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## Royal Wedding revels

THE only way you can be unaware of the brouhaha surrounding the royal wedding preparations that are gripping the country is if you live in a cave on Unst (the most northerly of the Shetland Isles).

But we don't live in a cave on Unst, so we thought we might as well submit to some wedding fever ourselves here at the *Express*. After all, the rest of the world's media will be discussing nothing else on April 29. Did you really expect *The Beeston Express* to remain impervious?

As the royal marriage takes place, we'll need to be out and about distributing the paper, whilst people everywhere take a day off to sit in front of the TV (assuming they don't have an invitation to pop down to Westminster Abbey) and marvel at a wedding that will cost an estimated £20 million. Let's at least acknowledge a country gone mad (see next column).

### Send us your stories!

As we won't be in a position to attend any royal wedding-related activities that might be planned locally on April 29, we thought we'd ask readers to send us anecdotes or memories of other weddings they remember. These could be tales of events and incidents that you recall from any of the royal weddings across the years, or from your own not-quite-so-royal affairs. We'll

publish a selection of the funniest and most interesting in the April 29 issue of the *Express*.

### Cake mania grips county council

In the run-up to the royal wedding, the pupils of Meadow Lane Infants' School in Beeston found themselves the lucky recipients of a special celebration cake presented by Nottinghamshire County Council. On April 14, pupils at the school acted out their own royal wedding ceremony, with the children taking the roles of bride, groom, bridesmaids, pageboys and guests – not forgetting HM Queen Elizabeth II. In the afternoon, the 'marriage' was followed by a street party reception, with party food, singing and dancing – and, of course, wedding cake!

The cake was provided by Nottinghamshire County Council, which gave special celebration cakes to a number of schools across the county. Handing the cake over at Meadow Lane, Mary Kiely from NCC said: "The royal wedding is a very special occasion and the County Council is marking the event by handing out a number of celebration cakes. We can't take a cake to every party taking place to celebrate the royal wedding, but we do hope that everyone will have a day to remember."

## Comment Public exhibitions on wind turbine plans

by the Editor

THE University of Nottingham is arranging public exhibitions about its plans to build three wind turbines along the River Trent near Clifton Bridge.

The exhibitions are to be held in Beeston and Clifton and will include detailed maps and plans, artists' impressions of what the proposed turbines might look like *in situ* and a summary of progress to date.

Open meetings are scheduled at both venues (see below) giving the public a chance to ask questions about the proposal.

### Keep informed

You might be starting to wonder why *The Beeston Express* keeps on pushing out this information about the wind turbines. The reason is, of course, that if the university is given planning permission and the proposed turbines are built, it will be too late for everyone to start complaining that they knew nothing about the project.

Understand that *The Beeston Express* is neither for nor against the university's plan to create its own renewable energy supply. All we know is that residents locally are being offered plenty of opportunity to find out exactly what

the university's application is all about. We suggest that people take the trouble to find out, by attending the exhibitions and/or the public meeting at Beeston Library next week.

If the three 125-metre high turbines proposed are built on land owned by the university at Grove Farm, near Clifton Bridge and alongside the Trent, they will be visible for miles around.

You might consider wind turbines to be the most aesthetically pleasing pieces of contemporary design ever to grace a horizon – or you might think they are the biggest blots on the landscape since Birmingham's Bullring shopping centre (recently voted Britain's ugliest building). But you will not be able to say: "I knew nothing about turbines being built down by the river."

### Public meetings

Members of university staff will be attending the public meetings to answer questions from local residents.

Professor Alan Dodson, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Environment and Infrastructure, said: "The university is determined to play its part in the fight against global warming.

"By generating electricity

through renewable methods such as wind power, we can make a major step towards our overall carbon reduction target of 34 per cent by 2020," the professor explained.

"We would like to invite residents to come along to these exhibitions and meetings so they can see the plans for themselves – and to see how we are working hard to meet and exceed stringent requirements in terms of environmental impact, wildlife, noise and other considerations."

It is expected that a full planning application for the project will be submitted in May or June of this year.

Subject to planning approval, the turbines would be installed in 2012.

### Public Consultation Grove Farm Wind Energy Project

**Beeston Exhibition**  
Monday, April 16 –  
Thursday, April 21  
Beeston Library, Foster Avenue  
during usual opening hours

**Public Meeting**  
April 21, 11.15am – 12.45pm  
Upstairs Meeting Room  
Beeston Library, Foster Avenue



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