

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 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 Probos 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 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 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

Ducks away!

TO a spectator chorus of "Mine's the yellow one! The yellow one is winning!" 1000 plastic ducks were launched into the River Erewash at Manor Park, Toton, to take part in the 19th Annual Duck Race on New Year's Day.

Hundreds of local families and friends descended onto the park to 'buy' one or more of the numbered plastic bath ducks. Once all bets were placed, the Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr John Longdon, launched the ducks into the River Erewash from the footbridge at the Carrfield Avenue entrance to the park. The ducks headed

downstream in the fast-flowing water towards the next bridge, about 600 yards away, where men in waders were ready with nets to scoop up the winning duck and 13 'runner-up' ducks.

Mince pies and mulled wine were served to make sure that people remained warm and gregarious as they waited for the Mayor to start the Race at 2.30 pm.

All proceeds were destined for Help the Aged. Organiser Angela Barnes, Committees Coordinator for Help the Aged, said: "The Duck Race has become a great local event. We attract a lot of people: families, friends and pets. It's one

of the few things you can do on New Year's Day, and something that the whole family can enjoy together.

"This year, we've had our best-ever result, raising £2000 for Help the Aged, and I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in any way.

"All prizes are donated by local businesses, with the first prize this year being a studio portrait session donated by Sumpters of Long Eaton. We would also like to say 'thank you' to Long Eaton Plant Hire for their event sponsorship, which has helped to ensure that all the money raised on the day goes directly to Help the Aged."

Find an action-packed February Half Term at the Pearson Centre

THE Pearson Centre for Young People is running a February half term Holiday Club programme with an action packed week.

On February 15, doors open to children in the local area from Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm. Monday and Tuesday are aimed at school years 1, 2 and 3; Wednesday and Thursday for school years 4, 5 and 6. Friday is for those in school years 7 plus.

A variety of activities will make full use of everything the Pearson Centre has to offer, including a Fitness Club with dance and

exercise classes and the opportunity for older age groups to use the specially designed youth gym.

In addition, a qualified coach will lead a wide variety of sports coaching sessions.

There will be team challenges using the Wii, ICT suite and other tabletop games. Children will get the chance to be messy in the Arts and Crafts sessions as well as in the cooking sessions. Activities focus on teamwork, problem solving and confidence building.

The February Half Term Programme has been mixed

up with Fridays as the Centre holds its very first Competition day, including 5-a-side football, dance, rounders and dodge ball with an opportunity to use the youth gym.

Each day costs £6. There is a special discounted rate of £5 for those who already use the centre attending BB, GB or FNL. Activities will be provided at lunch times and children will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks bottle.

Anyone interested should contact the Centre direct on 925 4112.