

The Wellington Public House

119 Balls Pond Road

020 7275 7640

has most generously sponsored this edition of the DBA Newsletter.

Opening times

Monday to Friday 4.00 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Saturday 12.00 p.m. – 12.00 a.m.

Sunday 12.00 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.

Fine Wines & Real Ales

Fabulous Sunday roasts

Main meals & snacks served every evening

Newspapers

Sports events shown Live

Thursday evening Quiz at 8.30 p.m. Winner takes All!



The compiler of this Newsletter attempted to find out something of the history of the Wellington Pub without much success. It does not appear on the magnificent Greenwood's map of 1827 but by 1844 Richard Derry was mentioned at the Wellington in the Post Office Directory – and he was still there in 1847.

The picture, by the way, is of the Duke himself (Nosey to his troops) and not the pub's inn sign. The present lady governor is not the first – Mrs. Martha Tubb was in charge in 1877 and two other landlords had fancy names: William Alexander Lulham Lashmar in 1911 and Hugh Rashleigh Cardale in 1940, according to various directories.

The only other item of note was that a sink was joined to the main drainage system in 1912.

Unfortunately 119 Balls Pond Road appears to fall within Islington and not Hackney and there was no time to visit Islington archives where there might have been more information.

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NEWSLETTER

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Sponsored by The Wellington Pub

WELCOME TO THE EIGHTH ISSUE of the De Beauvoir Association Newsletter and many thanks to **The Wellington** for sponsoring us. Read all about this ever-popular pub on page 8.

Your **Committee** continues to work tirelessly behind the scenes. We welcome all your comments and especially kind ones as it gives us an incentive to carry on. But ... the committee is small and we **badly need more help** if we are to continue. Most committee members have full-time paid jobs and it is tricky for them to find the extra time that's needed for the DBA. They do it, though, because they feel it's important for the community.

By the time you read this, we will have organised a very successful **Jazz Concert** at St Peter's Church and we are now well into planning the third of our ever-popular **Parties in the Park** (see page 7). Then there's this **Newsletter** which keeps the DBA in touch with everyone, not just those with an internet connection. It takes time to produce and deliver to over 3000 homes. On top of that there are our well-received **Public Meetings** which many of you have attended. All of this takes a lot of work.

If you appreciate what we do and would like to help foster the great community spirit existing in our special part of London, **please, please** think about joining the Committee. With your help we might be able to achieve more. If you can spare just a couple of hours a month, email info@debeauvoir.org.uk or call 07962 422149. And don't forget to check our website (www.debeauvoir.org.uk) regularly as we're always adding news of local interest..

Don't miss the next DBA PUBLIC MEETING

On **MONDAY, 14 MAY, 7.30 P.M.**

at **THE WELLINGTON PUB**

Entrance in Culford Road

Gerard Ryan, Chairman of the Kingsland Conservation Area Advisory Committee (KCAAC)

will describe what KCAAC does

what makes our Conservation Area special and

what impact new development is having in our area.

www.kcaac.org.uk

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S CHURCH SUNDAY BRUNCH

On Sundays 6,13 and 20 May St Peter's will open its doors after church to the whole community for Sunday Brunch 12–2 (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, croissants, cream cheese and smoked salmon bagels, Danish pastries). If anyone would like to help run a fairtrade stall, contact Julia on 020 7254 5670 or email juliap@freeuk.com

ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT UP-DATE

Plans to restore the organ this summer have been slowed down by the news that the Heritage Lottery Fund has turned down our application, but we have been encouraged to reapply. This means that work will not start now until the New Year at the earliest. This is an exciting opportunity to promote the heritage of the church within the wider community. A huge thanks to Elizabeth Haines for all her hard work on this. Watch out for more information on how to get involved.

CRYPT CAFE

The London Catholic Workers are hoping to open a community cafe in the crypt starting at the end of May on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 12–7. To find out more contact Fr Martin Newell on 020 7249 0041

LOCKNER AND KINGSGATE ESTATES

Lynda Sparks reports that the latest annoyance is youngsters smashing bottles around the Estate which is aggravating and could cause an accident.

Tenants can contact Lynda at **23 Blandford Court between 1.30 and 3.00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month** if they have problems. Police Community Service Officers are usually there, too.

DE BEAUVOIR ESTATE

It is understood by **June Eaton** that the Council is planning to sell off parts of the De Beauvoir Estate (other councils are, apparently, involved in the same process) and has approached the TRA to see if they can do a walkabout together to look at what's planned. It's assumed that they are targeting open space that will be redeveloped into housing. This may all happen during the course of next year.

There have also been some improvements made to the Rose Lipman hall. Disabled Ladies and Gents toilets have been installed and yellow warning marking strips have been put on the treads of the stairs.

