

Business

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Cameron House launches Christmas range

JULIE Cameron opened her 'interiors' emporium on Chilwell Road, Beeston, in October last year.

In one short year, she has developed the business to the extent that 'Cameron House' has become a destination for her devoted customers, whom she refers to as "my ladies" as this is predominantly a business focussed towards women.

This year, Julie let 'her ladies' know that she would be launching her Christmas range at Cameron House at 6pm on Tuesday,

November 3 – and found herself almost trampled underfoot in the crush!

Everything was kept tightly under wraps as Julie, who lives in Chilwell, spent three days turning the inside of the shop into a pre-Christmas wonderland. At 6pm on Tuesday, guests invited to the launch entered a virtual paradise of distinctive products – table linen, crockery, glass ware, decorations – all designed to make Christmas just that little bit unique, a bit more special.

One thing is certain – don't go to Cameron House looking for a commonplace tinsel garland.

Canapés for the evening were provided by James Crossman of the 'Seasons' restaurant, just over the road, and this, too, was a stroke of genius on Julie's part as guests fought to get to the table where the tasty delicacies were served.

Julie said: "All I can say is that, over the last year, business has exceeded my expectations. The shop comes first. I'm never going to get rich,

but Cameron House has become my passion.

In addition to the local custom, I now find that people are coming from further afield to come and have a look.

"I gained my experience in gifts whilst working as an assistant at Wheatcroft Garden Centre, Edwalton, and I've since taken a course in interior design at the Arthur Mee Centre in Stapleford. I'm just thrilled to be using what I've learnt here in my own shop.

"My plans for the future centre more on interior

design and furniture, but in the meantime I have my new twin grand-daughters that are just 10 weeks old to consider, and they're a joy!"

Will Writing Month

AGE Concern Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are working with Berryman Solicitors to facilitate an easy and inexpensive way for local people to get their wills written during Will Writing Month.

They are offering the Will Writing Service at £85 per person or £115 per couple for a basic will, and all donations will go to Age Concern Nottingham & Nottinghamshire to help local

older people get the services they rely on.

The will writing sessions will be held on November 10 and 11. To book an appointment, call Linda at Age Concern Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, Bradbury House, 12 Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, NG1 4FQ on (0115) 841 4468 or 844 0011.

Appointments are limited and strictly on a first come, first served basis.

Castle College wins awards

CASTLE College's recent development on High Road, Chilwell, has scooped two national awards.

Local Authority Building Control (LABC), which promotes the 'design of safe, accessible and environmentally efficient buildings' voted the project, completed in October 2008, as the Best Educational Building.

The development team and the college were also delighted when it was announced that the project had been voted as the Supreme Winner in the overall category.

Nick Gregory from CPMG, a member of the development team, said: "This is fantastic news, as we beat off high profile entrants such as The Curve in Leicester."

The winning citation said: "This project is a genuine exemplar of design and construction at its best, and demonstrates what can be achieved when the whole team is focused on delivering the best possible learning environment for students, teachers and the community. The new campus provides an outstanding and very distinctive set of spaces that encourages a sense of ownership in all who use them.

"The judges felt the project was set apart by a design that manages to be iconic without pretension, and by the thoroughness with which issues of building performance and sustainability were addressed. Passive heating and cooling has been carefully

incorporated into the design without disrupting the aesthetics and, in the case of a new learning resource centre at the heart of the project, actively enhancing them.

"This passively cooled, south-facing, two-storey space benefits from outstanding daylight and passive winter heating. It (is designed) to ensure a fantastic environment during the summer months too, so there is no need for mechanical cooling in this popular area."

At Castle College, Adrian Bambridge, Head of Marketing and Communications, said: "It's wonderful to win awards for our buildings, but it is the students and staff who make the College what it is."

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