

Business

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Start-up business units available in Ilkeston

FIRM interest has been shown in an old building in Ilkeston which has been renovated and refurbished to create offices for new and growing businesses.

The enterprise agency, Erewash Partnership, is leading the £300,000 project at 3-9 Heanor Road with around £140,000 grant aid from Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership.

The building has now been handed over to the Partnership, which is pleased with the interest shown from prospective occupiers. Two offers have been received already and there have been inquiries from three other interested parties.

Most of the two upper floors at the early 20th century building were converted into 11 offices. A lift has been installed to the first floor, with new windows put in and the frontage cleaned. A new business entrance has been

created at the rear and the car park resurfaced and lit to create a safe and welcoming environment.

Partnership chief executive Ian Viles said: "We are delighted at the interest, given the current financial climate, and we expect the first tenant to move in by the end of the month."

The offices, which will be able to support more than 20 people, are being offered to start-ups and new businesses at a commercial rate on 'easy-in and easy-out' terms – flexible packages that mean occupiers do not get tied up with long leases. Tenants will benefit from full membership of the Partnership.

There have also been environmental improvements to the site, which included putting up six bird boxes after a survey found that house sparrows had been nesting in the roof.

Castle College wins Building Excellence award

THE new development at Castle College's Beeston campus has won a prestigious award for its excellence of design.

Transformation of the Beeston campus combined the expertise of Nottingham architects CPMG and construction group Mansell. In recognition of their high standards of design, construction and workmanship, the partners involved in the project have been awarded the LABC (Local Authority Building Control) East Midlands Award for the Best Educational Development.

The rationale behind the LABC Building Excellence Awards is to 'recognise and reward the best quality construction in the East Midlands'. The quality stems from good design and an efficient design team, and is translated into quality buildings by an effective construction team.

The award was presented at the Village Hotel, Chilwell, on June 12. The development was completed ahead of schedule in October 2008, with the facilities including a new Science Wing, Student Services and Library, with Art & Design students benefiting from an improved artistic space in which to showcase their talents.

CPMG Architects Group Director Nick Gregory said: "The new building has provided Castle College with a dramatic new public identity, outstanding accommodation for staff and students, and a wonderful resource for the wider community. The new building will provide an exciting, vibrant and inspirational facility, ensuring that students have a superb environment in which to learn and develop."

New Course Directory available

CASTLE College's new A-Z course directory for 2009/10 is out now.

The directory contains the A-Z of full and part-time courses on offer at Castle College from September 2009.

Courses include Art & Design, Construction, Engineering, A-Levels, Wellbeing and Personal Development and many more. Whether a school leaver, an adult looking to enhance career prospects or get back into employment, or just looking to do a course for fun, there will be something for you in the Course Directory.

There is also information on courses offered to employers and their workforce. These can be tailored to meet the employer's needs. The College engages with employers to provide a range of training options, including Apprenticeships and 'Train to Gain' programmes.

Those enrolling by August 21 may receive 10 percent discount on tuition fees on certain courses (please contact the College for more information).

The College also offers free Advice and Guidance to help choose the right course. Call 0845 845 0500 for your copy.

Beeston Parish Church Garden Party

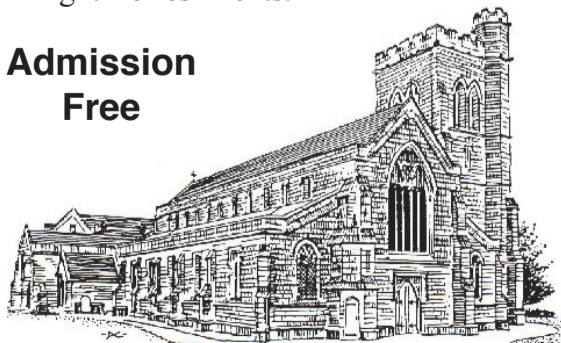
Saturday 27 June
In the Church Grounds
11am to 2.30pm

Guest Appearance of the Nottingham Wind Ensemble

Events include:

Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Craft Stalls, Cakes & Preserves, Plants, Tombola, B.B.Q., Children's Fun Corner with Games, Sale of Prize Draw tickets and Light Refreshments.

**Admission
Free**



Compensation for 5-a-side footballer injured at Pride Park

LOCAL solicitors Ellis-Fermor & Negus recently acted for an amateur footballer who fractured his tibia/shinbone during a game of 5-a-side football played in gruelling weather conditions at the JJB sports ground at Pride Park, Derby.

The pitch was covered with standing water but JJB's staff said the pitch was

playable. The footballer slipped and fractured the bone during a tackle. The JJB sports company denied that the pitch was dangerous and argued that the tackle would have resulted in the same injuries in any football game.

Ellis-Fermor & Negus took the case to court, where the client was awarded

£13,404 for his injuries, losses and expenses, which could have been prevented if the match had been postponed.

Partner and Personal Injury Solicitor Simon Hale said: "These cases are extremely difficult but we were convinced that the sports company had ignored the dangers and exposed

our client to a risk of injury. The judge agreed and our client received a satisfying award of compensation for a very unpleasant injury – a tremendous result."

If you would like to discuss a possible Personal Injury claim please telephone Simon Hale on 0115 922 1591 for a no obligation consultation.