



BLOCNotes September 2011

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A word from our Chairman, Ken Woollard

September is an extraordinary month. Only yesterday you were on a beach in the Bahamas, a lake in Switzerland or a mountain in Peru and suddenly you are back in the millstream of getting house and garden back in order, the kids off to school and the return to work. But when the holiday talk is over, you can also look forward to what is on offer in the season to come.

It is the busiest month for BLOC and we hope you will be free to enjoy the events we are presenting. On **Sunday 11 September** pray for good weather because it is our **Annual Barbecue at De Kam**, hopefully in the courtyard, but inside if we are less lucky. The **BBQ is free to members and €15 to non-members**. Family and friends from the youngest to the oldest are more than welcome, but you must let us know you are coming. Please see below for how to book.

By that time, though, the cast of *Hello Dolly!* will be powering ahead in rehearsal. Have no doubt this will be a wonderful show in terms of costume, music and dance. If you don't know who the principals are, check them out on the website. They will be spectacular and the show unmissable.

Before that **BLOC is joining with De Bosuil** in promoting a concert of *The London Quartet*, four young men in a tradition of Victor Borge and Flanders and Swann, who have entertained audiences internationally, most recently at the Ghent Festival. The joint promotion is intended to bring together an international and Flemish audience in an evening of musical fun. After the show there will be a reception at which we hope to present a clip of *Hello Dolly!* For booking details please see below.

Planning for 2012 is almost complete and we look forward to announcing the titles of both Spring and November shows in the next BLOC notes.

Ken Woollard

BLOC DIARY			Status: 29/08/2011
Dates	Time	Event	Location
11-09-2011	TBC	<i>Opening season BBQ</i>	De Kam
21-10-2011	TBC	The London Quartet	De Bosuil
24-27 November	20.00 & 15.00	<i>Hello Dolly!</i>	Auderghem Cultural Centre
17-12-2011	TBC	Christmas party	De Kam

DEADLINE NEXT BLOCNOTES: 25th September 2011

BLOC's SUMMER BARBECUE 2011

FOOD. (catered BBQ - Delicatessen Vanhoudt)

DRINKS.. (at our ever-popular De Kam Bar)

FUN.... (of course)

SUN..... (we hope)

**When : Sunday 11 September 2011
12.30 PM
Food served at 13.00**

**Where : Cultural Centre De Kam
Beekstraat 172
1970 Wezembeek-Oppem**

**Booking : Peter De Schepper: peter.deschepper@gmail.com
BOOK (& Pay) BEFORE 8th SEPTEMBER 2011
BLOC members: FREE but please bring a dessert
Non-members: Please pay € 15.00 into the
BLOC account: 310-1780737-94**

**Anyone who can offer help setting up or clearing, Please contact Ken
Woollard: kgwoollard@gmail.com**

Bar helpers: contact Kjeld Jensen: Kjeld.Jensen@skynet.be

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Hello Dolly!



**24 - 27
November
2011**

Book by Michael Stewart
Music and lyrics by Jerry Herman

Music director Stage director
Steven De Mesmaeker Adam Brown

Auderghem Cultural Centre
Boulevard du Souverain 183-185, 1160 Brussels

Reserve these show dates
in your diary now!

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Vr 21 oktober 2011, 20u30

THE LONDON QUARTET

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The London Quartet

(a.k.a Cantabile)

BLOC and De Bosuil jointly promote this internationally-famous quartet of singers/comedians. It will be a wonderful evening of music and fun.

(web site: <http://www.thelondonquartet.com/>)

We are hosting a modest reception after the event, at which BLOC presents a clip of *Hello Dolly!*.

Tickets: 15 euros for BLOC members, otherwise 17 euros booked beforehand and 19 euros on the door. Under-12s pay 11 euros.

Booking: phone: 02-657-31-79, www.debosuil.be, info@debosuil.be. Bosuil staff speak English

De Bosuil is a community and cultural centre in Jezus-Eik. This is the first joint-promotion BLOC does with them, but uses this theatre often, and next year's May production will be there.

