

# Express Community

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On Sunday afternoon, the church held a Service of Thanksgiving for the Restoration and Renewal of the church. This was attended by robed members of the clergy with ties to the church, including Canon Bryan Barrodale, vicar of Beeston responsible for proposing the church re-ordering.

Funding for the re-ordering came initially from insurance money after the church hall was

destroyed following an arson attack on Bonfire Night in 2005. When the insurance was agreed, the PCC had to decide whether to rebuild the church hall, or if equipping the church itself for both worship and community use might be more appropriate.

More fund raising and sponsorship efforts brought in most of the money needed: for instance the Landfill Communities Fund of Waste Recycling Group as

administered by Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) donated £25,000. Money from this sector paid for the entire refit of the church vestries, including the building of a mezzanine floor, a dedicated room for the Sunday School, and room for the choir to practice in relative peace.

Other major sponsors include the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

Confirmation that the decision

to refit the church interior to accommodate wider use by the community was the right one was received on the Saturday of the Festival weekend. The Nottingham Wind Ensemble has forty players, a large group who were booked to play outside in the church grounds. The rain drove them indoors, where all were comfortably seated in the chancel for their performance. The perfect allegory.

Fr Wayne Plimmer, the current

Vicar of Beeston, said afterwards: "It was marvellous to welcome so many people into the 'new' parish church.

"We thought the weather would be against us but, in fact, it rained in our favour as it encouraged folk into the church itself, helped by free tea and coffee!"

## Anne Allery made President for Nottinghamshire Guides

FOLLOWING a lifelong involvement with Girlguiding, Chilwell-born Anne Allery is to become President of Girlguiding Nottinghamshire.

Having been a Brownie and a Guide in Chilwell and a Ranger in Beeston, Anne decided to become an Assistant Guider with 3<sup>rd</sup> Chilwell Guides in 1966.

In 1980 she was made the Division Commissioner for Beeston, a post held until she was made County Commissioner in 1987. Then, in 1993, Anne was appointed International Advisor for the Midlands region; in 1995 Deputy Regional Chief Commissioner.

Memories spanning back over more than 40 years as a Guide leader are many and varied. Visiting four Girlguiding World Centres, Anne said: "Riding an elephant in India and skiing in Switzerland spring to mind. I was over 50 years old when I learnt to ski; it was something I never

thought I would do. People outside of Girlguiding don't always realise what fantastic fun it is.

"Visiting the pyramids in Mexico in 1992 was incredible, and renewing my Guide promise on the lawn outside the White House along with my children, David and Kate, as members of the National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra, isn't something that everyone gets to do."

Here's something else that not everyone does, either. When visiting the World Centre at Our Cabana in Mexico, Anne managed to get sunburned on her bottom whilst snorkelling! "I had completely forgotten that part of me was out of the water," she said. "Fascinated by the colours of the tiny fish darting around me in the water, I wasn't thinking about getting sunburned."

Anne is now

out of uniform and currently enjoys a range of roles that include chairing the Elton Campsites Committee and the Nottinghamshire Guides Centenary 2010 Committee. She is a mentor for young guiders and commissioners, and accompanies Guides on long-distance walks and narrowboat trips.

Personal interests include singing with the Wollaton Singers and giving hand bell talks and demonstrations. She still lives in Chilwell with husband Michael, who she thanks for his wonderful support throughout the years.

Anne, who spent 24 years as treasurer at Oxfam on Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham, succeeds outgoing President Jane Allen, retiring after seven years in the post.

## Taster Day at Alderman White

ALDERMAN White School and Language College is running a programme of taster sessions for Year 5 pupils to assist them when they move from primary to secondary education.

Earlier in June, 120 Year 5 pupils from Beeston Fields Primary and Nursery School and Round Hill Primary School arrived at Alderman White School for a day of fun-filled activities. The event was organised by Mr Drury, transition co-ordinator at the school. This role involves supporting pupils as they transfer from primary to secondary school.

The theme for the day was the Natural World and Environment. Pupils took part in a whole range of different lessons, from creating a jungle collage in Art to investigating creepy crawlies in Science.

Spokesperson for Alderman White, Kerry Dalton, said: "The day was fantastic and the response from the

pupils was amazing, many of whom didn't want to leave at the end of the day because they had enjoyed themselves so much.

"Alderman White School already does a lot of work with Beeston Fields and Round Hill schools, but this was the first time we have had an entire year group working together and it was a great success. This is just the beginning. Next year we will repeat the Year 5 Day and the Year 6 afternoons that took place earlier in the year. There will also be a common bridging unit for all our primary feeder schools.

Mr Drury continued: "We plan to build on the fantastic work that is already being undertaken by our Languages Department as part of our extended schools programme."

Teachers from both primary schools were also very pleased with the day, saying that it had been one of the best days of the year.

### Fairtrade at summer events

TWO of Beeston's big summer events see the first of the promotional events the town works towards Fairtrade town status.

**Community Celebration at Roundhill School.**

**July 5, 11am – 4pm**

**Beeston Carnival. July 12**

There'll be lots of Fairtrade freebies (samples of fruit juice, chocolate, cereal bars, fruit – generously donated by the Co-op, Beeston), as well as children's activities and a competition.