

Express Letters

Where to collect your Beeston Express:

Please note that this list is regularly updated as the new distribution network evolves.

ATTENBOROUGH

Attenborough Nature Centre
Barton Lane

Attenborough Service Station
5 Nottingham Road

BEESTON

Beeston News

86 High Road, Beeston

Chilwell Road News

86A Chilwell Road, Beeston

Co-op Food Store

291 Queens Road, Beeston

G & A Middleton

99 Central Avenue, Beeston

Hiral Newsagent

148 Wollaton Road, Beeston

Sangha Newsagent

182 Queens Road, Beeston

W H Smith

High Road, Beeston

BEESTON RYLANDS

Arun Food & News

154 Meadow Road, Rylands

County Stores

57-59 Trafalgar Road, Rylands

Discount Food & Wine

46 Lilac Crescent, Rylands

Plumb News

1 – 3 Lilac Grove, Rylands

BRAMCOTE

M&N News

40a Sevenoaks Crescent,
Bramcote Hills

CHILWELL

Bains News

Bramcote Avenue, Chilwell

Bramcote Lane Stores

181 Bramcote Lane, Chilwell

Chetwynd Stores

8-10 Chetwynd Road, Chilwell

Sunnyside Post Office

Sunnyside Road, Inham Nook

STAPLEFORD

Wilsons News

7 Pasture Road, Stapleford

TOTON

Post News

79 High Road, Toton

A bee in your bonnet? Have your say here...

IF you want to express your opinion on anything that affects us as a community, then this is the place to do it. And bouquets are as worthwhile as brickbats are valuable. But please keep your letters short. We do reserve the right to cut letters to fit if necessary. If you contact *The Beeston Express* by email (see panel on page 2), remember to include your home address.

Different funds

DEAR EDITOR: With reference to the letter from Paul Shaw in *The Beeston Express* of November 20, I think Mr Shaw has been misled by the leaflet he has seen from Broxtowe Conservatives, in which Anna Soubry compares the money Broxtowe Conservatives have received for her election campaign with the money that Nick Palmer receives for running his Parliamentary Office. These two funds are quite different.

A Member of Parliament receives allowances on top of his or her salary, which are to pay for office equipment, staff salaries and the production and distribution of material to inform and consult residents about his work and local issues such as housing development, travellers, Tesco and open-cast mining. These allowances cannot be used for the purpose of promoting anyone as a candidate at an election.

Election campaign expenses have to be met from the funds of the local Party, and not the taxpayer. So in this respect all candidates are treated equally. Anna tells us that Broxtowe Conservatives have received just over £38,500 from Conservative Party HQ in the last three years. According to the Electoral Commission website, the total income of Broxtowe Conservatives in 2007 and 2008 was over £121,400 which is more than 8 times the income of the Broxtowe Labour Party over the same period, none of which came from Labour Party HQ. We do not have any paid staff.

David Jenkins,
Treasurer, Broxtowe Labour Party

Pure quackers, ducks

DEAR EDITOR: I think your headline "Pure Quackers" was truly apt for the two ludicrous letters attacking the current MP for Broxtowe, Nick Palmer. (Letters, Nov 20).

Miss Brunton (a former Liberal councillor) knows full well that in a General Election, the Liberals always come a poor third in Broxtowe. In local elections, the Liberals do well.

However, voting patterns in a local election are different to that of a General Election.

Nick Palmer does represent a broad rainbow coalition of voters and that cannot be disputed.

As for Mr Shaw, I did not know whether to laugh or cry. Was he being honest or was his tongue

stuck firmly in his cheek? The Conservatives in Broxtowe are hypocritical beyond belief. Before the furore of the expenses scandal, the Broxtowe Conservatives used the services of a councillor from Wellingborough (Swanspool Ward) to maintain their websites. Then suddenly the 'Wellingborough councillor' disappeared from the scene.

If the Conservatives felt that taxpayers shouldn't pay for full-time politicians, should their agent, who was paid to manage not just one but two seats on a full-time basis, have accepted their salary as a local councillor? In simple terms, tax payers' money.

