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*Inside:
Retail issues, tram update and more...*

EDITORIAL

In a very busy edition of the newsletter, we bring you a few retail themed articles as well as reports of the Society's various activities. **Beeston and District Civic Society will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in October 2013.**

We would love to receive any stories, anecdotes, photographs or comments about the Society's history, or anything else relevant you may wish to contribute for the next issue of the newsletter.

There are contact details at the end of the newsletter.

Karen Attwood & Robert Dowling

TRAM WORKS

Have you seen the latest progress? There are tracks laid at Inham Nook!



THE TRAM TRAP

In relation to the tram, the word "update", whatever it means, has disappeared from my vocabulary to be replaced by "but that isn't what is supposed to happen!" One never knows what might happen or when.

Having just had a traumatic car journey from home (Dale Lane, off Grove Avenue) to the Derby Street car park at the other end of Beeston, I'm not sure any more that I am the right person to be writing about THE TRAM! Working out the route home was even more of a puzzle. I have lived here for most of my life, but heaven help any

strangers to the area, it must be a nightmare journey. As I think I have said before, we need to be stoic and forward looking during the coming months. We can, however, make suggestions, like traffic lights at the junction of Broughton Street and Wollaton Road.

On the plus side it is lovely to take a quiet walk along Chilwell Road, but I suspect that won't last for long. Like most people, I hope that the shops and businesses in that area will survive and to do so they will need our help and patronage.

Also on the plus side, did you know that the County Council is running a free bus service between Beeston bus station and Holly Lane, Chilwell via Queen's Road and Meadow Lane? This is an extremely useful service and we have been on it several times, but it is not very busy we could lose it.

Of course other parts of Beeston and Chilwell, and beyond, also have closures and detours in place and to the unsuspecting driver it can add valuable time to a journey. The key, I have discovered is to plan your journeys meticulously and add extra time - and walk whenever you can!

There are phone numbers and websites one can use to find out what is happening and about to happen, and the people manning these are always every helpful. The number to ring is 0115 9242454 and the website is at www.thetram.net/phasetwo

Joyce Brown

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Matt Gould is a local blogger who has gathered many followers whilst he writes about Beeston issues.

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Ned Ludd and the State of The High Street

Matt Goold

It might sound tenuous to link the early nineteenth century radical movement, The Luddites, with today's parlous state of local retail, but bear with me.

Luddism is a much misunderstood concept. It's usually used in a negative context, a slur used on those who are wilfully ignorant and

obstinate towards the onwards march of technology. At worst this is coupled with violence: and here there is some truth, yes, the Luddites did smash stocking-frames and occasionally physically attack the frame owners.

However, these were men fighting for survival. Before the safety net of the welfare state, to lose one's livelihood was to face starvation for you and your family. This is the context they should be seen in, as recognized by the always-great Lord Byron who said in his maiden speech in the House of Lords:

These men were willing to dig, but the spade was in other hands; they were not ashamed to beg, but there was none to relieve them. Their own means of subsistence were cut off; all other employments pre-occupied; and their excesses, however to be deplored and condemned, can hardly be the subject of surprise.

This state of affairs arose when new frames were invented which, although making much more inferior product, dispensed with the artisans who traditionally worked on them. This destroyed local economies for the sake of blind profit; concentrating wealth in the hands of the few while churning out low quality stockings. The Luddites were not, *per se*, against change, but against the effects technology was causing.

All over Nottinghamshire, between 1811 and 1813, the influence of their (very possibly non-existent) leader Ned Ludd marched on, up into Yorkshire and Lancashire in the face of draconian measures imposed by an unpopular government in London. This was an economic war, the first of the burgeoning Industrial Revolution.

So the link to the High Street in 2013? Well, last month Tesco revealed it had its worst year ever, profits dropped by almost 50%. This was partly caused by a write off on about 100 pieces of land bought for development that have now been abandoned, as demand falters. It seems we're going off Tesco. And that can only be a good thing.

