



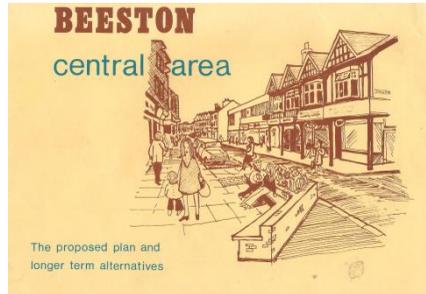
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*2013 – Much
debate about
Beeston Square
plans*



*1973 – Plans for
current Beeston
Square revealed*

*Inside:
Beeston Square, High Speed rail, public interaction and
response*

EDITORIAL

This is a lively edition of the Newsletter, with plans for Beeston Square and work on the tram stirring up an array of thoughts and feelings and not a small amount of bewilderment at what is going on and why. In this climate, it is good for us all to be sharing as much information as possible to help us to understand matters. In this spirit, we have asked Beestonia to comment and have quoted Bramcote Today and would be very pleased to hear views from any other interested parties.

We also urge members to look at development plans either online or at the Council offices and to make their representations to the Planning Department.

Karen Attwood & Robert Dowling

BEESTON SQUARE

The new plans for Beeston Square were unveiled recently by Henry Boot. There has been such a lot of public and private discussion we thought we would present a few different views here in this newsletter.

BEESTON SQUARE – A view on development proposals

Some of us had naively imagined that something exciting was being proposed for Beeston Square; but, in fact, what was put before members of the public at a presentation at the library made the Square somewhat reminiscent of a fairground.

The buildings in the Square on the south side and in the precinct are, at the moment, very unexceptional. There is a variety of fascias, though none of them are unpleasant. At first floor level is the dark brick, which is quite acceptable and is used everywhere in the property, thus providing continuity. At the eastern end is a covering of dark, reflective glass, which, some years ago, in turn covered up stone facing that I had considered to be the most attractive part of the property. In the proposals put forward by Henry Boot, much of this upper storey would be covered by vertical parallel panels of yellow and orange. Then over the Argos corner would be blocks of blue and grey. One wonders whether the designers went into a children's nursery for these garish ideas!

The north eastern corner of the precinct is to be enlarged so that the passageway would be narrower all the way. Is that really a good idea for people who use it when it is dark?

The heavy canopy is to be replaced by one that lets the light through – and I see that as the one improvement on offer, but it is only shown down the west side of the precinct.

It seems a great pity that the Argos corner is left standing. If it were removed there would be a splendid open space from the Square, over the tram lines, and across the church yard.

As ever, architects' drawings embellished the scene. Would we really have trees in containers placed down the precinct? And what about the flower stall – at present one of the nicest bits of the Square? Would there still be space for that? And do we need four large notices informing us that this is indeed "The Square"?

Henry Boot director, James Greenway, is reported in the Beeston Express as saying that "there was an overwhelming support for the principle of development.....(and) 74% of the respondents either strongly agreed or agreed that the development proposal will have a positive benefit to the area". I, personally, have not met any of those people! The ones I have spoken to agree that these proposals would make the Square look cheap and nasty.

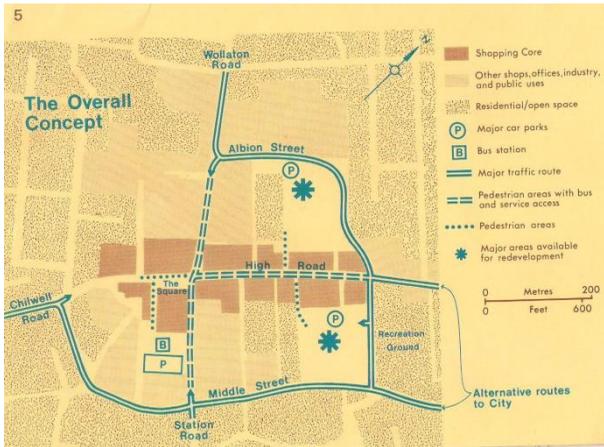
Please think again, Messrs. Henry Boot.

