

**FOUR YEARS LOST OVER PREFAB SITES**

# What went wrong with the plans?

## Help us get a better Hoxton

HOXTON STREET has long been known for its street market, but have you been along there recently on any day other than a Saturday? The street is dying on its feet. Plan has come after plan but earlier this year we were about to see something happening.

A development company has bought up a large part of the west side of the street with a view to demolishing the shops and houses to build a new shopping centre with GLC flats above. They had planning permission to do this and were, allegedly, just about to start demolition when eight of the buildings on the site were 'listed' as being of historic or architectural interest.

This means that they may not be demolished without consent by both Hackney council and the GLC, although the Environment minister (Mr. Crosland) may overrule them.

The request to demolish is being considered by the two councils, but meanwhile the developers have moved out the shop tenants and the attraction of Hoxton as a shopping centre grows less. The residents and traders of the area are extremely annoyed at the further delays in getting Hoxton to life again. They have set up a committee to press for prompt action under the chairmanship of Mr. Cohen of 108 Hoxton Street.

Realising the importance of the shopping facilities of Hoxton to a wider area, they have agreed to Reg Crowfoot, a resident of the New Town and recent addition to the GIA committee, representing the concern of De Beauvoir people.

You can demonstrate your concern by writing to Alderman Alf Linzell at the Town Hall, or to Mr. Cohen. Every letter of support will help them to get all of us a better Hoxton.

OVER TWO YEARS ago the prefabs were taken down in Ardleigh, de Beauvoir, Ufton and Hertford roads. Work is not expected to begin on new housing for at least another year. These sites will then have been unused, uncared for, and unsightly for nearly four years.

All this is in the middle of a national housing crisis, which is costing numerous authorities, including Hackney, enormous sums supporting the homeless through the social services.

If these sites had been left occupied until redevelopment was about to begin, thirty families would have been housed for nearly four years.

A significant part of the housing crisis must be built up of examples of wasteful management like this, and they should not be accepted without comment. What went wrong with the plans for these sites in De Beauvoir Town?

The prefabs were vacated and demolished in the early part of 1972. They were the old wartime kind, and certainly ready for replacement, but they were still passable homes. The redevelopment of the sites was to have formed part of a larger London Borough of Hackney contract, including the recently completed Middleton Road scheme.



**Prefab site in De Beauvoir Road stripped to the marrow**

A hurriedly prepared block plan was shown to the planning advisory committee in July 1972, after the prefabs had gone. It was agreed that these sketch proposals were unsuitable, although none of those involved can have realised what the result of their decision would be. For the sites were then withdrawn from this proposed contract and until very recently no alternative proposals had been prepared. Even now they are only at a preliminary stage.

brief revised proposals could have been pushed through as a matter of urgency.

Apart from the housing crisis, the performance of local authorities in land matters is relevant and topical, for development land is to become their responsibility. They are to be asked to look after it in the interests of the community.

If this meeting had taken place before the prefabs had been taken down, they could still be in use. Alternatively, since the sites were vacant, a new

If this is how they are going to do it the future is bleak.

GUY GERVIS



**Whitmore bridge:**

## OPPOSITION GROWS

De Beauvoir's three community groups are seeking allies in Shoreditch to stop Hackney Council from widening Whitmore Bridge.

The plan to strengthen and widen the bridge over the Regent's Canal - which was exclusively revealed in De Beaver - will open the heart of De Beauvoir up to juggernaut lorries and extra through traffic.

"The plan also threatens Shoreditch with additional traffic," explains Reg Crowfoot, of the 72 Committee, "and so we are writing to tenants' groups in Hoxton, to Hoxton Hall and others for backing in a campaign to stop it now."

Mrs Emilie Chalk, newly elected secretary of the New Town Tenants' Association, has also led a delegation to discuss the bridge widening (and the GIA road closures) with Ron Brown, the local MP. The delegation has won his support for full public participation.

Cllr Stuart Weir expressed local fears about the road-widening at the October council meeting. He said that the narrow hump-backed bridge acted as a 'safety valve' by slowing down through traffic and stopping heavy lorries. The three ward councillors are concerned, he said, particularly as the road this side of the bridge cuts the New Town Estate in half and is already

very busy. He asked for a pledge that the council would consult local people fully before going ahead - but no such pledge came from Alderman Alf Linzell, chairman of planning, in his reply.

