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# Newsletter 163

## December 2014



A warm welcome on Heritage Weekend

in this issue: Editorial Policy, Heritage Open Day, Boxes - Pillar and Telephone

## EDITORIAL

The summer is over and the programme of Civic Society events is in full swing again. In this issue we cover all the activities during the last three months, including the AGM meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Karen Attwood

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### EDITORIAL POLICY

We received an email from one of our members during the summer which has prompted a thorough and useful discussion of what should be covered in these newsletters. The conclusion is that they will primarily be covering the Society's activities: Open meetings, Open Days and events, Committee news and anything else we are substantially involved in. In future, we will also include a piece from our chair, which will cover our response to any current issues. In this newsletter this is in the form of the chair's report for the AGM – I thought members who could not attend that meeting might be interested.

In addition, we are looking to include content, where relevant, around Town Centre news (Continuum, Town Centre Advisory Group etc), Planning (new builds and alterations), Nature (Tree planting etc), Transport, Heritage (Open Days and other relevant events), Website and Membership.

You will also see occasional articles popping up which reflect some aspect of activity going on within the town, which may refer to relevant national or even international news. These will be more prevalent during the issues when we have fewer Society events to cover.

You may be interested to know that we have a small Editorial Board, made up from Committee members, who first edit the planned ideas and later the content.

I do hope you agree that a newsletter full of reports would be a bit flat so I do like to attempt to tickle your interest in every issue. I would very much welcome any comments and if there are any of our members who might like to contribute, in line with the above proposals, I would love to hear from you via the Society email address.

I have thoroughly enjoyed editing the newsletter over the last two years, thanks for your support.

Karen Attwood

## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Between 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September, residents once again enjoyed access to many special buildings in the area where they got a chance to meet with owners, users and various local/community groups.

The buildings open included the Beeston Conservative Club, Attenborough Nature Centre, John Clifford School, St Michael's Bramcote (alongside a wedding on the Saturday), Bramcote Old Church Tower, Christ Church Chilwell, Attenborough Church and Bartons, where several new members joined the Civic Society at the stand manned by several volunteers including our chair, Judy Sleath.



The Civic Society stand at Bartons



At Inham Nook Allotments, they were serving free tea/coffee and biscuits and reasonably well priced hot food, charging 80p for a beef burger or hotdog,

The Mayor, Cllr Stan Heptinstall, opened proceedings at Beeston Town Hall where money was being raised for the Mayor's charities. Looking at the signatures in the registration book, it was clear that visitors had come from far afield – Carlton, Alfreton and Kimberley, as well as locally.



Mayor Cllr Stan Heptinstall opening up at Beeston Town Hall

Later, Cllr Stan Heptinstall also joined at least 50 people to take the Beeston Heritage Walk, led by Professor John Beckett.

#### TOUR TO CHETWYND BARRACKS

This year the Heritage Open Days tour to Chetwynd Barracks had to be re-arranged and the tour took place on Tuesday, 21st October 2014. Around 70 people attended on the new date, including the Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr Stan Heptinstall MBE.

This year James McCloskey, Station Staff Officer, had managed to research even more facts about the Depot, which he included in his presentation in the auditorium which lasted for over an hour.

We were then directed to the two Memorials on site, together with a visit to St. George's Chapel, finishing with a visit to the Officers Mess where we were served with tea, coffee and biscuits.

The re-arranged tour took place on the day that hurricane Gonzalo hit Nottinghamshire and we had to negotiate rain intermingled with sunny periods but this in no way affected the enthusiasm of all the people on the tour.

Quite a number of people signed the visitor book and added their comments and I received several comments by email immediately after the tour, including:

"We would like you to relay our thanks to the depot for their hospitality."

"Just wanted to say a big thank you for today. We all really enjoyed our visit to the Chilwell Depot and found it very interesting."



James McCloskey, Cllr Stan Heptinstall  
and our correspondent, Eileen Atherton

Once again, in spite of the inclement weather, a very enjoyable afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Our thanks to all at Chetwynd Barracks for allowing us to visit, particularly to Col. David Brambell Station Commander, James McCloskey, Station Staff Officer and Station Sergeant Mark Warford and we wish James McCloskey a long and happy retirement next year.  
Eilleen Atherton

## NEW PERIOD STREET SIGNS - Pilot Project

One of the society's key objectives is to not just protect our environment, but also to enhance it.

