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Working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,

The primary duty of any Government is to keep its people safe; world leaders came together at the United Nations last night in recognition of the principle and to call on Governments throughout the world to take "all necessary measures ... to eradicate Isis in Iraq and Syria". I very much welcome the UN's call which comes in the wake of last Friday evening's dreadful events in Paris and yesterday's terrorist attack in Mali. It affirms that Isis is an immediate threat and danger to us all.

Isis has extended their reign of terror from Syria into Iraq. Innocent hostages have been beheaded, Muslims have been murdered in the most barbaric of ways because they didn't share Isis's warped ideology, rape has been used as a weapon against young women and their mothers and gay people have tortured and butchered because of their sexuality. In recent months Isis has murdered tourists on holiday in Tunisia or returning from Egypt, slaughtered peace demonstrators in Baghdad and blown up people in Beirut. Our security agencies and police have thwarted seven Isis terrorist plots in Britain in the last 12 months.

As someone who was very much opposed to the invasion of Iraq I am no "hawk", but I have never doubted the need for us to take incisive and immediate action against Isis. I very much hope you too are of the view that Isis is a very real danger and must be stopped. I believe we must extend our air strikes, working with the International Coalition, into Syria and hope people of all political persuasions will now support our Prime Minister.

As ever,
Anna

HS2 , Devo deal and other matters

Plans to bring together Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Derby and Nottingham with an elected mayor have suffered a setback. The 'devolution deal' will bring considerable economic benefits to Broxtowe with money currently held by the Government being devolved down to a 'combined authority' to be spend on creating jobs, providing better skills training and transport.



But it would be better if Leicester and Leicestershire were in the deal and if there was an agreement about how we take full advantage of HS2 at Toton Sidings. There is growing agreement that the planned hundreds of houses at the site would hamper economic development as well as destroy vital Green Belt land.

A number of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire MP's and Councillors are not convinced about the merits of an elected mayor and I share their concerns.

Most importantly, any 'devo deal' has to be led by business. I am continuing to work with all interested parties to resolve all the differences and get the right deal for Broxtowe and the East Midlands.

On a connected note I was pleased to meet with Trowell Parish Council yesterday to discuss a number of matters (see below) including HS2 and will be writing to everyone affected by the planned route in the next week.



Open Cast - is coal doomed?

On Wednesday the Government announced the end of Britain's coal fired power stations within the next ten years. With the price of coal still falling and little prospect of it recovering, there are now real questions about whether the planned open cast mine between Trowell and Cossall will have any future. I hope not. The plan is to take out the coal and drive it down to Ratcliffe-on Soar power station. I am told the type of coal under Shortwood farm is high in noxious gases making it even less valuable. In my meeting with Trowell Parish Council I agreed to make further enquiries of the owners as to their intentions.



Students from Aspley's Nottingham Girls Academy invited me to discuss the tram with them.

Our great schools

I had a busy time meeting staff and pupils from a number of our schools. Congratulations to **Eskdale Primary** pupils who re-created Victorian trials (including some very dodgy wigs!) at the Galleries of Justice. I was hugely impressed by the ability and knowledge of the school councils at **Bramcote C of E Primary** and **Fairfield Academy, Stapleford** - they gave me a good "grilling" when we met last week. My thanks to all concerned.

Christmas Card competition

Entry to this year's Christmas card competition has closed and my team and I are in the process of choosing a winner and runners up - it is great fun but very difficult! We will be announcing the winner in a few weeks' time. I print and deliver (at my own expense) over 3,000 Christmas cards and email it out to almost 9,000 constituents. We have had the biggest number of entries this year and we reckon the highest quality of entries so a huge thank you to all the schools who have taken part.

Beeston boost



Beeston has been chosen as the flagship event for Small Business Saturday on December 5th in the East Midlands. This annual event encourages us all to shop locally and has proved hugely successful since its introduction a few years ago. It is a real boost for Beeston that the Federation of Small Businesses has singled out the town and I very much hope that local traders and media will rally together and back the event.

Understandably, there are concerns that shoppers are not returning to Beeston now the tram is open and it's very



*Get on down to Beeston
great shopping - day and
early evening.*

important we secure NET's promise of publicity. I understand an independent traders group is emerging - please contact me for further details.

I met Allison Dobbs who leads residents from Lower, Fletcher and Albert Road where they are still experiencing unresolved snagging problems. I pledged my support to her admirable efforts.

Stapleford updates and news



Stapleford Post Office is now not moving - at least for the foreseeable future. The plan was for a move from Church Street to Nottingham Road but the application has been stalled. Meanwhile Stapleford Community Group has secured some much needed work to Cookies Pond - well done Richard MacRae and team.

[Read more about the plans for Cookies pond here >>](#)

Warm welcome to Colonel Jim Crawford

I had a very good meeting with the new Commanding Officer at Chetwynd Barracks, Col. Jim Crawford. We discussed the future of the Army at the Barracks and in particular the need to house more soldiers and their families on the base. As you will know I am very keen to secure housing away from Toton's Green Belt and there are clearly opportunities at the Barracks which I am actively exploring.



