

## Community

### Granting aid to History Society displays

THE MAYOR of Broxtowe, Cllr John Longdon, was accompanied by his wife, Margaret, when he visited the monthly meeting of the Bramcote History Society at St Michael's Church Hall to present the council's Grant Aid cheque for £100 to the Society. The society plans to use the money to improve the quality of their stock of

display boards, which are in regular use.

The cheque presentation was followed by a talk from Graham Hopcroft entitled, 'A Journey through Edwardian Beeston'. This was illustrated with a number of postcards depicting street scenes of Beeston from the era, many of them still familiar.

### Pupils campaign to get freight off the roads

FIVE GCSE students from Chilwell School were campaigning amongst the Saturday shoppers on Beeston's High Road last weekend, encouraging people to sign their petition aimed at getting freight off the country's roads and onto the railways.

As part of their GCSE 'Citizenship' project on the Environment, the five members of ADJJJ (an amalgam of the student's first name initials!) Association plan to present their completed petition to local MP Nick Palmer. They were also handing a leaflet to shoppers: 'Why Should We Replace Fuel Burning Lorries With Freight Trains' to

explain what they were doing and present facts and figures as to why road freight is bad for the environment. The leaflet also gave details of what people could do to help or access further information.

ADJJJ Association spokesman Jordan Nicholson (14) said: "We've been explaining to people about the high levels of CO<sub>2</sub> given out by lorries when compared to rail freight. I think that replacing HGVs with freight trains will contribute greatly to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>. As we've asked people to sign our petition, they have been interested and some have debated the issue with us

– even if only to say they think it will be impossible to get things changed.

"However, we would like to think we can change something, and you have to take a stand somewhere."

Fellow pupil and campaigner Joe Barber concurred: "Too little credit is given to the younger generation these days, based on what the older generation reads in the press. I hope that our efforts will not go unnoticed by the government – or the older generation."

Asked for his comments, MP Nick Palmer said: "I am pleased to see these youngsters taking a serious

interest in their future. People are often very quick to dismiss the youth of today but these pupils of Chilwell School demonstrate real concern."

County Cllr Steve Carr said: "This is a fantastic campaign that is well worthy of our support. It has my full backing."

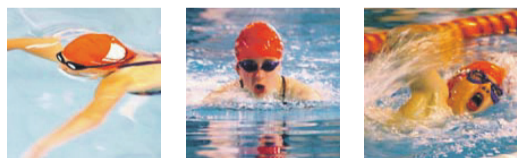


## BRAMCOTE SWIMMING CLUB

### WELCOME to Bramcote Swimming Club.

We are a competitive yet friendly swimming club, based in Bramcote, Nottingham.

We cater for all ability swimmers, from beginner to national competitor.



### Come & try session.

8.00 - 8.30am

on the first Sunday of every month at Bramcote Leisure Centre.

Numbers on each session will be limited so please contact Liam Doherty on 0115 9229211 to reserve your place.

Bramcote Swimming Club, Bramcote Leisure Centre, Derby Road, Nottingham NG9 3GF.

### John Clifford pupils run for the fun of it

PUPILS at John Clifford School all spent part of Friday, June 19, running round and round the playground.

This apparently light-hearted break from their more serious school studies was in order to raise money for charity, and for playground equipment for the school on Nether Street, Beeston.

Parents assisted as the pupils of Year 1 to Year 6 ran a mile throughout the day for the Tesco Run. This is the fourth year that the school has taken part in the Tesco Run, and the children were aiming to beat last year's sponsorship total of £1400. Some of the money raised this year will be donated to Aspire, a charity for the homeless in Long Eaton.

Head teacher Simon Thompson took time out to run with each and every class during the day, motivating the less confident joggers and congratulating the front runners.

The school staged a special assembly later in the day to reward the children for their fund raising efforts, and the winning boy and girl from each race.