

Business & Enterprise

Sing while you shop

Sainsbury's Beeston is on the lookout for local carol singing groups this Christmas

SINGING customers of Sainsbury's Beeston have an exclusive opportunity to take part in a carol singing event at the Beeston store – with the option to raise funds for local charities.

For the first time, local carol singing groups will form part of a nationwide carol singing event held in Sainsbury's stores across the UK;

Beeston Sainsbury's is to switch off all in-store music for two days to make way for local carol singing choirs

Local groups and residents in the area are being invited to take part in 'Sing While You Shop' - a carol singing event to be hosted at Sainsbury's Beeston on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15.

Local residents including professional choirs, singing families, friends and groups including schools, charities, community

clubs and hospices are being encouraged with the chance to spread the festive cheer at the local Sainsbury's. By taking part, the carol singers will have the option to raise funds for the store's local charity partner Air Ambulance - or a local charity of their own choosing. Sainsbury's Beeston has already raised £4,500 for the East Midlands Air Ambulance Service since they became their charity partner.

The weekend event will see all in-store music switched off for two days to make way for eight carol singing groups who will provide entertainment to Beeston customers as they shop, singing a selection of Christmas classics from 'Jingle Bells' and 'Little Donkey' to light-hearted favourites such as 'Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer'.

The activity is part of a nationwide carol singing

charity drive by the retailer. Sing While You Shop will also help Sainsbury's move a step closer towards its commitment to donate more than £400 million to charitable causes by 2020 as part of its '20x20' community investment plan.

Sainsbury's Beeston Store Manager, Mr Mick Hart, said: "We're encouraging local residents and groups to get involved. Everyone from the area is welcome to apply and we're delighted to offer our customers the chance to help us spread the festivities in-store with some traditional Christmas classics."

Local residents and groups will be booked on a first come, first serve basis. Sainsbury's Beeston customers who would like to find out more details or would like to take part should contact Anne Sanders at the store on (0115) 922 3461.

Country market celebrates 50th anniversary

Nottingham Country Market, 1963 – 2013

NOTTINGHAM Country Market takes place every Friday morning at Wollaton Road Methodist Church in Beeston and, on October 25, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a visit from the Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr Iris White.

Market Manager Ruth Hunt and chairman Allen Wood showed the Mayor photos of the early days of the then Nottingham WI Market, which for many

years was held at the YMCA building in Nottingham before moving to the present venue in Beeston.

A celebration cake was cut by the Mayor and a cheque for the Mayor's charities presented by Allen Wood.

Open every week

The popular weekly Country Market is open on Friday mornings from

7.30am until 11.45am at the Wollaton Road church, where it sells a range of home-baked cakes and savouries, jams and preserves, eggs, honey, home-grown fruit, vegetables and plants in season as well as hand-made gifts and cards.

Refreshments are available at the market until 11.30am.

...Club Reports

Women's Meeting at Toton Methodist Church

MEMBERS attending the Women's Meeting of October 22 welcomed their speaker, Mr Phil Knott of Burton Joyce, to the afternoon gathering.

Phil read the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' from Luke's Gospel before giving a brief resumé on the foundations of the 'Send-A-Cow – Lifestock for Life' charity. It is 25 years since the first cows were sent to Uganda and the organisation, which

now operates in seven African countries, has transformed the lives of thousands of families in that time.

Phil and his wife recently travelled to Uganda and had seen for themselves how Ugandan families had been helped to better utilise their land, enabling them to grow vegetables to sell and fodder for the animals, to build shelters and to take care of the cows and goats so that they had milk for

their children and to sell; the children would have clothes and the books they needed to go to school and the families were 'helped to help themselves' on the journey towards a better life.

The afternoon's collection of £58 was donated to the 'Send-A Cow' organisation, together with a cheque for £100, this representing the ongoing saving of 5p pieces by Women's Group members and friends.

Friendship Club

THE Friendship Club met on Tuesday, October 28, when a lively group packed shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse charity.

The shoeboxes were packed with pencils, writing pads, toy cars and cuddly toys. They also included other small items such as toiletries – toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap – and small items of clothing.

In all nine boxes were packed. These will be taken

to the local collection depot along with a number of extra items donated.

After such a hard working session members will be pleased to relax with a 'Wildlife Miscellany' slide show at their next meeting on November 12.

New members and visitors are always welcome at 2.30pm in Hope House on Boundary Road, Beeston.