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## NEWSLETTER



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*"she has a record of unusually free speech" Simon Carr, The Independent*  
*"the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail*

Hello again,

I hope you like the new style newsletter and if not then please let me know as all suggestions are welcome.

There's been some good news, in these difficult economic times, for what I call Greater Nottingham and that includes Broxtowe.



***I held public meetings to defend our green belt in Nuthall and Greasley. Stapleford is next - details below.***

The Government has announced the A453 will be widened and improved which is a real boost, not just for drivers but also the local construction industry and for the newly created Enterprise Zone based at Boots (see below for more details of my recent meeting with Boots).

Last week Nottingham was made one of eight Core Cities, with more money and more freedom to encourage growth ie jobs; I very much hope the City Council will seize the opportunity which will in turn benefit Broxtowe.

MP's do not claim Christmas cards from their expenses, we pay for them ourselves. I have decided not to send Christmas cards this year and instead donate the cost (£250) between the local charity Midland Women's Aid who run the Broxtowe women's refuge and to the East Africa Disaster Fund. A constituent has kindly suggested an alternative gift scheme this

In the absence of a card I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anna

## Green Belt Campaign

*Public Meeting to defend Field Farm at 2.00-4.00pm on Saturday 14th January at the Jaguar pub in Stapleford*



We are still waiting for Broxtowe Borough Council's report following the so called "public consultation"; it was due to be published weeks ago. We do have some dates for the next stage with March 14th 2012 being given as the date when a full Council meeting will accept or reject the "local plan" which will set out where new homes should be built in the Borough.

I will do a separate email newsletter with more specific details and dates when I have them. I will also advise everyone of how to make your voice and views heard.

Thank you to the hundreds of people who attended public meetings in Nuthall and in Greasley which I organised with local Borough, County and Parish Councillors (I have posted reports on my web site).

There will be a **public meeting on January 14th at the Jaguar Pub in Stapleford** specifically to discuss the plans to build hundreds of homes on the green belt site known as Field Farm – I hope people from Trowell will also attend. I have met with STRAG and they are supporting the meeting and I am very grateful for the publicity they are providing.

Meanwhile there are rumours flying around about a legal challenge by the owners of the green belt land north of Toton following Broxtowe Borough Council's decision to remove the site from their "preferred sites" list.

## Dates for your diary and surgery details

### Saturday 17th December:

#### Surgery - Stapleford Library

Please call the office for an appointment on 0115 943 6507. Surgery starts at 10.00 am. Please also call for an appointment for my surgery on Saturday January 21st at the Temple Centre, Nuthall

#### Christmas Celebration at Chilwell Methodist Church

Starting at 7.30; Carol Concert at Chilwell Methodist Church, High Road, Chilwell. Tickets available from the Church Office; for more information Tel: 0115 919 6659 or 07815 633698.

### Sunday 18th December:

#### St Michael's Bramcote Carol

Service. The first service is at 4.30pm and the second at 7.30pm. Please contact 0115 943 0137 for more details.

#### Salvation Army Carol Concert, Albert Avenue, Stapleford.

The Concert starts at 6pm and please call 0115 949 7059 for more information.

### Monday 19th December

#### Peace Light Carol Service, Beeston

Starting at 7.00pm at the 6th Beeston Scout HQ, Middle Street, Beeston

### Saturday 14th January:

#### Public Meeting to defend Field Farm

Public Meeting on Field Farm development at The Jaguar pub, Stapleford at 2.00pm.

Out and About

I warned at the time against celebrating too much as I feared the land was still vulnerable. I am meeting TEPS members tomorrow night to discuss the situation and keep the campaign going.

I am finding that people throughout the constituency of all and no political persuasion are increasingly concerned at the way the controlling group on Broxtowe Council has completely mishandled the entire process.

I attended the Stapleford North CAT meeting, have held three public meetings and people are genuinely cross that they have not been properly consulted and that their Council is handing over their green belt to developers.

### Meeting with Boots

I had a very positive meeting with Boots about the Enterprise Zone which has been created on their site in Beeston. There is no doubt the dualling of the A453 is a major boost for the Zone.

### Bramcote Hills retirement village

There is growing concern in Bramcote about moves to build a retirement village on Bramcote Hills Golf Club. A considerable number of residents want to retain the area as a green open space whilst the owners want to make good a loss leader. I don't have any particular views on retirement villages as there are good arguments both for and against them. However, this is important land and the views of the community who value must in turn be valued and fully represented by their local Councillors.

### The Big Tree Plant

Beeston & District Civic Society together with Broxtowe Borough Council have launched a project to replace as many as possible of the large trees along roads that are missing. If you would like to take part or want more details please email:

### Breakfast Business

I was part of the panel at a business event organised by the Independent Business Association at Basford Hall College. Over 300 people attended and everyone agreed the Tram extensions offer real opportunities to local firms.

### Evo Energy, Chilwell

The Government's decision to end the feed in tariff drew criticism from householders and solar panel installers like EvoEnergy in Chilwell. They contacted me to say they support the reduction of the tariff but not the time scale. I paid them a visit and then presented their representations to the Minister, Greg Clark. Unfortunately the previous system was about to go bust because the tariff had been set far too high and failed to take into account the falling cost of solar panels. EvoEnergy are confident they will get over the current crisis.

### E.On

I spent a fascinating morning learning about Smart Meters at E.On's HQ which is just inside the constituency at Phoenix Park.

