

# DON'T LET THIS SITE ROT

As areas needs increase  
Mini-park remains derelict  
Centre is an empty shell &  
Playspace exists on shoestring

## COUNCIL action against misery

HACKNEY COUNCIL is at last going to take "enforcement action" against D&A Packing, the packing case manufacturing firm at 68a Southgate Road, whose noisy production has made life a misery for neighbours for several years.

Enforcement proceedings were first agreed in 1971, but the Council did not take them further as the firm was then actively seeking alternative premises.

Enforcement proceedings are also to be taken against the use of 70-72 Southgate Road for furniture manufacture.

### PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED

These moves were approved at the September meeting of Hackney's planning committee. The committee also agreed to refuse planning permission for the composite use of 68/68A Southgate Road as a warehouse and offices, and to encourage the development of the site for warehouse or light industrial use with proper safeguards for local residents.

### Cllr's PLEA FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE

Councillor Stuart Weir spoke strongly for tough enforcement action against industrial nuisances of this kind and asked for an officers' report on the measures the council could take against unauthorised industries ruining the lives of ordinary Hackney residents.

He also warned against being "too ambitious" in seeking redevelopment along Southgate Road. "Firms move into these premises for the simple reason that they are cheap. They can't necessarily afford redevelopment. We shouldn't have a grandiose master plan, we should act vigorously against unauthorised and nuisance industries and encourage quiet and neighbourly firms. And we shouldn't insist on redevelopment. A proper rehabilitation job may be all we need and may suit a firm's finances as well".

IT IS QUITE ON THE CARDS that the derelict corner of De Beauvoir Town shown in our photograph, where Ufton Road meets Downham Road, will remain that way for a few more years, while we all stand around waiting for the 'economic weather' to improve. It is also just possible, given some interest and enthusiasm, that a start could be made towards bringing it into community use now.

### PLANS for MINI-PARK

The story goes back to the hopeful year of 1973 when plans for the mini-park were first published. This followed the decision not to continue the redevelopment of De Beauvoir Town by extending the New Town Estate north of Downham Road. One of the factors behind the mini-park idea was the shortage of open space in the New Town, and it has always been thought of as an open space to be used.

### COMMUNITY USE for FACTORY

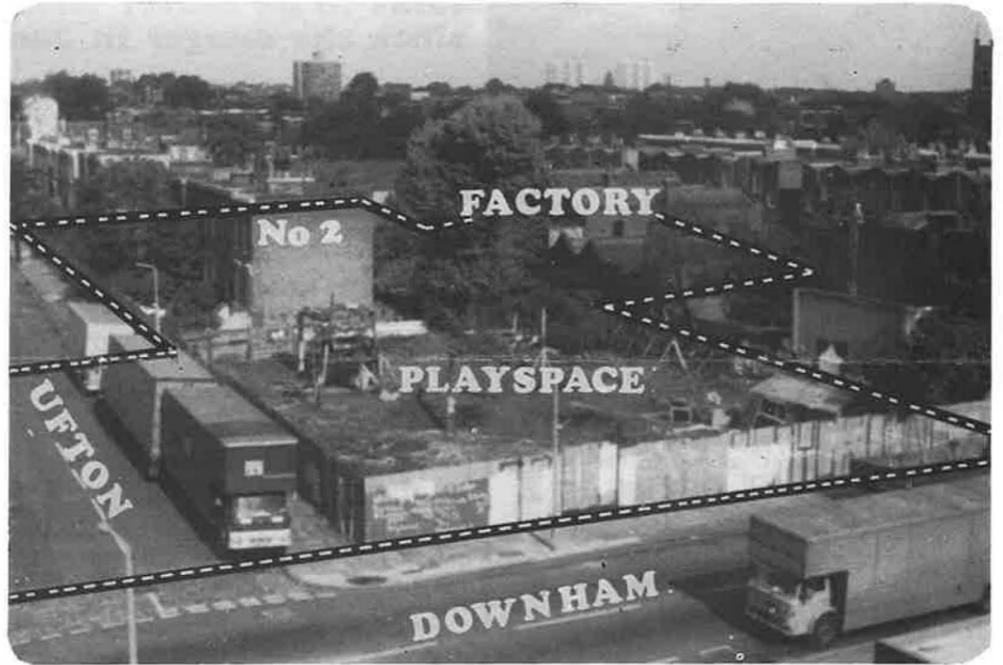
In 1974 the New Town Tenants Association and the De Beauvoir Association produced strong arguments for retaining the substantial factory building on the site, rather than demolishing it for open space. Many useful facilities could be provided in the building, especially for teenagers.

