubbish, and large items in particular. We had been contacted by a desperate resident who has struggled with disposing of other people's dumped rubbish in her street, and the information gathered is now the basis of our wider campaign: we would like to encourage people in De Beauvoir to be kind to their neighbours, dispose of waste properly - it's not difficult - and keep the area beautiful.**

## The areas identified were:

- The north side of the pedestrianised junction of Stamford Rd with Hertford Road
- Outside the former restaurant beside the ex-Trolley Stop pub, Stamford Road
- The west side of Mortimer Rd north of the Talbot pub

**(Continued from p11)** DON'T use the Council litter bins for your own rubbish! This leads to fox picnicking, and rubbish scattered far and wide. Please get an extra black rubbish bin if necessary.

**What to do if you see dumped rubbish, or anyone dumping rubbish:**

Cleaning crews say that formal, written complaints to Hackney are useful: it encourages the Council to target their resources better. Here's how to do it...

**By post to:** Environmental Enforcement, London Borough of Hackney, PO Box 60476 London E8 9E

**Call** Environmental Enforcement on 020 8356 4504

Or **Love Clean Hackney is an app** that lets you report environmental issues like graffiti, fly-tipping and dog fouling from your mobile phone, tablet or computer. Ideally, take a photo and send in your report using the app: <http://lovecleanhackney.hackney.gov.uk/reports/home> or via the Hackney website: <http://www.hackney.gov.uk/fly-tipping>

*Kirsty Norman*

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