

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 Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month 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

Beeston goes mad at the Mad Hatter's Fairtrade Tea Party

FAIRTRADE Beeston invites local people to join the Fairtrade-themed fun at the Mad Hatter's Fairtrade Tea Party. The free event will take place on Saturday, March 6, from 2pm to 4pm, at Chilwell Road Methodist Church in Beeston.

Exciting activities at the Mad Hatter's Fairtrade Tea Party include a wacky hat-making workshop, a fairtrade-themed drama workshop, a facepainter, and lots of indoor games and activities. There will be Fairtrade goodies, cakes and cookies to try and lots of information about Fairtrade in Beeston, as well as a Pledge-to-Swap shop. A children's competition to design a window sticker supporting Fairtrade for shops, businesses and other venues in Beeston will also be launched at the event - the winner will see their design produced at a local printing company and receive some other exciting prizes!

The Mad Hatter's Fairtrade Tea Party is one of lots of events taking place

nationwide to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight (22 February to 7 March). The Fairtrade Fortnight theme this year is 'The Big Swap', with a nationwide campaign to collect one million and one pledges to swap products currently used for a Fairtrade alternative - your usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas or your regular cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa, for example. This event will be a fun and family-friendly chance to find out more and take part in the nationwide campaign.

The Mad Hatter's Fairtrade Tea Party has been organised by Fairtrade Beeston, which is a group made up of volunteers that campaigns to promote Fairtrade in Beeston and beyond. The group was successful in its bid to make Beeston a Fairtrade Town in September 2009, and has hosted a number of successful Fairtrade events and campaigns in Beeston.

The Mad Hatter's Fairtrade Tea Party is supported by Broxtowe Borough Council, The Cooperative and Sainsbury's.

New Line Dancing classes

DANCE instructor Johnny Sheehan has a new Linedance class starting Wednesday, March 3 at Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston. The class will be for new beginners and anyone who has had a few previous lessons.

Johnny is new to the Nottingham area, having relocated from London in September last year. He is a qualified dance instructor and has been teaching linedancing for 13 years. Johnny ran five classes in London and

he has already established two classes in the area: at Sawley All Saints Church (Thursday, 2pm) and at Castle Donington Village Hall (Tuesday, 7.15pm).

He wishes to stress that linedancing is no longer done just to country music, but that the music used in classes nowadays includes pop, Latin, rock, disco etc., so there is always something to please all musical tastes.

If you wish to know more contact Johnny on (0115) 829 2966 or 07956 509 864.

Riders for Health

THE Inner Wheel Club of Beeston is holding a fund-raising cake tasting afternoon to raise money for 'Riders for Health', an overseas charity which provides transport, namely motor bikes, for medical personnel to reach outlying villages in Africa.

The majority of people living in villages have an exceptionally long walk to reach a doctor or hospital, but 'Riders for Health' intends to provide transport that will enable medical personnel to visit outlying villages to provide medical assistance.

Please come and help raise funds for this worthy charity by joining members on March 19 at 18 Sandy Lane, Bramcote, any time between 2pm and 4pm, and take part in tea/coffee and cake tasting, entrance £5, with recipes available for your favourite cakes.

Beeston Carnival

BEESTON Carnival will be held on Saturday, July 10, on Broadgate Park. If you would either like to book a stall, or take part in any way, please contact the organisers, Cllrs Lynda and Pat Lally, on tel: 922 3823.

Cllr Lynda Lally would also be interested on hearing from you if you are the owner of a local business and would like to learn more of the sponsorship opportunities available at Beeston Carnival this year. Keep your eyes on the pages on *The Beeston Express* in the next few weeks for details of our Carnival Prince and Princess competition.