Local independent shops are healthier to a town than chain stores such as Tesco, Sainsbury's et al. The local shop keeper will have a greater knowledge of what they're selling than chain workers: witness the quality of service you get at Applebees, Hallam's or any of the specialist independents that line Chilwell High Road. These shops were set up by enthusiasts, not a monolithic chain in a head office miles away.

I recently worked on an article for *The Beestonian* on Steve and Carol Zlotowitz, former owners of Pet Mart, the wonderful pet shop that was demolished when Tesco's came to town. While interviewing them, the fondness for their former roles was evident, especially as they told us how much they invested in training their staff, who rewarded them in

turn with loyalty and enthusiasm. Steve even went as far in describing them as 'extended family'. I doubt Tesco holds much truck with that ethos.

Another important thing to note is that buying locally ensures money is kept in the town: the pound you spend in a local butchers will in turn be spent in another shop, or on another local service. This improves the area directly: money is kept local rather than siphoned away and to a head office in a tax haven.

As people tire of Tesco, people once again look at what smaller, specialised shops have to offer. There is evidence to show we're fed up with the hollow experience that one gets when shopping in a huge, impersonal hangar. Those of an ethical bent are rejecting these large stores for other reasons: dismay at their tax arrangements; their questionable working conditions; the general ugliness they lend to a town.

Just as the Luddites did, we innately crave something closer, something less driven by profit. Something inclusive, something professional. While I am certainly not advocating smashing up the tills next time you're in one of Beeston's supermarkets, I do see the spirit of Ned Ludd in this rejection. Happy shopping!

Matt 'Beestonia' Goold

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UPDATE FROM BID

As we approach the middle of 2013, Beeston is starting to look very different. Love it or hate it, the tram works have started and the general feeling amongst businesses is "just get on with it!"

Here at the Beeston BID, we are under no illusion that times are tough, not only for the businesses on Chilwell Road and High Road Chilwell but also the rest of the businesses in the town who are all noticing a knock on effect.

If there is one good thing that has come out of this is that we are really starting to see a sense of community amongst the businesses, with most wanting to work together to make the best of a bad situation.

We now have a very active group on Chilwell Road, the results of which have been very positive. Thanks to cooperation from Nottingham City Councils communications team, the road now has its own brand and identity. This has been displayed on lamp post banners in and around Beeston, hoardings around the works, and most recently on the promotion of the Chilwell Road Street Party. This event proved that it is possible to still visit all of these businesses and emphasised the

importance of supporting them through the next 12 months. The next step for the group is to create a pocket sized map with information about businesses and parking as well as a web portal that showcases the road and gives those that don't have a web presence, the opportunity to promote themselves from a different angle.

On the other side of Beeston, Broadgate businesses have wasted no time in getting their own group organised and are planning a "Community Clean up" for June. Working in partnership with Central College and B&Q, shops that are looking a little under the weather will be brightened up and the area as a whole given a much needed facelift.

Throw into the mix; Hanging basket schemes, new signage on the High Road. Bus advertising, Radio advertising, Facebook, Twitter, Websites, Events and our Famous I love Beeston bags, we won't be giving up that easily.

Stephanie Wilkinson

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BURTON'S, Nottingham's "Fortnum & Mason`s" grocery store.

There was deep disappointment among the discerning housewives of Nottingham when, in 1983, Burton's of Smithy Row shut its doors for the last time. This first class grocery business with its exceptional range of high quality provisions and prompt delivery service was locally regarded as our "Fortnum and Masons" and had served Nottingham and neighbouring districts for over a hundred years.

The founder, Joseph Burton 1832-1916 of Winster, Derbyshire, did not follow his father and grandfather in the family's declining blacksmith trade but was apprenticed by his father to a local Grocer and thence spent time in London learning the latest developments in the grocery business of the day.