An idea to enhance our streets came up recently in the form of reinstating, or sympathetically placing, reproduction Victorian and Edwardian street signs on period homes.

These signs can be seen all over Beeston, especially in the Imperial Park and Belle Vue estates and also in our conservation areas. They add a special piece of amenity and character to the streets. It is these combinations of street scene details (signs, lamps, paving etc) which make the places we live pleasant and inviting - enhancing our environment.

The Committee decided to go ahead and see if we could get a pilot scheme off the ground. We contacted the Borough and County Council and they gave the go ahead with regard to planning and highways.

In order for us to create a street sign, we first had to copy a real one. An original on Hope Street was selected with the householders' permission. Measurements using engineer's rulers and rubbings were taken. These were then sent off to our friends at Leander Architectural. Leander has been responsible for all of the Blue Plaques in Beeston, and do some fabulous work.

Speaking with Leander Architectural, we investigated the possibility of creating street signs using a 'pattern'. As can be seen on the image, the pattern can be reused and allows us to make a variety of different name street signs, and adjust the length accordingly. This pattern only needed making once - from here on only the cost of casting is required to make a new street sign. A unique matching alphabet was also devised, to replicate the original font used.



Original sign



Pattern

Next, we needed a household who were enthusiastic about improving their area and their house. We were very fortunate early on to find an agreeable family, who wanted to take part in the pilot scheme and provide support. Thank you so much to society members Dr and Mrs Wilding.

Over the next few months, manufacturing costs were worked out, and samples made using the original as the basis for the pattern. We also figured out how to pay for them too - with the society paying for the pattern, and the householders paying the cost of casting. This way, they became the property of the house and the Society can use the pattern for new signs.

The final pilot scheme signs have now been cast and you can see the end result here - which everyone is very happy about. We hope to have them mounted on the house soon, and we will update you in the next membership newsletter hopefully with further pictures!

#### Interested?

The society would love to facilitate more of these signs being constructed and mounted in our area. If you have a period home, on a street corner (or perhaps from a nearby like minded Civic Society) and are interested in having street signs made to go on your house, please do contact Owen Rees at [beestoncivicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:beestoncivicsociety@gmail.com) where you can find out all the information.

Owen Rees, Website Officer & Conservation Sub-Committee



Finished sign

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## SAVE OUR POST BOXES?

On 15<sup>th</sup> October last year, following the Postal Services Act of 2011, shares in Royal Mail were floated on the London Stock Exchange and the organisation ceased to be state-owned. In the months preceding this event the redness of the Royal Mail delivery vans appeared especially clean, bright and shiny. This may have been a marketing ploy which contributed to the floatation price of the shares exceeding the target set by the government by a considerable percentage.

The Royal Mail post boxes by comparison seem very dull and neglected. It is an unfortunate fact that the red paint used by the company on its vans and post boxes in course of time loses its bright and shiny surface so I was very glad on driving onto the University campus through the West Entrance before a recent 'Open Day' to see that the pillar-box there had a bright new coat of paint – nothing dull at the University of Nottingham. How was this transformation achieved?

The first Royal Mail pillar- and wall-boxes originate in the 1850s. A Victorian box is perhaps now difficult to find but may be recognised by VR (for Victoria Regina) cast into the metal. The monogram on the University pillar-box is difficult to decipher appearing as a spaghetti-like entanglement but comparison with London examples (eg. in the British Library) has revealed that it is an interlaced ER (Edwardus Rex) above VII all heavily encrusted with about one hundred years of paint. GR (Georgius Rex) and EIIR follow, but will the format of the letter-boxes survive changes to the Postal Service so that one day we shall see CIIIR?

In addition to the royal monogram all post boxes have a 'Next Collection' slot into which may be fitted a rectangular white enamelled metal label providing that information. This is invariably missing. There is also a larger rectangular space which gives the Royal Mail web-site address, two telephone numbers 08457 740740 for residential enquiries and 0845 6000606 for business enquiries – these numbers have recently been changed to 03457 740740 and 03456 000606 respectively. Each box also has an address. To give one or two local examples: the clean but dull box (EIIR) at the north end of Cator Lane at its junction with Bramcote Avenue is Post Box NG9 636. The box (EIIR) at the southern end of Cator Lane, NG9 627 is in such a distressed state that one wonders if it is still in use. The box (GR – presumably George V) at the junction of Park Road and Chilwell Road, is a wall-box but is not currently in use, the opening taped-over, due to tram works. The paintwork of the box (GVIR) in The City adjacent to

Regents Street, NG9 645, is still quite bright and one in the best condition of the NG9 boxes.

