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Working hard for Broxtowe

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Fly tipping outrage

Hello again,
A considerable amount of waste has been illegally dumped at Toton Sidings. I contacted Broxtowe Borough Council and as a result contractors will be removing the waste and securing two sets of gates in the next few weeks. Given the scale of this fly tipping (this is just a part of the waste) I am also contacting the police.



There's lots to report in this newsletter as it's been a busy few weeks so please read on.
Enjoy the rest of the weekend,
As ever,
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Toton, Chilwell Meadows and Chilwell public meeting about the future of Chetwynd Barracks tomorrow at The Village - 4pm til 5pm.



East Midlands Ambulance concerns

Regular readers will know that I have complained in the past about failings in East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS). Response times improved but this week a Care Quality Commission report found the safety level of our ambulance service is inadequate and services and leadership need improving. On a better note the responsive and care side of EMAS is good. The CQC puts the problem down to a lack of staff and vehicles; 300 more staff have been hired and 68 more ambulances are due this year. Nevertheless, this is a concerning report and I will be meeting them once an internal review is completed.

Meanwhile, I am supporting an Attenborough resident who is campaigning to get full access for emergency vehicles in the village. If the railway crossing gates cannot open there is no guarantee ambulances can attend emergencies on the other side. This important matter needs resolving so I am contacting both EMAS and Network Rail.

Beeston Square Post Office - have your say

The Post Office is holding a 'Customer Forum' on Monday May 23 from 4pm until 7pm at the Victory Club on Station Road to discuss the proposal to relocate the Post Office into WHSmiths. I urge people to attend, get the facts and make their views known. I am concerned about the effect the move will have on Beeston's other Post Office - quite literally up the road from WHSmiths. I have met the postmaster and will be writing to the Post Office as a result.

Congratulations to our new Mayors



Broxtowe Mayor Graham Harvey and family, Stapleford Deputy Chris Rice and Mayor Sue Roome and Broxtowe's Deputy mayor Halimah Khaled and husband.

Chilwell Councillor Graham Harvey is our new Mayor of Broxtowe and Toton's Halimah Khaled is our Deputy. I am delighted for them both. Last night I went to Stapleford Town Council's annual meeting where Sue Roome was elected Mayor and Chris Rice her deputy. Huge congratulations to them all.



At Stapleford's Town team meeting in the Horse and Jockey

Stapleford - time to get a grip!

Last night's meeting with the Stapleford Town team - a great group of local businesses working together to improve the town, revealed some serious problems that need to be gripped by the town's Councillors. The Town Team has a truck load of ideas to make Stapleford even better but suffers from a lack of funding.

An application to the Town Council for £4,000 of hanging baskets was turned down. Meanwhile, the Town Council operates out of the lovely and large Carnegie Hall (which it owns) but which has limited public access. Carnegie is worth a lot of money and costs tens of thousands a year to run.

I appreciate this is controversial but I strongly believe it is in Stapleford's interests for the Town Council to consider realising its assets, reducing its running costs and relocating into the heart of the town. Stapleford is a wonderful place with some excellent Councillors and community leaders but the Town Council needs to work together with everyone and make sure council tax payers' money is well spent on improving the town centre and community. I am sure they can do it and I will help them in any way I can.

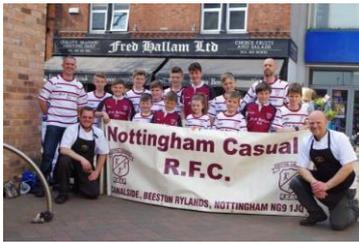
In that spirit and at the request of the Town team, I have agreed to contact Broxtowe Borough Council and ask them to get on with helping install free wi-fi in Stapleford. I have also agreed to write to Costa Coffee and Pizza Express about opening in the town. These national chains will compliment Stapleford's existing excellent independent cafes, restaurants and pubs.



Operation Orphan visit

Calling all volunteers! Can you help the Attenborough based charity Operation Orphan? This excellent charity provides direct support to orphaned children throughout the world and needs volunteers to help sort clothes and toys. I paid them a visit yesterday and pledged to help them find more storage. If you can help in anyway please contact them on the link below or email me.

[Support Operation Orphan here >>](#)



Rugby and great food - the perfect team

Beeston's outstanding Hallams is sponsoring the Rylands based Nottingham Casuals Rugby Club. The club has proud links with businesses in the town - Charlie Foggs for example, sponsored the end of season trophies. The season is over but training continues through til next September with details below.

Thanks Sarah at Max Spielmann for the photo!

[More info on Nottingham Casuals Rugby >>](#)



EU debate - UKIP's Douglas Carswell says yes!