With just one apprentice he opened his first store in St. Anne's Well Road, Nottingham and it was only after 6 years successful trading that he moved his operation to Nottingham's City Centre where, he assessed, his new premises would be in "the eye of the carriage trade". His judgment was sound for the quality and increasing variety of his produce certainly attracted those wealthy shoppers from the accessible Park and Mapperley Park areas. Further, the introduction of a ready delivery service, first by horse-drawn and later by motorised transport, markedly increased his trading area and so his appreciative clientele.

The newly acquired Smithy Row premises afforded living rooms above the shop and this upstairs accommodation, which later contained the fashionable tea room, first housed Joseph's family and also some of his employees. The next door premises were soon bought by Burton and his store increased greatly in size. This allowed greater variety of provision and a more extravagant display of goods. The later introduction of fountains and sculpture in the Fish Department and other imaginative presentations of food products became renowned in the neighbourhood and attracted a wide and growing clientele.

Burton thus became an established and admired businessman and naturally sought to improve his family's living conditions and general prospects. He first purchased a villa on Burns Street from which his young boys could easily attend the Boys' High School. A later domestic move to Mapperley Park established a grander home with a conservatory, 'Malvern House'. The Burtons thus rose to be a family of importance in the Nottingham area.

Joseph's son Frank and a younger brother joined the growing business but they were not allowed to introduce alcoholic products while his father was still alive! Sadly the younger brother died but Frank continued successfully to maintain the highest quality of goods and to increase and diversify yet further the products for sale. Refrigeration had, of course, made it possible to widen the variety of food on offer. Both the ice storage plant and a smoke house which had been constructed in Talbot Street proved invaluable to the trade.

The store continued to provide a valued service over a period in which there were two world wars. Frank Burton thoughtfully adapted his trading to the changing conditions. The helpful and reliable 'Burton's Emergency Store Cupboard' is still remembered with appreciation by some of Nottingham's wartime customers

During the postwar years customer demands increased as people travelled more widely and encountered different cuisines. In response Burton's opened a popular continental Delicatessen Counter and later a Swiss Manager was brought in to manage the Cake Counter! Further, the ability to order by telephone and to anticipate prompt delivery kept trade very much alive. Indeed, Burton's 1958 Centenary celebrations lit up part of Nottingham's centre with the Council House Arcade dressed overall and marked the great success of this special store.

However it was always the joy of visiting the premises, the awareness of the variety and richness of the foods and the artistry of their display that made Burton`s a unique shopping outlet. Alas, this became less accessible for many would-be shoppers. Changing times and changing trade practices saw the development of competitive, `easy shopping` Supermarkets in the Nottingham area. Further, increased traffic and difficulties of car parking meant less easy access to Burton`s Store itself. Trade slowly fell away and in 1974 the business was sold out to Fine Fare

Post Script

Joseph Burton not only contributed greatly to Nottingham life through the excellence of his Grocery Store as outlined above, but he also gave generously to the local hospital which had looked after his ailing wife and a young terminally ill son.

Nor did he forget his roots in Winster, Derbyshire where he funded the building of Winster`s Working Man`s Institute.

Jean Cameron

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A SHORT INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF PART OF CHILWELL

Whilst talking to Simon Barton on March 25th, the day of the Chilwell Road/High Road closure, about the various changes taking place, he told me that it was 100 years to the day that his great grandfather, Thomas Henry Barton OBE, had purchased the land at High Road, Chilwell to start his original bus company, for £150.00. As we know, it became a famous company, known not only locally and nationally, but throughout the world. Simon also pointed out that it was therefore the first day for 100 years that a bus had not passed along this particular stretch of road. Quite a day in the history of Beeston and Chilwell.

All this set me thinking about the industrial history of the area, between Ellis Grove and the Barton site. I am no expert, but I believe there were quite a few small factories, mainly textile and engineering - remember Myfords? But I do not think that that industrial history is very well documented. I discovered it when I was researching the facts for what became Cottage Grove Conservation Area; roughly speaking, the area between Park Road and Grove Avenue.

The land was purchased in 1841 by the Labourers' Friend Society and one James Orange hoped to provide cottages and enough land to make working class families self sufficient and alleviate the suffering of

framework knitters, subject to a mortgage. In 1845 the Chilwell Allotment Forest Grove scheme failed.

