

Community

There's lots going on in and around Beeston for all age groups.

For those caring for younger children, information about toy libraries, playgroups, toddler groups, and parenting skills is readily available from Beeston Clinic, Dovecote House, 38 Wollaton Road, Beeston.

If you are planning events or wish to advertise products or services for families, ring 0115 922 8007

Music sessions for pre-school children with learning difficulties

NEW members are invited to join the autumn season of a music group specially designed for pre-school children with communication difficulties.

Working in partnership with the Extra Special Music Group, Broxtowe Borough Council is recruiting new members for the small group that meets in Beeston on Wednesday afternoons from 1.15pm to 2.15pm, together with their parents or carers.

At a cost of £2 per session, the sessions offer:

- A variety of songs and instruments to play, including a big drum
- A chance to dance, run and be active in a safe environment
- Lots of repetition balanced with plenty of variation, to help communication and social development

Led by two experienced local pre-school music leaders, one of whom has

trained as a speech and language therapist, the group uses simple language supported by Makaton signs and symbols, and provides an opportunity for children to gain confidence and skills at their own pace.

To join the group or for more information, call Broxtowe Borough Council on (0115) 917 3745, or to discuss your child's needs with one of the tutors, call Wendy Prevezer on (0115) 922 1318.

Beeston Lads' Club centenary get-together

AFTER a number of special events held already this year to mark the centenary of the 17th Nottingham Boys' Brigade, former members met for a traditional service at the start of the centenary weekend on Friday, September 25.

The evening service marked the first opening of The Pearson Centre (then called 'Beeston Lads' Club) to the members of 17th Nottingham BB.

After the service, the former members recalled their involvement with the club and shared reminiscences, and how being members of

Beeston's thriving and well-respected 'BB' had influenced their lives.

This was followed by an insight from two current members as to how the Boys' Brigade has evolved during the past 100 years to play an important role at the centre of the Beeston community, even more so since the move into the new Pearson Centre last year brought with it up-to-date equipment and facilities.

Sean Kane, BB Captain, spoke of the effect that founder Stephen Hetley Pearson's decision to start the Boys' and Girls' Brigades had played in shaping the young people

of Beeston across the years. He said: "The foresight that Stephen Hetley Pearson showed, along with the dedication of the many volunteer leaders who have worked at the centre, has had an immense impact on the lives of thousands of young people in Beeston. I am proud to think of what we have achieved through the Boys' and Girls' Brigade and how, whilst moving with the times, we have maintained our commitment to putting young people first."

No rubbish at Attenborough

ATTENBOROUGH Nature Reserve has been left spick and span thanks to Trent College students, who cleaned up in a sponsored litter pick during their annual Field Day.

Field Day provides Trent students with the opportunity to take part in activities which benefit themselves and others. By doing so, they develop their sense of social responsibility, teamwork

skills and confidence.

The Community Service facet of Trent College, in Long Eaton, has an excellent record of contributing the time and talents of students to the local and wider community. At this year's Field Day they excelled, raising more than £1100 for charity through the litter pick at the Attenborough Nature Reserve.

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Service Co-ordinator Michelle Daykin said: "Our students have done us proud at Trent. Not only have they worked hard to clear up a local conservation area, but raised a large amount of money for a worthy charity at the same time.

"Their enthusiasm was infectious and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves – I am very proud of them."

Pearson Centre to run its first Half-Term Activity Week

FOLLOWING the success of a Summer Programme this year, The Pearson Centre for Young People is running its first half term Activity Week in October.

Doors at the Centre will open to children in the local area from Monday, October 26 to Friday, October 30 from 10am until 4pm.

A spokeswoman for the Centre, Nicola Wilson, said: "On Monday and Tuesday, the activities are aimed at children in School Years 1, 2 and 3. Wednesday and Thursday is for those in Years 4, 5 and 6; Friday for those in Years 7, 8 and 9. There will be a variety of activities making full use of everything the Pearson

Centre has to offer."

Activities include a fitness club with dance and exercise classes, and an opportunity for the older age group to use the specially designed youth gym. Sports coaching sessions in a wide variety of sports will be led by a qualified coach, and there will be team challenges using the Wii, ICT suite and tabletop games.

Children will also get the chance to get messy in the Arts and Crafts sessions as well as cooking sessions.

Nicola Wilson, Children's Development Worker at the Centre, continued: "The activities focus on team work, problem solving

and confidence building. The October Half Term Programme will give children the opportunity to have fun, learn new skills and get active whilst making new friends along the way."

Each day costs £5 with a special discount rate of £4 for those who already use the centre attending BB, GB or FNL. Activities will also be provided at lunch times and children will need a packed lunch and drinks bottle.

For more details, contact the Centre on (0115) 925 4112.