The 'Wellingborough councillor' also stood for a seat on the Irthlingborough Town Council, no doubt hoping to pocket more expenses from the taxpayer. Talk about the pot calling the kettle.

Readers of *The Beeston Express* do know a few things: Nick Palmer is one of the few MPs to have come out the expenses scandal with a clean bill of health. Nick Palmer is a hard working constituency MP.

Nicola Lewis
Blandford Avenue, Chilwell

Seats are for sitting on

DEAR EDITOR: Broxtowe Borough Council needs to take urgent action over the abuse of the new street furniture currently taking place on the High Road.

Whilst along the High Road recently, I have noticed pedestrians actually sitting on some of these structures, preventing cyclists from securing their cycles. On one of the long cycle racks, there was a sufficient number of abusers seated to completely prevent a cyclist from locking up his bike!

Surely the bendy type leaning posts are adequate for people to rest against in between shopping?

A Biker
Beeston

The lost railwaymen

DEAR EDITOR: It was with some interest that I read the article 'Railwaymen's Memorial Rededicated', particularly as none of the six listed actually lived in Attenborough Ecclesiastical Parish. So where did they come from, and why were so many from the staff of a small station killed? (Nov 20, p7).

I can only think they were provided with free travel by the railway company from the surrounding towns to enable them

to work there. There was always a big staff at stations in those days, and with the platforms at Attenborough being extended to accommodate workers travelling to the Shell Filling Factory just up the road in Chilwell, more staff would have been needed than usual. However, I would have thought a maximum of 15 to 20 worked there, making six a very high proportion to lose their lives in the Great War. Very sad.

Until they were shortened in the 1970s, Attenborough was reputed to have the longest village station platforms in the UK. Time plays tricks on memories and I thought I remembered this memorial inside the waiting room, but I understand it was fixed outside between the booking office and the waiting room. I'm so pleased it has found a new home, to which I can pay my respects every time I pass by.

Alan Oxley,
Gordon Close, Attenborough

Another 'owler

DEAR EDITOR: Whilst not the sharpest of photographs, I'm pretty certain that Misty, the owl featured alongside members of the Broxtowe Wildlife Forum, is a Barn Owl (*Tyto Alba*), and not, as described, a "screech owl". (Nov 20, p3).

Whilst the barn owl is often wrongly called a 'screech owl', particularly in the USA, we in Britain ought to give such a beautiful bird its correct name. Barn owl is so much more descriptive of the bird and its nature. Anyway, it doesn't screech! It's a much more evocative 'schree' sound.

There is a group of owls correctly called Screech-Owls,

but these birds are only found in the Americas. To add to the confusion, a local brewery (who, incidentally, produce superb real ales) has christened one of their prize-winning brews 'Screech Owl' – and to compound their mistake, they've used a picture of a barn owl on the label.

Mike Spencer
North Drive, Chilwell

Have I missed it?

DEAR EDITOR: I have just purchased my first copy of your paper at the Attenborough Nature Reserve and have enjoyed reading it. However, one item I felt sure would be in – 'How is Tesco Doing' – wasn't, to my surprise.

I apologise if I missed it but I couldn't find any reference to Tesco at all although I had heard (gossip in the pub) that it's a definite 'goer' now, with work starting next year, and it will be open well before next Christmas so that they can cash in on the Christmas trade.

I will now ensure I buy copies in future: again, I apologise if it has all been said in previous issues, but I personally believe it's such an important issue for the region that just a couple of lines in each issue would be great, if only to say still on for 'XXX'.

Hopefully you agree, or can at least let me know where else I should go to find Tesco updates in Beeston.

Pete Shaw
Alford Close, Beeston

Editor's Note: Tesco has agreed to keep Beeston Express readers updated when work starts in the new year.

Next Issue

Your next *Beeston Express* will be published on December 18

Ordering The Beeston Express

To the Newsagent:

Commencing December 18, 2009, please reserve _____ copies of each issue of *The Beeston Express* for me, at 25p per copy, until further notice. I will make my own arrangements with you for collection and payment.

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____