It was, of course, beyond the means of the working classes to be able to afford the cost of a mortgage, but the wily business men of the area soon spotted the potential to build a superb house in a pretty area. So most of the land was snapped up for just that purpose. It has provided some beautiful houses on eye catching "country" lanes and for that we must be grateful, but it didn't do much to improve the lot of the working classes living in poor housing in central Beeston - which is, incidentally, where I grew up. So I did eventually finish up where it was intended I should be!

History shows us that change is always happening - well before the tram!

I hope this small article might persuade some of our more knowledgeable readers to write more about local industrial history.

Joyce Brown

BIG TREE PLANT BLOSSOMING



The seed of this project was sown in Autumn 2011 when Broxtowe Borough Council informed us that grants were available to replace missing street (big) trees. By circulating the media the project evolved and by spring 2012 had a great spurt of growth. The public had suggested about 100 sites for trees, all over the south of the borough and over 30 people volunteered to be tree guardians to any new trees planted. (It is essential to give newly planted trees lots of water in the first 2 or 3 years of until established enough to survive with just the council's regime of maintenance).

However, after that, the project went dormant. It was whittled down to a manageable size and by the time the council had checked the proposed sites for existing nearby vegetation and utilities underground, we were left with 5 sites for 7 trees in the St. John's Grove area. The next hurdle was when the responsibility of the Highways (including street trees) moved from the Borough to County council.

Time moved on. Suitable trees had been suggested and local residents contacted to be tree guardians and we waited.

Then suddenly, when we had almost given up hope, I had an email from one of the residents saying that holes had been dug in the pavement and filled with soil. And then – 2 weeks ago I was sent photos of the trees *in situ* with the workmen at their side.

We had hoped for a formal tree-planting, but that was not to be, so we celebrated with a 'formal' watering with some of the local tree guardians.

The Borough Council has suggested that this worthwhile project could be repeated next year using the information now in hand from Autumn 2011.

Info:

Four trees, 2 Norway Maples, 1 Rowan and 1 Hornbeam, are between 11- 23 Devonshire Ave; three early flowering Cherry trees are in the grassy patch at the junction of Glebe Street and Bramcote Road.

There is also one Horse Chestnut planted, which was not on our suggestion list, at 2 Kingrove Ave – a tree guardian is still to be found for that one.

Barbara Selwood

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LATEST PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Have you heard about the latest amendment to the plans from Henry Boot Developments for Beeston Square? They now include a gymnasium at ground and first floor. They are proposing to use the whole of the new build first floor for the gym and just two unit fronts (next door to B&M) for the ground floor gym.

What do you think?

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MORE PEOPLE, MORE PLACES: BLUE PLAQUES PROGRESS

Four more plaques were delivered in April making a total of six supplied but unfixed by Friday 12 April. These were laid out for inspection at Colin Slater's talk on Royal visits, held in the Beeston Library that evening.

This turned out to be something of a coincidence as Colin, chose quite by chance, to add an unexpected postscript about Frederic Chatfield Smith MP to his talk - unaware that the finished plaque to a man we more usually call 'Banker Smith' had been placed among others on a bench just yards away outside the Meeting Room!

Other plaques displayed that evening commemorated Sir Louis Frederick Pearson CBE (destined for Broadgate Park); Henry John Pearson 1850-1913 and his son Lt Colonel Noel Gervis Pearson, 1884-1958, both of the White House, Bramcote; St John's Church of England Voluntary Controlled School in Nottingham Road, Stapleford; the former Wesley Place Methodist Chapel also in Nottingham Road, Stapleford; and the late actor Richard Beckinsale 1947-1979, of Chilwell.

A double unveiling on the afternoon of Thursday 18 April celebrated three Pearsons associated with the Beeston Foundry, later the Beeston Boiler Company, with the unveiling itself carried out by our Mayor, Cllr. Margaret Handley, and the Rev Nigel Pearson, a grandson of Noel Gervis.