The bridge-widening plan was in this year's council estimates - but had to be pushed out. However, the planning committee are bringing it forward in the 1975-76 estimates.

It now seems that the plan was originally approved by the committee in November 1971 - but in secret. Even though the council's officially backed residents' steering committee was then asking for the closure of De Beauvoir Road, the council said nothing about this plan to make the road even busier!

Graham Parsey, former De Beauvoir Association chairman, says that this 3 year silence is particularly strange, as the bridge-widening puts the whole road closure plan (which involves play areas and 'quiet spaces' for the elderly) into jeopardy.

"We suspect that the bridge-widening has so far been considered only on the road engineering aspects. When we first heard of the plan, we asked the planning department, and they were quite unaware of what was going on. This makes full public consultation all the more necessary, but the council seems determined to push it through regardless.

## PARTY TIME

De Beauvoir 72 New Tenants Association wishes everybody a very merry Xmas and a happy New Year. There will be parties for younger children before Xmas and a disco for the older children after Xmas. A party for the senior citizens will be held in Dorleston Court, which is a joint affair, on New Year's Day.

We now have a new committee and a new chairman and look forward to being able to do more things in the coming year. One of the opportunities is that we as tenants are going to be able to speak on behalf of you, the tenant, at the new liaison committees that the council are setting up in the New Year.

It is up to you to tell us what you would like to see done in this area as it is not just a complaint committee. So please come forward with ideas - my door is always open.

CHRIS CROWFOOT

"The new North East London Project report - which considers all traffic routes in north London comprehensively - says that De Beauvoir Road should be down-graded to local traffic only. The council has been very fair to De Beauvoir, but this bridge-widening could undo all that Hackney's officers, and many councillors, have worked for."

Mr Parsey added that Mrs Irene Chaplin, the GLC councillor for the area, was fully behind local people who want to close both De Beauvoir and Downham roads.

## DIG THIS!



Do you want to grow your own vegetables? With prices rising daily in the shops it certainly sounds a good idea. But hundreds of families in De Beauvoir have no garden, and if you try to get an allotment through the council the answer is there just aren't any available.

At the same time it's a crime that there are several vacant sites in this area which have been empty for years and are not being used for anything.

So, if you're interested, how about joining us in digging up and cultivating one of those vacant plots. Contact Sue Aubrey at 144 De Beauvoir Road N1 (phone 249-5614).



By the time this issue is distributed the buses, which have used De Beauvoir Road as a turn-round since the experimental road closures were implemented in the spring, should have returned to their old route via Enfield Rd. and the southern stretch of Hertford Road. This welcome news was given to the November meeting of the GIA residents' advisory committee meeting by Mr. Erbe (of Hackney's technical services department), who also told the meeting that it was hoped to restore the old kerb line outside Calton's baker shop, and protect it with bollards, as soon as the buses had been diverted.

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## George says: 'OPEN UP COUNCIL'

SPEAKING after the De Beauvoir Association's AGM to an audience of over 40 who had turned out on a cold night to hear him, George Clark, co-founder of the first elected neighbourhood council in Golborne, Notting Hill, made an impassioned plea for 'open books' in government at every level.

He sees the major problem of our time as political alienation. People must be involved in the decision-making process - if they think they are not involved they withdraw in apathy. The broad concept of neighbourhood councils - kept flexible, and adapted to the special needs of each area - can prove to be the vital key in grass roots involvement, and only when we have this involvement will the tide begin to turn against the tendency of the poor to get poorer.

George quoted some devastating statistics about Hackney, showing that although the borough spends generously on housing and social services, its spending is amongst the lowest for health, education and house repair.

Parts of it are severely overcrowded, and figures suggest that many of the people who are leaving to live elsewhere are those who are economically most important to the borough.

He feels that neighbourhood councils, if established all over a borough like Hackney, can reach down and draw strength precisely from the deprived levels of society who are most apathetic and unrepresented, and channel

this strength to change priorities on the borough council and all the way up the line.

He made the point that councillors are elected to serve the council, not really to represent constituents, and that we in De Beauvoir were fortunate to have ward councillors who had the inclination and energy to take up individual battles.

Renewed annually by easy and informal 'street corner' elections, neighbourhood councils should be able - if they wish - to have statutory recognition, which would bring them funds from a penny rate and the authority to "open the council books" on information and decisions affecting their area.