LOCAL COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

These take place from 11am until 12 noon on the second Saturday of each month at the Colville Community Centre, Colville Estate, Branch Place, N1. And a walkabout surgery every third Saturday visiting all parts of De Beauvoir in rotation.

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THE LAND AND THE MAD HOUSE by Paul Bolding

De Beauvoir is built on lands that were originally part of an estate linked to Balmes, or Baumes, House. Were it still standing, this house would straddle De Beauvoir Road, just north of the Regent's Canal.

There are different versions of the history of the house. Hackney Archives says that in 1305 there was a house and mill on the estate – the name Balmes probably comes from Adam Bamme (d.1397), mayor of London. The estate was rented to William Whitmore, a London

haberdasher, prior to 1593 and was bought by his son Sir William Whitmore for a younger son, Sir George Whitmore. There may have been a moated house on the site in 1504, but it is likely that the two-storeyed house, with two sets of dormers in a steep roof, was built for Sir George Whitmore around 1635.



This house, in about 1757, was first reported as having become a 'Mad House', when it was being used by an eminent German physician, Meyer Löw Schomberg. During the 1770s the house was administered by Dr John Silvester

and his partner, Roger Devey.

In about 1790 it was taken over as a mental asylum by Thomas Warburton, who is said to have started as a gatekeeper and worked his way up. It was operated by his descendants until its closure in about 1852 when the house was demolished to make way for the De Beauvoir Estate.

Thomas Warburton, who died in 1836, ran the asylum along with two others in Bethnal Green. John Warburton MD (1793–1845) his son, is shown as proprietor of Whitmore House in 1831 and 1844. The three houses were then inherited by his son John Abernethy Warburton

Some asylums were operated mostly for the rich in society, whether for the comfort they provided or the secrecy they offered, and under the Warburtons, Whitmore house was one of these. Conditions, however, deteriorated.

One of the inmates in 1812–1813 was John Mitford, who later exposed the operation in 1825 in a pamphlet called *A Description of the Crimes and Horrors in the interior of Warburton's private Mad-house at Hoxton, commonly called Whitmore House*.

Conditions had also been exposed by John Wilson Rogers, who was apothecary or surgeon to all of Warburton's several houses, in 1815 in *A statement of the cruelties, abuses and frauds, which are practised in mad-houses*.

On early nineteenth-century maps the house is labelled just as 'Mad House' or 'Mansion House'. Most of the rest of De Beauvoir was farmland.

Paul Bolding

GARDENS AND GARDENING IN DE BEAUVOIR

THREE GARDENS OPEN FOR THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

www.ngs.org.uk

SUNDAY 20 MAY
2.00–6.00 p.m.

Combined admission £5 or £2 for an individual garden

132 CULFORD ROAD
51 LAWFOR D ROAD
23 NORTHCHURCH ROAD

Do support us – we work so hard to get our gardens
up to scratch for the Big Day!



DE BEAUVOIR GARDENERS (debeauvoirgardeners.org.uk)

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 5 June and the topic is **GARDEN INFLUENCES ON A TOPIARIST**, with speaker James Crebbin-Bailey. On 3 July there will be a **Garden Walkabout** leaving from St Peter's Church, Northchurch Terrace at 7.00 p.m.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8.00 p.m. in the crypt of St. Peter's. New members are very welcome. Subscriptions are: £10 for an individual and £12 for a couple (waged); Concessions £7 for an individual and £9 for a couple.

SPONSOR THE DBA AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

We are always looking for local businesses to sponsor our newsletter. The cost is very reasonable – just the cost of printing since the folding and delivery is done voluntarily by our wonderful newsletter team. The newsletter reaches 3000+ homes across De Beauvoir. If you are a local business or know of one that might be interested in sponsoring a future newsletter, do contact us by emailing info@debeauvoir.org.uk or by calling **07962 422149**.

DE BEAUVOIR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Why not take advantage of this lovely weather to take some photographs of De Beauvoir that can be posted on to the DBA website. Mail them to info@debeauvoir.org.uk. I know from the Gardening Club Show that there are some very good photographers in the area!



KINGSLAND FIRE BRIGADE

We were first invited to the DBA Party in the Park 2 years ago and it was a great success. Since then we have incorporated the event into our Station Community Fire Safety Programme and hope it will become a regular feature of our planning as, apart from meeting the residents of De Beauvoir Town, it gives us the opportunity publicise our latest Fire Safety Initiatives.

One of these is the Home Fire Safety Risk Assessment. Simply call the number below and we will, at a time convenient to you, come and make a full assessment of your home. This will cover Smoking, Kitchen Safety, Use of Candles, Portable Heating, Fireplaces/Open Fires, Electrical Safety, Calling the Brigade, Escape Advice, Bedtime Routines and any other queries you may have.