This suggestion was made before the Rose Lipman Library and Community Centre had been opened, but the experience of last year shows that the gym in the basement at Rose Lipman is not a sufficient base for youth in the area. The factory project, now known as the De Beauvoir Centre, could give a far better range of facilities.

The Council responded to these arguments by obtaining quotations for the rehabilitation work to the factory. These were received in the summer of '75, and still no decision has been taken. With the economic cuts, the easiest course for the Council is clearly to delay not only the rehabilitation, but also the laying out of the rest of the mini-park.

### PLAY on a SHOESTRING

Another thread in the story is the Adventure Playground. This was started at Easter 1973 by the De Beauvoir Association, after prefabs had been removed from the site. For a while it was run by local volunteers, and since then by paid playleaders, some of them Community Service Volunteers. These have been paid with the help of ILEA and DOE grants, plus fund raising. Recently the management and expenses have been shared with the De Beauvoir Community Association, but the playground has only been open



during the school holidays.

### YEAR ROUND NEED

Despite poor facilities, successive playleaders have said that there is a need for the playground throughout the year, and a continuing role for a playleader. The DBA and DBCA recently voted by narrow margins to back such a continuation of the scheme. They accepted liability between them for £500 should it not be possible to obtain grants to cover all the costs of keeping the playground open. But the lack of facilities in the playground, in particular covered space for indoor activities, a safe lock-up for materials, and toilets, remains a problem.

The playground will be more difficult to run without them and it will be less easy to attract grants.

### PROPOSALS for SITE

The mini-park and the De Beauvoir Centre included a resited playground, or playpark, with one bay of the factory set aside for these indoor facilities. Could this end bay be used for a playground, even if it is not possible to go ahead with the full rehabilitation scheme? One problem is access from the

playground which is at present blocked by the garden of No 2 Ufton Road, (featured in April De Beaver). This house is still occupied.

Two other points should be noted:

1. Free Form, the Community arts group, are interested in leasing the two bays at the north end of the factory for their own use. This makes a lot of sense. It will not be possible for us to make use of these bays for some time, for obvious financial reasons, and Free Form, being a Community group, would fit in with our activities.

2. Substantial sums of money are available for landscaping in connection with the road closures in the GIA, likely to be approved next year. It will be rather odd if these works are carried out while the proposed mini-park remains a dump.

### YOUR HELP NEEDED

Important meetings are to take place shortly with the Council about this area. If you feel strongly about it, make sure that your Association knows your views, and if things get moving help will be needed, so be ready to lend a hand.

GUY GERVIS



A TOAD in a walled and waterless De Beauvoir garden? And not just a single specimen, but a dozen? Strange but true. The Fletchers have wondered how and why the toads took up residence in the back garden of their 74 De Beauvoir Road home since they spotted one three winters ago. And one hot afternoon this July there were twelve out on the lawn at the same time, gobbling up the swarming ants.

Sizes range from 3 inches to little fingernail size, so they must breed somewhere. But rumours that the toads are ousting the Fletcher family (see back page) and taking over 74 De Beauvoir Rd completely are without foundation. "We plan to take some of the best specimens with us to Winchester," says Frank, "with the hope of starting a toad colony in our new garden there."

## ANGELS ON the MOVE? YOUR VIEWS SOUGHT

ST. LEONARD'S TO STAY, but the Metropolitan, the Mothers' and two other local hospitals are to be closed; that seems the likely outcome of the 'consultation' being carried out at the moment by The City & E.London Area Health Authority. There is still time for objections from the public, and comments on the proposals must reach the Authority at 32/34 Chart Street, N1, by 18 October.