Our Big EU debate, chaired by John Hess the former BBC East Midlands political editor, has secured Douglas Carswell MP from UKIP as one of the Leave speakers. My friend and colleague Robert Buckland MP who is the Solicitor General will be on the Stronger In side. The debate will be held on Thursday June 2nd at the Pearson Centre in Beeston from 6pm til 8pm. Everyone is welcome and more speakers will be announced soon.



Police and Crime Commissioner election

Congratulations to Paddy Tipping on being re-elected as our Police and Crime Commissioner. The turnout was almost 22% which was well up on the last and first election. Our own Tony Harper did extremely well in doubling the Conservative vote and taking us into second place. The local result was for the whole Borough (so it includes Eastwood) and was the second best for the Conservatives in the whole county. So huge congrats to Tony too.



It was hardly a secret! The photo I tweeted out of the Tory battle bus that came to Broxtowe a week before the General Election.

My election expenses

A week before last years General Election a 'battle bus' of Conservative volunteers came to Broxtowe. All the political parties use battle buses - it's nothing new. And it's always been the case that the cost is paid for by the national party as it is part of the party's national campaign. The Conservative Party made it very clear to me and my agent, Cllr Richard Jackson, that the cost of the Battle Bus trip to Broxtowe was part of the national expenses and did not form part of my local expenses. Richard and I accepted their advice and agreed with it.

Unfortunately, when the Conservative Party filed its national expenses there was a 'cock up' and the total national cost of the a battle bus volunteers overnight accommodation was not included. The party has apologised to the Electoral Commission and submitted that expense. I should add the Conservative Party underspent by about £3 million.

The Electoral Commission who haven't contacted Richard or me, have contacted Nottinghamshire Police and have asked them to enquire into my expenses. Richard and I have nothing to hide and believe we have done nothing wrong. In the spirit of full cooperation and honesty I have sent the email with the advice from the Conservative Party to the police, made sure Broxtowe Borough Council has kept my expenses and asked the Chief Executive to share them with the police. So far the police have not contacted Richard or me. We expect the police to apply for an extension in time to enable them to complete their enquiries and we will not be opposing that application, because as I say we have nothing to hide.

If you follow me on Twitter you will know that political opponents have not hesitated to use this matter against me and there has been considerable abuse and unpleasantness. I am sorry to say that appears to be a feature of modern political life.

It is not pleasant to have your reputation trashed and be under a cloud of suspicion.

Whatever your views of our politics I hope you are assured that Richard and I believe we have done nothing wrong.

I can also assure you that I am not letting this matter interfere with my work for you as your MP.



What's on in Broxtowe

Saturday 14 May

Caught in the Net - Beeston Players

7:30pm till 9:30pm

Where: Round Hill School, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

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

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Ceilidh to Celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall, 129 High Road, Chilwell.

What's on: Music Fred's Folks, a few tickets still remaining please call Wendy to book a place on 0115 925 0275.

Sunday 15 May

Public meeting to discuss the future of the Chetwynd Barracks site

4pm till 5pm

Where: The Village Hotel.

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Open dig - Canalside Heritage Centre

10am till 4pm

Where: Canalside heritage Centre, Lock Cottages, Beeston Rylands.

What's on: Come and see the archaeologists at work and ask questions about the project.

Monday 16 May

Beeston Weekly Market

From 9am

Where: Beeston Square.

Tuesday 17 May

In our Out? - EU Referendum Question Time event

7pm till 9pm

Where: Beeston Parish Church.

What's on: Come along to ask any questions you may have full details [here](#). If you have any queries please contact Barbara via babsel@ntlworld.com

Wednesday 18 May

Wednesday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

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

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Attenborough Friendship Group - coach trip

1pm till 6pm

Where: Leaving Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Coach trip to Fairways Garden Centre Clifton, Nr. Ashbourne. The cost is £7pp to book a place please call 01159221183.

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Beeston and District Local History Society - talk

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: A talk by Judith Wright - 'Boots in the First World War'.

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Laurel & Hardy film show

7:30pm till 10:30pm

Where: The White Lion, Beeston, NG9 1Fx.

What's on: The Nottingham Branch of the Laurel & Hardy Appreciation Society organise the shows once a month. All are welcome to the free event.

Thursday 19 May

CPR course - Stapleford

10am till 11am

Where: The New Stapleford Community Centre, Washington Drive, Stapleford.

What's on: Free course on CPR. Please call 07740344427 to book your place.

Saturday 21 May

Beeston Wildlife Group - Walk

10am till 1pm

Where: Attenborough Nature Reserve, NG9 6DY.

What's on: Full details of the free guided walk [here](#).

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10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

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

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Driveway Sale - Christian Aid

10am till 12 noon

Where: 52 Crofton Road, Attenborough.

What's on: Home-made jams and preserves, cards and crafts.

Sunday 22 May

Gardens open for Charity - Bramcote

1pm till 5pm

Where: 6 and 10 Moor Lane, Bramcote.