George asked that even if we felt that we in De Beauvoir were better served by a voluntary organisation - and he admitted that the DBA embodied many of the advantages of a neighbourhood council - he hoped we would support the principle of them for the sake of Hackney.

He was not suggesting that we take any notice of the paper circulated by the DoE on neighbourhood councils. "It's hogwash", he said, "But it is an important departure for central government to raise the subject at all."

We must seize the opportunity, "rewrite their paper for them", and push the idea through as the first step in making government at all levels more accountable and more relevant.



Turkey, madam? Go on, don't be so traditional. Can't we tempt you to a nice piece of sailfish for Christmas dinner? Kingsland Road butchers Patrick Hopwood (left), his cousin Brian Coldwell and brother Alan Hopwood are only joking of course. Their 59½ pound, eight-foot long trophy from the West Indies has been stuffed. But when Patrick caught the prize fish - and set a world record for the Atlantic - their hotel manager was very keen to keep the sailfish and turn it into a million fish fingers. The boys thought it would be a giggle to hang it up among the meat cleavers in their butchers' shop. They had it flown home and stuffed by the taxidermist in Dalston Lane for £240 - an expensive giggle.

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# A plug for the Basin

GAUNT industrial complex or attractive boating centre - that is the decision facing City Road Basin. This canal basin - just 3/4 mile from De Beauvoir along the canal towpath - was the subject of a planning inquiry at Finsbury Town Hall.

The Central Electricity Generating Bd. want to fill in part of the water area and build an electricity supply switching station. The plan was opposed by the GLC and various amenity groups. The De Beauvoir Association urged the minister to reject the plan on the grounds that North London could not afford to lose recreational water space in the face of mounting interest in boating and water sports. Already the basin is used by local children and school parties in the canoes, rowboats and dinghies of Islington Boat Club, and the Islington narrow-boat 'Angel' is based there.

The result of the inquiry will be reported in De Beaver. Meanwhile anyone interested in using the local stretch of the canal or Kingsland Basin should contact Alan Rayner on 249-5509.

# ENGLISH LESSONS

NEC needs your help to make contact with non English speakers. We also need volunteers to help carry out this programme.

You must know someone living near you speaking little, or no, English! You could help them by introducing them to NEC. NEC stands for Neighbourhood English Classes, a voluntary organisation which sets up and runs English classes for adult newcomers to this country.

In Hackney we have evening classes on Monday and Wednesday, 7.30 - 9.00 pm at Clissold Park School, Clissold Road N16. Afternoon classes are on Tuesday and Friday from 1.45 - 3.15 pm at Barton House Health Centre, 233 - 237 Albion Road N16. Mothers may bring young children to the afternoon class.

NEC teaches the kind of English which is needed in everyday life, in an informal and friendly atmosphere. We need more volunteers especially in Hackney to help the students to learn English and to become active members of the community.

If you can help us by becoming a volunteer, please get in touch with Marga Gervis at 126 de Beauvoir Road, N1, or phone 254-8500 NOW.

# Register now!

Were you one of those who turned up at a polling station this year to find out that you were not allowed to vote because your name was not on the register? Don't miss out on your right to vote in 1975. If you were born before February 1958 and you are a British subject your name should be on the new register. You have until December 16th to check

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# Don't blame Robinsons

RUMBLING discontent with Robinsons, the New Town estate's own supermarket, erupted last week when housewives saw a Tate and Lyle van arrive with deliveries and rushed to the shop for their sugar supplies, only to be sent away empty handed.

Ruby Lawrie, of St. Lawrence Court, demanded an explanation from the manager and claims he denied that sugar was being delivered to his shop.

But rumours of sugar-hoarding were shortlived. Next day there was sugar for sale and the housewives grudgingly paid 21p for a two pound bag. But they are still grumbling about Robinsons. Prices, they say, are rocketing and pensioners on fixed incomes are finding it cheaper to catch a bus to a chain store for their shopping.

# WALKED OUT

Mrs Florence Angel, of Rozell court, said she resented being asked to spend £2 before she could have any sugar. Mrs

Eleanor Hustwitt, of Portelet Court, walked out of the shop when she was told she couldn't have sugar unless she bought 75p worth of goods. And Ruby Lawrie complained about the price of her regular margarine which has risen 2 1/2p in a week.