The plaque to Sir Louis Frederick Pearson stands at the Broadgate end of the Park he gifted to the people of Beeston eighty years ago this summer. Henry John Pearson, co-founder of the Beeston Foundry, and his son Noel Gervis Pearson share a plaque on a door to the White House, visible at the top of Town Street, Bramcote. Eight members of the Pearson family gathered among the twenty-five or so onlookers attending each ceremony. Stephen Hetley Pearson was celebrated last September with a plaque on the site of the Beeston Lads Club, now the Tesco wavy wall on Station Road.

Attention again turned to Bramcote the following Wednesday when Cllr Margaret Handley and members of the Smith family joined about twenty others to honour Frederic Chatfield Smith MP, 1823-1905, in front of what were once the gateposts to Bramcote Hall.

Banker Smith was a quite remarkable man. He was elected unopposed as MP, he was instrumental in bringing Christchurch to Chilwell and he was a player and first President of Nottingham County Football Club. He was also popular. His story was told by local historian Val Bird and by two of his surviving great-grandchildren, joined later by Colin Slater in the White Lion where refreshments were served courtesy of the

Landlord. Richard Upton also kindly brought along his model of the Hall.

The balance of plaques displayed at the last meeting intended for Stapleford and Chilwell are not likely to be fixed until June and July. More are under discussion. Chilwell Hall and the Charlton family is a candidate as is George Wilkinson, Beeston housebuilder, and brother of Francis Wilkinson of Anglo Scotian Mills. West End Beeston is another option. It is also just possible that at least one site might be found to celebrate aspects of Toton, as yet unmarked.

As the scheme draws to a close increasing attention is being paid to preparing explanatory material to identify where the nearly thirty or so plaques are and offering more background and context about the personalities and places celebrated. Watch this space.

Peter Robinson
Chairman of the Plaques' Group



Plaques' Working Group meeting on Monday 22 April 2013.

L-R: Alan Clayton, (Beeston and District Local History Society); Barbara Brooke, (Stapleford and District Local History Society); Peter Robinson, (Chair, Beeston and District Civic Society); Stephen Wallwork, (Beeston and District Civic Society and Beeston and District Local History Society); Peter Hillier, (Bramcote Conservation Society); and Alan Dance, (Beeston and District Local History Society). Robin

Phillips of Beeston and District Civic Society is absent from this photograph.



The Henry John Pearson plaque unveiling by The Rev Nigel Pearson and Cllr. Margaret Handley, Mayor of the Borough of Broxtowe, on Thursday 18 April at The White House, Bramcote



Great grand-children and partners of Frederic Chatfield Smith MP of Smiths Bank with residents from The Lawns, Moss Drive, Bramcote, at the gates of the former Bramcote Hall, demolished 1969.

PUBLIC TALKS

NET UPDATE

A presentation about the tram development works, with some history and details of future operating features. An alternative title could have been "artists' impressions are a mixed blessing". Sarah Alton from the City Council's Net Team and Matt Orchard, the Community Liaison Officer from the contractor Ahlstrom, attended this meeting of the Society at the John Clifford School. It was their third visit and attracted

a good audience. Sarah and Matt confirmed that they will lead guided walks from The Square later in the year now that we can see the impact of works so far on the ground.

