

# Community Events

## Meeting People

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**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 more details

**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](http://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

**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

**Issues of our Time** - Public Meetings with Discussion organised by Beeston North Labour Party are held every second month at the New Venture Social Club, Technology Drive, Beeston Rylands at 7pm

**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

**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](mailto:secretary@beestonrotary.org) or Barbara Hadfield on tel: 07787 512 813

**Sixty in South Broxtowe** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Nottingham Harmonic Society

## Family Carol Concerts

conducted by  
Richard Laing  
with Thoresby  
Colliery Band

Saturday, December 19

Wednesday,  
December 23

7pm

Royal Concert Hall,  
Nottingham

Box office:  
(0115) 989 5555

Shoestring Press

## Christmas Special

Tuesday, December 15  
7.30pm - 9pm

Flying Goose Café,  
Chilwell Road, Beeston

Readings of prose and  
poetry from the floor  
Mystery Guest  
Prize for best triolet on the  
subject of Liquid Soap

Admission: £3 plus free  
glass of wine

East of England Singers

## Christmas in Venice

Saturday, December 12  
7.30pm

St John the Baptist  
Church, Beeston

Tickets: £8.50  
(Conc £7.50, Child £4.25)  
From (0115) 959 6484 or  
Bookwise, 42 Chilwell  
Road, Beeston

## Beeston Methodist Carol Choir

THE Beeston Methodist Carol Choir was formed during the 1870s by members of the Methodist congregation then worshipping in premises on Chapel Street. Their object was to raise money for a local charity called the Beeston Benevolent Society, which helped the local "poor and needy".

In its early years up to 1914, the carol singing took place outside the homes of the chapel's own members, in an area that ranged from the central parts of Beeston around The City through to the newer districts by the railway, the Park district in Chilwell and as far west as Meadow Lane. At this time, the choir was made up of men only, who would sing throughout Christmas night until breakfast time.

During the First World War, however, many of the men were called up to the forces and ladies were invited to join the choir. This they readily agreed to do, and so the choir developed into one with four parts and mixed voices.

With the rapid expansion of Beeston between the two world wars, it became impossible for the choir to continue to sing to all Church members, thus efforts had to be confined to the areas north of the High Road in Beeston and the Park district of Chilwell.

The choir still goes out singing every year on Christmas Eve, but since the late 1950s it has also been necessary to sing on other evenings before Christmas in order to cover such a large

area. Nor is it any longer socially acceptable for singing on the streets to continue late into the night, so singing now concludes around 10pm.

The amount of money raised by the Beeston Methodist Carol Choir has increased steadily and now provides the Beeston Chilwell Road Methodist Benevolent Society with its only income. The Society, which was founded in 1826, distributes money and gifts to the sick poor and needy of the area irrespective of race, creed or sect and is still fulfilling a great need in the area.

### Choir Itinerary 2009

Tuesday, December 15

Bramcote Drive/Winchester Avenue, Wollaton Crescent, Fellows Road, Sidney Road, Holden Road, Louis Avenue, Cyril Avenue, Hope Street, Bramcote Road (top)

Monday, December 21

Newcastle Avenue, Elm Avenue, Vicarage Road, Devonshire Avenue, Bramcote Road (bottom), Glebe Street, Park Street, Cromwell Road (bottom), North Street, Hampden Grove, Ireton Street, Imperial Road, Silverwood Road, Collington Street, Imperial Ave, Gladstone Street, Harcourt Street, Newton Street

Christmas Eve

Charnwood Avenue, Larch Crescent, Cumberland Avenue, Park Road, Park Road North, Grove Avenue, North Drive, Cedar Road, Dale Lane\*, Richmond Drive\*, Solway Close\* (\*Provisional)

## Steam 2009 Mainline & Heritage Railways

Video presentation by  
Graham Briggs

Wednesday, December 9  
8pm

Embankment Club,  
Arkwright Street,  
Nottingham

Admission: £2.50  
all welcome

Proceeds to the  
Transport  
Heritage Centre,  
Ruddington

Parish Church of St John  
the Baptist, Beeston

## Christmas Services

Sunday, December 20  
Carol Service at Chilwell  
Road Methodist Church  
at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve  
Christingle Service  
at 4.30pm  
Midnight Mass  
at 11.15pm

Christmas Day  
Said Eucharist  
at 8am  
Parish Eucharist  
at 10am

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Duck Race

## Ducks Away 2010!

Friday, January 1, 2010  
2.30pm

Manor Park, Toton  
Sponsor a Duck for £1.25  
Proceeds to Help the Aged  
More details - next issue