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

Monday 23 May

Beeston Crown Post Office Customer forum

4pm till 7pm

Where: Beeston Victory Club, Station Road, Beeston, NG9 2AW.

What's on: The Post Office have set up a customer forum to meet representatives of Post Office and WHSmith to discuss the proposed relocation of the Beeston Crown post Office.

Tuesday 24 May

Stapleford Care Centre's 10th Birthday event

9:30am till 1:30pm

Where: Stapleford Care Centre, Church Street, Stapleford, NG9 8DB.

What's on: Come along to celebrate their 10th Birthday and see and hear about the many services they provide. Further details [here](#).

Thursday 26 May

Bramcote Old Church Tower AGM

7:30pm

Where: St Michael's Church Centre, Church Street, Bramcote.

What's on: AGM followed by an update on the restoration project. Refreshments will be available on the night.

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Tophouse Beer Festival

Where: The White Lion, Bramcote Village.

What's on: 20+ real ales and ciders with at least 10 of them being local.

Saturday 28 May

Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

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

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Cider Festival

All weekend

Where: The Corn Mill, Chilwell, NG9 6GX.

What's on: Cider tent, live music and family fun.

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Sunday 29 May

Spring Fayre - Cats Protection Nottingham

11am till 3pm

Where: Greasley Parish Hall, Dovecote Road, Hilltop, NG16 3QN.

What's on: Meet the team and help raise funds. There will be tea and coffee, cake, tombola, bric-a-brac, crafts, cat goods, books and much more.

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Tophouse Beer Festival

Where: The White Lion, Bramcote Village.

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Monday 30 May

The Greasley Gathering

Where: Greasley Sports and Community Centre, Dovecote Road, NG16 3QN.

What's on: A great family fun day out.

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Spring Fair - Strelley Village

1:30pm

Where: All Saints Church, Strelley Village, NG8 6PE.

What's on: Annual Spring Fair that is fun for all the family. There will be bris-a-brac, books, crafts, home-made cakes, raffle, refreshments, children's quiz and much more.

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Tophouse Beer Festival

Where: The White Lion, Bramcote Village.

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Tuesday 31 May

Young at Heart club

1:30pm

Where: Equalized Working Men's Club, Albert Avenue, Stapleford, NG9 8ET.

What's on: Full details of the free event [here](#).

Wednesday 1 June

Wednesday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

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

Thursday 2 June

Public EU Debate - In V Out

6pm till 8pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Beeston.

What's on: Speakers from the Vote Leave and Stronger In campaigns will go head to head in the public debate.

Friday 3 June

Bake Off - Stapleford

9:30am till 12 noon

Where: The Carnegie Centre, Warren Avenue, Stapleford.

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

Saturday 4 June

Farmers Market - Stapleford

9am till 2pm

Where: Walter Parker Memorial Square, Derby Road, Stapleford.

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Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

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

Sunday 5 June

Family Fun Sunday - Nuthall

1pm till 5pm

Where: Basil Russell Playing fields, Maple Drive, Nuthall.

What's on: Free family day out with; bouncy castle, crafts, games, Punch and Judy, magic shows and much more.

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Kimberley Triathlon

7am till 1pm

Where: Kimberley leisure Centre.

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

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Cossall Open Gardens

1pm till 5pm

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

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Plant Sale - Bramcote Old Church Tower

12 noon till 4pm

Where: Bramcote Old Church Tower, Moss Drive, Bramcote.

What's on: Free entry, there will also be refreshments on sale.

Tuesday 7 June

Treasure Hunt and BBQ

6pm

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: 2nd Attenborough Scout group invite you to their open evening, treasure hunt and BBQ. For further details please email 2ndattenborough@gmail.com

Wednesday 8 June

Wednesday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

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

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Right Royal Afternoon Tea Party

2:30pm

Where: The Spinney, Laurel Crescent, Nuthall, NG16 1FN.

What's on: Broxtowe residents who are 90 or turning 90 this year are invited to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with other residents. Further details and to register please click [here](#).

Thursday 9 June

Chilwell West CAT meeting

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: Chilwell Community Centre, Inham Road.

Friday 10 June

Beeston Arts and Crafts Fair

10:30am till 4:30pm

Where: Beeston Square.

**Saturday 11 June
Hemlock Happening**

1pm till 10pm

Where: A Free fun packed day with a great variety of live music, arts and crafts activities, and much more. Fireworks display at 10pm.

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ABC Art Trail

11am till 6pm

Where: Attenborough, Beeston and Chilwell.

What's on: Art trail showcasing a selection of work by local artists. Full details [here](#).

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Attenborough Scarecrow Festival

Where: There will be lots of Scarecrows to visit around the village.

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Beeston and Chilwell Garden Trail

1pm till 5pm

Where: Please click [here](#) for all the locations and details.

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Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

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

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