

Express Community

There's lots going on in and around Beeston for all age groups.

For those caring for younger children, information about toy libraries, playgroups, toddler groups, and parenting skills is readily available from Beeston Clinic, Dovecote House, 38 Wollaton Road, Beeston.

If you are planning events or wish to advertise products or services for families, ring 0115 922 8007

Meeting People

A subscription scheme has been introduced for entries to the Meeting People column. Subscriptions cost £24 per annum (£1 per issue). If you would like your group to be included in the column, please apply to *The Beeston Express* for a subscription form using the contact details on page 2.

Attenborough & Chilwell Women's Club Every Wednesday at 7.30pm. Douglas Taylor Room, Attenborough Village Hall. Talks, quizzes, outings, demonstrations and fund raising. Ladies welcome from all areas. Call 0115 925 6498 for more details

Beeston & District Local History Society Meets 3rd Wednesday every month 7.45pm in the Chilwell Memorial Hall, High Road, Chilwell. Talks by guest speakers of local & general historical interest. New members welcome. Annual subs: £8.50 single, £15 joint. £2 visitors. Contact 0115 925 8913 or 0115 922 6971 for more details

Beeston Players Meet every Monday at 7.30pm, Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston. Whether you are looking to act or help with costumes, sound effects, lighting, props, scenery, or front of house, just pop along to meet us, or call Debbie on 0115 939 8417

Beeston Probus Club 1st and 3rd Monday each month in the Girlguiding Beeston Division HQ, West End, Beeston. 10am for 10.30am. A social club for retired professional and business men. Contact Neville Bostock on 0115 922 6971 for more details

Bramcote History Group Meets 3rd Monday each month between September and August (except December). 8pm in St. Michael's Church Centre, Church Street, Bramcote. Varied program of historical talks and other events. Visitors welcome. For details call 0115 925 1491

Christ Church Chilwell Bereavement Team A Christian organisation willing to visit the bereaved in the parish of Chilwell. For more details, contact the Bereavement Co-ordinator, Christ Church Office, 6 College Road, Chilwell or phone 0115 922 2809

Chilwell Afternoon Townswomen's Guild Meets 4th Tuesday of each month (not August) at 2pm at Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston. New members welcome. Call Mrs J Hughes on 0115 930 6451 for details

Chilwell Circle of Friends - for the Over 50s Meets on Monday afternoons at Grove Court, Central Avenue, Chilwell between 2pm and 4pm. Speakers, tea and entertainment. Phone 0115 925 1483 for more details

Disability Matters A local social group for people with disabilities. Meet monthly, usually first Tuesday, in the Catholic Church Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston (wheelchair accessible). 1.45pm - 3.45pm. (Dates may change due to Bank Holidays. Check posters in the Church Hall). Call Irene on 0115 922 1604 or Christine on 0115 925 1483 for details

The Friendship Club Meets alternate Tuesdays, 2.30pm - 3.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Boundary Road, Beeston. Open to men and women over 50. Contact tel: 07908 959 121 for more details

Hemlock Gardening Club Meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote. New members very welcome. Annual subs £7.50, visitors £1. Contact 0115 925 2507 for more details.

Inham Nook Café Church Sundays 3.30pm - 4.30pm, at the centre on Pearson Avenue, Chilwell. Need a change on Sunday afternoon? Join us for tea/coffee, cakes and chat. All free!

Inham Nook Methodist Leisure Hour Wednesdays between 2.30pm and 4pm. Inham Nook Methodist Church. Fellowship meetings and guest speakers. Contact Mr Howard on 0115 925 2314 for details

Issues of our Time - Public Meetings with Discussion organised by Beeston North Labour Party are held every second month at the New Venture Social Club, Technology Drive, Beeston Rylands at 7pm.

Mind Alert - Now in our 26th year! Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm. The Conservative Club, Station Road, Beeston. Guest speakers, quizzes, tea dances. games afternoons and outings. Contact May on 0115 854 5898 for further details

Sixty in South Broxtowe Every Wednesday between 10am and 3pm. Maycliffe Hall, Toton Lane, Stapleford. Support for the over-60s to maintain their independence. For information call Margaret Bowen on 0115 949 1175

Two O'Clock Club Every Thursday, 2pm - 4pm. Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston. A varied programme of talks and outings. Admission £1. Visitors welcome. Contact 0115 925 0595 for details

Lord Lieutenant officially opens scouts' new 'hut'

THE Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir Andrew Buchanan, officially opened the new 6th Beeston Scout Headquarters on Middle Street, Beeston, on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

Sir Andrew was welcomed by Colin Tucker, 6th Beeston Group Chairman, and an audience of invited guests that included the new District Commissioner for Scouts, Chris Stanton; the Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr Brian Wombwell and representatives of local uniformed services, churches and schools.

Mr Tucker gave a brief background to the new building, explaining how the developers of the old Manor School site, Braemore, weren't overly enthusiastic about having the old and dilapidated 6th Beeston Scout hut cloud the image of the new apartments they were planning to build, and found

themselves negotiating with the scout group's management committee to buy the land.

"In the 1950s, the scout group had the opportunity to buy the land for £475 - and took it," Mr Tucker said.

"And the farsightedness, selflessness and vision of individuals in earlier years has brought us to this point.

"Braemore Developments wanted to buy the land and, in exchange, offered to build us a new 'hut'. We feel our negotiations got us a good deal - we didn't even have to change address."

The new HQ building on the corner of Middle Street and Styring Street in Beeston consists of a large hall, kitchen and toilets downstairs; committee room and a project room, and smaller office spaces upstairs.

It is used by all sections of the

Scout group and by Brownies and Guides, and is also rented out to various local organisations, including a toddler group and a dance group.

In declaring the building officially open, Sir Andrew said: "This is an excellent facility and I congratulate the group, including those who had the foresight to buy the land fifty years ago."

He continued: "My father was County Commissioner 50 years ago, and it is quite probable that he would have been at the 6th Beeston at some point. So the connection now gives me great pleasure, as Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire representing the Queen, to unveil a plaque declaring this new headquarters officially open."

The ceremony was followed by activities inside and outside the building, showcasing the work of the Scout group.

May & June Programmes

Attenborough & Chilwell Women's Club

7.30pm, Douglas Taylor Room, Attenborough Village Hall, Attenborough

Wednesday, May 28

Autumn Fayre - Stall Allocation Evening

Wednesday, June 4

An Evening at a Fictitious Hotel with Graham Forte

Inham Nook Leisure Hour

2.30pm, Inham Nook Methodist Church, Pearson Avenue, Chilwell

Wednesday, June 4

Fellowship

led by Rev Christine Harman

Mind Alert

2pm, Conservative Club, Station Road, Beeston

Thursday, May 29

Broxtowe Hall

by Tony Horton

Thursday, June 5

Puzzle Slides Quiz No 2 with Les Hollingsworth

Two O'clock Club

2pm, Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston

Thursday, May 29

Children of Chernobyl

with Brian Charlton

Thursday, June 5

Celebration Afternoon