Marion Walwork

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BEESTON SQUARE - Development proposals in 1973

In the midst of all the recent activity, Dick Hutchinson came across an interesting pamphlet, published in 1973, outlining the plans for the new Square before it was developed to its current state. The leaflet is fascinating, outlining policies to deal with traffic flows up to the mid 1980s and proposing pavement widening, tree planting and introduction of traffic signals to 'make the shopping centre more attractive'.



Detail from the 1973 brochure

As someone who arrived in Beeston in the early 1990s, I only know one version of the Square and it is difficult to imagine traffic driving through the middle of it!
KJA

HOW CAN WE INFLUENCE OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT?

The recent debates over Beeston Square (see articles on other pages) have brought home to me the puzzlement and irritation people feel over the fact that, even though we live in a democracy, what they and their neighbours want in an area in terms of their built environment is not easily translated into what they get.

On reflection, this is perhaps not so surprising. One of the realities of life in a market economy is that much of our built environment – the type and look of the buildings and spaces around us and the functions they perform – is dependent on the commercial decisions of private sector corporations. Local politicians and their officials can influence matters in various ways; through zoning, rejecting planning applications, preservation orders etc; but, outside of residential areas, investment in new buildings, upgrading current buildings, and utilisation of those buildings is largely undertaken by private companies seeking to maximise profits. Local authorities may be able to modify at the margins the form taken by those investments; but if the commercial benefits are not present, there simply will not be the investments on which to exercise any influence.

For the local citizenry, this can, as I say, sometimes be a frustrating and confusing situation. They will have their own views as to their preferred built environment but, even through the ballot box, may have little ability to determine what actually occurs and the form their

surroundings take. If there is a presumption that such matters should, in principle, be amenable to political intervention, then confronting this democratic deficit is an unpleasant and depressing reality check.

So, given all of these factors, how can we maximise our influence on our built environment. What positive things can we do? There seem to me to be three logical approaches that can be taken, each complementing the others.

- *Conservation.* Local authorities may not have the funds to construct all the buildings the community wants, but it does generally have the power to prevent existing buildings from being demolished. This power should be used to the fullest extent compatible with the economic and social welfare of the community. Even buildings that, in the present day, seem commonplace and undistinguished may be of interest to future generations and should, if possible, be preserved. The exception is likely to be those buildings of relatively recent origin that were poorly constructed and done so without much sensible thought to aesthetic considerations.
- *Democratisation.* Without substantial, independent resources for investment, there will always be a limit to what local democratically-elected bodies can achieve. Nevertheless, their power to influence and modify can at least be maximised within those constraints. At the same time, it is essential that politicians and their officials are held fully to account by the local citizenry in regard to their actions. Decision making needs to be transparent and open to challenge and the electorate should be encouraged to consider how powers have been exercised when allocating their votes.
- *Consumer Power.* The local community does have one direct means of determining private sector investment decisions, at least in the retail sector, and that is by choosing where and with whom to make purchases. By preferencing attractive locations and purchasing locally and from independent traders (as far as one's financial means allows), the commercial incentives can be created for having a diverse range of outlets in a setting desired by the community. The best means of removing glum, concrete malls filled with unappealing chain stores may simply be to make the effort to shop elsewhere.

Robert Dowling

THE B

Matt Gould is a local blogger who is gathering many followers whilst he writes about Beeston issues. Some of our readers may be familiar with his work but others may not know him. We asked him to introduce himself in these pages and he has kindly agreed to contribute regularly to our Newsletter.

KJA

BEESTONIA

It's a great honour to have been asked by Beeston and District Civic Society to pen a column for the newsletter, as I've always found their work, and general ethos of the Society, something that both inspires and heartens. I am more than a little bit in love with Beeston, so am delighted to contribute.

I had better introduce myself, as it's likely you haven't come across my work before. I've been writing about Beeston for about four years, initially on the Nottingham-wide Left Lion website, then on my own Beestonia blog, and, as of September 2011, as co-founder and editor of 'The Beestonian', a monthly, free, not-for profit publication that I distribute in shops, pubs, coffee shops and Beeston library.