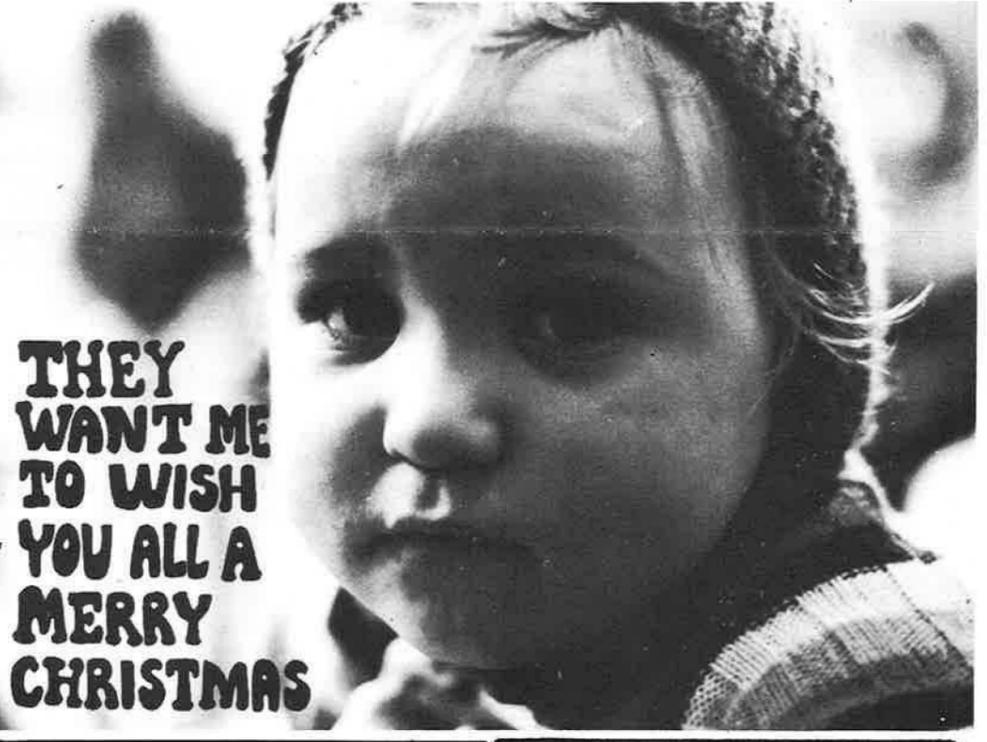
The price complaints are endless so De Beaver has investigated and finds that, generally, Robinsons are charging reasonable prices. There are exceptions, and obviously they can't compete with a chain store like Sainsbury's, but they are cheaper than some corner shops in De Beauvoir (like Presto of Southgate Road).

These are the results of the five products checked on November 22nd:

<u>Nescafe Gold Blend Coffee</u>		
Robinsons		59p
Presto		55p
Sainsbury		51p
<u>Heinz spaghetti</u>		
Robinsons		9p
Presto		12p
Sainsbury		8p
<u>Flora margarine</u>		
Robinsons		17 1/2p
Presto		17 1/2p
Sainsbury		17 1/2p
<u>Outline margarine</u>		
Robinsons		15p
Presto		16p
Sainsbury		15 1/2p
<u>Lordis processed peas</u>		
Robinsons		10 1/2p
Presto		13 1/2p
Sainsbury's own brand		9 1/2p

# Parking problem

Unauthorised parking on council housing estates has long been a problem. It is a nuisance to tenants who are allowed to park their cars but are unable to find parking spaces; and it may be potentially dangerous if access for fire engines or ambulances is hindered. As these areas are not public highways the police have no authority in the matter, but a Bill to control this nuisance and make unauthorised parking illegal is being introduced in Parliament.



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**ANOTHER EMPTY SITE?**

WHAT is happening in South East De Beauvoir? In January 1973 sixteen houses in Hertford Road between the square and Downham Road were declared unfit. At that time it was expected that they would be needed for an extension of Edith Cavell school.

Mortimer Road backing onto this site are being given improvement grants by Hackney Council on the understanding that they will remain for at least ten years.

Recently, the GLC declared these same houses as a clearance area and plans to spend £102,000 on buying them up for demolition.

This, and the lack of funds for school extensions, suggests that we will be faced with yet another empty site lying idle in De Beauvoir - possibly for up to 20 years.

