

Express Letters

Where to collect your Beeston Express:

Please note that this list is regularly updated.

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

Sainsbury's

Stoney Street, 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

Wilson's 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.

A political bee in your bonnet?

AS this week's paper was being prepared, it was in mind to remind people once again, in the run-up to the General Election, that *The Beeston Express* has NO political allegiance.

Then the letter below arrived, so clearly the rumours that this paper has a political bias do abound.

Allow us to repeat ourselves loud and say it clear. *The Beeston Express* has NO political leanings. Anyone who thinks otherwise is mistaken.

The new political column, mentioned in previous issues, will be introduced on February 26 (next issue).

In the meantime, the political battles appear to have commenced. *The Beeston Express* states categorically that it will edit letters deemed to have too strong a political bias: praising or condemning the perceived virtues or shortcomings of the candidates is one thing.

Mud slinging and personal abuse is quite another.

The Editor

No need for the anger

DEAR EDITOR: I can well understand that the Letters pages of media publications are a vent for perceived outrage and annoyance as experienced by the consumers of said publications.

It seems to be a modern day evolution of human instinct – if it outrages and annoys, then write an impotent, angry letter to a newspaper and sit and wait for it to be published. Job done.

However, what people seem to fail to realise these days, as is superbly illustrated by the continuing sales of media such as some of the rather less-reputable tabloids, is that commercial media is published with 'news-worthy content' in a much-maligned third place after "Profit!" and "Sensation!", whilst community media (such as this very paper) is usually published with 'news-worthy content' as a priority.

So, to my point. It would be nice to read, once in a while, about people's positive thoughts – what they think is good with the world, instead of the relentless ruminations of vitriolic anger ineffectively directed at people who are already seething with rage and annoyance having just read a national, "We hate everyone and we're all going to die tomorrow from elephant flu and with no money!" style of tabloid.

I write this as it strikes me, a regular reader, that some people might be of the misguided opinion that this particular publication, *The Beeston Express*, supports Labour, despite numerous reassurances

from the publication that it does not have a political bias. One can only assume these pacifications do not have the desired effect.

Either that, or their ire is just too great to be quenched with such frugal words.

The frequency with which Nick Palmer's monthly exploits and opinions of Labour party supporters can be read about in these pages may far outweigh that of any other political party, but the paper surely only publishes what it receives? So, a fair assumption one could make is that this paper receives precious little from any other political party or partisan supporter. Including, it would seem, Letters to the Editor from non-Labour, or non-angry, supporters. Would that not be a sensible conclusion? Or is that just too placid and too logical to be of any interest to the angry faction?

Positively, ambivalently yours,
(name and address supplied,
Beeston)

The Editor replies: It is true that we can only publish what we receive, obviously! Every effort is made to ensure that we provide an equally accessible playing field for all active political parties to frolick upon: nobody, political or otherwise, is denied entry to our Letters page!

Felled – without a murmur

DEAR EDITOR: On the front page of the latest *Beeston Express* (Jan 29), you mentioned a large number of trees that had been felled at Toton sidings as the new landowners cleared the site for future use.

Uproar was apparent from the neighbouring properties and the local MP was drafted in for his help.

Whilst I applaud these actions, it seems that they are confined to large scale occurrences.

I regularly walk down Glebe Street into the centre of Beeston and the other day I noticed Broxtowe Borough Council's 'tree men' pollarding the beautiful trees – a very laudable action to help the trees flourish.

What escaped my attention at the time was that one of the trees, having stood proud in a line of similar trees such a short time ago, had been removed completely.

Where are the cohorts of supporters for creating outrage on behalf of this one tree singled out for removal? Must we be subjected to the creeping destruction of these trees?

I appreciate that this fine example may have been diseased, but what indication was posted? As far as I am aware, none.

What can be done to let people know when and where such mature trees, essential in our constantly extending urban landscape, need to be removed?

More importantly, what provision is being made by the council to replace these fine and well established specimens with new trees?

Beeston resident

Support Bramwell

DEAR EDITOR: I think there are several who would agree with the Free Ranger when he describes the current administration at County Hall as "the worst he has ever come across" (Jan 29, p3).

One local effect which deeply concerns me is the future of the Bramwell Care Home which, as well as being residential, provides excellent day care and respite care for people with Alzhiemers, whose carers themselves are often elderly and need the breaks.

The County Council plans to sell Bramwell. It is difficult to see why any private concern would be interested since a condition attached is for the home to continue for three years after its sale – until one notices that Bramwell is located on prime building land. I do not share Conservative candidate Anna Soubry's faith that a purchaser may choose not to run the home down and close it once the housing market has recovered.

I understand that this will be voted upon at the full council meeting at County Hall on February 25 at 10.30am. I also understand there will be a peaceful protest from 10am onwards and I would urge anyone who cares about our local services to attend.

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