

# Community

## Beeston Men's Shields Information sought

A LARGE shield that once belonged to the 'Beeston Men's Sunday Guild' has recently been donated to the Beeston and District Local History Society.

The Sunday Guild was founded in 1896 by J C Williams, who became the President. Competitions were held annually and winners were awarded a small shield, according to the winning division. Several of the family names inscribed on the shields have been recognised and some links have been made.

Members appear to be from various churches in the Beeston area. The meetings were held at Church Street Schools and Acacia House,

but in the beginning they were held at other venues as well. The last date on the shield is 1915, but the Guild continued into the 1940s.

The nature of the competitions and any other activities that took place at the meetings is not known at this stage. If you have any information, the members of the Beeston and District Local History Society would be pleased to hear from you, in order to add to their existing knowledge.

Please call 922 4060 if you can help.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Chilwell Scout hut officially re-opened

A CASUAL suggestion that Big Lottery funds might be useful in order to refurbish the old 1950s scout hut on Inham Road, used by 3<sup>rd</sup> Chilwell Scouts, prompted near neighbour Diane Parkin to send for an application pack.

This was back in February, 2008. Over the next two years applications were written, plans and quotes submitted, public votes won, lottery money awarded and building work completed.

The refurbished headquarters were officially opened on Saturday, June 5, 2010 by The Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr Pat Lally and Mrs Parkin, whose home overlooks the hut. The Rev Lillian Heptinstall, from St Barnabas Church on Inham Road, was invited to bless the upgraded facilities before invited guests enjoyed tea

and cakes served from the new kitchen.

The Scouts and Beavers of 3<sup>rd</sup> Chilwell, who were to nickname the plans 'Scoutzilla: The Mammoth Project' were delighted when they won the public vote for the 'People's Millions' TV appeal and subsequently awarded lottery funding of £58,750.

Plans for the mammoth project were drawn up with help from Beeston Rotary Club. These included a new kitchen to replace an ancient and decrepit apology for a kitchen and a new disabled toilet facility as well as a new extension. Rotary Club president Jack Walton said: "We were delighted to help. When we discovered that the electrical wiring in the old hut was dangerous, we got it made safe whilst the work to refurbish the building went

ahead.

"There are still things that will need doing. For instance, funds need to be found to get the extension insulated as the group's electricity bills are huge, but things are certainly an improvement on the way they were."

At the opening ceremony, special thanks were offered to the contractors, Rob Widdowson, who made sure the headquarters was kept open and functioning whilst the building work was carried out. 3<sup>rd</sup> Chilwell Scout Leader Dave Tonge said: "I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the project, from preparing the lottery appeal and offering expert advice with the civil engineering aspect, to the builders for their commitment to the project and to everyone who kept them supplied with chip butties throughout; to

the Rotary Club of Beeston for their support and their practical help with the painting and decorating.

"In addition, every single one of our suppliers made a donation of some description, and we would like to thank them for that." Money came from the Notts Community Fund to replace tables and chairs.

Mr Tonge continued: "The group has grown by 50 percent since the building was finished and our future is bright. I am happy to see that it has taken off successfully and become a popular place for the kids to be.

"Mind you, I still walk in on a Friday night and think to myself: 'What's happened here!'"

## Breezy barbecue for bikers

IT was a battle against high winds and cold temperatures, but customers and riders from Full Throttle supporting the group's second annual charity motorcycle ride raised a whopping £2121.42 on May 2 after they rode from Stapleford to Skegness, where they held a breezy barbecue on the beach.

Full Throttle is a motorcycle rider tuition training company based in Stapleford. On Friday, June 11, a cheque for the money raised at the Skegness beach barbecue was handed over

to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance at Tollerton Airport.

A spokesman for Full Throttle said: "Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance covers 3000 square miles and receives no government funding – they run on donations alone. In the photo is Mr John Riminton, who received life-saving treatment and rapid transport from the air ambulance when he was involved in a serious motorcycle accident six years ago.

"We would like to thank

all of the customers who supported the barbecue. The spirit of the day and the enthusiasm of everyone was brilliant, and not in any way affected by the large amount of sand in the burgers! Adding this year's sum to last year's donation means that we have raised more than £5000 for this worthwhile charity – not bad for two barbecues, eh?

"We look forward to hosting another event next year."

## Volunteers join mediation team

BROXTOWE Borough's Mediation Service has recently welcomed six new volunteers to its mediation team after they completed an Open College Network qualification last month.

Broxtowe Borough Council sponsored Mediation Manager Dawn Partington to tutor the six volunteers towards an Open College Network certificate in Community Mediation Training.

The volunteers will join the service's team of mediators, which includes

Philip Godfrey, who beat off competition from 43 universities around the world to scoop the prestigious ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition award earlier this year.

Philip became a volunteer with the service to develop his mediation and people skills, which he hopes will help with his aim to become a barrister.

The Broxtowe Borough Mediation Service deals with more than 100 enquiries each year and recently celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> birthday,

having offered advice on everything from noisy neighbours and loud music to car parking and verbal abuse. It recently moved to a new home in Cavendish Lodge, Devonshire Avenue, Beeston.

For more information and free, confidential advice, the Broxtowe Borough Mediation Service can be contacted on (0115) 917 3736 or email [mediation@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:mediation@broxtowe.gov.uk)