While the GLC is declaring a clearance area and seeking compulsory purchase orders, the owners of the houses in

As it is over two thirds of an acre in size what a wonderful public allotment site it would make - over to you Mrs. Chaplin.

**Cente discussed at special session**

Ald. Martin Ottelanguai, leader of Hackney Council was presented with joint report by Old & New Town Assocs on the Ufton Rd Community Centre.

In a specially called session before Policy Committee on Nov 13th, they heard Graham Farsey explain an exhibition outlining in greater detail their proposals for the site, it's financing and management.

The Leader expressed appreciation of the scheme, although he could give no go-ahead at present, the committee's response was encouraging.

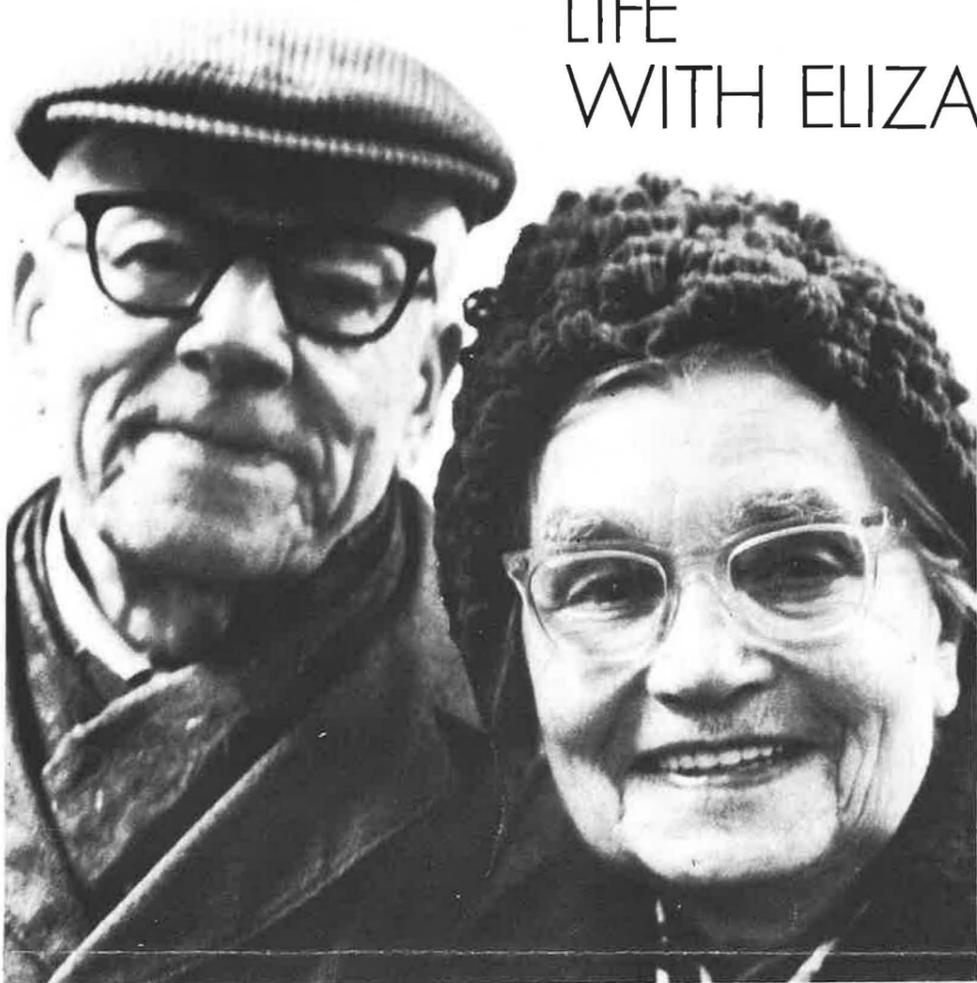
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**Jack and Eliza**

Christmas Day 60 years ago was the happiest in Jack Stafford's life - he escaped from his mother.

"That's an awful thing to say, but I couldn't get away quick enough" confesses Jack, who celebrates his 60th wedding anniversary on the 25th at 10 St. Lawrence Court.

Childhood memories for Jack are focussed on the times he ran away from his unhappy Homerton home. The first time he was only 10 when he left home with the idea of going to Canada to work on a farm.

