

# Community

*There's lots going on in and around Beeston for all age groups.*

*For those caring for younger children, information about toy libraries, playgroups, toddler groups, and parenting skills is readily available from Beeston Clinic, Dovecote House, 38 Wollaton Road, Beeston.*

*If you are planning events or wish to advertise products or services for families, ring 0115 922 8007*

## Holocaust Memorial Service

Wednesday, January 27

ONCE again this year, National Holocaust Memorial Day will be commemorated with an inter-faith event to be held at the Walled Garden, Bramcote Hills Park, Ilkeston Road, Bramcote at 11am on Wednesday, January 27.

Members of the community are invited to join the Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr John Longdon, as he leads the short commemorative event with young people, organisations, religious and inter-faith groups.

The event takes place gathered around the Holocaust Memorial

Sculpture in the Walled Garden. This year's theme is 'The Legacy of Hope'.

The Holocaust Memorial sculpture, created by Naomi Blake, was unveiled in the garden in 2001. It stands to remind people that race hatred is something that continues to be relevant.

Internationally, the date of January 27 was chosen National Holocaust Memorial Day (NHMD) as the anniversary of the day in 1945 when the Soviet Army liberated the concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The NHMD Trust

urges people to remember the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and Nazi persecution as well as those affected by subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, Kosovo and Darfur, and to reflect on what happens when racism, prejudice and exclusionary behaviour are left unchecked.

## Freemasons dig deep for Treetops Ripple Appeal

MONEY doesn't necessarily buy an easy ride as Kate Shaw, the Treetops Hospice Ripple Appeal Manager, set a group of Freemasons from the Provisional Charity of Derbyshire to work in the grounds of Treetops Hospice when they visited to present a cheque for £1000 to the Ripple Appeal.

Even so, Peter Salt, Master of The Freemasons Provisional Charity of Derbyshire, said: "We were delighted to see that building work on the new Care Centre had started, and we had the opportunity to see how our contributions over the last few years are being put

to use. We look forward to seeing the new build completed in 2010."

Directing the group of Freemasons to the building site whilst comfortably ensconced in a wheelbarrow and with somebody else doing the pushing, Kate Shaw said: "I was delighted to show the Freemasons the work that has started at the hospice. Their annual support is very much appreciated and their commitment to the Ripple Appeal has been significant."

The Treetops Hospice Ripple Appeal continues to raise funds for the new Care

Centre. The added space will double capacity at the hospice, which provides specialist palliative care to the local communities of Nottingham and southern Derbyshire.

Anyone interested in helping with fundraising is asked to contact Kate Shaw on tel: (0115) 939 4551.

## Benevolent Service at Chilwell Road

THE 183rd annual Benevolent Service was held at Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston, on Sunday, January 10, to celebrate one of the church's aims: 'to work for a better and fairer world for all people through prayer and generous action'.

The Beeston Chilwell Road Benevolent Society helps poor and disadvantaged people in the Beeston and Chilwell area. Most of its income comes from the singing of carols by the Beeston Methodist Carol Choir around some of the streets of Beeston and Chilwell just before Christmas, which this year also included an evening at the Hop Pole. The total raised was £852.17.

The congregation was informed of the money raised for Casa Alianza, the 2009 church charity, during the service. The Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr John Longdon, was invited to present the cheque to Mr Fred Shortland of the Casa Alianza charity. As he did so, he acknowledged the effort made by church members and supporters of the various events during the year in raising more than £9,500 for the charity. In thanking the church members, Mr Shortland explained how the money had been used in the Honduras to help re-integrate street children into family life.

Next, Helena Badoo introduced the 2010 Church

Charity; the Women's Friendship Group for asylum-seekers and refugees. The group offers support to women one day a week so that they can attend English classes as their children are supervised, and they then share a variety of practical and social activities. The church will be holding its usual series of coffee mornings and concerts as well as other special events and will continue to seek the support of the local community.

This month, there will be a concert by the Derby Gilbert & Sullivan Company on Saturday January 23 (see p15) and a coffee morning on Saturday, January 30.

## Friends & Family

LOST Friends and Family is a new column – suggested to us by one of our readers – that we think might be of interest.

*The Beeston Express* gets the occasional request for help in tracing family and friends that people have lost touch with for one reason or another, and it was suggested that we might use any appeals for help as a regular feature.

We will continue to do what we can to help people get back in touch with lost family and friends, but as the column gets going, it could also act as a 'dispersal point' for bits of information about who's gone where, done what, married (or divorced) whom, and so on.

To use the column, send in as many details of the person you're looking for as possible: full name (both before and after marriage if applicable); approximate age or date of birth, last known address, any family details available and place of employment or trade.

Address it to 'Friends and Family'. Add your own name, address and a telephone number for our use here and either post or email it to us using the details on page 2. We'll filter the requests for information through the pages of the paper, so there's no need to worry about unwanted calls.