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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,

Parliament is in recess so I am now back in the constituency full time. The summer "break" is a great chance to get out and about and mine started early on Thursday with a visit from Nick Boles the Planning Minister. The sun hadn't made up its' mind this morning at my surgery in Beeston but I am sure it's just a matter of time!

Whatever your plans - have a great weekend,

As ever,

Anna



Green Belt Update

Broxtowe Borough Council has refused planning permission for the Oxylane Village development on Green Belt land between Nuthall and Kimberley. The development was opposed by all the Conservative Councillors. Next stop Woodhouse Way!

Planning Minister Nick Boles, spent most of Thursday in the constituency - I drove him round the constituency to show him why our Green Belt land is so precious and should not be lost to thousands of houses.

I also pointed out the various brown field sites where hundreds of houses should be built. Nick then met with a group of local campaigners who are opposed to development on our Green Belt. We had a really positive meeting and particularly discussed the lack of proper consultation and Broxtowe Borough Council's acceptance of the last Government's top down housing target which will see thousands of houses on Green Belt land in Broxtowe. My thanks to Richard MacRae (Stapleford), George Read and Keith Town (Bramcote Conservation Society), Neil Hutchinson (Greasley), Christine Batham (Toton) and Kimberley's Darren Warner (who had to leave before we took the photo to organise the public meeting in Kimberley.....

Kimberley Public Meeting

The newly formed Residents Assoc organised a public meeting in opposition to plans to build 650 houses in the town - representing a 25% increase in population. Their "Save our Green Belt" campaign is gaining momentum; I pledged my support during the meeting in Trinity Church. If you would like to join the campaign please email Darren Warner on darrenwarner@live.co.uk or contact me.



Beeston deserves better!

Come on down to Beeston's High Road which is open for business and has some great shops. These are difficult times for all small shops and particularly Beeston town centre because of the disruption from the tram works. However, this should be a great opportunity to restore the town and especially the long neglected Square. You might therefore be surprised to know that Broxtowe Borough Council has agreed to what they describe as a second rate scheme for the Square! You can read the full story in the Nottingham Post by clicking [here](#) . Please contact me if you believe Beeston deserves better!

I am meeting NET next week to discuss a number of unacceptable difficulties facing both traders and residents throughout Beeston. I am extremely concerned the tram works are forcing businesses to close. It may look a mess outside but the shops are just as good as ever and need your support.

Congratulations to Broxtowe Youth Homelessness Project which has been awarded a Big Lottery Grant of over £234,000. The money will fund a school campaign in Notts and Derbyshire run by homeless youngsters.

Speak

Beeston resident Andrew Harrison came to Friday morning's surgery to urge lobby me on behalf of Speak. It's a largely Christian campaign network - check out their web site by clicking [here](#).

Andrew is currently campaigning for the rights of Palestinians and in particular is targetting companies who trade with illegal Israeli settlements. I am sure he will join me in welcoming today's news that the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians have re-opened.



Summer surgeries

I am in the constituency until the end of August when I am off on holiday with my family. To be frank because I am around so much, almost every day is a "surgery"

day so if you would like to see me please contact the office!
I am specifically holding Surgeries on July 25th and August 15th and a "Meet the Team" on August 3 in Trinity Church. Kimberley between 12 and 2pm - this is a "drop in" so no appointment is needed.

Out and About



Nuthall "Meet the Team" success

Thank you to everyone who came along last Saturday to "Meet the Team" at Mornington Primary School in Nuthall. I hold regular surgeries (usually once a week - sometimes more) and "drop in" type surgeries throughout the constituency. The next "Meet the Team" is on Saturday August 3 in Kimberley (details above).

Happy 150th Birthday St. John's College, Bramcote

St John's College celebrated its 150th Birthday at Southwell Minster and I was more than pleased to join the service which included a large number of former students and their families and many eminent clergy who had studied at St John's.

Stapleford Surgery

I visited the Montrose Court Community Centre and joined ace Stapleford Community Champion, Richard MacRae for one of his monthly "drop in" sessions. The local beat police officer also attends and residents can come along for a moan or a natter! The block is in need of "refreshing" so I am happy to support Richard and the Stapleford Community Group in getting up a team (I have volunteered to help paint) and purchasing paint. If you can help please contact Richard on staplefordcommunitygroup@gmail.com .



St John's School, Stapleford

It was a pleasure to return to St John's C of E School in Stapleford and hear their plans for a school hall. It's an ambitious plan I am happy to support and help in any way I can. I have written to Broxtowe Borough Council asking whether the land next to the school is for sale and am enquiring as to funding.

Kimberley School Prize Night success

What a great evening I had at Nottingham's Albert School to celebrate Kimberley School's prize giving. The school goes from strength to strength and my congratulations to all the students, staff and families - it was an honour to speak and I am proud to be your MP!



From Parliament

Same Sex Marriage Act/ Debates on prescription charges, HPV vaccination and Organ Donation

The Same Sex Marriage Bill received its Third Reading and was passed without a vote and the Queen gave Royal Assent on Wednesday. I am very pleased the Bill passed through the Lords and through the Third Reading with little difficulty.

I have spoken in a number of debates in Parliament in the last few weeks. These debates are called adjournment debates - half hour debates, rarely party political and called by a back bencher MP. I had two before I became a Minister, one on the Green Belt and one on the killing of John McGrath (see below) shortly after I was elected in 2010. I held another ninety minute debate on the Green Belt.

You can read the various debates by clicking where indicated and then scrolling back to the beginning of the debate (as opposed to coming in on my speech!).

Click [here](#) for a debate on prescription charges.

I was particularly struck by the speech of my colleague Mike Freer MP who is trying to get all youngsters vaccinated with the HPV vaccine, arguing the current “girls only” (it is given to help protect young women from cervical cancer) policy, discriminates against gay men. Click [here](#) to read the debate (scroll back for Mike’s speech).

On Wednesday evening I spoke in an adjournment debate on organ donation please click [here](#) and scroll back for the speech from the MP (Kate Green).

and finally...

This coming week sees the fourth anniversary of the death of Stapleford's John McGrath who was killed by his grandson William who was severely mentally ill at the time. John's wife Mabel was also attacked and almost lost her life.

A report into the failings of William's mental health team to care for him revealed they had botched their plans to section him on the very day he killed his grandfather. I then discovered the police had also failed to arrest William in connection with another serious matter – again on the same day and it is my view they went on deliberately to cover up their own failings. The Inquest into John's death has been led by the systemic failure to protect and care for William and to protect the public. However, we are waiting for the results of two independent investigations (IPCC) into the police which are almost a year old.

It is always a pleasure to meet with John and William's family and Annie and Christine (William's aunts and John's daughters) came to the office on Friday. We want real progress towards the Inquest and in the meantime both are becoming active in Hundred Families (click [here](#) for their web site). Together we will continue to make sure John did not die in vain and to ensure no other family suffers as they have.

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