

Community

Beeston Air Cadets pay flying visit to Rolls-Royce in Derby

A VISIT to the Rolls-Royce factory in Derby gave cadets and staff from 1359 (Beeston) Squadron an opportunity to see examples of some of the famous engines built by the company.

The visit started with a tour around the Rolls-Royce Heritage Centre where the guide explained the development of the aero engine, starting with early examples such as the Eagle and ending with the latest model, the Trent 900, which powers modern airliners such as the Boeing 777.

In between were examples of piston, turboprop, turbojet and high

bypass engines as well as a cockpit section from a Canberra B6, which was powered by a pair of Rolls Royce Avon engines. The cadets were allowed access to the cockpit to give them an idea of the technology used to build an aircraft in the 1950s.

Next, the cadets visited the Engine Test Build Laboratory. The various modules of new or redesigned engines are put together in this building to make sure that everything 'fits'. This ensures that, when the engines are on the production line, the build process is as smooth as possible.

The visit was a great success and the cadets learnt a lot about aero engine development. This was especially useful to those cadets currently studying for their propulsion exam.

The staff and cadets of 1359 (Beeston) Squadron would like to thank all the staff at Rolls-Royce who helped to make the visit a success, and especially David Hayes who made the visit possible.

Youth council has new Youth Mayor

BROXTOWE'S Youth Council has a new Youth Mayor as Kerry Pink, from Chilwell, was elected during Local Democracy Week.

Kerry, aged 19, is a volunteer youth worker. She has a keen interest in sport and plays for a ladies football team. She is also a committed member of the Youth Council and has recently returned from an exchange trip to Uganda. The trip served to confirm that she wants to develop a career in sports for disabled young people (see page 5).

Local Democracy Week took place from October 12 to October 18. Here in Broxtowe, borough councillors Jacky Williams and Ken Rigby were on hand to advise the young people how the Council takes decisions, and how they can get involved by putting forward suggestions for

scrutiny.

Research for the Local Government Association by Ipsos MORI shows that just a quarter of 11 to 16 year olds believe that their local councillor is the best person to approach to get something changed within their community and, when asked who they respected most outside their family, only 1 percent chose politicians.

Local Democracy Week aims to change that perception and, this year, Broxtowe Council held its annual Youth Council Election at the same time, highlighting the message and bringing politicians and young people closer together.

Broxtowe Youth Council was the first of its kind to be established in the East Midlands. It has more than 40 members drawn from young people across the borough.

A new mayor is elected each year, as well as an executive committee who will oversee the work of the Youth Council during the following twelve months.

The Youth Council works hard to promote the positive image of young people in Broxtowe. They produce their own newsletter and hold an annual Youth Factor event in Beeston Square.

Recently, they completed a DVD to raise the issue of alcohol misuse by young people, which involved consultation with their peers as well as alcohol experts in hospitals and other support agencies. It is hoped that the DVD will be used as a tool for educating young people right across the borough.

Drugs charity picks up cash injection

THE drug education and life skills charity, DARE, has been given a £2240 boost, thanks to a donation from Past Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr Sue Wildey.

DARE, which teaches hundreds of youngsters how to avoid the dangers of illegal drugs, violence, anti social behaviour and bullying, was one of the nominated charities for the Past Mayor, Cllr Wildey, who retired from office in May this year.

She handed over a cheque to DARE CEO David Gilbert and the Chair of

Trustees, Kate Allsop, at the Town Hall in Beeston earlier this week.

Cllr Wildey said: "DARE does a tremendous amount of good work in schools and their programmes are an established part of the curriculum. I was amazed to discover that they were a charity – they provide a service that should be automatically offered to schoolchildren everywhere.

"I made them one of my nominated charities during my year in office and I am very pleased to be able to donate this amount of

money to such a worthwhile venture.

"Their work is more essential than ever in helping children to develop the skills they need to combat some of the many dangers they face in the modern world."

Mr Gilbert replied: "We are delighted to get this degree of support from the Mayor and the people of Broxtowe. We were thrilled when Cllr Wildey decided to nominate us. Times are hard for charities in the present climate. This is a significant amount of

money and could mean that more than 100 more children will benefit from our programmes."

DARE operates in more than 280 Nottinghamshire schools and the charity is currently expanding its operations into Derbyshire, Leicestershire and South Yorkshire,

It works in partnership with schools, parents, carers and the wider community to promote citizenship and responsible behaviour. It helps young people to make healthy, safe and informed lifestyle choices, provides

them with the information they need to manage a variety of situations in and out of the school environment, and develops drug education.

The programmes are delivered by a serving or retired police officer in conjunction with teaching staff.

*Past Mayor Cllr Wildey also nominated the 'When You Wish Upon a Star' charity to share in the proceeds of charity fundraising during her year in office. The charities have each now received

50 percent of the money raised through a series of events that included Broxtowe's themed Charity Ball, church collections, personal donations and from community groups and businesses. Stapleford Town Council held a charity event; Eastwood Male Voice Choir staged a special concert and sponsorship money poured in after the Mascot Marathon at Wetherby Racecourse.