Whether the public company that is Royal Mail will take a proactive role in the maintenance of its letter-boxes has yet to be seen. The University, it seems, requested Royal Mail that its West Entrance pillar-box be repainted. Residents of Beeston may have to do likewise. If a Victorian letter-box can be found it should be listed Grade II\*. Thanks to Gavin Simpson (via Barbara Selwood)

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## GREEN PHONE BOXES

Extracts from a BBC on line article published 2<sup>nd</sup> October



Disused phone boxes in London are being put to a novel use - as solar-powered charging stations for mobile phones.

The first of six boxes was unveiled on Tottenham Court Road this week. The service is free to use although users will be shown adverts as they wait for their phone to charge.

The boxes have had a makeover for the project - painted green and fitted with a roof-mounted 86cm solar panel. Inside there are a variety of charging stations for different models of phone and a screen which shows adverts. Funded by advertising, the founders are keen to make sure users are engaged by "short, fun and exciting ads showing exclusive content". Firms signed up include Tinder and Uber, and 30% of advertising space is reserved for community projects. The advertising screen is reinforced to deter vandals and the boxes are maintained daily and locked overnight.

The project was the brainchild of two geography students turned entrepreneurs Harold Craston and Kirsty Kenny. Both studied at the London School of Economics (LSE) and were interested in finding new ways to use public spaces.

The solarbox can charge up to 100 phones a day, offering a 20% battery boost in 10 minutes. Since launch, about six people per hour use the booth, according to the founder.

Running out of battery is a perennial problem for smartphone users as they become ever more powerful without an equivalent technology leap in battery life.

Solarbox won second place in the Mayor of London's Low Carbon Entrepreneur of the Year Award earlier this year and also won the LSE's Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Five more boxes will be rolled out by April 2015.

Spotted by Owen Rees

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HOW ARE WE COPING? (With the tram works)

It depends who you speak to or listen to, but I hear "going on forever", "getting used to the chaos" and "it will all end sometime" more and more. People are quite rightly thoroughly fed up with it all and can see no end in sight. I think that even those in charge have actually stopped predicting dates for completion. Don't get me wrong, I am still very much in favour of NET and looking forward to a super new updated town with a smart tram running through it - but when?

Last week we were on a bus from Nottingham at 5.05 pm and we arrived home at 5.55 pm, having left the car in Beeston. For those commuters doing it every day - having negotiated new pedestrian walkways on a daily basis, and having to walk to Beeston bus station, life has become a daily challenge. With winter and dark nights now with us they face another cold season of travel uncertainty. Our outlying roads and streets are becoming more and more crowded and potholed and presumably something will eventually have to be done about them. So, all in all, life in and around Beeston and Chilwell will be chaotic for a good while longer.

And what of the men in yellow jackets? Still we see them standing around in twos and threes appearing to be doing nothing - and I make no apology for repeating this, it is infuriating - and not just to me! Even I can see there is still much to be done and despite not wanting to hear it, mistakes are being made. This is after all a human endeavour!

Despite all that "rant" I think that Chilwell Road is looking good and will become a popular area - thanks to all the traders who have hung on. We now have tram stops with ticket machine housing in place and parking (and no parking) spaces and limitations clearly marked. It will

be a bit daunting for us pedestrians to have to start using pavements properly again, no more walking down the middle of the road for instance and we will have to take greater care crossing the road. I can't quite visualise the tram interchange area yet, but I'm sure it will eventually work well!

So, if anyone is actually reading this who has any influence at all, to them I say "please just get on with it and let it be finished much sooner rather than much later!"

On a brighter note, the tram I rode was named 'D.H. Lawrence'. It seems the community are being encouraged to submit suggestions to 'name a new tram'. Any ideas?

Joyce Brown

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#### BLUE PLAQUE UPDATE

The Ten Bell unveiling on Thursday 11 September and the Sid Standard unveiling on the morning of Sunday 14 September were timed to complement the Heritage Open Weekend - both attracting respectable audiences. Sid has a tram named after him. Could this be a precedent for other plaque recipients?