I never expected to write so much about this town, but it's almost impossible not to. There is just so much out there, such a wealth of source material to play with. The Civic Society have greatly aided this fascination: the Blue Plaque scheme has led me to discover and write about such luminaries as Edward Lowe and B.D. Shaw, both utterly unique characters who well deserve to be honoured by the wonderful initiative of the blue plaque.

My interests are not solely focused on the past though: we live in interesting times and, as recent announcements seem to make clear, we have many years of change coming. But, to understand the present, and prepare for the future, it is essential to understand the past. Take an institution like Hallam's. To an outsider, this could seem to be just another town centre greengrocer and fishmonger, an admittedly diminishing but in no way unique thing to come across on a high street. Look closer though, look at how the shop still remains in the same family after over a century, and how much of an essential,

revered and loved feature it is. This continuity is important; and when Tesco were planning to bring a store here, they were informed it was imperative to give access from their car park to the shop. Without the importance of Hallam's presence being stressed to the parties who decided on Tesco, we may well have lost it. Instead, it is now thriving in its second century in Beeston.

The surprising thing I've found while running the blog and the periodical is how interested people are about the town. I am frequently approached by strangers in the street, or by email - or, more usually, in the pub - with stories about Beeston I was unaware of. I then have the task of ascertaining how true they are, and finding the supporting details. I only stumbled across Gandhi's visit to Beeston after someone in The Crown Inn corroborated my late grandmother's recollection of his visit; the Chilwell Explosion, the visit to Beeston by The Rolling Stones and many, many other stories were found not through hours browsing Beeston Library's archive, but by locals eager to get their stories out to a wider audience. This is live history. Beestonians are rightfully proud of their inheritance.

What makes Beeston and our environs so special? That's a tough question to chew on, and one I doubt has an absolutely authoritative answer. I've lived in many other places: I'm actually Scottish-born and grew up in Stapleford before a few years abroad and in the South East - but Beeston has always been the place I consider home. We are blessed that the Trent and Highfields provide buffers against creeping urbanisation. The nature reserve could have been a lifeless series of gravel pits if someone hadn't had the bright idea to let the Trent and Erewash flood them. The various estates - Rylands, Bellevue, Imperial - all have individual charm and their own personalities. Chilwell High Road is one of those rare things: a thriving retail street completely void of chain stores. We have some of the best pubs in the East Midlands, and, although the twin hits of the loss of Wilkos and the decay of The Square have taken their toll on the aesthetic outlook of the town centre, there is still a vibrancy that keeps the town's pulse going.

I'd thus posit the idea that one of the ways we are special is that people who move here frequently see here as home. They actually *like* to live here, rather than just be based here. Postgraduates from the University settle here in their droves, rather than stay in Radford, Lenton, Dunkirk and the more inner-city areas they would have been based in while undergraduates. This lends the town a pleasantly mixed feel, it feels diverse yet not in a way that alienates any group. We

share the place in something getting close to harmony. That is an achievement we all should feel proud of.

What I share with you, the reader of this newsletter, is simple: we both realise that sometimes the best way to approach a subject is to use the method employed by that great Beestonian, the aforementioned astronomer and naturalist Edward Lowe. He would find a subject, and find fascination in its detail, narrowing his focus on a diverse range of whatever took his fancy: stars, ferns, sunspots. To examine Beeston in a similar manner is one that reaps great reward: I look forward to sharing my excursions with you in future issues.

Matt 'Beestonia' Gould

HIGH SPEED RAIL LINK



The Times 6.1.13

New high-speed rail line plans from London to Leeds have recently been publicised, provoking much debate. Bramcote Today contributors were among the first to ask some

detailed questions about access to the proposed site of a new station at Toton; the link between the NET tram line and the Toton site; implications for the Peveril Homes plans; and repercussions for existing stations including Nottingham and Derby city centre stations.

We welcome comments and will publish updates when we have anything.

