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Hello again,

This is a short update on events this week. I have to say a particular highlight was the weekend's Annual Fuschia Show staged by the Nottingham and Notts Society and held, as ever, at Attenborough Parish Hall. Fuchsias are a particular favourite of mine and it is an event I have been unable to attend in the past. It was worth the wait!

On a considerably more serious note my thanks to everyone who has emailed me about events in Iraq. As you know the British Government has provided considerable humanitarian relief and has supported the USA air strikes. As in Gaza, this is a fast moving situation which is hugely complicated. I have a short account of my meeting on Friday at the Beeston Muslim Centre and was grateful for the frank exchange of views.

I hope you have a good week.
As ever,
Anna



Kimberley Town Council crisis

I have met with a number of former Town Councillors, including the two Green Party Councillors who resigned last week. No one has suggested that anyone has acted unlawfully, but there is very real concern that Kimberley Town Council is not being transparent in relation to its finances nor operating in a democratic way. These are very serious matters and so I shall report the situation to the District Auditors. In the meantime I hope the two vacancies will be published as a matter of urgency. If 10 people agree there could then be a by-election. I think matters at Kimberley are so serious the people must have the opportunity to have their say.



Muslim Centre meeting

My thanks to everyone at the Muslim Centre in Beeston for our meeting on Friday which had been arranged some time ago. As you might imagine there was a good and frank exchange of views about the situation in Gaza. I explained that the Government has been working for an immediate ceasefire and wants a long term solution that would result in both Israel and Palestine existing in peace and based on the borders agreed back in 1967. Those who attended were very clear in their views and whilst not everyone agreed on all matters there was a demand for the British Government to take a considerably firmer stance against Israel. The Beeston Centre is attended by moderate British Muslims and I assured them I would represent their views at the highest level of Government.

Beeston Bid and the tram legacy



Tram tracks arrive outside my office...at last.

I had a very good meeting with the key members of Beeston Bid on Friday. We spent a great deal of time discussing how the town is going to take advantage of the tram. My fear is that Broxtowe Borough Council is failing to develop the town centre. Its plans lack vision and an understanding of how our towns can thrive notwithstanding the considerable changes to the way we shop and indeed, live. My other fear is that new retail will be placed at the park and ride at Toton. Beeston has a lack of off street parking; I foresee people coming into the town, parking in residential streets and hopping on the tram into Nottingham.

I have had a number of meetings with Broxtowe some time ago when I offered to work with them to bring new businesses into Beeston, take up an offer by Boots to bring in their top retail team and at least to explore my ideas for the town's future.

I think the Beeston Bid "gets it"; we certainly agree that Beeston should be taking advantage of its great pubs, restaurants and cafes and we can learn a lot from West Bridgford. When the tram opens Beeston should be a great town and in particular to come and enjoy an evening out. I think we should have a cinema and I understand the developers suggested this. Let's hope it's not too late but

it needs the Borough Council to start working with everyone.

The tram works are causing all manner of traffic chaos on University Boulevard/ Queens Road. NET tell me it is going to be pretty rubbish (my words!) for the next 4 weeks though their plan is to reduce disruption during the rush hour and work through the night

Bramcote Hills Golf Course

I had a great time out and about in Bramcote yesterday morning and my thanks to everyone who gave the team and I a warm welcome on the doorstep. I took the opportunity to check out the Bramcote Hills Golf Course entrance which is a complete mess and has prompted a number of emails and letters from residents. I have tried to contact the owners by letter and phone with no success. I will now write to Broxtowe Borough Council to see what action can be taken to tidy up the site and will continue to track down the owners!



What's on in Broxtowe

Tuesday 12 August

Time: 7pm till 9pm

Beeston Knitting and Crochet Group

Where: The White Lion, Station Road, Beeston.

What's on: Wool and wine, the group is for anyone who knits or would like to learn.

Friday 15 August

Time: 12 noon till 4pm

Kimberley Free Play Fun Day

Where: Kimberley School Playing Field, Access from Chestnut Drive, Nuthall, NG16 1EX. What's on: Everyone is welcome to come along, many exciting activities to

experience. For more information please call 0115 917 3695.

Saturday 16 August

Indian Summer event – in aid of Beeston based Forever Stars Charity

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nottingham

To book tickets or for any questions please contact richard.daniels@mac.com

Time: 10am till 1pm

Guided Walk around Attenborough Nature Reserve

What's on: Meeting in the car park, this free walk is part of Beeston's wildlife Groups walks and talks.

Time: 7:30pm

Royal British Legion, Beeston – 1940's Night

What's on: Fancy dress 1940's style (optional) raffle prizes, live music from Molly Brown.

Cost £3 including buffet.

Wednesday 20 August

Time: 10am till 4pm

Disney Theatre Workshop Day

Where: Stapleford Methodist Church

What's on: Learn Songs and Dance Routines from Disney favourites, for ages 5 – 11, a fun day for all abilities. Please book a place by calling 07549688361.

Thursday 21 August – Monday 25 August

Top House Beer Festival

Where: The White Lion, Town Street, Bramcote Village.

What's on: Festival with over 20 beers including 10 for within a 10 miles away, live music, charity raffle and much more.

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Time: 12 noon till 4pm

Inham Nook Free Play Fun Day

Where:

Inham Nook, Chilwell. Vehicle entrance via Blandford Avenue, NG9 4GY.

What's on: Everyone is welcome to come along, many exciting activities to experience.

For more information please call 0115 917 3695.

And finally.....

Kimberley's Jeremy Driver, who has been part of my constituency team for almost 4 years has gone and got himself a new job working as Public Policy Executive at Remploy. I am very pleased for Jeremy but we will all miss him. My thanks to him for all his hard work and advice.

"a decent Conservative" *Kevin McGuire, Daily Mirror*

"If only all ministers answered questions like Anna Soubry does." *David Aaronovitch, The Times*

"she has a record of unusually free speech" *Simon Carr, The Independent*

"part of the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" *Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail*

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