

# 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*

## 'Community Chest' can create concord

AT the start of the current academic year, The University of Nottingham launched a fund for community projects in neighbourhoods that are shared by students and city residents. Bids were invited for a grant from the University's 'Community Chest' for projects aimed at encouraging social harmony and improving the environment.

Community groups, students, residents and local agencies request funding from the Community Chest if they have a project in mind to improve the quality of life and help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in areas where students and families live side by side.

Projects are eligible for an award of up to £500 to help with set-up and running costs, with a number of such grants to be available over the course of the current academic year.

Melanie Futer, the University's Manager for Off-Campus Student Affairs, said: "The University is already very proactive in the

local community.

"We recognise that there are some issues raised by the large concentrations of students in certain areas, and we are tackling these strategically with various agencies and community representatives. And the Community Chest assists in this process with workable solutions that can be applied at the grass-roots level.

"In my experience, many of our students are keen to integrate into the local community and to play a part in having a positive impact on the area in which they live."

Melanie was appointed to provide a full-time link between the University, students and local communities. She co-ordinates matters concerning students who live off the main campuses, and liaises with the community and external agencies, with the aim of building more positive relationships.

One external project gaining funding from the Community Chest was 'Evolve', a project providing

e-mentoring for students aged between 14 and 19 years old.

More student-led projects have included 'Ecoschools' where the students have worked with local schools in anticipation of attaining an environmental award; 'Beat', a support structure for students with eating disorders and 'Working in Tandem', set up to support schools built by Read International – another student-led project – in Tanzania.

Students helped out at a Christmas party held in Lenton and donated and collected clothing for Red Cross collections in the area. One-off opportunities saw students helping players at a wheelchair tennis event and assisting with street clean-ups.

Application forms are still available from Melanie Futer, Manager, Off-Campus Student Affairs, Archaeology and Classics Building, Accommodation Office, Cherry Tree Hill, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

## Hearty donation for the Trent Cardiac Centre at City Hospital

AN anonymous donor has paid £100,000 for a new state-of-the-art ultrasound system and research at the City Hospital's Trent Cardiac Centre.

The donor gave Nottingham University Hospitals Charity £80,000 for the equipment and £20,000 to be used for research into heart problems.

The new 3D imaging machine will be used in one of the two theatres in the Trent Cardiac Centre at the City Hospital to help surgeons get a better picture of their patients' heart functions.

The 3D system will replace a 2D ultrasound scanner which is currently used in the theatre, and which will be moved to the cardiac intensive care unit once the new equipment is installed.

Mr Ian Mitchell, Cardiac Surgeon, said: "The new ultrasound machine will help

us to look at the function of the heart, and particularly look at the function of the valves, to get a better assessment of what might be wrong with the patient. Also, when we've done an operation or put a new valve in, we can see if it's working properly."

The anonymous donor was particularly interested in combining the equipment with the research when she decided to support Mr Mitchell and his team, and researchers will use £20,000 from the donation to study the connection between cells in relation to post-operative heart problems.

Mr Mitchell explained: "After cardiac surgery, some patients have an irregular heart rate. About a quarter of patients will have this as a short-term, temporary complication. There's a risk of strokes and clots forming in the heart, so if you can avoid it, that is good.

"Nobody knows quite why this happens. This research project is to try and look at one aspect of heart function to see if we can understand what might cause the problem. We are grateful to this donor who is enhancing patient care in two ways – by providing specialist equipment and relevant research."

Donations to the NUH Charity make a difference to the patient experience by providing extras. It receives almost £3 million in generous donations every year from all sectors of the community.

## Down Your Street

BACK to our intermittent column about the history of Beeston's placenames.

In March 2009, we started the series from The City in the centre of old Beeston. We had planned to move outwards in 'ever increasing circles' in every issue, but have found ourselves delayed on our metaphoric travels by running out of space in the pages of *The Beeston Express* from time to time.

We have wandered into the Rylands and out to West End and Hall Croft before heading up Wollaton Road and into the streets that lead off to the left when heading away from Beeston Square.

The feature has been made possible thanks to the research of Miss Margaret Cooper, one of Beeston's most prominent historians. Miss Cooper's research has been supplemented, where applicable, by Ivan Morrell of Beeston Rylands, author of 'The Origins of the Placenames and Fieldnames of Beeston.'

If you have more information about your patch of Beeston that you would like to share with your fellow ratepayers, please contact *The Beeston Express* using the details on page 2.

If we spend some more time in the built up area

off Wollaton Road, we will discover that many of the streets were named after urban councillors and the local gentry.

Wollaton Road was once known as Cowgate Road – the road along which the cows were taken to pasture. The term 'cowgate' dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and is derived from the amount of land required to graze one cow. The fields that bordered the Cowgate Road had existed since medieval times and form a critical part of Beeston's Anglo-Saxon history. When the land each side of Cowgate Road, soon to become Wollaton Road, was developed in the late

1800s as the silk mills were constructed by local industrialists, a number of the new streets were named after members of the Urban & District Council and other local notables. Thus we have Collington Street, first Chairman of the Council in 1874 as well as Middleton Street, Montague Street, Clinton Street, Denison Street, Enfield Street and Broughton Street.