

Community

Let's hear you 'Sing Up!'

PUPILS from the Chilwell family of schools got together on Friday, June 25, to give a performance that highlighted their collective singing talent.

Under the expert tuition of professional singer Debbie Pettit and capably assisted by College House School's music coordinator, Louise Strickland, and teacher Carol Bamford, children from Trent Vale Infants, Beeston Rylands Junior, John Clifford Infants and Meadow Lane Infants all got together

with College House's young singers.

They were accompanied by 10 specially selected older singers from Chilwell School. All of the schools involved had spent some time in the weeks leading up to the concert rehearsing for the joint performance.

'Sing Up' is an organisation – described by opera singer Debbie Pettit as "the government's music manifesto" – that aims to get all primary school pupils aged between five and 11

singing as part of their school day. Singing is being reintroduced to the national curriculum at infant/junior school level wherever possible.

Debbie Pettit said: "Research carried out revealed that the vocal range of children in this age group has decreased. This has caused concern on health grounds, as singing is known to relieve stress and increase feelings of wellbeing."

In the Chilwell family of schools, two 'Sing Up'

concerts are held each year. Around 40 children from each of the schools putting the Chilwell programme together last week made their choice of songs from a free website that holds 350 titles. Some of the songs selected were to be sang as individual school items, more would be sang together with other schools from the Chilwell family; others were to be sang by everyone in the hall who knew the words! The cheerful programme

included The Beatles classic, 'Here Comes the Sun' and The Jackson 5 hit, 'I'll Be There'.

The gospel hymn 'Oh Happy Day' provided the music for the grand finale, with every one of the children in the College House school hall being encouraged to join in and swing with the rhythm of this joyous and uplifting hymn.

Debbie Pettit said: "The 'Sing Up' organisation exists solely to promote singing.

Just look at how the kids love what they do: they'll sing at every opportunity."

Acting Head Teacher Jason Gilman commented: "This has been a brilliant afternoon! The children have put lots of work into this concert, and it has turned out to be a great example of their talents."

Community Celebration

July 3

Round Hill School, Foster Avenue, Beeston

11am – 4pm

THE annual celebration of the diversity of people who live and work in Broxtowe will take place this weekend at Round Hill Primary School, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

People will have the chance to soak up the area's rich culture at the Broxtowe Community Celebration, which will take place between 11am and 4pm on Saturday, July 3.

In recent years, this event has attracted thousands of visitors to the school to enjoy a range of performances from local schools and organisations. It offers activities to keep the whole family entertained, including face painting, African drumming, arts and crafts, mehndi and hair braiding.

In addition, there will be a host of music and dance performances from local people, and an opportunity to try mouth-watering food from around the world.

This year's event will coincide with the Youth Factor event taking place in Beeston Square, which will offer an afternoon programme of music and dance put together by young people for young people.

Both events have been organised by the Broxtowe Community Celebration Group.

On the Day

The Round Hill Community Celebration will start with a Chinese Lion Dance in Beeston Square at 11am. The lion will make its way

to the school, gathering the crowd and leading them to the event.

Meanwhile, there will be a chance to learn five-a-side football skills at the Pearson Centre on Nuart Road between 11am and 12.30pm. This will be followed at 1pm by a Kwik Cricket tournament, also at the Pearson Centre, along with 'fun athletics'.

'Have a Go' sessions include African drumming (11.45am – 12.45pm and 1.45pm – 2.45pm); belly dance (11.15am – 11.45pm and 12.15pm – 12.45pm); and Dolkhi Asian Drumming (2.45pm – 3.15pm and 3.30pm – 4pm).



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