The Salvation Army had an emigration scheme in those days and when they found Jack wandering about in Whitechapel he begged them to send him abroad. They said he was too young and took him back to his mother.

He still remembers the beating he got. "She used a walking stick with knobs

all the way down it. She was a wicked mother to me."

Jack was the oldest in a family he lost count of. His mother had a baby every year, but as one was born another died. Jack wonders why he survived in the circumstances.

"We were so poor. I had to queue at the soup kitchen for my one meal of the day and I started work at 14 - five bob a week as a leather cutter."

At twenty-one Jack married his gentle childhood friend Eliza at St. Paul's Homerton, and his life changed dramatically. He says the peace and security of his marriage have been 'paradise'.

Both will be 82 early next year and Jack is planning to make January 8th a special day for his wife and friends on the estate, where they have lived since being rehoused three years ago.

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# MUMS' TAKE-OVER BID



A group of mothers are seeking to take over the house formerly occupied by the Water Board on the corner of Tottenham and Culford Roads. They want to use the house, which has been vacant and boarded up for nearly a year, as a playgroup and community centre, providing flexible day care for young children and a meeting place for their mothers.

The playgroup organisers are trying to persuade Hackney Council, who own the house, to let them use the premises to provide all-day care for around 20 children aged 2½ to 5 from De Beauvoir, Dalston and Queensbridge wards.

The accent would be on flexibility, with mothers able to leave their children for as long as they needed during the day, with lunch provided (by other mothers working as paid cooks) as necessary.

The Water Board, who have left the premises due to reorganisation, had a lease due to run for another 11 years at £620 per annum. The group have had a meeting with councillors and council officers, and are now submitting detailed proposals. While hopeful of the outcome, they fear there is a possibility that the

council might decide to relet the house for commercial or industrial use.

The organisers at present run a playgroup in the Dalston Methodist Mission Hall in Richmond Road. But this arrangement is coming to an end as it clashes with various church-organised activities. According to one of the mothers, Sue Corlett, the Tottenham Road house is ideal for their purposes.

Originally built as a pub, it has a ground floor consisting of one long room partitioned off, a kitchen and toilets; upstairs there is space for a meeting room, as well as for a flatlet for a caretaker mother with a child.

Though basically in good condition, the house needs certain repairs and some minor alterations. Some of the work could be done by voluntary labour, but much of it would have to be paid for by the council.

If the council does approve the group's plans and estimates, it could be only a matter of a month before the corrugated sheeting comes down and this derelict building is prepared for a really useful role in the community.

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Hackney Council has accepted the suggestion that the new library/community hall in Downham Road should be called the 'Rose Lipman Library'. Only one member of the public took up the offer to propose a new name for the building.

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GRAHAM PARSEY stepped down as chairman of the De Beauvoir Association after three years in what is a tough and demanding job. Graham, who is an architect, had previously served as vice-chairman. He has taken the association through a transition period from being a pressure group of local people who were primarily concerned with their homes to a more long term role of acting as an environmental watch-dog. He has worked long hours for local people, and given his professional services free for much of the work on the General Improvement Area road plan

## lobbying councillors

Hopefully, he will have a fitting reminder soon of his own vision - a community centre born out of the old WRVS factory in Upton Road. Graham is already involved in drawing up plans for the conversion and lobbying councillors.

We on De Beaver have been lucky to have his knowledge of what is going on locally - he also designs many of our bright advertisements. Jo Parsey of course makes us possible by getting the advertisements in the first place.

## smallads

SMALL ADS are free to local people and 5p a word for commercial advertisers. Display ads are £1.25 a column inch. Please send all ads to Jo Parsey at 45 Buckingham Rd by March 3 for the next issue.

DE BEAUVOIR Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm at the Talbot meeting room. All residents and friends are welcome. Come along and meet the new chairman at the next meeting on December 10th.

TO EVERYBODY who comes to bingo on Tuesday nights in the community hut a merry Xmas and a happy New Year from all the committee of the De Beauvoir Community Association.

THERE'S A JOB for you in the Beauty Business: We're INNOXA the only independent British cosmetic house. Our beauty business is booming so we're looking for both male and female staff. A good cheap subsidised lunch in our canteen, free working clothes, an easy journey to work - the 38, 73, 277, 30 and 236 buses go almost to our door - , free cosmetic allowance, a ¾ hour lunch break, a Christmas bonus, pension and life assurance schemes, if you want them, the security of working for a successful fast growing company. If you are at all interested, or have any questions, please contact:

Mr. J.C. McCarthy - 463 Essex Road, London N1 3PL Tel: 226 6601

SEPARATED working wife with daughter aged 2 seeks accommodation in De Beauvoir area. Local references available. Please write to Box 1, De Beaver, 136 Southgate Road N1.