Also, if you do not already have them installed, **we will provide, site and fit Smoke Alarms. Both of these services are completely free of charge.**

HOME FIRE SAFETY CALL CENTRE
08000 28 44 28

DE BEAUVOIR CHILDREN – PARTY IN THE PARK

Thanks to the tireless work of unpaid heroine **Kathryn Moore**, the DBA has just had an **amazingly generous grant of £2500 from Team Hackney** to help us fund the Party in the Park on Saturday 14 July. That means it will be even bigger and better than last year and, hopefully, we will entice even more of you to attend. Watch out for balloons, a bouncy castle, a magician, food and drink, face painting, a tombola, toys and books, friendly visits from a fire engine, a police car and an ambulance, and lots, lots more. See you there!

PARTY IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, 14 JULY
2-5 p.m. in De Beauvoir Square

This terrific family event will grow a little this year but the magic of previous years will be retained.

If you would like to help plan the event or assist on the day please contact

KATHRYN MOORE
020 7249 0188

The Rosemary Branch
 2 Shepperton Road, London N1 3DT
 24-hour box office: 020 7704 6665
www.rosemarybranch.co.uk

Feelgood by Alistair Beaton
 1-27 May at 7.30 p.m.

Pirates of Penzance
 28 May-3 June at 7.30 p.m.

The Jewel and The Thief
 14-16 June at 7.30 p.m.

Full details, including ticket, prices can be found on the website.

The Rosemary Branch has kindly offered a 10% discount to readers of this Newsletter

CRIME AND CRIME PREVENTION IN DE BEAUVOIR

There is no major news apart from a slight increase in **burglaries** in the area – apparently the thieves are getting in through upper-floor windows (the warmer weather means that people are leaving them open). So the advice is to use common sense and either close windows at night or when you are away or ensure that you install window locks so that windows can be left open a few inches.

	Dec	Jan.	Feb.
Burglary (residential & business)	9	13	10
Robbery (inc. snatches & pickpocketing)	8	15	12
Thefts of motor vehicles	3	5	3
Thefts from motor vehicles	8	21	4
Thefts of bicycles	2	4	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. 11GD Dan Wakeford, PC 160GD Chris Pearce and PC 128GD Eòin Beirne with Police Community Support Officers 7177GD Hartley, 7181GD Phillipson, 7193GD Jenice Gunning and 7140GD Mo Gani.



FOOTBALL COACHING FOR 7–11 YEAR OLDS AT THE BRITANNIA LEISURE CENTRE

Following a break due to the refurbishment of the Britannia Centre, the popular Friday Football coaching sessions are back! Everyone is welcome (boys and girls), and it's completely free of charge. The sessions will be held at the Britannia Centre between 5-6pm every Friday.

Friday Football is funded by the De Beauvoir Neighbourhood Group, and the coaches are kindly supplied by the South Kingsland Partnership (SKY). For more information on Friday Football, please contact Marlon at SKY 0207 729 6970. e-mail MarlonGayle@skypartnership.org.uk.

IS IT RUBBISH OR COULD IT BE RECYCLED?

Hackney will take **5 large items away FREE 4 times a year**, Monday to Friday between 7.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. This includes furniture, appliances and garden waste for those who don't have a brown wheelie bin. Ring **020 8356 6688** to arrange a day for collection.

If you have items of **furniture** that are still usable (beds, wardrobes, chests of drawers, chairs, sofas, etc.) **Morph** (www.morph.org.uk) at 19–23 Kingsland Road would be glad to hear from you (and will collect). They sell items cheaply to people on low incomes being housed for the first time. Telephone: 020 7168 2531.

ReStore Community Projects (www.restorecommunityprojects.org) in Tottenham will collect similar items as well as **fridges, freezers and disconnected electric cookers**. Telephone: 020 8493 0900.

Redeem (www.redeemplc.com) working with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) will take any old **mobile phones, used inkjet cartridges or handheld computers** (PDAs). Call 08712 505050 for a freepost envelope.

Lastly, **Hackney Freecycle**TM (groups.yahoo.com/group/hackney_freecycle) is open to all living in or near Hackney to advertise unwanted items, whether it's a chair, a fax machine, a piano or an old door. Feel free to post the item on the website. Or maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself! Voluntary and community groups are welcome to participate too! One golden rule: everything advertised must be free.

LORRY BAN AND 20mph ZONE

News from Councillor Robert Chapman (020 8356 3350/3207)

The De Beauvoir Councillors have received confirmation that **both** the lorry ban and the 20mph zone will be in operation shortly.

The Council will go ahead with the signing of traffic orders and on our recommendation, will very cautiously approach the introduction of physical traffic calming measures associated with the new restrictions.

This way residents can gauge the impact of the traffic orders in different parts of the ward **before** any council contractors start changing the appearance of roads or new humps and chicanes are installed.

Further, Councillor Laing (the relevant cabinet member) has asked officers to provide a response to the issues raised during the 'walkabout' that took place in February.

DE BEAUVOIR ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

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