What's on in Broxtowe

Saturday 21 November Stapleford Christmas Market

10:30am

Where: Dove Veterinary Surgery Car Park.

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Santa's Grotto

1pm till 6pm

Where: Shabbylicious Vintage Tea Room, Stapleford.

What's on: Santa will be in his grotto and all children who visit him will have a chance to win a golden ticket to help Santa switch on the Christmas lights.

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Global Beeston - Tasmania

7:30pm

Where: University of Nottingham, Portland Building.

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

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Christmas Bazaar

11am till 1pm

Where: The Assumption Church, Church Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

What's on: Stalls which include; cakes, fancy goods, tombola, raffle, children's games, crafts and much more.

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Christmas Light Switch on - Stapleford

6:30pm

Where: Walter Parker V.C Square

What's on: Christmas light switch on by Santa and special guest, this will be followed by their 'biggest firework display ever'.

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Friends of Bramcote Old Church Tower - Wine Tasting

7:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street Bramcote.

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

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Dig In - Stapleford

12 noon till 2pm

Where: Community Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

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

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Beeston Wildlife Group Walk

10am till 12 noon

Where: Attenborough Nature Reserve, meeting in the car park.

What's on: Guided walk around the reserve, for further information please email the group [here](#).

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Christmas Fair - Newthorpe

10am till 12 noon

Where: Newthorpe Baptist Church, Main Street, Newthorpe.

What's on: Christmas Fair selling Christmas gifts and handmade goods.

Sunday 22 November

Vintage Craft Fair - Kimberley

10:30am till 3:30pm

Where: Kimberley Parish Hall.

What's on: There will be vintage crafts, food and drink stalls and much more. Madhatters will also be open on Sunday for a coffee.

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Christmas Light Switch On - Nuthall

5pm till late

Where: 1 Laurel Crescent, Nuthall, NG16 1EW.

What's on: Join in for an evening of fun. Further details [here](#).

Monday 23 November

Stapleford Safety Night

7pm till 9pm

Where: The meeting place, Stapleford.

What's on: organised by Stapleford Police and Stapleford Community Group with the aim of informing the general public of what is available to help them.

Thursday 26 November

Autumn Years Friendship Group

10am till 2pm

Where: St Helen's Church Hall, Frederick Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Resource centre for the over-60's full details on this weekly event [here](#).

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Stapleford WI

7:30pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford.

What's on: Stapleford WI meet every 4th Thursday and have a varied programme of events throughout the year. If you would like to know more please click [here](#) to send them an email.

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New Perspectives presents - 'He wore a red hat'

7:30pm

Where: St Helen's Parish Church, Stapleford.

What's on: Tickets can be purchased by emailing [here](#).

Friday 27 November

Christmas Tree Festival

Where: Stapleford Methodist Church, Eatons Road.

What's on: Running from the 27th till the 29th there will be a unique display of decorated trees.

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Trowell Festival Village

6pm

Where: Trowell Parish Hall.

What's on: Children's Choir, Santa's Grotto, Peter Presto, Traditional Stalls, refreshments and much more.

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Christmas Light Switch On - Kimberley

6pm

Where: Kimberley Town Centre.

What's on: The evening starts at Holy Trinity Church Hall. Full details [here](#).

Saturday 28 November

Messy Church

2:45pm

Where: St. Michael and All Angels church, Bramcote.

What's on: Wide range of craft activities for children of all ages.

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Christmas Light Switch On - Beeston

3pm till 7pm

Where: Beeston Square and Broadgate Park.

What's on: Lights will be switched on at 5pm and there will be fireworks at 6:30pm.

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Christmas Fair

12 noon till 3pm

Where: St Catherine's Church, Church Lane, Cossall.

What's on: Craft Stalls, homemade cakes and much more.

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Christmas Gift Exhibition

11am till 4pm

Where: Red Lion Cottage, 228 High Road, Chilwell, NG9 5DB.

What's on: Unique handcrafted gifts full details [here](#).

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St. Mary's Church - Christmas Bazaar - Attenborough

10am

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Come and meet Santa and visit the many various stalls.

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Season of Lights Celebrations

10am

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church.

What's on: Russian and Chinese Children's dance performances. Local community and school choirs, festive foods from around the world and much more.

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Charity Winter Fair

10am till 2pm

Where: Beeston Methodist Church, Wollaton Road.

What's on: There will be various stalls together with a coffee morning.

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St. Mary's Victorian Christmas Market - Greasley

10am till 2:30pm

Where: St Mary's Church, Greasley.

What's on: Annual Victorian Christmas market with stalls, brass band, fresh produce, refreshments and much more.

Sunday 29 November

Advent Carol Service

6:30pm

Where: St John the Baptist Church, Beeston.

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Chilwell Santa Dash

10am

Where: Chilwell Olympia Sports Centre, Bye Pass Road, Chilwell, NG9 5HR.

What's on: The Santa Dash involves a 2K run on grass around the playing field. Further details [here](#).

Monday 30 November

Evening talk from Beeston Wildlife Group

7:30pm till 9:30pm

Where: Trent Vale Infant School.

What's on: Talk is 'The Geology of our Planet!'

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