

Express Community

Chocolate proves a big draw

A PRIZE draw for a chocolate Easter egg worth £100 received 233 entries at a newly opened grocery store on Sunnyside Road, Inham Nook.

Sunnyside Savings has been opened by Mark Smith, and is managed by Lawrence Richardson with assistance from Mr Smith's daughter, Jenna. Local councillor Eileen Atherton was asked to draw the winning ticket for the egg on Easter Saturday. She said: "I owned a shop for 34 years and I like to actively encourage independent shopkeepers in my ward to prosper. I wish the owners of this store all the very best – there is a real need for a grocery store at this side of the estate."

Jenna Smith added: "We plan to be a good value store with really low prices. We are aware there are a lot of single parents around here and our prices will help them to make ends meet.

"We also have a scheme in place to help the Inham Park Preschool Playgroup – we give five percent of all purchases back to spend on the playgroup. People are invited to ask us for more details if they are interested."

Winner of the massive Easter egg was Caroline Hall of Inham Nook. Second prize, a bottle of whisky, went to Gemma Beeby and Kerry O'Brien won third prize, a bottle of wine.

Clean sweep for Gardening Week

STUDENTS, local councillors and church ministers donned heavy duty gardening gloves and set forth with wheelbarrows, spades, rakes, hoes, lopping shears and a plentiful supply of industrial grade black bin liners to tackle the neglected gardens of central Beeston last week.

Working in small groups as part of Hope 2008 NG9, the initiative bringing together members of all Christian churches to work for the community, the group set off after a light breakfast and a short prayer in Queens Road Methodist Church Hall with one purpose in mind – to clear as many of the overgrown and untidy gardens of local

student properties in central Beeston as possible in the time available to them.

The Great Big Student Gardening Week project included members of churches from across the area and local borough councillors, as well as students from The University of Nottingham.

Twenty-one year-old physics student Lindsey Weller observed: "Being a student doesn't mean you have to live in grotty accommodation – you can still be proud of your community." Fellow student Matthew Oldham added: "It's what Christ would have done. He came to serve the world, so I'm following that lead."

Funding for tools, etc., came from the Nottinghamshire County Council Initiative Fund and from the University of Nottingham Community Chest. Some of the gardens tidied were found to be massively overgrown with weeds and brambles and many contained a number of supermarket trolleys or ancient patio furniture, and the teams settled straight down to work clearing the detritus.

Borough councillor Lynda Lally said she thought it would be a good idea to tidy up gardens on a regular basis. "The chance to do something practical has given us a real sense of satisfaction, and we think

we might like to do this more often, maybe twice a year. There is a definite need.

"We're also taking part in a wider lobby group to get the Government to allow local authorities to have power to take action against landlords who take no care of their property."

Taking part in a Journey around Jerusalem

CHILDREN aged between 3 and 13 from a local church and Bramcote Church of England school met up for an unusual journey during Holy Week. They were given paper passports and took part in an Easter Workshop – engaging on a journey of specially designed activities that took them in the allegorical footsteps of Jesus from when he arrived in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover until his crucifixion and resurrection.

The idea behind 'My Journey Around Jerusalem' was to help the

children achieve better understanding of the story of Easter by talking about the bible stories and taking part in activities such as the foot washing before The Last Supper; sharing the bread and 'wine' of The Last Supper; making a Garden of Gethsemane and hearing the story of the crucifixion and the resurrection. The activities encouraged the children to think and talk about how Jesus might have felt when he was betrayed, how Mary Magdalene might have felt when she saw the stone rolled away from the tomb or how the disciples might have reacted when Mary

Magdalene told them what had happened.

The 34 youngsters taking part in the Easter workshop event had their 'passports' stamped to make sure they had engaged with each stage of the journey as they moved between the activities in Chilwell Road Methodist Church Hall.

The event was organised and run by members of the Beeston Parish Church Sunday School with financial assistance from Sunday School funds and craft materials sourced from Broxtowe Play Forum.

Training at Volunteer Centre Broxtowe

TRAINING for volunteers and paid staff is now available at Volunteer Centre Broxtowe.

The centre is offering training in First Aid and Lifesaving Skills, Basic Computer Skills, Basic Food Hygiene Certificates, Drug Awareness, Child Protection, Health and Safety and Mental Health Awareness. Other courses are being added all the time.

Courses start from as little as £5 a session for unemployed volunteers to £30 for paid staff. Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

All courses are held at Broxtowe Volunteer Centre (formerly Beeston Volunteer Centre) Cavendish Lodge, Devonshire Drive, Beeston.

If you would like to find out more please phone the centre on 0115 017 8080 and ask for Linda or Joyce, or email linda@beestonvolunteercentre.org.uk

La Femme Girls Only

Saturday, April 12

The Shed
Beeston Young People's Centre,
West End, Beeston

- Food • Massage • Fashion Show • Braiding •
- Henna • African Drumming • T-Shirt Printing •

Activities from 12 noon – 5pm
All Girl Variety performance 6pm – 9pm

For further information, call Jan on 925 4575