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Working hard for Broxtowe

October 10 2015

Supporting our great towns

Hello again,
I had a very good meeting with members of Stapleford Town team - a group of traders and residents. They clearly have ability and a vision for the town and I have offered them my full support.



Beeston is one of ten towns deemed a "rising star" in a Government supported competition to recognise great high streets and town centres. I have already met with a number of traders who are forming a new organisation to promote the town.
If you are a trader, shop or business in Beeston and want to get involved in this strictly non political organisation then let me know and I will pass on your details.
I have also had a meeting with the new Chief Exec of Tramlink who is very keen they help Beeston take full benefit of the tram (more details below in 'meets and greets').

Meanwhile **Kimberley** is compiling a Neighbourhood plan led by the Town Council which I have offered to help. Again if you want to get involved then please let me know.



Rebecca nominated for top award

Stapleford business woman Rebecca Ashworth has been nominated in the new business awards as part of the Nottingham Post Businesswoman of the year competition. And rightly so - the founder of Shabbylicious has seen her vintage tea and furniture shop blossom in under a year.



New White Bull appeal

The owners of the New White Bull are appealing the refusal by Broxtowe Borough Council to allow them to turn it into a shop with flats. I have written to the Planning Inspector in support of the Council's decision. If you want to make your views known and save this excellent community pub please email the inspector on teamp11@pins.gsi.gov.uk. **The closing date is Friday October 16.** The appeal will be heard in January 2016.

The Ugly Duckling

A huge congratulations to everyone involved in The Ugly Duckling which closes this evening at the Nottingham Playhouse. Organised and starring members of Combat Bullying the Toton based charity founded by Cllr Natalie Harvey, this story about overcoming bullying has been receiving great reviews.

[Read more here >>>](#)

Defending our Green Belt

Following last months meeting with the Planning Minister, Brandon Lewis, it is clear that Broxtowe Borough Council will not be able to change the housing target of 6,150 set by the previous Labour/Lib Dem controlled Council.

However, I am of the firm view the Council can and must do all it can to defend our Green Belt from development. This will be a very difficult task but I support their efforts to find brown field sites and advance plans for those that are currently under consideration.

I have written to the Ministry of Defence to see if land will be made free at Chilwell Barracks to reduce the number of houses planned for the Green Belt in Toton. I have also written to Nottingham and Erewash Councils for their assistance. Broxtowe must do everything it can to keep the Green Belt at Toton Sidings free of housing to allow us to take full advantage of the East Midlands HS2 Hub and to preserve these vital "green lungs".

Meets and greets

It was good to catch up with **Inspector Deborah Regan** the senior officer for the north of Broxtowe who is responsible for Kimberley, Nuthall, Cossall and Awsworth. We discussed continuing problems with off road bikes and Insp. Regan has assured me she is keen to get some specially trained officers to combat the problem near Awsworth. We also discussed the continuing problems on Broxtowe Park and the encouraging reports that Nottingham city police are working hard to stop anti social behaviour in the area.

I had a very good meeting with **Steve Lowe the new Chief Executive of Tramlink**. The Toton Lane park and ride is almost half full which is better than expected and the Beeston interchange is the busiest tram stop outside of the city. Steve promised to take up my continuing concerns about how staff deal with tram users who have not bought a ticket before they travel, after a string of complaints from constituents. Steve also made it very clear Tramlink are more than keen to help Beeston. In the run up to Christmas I have discussed regular late night opening with a number of traders who think it's a great idea. Leaflets on window screens at the park and ride is just one idea to promote "stop and shop in Beeston"!

Jean Booth

I am very sad to report that Jean Booth the wife of former Broxtowe Borough Councillor, John Booth has passed away after a short illness. Jean was a lovely woman and great support to John in his public service. I valued her support tremendously and my thoughts are with John and their beloved family.

Always happy to help

About a month ago a constituent's mother died whilst on holiday in Greece. Her mum had taken out expensive insurance which included having her body brought home (repatriated) in the event of her death. In short the insurers delayed agreeing to the repatriation; in my view

they wanted to take advantage of a grieving family who just wanted their mum "home". Having made little progress with the insurers the constituent emailed me and I immediately contacted the insurers. As a result, mum was swiftly repatriated. I am supporting the constituents complaint to the relevant Ombudsman. We believe others have had similar experiences and if you know of any please let me know. I am determined that insurers honour their commitments and stop taking advantage of people when they are most vulnerable.

Helping constituents in times of trouble is one of the most rewarding parts of being an MP and getting things sorted is something I very much enjoy!