A mixed blessing was the "impression" gained from the presentation, even with the inclusion of some newly commissioned impressions. The familiar images illustrating the carrying capacity of roads served by the tram, cars and buses continue to be very telling. One tram can take a large number of vehicles off the road while still carrying the modest number of people assumed to be travelling in the cars and buses. Unfortunately, the impressions of the Square and the interchange station are of wider prospects and a more attractive environment than seems possible. The NET project has already created some 550 jobs including training facilities and employment on operations and construction. In this latest phase it is proposed that 37 trams will serve a network covering 32 km with an off-tram ticketing system, which will enable conductors to examine tickets on board. The network will also be enhanced by the acquisition of new user-friendly vehicles in 2014, which will be designed to cater for people with disabilities. In the central area it should be possible to achieve a frequency of a tram every three and a half minutes. New technology will be employed in track laying equipment, enabling longer lengths to be laid outside urban areas where some major elements of construction are already in hand. They include a triple bridge over the Nottingham Railway Station thus facilitating building an interchange point. The QMC, where a second entrance is contemplated, will also be served by the new route, and be accessible from and to Beeston. As too will be the eastern part of the main campus of the University of Nottingham. Some statistics included a travel time of 25 minutes from the Old Market Square in Nottingham to Beeston. Matt Orchard drew attention to possible problems including "non-intentional collapse" of structures adjacent to the routes and spoke of the importance of good communications during the consultation and construction periods. New parking facilities were to serve the independent retailer's quarter on Chilwell High Road, while careful attention would be given to the structure and timing of the culvert project at Bramcote Lane. He gave assurances relating to sensitive matters such as the intention to provide replacement trees on a two for one basis, street lighting, and the care and location of memorials. New maps and leaflets with "impressions", e.g. "Extending the tram the tram service to Beeston and Chilwell", were available at the meeting as too were details of drop in sessions and means of contacting the team: Phone 924 24 54 or www.thetram.net/phasetwo.

For a project designed to carry 24M passenger journeys per annum it makes sense to scrutinise the proposals and comment on the works in hand as well as temporary features such as traffic lights. (How temporary is temporary?)

Brian Loughborough

ROYAL VISITS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

A very interesting talk was given by Colin Slater MBE when he opened the Civic Society Open meeting on April 12th 2013 by speaking about his trip to Kassel in Germany as part of the County Council Town Twinning Association. What he did not realize was that this meant he was part of the organizing team for their return visit! One of the many places of interest visited by the twinning visitors was to Southwell Minster where the tables groaned with food supplied by the Provosts wife. Colin then took us on an imaginary journey to Police Headquarters where the planning of the Queens Silver Jubilee took place. 'We want a day The Queen and Prince Phillip will enjoy, we want a day the people will enjoy, we want a day that we will enjoy, which means we will have done our job properly', this was the aim. The day was organized with clockwork precision, nothing could be allowed to go wrong on this very special day in July 1977 when the Queen came to honour our City (and open the QMC, but more of that later). Mansfield Four Seasons Centre was one port of call, where she went on a walkabout and spoke to some of the many people waiting to see her, asking them where they were from. Later, the Queen was presented with a pair of ear-rings made from Mansfield coal. From here the cavalcade drove at the stately pace of 7mph so all the crowds could see the Royal Couple as they went by. On reaching the junction of Nottingham Road and the College the speed quickly increased to 70 mph as Tea was waiting at a specific time and place. There was to be a live broadcast by Dennis McCarthy on Radio Nottingham but a 3 minute slot was 'saved' for the Radio 4 PM programme, which was not a popular decision, however some quick thinking on Colin's part to the Controller of Radio 4 ensured that this did not happen and Dennis spoke throughout. The cavalcade got broken up to the dismay of the police but all was as it should be by the time the Royal Party arrived at Trent Bridge cricket ground, where they were escorted to a private room for a short break. The players of both England and Australia were waiting to be presented on the hallowed ground of Trent Bridge. From here the cavalcade sped to QMC for 20 minutes, as Colin joked '4 months planning for 20 minutes' After this, the party went to the Royal Train to change for dinner later at the Council House in Slab Square where an appearance was made on the balcony. There was a fireworks

display which caused some concern as the wind changed direction and a rocket headed for the Royal Party, but disaster was averted when it fell short of the royal dais where they were seated. 60,000 people attended the event. A coffee table made from Sherwood Oak was presented as a gift from Nottingham. On a visit later in the year to St James Palace in London to see the many gifts on display that were presented in this Jubilee year, Colin was very pleased to see that the table stood in a very prominent place in the Palace.

