

Community Events

Meeting People

A subscription scheme has been introduced for entries to the Meeting People column. Subscriptions cost £24 per annum (£1 per issue). If you would like your group to be included in the column, please apply to The Beeston Express for a subscription form using the contact details on page 2.

Attenborough & Chilwell Women's Club

Every Wednesday at 7.30pm. Douglas Taylor Room, Attenborough Village Hall. Talks, quizzes, outings, demonstrations and fund raising. Ladies welcome from all areas. Call 0115 925 6498 for more details

Attenborough Parish Church (St Mary's) is open for coffee every Tuesday morning, 10.30am until 12 noon. St Mary's is always worth a visit to look around, sit and think or light a prayer candle in our Peace Corner

Beeston & District Local History Society

Meets 3rd Wednesday every month 7.45pm in the Chilwell Memorial Hall, High Road, Chilwell. Talks by guest speakers of local & general historical interest. New members welcome. Contact 0115 925 8913 or 0115 922 6971 for details

Beeston in Transition

2nd Tuesday of the month from 10.30am to 12 noon at Flying Goose Café, 33 Chilwell Road, Beeston. Discuss ways to reduce costs to yourself and planet earth. Find friends to help make the transition to a low energy lifestyle. For details, contact David on 925 1018 or Mary on 854 2994

Beeston Players

Meet every Monday at 7.30pm, Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston. Whether you are looking to act or help with costumes, sound effects, lighting, props, scenery, or front of house, just pop along to meet us, call Debbie on 0115 939 8417 or visit www.beestonplayers.org.uk

Beeston Probus Club

1st and 3rd Monday each month in the Girlguiding Beeston Division HQ, West End, Beeston. 10am for 10.30am. A social club for retired professional and business men. Contact Neville Bostock on 0115 922 6971 for more details

Bramcote History Group

Meets 3rd Monday each month between September and August. 8pm in St. Michael's Church Centre, Church Street, Bramcote. Varied program of historical talks and other events. Visitors welcome. For details call 0115 925 1491

Bramcote Women's Institute Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday at Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote, starting at 7.30pm. Speakers, quizzes and day trips. New members welcome, all women and girls over the age of 16 may join. Contact Secretary Jean Garner on 0115 922 6196 for more details.

Chilwell Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

Meets 4th Tuesday of each month (not August) at 2pm at Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston. New members welcome. Call Mrs J Hughes on 0115 930 6451 for details

Chilwell Circle of Friends - for the Over 50s Meets on Monday afternoons at Grove Court, Central Avenue, Chilwell between 2pm and 4pm. Speakers, tea and entertainment. Phone 0115 925 1483 for more details

Christ Church Chilwell Bereavement Team

A Christian organisation willing to visit the bereaved in the parish of Chilwell. For more details, contact the Bereavement Co-ordinator, Christ Church Office, 6 College Road, Chilwell or phone 0115 922 2809

Disability Matters A local group for people with disabilities. Meet monthly, usually first Tuesday, in the Catholic Church Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston (wheelchair accessible). 1.45pm - 3.45pm. (Dates may change due to Bank Holidays). Call Christine on 0115 925 1483 for details

The Friendship Club

Meets alternate Tuesdays, 2.30pm - 3.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Boundary Road, Beeston. Open to men and women over 50. Contact Mrs Underwood on 0115 922 4326 for more details

Hemlock Gardening Club

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote. New members very welcome. Annual subs £8.50, visitors £1. Contact 0115 925 2507 for more details

Inham Nook Café Church

Sundays 3.30pm - 4.30pm, at the centre on Pearson Avenue, Chilwell. Need a change on Sunday afternoon? Join us for tea/coffee, cakes and chat. All free!

Inham Nook Methodist Leisure Hour

Wednesdays between 2.30pm and 4pm. Inham Nook Methodist Church. Fellowship meetings and guest speakers. Contact Mrs Maisie Short on 0115 925 4903 for details

Mind Alert - Now in our 28th year!

Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm. The Conservative Club, Station Road, Beeston. Talks, quizzes, tea dances, games afternoons and outings. Contact May on 0115 854 5898 for details

New Beginnings An art group specifically for those below pensionable age but who are either disabled or no longer able to work due to chronic illness or health problems. The premises are wheelchair friendly. Parking is available. We meet every Wednesday, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Beeston Oasis Church, Union Street, Beeston. Cost is £2 per session. Professional tutoring is available every other week. Contact Anthea on (0115) 913 9974 or 07814 318 402 for more details.

The Rotary Club of Beeston

Mondays at 6.45pm, Beeston Fields Golf Club. We welcome people from businesses and professions and use our skills to help others who are less fortunate. For details contact David Biggs at secretary@beestonrotary.org or Barbara Hadfield on tel: 07787 512 813

The Helpful Bureau

Every Thursday between 10am and 3pm. St Helen's Church Hall, Stapleford. M2M, Chiropodist, Massage, 2-course Lunch, Speakers, Trips. For information, call Margaret Bowen on 0115 949 1175

Toton Ladies Group

Meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (except August) at Toton Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Speakers at most meetings, new members welcome. Admission £2 includes coffee and biscuits. Call Mrs Bainborough on 0115 973 3483 for more details

Two O'Clock Club

Every Thursday, 2pm - 4pm. Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston. A varied programme of talks and outings. Admission £1. Visitors welcome. Contact 0115 925 9199 for details

Weaving an ancient spell

IN an age of mass production, country crafts are becoming something of a rarity. So it's good to know you can try a traditional handicraft at Stapleford's community allotment. Dig In is offering willow-weaving workshops to members of the public on Saturday, May 29.

The classes will be led by Helen, Dig In's resident craftsperson, who maintains the living willow structure at William Lilley School. This is the second year that Helen has run the classes, and this year the class size has been reduced and each session extended to ensure everyone receives plenty of individual instruction.

Dig In spokesperson Ben Grundy said: "Far from being a quaint old

novelty, willow weaving is a very practical pursuit. Participants will construct a beautiful garden ornament using willow rods that have been harvested traditionally from the Somerset Levels."

Helen added: "Making a willow obelisk takes between one and one and a half hours, and at the end, each person will have a willow obelisk to take home. I use mine to grow beans or sweet peas up."

To book your place, or to find out more about Stapleford's community allotment, call Kathy on (0115) 875 2095. There is a small charge of one pound. This is less than the cost of materials and a fraction of what these willow features cost in the shops.

By George!

A timely offer from Nottingham Playhouse

NOTTINGHAM Playhouse has come up with an appropriate theatrical offering for St George's Day today (April 23).

That evening marks the press night of its new play, Arthur & George. In honour of England's patron saint, the Playhouse is offering anyone whose own name is George a free pair of tickets for the performance at 7.45pm that evening.

George as a first name or surname counts equally well and not to be sexist, the offer is open to all Georginas and Georgias out there too. All they need do is call the Playhouse's Box Office (0115 941 9419) and then take along some ID when they collect the tickets.

Arthur & George has been adapted for the stage by David Edgar from the best-selling novel by Julian Barnes. The George of the title is not the dragon-slaying saint, but an innocent young Anglo-Indian solicitor named George Edalji, wrongfully imprisoned for a series of horrific crimes near his Midlands home. Arthur, meanwhile, is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, who turns sleuth himself in an attempt to clear George's name.

Starring Adrian Lukis as Arthur and Chris Nayak as George, the story is firmly based on true events and combines intrigue, humour and outrage in a production that has already won considerable critical acclaim, including four-star reviews in The Times and Financial Times.

Cat Meetings

There are no Community Action Team (CAT) meetings currently scheduled.



"I'll take the high road..."

TONY Avery, one of the GPs at the Valley Surgery, Chilwell, will be crossing the north of England... on his mountain bike.

Between May 1-4, 2010, Tony and four friends will be mountain biking 146 miles coast-to-coast across the North of England in order to raise money for a Maggie's

Centre for Nottingham, to be based close to the breast unit at Nottingham City Hospital.

A Maggie Centre helps people adjust to living with cancer, offering help with information, benefits advice, psychological support and stress reducing strategies.

Cheque donations, made

payable to "Maggie's Centres" can be sent to Tony at the Valley Surgery, 81 Bramcote Lane, Chilwell, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 4ET. For more information on Tony's challenge and Maggie's Centres, go to <http://www.justgiving.com/TonyAvery>