Surgery thank you, an invitation and send us your events!

My thanks to Nygel at MadHatters in Kimberley for facilitating my **surgery** there last Saturday. I hold regular surgeries around the constituency but cannot advertise venues at the moment. If you would like to book an appointment please let me know.

We have arranged two **tours of Parliament** on Monday December 7 and Monday December 14. The tours are free though the coach trip is £14.50 and leaves from Barton House, High Road, Chilwell at 5.30 am. After a visiting Parliament the day is yours with the coach leaving London at 3.30pm. We only have a few places left so if you would like to come please let me know asap please.

Finally, please send me details of any events you are involved in and they will go in the "What's On" section below.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend,
As ever,
Anna



What's on in Broxtowe

Saturday 10 October

Family Fun Night - Stapleford

6:30pm till 9pm

Where: Washington Drive Community Centre, Stapleford, NG9 8PY.

What's on: Disco and fun games for all the family. Adults £2 children £1.

Sunday 11 October

Moorgreen Duathlon - Broxtowe Sports Events

from 9am

Where: Colliers Wood, Engine Lane, Moorgreen, NG16 3QU.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

Thursday 15 October

Autumn Years friendship Group

10am till 2pm

Where: St Helen's Church Hall, Frederick Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Resource centre for the over-60's full details on this weekly event [here](#).

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Hemlock Garden Club

7:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote.

What's on: Making your own Christmas wreaths and decorations using willow and garden materials.

Friday 16 October

A night at the Races!

7:30pm until late

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: evening of fun and excitement at 2nd Attenborough Scouts and 2nd Beeston Scouts race night. further details [here](#).

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Risley Fashion House - Charity Fashion Show

7:30pm until 10pm

Where: The Village Hotel, NG9 6DL.

What's on: Fashion show to raise money for Operation Orphan. Full details [here](#).

Saturday 17 October

Oxjam Beeston Music festival

12 noon till 2am

Where: Vairious locations which include; Beeston Square, Bartons and The Victory Club.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Table Top sale

1pm till 4pm

Where: Nuthall Temple Centre.

What's on: The Scout Group are aiming to raise £8,000 to part fund a group trip to Switzerland next year. Further details [here](#).

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Bramcote Old Church Tower Quiz Night

from 7.15pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall

What's on: Great quiz, fab food and all for £10. Bring your own wine or beer.

Monday 19 October

Pre-retirement Seminar

10:15am

Where: Beeston Town Hall.

What's on: A two and a half day seminar which is aimed at people who are 3/5 years away from retirement. Further details [here](#).

Tuesday 20 October

The Beeston Business Network

6pm till 8pm

Where: The White Lion Bar and Grill, Beeston.

What's on: Free networking, the Beeston Business Network aims to give local businesses opportunities to get together, network and support each other.

Wednesday 21 October

Beeston & District Local History Society - AGM

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall, High Road, Chilwell.

what's on: AGM will be followed by old films of Nottingham, shown by Maureen Rushton.

Thursday 22 October

Stapleford WI

7:30pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford.

What's on: Stapleford WI meet have a varied programme of events throughout the year please click [here](#) for more information.

Saturday 24 October

Indoor Car Boot Sale

9am till 1pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Beeston, NG99 2NH.

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Harvest Event - Dig In, Stapleford

11am

Where: Dig In Stapleford, Albany Allotments, Stapleford.

Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October

Holiday Club - Beeston

9am till 4:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Beeston, NG99 2NH.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

Monday 27 October

Energy saving event - Kimberley

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: Rumbletums, Victoria Street, Kimberley.

What's on: For full details on this free event please click [here](#).

Saturday 31 October

Mind body spirit event

10am till 5pm

Where: The Royal British Legion, Beeston.

What's on: There will be candles, crystals, jewellery, tarot cards, oils, soaps and much more.

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Fireworks Extravaganza, SW notts Scouts - Bramcote

17:30pm

Where: The hemlock Scout Camp, Bramcote, NG9 4DT.

What's on: Fireworks start at 19:30. Admission is £6 for adults and £3 for children on the gate.

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Fireworks Display - Attenborough

6pm

Where: Attenborough Village Green.

What's on: Attenborough Cricket clubs annual display, food and a bar will be available. Admission is £4 for adults and £2.50 for children.

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Craft Fair

10am till 12 noon

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: This is an annual event in aid of Christian Aid.

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Monster Bash

7:30pm

Where: Beeston Victory Club.

What's on: Northern Soul Halloween Special, fancy dress is optional.

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