

Express Letters

Where to collect your Beeston Express

Please note that this list is regularly updated.

ATTENBOROUGH

Attenborough Nature Centre
Barton Lane

Attenborough Service Station
5 Nottingham Road

BEESTON

Beeston News
86 High Road, Beeston

Chilwell Road News
86A Chilwell Road, Beeston

Co-op Food Store
291 Queens Road, Beeston

G & A Middleton
99 Central Avenue, Beeston

Hiral Newsagent
148 Wollaton Road, Beeston

Post News
38 The Square, Beeston

Sainsbury's
Stoney Street, Beeston

Sangha Newsagent
182 Queens Road, Beeston

Tesco
Station Road, Beeston

W H Smith
High Road, Beeston

BEESTON RYLANDS

Arun Food & News
154 Meadow Road, Rylands

County Stores
57-59 Trafalgar Road, Rylands

Discount Food & Wine
46 Lilac Crescent, Rylands

BRAMCOTE

M&N News
40a Sevenoaks Crescent,
Bramcote Hills

CHILWELL

Bains News
Bramcote Avenue, Chilwell

Bramcote Lane Stores
181 Bramcote Lane, Chilwell

Chetwynd Stores
8-10 Chetwynd Road, Chilwell

Sunnyside Post Office
Sunnyside Road, Inham Nook

STAPLEFORD

Co-op Food Store
41 - 57 Derby Road, Stapleford

Wilsons News
7 Pasture Road, Stapleford

TOTON
Toton News & Off Licence
79 High Road, Toton

A bee in your bonnet or a comment to make? Have your say here...

IF you want to express your opinion or comment on anything that affects us as a community, this is the place to do it. Be it a bouquet or a brickbat, let's hear it. 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.

Check quality for good life

DEAR EDITOR: Another Christmas and the headlines ask if retail sales were up or down. We must consume to beat the recession – or so we are told.

Another Christmas in a year when the top bosses increased their pay by, what was it, 40 percent? They have to be paid so much to get the best, to make Britain's economy strong – or so we are told. When I was young I learnt that they did it for power and the prestige of the job. But now everything is judged by amounts of money and how much we can consume in a world with very finite resources. And all the while the inequalities get greater and with it, the growing sense of discontent.

Yet all studies tell us that satisfaction with life is not increased as we consume more beyond a basic amount. Satisfaction depends on the quality of our family life, on the quality of our relationship with friends, on the quality of our involvement with our local community, on our opportunities to express ourselves creatively – in whatever form that might take.

It is these that give us a sense of identity, of purpose, of belonging – but we are never told that.

*Richard Eddleston
A Quaker and chair of Broxtowe
Green Party*

Strengths and weaknesses

DEAR EDITOR: Your unnamed reader who provided such a thorough appraisal of the likely local outcomes of the NHS proposed consulting consortia would have enjoyed the unexpected irony displayed in the public meeting to discuss the next stage of the work to create the Beeston West consortium.

It displayed neatly the potential clash between the duties of management of the consortium and the professional operation of the service. The meeting started late. The provision of an adequate microphone failed and the Powerpoint slide presentation could barely be read from the front seats. Management: no points.

Halfway through the proceedings the chairman vanished. As the good doctor he is, he had responded to a request from an adjoining and unconnected

meeting to care for a visitor who appeared to have been taken ill.

It was heartening to see that care and professionalism took first place. But one of the rules of management, surely, is to stick to the agenda. Surely most of us would prefer to have our doctors and nurses served by a team of equally professional accountants and managers and all of them, always, subscribing to the good doctor's principle that care comes first.

*Stewart Lawrie
Bramcote Road, Beeston*

No local support for Asperger's syndrome sufferers

DEAR EDITOR: For some time now, I have been looking for ways of communication for my son who, during the past couple of years, has finally been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome.

My son is now 51 years old and has no real living friends of his own, especially now that I am 75 years old and no longer able to supply him with new input. My son works very hard indeed. He stands at work all day and also walks too and from work, as he is too nervous to drive. I did pay for a set of driving lessons for him knowing that I wouldn't be able to drive to Chesterfield, where I still have business, for many more years. He was quite willing – until I said: "Don't tell anybody when you go for your test," at which point he promptly said "No" to the whole thing.

We did join the Asperger's friendship group on Maid Marion Way in Nottingham, having done all the tests required, although there has been no doubt in my mind or my son's father's mind that he has had the condition since birth and has had a very uneasy life as a result. However, after the lectures, the group was disbanded due to lack of government funding.

There is nothing for people with Asperger's (autistic) people locally. Now that funding has been docked for so many charities, some of the most vulnerable in our society have lost out. Those who have offspring from the time when such a condition went undiagnosed will know only too well their child's tendency to excel at solitary hobbies, slow to come to light from behind closed

doors, and the very few friends who understood and went along with that friendship. There was the torment from bullies and in the transitional years of going to work. Children from the 1950s/60s/70s are all middle-aged now and usually with parents that are finding it hard to provide new input or suggest new ideas – and the friends to go with it.

Name and address supplied

Changing face of Beeston

DEAR EDITOR: It appears that Beeston is now a town of supermarkets and charity shops; card shops being slightly on the decrease recently.

Not so many years back there were eight independent butchers (now three), three shoe shops (now none), two good men's clothing shops, a shop and works where one could take mowers, etc. to be sharpened, and a decent market (current not worthy of the title 'market').

Dewhursts (a butcher) had two shops on the High Road, one on either side.

*E Arthur Lowe
Barrydale Avenue, Beeston*

No need for those unnecessary steps...

DEAR EDITOR: Having despatched letters by way of the office at the university end of Beeston High Road recently, I turned to the postmaster and said: "I am just going outside. I may be some time."

His quick rejoinder: "It's not that bad!" – made me roar with laughter.

*Ronald Morris
Midhurst Close*

Keep your letters coming!

See page 2 for contact details

Old Beeston feature

DUE to this issue of *The Beeston Express* having less pages than usual and being short of space, the 'Old Beeston' feature will reappear in the next issue.

We've been receiving more comments over the holiday period as to the view of the floods outside the Victoria Hotel on Dovecote Lane, Beeston, that we featured at the end of November – but no-one has yet come back to us about the group of men photographed in 1916 that we featured in the December 2 issue.

We're not going to tell you just yet - we'll give you one last chance to name the group!

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