Colin then went on to tell us that the photographers who have to be accredited by the palace to take photos can get very angry if they do not get the shots they want. He spoke about a visit The Queen Mother made to an Old People's Home where they were not allowed entry. There was a very beautiful and well behaved parrot in the Home so, after her tour, the QM invited in the photographers to take her photo with parrot, and asked 'Are you happy now, boys?' The parrot photo was later in an exhibition of Royal photos and she was heard to remark how well she remembered that day.

Finally, Colin spoke of an eminent Nottingham person, Frederic Chatfield Smith of Bramcote, also the Head of Smiths Bank, Nottingham, which became part of Natwest. In December 1864 he was the President of Notts County Football Club and he also played in matches! He was also responsible for the initiative of building Christ Church in Chilwell by donating the money. The land was provided by the Charlton family for £50.

Colin Slater himself became increasingly well-known through regular appearances as the BBC Radio Nottingham match commentator at Notts County Football Club, where he reported on over 2,100 matches. He was made an Honorary Freeman and Alderman of the Borough in 2010

Judy Sleath

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EMACHS AGM

The Beeston & District Civic Society were pleased to be able to invite EMACHS to join us for their AGM on 20th April held at that well known hostelry the Victoria. The venue was excellent and the noise of the passing trains were not a problem! We were able to try out another location that offers good refreshments adjacent to the former Maltings and within the proposed station conservation area. Brian Loughbrough, our chairman, offered a warm welcome and Peter Robinson, the Chair of the Plaques group, was able to describe the scheme and demonstrate plaques scheduled for unveiling shortly. Barbara Selwood

and Eileen Atherton were also available to speak to displays about the area and describe the local scene. There was lively discussion about EMACHS priorities and congratulations and thanks were offered to the Beeston folk for the welcome and activities.

Brian Loughborough



The EMACS AGM held in the Victoria Hotel, Beeston, on Saturday 20 April



Lunch at the Victoria Hotel, Beeston, on Saturday 20 April at the EMACS AGM



Part of the Beeston and District Civic Society display at the EMACS AGM in the Victoria Hotel

MEMBERS NEWS

This year **Heritage Open Days** falls from the **12th - 15th September** and we are looking to have a record number of Venues open this year.

If you wish to go on the usual MOD visit this year - **please book now** – (Tel. Eileen 0115 9677260) because we are limited to 80 visitors and we already have a list of nearly 40 people, most who were not able to get on the tour last year.

Already on board for the Heritage Open Day this year are G.H.Hurt, John Clifford School, St. John the Baptist Parish Church, Christ Church Chilwell, St. Mary's Church Attenborough, St. Helen's Church Stapleford, Inham Nook Allotments, Bramcote Old Church Tower, Lilac Grove Treatment Works, Royal British Legion, Beeston & District Local History Society etc.

New for this year are The New Conservative Club, Station Road, Beeston and St. John's C of E School Stapleford.

We have also managed to persuade Boots D10 and Archives to open for the second year running and Beeston Town Hall have agreed to open on Saturday morning, after an absence of a few years.

We also have the usual Beeston, Stapleford and possibly Toton heritage walks.

We are still negotiating with other interested parties and the list of venues open for some part of the weekend is likely to be about 30. Look out for our brochure this summer which will be distributed at the Hemlock Happening and Beeston and Stapleford Carnivals. Our next Newsletter will also contain full details.

Eileen Atherton

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VACANCIES – VERY URGENT APPEAL

We are still seeking a volunteer to assist our secretary with the website and someone to oversee sales of postcards, greetings card and our booklet '*Tracks, Towpaths and Twitchells*'; and to order fresh stock when necessary. This Civic Society service is winding down and will cease without an injection of enthusiasm. Please contact Peter Robinson at 9255219 or Eileen Atherton.

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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

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**".

This will take place at **John Clifford Junior School Hall, Nether Street, Beeston** at **7.30pm**

The **11th October 40th Anniversary Meeting** will take place at The Town Hall, Foster Avenue Beeston and after that, future events will take place in **The Community Room, John Clifford School, Beeston** at **7.30pm**.

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