

# Community

## Carnival News

### Beeston Carnival - Saturday, July 10

AT last – it's time for Beeston Carnival!

The organisers have been incredibly busy getting ready for this year's carnival, the fifth since the Beeston carnival of old was resurrected. Last minute details are being sorted out and last-minute catastrophes averted (such as when the organisers suddenly realised that the Beeston Pipe Band – fairly crucial to the parade, seeing as they had been asked to lead it – hadn't confirmed the booking. All is well, however, and the organisers are drawing breath again).

The Carnival Prince and Princess have been chosen and are looking forward to heading the parade in their splendid carnival robes.

Local organisations and all sorts of groups – church groups, youth groups, dance groups – are arranging a

wealth of events, displays, games and stalls to keep everyone amused and entertained for much of the day.

#### In The Square

The Carnival day will begin with live music in Beeston Square from entrants to the 'Broxtowe's Got Talent' event held earlier in the year, and will also include singing and dancing displays.

The music and dancing starts at 10.30am.

Meanwhile, stalls will begin to open over on Broadgate Park at 12 noon.

#### Crowning of Carnival Prince and Princess

In The Square at 12.30pm, the Carnival Prince and Princess will be crowned by representatives of the main sponsors.

#### Carnival Parade

At approximately 1.15pm, the big Carnival Parade will start from Foster Avenue!

Making lots of noise and raising many a smile, this will be led through the Square and along the High Road by Beeston Pipe Band and our Carnival Princess and Prince. In addition to the many local groups and organisations taking part and adding to the fun and excitement, the parade will include a Fire Engine Charity Pull this year. The Boys' Brigade Band will also join the parade.

#### Broadgate Park

Once the Parade reaches Broadgate Park, the afternoon's activities will really get going.

On the park there will be stalls, dance displays and exhibitions, an Arts and Craft Fair, classic cars, an inflatable slide and plenty

of children's amusements, live owls and guinea pigs, Indian food and plenty of refreshments – lots to see and do.

Making sure that we all know what's happening and when, compere and entertainer 'Heidi' will keep track of everything from the main arena at the top of the park.

#### Fairtrade Beeston

Back in March, the Fairtrade Beeston steering group organised a 'Window Sticker' competition and asked local children to design a Fairtrade logo especially for use by Beeston's Fairtrade supporters. Part of the winner's prize was to be an Easter Egg!

After much going backwards and forwards to the Fairtrade Foundation and the inevitable delays,

we finally have the winning entry authorised. The winners and runners-up will be announced at the Carnival from the main stage at around 2pm (please note that all times are approximate and may be subject to change).

All 'Window Sticker' competition entrants are invited to the main arena at 2pm to collect some chocolate. Please see the list on page 14.

#### Finally, a word from your organisers:

Cllrs Lynda and Pat Lally have been working hard to make sure that the Beeston Carnival gets bigger and better every year since Lynda had the idea of re-introducing the community event in 2006.

She said: "We hope that the people of Beeston and surrounding areas will come

out and support this, the fifth year of the Beeston Carnival.

"This is *your* community-run event and we welcome this opportunity to bring everyone together to celebrate the great community and voluntary groups, churches and businesses that we have here."

"Remember the carnival theme: 'Beeston Carnival – Bringing the Community Together'."

#### ADVERTISING FEATURE

## Riverford Organic Vegetables

### Organic Food supplier to visit Beeston Carnival

NOW five years old in the East Midlands, Riverford Organic Vegetables already has an impressive history:

- It has reached 200,000 boxes delivered in Nottinghamshire since 2005, all delivered by locally employed drivers.
- It has just won the Observer's Ethical Awards for 'Best Online Organic Retailer of the Year' for the second year running.
- It launched 'Riverford Cooks' this year, a community-based project to help engage and inspire Nottinghamshire folk in the merits of good, healthy and simple cooking.

Allan McKie, who owns the Riverford business in Nottinghamshire, is now

keen to hear from local schools that would like to build partnerships with the farm, located just off the A1 north of Peterborough, for educational-based projects.

"It's all happening," said Allan. "In addition to our normal routine work, we are visiting a number of local community shows throughout the year as well, including – of course – Beeston's very own Carnival at Broadgate Park on July 10!"

"Why not come along, say hello and have a look at a sample of the seasonal produce we supply. We are also offering 'Three Boxes for the Price of Two' as an introduction to us on the day, and we'd be delighted to see you."

Riverford prides itself on offering a great selection of seasonal vegetables in each box, with the majority being picked and packed the day before delivery. During the year, more than 85 varieties of fruit and vegetable are harvested in accordance with the seasons and as nature intended.

Allan commented: "You will never become tired of eating the same things and you will look forward to the return of old favourites as the seasons change."

"The Riverford website is a great source of recipes, with several hundred ideas to assist you get the most from your vegbox, he added. "Riverford is extremely flexible in terms of what you order and when. You

can choose a regular order weekly, fortnightly, monthly or as and when you need it

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