The reorganisation of local health services, overdue anyway, has been precipitated by the pending cut in regional DHSS funds, on which the public has not been consulted. As well as the closures, some upgrading of existing hospitals (including Hackney and St. Leonard's) is expected to take place, but it is likely to be many years before the promised nucleus hospital on the site of the Eastern in Homerton is started, let alone completed.

As far as De Beauvoir residents are concerned, the major cause for concern is the removal of the gynaecological and obstetric facilities provided at the Metropolitan and the Mothers'. While other acute services are available at St. Leonard's, gynaecology will not be, and women will have to travel

to Hackney Hospital or Bart's for these services. The Met. facilities may not be of the best and most modern, but at least they are on our doorstep.

The broader issue of health care services in general and the role of the new Community Health Councils is the subject of the public meeting to be held at the De Beauvoir Association AGM on 27 October (see below). A representative of the Area Health Authority will speak and answer questions. So make sure you're fully informed on this vital issue by coming along - it's open to all, and free.

JEREMY HAMAND

### CU4 DBA AGM 27th

THE NINTH Annual General Meeting of the De Beauvoir Association will be held in St. Peter's Crypt on Wednesday 27 October at 8 pm. Elections will be held for the following posts:

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Press Officer
- Membership Secretary

NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED and should reach the retiring chairman, Guy Gervis at 126 De Beauvoir Road, by 20 October.

After completion of DBA business, at about 8.30, a public discussion will be held on local health facilities and the new health councils, and an Area Health Authority representative will speak.



# CIRCLE 33 THE BEGINNING

**ROBIN YOUNG, Founder-Secretary of the De Beauvoir Trust and now a Trustee of Circle 33, talks to De Beaver about progress in De Beauvoir since the merger in January 1975.**

## De Beaver

CIRCLE 33 seems to have bought very few houses in De Beauvoir since they took over. What's been happening? Because the old De Beauvoir Trust managed to increase their stock continually.

### 1st YEAR, NO BUY

**Robin Young:** Certainly the small number of houses bought by Circle 33 has been a major disappointment. Apart from those in the pipeline at the time of the merger, only two houses have been purchased in the area in the last 20 months.

One more house is about to be added, making 3. Even so, the first year after the merger was the first year since De Beauvoir Trust was started in 1969 that not a single house was added to our stock.

**De Beaver:** This is a pretty appalling record, isn't it?

### C33 TRUSSED

**Robin Young:** Circle 33 staff are really not to blame for this state of affairs. In the first place they were handicapped by a total lack of co-operation from Hackney Council staff. When this relationship was eased the changes in financing arrangements and effects of the cuts in public spending militated heavily against purchases in De Beauvoir, which has always been a difficult area to work because of high prices and high conversion costs.

The worst handicap at present is that De Beauvoir is rated in the B (lower cost) area for ceiling costs which now impose very strict maxima on the amounts associations are allowed to spend. Areas in Islington where house prices are very similar are all in the A zone where higher ceiling limits apply.

**De Beaver:** Is the story similar in other parts of Circle 33 territory?

### EXPANSION IN HACKNEY

**Robin Young:** No, because most other areas don't have the high cost handicap of De Beauvoir. For instance, in the last few months Circle 33 have been awarded a further zone in Hackney - across Kingsland Road between the railway line and the Canal. Within that area the Trust has been working very energetically, property being cheaper.

**De Beaver:** Isn't it a temptation for them to concentrate on these easier areas at the expense of De Beauvoir?

### HELP FIND PROPERTY

**Robin Young:** I'm sure they won't do that, and, as you know, there is the De Beauvoir Area Committee of Circle 33 tenants meeting regularly to keep the staff

closely in touch with local developments. But, to ensure that opportunities to purchase in De Beauvoir are not overlooked, I would be grateful if anyone who hears of a house for sale in the area would let me know as we used to in De Beauvoir Trust days. I will then take a preliminary look, and call the development surveyor's attention to the possibilities if there seem to be any. (My numbers: 254 3087, 837 1234 ext 7629, or drop a note at 135 Balls Pond Road.)