The Beeston Station unveiling on 8 October by Sir Neil Cossons was something special; marking the end of the line for the plaque scheme, but not quite the end of the job as preparation of authoritative explanatory material continues. In the meantime three issues of Nottingham Post Bygones, (15 September, 15 October and 27 October), have featured a majority of the 34 plaques, courtesy of Dave Lowe.

Our website tracks the progress of a productive five year collaboration with the Beeston and District Local History Society, the Stapleford and District Local History Society, the Bramcote Conservation Society and many others, which we hope will leave a lasting legacy for the Borough. The scheme has brought people together in quite unexpected ways.

Peter Robinson



The Blue Plaque Group at work: left to right: Peter Hillier, Alan Dance, Peter Robinson, Stephen Wallwork, Alan Clayton and Barbara

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#### HIGHFIELDS USER GROUP LATEST

There is not a lot to report from the meeting on 18 September; I anticipate the December meeting will be more interesting! By then there should be more news on the final lottery funding, but in any event, work will be starting in summer 2015. De silting the lake will be the first project, at long last. The work plan is being finalised and will be presented to the group at the next meeting on 11 December. There is some concern about the water level in the lake which has dropped by about two feet recently and is being monitored constantly. It is fed from the water table, which appears to be stable, so the experts have their thinking caps on! Any detrimental effects from the tram works have been ruled out.

The gates to the Beeston Hockey Club are to be widened, and again we will see those proposals at the next meeting. Nine lifebuoy stations are to be replaced and a new one added. Community art has been suggested for the park, but this needs to be carefully considered as the park is listed; another topic for the next agenda, which is beginning to look quite full! We will also be discussing de silting Tottle Brook, which apparently causes problems in some areas.

I only need to pass on one further piece of information - that the Lenton Abbey Christmas lights will be switched on Wednesday 3 December at 5 p.m.

Joyce Brown

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### PLANNING

As reported in the last issue of the newsletter, Barbara Selwood has stepped down her coverage of planning on behalf of the Society after many years. The new team are getting settled in and will report regularly, and we will share those reports in this newsletter.

Editor

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### NEW MEMBERS

We have been joined by many new members over the last couple of months and we would like to welcome everyone.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events.

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### CHAIRS REPORT FOR AGM

We have had a good year! Many new members have joined us, we now stand at 220. I think this is down to the high profile we have had in being part of New Deal for Beeston: the official name of the group (including people from outside the Civic Society) is Continuum. We have spent a lot of time promoting ourselves and the Treasurers Report shows that we are down in our funds this year. This is because we were approached, as were many other organisations, by The Hope Church to help them fund a new van for their good works. They needed the last few hundred pounds to buy a new van and in return have we our name painted on the side. To me this was a no brainer! For £400 we have our logo and name painted on two sides of the van and it flits about all over Nottinghamshire and surrounds on its collections of food from as far as Lincolnshire and is seen about the Beeston area on a

regular basis. Many more people now know and have heard of Beeston & District Civic Society!

We have had some excellent speakers and well attended public meetings, we hope to continue this in our next season. We are trying to keep to talks that are relevant to Beeston and District and our interests, I hope you will agree that we have done a good job this year thanks to Eileen. We had to have an extra meeting to talk about Beeston Town Centre, we have played quite a large part in this having four of our members as part of the Continuum group. For now, whilst we wait for the new town centre to be completed there is nothing happening with Continuum although I did see in Beeston a small group of students in white coats(?) bearing the name 'The Built Environment and Architecture', walking around the Square recently with clip boards. For those of you who do not know, thanks to Prof. Martyn Poliakoff, this department has taken on the challenge, with the blessing of our council, to design a vision for Phase 2, which is the area that will be left after the tram is finally completed, (where the Fire and Multi storey car park used to be). I am sure we all have our own vision for this but hopefully with suggested plans acceptable to the Council in place, they will be able to go to developers and say, this is what we want our town to look like, not be fobbed off with a replica of what they are re-building now! We have done quite a few questionnaires and the main thing that comes out of them is that local people want a cinema/theatre/art space, good shops and greenery and we have informed the councillors of these results.