KJA

BEESTON WELL AND TRULY NETted

When I promised to keep you updated on the tram situation I didn't realise how complicated the actual timetable would turn out to be. So far as I can tell even the NET team are not always sure what will happen and when! I receive regular "updates" but they usually turn out to be out of date by the time I receive them. For example, I expected the road works at the junction of Station Road and Queens Road, and those on the short road at the side of Chilwell Road Methodist Church leading to the proposed new public car park, to be almost complete by now; but they haven't yet started! As I haven't been well recently, I've not been out and about in Beeston, so I am not sure if the work to move services on Styring Street started on time.

I think the schedule of works will run in order; it's the timing that is a bit out – or a lot, depending on your point of view. It is proposed that the demolition of the former Hunts bargain shop on Wollaton Road will start on February 6th with no disruption to traffic; but I suppose it may depend on whether the demolition teams have demolished whatever they need to do first!

I was, however, dismayed to learn at the recent consultation about the new plans for Beeston Square that it has not yet been decided exactly where the tram interchange will be in or around Styring Street, making life difficult for those attempting to improve The Square. It seems a bit late in the day to make such an important decision for a system that is proposed to be up and running in eighteen months time. Looking on the bright side, the new tram terminus/interchange at Nottingham railway station seems to be well under way; so, we may be late but we will definitely have somewhere to go!

Joyce Brown

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM HIGHFIELDS

The Highfields User Group Committee meeting on December 12th was preceded by the AGM. Nothing changed there, Hilary Silvester – also chair of the Nottingham Civic Society – was re-elected as chairperson and the remainder of the officers were also re-elected. Much the same as any other committee AGM I have ever attended!

There were reports from the Leisure Trust and the various officers, and most of these have been covered in my previous reports. Two things perhaps worth repeating; first that the children's park is very well

used. That I notice every time I pass the park. Secondly rhododendrons were mentioned yet again and this is covered in the report of the general meeting.

The big disappointment from the general meeting is that the stage one lottery bid was unsuccessful. We had hoped to secure a grant of 80% of the three million plus pounds needed to do all the necessary work to bring the park up to scratch, with a stage two bid to be submitted in August 2013. The work, including dredging the lake and sorting out the rhododendrons and paddling pool area, would have started in 2014. But, apparently, due to good publicity by the lottery fund, the bid was oversubscribed, so we missed out this time.

The better news is that we have been advised to re-submit the bid in February 2013, so there is still hope. We also need to work on a "plan B" to include those rhododendrons, the lake and paddling pool should the bid not succeed.

We should not forget that we have some excellent sports clubs – hockey and croquet – on site, which still continue to be successful and we have recently been joined by the Wilford Bowmen archery club. The Lakeside and Djanogly Centres continue to put on various public performances, art exhibitions and entertainments worthy of our attendance.

This is still a much loved and popular park and sports area on our doorstep and if we continue to use it, it will remain one of Nottingham's (and Beeston's) best loved public green spaces. We have much to thank Jesse Boot for.

Joyce Brown

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LATEST PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Planning Update Feb 2013

**Elm House Nursing Home 22 Elm Avenue Beeston
(12/00514/FUL) - *Change of use from Nursing Home (Class C2) into
8 no. flats (Class C3)***

As reported last newsletter we objected to this development. There have been several amendments, but we still hold to our objections. I understand it is likely to go to the Development Control committee meeting on Wed 13 March.

Former Allotments Hassocks Lane Beeston (12/00643/REG4) -
Outline application for residential development for up to 130 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access

At this point we have no objections to the outline plans

Myford Ltd Wilmot Lane Beeston NG9 4AF(13/00003/OUT) -
Redevelopment and change use of existing industrial site for residential/commercial uses (to include Classes A1; A2; A3; A4; A5; B1(a); C2; C3; and D1 uses)

We have no objections to these outline plans yet. In fact, we welcome housing developments on brown field sites. This development also includes some commercial use with frontages towards Chilwell Road, which is to be welcomed.

63 - 65 High Road Beeston (next to Stoney Street) NG9 2JQ (13/00035/FUL) - *Change of use from retail (Class A1) to financial / professional services (Class A2) or restaurant / cafe (Class A3)*

This was formerly **Giles Sports** and latterly **Field & Trek**.

