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## Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,

I was out and about in Kimberley on Saturday; thank you to everyone who filled in my survey and a warm welcome to new subscribers to this newsletter.

I popped into Sainsbury's to do some shopping and came across members of the Parachute Regiment Veterans Assoc who were raising funds in the lobby. It was a treat to meet them and our combined thanks to shoppers for their generosity.

Here's to a warm Bank Holiday weekend - it may feel rather autumnal but summer is not over and please check out the diary for some great local events.

As ever,  
Anna



### **Record levels of employment**

Unemployment in Broxtowe has fallen yet again. There 512 more people in work since last July and 1,058 people looking for work in the constituency. The rise in employment is very good news - we have over 500 people more people in work, earning a wage and building a better future. I am particularly pleased that youth unemployment is dropping at a record pace.

### **Meeting with the Environment Agency**

It was a pleasure to meet Environment Agency officers to discuss a number of issues - notably problems of flooding in Trowell and Thorn Drive Giltbrook, and the future of the former bund in Attenborough. The EA were very helpful and will be writing to residents with details of our discussions. I am pleased to say that I have finally secured a meeting with the County Councillor responsible for flood related issues to discuss the long standing problem at Boundary Brook in Trowell.

### **BT say landlines will be restored by the end of the week**

Hundreds of people in Beeston, Bramcote, Chilwell and Attenborough remain without their land lines

and many have also lost their internet connection. BT assure me they worked through the weekend and hope to have everyone reconnected by the end of the week.  
My thanks to everyone who has passed on details of loved ones and neighbours who need urgent assistance and we have had some success with BT and other providers. Please do check with your neighbours and forward on any problems to me.

## **Tram works latest - "Park and Ride" coming to a street near you? traffic chaos and ranting on !**



View from my office on Friday.

I met a group of people from Cator Lane North who are campaigning for a residents only parking scheme. They have severe problems with commuters blocking drives, taking spaces and so on who then catch the bus into the City and avoid the Workplace Parking Levy.

Things will only get considerably worse when the tram finally opens because there has been poor planning; commuters need public car parks in Beeston town centre so they can take the tram and use the town's shops and businesses on the way home.

This lack of foresight means there is a danger Beeston and parts of Chilwell will become a huge, free, park and ride in residential streets, with no advantage to our shops and businesses. I have written to the leaders of the City, County and Borough Councils urging them to address this problem as a matter of urgency. In the meantime I will help residents on Cator Lane North and Dovecote Lane who have been battling with commuter parking problems for far too long!

### **Road chaos**

After a rather sharp email I sent to Notts Council, they have decided not to add to the traffic nightmare in Chilwell/Beeston and will defer the repainting of the pedestrian bridge on Bye Pass Road until after the tram works have finished. Meanwhile there will be road closures and more lane restrictions on University Boulevard and Queens Road.

Click [here](#) for more details on my web site.

### **Rant on!**

It's not for the faint hearted but it is a good way to have your say and get good local info on what is happening, so if you use Facebook you might want to join the Tram Ranting room.

[Click here for the Facebook Tram Rant Room](#)

there is also a NET run Tram discussion page

[Click here for the NET Discussion page](#)

Traditionally a good local paper provided much of the the same opportunity and service. it is unfortunate that the Beeston Express, which was a very good community newspaper, decided to turn on residents from Lower/Fletcher and Albert Road in a front page "editorial" about a private meeting between them and the tram constructors.

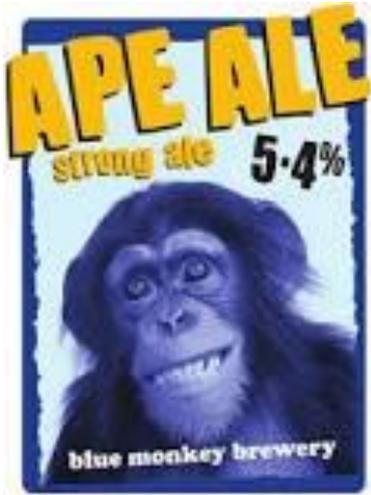
To add to the concern, letters and emails to the Editor from people who feel their comments were misrepresented or that the Editor has failed to appreciate the dreadful conditions people have been living and working in for over 18 months, have not been published in the latest edition, but "pro tram" letters have.

