

# Buzz

## The Beeston Express

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## Inquest after Rylands death

PEOPLE using oxygen at home are urged to take extra precautions against fire following the inquest into the death of a Beeston woman.

Pamela O'Donnell, 60, died at her Beeston Rylands home in November 2008 after a fire caused by smoking materials was accelerated by the presence of oxygen.

Although oxygen itself is not explosive, it will help a fire to burn more fiercely should one break out. A fire in an 'oxygenated' room will ignite more quickly than normal and even take hold of flame-retardant items, reducing the chance of escape or rescue for anyone trapped inside.

During the inquest last week, HM Assistant Deputy Coroner for Nottinghamshire, Mairin Casey, said that the effects of the presence of oxygen in fabric could be likened to it being soaked in a flammable liquid. She urged health professionals to look out for signs of smoking among people who use oxygen therapy in their homes and to follow the guidance issued on how to stay safe.

Station Manager Craig Dooley, from Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "People who use oxygen and smoke often don't realise the extent to which they are

putting themselves and others at risk.

"Oxygen from cylinders or concentrators will fill a room and get into the fabrics of clothes, furniture and bedding. If a fire then breaks out in that room, it will spread much more rapidly and burn more fiercely than if oxygen wasn't being used – even fire retardant materials will readily burn. This means extra measures must be taken to prevent a fire starting at all.

"Smoking should only take place in rooms that have been ventilated for at least ten minutes, or preferably, in the open air."

## Rules laid on the line by train operator

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Mr Sexton wasn't the only local resident caught unawares by the new requirement, and we asked East Midlands Trains for their comments.

A spokesperson for the company replied: "We are sorry to hear of difficulties encountered by people travelling from Attenborough station. As a result of feedback received, we will be installing another permit to travel machine at the station, which will be located on the opposite platform. This will be available for passengers by early June."

"The signage has also been checked, and there is a poster displayed at the station explaining that passengers need to buy a ticket before boarding the train, and there are instructions on the Permit to Travel machine explaining how to use the machine.

"When we install the new machine, new signage and instructions will be put up. At the same time, we will review all the signage at Attenborough to ensure that it is clear to passengers that they need to buy a ticket before boarding a train."

So, no refund for Mr Sexton of the two £20 fines East Midlands Trains hit him with, but at least they've laid their rules on the line.

Mr Sexton responded: "I am glad that signage will be put up at the station along with a second machine in order to prevent other rail users experiencing the same misery I went through. The independent appeals service has turned down my appeal so, whilst it is clear I will not get my money back, I feel that at least this news has made my trauma worthwhile.

He concluded: "East Midlands Trains – concentrate on improving your service to your passengers, not increasing your revenue!"

## Bid to deliver the tram

ON Thursday, May 20, the Arrow Connect consortium will deliver their proposals and bid submission for the design, financing, construction and operation of the NET Phase Two lines to Chilwell and Clifton to commence service in 2014.

They were planning to deliver the bid via the tram, boarding at The Lace Market and getting off at The Royal Centre and heading to Lawrence House on Talbot Street, Nottingham, to deliver it to the City Council NET Project Team.

The Arrow Connect consortium is a team of companies and individuals with a pedigree in the field of urban public transport provision, many with direct experience of NET Line 1 and Nottingham City Transport.

The consortium was chosen as one of two bidders in November 2009 and hopes to be selected as

preferred bidder in December 2010.

The production of the bid for such a large and important project is extensive; the bid itself will weigh in excess of ¼ tonne. It is estimated that, to complete the bidding process, the team has conducted over 500 meetings, sent in excess of 50,000 emails, made 21 site visits and that more than 40,000 staff hours have been devoted to the project.

Bid Director Matthew Crosse said: "Arrow Connect has the experience to deliver the very high standards set for NET Phase Two. We will build on our experience from Line 1 and use our knowledge and expertise to design, build and operate the new network to ensure passengers continue to enjoy a superb service and local people benefit from the employment opportunities arising"

## Supporting the Prince's Trust

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Police's Chief Constable recently pledged the force's commitment to support the Prince's Trust scheme.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's Chief Fire Officer, Frank Swann, joined Chief Constable Julia Hodson in signing a Memorandum of Understanding at Force HQ to reinforce the work that is ongoing.

The force already seconds team leaders to the Prince's Trust to help develop the skills and social abilities of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Four courses every year are to take place and events, including work experience, an activity week and conducting interview techniques, help to stretch the participants both physically and mentally.

Those who complete the course take part in a final presentation in front of their families and senior dignitaries. One member of the team will also be given chance to have a placement with the force.

Chief Constable Julia Hodson said: "This is an extremely worthwhile scheme that helps build relationships between the police, our partners and young people who are not in full time education or employment."

Chief Fire Officer Frank Swann added: "Over recent years, we have seen over 500 young people from both the city and county benefit from the activities of the Trust, with many going on to employment, business development and military service. This partnership will ensure that we continue to support the young people of this county."

## News in Brief

### Attempted car theft on Bramcote Drive

POLICE are hunting three men who tried to steal a car from outside a house in Beeston on Monday evening, May 17.

They were called to an address in Bramcote Drive just after 10pm after the men were disturbed trying to break into a car.

The owner of the vehicle confronted the men and was hit with an iron bar. He alerted police and the men left the scene on foot, heading towards Wollaton Road.

The victim was not injured.

The suspects are described as being white, wearing dark clothing and black balaclavas.

Witnesses or anyone with information is asked to contact Nottinghamshire Police on 0300 300 99 99. Or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### Pensioner's home burgled

A PENSIONER'S home was burgled on Monday evening, May 17, whilst she was inside.

The victim, who is in her 70s, was threatened at her address in Derby Road, at the junction with Wollaton Road, Beeston, by the suspect who had gained entry.

The woman called police around 10.25pm after the man had left taking some of her personal belongings with him. The had been left suffering with severe shock.

The offender is described as white, 6ft tall, of slim build and with long black hair. He was smartly dressed and had a rucksack with him, and was last seen near the Nurseryman pub.

Anyone who witnessed this incident, or who saw a man matching this description near the Nurseryman Pub, Derby Road, Beeston, at around 10.15pm on Monday night, is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Pete Shaw or DC Mark Kemp at Beeston CID on 0300 300 9999 ext 812 5635, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

### Man jailed for threatening behaviour

A BEESTON man has been jailed after he was convicted of threatening behaviour towards a Police Community Support Officer.

Samuel Mannion, of Marriott Close, denied shouting abuse at the officer in Beeston on November 20, 2009.

The 21-year-old was sentenced to 25 weeks in prison after being found guilty of the offence at Nottingham Crown Court on Thursday, May 6.