The Blue Plaque Scheme has finally come to end with a magnificent 34 plaques now found around the area. Many, many thanks must go to the Blue Plaques committee led by its Chair Peter Robinson for all the work and research that has gone into this scheme. There has been extensive coverage in three issues of Bygones and at some point there will be a booklet with a trail. We are pleased that finally the TEN BELL has had a makeover, still in its place outside of Sainsbury's but there is nothing we can do about that, at least it has a new plaque and had a clean up with the promise that from now on it will be looked after by Sainsbury's.

The next project the Civic Society is embarking on is Local Listing. It is for everyone to get involved in this, it is not about Listed Buildings and Grades 1, 2 and 3 but about places, houses, buildings that are a good representation of their kind that need to be earmarked as non designated heritage assets, and thus have to be taken into account whenever affected by a planning application. We will ask you in due course to be part of this, all it entails is walking about and identifying

and recording what you see that you/we think needs some extra protection, the finer details have not yet been decided.

Walks. Thanks must go to Professor John Beckett for his continuing programming of walks through the summer and Dr Peter Robinson for arranging the tram walks with Matt Orchard and Sarah Alton.

Heritage Weekend was a triumph for us yet again and many thanks must deservedly go to the small band of three, Eileen, Barbara and Joyce who did most of the work for this. There was a very comprehensive booklet printed and we distributed 10.000 copies of this across the county. Once again the Chilwell Barracks visit was oversubscribed then delayed by illness but went ahead at a later date. Beeston Carnival was very good for us and quite a few new people joined that day. We had a very interesting stand which attracted attention and we had our questionnaire asking people what they want to see happen to Phase 2 of Beeston Square.

We are still very active in looking at planning applications and this year we have made many representations and objections to the planning department. We must thank Barbara who for the last 20 years has been mainly responsible with others on our Planning Sub Committee for meeting with the council to look at planning applications. Barbara is not taking the lead on this now but will still be part of the subcommittee. With the advent of the internet those meetings do not happen now as the plans are emailed weekly (anyone can sign up for this) and remarks can be emailed back. For the future though, we have formed 2 subcommittees, to be overseen by Caroline, for a)Planning and b)Conservation, if you are interested in getting involved in either of these sub committees, without having to be an executive committee member, you can contact Caroline through our email to find out what is involved. We hope in the future to put information about the archives of these two sub committees on our website.

Magazine. Many Thanks to Karen Attwood for the quarterly magazine, always full of interesting articles and comments. Karen always welcomes your thoughts and ideas.

Website. Thanks to Owen Rees we now have a thriving website and we also have a Twitter account. Members can join through our website and pay via paypal as indeed can any current member who does not pay by Standing Order. Any photos you have of Beeston will be gratefully received for the picture gallery. Please keep looking and send any remarks to us that you wish to make. We had a very successful poll about the town centre on there and the result formed part of the Councils own poll.

Treasurer. Many, many thanks must go to Andrew Milner who has soldiered on for us for the last few years as Treasurer. His input has

been of great value to us and we will miss him. We have had a couple of false starts with finding someone new but we are hoping that we have now found someone but will confirm this to you as soon as we can.

At the AGM meeting, the following discussions took place:

Meeting place. The Society is reviewing the current meeting venue of John Clifford. Judy asked the members for their views about looking for a more central location, which was approved. The Pearson Centre is very central but more expensive but has the advantage of using different sized rooms, better refreshment facilities, easy car parking (Sainsbury's) and close by the main residential part of Beeston. The Beeston Library is not an option as it is not large enough for some of our public meetings and there is a problem with the time of ending our meetings. There was also a discussion about a possibility of changing our public meeting night from Friday. Various views were discussed and the Committee will deliberate further.

Membership fee. Judy outlined that this has stood at £7.00 and £10.00 for the last seven years, during which time the society activities have broadened and prices generally (as ever in life) have continued to rise. After quite a discussion, the general consensus was that members are generally happy to increase the subscription, to support the Committee, to enable moving meetings to a more central location and enable the 8 free monthly meetings and 4 magazines per year to continue. In addition, Judy suggested an increased subscription would also enable each member membership of the national organisation, Civic Voice, and the benefits that comes from that, which includes one free entry ticket to both The National Trust and English Heritage (which can be used by members or any of their friends or family). Judy thanked those who joined this year, and confirmed anyone who joined in June or after do not need to pay again until next October 2015, and any new fees would not taken effect until the same time.

Judy asked if possible people could consider doing a Standing order as this makes it much easier for our Treasurer.