**De Beaver:** There have been complaints of delays in improving houses once they have been purchased.

### DELAYS

**Robin Young:** Delays in actually starting improvement works have occurred because of planning and financing difficulties. But it is true that three contracts have run very seriously over length, and two more on site in De Beauvoir at the moment are already behind schedule. Circle 33's performance on contract supervision generally (in other areas) is much better than De Beauvoir Trust could ever have hoped for - but in De Beauvoir itself we have yet to see any improvement.

**De Beaver:** Do you believe that the merger with Circle 33 has brought any real advantages?

### ADVANTAGES

**Robin Young:** Yes, I do - in three areas particularly:

1. there is now an area office open regularly for tenants every Wednesday afternoon;
2. maintenance is vastly improved - the De Beauvoir houses are all being given full regular maintenance ahead of time to bring them up to Circle 33 standards. And running repairs are now being dealt with very quickly.
3. Circle 33's vastly wider area of operations has opened up a much bigger choice for tenants in run-down De Beauvoir houses bought by the Trust. Since the merger, 12 families from unimproved De Beauvoir Trust houses have moved to modernised homes mostly (but not all) outside the area. The largest number have gone to newly built homes at Hatfield.

### 33 FIRST SOCIAL

A good time was had by the tenants and friends of the Circle 33 De Beauvoir Area Committee at their first social evening held at the Sussex on Saturday 18 September. Congratulations to Messrs Hook, Mathieson, Legge and Westhorpe for their efforts.

### 33 NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN

MRS EMILY MATHIESON of 37a Stamford Rd was elected the new Vice-Chairman of the Circle 33 De Beauvoir Tenants Committee to replace John Drumm who has left London.

### 33 MEETING EVERY 2 MONTHS

CIRCLE 33 TENANTS have decided to hold their meetings every 2 months in future. Next meeting: Wednesday November 3, and then the first Wednesday in January, March, May etc.

## HACKNEY IN A SPIN

ENGLEFIELD ROAD BATHS is soon to open its doors to offer you a LAUNDRETTE. Times have changed since the baths were built between the wars, but a steady demand remains, particularly from the elderly who feel reassured to have an attendant on hand. The idea to extend their activities to include a laundrette in the vacant rear rooms is the first scheme in the borough to intensify the use of Council facilities and save our money. If successful the idea will be adopted elsewhere in the borough.

Due for completion before Christmas, the laundrette will have 8 machines and 4 driers. GRAHAM PARSEY

## INDUSTRY DECLINES

AS REPORTED IN THE LAST ISSUE of De Beaver, the council granted permission to a firm of screen printers, Messrs Pacedene, to use the factory premises at 16a Southgate Grove.

Apparently however, besides negotiating for these premises, the firm had been looking elsewhere, for they declined the council's offer and very quickly found alternative premises just off Wick Lane. Despite the fears expressed in some quarters as to possible loss of job opportunities, the firm has thus not in fact moved far from its original site in Shoreditch. STEVE HOCKMAN

The exhibition and cheap tree buying scheme have been postponed - details in the December issue.

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# GIA ROUND~UP

## SQUARE: TRY A FRIENDLY WORD

RESIDENTS are being asked to cooperate in helping to ensure that the remedial works in De Beauvoir Square are given a better chance this time.

Readers will recall the tale of woe (De Beaver, June) that surrounded the works carried out earlier in the year. In July the Council approved a proposal to spend a further £4,000 to reinstate the works. Square resident Lydia Orr expressed relief but appealed to all residents to acknowledge that the Square belongs to all of us, and that it is our money that is being spent - "it's in our interests to look after it."

### LETTER and POSTER PLEA

All residents living near the Square, are soon to receive a letter from the GIA Residents Committee appealing for their help to protect the works until they are established. The campaign will be backed with posters for those using or passing through the Square.

The works which started at the beginning of September are scheduled for early completion, and they will be fenced this time, but YOU are asked if you see anyone causing damage to try "a friendly word now to save our money later".

