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A bee in your bonnet? Have your say here...

IF you want to express your opinion on anything that affects us as a community, then this is the place to do it. And bouquets are as worthwhile as brickbats are valuable. But please keep your letters short. We do reserve the right to cut letters to fit if necessary. If you contact *The Beeston Express* by email (see panel on page 2), remember to include your home address.

Looking for a prince

DEAR EDITOR: I read with a sinking heart that you are once again seeking a carnival princess this year. To me, this feels like a return to the 70s, when people were less bothered about equality, and carnival royalty were chosen on looks alone.

It seems that there are some simple solutions that could bring this tradition up to date for Beeston. Firstly, have a carnival prince as well as a princess to balance things out. Secondly, choose the winner not on looks, but ask potential princesses to write in saying why they would like to be princess and don't publish any photos. We live in such an image and celebrity obsessed culture that being judged on how you look sends the wrong message out to young girls.

My third solution (and my personal favourite) would be to ask for nominations for a prince and princess. Perhaps this could be children who have had a difficult time or who are very involved in the community, Brownies or something similar and who really deserve a treat. Again, no photos would be submitted so it could be judged on merit alone.

Wouldn't this give our younger generation a much more positive message and deserving children a treat they will remember and appreciate?

Philippa Double, Beeston

Appeal for info

DEAR EDITOR: I am researching the family history of a friend, and she was told that one of her ancestors was sent to prison because he was the father of a child born to a Bramcote woman whose baby bled to death because she cut the umbilical cord with scissors.

Allegedly, a George Wright from Sandiacre was sent to prison, possibly Leicester, in the late 1920s.

I know it isn't much to go on - but can your newspaper help? Or if not, can you point me in the right direction of where I could find any information?

Janice Mackay

Remember, next issue of
The Beeston Express
will be published on
Friday, July 4



Pet Mart – an open letter

AS you already know, we have to make way for the Tesco superstore. We have had no choice in this matter, as our building was sold to Tesco when our landlord died. (He owned the building and would not let them buy the site from him).

We have been looking at other vacant shops in Beeston to move into but have found the rents too expensive to take on.

Because of this, and because we are the wrong side of fifty to begin the undertaking of setting up the shop anew, we have made the decision to retire.

We feel very emotional about this. We have been trading in this very shop for 32 years and have a wonderful retinue of loyal customers who we will miss dearly. We are also devastated for our caring and committed staff, who have contributed so much to maintaining the high standards we've always tried to achieve.

It has been hard work, but great fun with quite a few surprises along the way. We will certainly miss our chats on subjects both serious and frivolous and hope to still see the many friends we have made through Pet Mart as we remain part of the Beeston community.

Closing down...

We will eventually start the process of reducing the stock but we will continue to be able to get any items as a special order right up until the end.

We are going to assemble a list of possible suppliers for customers who are worried about where to source unique products we have supplied. We don't want to leave anyone worried about how to continue to provide the best for their pets.

Moving out...

We must vacate the premises by Monday, June 30 and the shop is due to be demolished after Tuesday, July 1.

But with a bang!

BUT! We want to leave with a bang rather than a fizzle!

So we'd like to invite you to pop in on Saturday, June 28 for a drink and a chat and a final goodbye. Steve, Carol and staff will be lounging around with food, drinks and stories to share with our loyal friends – our customers. Do try and pop in to say 'hello' and 'goodbye.' And please bring photos if you can.

*With our grateful thanks,
Steve, Carol and staff
Pet Mart, Station Road, Beeston*

Express Education

Adult Learner's Week

THIS year's Adult Learner's Week, May 17-23, was a bumper affair and a momentous occasion for Beeston Area's libraries. The organised events in Beeston were part of a much larger national campaign intended to engage and enthuse people to pursue adult learning, to catch up on skills or perhaps just to learn for fun. The Adult Community Learning Service partnered with the Libraries to host a number of highly successful taster events, including Try IT. The Stapleford branch was lucky enough to be able to offer a workshop from the visiting Stone Soup Project on Music Production and Animation,

attracting Beeston's teenagers in their droves. The new Mayor of Stapleford, David Grindell, made a visit and even got involved in laying down a music track and making a short animation under the Project's guidance. Stone Soup were also able to give budding musicians invaluable industry tips, as one teenager said: "I've been trying to get into the music industry for years. I will definitely do some courses". Others were keen to see more events like this in the area.

Beeston hosted Castle College with tasters in Introduction to Computers and Card Making, which was full to the rafters. The

success of this event has led to a new Castle College Introduction to Computing course to be held at John Clifford School from Monday June 23, 9.30 am – 12pm for 5 weeks. For more information on charges or to book a place, please contact Castle College on 0115 884 2749.

Back at Beeston, looking more to the relationship between the Mind and Body, the month's National Year of Reading theme, the library hosted a reflexologist and life coach. Staff and customers who dropped in for sessions were amazed at what could be discovered just from the soles of their feet!