### Stapleford home opening

I helped open ten new homes in Stapleford built by Broxtowe Borough Council and welcomed new tenants Terry and Dayle Eaton. After the opening ceremony I went on to the Mayor's Charity Christmas tea at Carnegie Hall.

### St Mary's Greasley

St Mary's Victorian Christmas Market at Greasley attracted a huge turnout and raised many thousands of pounds for Church funds. The theft of lead from the church roof and having to store metal memorials has been very costly. This week the Government

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### Good news for Attenborough Nature Reserve

Congratulations to Attenborough Nature Reserve who have just received a £379,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Reserve's ACE- Access-Community-Education Project, which aims to deliver smarter ways of engaging with visitors to the reserve.



### Work in Parliament

#### The future of the EU following the PM's veto.

Opinion polls show the majority of people believe the Prime Minister was right to veto a new EU Treaty that would have failed to protect our financial sector, which, whether one likes it or not is an important provider of jobs and contributes 10% of our GDP. I believe Cameron showed courage and did the right thing. I also believe we are entering a new phase, not only in our relationship with the European Union, but the beginning of significant changes within the EU. Most sensible moderate people in Britain recognise the need for us to remain a member of a European single market (what the EU was originally designed to be) and we want a far less bureaucratic, more democratic and considerably cheaper European Union. I believe there is a growing will throughout the EU to achieve this.

#### Restraining top executive pay

I spoke in a debate on Living Standards

announced amendments will be made to existing laws to clamp down on dodgy scrap metal merchants and their practises.

#### British Heart Shop celebration

Happy 20<sup>th</sup> birthday to the British Heart Foundation shop on Beeston High Road.

It was a pleasure to meet the dedicated volunteers last Friday who help to raise the funds for such a worthy and important charity.

#### Greasley Beauvale School opening

What a lovely new school! It was a great pleasure to attend the opening ceremony and in particular enjoy the excellent entertainment from all the pupils. Parents and carers should be very proud of the new building and everyone who worked so hard to get it built and all the staff and pupils who now enjoy it.

#### Best Man

Attenborough resident Duncan Twigg asked me to be one of the judges in the latest round of his marathon competition to find him a best man when he weds in 2013. The dancing competition at the Pearson Centre was great fun and all in an excellent cause.

### Campaigns

#### Bilborough College Parking

At last! The roads have been adopted by the County Council so residents are looking forward to the parking restrictions being enforced. However, a residents parking scheme is not likely to go ahead as the recent survey failed to attract enough support. Meanwhile I have organised a meeting with the Principal and City Council officials to try to find a long term solution and have supported a pick up and drop off zone on College

specifically calling on senior executives to exercise restraint and responsibility over their pay. In these difficult times it is particularly unacceptable to see top level executives receiving huge pay rises, largely determined by their peers. You can read my speech by clicking [here](#) for the link to Hansard.

### **Public Sector Pensions**

I have written an "open letter" to public sector workers about the continuing negotiations concerning their pension plans. You can read the full text on my web site [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk).

It is worth remembering that the former Labour Minister, now Lord Hutton wrote a report that forms the basis of the Governments proposals and which have received his backing. The driving force for reform is the undisputed fact that we are all living longer and accordingly we all need to make greater provision for our retirement. Tax payers are paying £32 billion a year in public sector pensions so the system needs to be both fair to all workers and sustainable.

I think it is worth noting people earning under £15,000 will not have to pay more into their scheme. Public sector pensions will continue to be generous schemes especially when compared to private sector schemes.

Way.

### **Moor Green**

People power is sorting out the speeding and HGV use on Moor Green. I hosted a meeting with the local police, County, Borough and Parish Councillors and resident, Paul Turner. As a result the Parish Council has agreed to insure volunteers keen to take part in a Speed Watch; the police want residents to report speeding vehicles and HGV movements and they will then take action against the drivers or their employers. Meanwhile the County Council is conducting various traffic surveys. We will have a reporting back session by way of a public meeting in the New Year.

### **27 Bus route**

I have been working with Borough and County Councillors representing Kimberley, Cossall and Awsworth to persuade Trent Barton to improve the No. 27 bus route following the termination of the Phoenix Flyer contract. Trent Barton say there is insufficient demand to re-instate the link between Ilkeston and Phoenix Park. However, Trent Barton want to meet with us so the campaign continues to make sure we have good integrated transport in the area.

## **And Finally...**

Congratulations to Stapleford lad, Joe Humphries who has made the U14 England Ice Hockey Team. I'll be blunt Joe is looking for sponsorship and if anyone can help of suggest a sponsor please let me know. Joe is an inspiration to any youngster to get into sport and he needs significant support to make sure he reaches his full potential.

And congratulations also to everyone involved in Notts Oxjam. The event took place in venues around Beeston with music, poetry, comedy and spoken word performances and raised £4014.83. The total raised by Oxjam in Beeston this year is £4694.83.

Last and by no means least my thanks to Simon Woodroffe who started what will soon be a tradition in his family. Last year they decided not to give Christmas presents to friends but instead made a gift to Broxtowe Youth Homelessness. Simon emailed me saying "In particular we liked the idea of emergency parcels as the first step to help those who have hit the bottom regain their health and some self esteem on the return to a more normal existence." I am visiitng the project in the New Year and if you would like to check out their work and can help in any way please contact them on their web site <http://www.broxtoweyouthhomeless.org.uk/>

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