### REMEMBER

**DRIVERS** - Don't mount the kerbs  
**KIDS** - Keep off the fenced areas until the COUNCIL remove the fences.  
**PEDESTRIAN NOTE:** The 'hammer heads' which have blocked the footpaths at the north entrances to the Square are to be removed at the same time to prevent vehicles parking end-on and blocking both road and footpath.

GRAHAM PARSEY

★★★  
IN A LETTER to De Beaver, Mr. A. Foster of 2 Poole Court, St. Peter's Way, disagrees with the article on the Square in our June issue. "I have seen with my own eyes, as soon as the men had laid the turfs, at night the children were kicking them up - and that goes for the plants as well - also riding bicycles around the bank."

We did not mean to suggest that there had been no vandalism, but that this was not the sole or even the main cause of the deterioration of the landscaping. In particular we maintain that it was unrealistic of the Council not to fence their works in a square where children are known to play.

A second point in Mr. Foster's letter - about the blocking of pavements by parked cars - is dealt with above.

## RIGHTS REMINDER

DO YOU KNOW your rights? Or need help with a legal problem? Free advice from qualified lawyers is available every Wednesday at 7pm from the Legal Action Group's Advice Centre at Hoxton Hall, 128A Hoxton Street.

## MORTIMER ROAD

### THE STREET THAT CAME IN FROM THE COLD?

DO YOU LIVE on the east side of Mortimer Road (Nos 44-80) or Walton Villas Downham Road? If you do you will soon receive a letter from the Council inviting you to a meeting with council officers and the GIA Residents Committee at the Rose Lipman Centre.

Until recently their houses were required by the ILEA for future extensions to the Edith Cavell School, but now they have conceded that they no longer require the site.

### NEW GIA?

The Council now proposes that the properties are included in the De Beauvoir GIA and uncertainties about their future will be at an end. Owners will be eligible for increased grants to improve their houses and to help tenants landlords will be actively encouraged to improve their properties.

### COME TO A MEETING

Come to the meeting to hear all about it

## ENGLEFIELD RD ACCESS PLAN HITS CUL de SAC

FACED WITH the impossibility of parking their cars outside their homes in the road or in their gardens many residents living on the north side of Englefield Road have eagerly awaited the chance of a new access road.

The proposed road is to pass through the new Council development in Ardleigh Rd and along the bottoms of the back gardens to provide a rear access. However the success of the plan depends on the agreement of all the residents to give up 12 ft of garden.

### TWO YEAR EFFORT

Two years' effort by Council officers and residents have failed to persuade two of the residents to cooperate, therefore only numbers 48 and 50 will achieve their rear access. Graham Parsey, GIA Environmental Chairman, has called on officers to organise a meeting to explain to those disappointed the circumstances of their loss.

GRAHAM PARSEY

**footnote** The Public Inquiry into objections to the scheme is still scheduled for January '77.

## POSTMEN DENY RUMOUR

RUMOURS of reduced postal services to residents in New Town tower blocks following work to provide individual letter boxes instead of the much vandalised communal boxes at ground floor level have been denied by spokesmen for the Post Office.

## WEIR & WARNER WIN LEB SUPPORT

THE LONDON ELECTRICITY BOARD is ready to allow Hackney Council to collect weekly electricity charges with the rent to make it easier for families on the De Beauvoir New Town to budget for high electricity bills. The LEB is also prepared to consider installing pre-payment meters for tenants who are concerned about saving for the huge bills they have been receiving.

The Board's chief accountant has assured Councillor Stuart Weir, who took up the tenants' difficulties with the Board, that if Hackney Council is willing to collect electricity charges - as the Council once did - the LEB would be ready to initiate the weekly collection in time for this winter.

### COUNCIL DECISION SOON

Cllr. Weir hopes that the council's housing management committee will be able to consider the idea in October. Cllr. Jim Warner is to present a deputiation of tenants from the estate at the same meeting.

### LEB ECONOMY ADVICE

Additionally, LEB engineers have visited several homes on the New Town estate with Mrs. Chris Crowfoot, of the 1972 Committee, to work out how tenants can use their electricity most economically. The LEB are to talk to Hackney Council about reducing costs to tenants, and their engineers will then attend a joint meeting of the New Town's tenants' associations to advise tenants generally on how to use their heating systems. An advisory leaflet may also be prepared.