FOR SALE: Galt ropes & swings, £2.50; 4 Pyrex casseroles, £1.00; Pyrosil 6-cup coffee jug, £1; electric food slicer, £1.50; All goods unused or good as new. Offers welcome. Apply Doffy Weir, 137 Balls Pond Road (254 5768).

PRE-YULETIDE PARTY Sat. December 14th. Contact Alan Rayner 249 5509 for details and invitation.

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# LAST ROUND FOR GEORGE

WHEN George the milkman tripped in Ardleigh Road and gashed his hand on broken bottle glass it was the last straw. For 38 years he'd been getting up at 4 am every day of the week to deliver milk and suddenly he wanted to do something else.

He handed in his notice, said goodbye to his De Beauvoir customers - some of them the grandchildren of his first customers - and at 59 became George Washington Chapman, Foreign Office Clerk.

'It wasn't really that easy,' says George, 'but the enchantment went out of the job some time ago. In the old days you'd go around with a horse selling 'new' milk - no pasteurised then - for threepence a jug and you were more involved in your customers' lives. You'd make up the fire for one old lady, remind another to take her medicine and people would look forward to a chat with you.'

'There was old man Shimield in Englefield Road who used to make pewter toilet seats for Lord Rothschild. He's been dead years now. Everything has changed. The milk is more hygienic than it was, but the job is no fun any more.'

Thinking back on the fun he used to have, George remembers hilarious adventures with Nobby, the horse who pulled the milk float on his Winchmore Hill round. Once, in a particularly posh area called Orchard Rise, they parked outside an immaculate privet hedge sculpted in the shape of cockatoos. George went off with his bottles while Nobby edged closer to the privet. By the time George came back Nobby had munched up several cockatoos and the hedge owner was dancing around hysterically.

Officers elected at the De Beauvoir Association's seventh AGM were:

Chairman	Guy Gervis
Vice chairman	Alan Rayner
Secretary	Mike Kelly
Treasurer	Joe Bray
Industrial Nuisance Officer	Brigid Philip
Admin. Officer	Doris Kibblewhite
Press Officer	Jeremy Hamand
Distributor	Frank Fletcher

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Beaver** 136 SOUTHGATE ROAD N1 is a FREE community newspaper for the people of De Beauvoir - old and new towns. We are sponsored by the De Beauvoir Association, but we're here for everyone, not just association members - so please send us your news, pictures, ideas, criticisms (by March 3 for the next issue). Thanks to everyone who has helped get out this issue and deliver it round the area.

De Beauvoir's three Ward Councillors - Eileen Cox, Jim Warner and Stuart Weir - are paying their 'attendance allowances' for council work into a fund to improve their services to local people.

Councillors are paid for attending council and official committee meetings at about £5 a night. 'We didn't go onto the council to make money, so at first we were going to refuse to take these allowances,' explains Eileen Cox. 'But then we decided to put the allowances to good use - to pay for secretarial help locally, for leaflets to make sure people know their rights, and similar things.'

The allowances will go towards paying for a secretary to chase through replies on constituents' problems. 'We are determined to give local people full priority - their problems come first for all of us,' says Councillor Cox.

The councillors are particularly concerned about delays in getting repairs done in council homes and the long waiting list for transfers.

Brigid Philip, De Beauvoir's new industrial nuisance investigator, wants to hear from you. Help her to mobilise a plan of action against offensive industries in the area by phoning, or writing, with specific complaints. Her number is 254 9137 and she lives at 59 Northchurch Road.

**Xmas Greetings to all our patrons from the  
SUGAWN KITCHEN THEATRE**

**THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON**

Every Friday Universal Folk Evening 254-1458 119 BALLS POND ROAD N1  
Every Sunday (mid-day - 2pm) Lunchtime Ballad Scene

**THEATRE** Approximately 5 plays are presented each year. Acting, technical and helping members are very welcome. Directors wishing to use the Theatre for their own productions should contact Frank Corkery or J.M. O'Neill. Phone 254 1458.