A2 = finance / professional

A3 = restaurant / café

Presumably, by getting planning permission for these uses as well as retail, the developer will be able to attract more commercial interest, as with the planning application previously for Jonathan James and Superdrug (Pity there might be yet another financial shop there)

The Square Beeston (13/00042/FUL) - *Hybrid planning application comprising: Full application for the demolition of retail (Class A1) units 9 to 18 (inclusive) and the canopy fixed to units 1 and 7 to 22 (inclusive) and construction of larger, replacement commercial units incorporating a mix of uses: retail, restaurant/café, drinking establishment and hot food takeaway (Classes A1, A3, A4 and A5). Associated works including the refurbishment of the existing street facing elevations, public realm and hard landscaping. Outline application for the demolition of the canopy fixed to units 33 to 39 (inclusive), and refurbishment of the existing street facing elevations, immediate public realm and hard landscaping.*

The council now have 4 'big' housing developments before them – Field Farm Stapleford; Toton Lane, Stapleford; Hassocks Lane; and Myfords Factory; with Boots site on the horizon, and maybe Beeston Maltings when the site is cleared.

Barbara Selwood

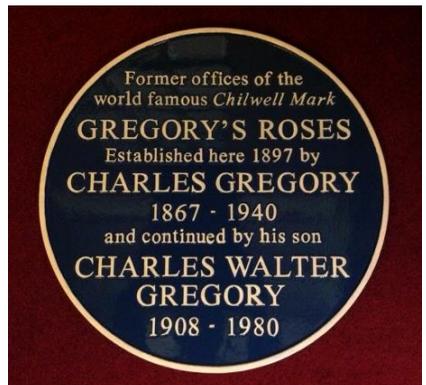
BLUE PLAQUES PROGRESS

About thirty people attended the unveiling of the William Walleth plaque at 220 Station Road, Beeston on the afternoon of Tuesday 12 February. That is the house of the corner of Grove Street where Walleth – self styled *Queen's Jester* - spent the last years of his life until his death in 1892. The unveiling itself was performed by John Astle Fletcher and his cousin Geoffrey Wallis; Walleth's two surviving great-grandchildren and Sally Rydall-Fletcher, great great granddaughter, also watched on. Other members of the family and the Mayor of the Borough of Broxtowe, Cllr. Margaret Handley, were in attendance.



The new blue plaque and John Astle Fletcher, Geoffrey Wallis and Sally Rydall-Fletcher holding a portrait of Wallatt and a picture of him in the company of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

A plaque celebrating Gregory's Roses was unveiled on Saturday 16 February. The plaque is fixed to their first office at 307 High Road Chilwell, earlier the Old Sick Club. Gregory's Roses, home of the world famous *Chilwell Mark* Roses, was founded in 1897 at what was known at that time as the Old Close Nursery.



November broke new ground at the fixing of the B D Shaw plaque at 185 Queen Street with the filming of the fixing process for You Tube on Professor Martyn Poliakoff's, *Explosives legend, Periodic Table of Videos* at www.periodicvideos.com, University of Nottingham. So far there have been approximately 48k hits worldwide.

Delivered, but not yet fixed, is a plaque to Sir Louis Frederick Pearson CBE. This will be unveiled at a date to be arranged in mid April in Broadgate Park; together with a second plaque celebrating co-founder of Beeston Foundry Co., (later Beeston Boilers), Henry John Pearson 1850-1913 and his son Lt Colonel Noel Gervis Pearson. Both father and son are formerly of the White House, Bramcote where the second plaque will be fixed.

Also delivered, and likely to be unveiled in April when building refurbishment is complete, is a plaque for St John's Church of England, Voluntary Controlled School in Nottingham Road, Stapleford. Others are in various stages of approval, including the former Wesley Place Methodist Chapel in Stapleford and Frederic Chatfield Smith MP, (Banker Smith) in Bramcote, while explanatory material covering the scheme as a whole is in draft production.