### 'MEET the PEOPLE'

These moves follow a "meet the people" open meeting on the estate organised by the two associations and Councillors Weir and Warner. Tenants explained their growing concern about rising electricity bills. A petition was agreed and will be presented by the delegation to Hackney's housing management committee.

## TENANTS: GOVT. URGES SQUARE DEAL

A TENANTS' CHARTER may be a reality before long, judging from the remarks of the Environment Secretary, Mr. Peter Shore, at the National Consumer Council conference held in Birmingham in September.

An important step towards such a Charter was the NCC's discussion report on tenancy agreements, which shows up the failings of the present agreements which local authorities impose on their tenants. In the main, says the report, Councils only write into the agreement the responsibilities of the tenant to the landlord, and never set out their own responsibilities to their tenants regarding repairs, maintenance or security of tenure.

Armed with this document and Peter Shore's hints of a statutory charter, we can reasonably hope that the local authority will be more receptive to our demands for a better deal than they have been in the past. REG CROWFOOT

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# PEOPLE

## Lesley Nelson ~ Orient Express

LESLEY NELSON, De Beaver's editor for the last 2½ years, has left London for Hong Kong, where her husband Danny has taken a job on the Far Eastern Economic Review. Writing from their 23rd floor flat, the Nelsons say it is "a little different from 136 Southgate Road - very small with two bedrooms and a living room and very expensive."

But they find compensation in the boating and swimming, visiting the markets and harbour, or checking out the 3,543 restaurants, which "make London Chinese taste like school dinners."

Lesley is working hard at becoming established as a freelance photographer, but was annoyed to find when she went to take pictures of the new Hongkong metro being built that the Chinese believe it's unlucky for women to go under underground. She's also been searching the Colony in vain for ex-De Beauvoir residents to help fill our PEOPLE column. Never mind, Lesley, just keep sending us your news.

JEREMY HAMAND

## CRECHE PROGRAMME

ON THE DOORSTEP of De Beauvoir is a new and valuable facility, of special interest to mums and OAPs - the purpose-built Comet Nursery School, Creche and Workshop.

Situated in Halcomb Street, just south of the canal, the workshop is there to provide the opportunity for parents, grandparents - anyone in fact who would like to develop their creative and practical abilities: it's open daily, morning and afternoon.

The creche takes in toddlers up to 3 on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. And the nursery school has some places available for 3 - 5 year olds.

What sort of things can you do at the workshop? At the moment the list (which will lengthen as time goes on) includes macrame, sewing (all sorts), toy-making, basketry, cooking, and (shortly) keep-fit - as soon as they find someone fit enough to teach it!

New ideas and new energy are more than welcome.

Workshop times: 9.45-11.45 & 1.15-3.15. Fee 10p per session. Telephone 729 0936

CHERRY ROWLAND

## LIPMAN DIARY

De Beauvoir Playgroup	Mon-Fri 10 - 12	
Beavers	Mon-Thurs 2 - 4	
Monday	2 - 4pm	Old Time Dancing
	7.30-9.30	Judo/Karate
	7 - 9.30	Youth Club (gym)
Tuesday	7 - 9	Majorettes (gym)
	8 - 9.30	Bingo
Wednesday	2 - 3.30	Bingo
	7.30-9.30	Keep Fit
Thursday	8 - 10	Ballroom Dancing
Friday	4.30-6.30	Tap Dancing

Evening special events: look out for posters.

The Hut 5-9 Club: 6.30 - 8, Monday and Wednesday

The films made on the adventure playground in the summer will be shown soon. So if you want to see yourself or your kids on the silver screen, watch out for announcements in the Library.

LOOK OUT FOR announcements on the Grand Christmas Party organised by the De Beauvoir Association, to be held on December 18 at Rose Lipman.



## Frank & Liz Fletcher ~ Gathering in the last crop

FRANK & LIZ FLETCHER have lived in De Beauvoir Rd for the past 6 years with their children Adam and Alison. After a lifetime in London, Clerkenwell-born Frank is moving his family to Winchester shortly.

