

# Community

## How much is that dolly in the window?

IN a unique idea to raise funds for charity, Ruth Kneale decided she would spend a day as a shop window mannequin.

Ruth, from Chilwell, stood in the window of Panache Ladies' Boutique on Stoney Street, Beeston, for eight hours on Wednesday, May 19, as a living mannequin. The sponsored event was to raise money for Samaritan's Purse International Relief projects in Nairobi's Kibera slum.

Ruth, an administrator at the University of Nottingham, will join a team from the UK in August, working with vulnerable children and families with HIV/Aids during her summer holidays. She lives in Chilwell with her husband and two children, and likes to work in her holidays as a volunteer overseas. In the past she has worked with Roma children in the Balkans and organised a summer camp in Kosovo for children who lost their fathers during the civil war.

She said: "I wanted to raise funds towards my time in Kenya and the projects I'll be involved with. This is the nearest I'll ever get to the catwalk! It has certainly been an interesting experience but, more importantly, it has raised money for the HIV/Aids projects."

Although Ruth found the experience of standing (and later sitting in pose) in the shop window at Panache surprisingly tiring, it had provided her with some amusement as well.

She said: "On the whole, if people did notice me, they just looked straight through me as if what they were seeing was perfectly normal, something they see every day.

"Others have seen the funny side of a live mannequin and laughed out loud, and perhaps popped into the shop to put some money in the collection box.

"One lady screamed out loud when she saw me - I admit it was fun to let just my eyes follow people as

they walked along. Another lady walked past, then came back to see if her eyes were deceiving her - she'd had a bad night's sleep the night before and thought she was seeing things in her exhausted state.

"But the funniest one had to be the person who stood outside the window looking at my feet, which were in a fine pair of fancy strappy summer sandals.

"This lady came in to tell me that she'd been stood thinking to herself how much the feet of mannequins had improved these days and were so much more realistic. It was only when her gaze drifted upwards that she realised the reason the mannequin's feet looked so real was because they were real!"

'Panache' owner Audrey Loveland said: "I was really pleased that we were able to help Ruth. We've never done anything like this before and it's for a good cause. It's been a fun day, too, one that has caught people's attention."

Ruth was hoping to have raised £1500 through donations and sponsorship for Samaritan's Purse International Relief, who work in the slums of Nairobi. The charity trains and equips people to respond to the needs of their community, particularly concerning HIV/Aids and with income generation. They also have a rural-based programme supporting children and orphans affected by HIV/Aids.

Ruth will join a team of UK volunteers who will be involved in a variety of activities ranging from building work to educational projects.

## Beeston Carnival 2010

BEESTON Carnival is now in its fifth year and preparations are well under way for this annual community event, due to take place on Saturday, July 10.

Due to the success of last year's trial of starting the Carnival in Beeston Square, it has been decided to include this as part of the event,

This year will see a local band kick off proceedings in The Square at 10.15am. This will be followed by the winners of the recent 'Broxtowe's Got Talent' competition and last year's clog dancers, the 'Maids of Clifton', before concluding at 12.30pm with the crowning of the Carnival Prince and Princess.

The Carnival Parade will start at 1pm from the Town Hall, Foster Avenue and, as usual, be led by Beeston Pipe Band along the High Road, with many of the local groups taking part in the parade.

On Broadgate Park, there will be a wide variety of stalls, exhibitions and things to participate in for young, old and those in between! The stalls will open at 12 noon, and everyone can look forward to an exciting programme of entertainment all afternoon, to be led by Dazzle entertainer 'Heidi'.

Pat and Lynda Lally, who are now Broxtowe's Mayor and Mayoress, would like to thank the Beeston businesses for their generous sponsorship of this year's Carnival. Cllr Lynda Lally said: "This year will be the first that sponsorship has helped pay for a large part of the event. It has always been our intention that Beeston should 'take ownership' of the Carnival financially, make it viable and eventually have it break even.

"We hope to see this aim reach fruition soon, and have the Carnival go from strength to strength."

### Beeston Carnival Entry Form

I would like to be considered for Beeston's Carnival Princess/Prince (delete as appropriate).

My full name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I live at: \_\_\_\_\_

My telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old

I go to \_\_\_\_\_ school

Please answer this short question, which tells us a little bit about you as a person. Voters will be able to take this into consideration when they make their choice.

The thing I like most about living in my community is: \_\_\_\_\_

Now get the form signed by one of your parents or the person who looks after you, and ask them to attach a recent head and shoulders photograph of you before returning the form to *The Beeston Express*, PO Box 7440, Beeston, Notts, NG9 1ZS.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Athletics success for Beeston Air Cadets

CADETS from 1359 (Beeston) Squadron enjoyed considerable success at the recent South and East Midlands Wing Athletics competition held at Saffron Lane, Leicester.

They won nine events in the various age groups, took first place in the Junior Boys and Senior Girls age groups, and finished second overall out of the 29 competing

squadrons. To add to their list of achievements, 1359's Cpl Beth Denham won the 'Best Female' competition, Cadet Joe Mitchell the 'Best Male' competition.

OC 1359, Flt Lt Phil Bannister, praised the cadets, saying: "This is just reward for all the effort the squadron has put in over the last few months in preparing for this competition.

Congratulations to all of the cadets involved, to those competing and those supporting, in doing a great job on the day. Special congratulations must go to Corporal Denham and Cadet Mitchell for winning their individual trophies. Well Done!"

The squadron will now be competing in 12 events representing South and

East Midlands Wing at the Regional Athletics competition due to take place soon. The staff and cadets at 1359 Squadron would like to wish them all good luck.