

Community Events

Meeting People

The Meeting People column gives Beeston Express readers a brief insight into your local community group, and when and where it meets, and who to get in touch with for more details.

There is an annual subscription fee of £36 for 24 issues. If you would like your group to be included in the column, please apply for a subscription form using the contact details on page 2.

@ The Boundary: Friendship Club and Care & Share
Meet on alternate Tuesdays, 2.30pm – 4pm at Boundary Road, Beeston. **Craft Workshop** meets in a home on Central Avenue, first Friday of every month, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Everyone welcome. For more details, ring Barbara on 0115 917 5624 or Pam on 0115 922 6453

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 6337 for more details

Attenborough Parish Church (St Mary's) is open for coffee every Tuesday morning, 10.30am until 12 noon. This beautiful, ancient church on the edge of the nature reserve is well worth a visit. There is a prayer corner to sit and reflect, and to light a candle

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 Players
A friendly, local amateur dramatics group meeting Mondays, 7.30pm, at Christ Church, Chilwell. Whether looking for acting or production roles, all very welcome. A variety of comedy and drama is covered in two plays per year. Visit www.beestonplayers.org.uk or call Barbara on 0115 922 3977

Beeston Probus 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. Please contact (0115) 925 8727 for more details

Bramcote History Group
Meets 3rd Monday each month, (except December) 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

Broxtowe Ramblers A friendly local group with walks to suit most abilities. There are walks every Sunday/Wednesday and occasional Saturdays. We offer a varied programme of walks from around five miles upwards in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and surrounding counties. For information, call Brian Palmer on 0115 922 9779 or go to www.broxtoweramblers.co.uk

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

Hemlock Gardening Club Meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at Memorial hall, Church Street, Bramcote. New members very welcome. Annual subs £11, visitors £2. For more details, see www.hemlockgardenclub.co.uk or ring: (0115) 925 3558

Long Eaton All Media Art Club A unique club that embraces all arts and crafts. Meets at AJ's Gallery, The Chequers Inn, Stapleford, Mondays 1pm – 3pm and at Petersham Hall, Grasmere Road, Long Eaton, Thursdays 7pm – 9pm. For further details and information, ring (0115) 849 0048 or see our website: www.leamac.org

Mind Alert - Now in Our 29th 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

New Beginnings Art Group An art group specifically designed for those below pensionable age, but who are either disabled or no longer able to work due to chronic illness or health problems. The premises are wheelchair friendly. Parking is available. We meet every Wednesday, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Beeston Oasis Church, Union Street, Beeston. Cost is £3 per session. Professional tutoring is available once a month. Contact Caroline on (0115) 925 1300 for more details.

Nottingham Centre (National Trust) DECEMBER meetings have a Christmassy feel, with a talk on December 8 by Danny Wells on the Victorians and the Christmas Season (Nottingham Mechanics, 2.15pm). On December 13 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 7.30pm, there will be seasonal entertainment by the group Voice Versa, with coffee and mince pies. Tickets available at meetings or from Don Thompsett, tel: (01664) 823 500. For more information about the group, go to the website: nottinghamcentre.webplus.net

Silver Surfers in Bramcote Open to all older people who want to start computing or brush up their skills with one-to-one help using our computers, or bring your own laptop and ask for help when you need it. Where: St Michael's Church Centre, Bramcote. When: Every Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm. £3 per session. For details contact the Church office (open between 9.30am and 12 noon) on 0115 943 0137

Stapleford & District Local History Society Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, 7.30pm at the Maycliffe Hall, Toton Lane, Stapleford. A varied programme of talks and demonstrations on local and general history subjects. Visitors and new members welcome. For more details, contact (0115) 939 4979.

The Star Inn Session An informal acoustic music session – folk, blues, pop and beyond – at the Star Inn, Middle Street, Beeston. Everybody welcome on Monday nights, 9pm – 9.30pm start. Ring Malcolm for details on (0115) 922 2403. Oh – and it's free!

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 Simon Holmes on tel: 07712 540 965

The Helpful Bureau 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

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

Silver Surfers in Bramcote

THERE is a warm welcome for 'silver surfers' at St Michael's Church Centre in Bramcote every Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm. If you are an older adult who has never used the internet, or you've done the odd email and would like to discover more – this could be for you!

Since the doors opened in May 2011, between 18 and 25 guests have been attending each week. Project co-ordinator Anne Curnock said: "We aim to give each person one-to-one coaching. This requires quite an army of volunteers, so if you are over 21 and enjoy sharing

your internet skills, this could be for you as well!

"We have also started to hold monthly workshops offering new skills such as: "How do I use that mobile phone the family gave me?"

Anne continued: "Why not come along and join us? Guests pay £3 each week, which includes light refreshments. We usually help ourselves to a cuppa first and enjoy the company as much as the satisfaction of learning something new. And when you've had enough, there's another cuppa and someone to share your frustrations with!"

Sahara south-Asian Ladies Group

Meets at the Willows, Dovecote Lane, Beeston Wednesday afternoons, 12.30pm – 3pm
New members welcome

THE Sahara Ladies Group was established about 13 years ago for south Asian elders. Meeting at The Willows on Dovecote Lane on Wednesday afternoons, the group welcomes any woman whose family originates from south Asia or has relatives of south Asian origin – India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, etc. Most members are Punjabi.

When the group was first started, some men came as well, but they were vastly outnumbered and stopped coming – except those who still come on outings.

Group treasurer Jane Lachhar said: "The group (along with the West Indian Elders Group, which meets in the Youth and Community Centre) was started by a social worker for the County

Council, which still funds us. We also raise money to fund tea and biscuits, keep fit exercise, talks, outings, and have occasional celebration meals. Sometimes members will fund snacks and meals. as well.

"I do not know what the original remit for the group was, but what we have now is a social gathering for women who do not have much contact with their fellow ethnic elders because they do not have a suitable meeting place in Broxtowe. I have observed how valuable it is to their well-being."

Jane continued: "For those interested in coming along to see who we are and what we do, one detail I should mention is that because we meet in an old folks' complex, we have to tap on the window of the common room where we meet, which is to the right of the main door, for someone to let us in. This is a simple security measure."

To learn more about the group, contact Indu Merwaha on tel: 07957 777 577.

**Answers to
General
Knowledge Quiz
on page 11:**

1. James Hargreaves
2. Morphine (from Morphens)
3. Bovril
4. Elizabeth I
5. River Ouse
6. Skiing