

Express Letters

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86A Chilwell Road, Beeston

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99 Central Avenue, Beeston

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182 Queens Road, Beeston

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Wilsons News

7 Pasture Road, Stapleford

TOTON

Post News

79 High Road, Toton

A bee in your bonnet? Have your say here...

IF you want to express your opinion on anything that affects us as a community, then this is the place to do it. And bouquets are as worthwhile as brickbats are valuable. But please keep your letters short. We do reserve the right to cut letters to fit if necessary. If you contact *The Beeston Express* by email (see panel on page 2), remember to include your home address.

Beeston Town Band

DEAR EDITOR: I recently read the article on the Beeston Town Band.

It is disheartening to hear that the Band is not appreciated as it once was. As a new resident of Beeston and a fan of the type of music they play, I would be thrilled to know about opportunities to hear the Band play.

Additionally, it would be wonderful if these performances could be sponsored on a regular basis by the town or local community to help keep this kind of music alive in the area.

*K Ferrucci
by email*

Get things right

DEAR EDITOR: Now that the dust has settled we will know the outcome of the general election and see the end of the monotonous letters in praise of their parties.

Thankfully these passed me by with the exception of the one which detailed Cllr Eric Kerry's failures, which may or may not have been true, but I did take exception to the fact that the debacle at Notts County FC was included.

I understand that through his position as a member the Supporters Club Trust, he was appointed by them as a director when they received a very handsome donation from Hadyn Green. The decision to sell was agreed by everyone to be the right way forward, and regrettably they were not to know that they had been duped. I have no connection with Eric Kerry but feel the record should be put right in respect of this insinuation of his monetary connection.

Perhaps now we can now consider our locality and ask why the ancient hedgerow bordering the recreation ground on Long Lane, Attenborough, has been removed and replaced by iron railings? No doubt a security measure, and yet this has been allowed to happen without a word of objection. It is interesting that the paving in front of this is being replaced and yet the rest of Attenborough is left in a very poor state.

Recently the junction of Nottingham Road and Swiney Way, Chilwell, has been subjected to a cosmetic improvement. Surely this could have waited until the potholes around the borough were filled?

*Alan Oxley
Attenborough*

Putting things in perspective

DEAR EDITOR: I always think it's a pity when honest comment strays over into being unfair vitriol, and I think this is the case of Javid Kayani's comments regarding Cllr Eric Kerry's unwillingness to spray public money around mindlessly.

To those who are unfamiliar with the system, county councillors are given a sum of money to spend in their wards at their own discretion. A system that is, in my opinion, sometimes abused.

I am aware that my comments will not be printed until after the general election, but I feel it only right to put these matters in perspective.

I am a school governor at a school which had a project it wished to carry out but had insufficient money. A previous approach to the former county councillor for a different project had been in vain but Cllr Kerry was approached to see if he would donate from his allowance. Eric's response was that he would fund 50 percent of the project on the understanding that the school's PTA raised the other half. I consider this a fair and sensible approach and I believe it is the same attitude that is adopted by the lottery fund. Subsequently the school raised £2,600 and Cllr Kerry promptly provided a cheque for the other half. What would your correspondent have him do? This is public money after all, yours and mine, collected as a council tax. The fact that he has some money left over would be considered by Gordon Brown as 'prudent'.

Eric has also offered funds to support the Beeston Carnival, which had received funds in previous years, but was pleased to find that the organisers did not, at that stage, envisage needing extra cash. Some of Eric's unspent funds have been carried over into the 2010/11 year, so that he can help should that position change, and without affecting other requests that year.

I suggest that if you have a project you approach him and I am sure that you will find him as fair and as honest a county councillor as you will ever find.

*Eileen Atherton
Penrhyn Crescent, Chilwell*

Unworthy

DEAR EDITOR: In Issue 168 of *The Beeston Express* (April 9), I read the letter you published written by Cllr Eric Kerry.

Just out of interest, I have written by snail mail to the said councillor to tell him what I thought about his letter.

The offending sentence in his letter was, and I quote: "Some of those letters verge on the libellous..."

All the letters I read in *The Beeston Express* are read by me within the spirit in which they are written and published. For the said councillor to throw in the legalistic tool of a veiled threat of libel is silly and unworthy of him.

To my mind, in the world of politics it is far better to prove your point by argument rather than the cheap trick of legal procedures.

His points raised were unbalanced and a bit scurrilous, which is I presume is what he intended.

You are perfectly correct to publish any letter that is sent in, and publish at your discretion. This, I hope, will continue to be the case.

For the sum of 25p, *The Beeston Express* is a good read. I like it.

*Mr D E Lyon
Beeston Rylands*

More coverage?

DEAR EDITOR: Reading your paper is delightful, insofar as newspaper reading can inspire such feelings... Local news, sprinkled with a smattering of more wide-spread affairs – all well written and intelligently presented.

If you can ignore tripe from the perhaps less cognitively-endowed about whether the paper is or isn't a political party's this or that (as I understand it, Nick Palmer has – possibly had? – a column by virtue of being the constituency's MP, rather than the paper publishing only "Labour news" to satisfy its "Labour bias"). If you ignore these to-ings and fro-ings, even the Letters pages have a charm of their own!

But if I could suggest a worthwhile addition to the pages? How about updates on the 'Renovation of Beeston'? Particularly now that large construction cranes have appeared on the Tesco site. Surely, what with the clout of being a published press, you can dig up some interesting, informative updates for our delectation? I, for one, would be interested to read what Tesco are doing. And how about the tram? I've forgotten where we're up to with that...

Name and address supplied

Party following

DEAR EDITOR: As a resident of Broxtowe, I have been interested in the pledge made by Conservative candidate Anna Soubry that, if elected, she would not employ any party activists on her staff.

Given this, I wonder how many Conservative MPs in the last Parliament employed party members and activists, and whether she would take the opportunity to rebuke such MPs for employing activists?

*Ed Jacobs
Humber Road, Beeston*

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