

Community

Meeting People

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Attenborough & Chilwell Women's Club Every Wednesday at 7.30pm. Douglas Taylor Room, Attenborough Village Hall. Talks, quizzes, outings, demonstrations and fund raising. Ladies welcome from all areas. Call 0115 925 6498 for more details

Attenborough Parish Church (St Mary's) is open for coffee every Tuesday morning, 10.30am until 12 noon. St Mary's is always worth a visit to look around, sit and think or light a prayer candle in our Peace Corner

Beeston & District Local History Society Meets 3rd Wednesday every month 7.45pm in the Chilwell Memorial Hall, High Road, Chilwell. Talks by guest speakers of local & general historical interest. New members welcome. Contact 0115 925 8913 or 0115 922 6971 for more details

Beeston Players Meet every Monday at 7.30pm, Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston. Whether you are looking to act or help with costumes, sound effects, lighting, props, scenery, or front of house, just pop along to meet us, call Debbie on 0115 939 8417 or visit www.beestonplayers.org.uk

Beeston Probus Club 1st and 3rd Monday each month in the Girlguiding Beeston Division HQ, West End, Beeston. 10am for 10.30am. A social club for retired professional and business men. Contact Neville Bostock on 0115 922 6971 for more details

Bramcote History Group Meets 3rd Monday each month between September and August. 8pm in St. Michael's Church Centre, Church Street, Bramcote. Varied program of historical talks and other events. Visitors welcome. For details call 0115 925 1491

Chilwell Afternoon Townswomen's Guild Meets 4th Tuesday of each month (not August) at 2pm at Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston. New members welcome. Call Mrs J Hughes on 0115 930 6451 for details

Chilwell Circle of Friends - for the Over 50s Meets on Monday afternoons at Grove Court, Central Avenue, Chilwell between 2pm and 4pm. Speakers, tea and entertainment. Phone 0115 925 1483 for more details

Christ Church Chilwell Bereavement Team A Christian organisation willing to visit the bereaved in the parish of Chilwell. For more details, contact the Bereavement Co-ordinator, Christ Church Office, 6 College Road, Chilwell or phone 0115 922 2809

Disability Matters A local group for people with disabilities. Meet monthly, usually first Tuesday, in the Catholic Church Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston (wheelchair accessible). 1.45pm - 3.45pm. (Dates may change due to Bank Holidays). Call Christine on 0115 925 1483 for details

The Friendship Club Meets alternate Tuesdays, 2.30pm - 3.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Boundary Road, Beeston. Open to men and women over 50. Contact Adele on 07533 827 729 for more details

Hemlock Gardening Club Meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote. New members very welcome. Annual subs £7.50, visitors £1. Contact 0115 925 2507 for more details

Inham Nook Café Church Sundays 3.30pm - 4.30pm, at the centre on Pearson Avenue, Chilwell. Need a change on Sunday afternoon? Join us for tea/coffee, cakes and chat. All free!

Inham Nook Methodist Leisure Hour Wednesdays between 2.30pm and 4pm. Inham Nook Methodist Church. Fellowship meetings and guest speakers. Contact Mrs Maisie Short on 0115 925 4903 for details

Issues of our Time - Public Meetings with Discussion organised by Beeston North Labour Party are held every second month at the New Venture Social Club, Technology Drive, Beeston Rylands at 7pm

Mind Alert - Now in our 27th year! Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm. The Conservative Club, Station Road, Beeston. Talks, quizzes, tea dances, games afternoons and outings. Contact May on 0115 854 5898 for details

The Rotary Club of Beeston Mondays at 6.45pm, Beeston Fields Golf Club. We welcome people from businesses and professions and use our skills to help others who are less fortunate. For details contact David Biggs at secretary@beestonrotary.org or Barbara Hadfield on tel: 07787 512 813

Sixty in South Broxtowe Every Wednesday between 10am and 3pm. Maycliffe Hall, Toton Lane, Stapleford. Support for the over-60s to maintain their independence. For information call Margaret Bowen on 0115 949 1175

Toton Ladies Group Meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (except August) at Toton Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Speakers at most meetings, new members welcome. Admission £2 includes coffee and biscuits. Call Mrs Bainborough on 0115 973 3483 for more details

Two O'Clock Club Every Thursday, 2pm - 4pm. Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston. A varied programme of talks and outings. Admission £1. Visitors welcome. Contact 0115 925 9199 for details

Land exercise for air cadets

THIRTEEN cadets from 1359 (Beeston) Squadron have just completed their first squadron camp at John's Lee Wood site in Leicestershire. The cadets, all of whom have joined the squadron in the last six months or so, attended the camp to gain experience in a wide range of subjects as part of the Field Craft Training Syllabus.

Members of staff and senior NCOs were on hand to teach the cadets subjects such as camouflage and concealment, map reading, first aid, leadership and team building as well as guiding and supporting them throughout the weekend.

The cadets were put into two flights, each commanded by recently promoted corporals, with the weekend giving the corporals a chance to hone and develop their leadership skills.

Friday evening saw the cadets arriving at John's Lee Wood, where they knuckled down to erecting their tents before a lesson in the safe operation of gas stoves. The

cadets then cooked their own meals in the open air, a new experience for most of them.

Saturday morning began with lessons in the field before a walk around the surrounding Leicestershire countryside that gave the cadets chance practise their map reading and navigation skills.

That evening a night exercise had been planned to bring together the skills the cadets had been taught during the day. The flights were given a briefing that included specific objectives to complete - assuming they could avoid the enemy forces. This is the highlight of the weekend for many of those attending, especially the staff who relish playing the part of the enemy and ambushing the cadets as they attempt to complete the exercise!

Sunday morning saw more lessons in the field and then the biggest challenge for the cadets, the assault run. This was a timed run through boggy ground, dense undergrowth and various

obstacles. They ended up filthy and exhausted but with huge grins on their faces!

All of the events over the weekend were scored with the results being announced at the end of the camp. The winners of the inter-flight competition were Cadet Corporal Connor Geer's B Flight, beating Cadet Corporal Anisah Britton's A Flight by just one point. Individual winners were Cadet Michael Riley-Moore and Cadet Valeria Meraz, who won the Best Male and Female Cadet at Camp awards respectively.

The camp was organised and led by Flying Officer Gareth Fowler, and all those who attended offer their thanks for the time and effort he put in to ensure it all ran smoothly. Thanks were also offered to the staff from other squadrons who put in time to ensure that the camp was a success: Flt Lt Jodie Hudson OC 1936 (Newton) Sqn, Flt Sgt Joanne Fowler from 348 (Ilkeston) Sqn and Sgt Jenny Street from 1360 (Stapleford) Sqn.

Oxfam Bookfest

THE Oxfam shop at 58 High Road, Beeston, will be taking part in the first nationwide Oxfam Bookfest, to be held from July 4 to July 18.

Manager Sue Bottley has arranged story telling and a couple of quizzes for book lovers of all ages. For the under-fives, there will be stories in the shop between 2.30pm and 3pm on the

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of both weeks, so you are invited to take the little ones along and maybe have a browse amongst the books for yourself at the same time!

Sue said: "You may like to pick up the quizzes we have too. One for the crime fiction lovers - can you remember the name of Linley's sidekick?"

"The other is a challenge for the whole family - if you see a picture of a character from a favourite book, can you say who it is and who wrote the book?"

You may like to offer a small donation when you call in for the quiz, and there are prizes of £15 and £10 for the winners and runners-up.