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## Get ready for the Carnival!

by the Editor

*PLANNING for the third Beeston Carnival has been under way for some time, and it's time to send in your nominations for our Carnival Princess.*

Excitement is mounting as the plans for this year's Carnival draw interest from many more local groups and organisations wanting to take part. The day's activities will start with a colourful parade, led by a band, from the centre of Beeston. This will proceed along the High Road to the carnival site on Broadgate Park where stalls, games, activities, entertainment for both young and old, music, displays and refreshments are just an idea of what will be on offer.

*The Beeston Express* will bring you comprehensive details of start times and places nearer to the date of the Carnival – Saturday, July 12. In the meantime, we invite nominations from local residents for our Carnival Princess who, with her attendants, will lead the parade along the High Road with the band.

**2008 Carnival Princess**  
Our Carnival Princess, aged between 8 and 11 years of age, will be dressed in the finery appropriate for one so young finding herself in such an exalted position.

Getting into the spirit of the event, local businesses have generously offered to dress the princess and her attendants (The Gown), and put slippers on her feet (Raez). Cast Hairdressing has offered hair styling fit for a princess and two attendants on the day and Beeston Flower & Plants will provide flowers.

Topping the hairdos of the princess and her attendants will be sparkling tiaras loaned by Onyx Goldsmiths. The princess will parade along the High Road in her ceremonial robe, her attendants on hand to take care of the majestic garments.

Cllrs Lynda and Pat Lally, again the united driving force behind the resurgent Beeston Carnival, are delighted with the arrangements made so far this year. "So many more people and groups have offered to get involved one way or another," said Cllr Lynda Lally. "We're going

to have a fantastic carnival this year. However, if there are still people out there with something to offer that they think will make it even better, please get in touch. We can be contacted on (0115) 922 3823."

### Nominations

The 2008 Carnival Princess should live locally, a girl aged between eight and 11 years old, who will be available to become Beeston's Carnival Princess on Saturday, July 12.

To make a nomination, send a clear head and shoulders photo of the child to *The Beeston Express*, PO Box 7440, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1ZS, attaching details of full name, address, age and a telephone contact number. Alternatively, email a photo and details to [enquiries@beestonexpress.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@beestonexpress.co.uk).

Nominations should arrive no later than 6pm on Monday, June 2 ready for publication in the *Beeston Express* of Friday, June 6.

Please make sure that you are in a position to allow the child to be nominated. If the child is not your own, please ensure that permission from the child's parent or

carer has been obtained. We regret that photographs cannot be returned.

### Voting

*Beeston Express* readers will be asked to vote for their choice of princess by post, telephone or email by Monday, June 23. The winner will be notified by June 27.

### Alternative views

As the 2007 carnival princess was selected last July, a reader wrote to complain that *The Beeston Express* and the two local councillors, Pat and Lynda Lally, were apparently endorsing what the reader felt was the "distasteful" showcasing of young girls "for looks alone" in this day and age.

*The Beeston Express* acknowledges the valid point of view, but remains of the firm opinion that little girls love dressing up, and this experience gives one lucky girl not only the chance to dress up, but to dress up for Beeston!

If you have an opinion, write to *The Beeston Express* (details on page 2) and we'll air some more views on this sensitive subject.

## In Brief

### Keeping you informed...

TAKING time out of the present to plan for the future. *The Beeston Express* will be making a temporary switch to monthly publication – after the next fortnightly issue of June 6. The revised publication dates have been calculated to fall on the *first Friday in the months of June, July, August and September*.

This particular timing allows one or two local events that we are aware of to be given maximum publicity ahead of the event: the official opening of Beeston's re-ordered Parish Church (June 20 – 22); Beeston Carnival (July 12); Heritage Open Days (September 11 – 14).

Since the changes needed to create a bigger and better *Beeston Express* were outlined, a number of people have been in touch and offered to assist in various ways.

A sincere "Thank you" to everyone who has taken the trouble to get in touch.

## Beeston firefighters called to deal with scrap metal fire

FOR the second time in as many years, Beeston firefighters were called to a major fire in a metal recycling plant in the Harrimans Lane area of Dunkirk, Nottingham.

Eight fire engines attended the blaze that started in the small hours of Thursday, May 15 at Sims Metal UK. Eyewitness reports said that the fire was so hot, the black smoke – easily seen from Beeston billowing from the burning metal – was igniting as it rose into the sky.

The wind also played a major factor in the spread of the fire, as it blew the flames directly into piles of cars awaiting crushing.

Residents in Beeston and the surrounding areas were advised to keep their windows closed.

Fuel tanks on the scrap cars could be heard exploding in Beeston, waking residents in the early hours of Thursday morning.

The aerial platform appliance from Beeston was

positioned on Harrimans Lane, where fire officers protected a gigantic pile of tyres from igniting and causing an even greater environmental disaster. Tanks containing thousands of litres of fuel were also kept cool by the firefighters. If these had exploded, there would have been catastrophic consequences "similar to Buncefield" commented one firefighter.

Due to the large amounts of water needed to combat the fire, a High Volume Pump (HVP) was used to supply the fire engines and aerial appliances with water from the nearby Beeston canal. The HVP first saw service last year in the major floods around the country. Such was the severity and complexity of the fire that damping down of the scene on Harrimans Lane continued for more than 24 hours after it began.

About 100 of Nottinghamshire's firefighters did all that could be done to prevent the entire area from being destroyed.

**BEESTON CARNIVAL**  
SATURDAY, JULY 12