

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.

Let's have a song or two

DEAR EDITOR: I wonder how many readers of *The Beeston Express* were, like me, amazed by the television programme where Gareth Malone really brought a community together by forming a community choir?

Could we not do with some of this magic? It is easy to deride and say it could not happen here, but that is precisely what the residents of South Oxhey said – and look at the results!

As a councillor for Chilwell West, I would dearly love to see some of this community spirit.

I appeal to all organisations in the district, from Scouts, churches, youth clubs, schools, etc. and individuals to give this some serious thought.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone on this subject. Does anyone know someone who could lead a choir and/or an accompanist?

Cllr Eileen Atherton,
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Unclear as to what's happening

DEAR EDITOR: I notice that Broxtowe Borough Council is going to put up some lights and a big green fir tree in the Square.

It is obviously a coincidence that this is happening at getting on for Christmas, otherwise they would have mentioned this in their (Lights Switch On) literature as they do when celebrating such events as the Chinese New Year, etc.

The only question remaining is – when exactly is the council going to lead the community in celebrating Christmas?

Time is getting on: don't leave it too long, Broxtowe!

A Rylander

Not such a bright idea

DEAR EDITOR: What is Broxtowe Borough Council playing at?

I have just seen a leaflet advertising an event on Saturday, November 28, and I'm not absolutely certain what is being celebrated. Usually at this time of year such an event is heralded (in

the true sense of the word) as the 'Christmas Lights Switch On' or something similar. If my powers of deduction are correct, the event being advertised by this leaflet is indeed the 'Christmas' Lights Switch On. It would appear, though, that the council has joined the politically correct bandwagon by not referring to Christmas as Christmas this year. Would it be worth asking why? Are they going to ban the sale of Christmas cards, Christmas puddings and Christmas crackers as well?

Furthermore, mention is made inside the leaflet of linking this 'Lights Switch On event' to the festival of Divali. If the Council really are going to be politically correct, would it not be fairer to have the correctness applied uniformly? Perhaps it is beyond the brainpower of the PC brigade in the council to come up with a new range of names for all these centuries' old festivals.

For heaven's sake, Broxtowe Council, stop meddling and call Christmas what it is – CHRISTMAS!

I Eden
Enfield Street, Beeston

Democrats 16 percent.

There are lots of voters who support the LibDems and Greens in local elections and vote for me at General Elections, and I've always been careful to point out that I represent not just Labour voters but a broad unofficial coalition.

Whether constituents would like me to carry doing that next May is something we should let them decide without hassle or exaggerated rhetoric. The bottom line for most voters nowadays is (in my view) that they like to be treated like serious adults.

Nick Palmer MP

Not all doom and gloom

DEAR EDITOR: It was with interest that I read the Free Ranger and Cllr Barbara Carr's remarks about Beeston (Letters, Oct 23). They paint a pretty grim picture and although we cannot ignore their points, I believe that Beeston is a thriving town with a bright future and the majority of residents are decent and honest.

Several of us (including the Carrs) are working hard to address any problems. I find it hard to believe that, according to Barbara and Steve Carr, there seems to be a breakdown of community spirit

and police cooperation in Beeston North. I am pleased to say that this is not true in Beeston Rylands, which I represent and where we have also occasionally have similar anti-social problems; however by the police and the local community working together solutions are generally found. We have a strong community spirit exemplified by your stories of locals maintaining planters (both officially and by 'guerrilla gardening') in the Rylands. In Beeston Central, Pat and Lynda Lally have worked hard to not only get big improvements to Broadgate but to get the entire community on board with the Beeston Carnival. All Beeston councillors, irrespective of party, have pulled together for improvements to the High Road.

Now the tram indecision is out of the way, the greatest challenge of all lies before us: to create a town centre fit for the next century.

I understand that we have a number of big retailers in the wings and announcements should follow in the spring. We must ensure that no-one is left by the wayside and that those businesses adversely affected during construction are suitably compensated.

I hope that, despite a General Election in the offing, we can all put our party differences aside and work to this end, for the good of our town.

Cllr Steve Barber
(Beeston Rylands)

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