

Community

Dancing feet raise cash for children's charity

A TALENTED group of 55 children from Beeston and other areas of Nottingham, aged between two and 14 years old, put on their dancing shoes recently to showcase their skills and raise money for the NSPCC.

The students, members of Pulse Dance, performed

everything from acrobatics to ballet in two shows at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre in West Bridgford on November 8, raising £516 for the charity.

An audience of more than 300 friends and family watched as the children put on a performance that

included musical theatre, street dance, cheerleading and tap dancing.

Paul Stevenson from Pulse said: "The children worked hard to put on a spectacular show and they had great fun doing it, too. It is fantastic to see how the practice they put in week

after week at their dance classes comes together to create a performance that others can enjoy.

"The fact that we raised money to benefit other children by dancing and having fun was an added bonus."

Bramcote Crematorium Service of Remembrance

BRAMCOTE Crematorium is holding its annual Service of Remembrance in the Main Service Chapel on Sunday, December 6 at 2pm. During the 45-minute service, the names of those uppermost in their thoughts are read out as members of the congregation are invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

The service has become a popular and poignant feature of the Crematorium's calendar and attracts a high attendance. It is a relaxed and informal service with readings, prayers and poems given by family members, many of whom have recently lost loved ones. Civil Celebrant Laura Read and Rev Jez Prance

will lead this year's service, which will be attended by the Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr John Longdon. There will be musical contributions from 'Ilkeston Brass' and soloist Hayley Dobson.

Local funeral directors and other service providers will be supporting the crematorium staff on the day. Following the service, seasonal refreshments will be served in the new chapel.

People attending are advised to arrive early to ensure a seat within the chapel at this well-attended service. Anyone with special needs or requiring assistance is asked to contact the Crematorium office on (0115) 922 1837.

Scouts lend nature a hand

SCOUTS from 2nd Bramcote Scout Group rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in to improving their local environment recently in an event organised by the Greenwood Community Forest Team and Broxtowe Borough Council.

Fourteen boys and girls aged between 10 and 14 got involved and learnt some new skills into the bargain.

The scouts worked on the play area on Eastcote Avenue, Bramcote to plant native trees, including

yew, holly, hazel and some honeysuckle. Wildflower bulbs were also planted to make the park more attractive come springtime, and to help attract wildlife to the area.

To encourage birds to nest at the site, the scouts helped to make nest boxes and bird feeders. These were hung in the trees to help the birds survive the winter ahead.

The event attracted a lot of interest from residents whose houses back onto the park. They were delighted to learn

that the park will look even better with the extra colour provided by snowdrops, bluebells and daffodils in the spring.

On hand to lend the required digging power was Cllr Stan Heptinstall, Deputy Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council and Portfolio Holder for Environment.

Cllr Heptinstall was very impressed with the event. He said: "Events such as this are paramount in teaching our youngsters to respect their local environment. It was

an excellent event and the play area will benefit greatly from the hard work put in by the council's Parks and Environment Section and the Greenwood Team."

Gill Grievson, Community Liaison Officer for Greenwood said: "All of the scouts got stuck in and had a great time. It was good to see so much enthusiasm and, as most of them live close to the play area, they will hopefully keep an eye on the trees as they grow."

Chilwell in Action

CHILWELL will be the focus for a six-day programme of events between November 23 and 29, all designed to give the area a boost.

The focus will be on reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, giving residents and businesses a sense of pride and confidence in the area.

Details of 'Action Chilwell West' have been distributed throughout the area on posters and news sheets. Plans for the week

include a daily drop-in café at Inham Nook Community Centre where presentations, displays and information will be available throughout the week, a talent show for young people, Motorvator bus visits, school road safety events, housing surgeries and advice on finance.

The police will be distributing Smartwater and crime reduction advice as well as carrying out high visibility patrols.

The grand finale of Action Chilwell will take place on

November 28 at St Barnabas Church Christmas Fair (1pm - 4pm), with stalls, games, activities, information stands and displays.

Cllr Ken Rigby, Cabinet Member for Planning, Community and Performance, said: "This high profile approach will launch initiatives that are sustainable and will bring improvements to the community.

"Weeks of Action focus the attention of local partners to target community

safety problems and raise awareness of the ways residents can do their bit for local community safety. There are issues of concern that need to be tackled in Chilwell West, and a coordinated approach may help to engage people, give them hope and pride in the community, and improve the perception of the area.

For more information, contact the Safer Communities Team at Broxtowe Borough Council on (0115) 917 7777.

Festive Fun Day at the Elms

THE Elms, Junior School to Trent College in Long Eaton, invites you to a fun festive session for parents and young children.

A Nursery Festive Fun Day for Under 5s will be taking place on Saturday, December 5, between 10.30am and 12 noon.

You are invited to go along with your child and take part in a choice of exciting festive activities

including biscuit decorating, making music, creating a Christmas card and making your own tree decorations.

Refreshments will be available.

To register for a place, call Mrs P Robinson on (0115) 849 4940 or email patricia.robinson@trentcollege.net