I am sorry to see the demise of this community newspaper. In the past the local MP had a monthly column and I was allowed the same until two years ago when the Editor cancelled it. This is her right and it is also her right not to print any of my press releases however completely non party political! It's a pity the Editor appears to have a different attitude to the Labour Party and the "pro tram lobby" or more accurately the "rose tinted specs brigade".

I like trams and though I have very grave concerns about the lack of planning for its arrival, it could bring considerable benefits to Beeston, Chilwell, Stapleford and Toton. But the route and a huge stack of failings has meant residents and businesses have suffered dreadfully during its construction. Those who speak out about their experiences should be listened to and their political representatives should

help them. And by the way, we should not be considering extending the current network until we have learnt the lessons from the current works.

"You pays your money and takes your choice" - the problem is there is no alternative community paper to the Beeston Express other than the Rant Room!



### **Blue Monkey success**

Congratulations to Blue Monkey brewery in Giltbrook who won a CAMRA silver award for Ape Ale, in the strong ale category at their recent Great British Beer Festival. Regular readers will know I am a big fan of the less strong BG Tips. Blue Monkey is a great local business which goes from strength to strength, as it were.

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### **Events in Iraq, Gaza and Ukraine**

The Foreign Secretary, Philip Hammond has sent me a letter giving an update on the Government's action and policy in relation to events in Iraq, Gaza and Ukraine. Of course the situation, notably in Iraq is constantly changing and the ceasefire in Gaza continues (we have supplied £17 million of aid to the people of Gaza).

Please read the full letter by clicking [here](#)

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### ***What's on in Broxtowe***

#### **Wednesday 20 August**

Time: 10am till 4pm

#### **Disney Theatre Workshop Day**

Where: Stapleford Methodist Church

What's on: Songs and dance routines from Disney favourites, for ages 5 – 11.

Please book a place by calling 07549688361.

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#### **Thursday 21 August**

#### **Top House Beer Festival**

Where: The White Lion, Town Street, Bramcote.

What's on: Thursday 21 August till Monday 25 August Festival with over 20 beers, live music, charity raffle and much more.

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#### **Inham Nook Free Play Fun Day**

Time: 12 noon till 4pm

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

What's on: Everyone is welcome. For more information please call 0115 917 3695.

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**Friday 22 August**

Time: 10am till 4pm

**Vintage Tea Parlour**

Where: Oban House, Beeston

What's on: Home made cakes, afternoon tea, toasties and sandwiches.

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**Sunday 24 August**

**The Inaugural Beauvale Horticultural Show**

Time 1pm - 5pm

Where: Greasley Sports and Community Centre, Dovecote Road.

What's on: stalls, demonstrations, a tombola, cream tea and lots more.

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**Monday 25 August**

**Forever Stars Family Fun Day**

Where: The Village Hotel, Chilwell.

What's on: Event in aid of Beeston based Forever Stars Charity. BBQ, Fashion Show, Children's entertainment.

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**Wednesday 27 August**

Time: 1pm till 6pm

**Attenborough Friendship Group - Coach Trip**

Pick up point: Attenborough Village Hall

What's on: A trip to Mansion Mills in Matlock, followed by cream tea at Willersley Castle. Please call Shirley Porter on 0115 922 1183 for full details.

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Time: 10am till 1:30pm

**Customer Service Course**

Where: The Meeting Place, 22-26 Nottingham Road, Stapleford, NG9 8AA

What's on: Please click here for the full details about the course.

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**Friday 29 August**

Time: 7:30am till 11:45am

**Nottingham Country Market**

Where: Wollaton Road Methodist Church, Beeston, NG9 2NG

What's on: The market takes place every Friday morning. Everything is home grown, home baked and hand crafted.

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**Saturday 30 August**

Time: 6:45pm

**Rumbletums Silver Screen Film Night**

Where: Rumbletums Café, Kimberley

What's on: "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" with Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt.

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**Sunday 31 August**

**Awsworth, Cossall and District Villages Produce Association**

Where: The Gate Inn, Awsworth

What's on: For the full line up and viewing times please click here.

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"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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