She also asked members to please remember to let the Society know if you have changed your phone number or email address.

Anyone interested in joining us in any capacity should contact Eileen through the society email address: [beestoncivicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:beestoncivicsociety@gmail.com)

Website address: [www.beestoncivicsociety.org.uk](http://www.beestoncivicsociety.org.uk)

Judy Sleath

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## OTHER AGM NEWS

At the meeting, Judy Sleath was elected as the chair for another year and Caroline Penn was elected as Deputy Chair.

In addition, a new member Michelle Patel became the Treasurer and Eileen Atherton will continue as Secretary.

The Committee members will be Jean Cameron, Dr Richard Hutchinson, Tina Launchbury, Owen Rees, Dr Peter Robinson, Barbara Selwood and Rosemary Sillis.

## EVENTS

12<sup>th</sup> September - Paul McKay, Service Director of Notts County Council. Paul gave a very interesting talk about 'Living Independently'

10<sup>th</sup> October - Sophie Clapp, Boots Archivist

We were treated to an interesting, enjoyable and most informative talk on the history of the Boots Company by archivist Sophie Clapp. With the aid of many photographs we were shown some of the vast Company archive which was set up in the 1990s.

Boots grew from small beginnings in 1849 with the herbal remedies created and developed by John Boot through expansion and development by son Jesse and his wife Florence to the large foreign owned company of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century operating in 20 countries.

Sophie explained and illustrated the family's enlightened approach to staff welfare, through education and training to sporting facilities and social clubs, something which continues to this day. We heard also how Boots built their own energy centre to provide power, and generated the power for the train which ran on the site. There are some very important Grade 1 listed buildings on the Beeston site D10 and D6 designed by Sir Owen Williams and we were shown interior and exterior photos of these and also of buildings in war time camouflage.

The First World War was particularly important for the development of pharmaceuticals by the company, with products such as anti-fly cream, vermin powder and foot comfort for the troops in the trenches, and it is for their medicines and beauty products that they are largely known today. For example Boots chemists researched and developed ibuprofen. Some of us were surprised to learn that the Number 7 range of beauty products was launched in the 1930s.

We were also told about the various phases and types of retail development and services from the first and earliest stores through department stores, to self- service, cafes, subscription libraries, and developing and printing.

After giving us a whiff of nostalgia with a spray of the scent of Devon Violets Sophie concluded the evening by talking about the Oral History Programme being developed by the Company Archivists, and encouraging anyone with a connection to the firm to volunteer to take part.

Caroline Penn

14<sup>th</sup> November – Julian Owen stood in for Stewart Craven to talk about the Canalside Heritage Centre after the AGM Julian outlined a fascinating project which is set to transform derelict lock cottages near Beeston weir into a community resource.



The cottages were built circa 1796 when the canal was established. The ambitious plans, which will be partly funded by the Heritage Lottery fund and Nottingham County Council, will transform the site into an exhibition centre, allotments, cafe and recreation of an original lockkeeper's cottage. This will be a community project, with the site being used for multiple activities, including traditional building skills training, a 'City Card' bike station, vegetable growing for children on

the allotments to name a few. The history of the inhabitants has been investigated and the exhibition looks set to be fascinating.

More information is at [www.canalsideheritagecentre.org.uk](http://www.canalsideheritagecentre.org.uk)  
Karen Attwood

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – Beeston & District Civic Society meetings and speakers

12th December 2014 – Anna Soubry MP – ‘Commemorating the War, striking the right balance’

Includes seasonal refreshments

Note from our Chair: MAY I PLEASE REMIND YOU THAT THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL MEETING - REMEMBER WE ARE NOT A POLITICAL ORGANISATION.

9th January 2015 – Phillip Horsfield/John Delaney - Broxtowe Borough Council, update on Beeston New Deal

13th February 2015 – An update on NET progress from NET representatives

13th March 2015 Professor Mark Gillott from The University of Nottingham Built Environment Department – ‘The design, delivery and use of Zero Carbon Homes’

10th April 2015 – Gareth Davies, Project Manager at Trent & Peak, ‘The Archaeology of the Tram’

The Meetings take place at John Clifford School, Nether Street, Beeston NG9 2AT at 7.30.p.m.in either The Committee Room or the Junior School Hall.

We will keep you well informed of venues in forthcoming newsletters and on the website.

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