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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's been a busy week or so and it has been great being out and about in the constituency. I particularly enjoyed sampling an excellent pint in The New White Bull in Giltbrook and catching up with CAMRA. This excellent pub is under threat - if you can't give your support with a visit then please email lez_moreland@hotmail.com and help the campaign.

Please scroll on down for a mixture of good and some bad news.

As ever,

Anna



City Council leader refuses to meet to discuss how to save Beeston's businesses

City Council leader, Jon Collins has refused to meet me and the leaders of both Broxtowe and Notts County Council, to discuss compensation for shops and businesses in Beeston and Chilwell who face closure.

In a letter sent last week to Councillor Collins I explained that Pentagon, the Seat dealership in Chilwell/Beeston, have informed me they will close (with the loss of 20 jobs) if they continue to lose sales because of the Chilwell/High Road road closure. They are not entitled to any

compensation.

Some shops like Cameron House are facing losses that the current financial package does not meet. The City and County Council have stumped up two million pounds to compensate small businesses in Beeston affected by the works but only up to 70% of losses and with a cap of £13,500. This deal was based on Chilwell and High Road remaining open to one way traffic. It now resembles a building site and is completely closed to traffic. Councillor Collins says I should talk to Councillor Jane Urquhart head of Transport and who is "not around" until August 12th.

Rats!

At a meeting with NET and officials from the Borough Council I raised the appalling situation facing residents on Lower and Fletcher Road with rats. I was promised last Monday that action would be taken. I was promised the same on Friday. Yesterday, the matter made Central News (click [here](#) to view the story) and it seems Broxtowe Borough Council is finally taking action.



Kimberley coming together

It was a pleasure to meet up with Jeff Buck who helped start Rumbletums Cafe in Kimberley and who are celebrating their second birthday. This social enterprise provides training and work for young people with special needs and is going from strength to strength. Jeff is now working with Kimberley resident Grahame Gardiner on a project to link up businesses, voluntary organisations, health facilities in fact everything in Kimberley. "One Kimberley" sounds like a great idea and I am happy to offer my support.

Credit Union - volunteers needed

Jeff is also keen to start up a credit union in the town but needs volunteers. If you can help please either pop into Rumbletums or drop me an email.

Madhatters winners

A special congratulations to the Madhatters Cafe in Kimberley for winning an award for their child friendly facilities and service. Well done Nygel and the team.



Stapleford Carnival Carry On

I hosted a meeting between the Carnival and Parade Organisers (Hemlock Lions Club), community leaders Councillor Stan Hepinstall, Notts County Council and the police to see if the police would re consider their decision not to marshal this year's parade and indeed future parades. They refused saying the main reason was their decision to adhere to 2009 guidelines issued by ACPO (Assoc. of Chief Police Officers).

It means the parade will have to be cancelled this year and as you might imagine we were all less than impressed. The better news is that by bringing folk together I

am confident we will be able to buy a "traffic management scheme" for the 45 minute parade through Stapleford next year. We will have to find a lot of money and Stan has offered some from his community fund. I am sure others will follow his excellent lead. Remember the Carnival has not been cancelled - see you there on **Saturday September 7th.**

Boots visit

I visited the brown field land on the Boots site which is earmarked for hundreds of new homes if not over 1,000. This is precisely the sort of development Broxtowe Borough Council should be giving full assistance to instead of backing plans for hundreds of houses on our Green Belt land.

Broxtowe leads the way on bringing services together

It was a pleasure to attend the opening of the Borough Council's "shared services" in Beeston. It means important Borough and County services, the Police, Citizens Advice Centre, JobCentre Plus and Broxtowe Mediation are all the same roof and the Borough's offices on Foster Avenue. It is absolutely the way forward and congratulations to everyone at Broxtowe Borough Council who made this happen.



Probation service plea

I met constituents from the probation service who are rightly concerned about the future of the service. As a result I have raised their concerns with the Minister and will report back when I receive a reply.

Mark's a winner

I finally caught up with Bramcote resident Mark Holmes who won the Nursing Times award for his work as a Mental Health nurse. Mark specialises in drug and alcohol addiction and gave me details of how his community matron work has hugely improved the service for addicts and saved the NHS a considerable amount of money. Having met Mark I fully understand why he won this highly prestigious award.



Surgery details

Saturday 3rd August

Kimberly Meet the Team drop-in surgery

Holy Trinity Church Hall, 1 Eastwood Rd, Kimberley,
12:00 - 14:00

come along to discuss any problems, issues, and concerns

and finally...

Congratulations to Ben Rockley (7) from Gilthill Primary School who impressed judges so much with his gardening skills and knowledge he has won the Key Stage 1 category of the RHS Young School gardener of the Year 2013. As part of his prize Ben met the Duchess of Cornwall at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.

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