Their arrival in the area coincided with the opening of the campaign for the Council to reconsider its demolition policies for the southern area where their house stands. He immediately pitched in as one of the leaders of the successful campaign against wholesale redevelopment with the Southern Area Action Group. In fact, he recalls he was roped into the founding meeting of SAAG by his sister Doris Kibblewhite the week before he moved into the area.

He has remained extremely active in De Beauvoir affairs ever since.

One of Frank's important behind-the-scenes contributions in recent years has been to organise the delivery of 4,000 copies of De Beaver.

Liz too was always on hand for jumble sales and previously helped with producing De Beaver and manning (or is it personning) the playground.

Their many friends in the area will wish them every happiness in their new home and look forward to seeing them for a Music Hall evening in the near future.

★★

It was house-hunting for his sister Doris that first made Frank fall for Winchester. And when Doris turned her nose up at a house Frank and Liz had found for her ("too small"), they decided to take it themselves. As we go to press, Doris and Peter are still searching for something to suit them, while Frank and Liz are already on their way!

## SUMMER &

THERE WERE PIRATES on the Adventure Playground, outlaws in Rose Lipman Library, and De Beauvoir appearances of Robin Hood and Count Dracula during the long, hot summer.

If you missed them, you'll have another chance when Freeform show the film they made on the Playground and the Library show the video of their summer project. Drama was just one of the activities organised by the Library and Playground for the kids. In Rose Lipman there was book club and chess club every morning and in all 385 books were read! Every afternoon there was something to do - pottery, needlework, puppets or decorating a doll's house (made by Bob Harris) There were even packed lunches at lunchtime!

The Adventure Playground was open every day, and lots of outings were organised. Rick, the playleader would like to keep the playground open all year, but needs help from local parents or anyone interested.

## HALLOWE'EN

Next exciting date on the Library calendar is Hallowe'en (end of October) which will be celebrated in traditional style with ghost stories and apple bobbing. All witches and ghouls welcome!

Helpers in the kids' activities during the holidays were Rick and Dave in the Playground; and Joyce, two Sues, Colin, Andrew, Joan, Angela, Mick and Pam (children's librarian), plus a couple of extras who did pottery, drama, West Indian dancing, etc.

PAM McMAHON

PIRATES  
ROBIN  
HOOD  
&  
DRACULA



Drawn by MILES B

## De Beaver SEEKS TALENT

The editing of De Beaver has been taken on jointly by JEREMY HAMAND and GRAHAM PARSEY, who write:

"We need help from new talent if we're to keep up the high standards set by Doffy Weir and Lesley Nelson. Don't be put off if you have no special skills - ideas for articles are our stock in trade. Assistance is also wanted in researching and writing stories, laying out copy and ads, and taking and/or processing photographs.

Come along to our planning meeting for the next issue - 8 pm Monday 1st Nov at 96 Buckingham Road (254 1084)."

## Alan & Phyllis ~ Best wishes Mr & Mrs Crowfoot



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SHELLA THATCHER has 5 places available in her afternoon session at the Kingsgate Playgroup, Buckingham Road. Children ages 2½-5 years are welcome from 1.00 - 3.30 pm. The afternoon sessions cost 70p per week. Parents are very welcome to look around at any time.

FOR SALE: Habitat 'Campus' 2-seater settee and matching high-back chair, white woodwork, green covers: £20. Very comfy large 3-pce suite, nice brown/orange loose covers: £30. White Habitat nursery wardrobe, 9 drawers & hanging cupboard: £10. Phone 249-4165 after 6 pm to view.

MOTHERS, TODDLERS, BABIES: Come along 2.30-4.30 every Wednesday, Rose Lipman Community Centre Playgroup Room Tea and a chat while the children play

CHILDREN 18mths to 3 yrs: 'The Beavers' play sessions 2.30 to 4.30 Mon, Tues, Thurs; Rose Lipman Community Centre Playgroup Room. Run by a rota of mothers Phone Sue Gordon 254 9221 for more information.

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