

# Express Letters

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## 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.

### Don't forget Stapleford

DEAR EDITOR: I very much enjoy *The Beeston Express* and think it is an excellent and much needed local publication. Having grown up in a small town – far smaller than Stapleford or Beeston – in the south of England that still maintains the outer six pages of a broadsheet weekly local paper (the other pages being shared with the cathedral city and its environs 15 miles away), I am amazed that our communities have such a small 'voice' for our news and views.

I am writing to plead with you to extend your editorial remit out to Stapleford.

Geographically, Stapleford ties onto Beeston, Chilwell and Toton (all of which you cover). In addition, we are the other 'town' in the southern part of the Borough of Broxtowe – what goes on in the borough council affects us and the planning decisions made there affect us; Stapleford is not an island and we do not currently have any proper local paper. (Even the now-deceased "Stapleford and Sandicare News" was mainly Erewash and Long Eaton/Ilkeston based).

Jo Dunn  
Stapleford

The Editor replies: *The Beeston Express* is pleased to accept articles and news of any events, etc, from Stapleford for inclusion within its pages, but it needs the input from the residents, groups and organisations that have access to details of anything that's happening in the town.

Get in touch with *The Beeston Express* using the details on page 2.

### Time for change

DEAR EDITOR: The Credit Crunch. Who is it affecting the most? The people who are losing their jobs, senior citizens whose income is just above pension credit claim and those whose superannuations are not index linked? Small business firms who cannot get credit from banks? Mostly people who have worked hard, saved hard, but to what end? There is no interest in the money they have saved for their standard of living to be kept up. They are the folk who act sensibly, not spending beyond their pockets, bringing up their children to behave responsibly to prevent them from acting foolishly – which

so many parents (now) do not seem to regard as important. I know that the authorities are increasing their efforts by bringing in new laws to cope with lawless people, but please make it sooner than later.

Do people realise that the credit crunch has given a lot of business people the opportunity to increase prices willy-nilly? I am wondering how long the money we lend to the banks is going to show some kind of return. Their bonus schemes should be curtailed as soon as possible.

To finish, I think the only cure for some of our predicaments is to curtail the flow of people coming into this country, for the time being at least, until things have been sorted out but we do not, it seems, have much authority nowadays on how we conduct our affairs. I am sure the ordinary man in the street will agree with my letter. Surely we can change things somehow? Quickly, I hope! Whilst I am alive to see it.

Regarding the improvements Broxtowe Council is making to the High Road and The Square; I know some of the money spent is coming from private enterprise. Wouldn't it be nice to see the back streets with much needed improvements made as well?

Iris Baker  
The Dovecotes, Beeston

### Provided for community use

DEAR EDITOR: Your correspondent 'Council Taxpayer' (Letters, December 18), suggests that Chilwell School PTA should have been responsible for raising the £5,085 that was given to the school by a local councillor.

The school's PTA is called 'Chilwell School Partnership' and it is a small group of parents, staff and members of the local community who raise funds for things that the school can not pay for out of its main budget; last year we contributed around £3,000. Not many secondary schools have a group of this kind, and we struggle to attract members with the time to raise the sort of money that would make a significant difference to the school.

The £5,085 was given mainly to ensure that the school's (theatre) staging is good enough for the 'Village Ventures' productions that are put on at the school

for the local community. The productions are supported by the Partnership, which organises refreshments for the shows. The next productions are:

- On March 19 at 7.30pm, the Sonja Sabri Company will be presenting the Indian classical dance form of Kathak.
- On April 30 at 7.30pm, Louis de Bernieres will be reading from his own work and playing music with Illone Antonius-Jones.

Tickets for both productions are available from the school on (0115) 925 2698 or 07827 996 223.

Perhaps the 'Council Taxpayer' would like to come along to the Village Ventures productions and enjoy the facilities paid for out of his/her taxes. The school is keen to welcome as many local people as possible to the Chilwell Arts Theatre (CAT) at Chilwell School.

Sarah Hampton  
Chilwell School Partnership

### It's a slippery path to A&E

DEAR EDITOR: As I slipped and skidded from my home in Chilwell to Beeston High Road the other day, a thought struck me that I would like to share with your readers.

Why is it, that when our world turns into a skating rink following a flurry of snow or a sudden frost, roads are gritted as a matter of urgency but pavements are ignored?

Surely, common sense would suggest that the reverse should be the case.

Limited resources of grit and available labour should be expended to protect those most at risk, i.e. pedestrians – who include the elderly and the infirm. Drivers are, after all, enclosed in a 'steel box' that delivers extremely high levels of protection (and comfort) to those inside; air-bags and crumple zones, making a vehicle occupant's risk of injury very low if not non-existent. Assuming, of course, that they are driving at a speed and in a manner suitable to prevailing conditions. If they are not, then they deserve everything they get!

By comparison, the pedestrian has to take their life into their hands negotiating ice-encrusted pavements.

The cost to society is considerable when an elderly, or not-so-elderly, pedestrian has a slip leading to an emergency call-out and hospitalisation. Whereas, nowadays, the majority of low-speed shunts and bumps on the road don't even warrant attendance by the police. So surely, on the grounds of cost alone, the pedestrian should come first when it comes to gritting in urban areas.

Jayne and Christopher (Torvill & Dean) would have been justly proud of the 'Double and Triple Salkoes' being performed on Beeston's High Road on Monday morning!

Mike Spencer  
North Drive, Chilwell

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