

Community & Leisure

Beeston Carnival Flower power

IT'S time to start looking for Beeston's Carnival Princess and Prince!

The Carnival this year will take place on Saturday, July 10. We need a Carnival Prince and Princess to lead the Carnival Parade from Beeston Square along the High Road before acting as Beeston's very own mini-celebrities for the day, visiting the displays, exhibitions and stands on Broadgate Park and adding a touch of glamour to the high-octane event.

Our applicants need to be aged between 8 and 11 and live locally. Being Princess and Prince is a wonderful chance to dress up for a day, lead a parade, and have

grown-ups fuss around, take photographs, and make sure all is well. In a nutshell, be someone very special for a day. This year, for the very first time, our Princess will be crowned with a special and exclusive Carnival Tiara provided by Onyx Jewellers of Beeston.

If you would like to be considered as Prince or Princess, please complete the form and send it, with a recent head and shoulders photograph, to: *The Beeston Express, PO Box 7440, Beeston, Notts, NG9 1ZS*, to arrive no later than Monday, May 24.

We will publish photos of the entrants and ask Beeston Express readers to vote. Those selected will be notified by phone as soon as possible after the closing date.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Wildlife Trust has launched its largest-ever public participation project – the Mini Meadow campaign. The charity is giving away 15,000 packs of wildflower seed to encourage people to create their own Mini Meadow to help replace lost wildlife habitat.

Thanks to support from The Big Lottery Fund, the charity is giving away special seed packs, each containing enough seed for people to grow a 1m² meadow of their own, and the Wildlife Trust (NWT) hopes that new wildflower areas will be established throughout Nottinghamshire.

Britain has lost around 98 percent of its wildflower meadows over the last 50 years but, with the help of the public, the Trust believes that it can help create new spaces for the mammals, birds and insects

that rely on this threatened habitat for their survival. The Trust is asking people the length and breadth of Nottinghamshire to do their bit for wildlife by creating a Mini Meadow to help bring back cherished wildlife.

Speaking about the campaign, NWT's Isabel MacLennan said: "Whilst we can't turn back the clock to bring back the ancient meadows we have lost, we can create new areas of habitat for the birds, insects and other animals that rely upon them."

The seeds can be used to create a Mini Meadow in gardens, and those without much outdoor space can sow them in window boxes or containers.

Ms MacLennan continued: "Imagine a Nottinghamshire full of beautiful meadow flowers, with butterflies fluttering, bees buzzing and birds singing all around – by



sharing our gardens with wildlife we can help achieve this."

The seeds are absolutely free – all the Wildlife Trust is asking in return is that people tell them where they have created their Mini Meadow. A range of special factsheets is now available via the charity's website and, to encourage people to do more to attract wildlife to their gardens and over the next few weeks, a new Mini Meadows section will be created on the website to keep people up to date with the progress of the campaign.

Seeds will be available at events throughout the spring. For details of local events and to sign up for a Mini Meadow campaign newsletter, visit www.nottin-ghamshirewildlife.org.

Attenborough Village Bowls Club

THE new outdoor season at Attenborough Village Bowls Club opened on Saturday, April 17, with a club tournament that was won by Doug Bucknall and Alan Oxley.

New members of all ages are most welcome to join this friendly local club, which offers social bowling, club competitions, friendlies and league matches to cater for all abilities.

Please contact Mrs Doreen Mellers on tel: (0115) 972 4123 if you are interested.



Beeston Carnival Entry Form

I would like to be considered for Beeston's Carnival Princess/Prince (delete as appropriate).

My full name is: _____

I live at: _____

My telephone number is: _____

I am _____ years old

I go to _____ school

Please answer this short question, which tells us a little bit about you as a person. Voters will be able to take this into consideration when they make their choice.

The thing I like most about living in my community is: _____

Now get the form signed by one of your parents or the person who looks after you, and ask them to attach a recent head and shoulders photograph of you before returning the form to *The Beeston Express, PO Box 7440, Beeston, Notts, NG9 1ZS*.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Going green in Beeston Rylands

A GROUP of residents are starting an environmental project in Beeston Rylands to help tackle climate change.

The Greening Campaign is aimed at bringing the community together to share ideas and to help reduce their impact on the world's climate.

The campaign started in Petersfield, Hampshire, when Terena Plowright decided to do something in her own town to try to 'make a difference'. The campaign was so successful that many other villages and towns throughout the UK, including Stapleford and West Bridgford, are now joining together to begin reducing



CO₂ emissions and the amount of water they waste.

Terena said: "The campaign

is great fun. It gives the community a way to work together to tackle climate change and makes it a positive experience instead of a nightmare"

Rylands resident Julie Jackson said: "We hear about climate change almost every day in the news now. As a mother, I felt I wanted to do something active to make a positive contribution, and to help reduce the pressure on our natural resources. It is a win-win situation though, as helping the environment can help my family save money, too."

To kick off Greening Beeston Rylands, a public meeting will be held, to which everyone living or working in Beeston Rylands is invited. This will be held at the New Venture Social Club (previously known as Siemens social club) on Tuesday, May 25 at 7.30pm.

For more information call Judith on: (0115) 849 0627.

Chilwell Arts Theatre

Louis de Bernieres and Ilone Antonius-Jones Chilwell School, Queens Road West Friday, April 30 at 7.30pm

LOUIS de Bernieres, author of the famous *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* and *Birds Without Wings*, now a Hollywood movie, comes to Chilwell to read from his own work and a range of poems. He will bring to the Theatre his mandolin and guitar where, joined by the internationally renowned flautist and keyboard player Ilone Antonius-Jones, the audience will be treated to a sociable evening of music, readings and talk.

Arts Development Officer and organiser of the concert at Chilwell School, Michael Schillinger, said: "To have an author of the calibre of Louis de Bernieres and a musician as talented as Ilone Antonius-Jones come here, to our very own theatre, is absolutely fantastic. This is the biggest thing we've ever had at Chilwell and I hope people come along to enjoy what should be a wonderful mix of readings, social interchange and music."

The readings will focus on de Bernieres most recent novel, *A Partisan's Daughter*, with complementary music originating from Serbia, Eastern Europe along with some classical and even some Bob Dylan.

The Antonius Players, who have had a run of sell-out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and at the Hay-on-Wye Literature Festival, will accompany them.

Tickets: £8, Conc £6 or Family £24 (2 adults, 2 children) are available from tel: 925 2698 or 07827 996 223.