

# Express Letters

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## 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.

### Christmas to be reinstated

DEAR EDITOR: Much as I appreciate *The Beeston Express*, I must take issue with you for your negative comments about the title of the 'Beeston Lights Switch On' leaflet (Front Page, Nov 6).

It is also paranoid of a correspondent to see the absence of the word 'Christmas' as the work of a so-called 'PC brigade' at the council which is, as I assume the argument goes, running scared of giving offence to those of a different religious persuasion.

A little research would have discovered that the word 'Christmas' has not appeared for the last three years in the title of the 'Switch On' leaflet. There were no complaints until this year. Nevertheless, it is now the intention of the organising officers at the council to reinstate 'Christmas' in the heading next year (it does actually appear in the body of the leaflet five times). I doubt whether they think such a move will threaten social cohesion.

In the meantime, is it not appropriate to give credit to the council officers who have worked hard to organise a series of increasingly popular 'Switch Ons' which have given pleasure to thousands? Last year, the lights, fireworks and a Freddie Mercury tribute band - what more, you might ask, do you need in cold November? If that's your idea of what Christmas means, next year you'll be completely happy when the word is reinstated.

For me, it's enough for it to be a vibrant, friendly community occasion which lights up a dark early winter night, even if it bears about as much relationship to the meaning of Christmas as does my recently received John Lewis Christmas catalogue which carries no reference to a birth in Bethlehem.

*Cllr Brian Taylor  
(Beeston West)*

### Defining who we are

DEAR EDITOR: What a breath of fresh air from an editor not afraid to do his job on behalf of the local majority! (Front Page, Nov 6)

At a time when all decent-minded people are reminded of the sacrifices made in the name of freedom based on the principles of Christianity, the quislings at Broxtowe Borough Council chose to underline their 'votes at any price' policy by endorsing the very real threat to those ideals.

Thanks to the 'equal opportunists', the indigenous population has been obliged for far too long to witness (with 'official' sanction) the erosion of their own culture in order that these unwelcome opportunists can twist any situation to their own sinister advantage.

It should not be left to the local press, however, to singularly speak out on such matters which are predominantly the domain of a Church which appears to be so besotted with the embrace of Islam that it cannot feel the jewelled dagger piercing its backbone.

Remember Churchill's words, Broxtowe Council: "An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile in the hope that he will be the last thing it consumes."

*Red Squirrel  
Chilwell*

### What's good for the goose...

DEAR EDITOR: I wholeheartedly agree with your column in *The Beeston Express*. (Front Page).

My Lancashire-based son lives in Darwen and works in Manchester, where recently there have been two 'Christmas' Lights Switch-ons: Blackburn and Manchester. (the Darwen 'Christmas' Switch-on is this weekend). Areas of multicultural diversity unsurpassed. He tells me all religions are quite happy to take part in the 'Christmas' celebrations.

Your editorial comment refers to 'utter dimwits' too scared to stand by even the name of the religious festivals celebrating this country's beliefs' Why, then, should a problem exist here in Broxtowe?

My guess is that these 'utter dimwits' will have been responsible for the dripping PC tap to have been installed in the council offices, with no doubt more to follow.

*Beeston Express Reader  
(Name and address supplied)*

### Spruce up the tree

DEAR EDITOR: I heartily concur with your views about Christmas being Christmas, whatever Broxtowe Borough Council wants to call it, and that they are taking political correctness way over the top. (Front Page, Nov 6).

And will this year's 'Festive Tree' be as lacklustre and boring as it has been in previous years? With just a few lights thrown at it, and guarded by extremely unfestive railings?

If the council can't be bothered to decorate the tree properly, why don't they invite a local school or two to help by making decorations to put on it? And why don't they utilise said extremely unfestive railings as a place to hang Christmas pictures, etc, made by local children? (They could be laminated to make them weatherproof).

Or am I being politically incorrect? Call me old fashioned.

*Barking of Beeston*

### Not such a two-party contest

DEAR EDITOR: Regarding the next General Election, I do not see "tempers" rising, but only nervousness.

If Nick Palmer sees the next Day at the Polls as a two party contest, he ignores the reality of the local situation entirely, which gives wide and credible support for Liberal Democrats in large swathes of the Broxtowe constituency. It is not enough for him to say, without evidence, that Cllrs Carr and Carr got support from Labour voters in local elections partly because they are the main alternatives to the Conservatives in their area. What a weak argument, since whatever happened to the Labour vote? Simply, it collapsed because the people did NOT want to vote Labour. This is nothing new in Beeston North.

I would urge Nick Palmer not to ignore the almighty strength of feeling against the Labour Government he represents and is elected to serve. It is an absolute insult for this MP to say: "I represent not just Labour voters but a broad unofficial coalition". What about the rest of society in Broxtowe which might not meet your neat parallel lines?

Is a statement like this not an entire giveaway, since MPs are elected to serve ALL without prejudice and with full inclusion for all? It is wrong for anyone to assume that the seat of Broxtowe is a two party fight, since perhaps the electorate might chance on an alternative and just vote for change, and that bit of honesty which would be quite refreshing. Ethical government could be a good thing, since there is little to see in this one.

Also, just to warn any candidate who feels confident about any forthcoming election, that fringe parties and the BNP tend to hover anywhere where there is dissatisfaction, disillusionment, and key lack of support in terms of opportunities, employment and social deprivation. And guess who these parties take votes and seats off? It's Labour.

*Adele Brunton  
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