The idea is to bring the Overijse and international communities together, for which we need roughly half-and-half tickets to be sold.

The London Quartet recently performed at the Gentse Feesten and received an excellent review in the Flemish newspaper Het Nieuwsblad (*your edition has a copy for you if you wish*)

INTERNATIONAL GILBERT & SULLIVAN FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 10th August some BLOC members performed in SavoyNet's "The Mikado": **Celia Perry** and **Kate Lowe** (Chorus) with **Angela Lowe as Katisha**.

Helping behind the scenes were **Alice Perry (Assistant Stage Manager)** and **Ian Perry**.

Details of the Festival can be found: <http://www.gsfestivals.org/>.

Link to the BBC website - the Buxton festival celebrates the 100th anniversary of the death of WS Gilbert - news report: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-14383813>

The Brussels Bookswappers Club,

a social network of booklovers, **meets every 4th Wednesday of the month**. See last page of BLOCNotes for the details.

The club is run on a voluntary basis by Karen & a team of 'Meeters & Greeters', **including BLOC member Oliver Wright**. Membership is free.

We accept all literary genres – fiction, non-fiction, children's books, comic strips - in all major languages - & more recently have added a DVD swap. Our stock of books is constantly evolving as new titles and languages arrive each month. We also operate a 'tracking service' which enables members to circulate books of particular interest.

The venue is ideal for a quick drink or bite to eat after work before the swap. You may simply choose to drink something as you browse through the multitude of books or decide to stay on to socialise with members afterwards. In summer members can enjoy the nice garden and terrace. There is no obligation - you are free to choose which formula suits you. However, the club could not exist if the restaurant had not agreed to provide its room free-of-charge and to store our books at no cost.

For further information, including a copy of the Club's 2011 poster, please contact : abkginfo@skynet.be. We are on Facebook and there are plans to create a website in the near future...

What's on???

ATC www.atc.theatreinbrussels.com
BATS www.batsantwerp.be
and 0495/31.76.87 or BATS_tickets@yahoo.com
BSS <http://shaksoc.com/> -
for tickets: <http://tickets.shaksoc.com/> or 0475.59.27.03
ECC www.theatreinbrussels.com or 0477/40.87.04
ETCetera <http://www.europeantheatreclub.eu/>
ITG <http://www.irishtheatregroup.com> or 0475/58.54.62
Kam Klub www.kamklub.be, <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Wezembeek-Oppem-Belgium/Kam-Klub/60518989581?ref=ts>
or Dave Skinner (tel. (h) 02.767.74.49, (w) 02.296.24.82,
david.skinner@ec.europa.eu)

The website for all the main groups in Brussels is:
<http://theatreinbrussels.com/portal/>

ZARZUELAS

Patrizia De Sena *soprano*
Elissar Monzer *mezzo*
Baudouin Machiels *piano*



Au programme:

Barbieri, Chapi, Serrano, Caballero, Gimenez, Chueca y Valverde,
Penella, Luna, Torroba, Obradors, Granados, Saint-Saëns...

Dimanche 9 Octobre à 17h00 à la Cellule 133a

Av. Ducpétiaux, 133a, 1060 Bruxelles (Saint Gilles)

P.A.F. € 12 - INFO au 0475 533 696
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LIONS CLUB IJSEDAL TERVUREN

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Sunday 9th October 15:00

Sint Jan's church, Tervuren

A concert of Gregorian
and organ music

Leuven Gregorian Choir

Directed by Frans Mariman

Organ by Chris Dubois

Tickets: kgwoollard@gmail.com

KAM KLUB

Saturday 17 September at 8.00 p.m.

**with our annual Charity Evening FOR THE FA-
MINE IN AFRICA**

Entrance €10.

Further information: kamklub@hotmail.com

The Brussels Bookswappers Club,

a social network of booklovers, meets every 4th
**Wednesday of the month between 19.30h
– 21.30h at 'Les Enfants Terribles'** - a lively
café/restaurant, 190 **chaussée de La Hulpe in
1170 Boitsfort** - to swap books.

NEXT EVENT: September 28th 2011