Peter Robinson

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PUBLIC TALKS

On 11th January 2013, Steve Dance, Head of Planning & Building Control at Broxtowe Borough Council spoke to Society members and guests about 'Beeston & Developments'

Introducing his role, Steve Dance emphasised early on that Broxtowe Council only has the power of veto, as exemplified by the recent refusal to accept the building of a wind turbine in our area. Indeed, he saw his Planning Department's role as reviewing, planning and most importantly influencing changes in Beeston town. In this regard he reminded the audience of two major changes many of us remember:

1. the redevelopment of the Square in 1960 and
2. a more recent local plan of 2004 to increase retail facilities which partly foresaw the current Tesco and Lidl developments. The latest Plan of 2006-7 is available in the Council Offices.

A fascinating review of his work in progress revealed the complex variety and vital importance of 'Dance' factors, which bore influence on the behaviour of would-be developers. These strategies exemplified the complexity and importance of his Department's work.

Obviously the possession by Council of a prime site weighs heavily in favour of the planners' requirements being successfully negotiated with any would-be developer. The development of the school site in Styring Street was one such success story.



Currently, negotiations both with Henry Boot and, quite separately, with NET are complicated by the conflicting needs/plans for the prime central town site. While Council hold freehold for some of this land the Beeston citizens are watching future developments here with intense interest.

Other factors influencing the successful development of a project, perhaps the quality or style, may relate to local negotiation and resulting in generosity by the developer to the town itself. Recent examples honourably agreed by Tesco have effectively financed the refurbishment and relocation of the Conservative Club, the building of a new Lads Club and the Blacklock Building. Attention to the appropriate building materials and improved land use in Anglo Scotia Mills project resulted from the developer's profitable discussions with the local planning authority.

The power of the planning department is clearly vital to the success of any future developments in our town environment and the need for regular review of the citizens' requirements must be kept constantly in mind. This presents difficulties in our fast changing world and reemphasises the need for individuals to make their priorities known to this Society or direct to the Council's Planning & Building Control Department itself. With the threatening Broxtowe Core Strategy for home-building now determined, and the constant disruption and plan changes resulting from the NET project, it is even more important for the townsfolk to make their voices heard so that our planners can confidently and appropriately exert an informed influence on the shape of Beeston's future.

Jean Cameron

With the title "You would never believe it, "the speaker at our January Open Meeting was Bob White, former Head of Corporate Affairs for Nottingham City Council, who entertained us by recalling various events from his career. What to do with a party of Russian footballers when your coach has been impounded (in this case the day was saved by a former Nottingham City Council bus driver who *liberated* the coach so that all went well). Another event was the press feeding frenzy following publication of an update of the popular Robin Hood leaflet. The publication covering the 16 tales that appeared over some 200 years was deemed to be a rejection of Robin and confirmed that Friar Tuck was having an affair with Maid Marian - all of which was complete nonsense. In another case the principal party had to disappear by being smuggled out of the Council House and laid on the floor of a taxi. The familiar Robin Hood Story was loved by the Americans who laid on a breakfast briefing to welcome the modern Sheriff and promote tourism. The economic benefits of promotion were recognised at this time and both developers and tourist visitors made to feel at home. Questions provoked discussion about modern transport links and the famous "lilac leopard" buses, which were perhaps ahead of their time.

Brian Loughbrough

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BEESTON AND CIVIC SOCIETY WEBSITE DEVELOPMENTS

Have you had a look at our new website recently?

Eileen, our secretary, has been updating it regularly with news and information.

You can have the latest news automatically sent to your email inbox by registering your email address on the website at

<http://beestoncivicsociety.wordpress.com>

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Civic Society's 39th Annual General Meeting took place on Friday 9th November 2012.

Brian Loughbrough was elected Chairman, Andrew Milner Treasurer and Eileen Atherton Secretary. (Andrew will be looking after finances without attending committee meetings for the time being, due to other commitments.)

Executive Committee members were Jean Cameron, Barbara Selwood, Caroline Penn, Peter Robinson, Rosemary Silis, Dr. Dick Hutchinson and Judy Sleath.

The Chairman made the customary remarks in his report on the aims and objectives of a civic society. He strongly encouraged members to come forward as office bearers. In particular, he highlighted the success of the Blue Plaques Scheme. He indicated that with future debates due on the tram, the green belt, the aligned core strategy and plans for the Beeston Square, this year will be a lively one! Good communications were vital.

