

The Beeston EXPRESS




A.W. JYMN
The Family Funeral Service
Serving the Beeston area
Pre-paid funeral plans • 24 hour service
Ilkeston Co-op members discount
Ilkeston Co-op vouchers honoured
BEESTON 0115 922-0433 Trent House Station Road
LONG EATON 0115 946-3093 West Park House Lime Grove
WOLLATON 0115 928-4366 107 Arleston Drive
"Our family serving your family"

COVERING BEESTON, CHILWELL,
ATTENBOROUGH, TON and BRAMCOTE

Issue 125: April 25, 2008
Fortnightly - Free

Ride for Round Hill gathers momentum

by the Editor

FIVE year-old Ben Jones ("I'm nearly six!") was one of 240 children who converged on Round Hill School last Saturday on their bikes.

The children were all geared up to cycle round the school field as many times as they could. A number of parents, teachers and friends are cycling to Paris at the end of May to raise £15,000 for school projects that include cycle safety training, and the children had been sponsored for cycling the equivalent number of laps (1750) around the school field to the number of miles (355) between Beeston and Paris.

Along the way, a few lessons were learnt at school last Saturday.

Ben's Dad (Malcolm Jones) had promised Ben a chocolate bar if he managed

12 laps of a circuit laid out on the playground for younger cyclists. Ben completed an effortless 120 laps. One simple mental arithmetic calculation later – and Dad was going to be financing the purchase of significantly more than one chocolate bar.

After a short break, Ben was eager to rejoin the circuit. No wonder. When asked what the best bit of taking part was, he replied without hesitation: "Crashing into people!"

Social cyclist

Someone else may yet learn that silence can be golden. Joining the school in January this year, deputy head teacher Stephen Jones found himself chatting to the only female cyclist in the R4RH team, teacher Zoe Fletcher.

Mr Jones said: "Zoe was

telling me about the Ride for Round Hill and how they were planning to cycle 120 miles on Day One, 90 on Day Two, and so on. I've done a bit of cycling, and I told her to get a reality check!

"However, as the momentum grew I decided to give it a go – and joined the team.

"I'm still not sure it's a good idea. I'm a social cyclist really, having once cycled around Ireland fuelled entirely by Guinness!"

Children's council

During the day, a group of about 12 children took a break from racing around the school field to join Broxtowe MP Nick Palmer for an impromptu 'Children's Council'.

As well as welcoming the

children's questions, the MP had a few of his own, asking the children if they thought enough was done to encourage them to cycle to school and if they had ever experienced problems with bike theft.

Covert questioning revealed that Mr Palmer's parents had been very protective when he was a child – and he had never learned to ride a bike. One short and democratic vote later, the MP gamely conceded when asked if he was prepared to find out what he's missed out on all these years – and take the back seat on a tandem. Rest assured that it was quite an entourage who followed the nervous MP onto the playground, where he was to take his first lesson under the allegedly trusty tuition of team member Sean Murphy.

Mr Palmer was also asked to present a donation of £250 from Beeston Centurions YFC to the R4RH fund. The football club uses the school facilities for training their 5–8 year old teams. Vice Chairman Robin Holmes said: "Beeston Centurions have had a long involvement with the school. Round Hill lets us use the facilities free of charge, so each year we try to make a donation to show our appreciation."

Parent and R4RH team member Ian Beestin said afterwards: "Amazingly, and in spite of wind, rain and hail, the children managed to upstage the adults and cycled to Paris and back! A total of 710 miles, which is 3,400 laps.

"Top rider was Sam Amos who did 65 laps, equal to about 14 miles. The children might not have had hills to

deal with, but they were on muddy grass.

"We calculate that the day will raise about £3000, including £2000 from the children's own sponsorship.

"I hope we have as much fun cycling to Paris as they appeared to have last Saturday – but I doubt it!

Mr Beestin was grateful for the loan of a marquee from 6th Beeston Scouts. He said: "As well as thanking the various members of our support team and the RHA catering corps, we would especially like to thank 6th Beeston Scouts, who turned up at 8.30am to put up the marquee they were lending us which, in the end, we really needed."

ASBO placed on Beeston youth

A BEESTON youngster has had an Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) placed on him after a series of incidents in the area.

Broxtowe Borough Council sought the ASBO for fifteen-year-old Jamie Saywell, of Dennis Avenue, Beeston, when, during the period between May 2007 and February 2008,

Saywell was associated with a serious assault on August 10, shouted abuse at shop staff on September 24 and December 31 and a physical assault at Alderman White School on February 4, 2008.

Reporting restrictions have been relaxed due to the nature of his behaviour and so that businesses and members of the public

can identify and report any breaches of the order.

The terms of the ASBO prohibit Saywell from the acts listed below, anywhere within the Borough of Broxtowe:

1. Acting in a manner which is likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress or intimidation to any

person not of the same household as himself.

2. Engaging in violent, threatening or racist behaviour towards any other person.
3. Threatening to cause, attempting to cause or causing criminal damage to any property or premises.

4. Being in possession of intoxicating liquor whether in a sealed or unsealed container in any public place.
5. Inciting or encouraging others to commit any of the acts specified in 1-3.
6. Entering the area of Beeston Town Centre, which is subject to a

Designated Public Place order, between the hours of 7pm and 6am, except when passing through the area along the defined route of Wollaton Road, Station Road, Middle Street and West End in order to attend Beeston Youth Centre.

Continued on page 5...