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**NEWSLETTER**



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*"If only all ministers answered questions like Anna Soubry does." David Aaronovitch, The Times*  
*"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,

It was a pleasure to be the guest speaker at a "Coronation Dinner" on Friday evening organised by the Beeston branch of Cancer Research. The branch raised almost £30,000 last year and they have a full programme of events for the forthcoming twelve months (email me if you would like details).

On Sunday I attended the Queen's Birthday service at Southwell Minster and on Monday was in the more simple surroundings of St Mary's Greasley for the funeral of David Taylor who served his community as a Parish, Borough and County Councillor for more than forty years. With two meetings on Saturday (details below) it's been a busy time.

Scroll on down for a good mix of news and what's on in the next few weeks.

As ever,  
Anna



### **Nuthall public meeting**

Over a hundred people attended Saturday's public meeting in Nuthall to discuss the various threats to the area's Green Belt land, notably plans to build hundreds of houses on Woodhouse Way.

There is more news on the campaign to save our Green Belt below.

## Happy Birthday St John's, Stapleford

Congratulations to St John's Church of England Primary School, which celebrated their 175th anniversary last week. It was an honour to be asked by Head Teacher Matthew Downes to open the event, which was a great success!

St John's has played an important role in Stapleford and it was a pleasure to meet some of those that have been taught at St John's over the years. I was particularly honoured to meet former pupil Sarah Ashworth who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. I am sure that children for years to come will continue to enjoy their time at St John's and wish them all the best.



## Unemployment down - again

The number of people unemployed in Broxtowe fell last month - 52 fewer than in April, and 271 down on May 2012. Unemployment stands at 1,692 - still not low enough but we continue to make progress.

## Toton Post Office Opening

It was a pleasure to join Postmaster Tony Singh and open the updated and upgraded Toton Post Office.

It is now open longer, separate to the main shop and part of a row of great independent shops.

I wish Tony and his team all success.



## Trent Vale Sports Ground

I met with M7, the new owners of Beeston Business Park. M7 have secured leases with large local employers like Bridgeway and SMS as well as other existing tenants on the site. I was shown their plans for the site which include many acres of new housing. They also told me of their desire to hand over the Trent Vale Sports Ground to the local community. Frankly, I was impressed with their plans though any retail development must enhance Beeston, not take yet more trade away from the town centre.

The plans offer important potential for us; this is a brown field site with land available to build new homes. In my view this is just the sort of project Broxtowe Borough Council should be mega keen to encourage and make sure they win the support of residents in this part of Beeston Rylands with a proper Neighbourhood Plan.

It is not rocket science is it? Hundreds of new homes on a brown field site with potential for a great community facility which has fallen into disrepair to be restored and handed over to the people, or more "slabs" of housing on our Green Belt.

## "Meet the team" in Toton

Saturday's "Meet the Team" at the Greenwood centre was a success despite the weather! My thanks to everyone who attended and Toton's great Borough and County Councillors. I am holding a similar event on July 13th at Mornington Primary School in Nuthall from 11am til 1pm. Hope to see you there.



## Your other MP.....

Alex Cargill of Kimberley School is Broxtowe's member of the UK Youth Parliament. Alex tells me that despite exams, he is settling into his role very well and if you would like to see how he is getting on, he regularly updates his twitter account with information: [https://twitter.com/AlexCargill\\_MYP](https://twitter.com/AlexCargill_MYP). Alternatively, Alex can be emailed on [broxtowemyp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:broxtowemyp@hotmail.co.uk).



## Gove visits George Spencer

The Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, visited George Spencer Academy. I wasn't able to join him but when I saw him later in Parliament he was keen to tell me he was "very impressed".

## Revamping our High Streets; is *Totally Locally* the way?

A number of constituents have contacted me concerned about the future of our town's High Streets and how the Borough Council is spending a large amount of money they received from the Portas project. I have written to Broxtowe asking for a meeting to discuss claims that new shops are simply being given a sum of money with little if any accountability whilst long serving establishments are being ignored.

Elaine Harrison from Newthorpe runs a cafe in Eastwood and she came to see me about a number of matters including her desire to set up a Totally Locally group in Eastwood. Beeston has its Bid and controversial levy - Totally Locally relies on local businesses getting together and promoting independent shops in their area. Ilkeston and West Bridgford are part of the initiative and please click [here](#) to visit the web site.

If you are interested in Totally Locally please let me know and I will pass on your details to Elaine.

## What's on in Broxtowe and Surgery Details

**Monday June 17 to Saturday June 22**

***Beestival Week***

Throughout Beeston

Events include: Arts & Craft Fair, Music & Food, Teddy Bear Trail & Oxjam, Roundhill School Annual Summer Fete, Random Acts of Kindness, Family Fun Day and mini Jazz Festival. For further information please click [here](#)

## Friday June 28

### **Paradiso Cinema Presents: Lincoln**

Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School, NG9 5AL

19:30

Tickets on the door £5, (£4 conc) Come at 7pm for refreshments

## Saturday June 29

### **Advice Surgery**

Barton House, High Road, Chilwell

10:00 - 12:00

Please phone the office or send an email for an appointment

## Campaign Updates



### **Save our Green Belt**

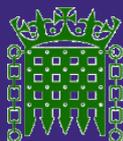
Earlier this month I met with the Chief Executive of the Planning Inspectorate, Sir Michael Pitt. We discussed the way forward for Broxtowe Borough Council's Aligned Core Strategy. I raised concerns about the interpretation of advice given by Planning Inspectors to Broxtowe and Rushcliffe Borough Councils and Sir Michael gave an undertaking to report back to me.

### **Cossall and Trowell Open Cast**

The public consultation on UK Coal's application for an open cast mine at Shortwood has reopened.

UK Coal has provided new information which is mainly technical. Please click [here](#) to go to the relevant page on the web site of Notts County Council.

I am opposed to this application which is on Green Belt land and would affect a huge area for many years with the attendant lorries carrying coal via the Nuthall roundabout down to the Radcliffe on Soar Power Station. I would urge everyone opposed to this application to resubmit their objections by clicking [here](#) I will ensure a copy of my latest submission is placed on my website.



**From Parliament: Pastor Fathi - new regime to offer greater religious freedoms?**

### **Religious Freedoms - Iranian Pastor**

As I am sure many of you are aware, last week's presidential elections in Iran resulted in a victory for the moderate cleric Hasan Rouhani. The new president has promised reforms and I can only hope that this will have a positive effect on minority religious groups throughout the country.

In light of these events, I wanted to share with you an excellent letter I received from Alistair Burt MP in the Foreign Office. It was in response to a letter I sent to him after quite a few of you contacted me with concerns about the imprisonment of Pastor Farshid Fathi Malayeri.

Pastor Fathi was arrested on 26 December 2010 and now faces a long, harsh prison sentence purely because of his religious beliefs. Alistair Burt's letter is very good at highlighting the work that the Government continues to do abroad to fight for the protection of all religious freedoms and thought. Please [click here](#) to read the letter in full.

### **and finally...**

Our Police and Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping, has said that he cannot help in arranging for Police to marshal the Stapleford Carnival Parade, but that the matter has been passed onto Nottinghamshire Police Force to respond. However, Beeston Carnival Parade has the same problem and so, given the extent of this ban on the moderate policing of great community events, I've written to the Chief Constable.

### **Contact Anna Soubry MP**

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