MEMBERS NEWS

Heritage Open Days This year the event will take place from **12th - 15th September 2013** and the Society will be setting up a small sub-committee to organise the events that will take place this year.

40th Anniversary Celebrations. This event will take place at our October Meeting on **Friday, 11th October 2013**. We are trying to get a high profile speaker for this event, not yet achieved, but we will certainly have a celebratory cake.

EMACHS AGM. The Society has been asked if we would like to host the East Midlands Association AGM this year, and we are in the process of arranging the details of this which will take place on **Saturday, 20th April 2013**.

Membership Secretary

Dr. Dick Hutchinson has kindly agreed to take on the role of Membership Secretary this year, He retired as Chairman in October 2003 but remained as Meetings Secretary for a few years after that.

VACANCIES – URGENT APPEAL

As readers can see this issue is packed with information about many developments and a highly changeable situation.

We really do need assistance to help the Committee operate effectively. **PLEASE** consider these requirements and come forward to help is if you can, even if you only have limited time available.

**WEBSITE
OFFICER, to assist
our Secretary.
*Training available.***

Experience of
Facebook/Twitter
would be very
welcome.

**PUBLICATIONS
SALES
MANAGER,
to oversee sales of
postcards,
greetings card and
booklets; and to
order fresh stock
when necessary.**

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all our new members, among them Eric Kerry (councillor), Ray & Georgina Evans, Helen Lewis, Judy Sleath and Dr John and Cllr Janet Patrick

OBITUARY



Tony Krarup was the Vice-Chairman of our Society and we profiled his fascinating life history in a recent newsletter. Locally educated, he was a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Structural Engineers as well as being a Chartered Engineer and along with Architect Dennis Taylor, set up Taylor And Krarup Architect Surveyors And Consulting Engineers, based in Beeston and later Long Eaton which involved him in many significant industrial, housing and estate

development projects in the East Midlands.

As well as having an extensive social and political life, he held a pilot's license and was awarded the Civil Defence Medal.

He was an active member of the Civic Society for many years and the Society owes him a great deal for all his efforts. He hardly ever missed meetings, even when he was poorly.

He is remembered as a prolific, caring and very kind man.

TRAM ROUTE WALKS

There are two planned:

Thursday 9th May, 6.00-7.30pm

From Beeston Square to University Boulevard.

Sunday 12th May, 2.00-5.00pm

From Beeston Square to Bardills.

Both will be led by Matt Orchard of Taylor Woodrow Alstom and accompanied by Sarah Alton of the City of Nottingham NET Team.

BROXTOWE WALKS 2013

Here are the details of the popular programme led by Professor John Beckett for 2013:

June 13th at 7pm – East Beeston

Meet at Car park at Beeston Free Church, Salthouse Lane.

Distance 2 miles, duration 2 hours

Public transport: Any Beeston bus (36, Y36, Indigo) stopping at Salthouse Lane

The walk will end in the centre of Beeston. You are advised to park in one of the car parks and walk or catch a bus to the start point.

July 4th at 7pm – Attenborough

Meet at Attenborough Church.

Distance 1 mile, duration 2 hours.

Park on Long Lane and walk to the meeting point.

The walk will include a visit to the church, and an opportunity to view, and hear about, the Environment Agency's flood scheme.

15th September (Sunday of Heritage Weekend) at 2.30pm – Heritage Beeston

Meet at Podium Beeston Square.

Distance 2 miles, duration 2 hours.

Public transport: Any bus to Beeston. The podium is a few yards from the Bus Station

Park in a local car park, all are free on Sundays.

The walk is designed primarily for beginners, but even long established local residents are likely to learn something new!

EVENTS

8th March 2013 at 7pm

Sarah Alton and Matt Orchard. A further update on NET phase II development.

Please note the change of venue!

The Junior School Hall, John Clifford School, Nether Street, NG9 2AT

On 13th September 2013, the new Nottinghamshire Police Commissioner, **Paddy Tipping**, will visit.

The title of his talk is **"Roles and responsibilities of the Police and Crime Commissioner"**.

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