

## Community

### Innovation in Chilwell

THE Mayor of the Borough of Broxtowe, Cllr Pat Lally, joined teenagers from Chilwell to try out the new outdoor fitness and play equipment at Inham Nook Recreation Ground.

The new innovative facilities, specifically designed for 13 to 19-year-olds, include a cantilever tyre swing, a sit-up bench, an upper body trainer, push-up bars and a whirlwind machine.

The Mayor, along with representatives from NHS, Nottinghamshire County Council and pupils from Eskdale Junior School, officially opened the new facility recently.

Broxtowe Borough Council installed the equipment at the Inham Nook Recreation Ground on Inham Road, Chilwell, thanks to funding of £19,131 from the Broxtowe 'Choosing Health' fund.

The equipment was installed after the Broxtowe Partnership Children and Young People's Consultation in 2008 found that more equipment was needed for older children on parks and recreation grounds across the Borough.

### New bench mark for playgroup

COUNCILLOR Tom Pettengell was invited to visit the children of Preschool 345 playgroup and officially open new bench seating paid for by a donation from the NCC's Community Fund.

The playgroup, initially set up at another Beeston location in the early 1970s by a group of parents looking for "a stimulating and exciting childcare environment" for their young children, moved to the new premises at the Scout Headquarters building on Middle Street when it opened in 2007.

As the playgroup has settled into its new home, the committee became aware that the children's time spent out of doors would be enhanced by the addition of bespoke seating in the garden play area, where a large maple tree provides playtime shade, and so local joiners were asked to quote for wooden seating of a toddler-friendly height that would lend itself to adjustment as the maple tree grows. Quotes for the solid hardwood seating came in at £400, money the playgroup couldn't afford by itself, and Cllr Pettengell was asked if he could provide any

assistance.

He said: "The playgroup's committee approached me to ask if I could help. They knew just what they wanted and exactly how much it was going to cost, and I was delighted to say 'yes'. This is just the sort of project that the Community Fund was created for."

The Preschool 345 playgroup is open to children between the ages of 2 and 5. Its voluntary committee does raise funds to make sure the children have interesting and up-to-date equipment, with this year's fundraising efforts so far including a

Ladies' Pamper Evening and a summer fair. The proceeds have been used to purchase a number of new toys and games to aid sensory development.

### More silverware for Beeston cadets

CADETS from 1359 (Beeston) Squadron finished as joint winners of this year's South and East Midlands Wing Field Day Competition at RAF Wittering in Cambridgeshire on Sunday, June 27.

Whilst the rest of the country was enjoying the hot weather and nervously awaiting the start of the England v Germany game, cadets representing 29 squadrons from across the Wing were sweating it out in various activities including shooting, drill, first aid and leadership. Many hours had been put in ahead of the day perfecting entries, which also

included aero-modelling and photography.

The Beeston cadets had a head start on the other squadrons as they had won the Wing's inaugural Banner Competition several weeks beforehand, and this would count towards the overall score on the day.

There were high hopes for the Drill team; having won the competition last year they went on to regional success and eventually finished second in the Corps competition. They didn't let the squadron down this year either, putting in an impressive display to finish first with CWO Marie Grant

again taking the prize for Best Drill NCO.

Cadet Sergeant Nichola Whitehouse won the Cadet Photography Competition and the First Aid team came second in their competition. There were top 10 finishes for the Shooting, Aircraft Recognition and Aero Modelling teams as well, which all contributed vital points to a total of 189 points, which saw the squadron finish joint first alongside 1211 (Swadlincote) Squadron. Incredibly, this was a repeat of the result in 2008! The trophy will reside with 1359 for the first six months and then it will move

to the care of 1211.

Flt Lt Phil Bannister VR(T) said: "I'm very proud of the cadets. They have worked extremely hard during the last few months preparing for today and that has now paid off with their joint first finish. Well done!"

Congratulations to the cadets of 1359 (Beeston) Squadron on being joint winners and well done for all the hard work done in advance and on the day; it made missing the England match all the more worthwhile!

*The Air Training Corps is open to all young people*

*aged 13-20 who can take advantage of the huge amount of activities provide by the organisation.*

*1359 (Beeston) Squadron are currently recruiting, if you are interested and would like to be part of a very active squadron, more information can be found at [www.1359squadron.com](http://www.1359squadron.com) and [www.aircadets.org](http://www.aircadets.org), or you can contact the squadron on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6.30pm and 9.30pm. Tel: (0115) 925 6774.*

### Take part in gambling research

RESEARCHERS at Nottingham Trent University are looking for readers who might be interested in taking part in a psychological study to help understand gambling behaviour.

At the University, Eloise Manby explained: "We are keen to learn more about whether people who gamble regularly are better at detecting rules and patterns in games than people who do not gamble frequently. This research will help us understand the mind of the gambler and provide vital evidence that can assist development of gambling activities that encourage responsible gambling.

"We need people who gamble at least three times a week, preferably poker players, but we are happy to include other types of gamblers. We offer a modest convenience allowance plus entry into a prize draw to win a £20 voucher."

Contact the University's Psychology Division for more details on: (0115) 848 5617.