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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,

Today England and Wales go to the polls in the first Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections. There are four candidates (one Conservative, one Labour and two Independents) standing in Nottinghamshire and whatever your political allegiance or otherwise I would urge you to vote. Police Commissioners will be your voice, representing your views so please take part in their election.

I am very pleased that the unemployment figures show a further fall in the number of people out of work in Broxtowe. Whilst this is very good news (unemployment is down on the same time last year and last month) we still have a long way to go.

Please scroll down for a mix of news and views.

As ever,

Anna

Saving our Post Offices

Regular readers may recall that a few months ago, I wrote to both the Minister for Postal Services and the Transport Secretary to voice my support for the new DVLA "front desk" contracts to be awarded to the Post Office. This came about after I received a large number of campaign cards from constituents sent to me by the Subpostmaster at Awsworth Post Office.

I was therefore extremely pleased at the Government's announcement to award this important contract to the Post Office. Motorists will continue to be able to access DVLA services locally to tax their cars and apply for driving licences, it will also save the taxpayer £13m-15m per year and be a great boost for our terrific Post Offices.

Hands off Field Farm

Thank you to everyone who attended Saturday's public meeting in Stapleford to protest against plans to build 450 houses on Field Farm, which is Green Belt land.

I have posted advice on how you can have your say on my web site www.annasoubry.org.uk.

Zoe Cockcroft is now leading STRAG, and along with local campaigner Richard MacRae, presented me with a petition containing over 1,000 signatures. We will keep the petition going. If you would like to help collect signatures then please contact me.



My thanks also to everyone in Toton who are also collecting signatures and delivering leaflets.

**Don't leave it to someone else to defend our Green Belt
- they may be leaving it to you!**

Good and not so good news on Toton's bus services

The really good news is that following my meeting with residents at Lombardy Lodge and then Notts County Council there is going to be a new bus service in Toton run by the Council which will largely replace the Toton Connect. It will cost a £1 a trip and operate every half hour from 10 am til 2.30 pm connecting parts of Toton with Tesco and West Point Shopping Centre. It will begin on November 26 and run Mondays to Saturdays. The Council will use their own 15 seater mini buses with wheelchair access - these are buses which would otherwise sit idle between school and day care centre journeys.

The less good news is that Premiere plan to withdraw the number 17 bus on January 2. I understand that Premiere have been threatening to withdraw this service for some time. There have been a few inaccurate rumours that the County Council is in some way connected to the decision. The number 17 does not receive any funding from Notts County Council and the decision to introduce their own mini bus service at the bottom end of Toton is nothing to do with Premiere's decision. However, I am obviously very concerned about the loss of the number 17 and have contacted Cllr. Richard Jackson, Chair of Highways and Transport at Notts County Council, and asked for an urgent review of bus services in Toton. If Premiere say the 17 is no longer financially viable then perhaps the County Council can find their own alternative.

Beeston Station lifts campaign

I have heard back from the Transport Minister Norman Baker following my letter about the much needed improvements to Beeston Station. The Borough Council is supporting plans to install lifts and I happily agreed to lobby Transport Ministers. Norman Baker tells me the "Access for All" fund now has £100 million until 2019 for projects so I will work with the Borough Council to put forward a full bid for funding.



Lollipop Person needed in Stapleford

Nottinghamshire County Council are seeking a school crossing patrol to work on Hickings Lane, Stapleford and to commence as soon as possible.

The Lollipop Lady / Man will be required to work during School Term time only between 830am-900am and then 3:30pm-4:00pm

Let me know if you are interested in the job.

Tesco in Toton

We seem to be making progress to improve the dangerous entrance to Tesco in Toton which residents at Calverton Close and Melbourne Court alerted me to. Notts County Council has agreed to improve visibility by cutting back any overhanging vegetation along the back of the footway on Swiney Way and reduce the height of the vegetation in planters. They are also going to look into reducing vehicle speeds along the main road and installing signs warning drivers that there is a pedestrian crossing with restricted visibility. I will be monitoring what happens to make sure this is sorted out as soon as possible, particularly now the nights are drawing in.

Dates for your diary and surgery details

Wednesday 14th - 17th November :

Beeston Players present "The Big Killing" Round Hill School, Foster Avenue Beeston from 14th -17th November.

Doors open at 7:00pm performances begin at 7.30 pm. For more information visit

<http://beestonplayers.org/>

Thursday 15th November:

Election Day - Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire Polls

open at 7am and close at 10pm.

There are four candidates standing and details of them all can be found at

Friday 16th November:

Amnesty International Pub Quiz Beeston Amnesty International annual Pub Quiz at the Commercial Inn, Wollaton Road, Beeston - 7:30 pm. Teams of six. £2.50 per person (£1 unwaged).

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th November:

Beeston Food and Drink Festival Beeston's first Food and Drink Festival begins with an International food market on Friday 16 Nov in the Square and a Farmer's market on the Saturday. Pubs, cafes and restaurants throughout the town are taking part.

More details on www.letsgotoBeeston.co.uk

Saturday 17th November:

Stapleford Craft Fair

From 10am til 2pm at the Pastures Community Church, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

For more information please contact: staplefordcommunitygroup@gmail.com

Saturday 24th November:

Surgery

Please contact me for an appointment. I am also happy to meet constituent on Fridays

in the constituency office if that is more convenient.

Out and About

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to the Royal British Legion and Broxtowe Borough Council for the arrangements for last week's Remembrance Sunday in Beeston. My thanks also to everyone who agreed to lay a wreath on my behalf at other ceremonies throughout the constituency.

South Nottingham College Graduation Ceremony

It was a real honour to be a guest at last week's graduation and my congratulations to recipients and staff alike. The College goes from strength to strength and as long as they continue to support the Arthur Mee and Beeston site I will do all I can to make sure the College's future is secure.

Dagfa House

Congratulations to everyone who received their GCSE certificates last night at Dagfa House. This non selective private school in Beeston had a record set of results this summer. It was good to meet ex pupils and staff as well as many proud parents and grand parents.



From Parliament

NHS Mandate /Humanists and Remembrance Day/ Justice and Security Bill

The Government has published the first Mandate to the NHS Commissioning Board (the people who will commission health treatments and services). I was in Parliament when it was presented and heard once again the commitment to a NHS free at the point of delivery, based on need not the ability to pay and funded by taxation.

The Mandate sets out the key aims of making sure we all live longer healthier lives with emphasis on making sure we all are properly cared for whatever our age whilst recognizing the special needs of elderly people especially those with dementia. I particularly welcome the aim to give pregnant women a named midwife to care them before during and after their baby is born and a new "friends and family test" when measuring people's satisfaction of the NHS. You can read considerably more on www.dh.gov.uk

Thank you to all of those constituents who contacted me regarding the need for a Humanist element at the large Remembrance Day Memorial services. The point was eloquently put across to me that you do not need to be religious to want to take part in remembering those that have made sacrifices in conflict. I have written to the Minister with responsibility for ceremonies at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, Hugh Robertson MP, and will report back when I receive a response.

Thank you to members of Beeston Amnesty, and other constituents, who have contacted me over their concerns for the Justice and Security Bill. You can find out more about this Bill [here](#). As ever, I have written directly to the Justice Secretary, Chris Grayling MP, and will be back in

touch when I receive a reply.

and finally...

You have to have a pretty thick skin to survive in politics but even I flinched when I was told to "F *** off Tory scum" in an email reply to my last email newsletter (the anonymous sender used the full version of the F word). It turned out to be from an Awsworth Parish Councillor who was Labour's candidate for Trowell in the last Borough Elections. He could just have clicked on the unsubscribe button!

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