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NEWSLETTER



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"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,

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about a group of travellers on Manor Park in Toton, who have been evicted but appear to be the same group now camped at Chilwell School.

My concern is the speed, or otherwise, of Broxtowe Borough Council in involving the courts and the police. Damaging devices designed to prevent access is a criminal offence and I have contacted Broxtowe to establish whether they and the police have acted quickly. I am told Notts County Council is helping Chilwell School to remove the travellers on their land.

Have a great weekend and scroll on down for more of my work in the last few days.

As ever,

Anna

Beeston History Society's 40th Birthday

On Wednesday I joined with 150 members of the Beeston and District Local History Society to celebrate the society's 40th birthday.

Sir Neil Cossons, one of Beeston's most famous sons, gave a talk on his childhood memories in the town notably as a junior porter at Beeston Station. It was a lovely evening and Sir Neil's talk on a bygone age was as entertaining as it was informative. He painted a vivid picture of a time when fifty people were on the pay roll at Beeston Station, of porters huddled round coal fires in the winter and bustling steam trains in the summer taking day trippers to Mablethorpe and Cleethorpes.

For more information on how to get involved with the society, please visit their website [here](#)



Attenborough and Beeston Rylands Flood Defence Opening

Last week's opening of the Attenborough and Beeston Rylands stretch of the River Trent flood wall was a great event. The plans for Attenborough were highly controversial. The proposals were that the flood wall should go down The Strand putting the cricket, bowls and football fields into the flood plain.

I backed the campaign to build the flood wall away from The Strand and we got the right route in the end. The opposition to the original plans did not cause any delay, in fact the Environment Agency and the contractors delivered three months ahead of schedule and under budget.

Attenborough people suffered terribly in the 2000 floods; they and residents in Beeston Rylands can sleep easy in their beds, knowing that if the Trent is in danger of flooding their homes are now safe.

Warm Front Scheme

I have been contacted by the Consumer Rights group, Consumer Focus, to highlight the Government Warm Front scheme, which provides free heating and insulation upgrades to those that are eligible under the scheme criteria.

Unfortunately, last year there was a low take-up of this funding, which means that the criteria for eligibility for the scheme has been widened. You can find out more about the

scheme by clicking [here](#).

Dates for your diary and surgery details

27- 28th September:

World's biggest coffee morning

Nationwide event held in support of Macmillan at a number of venues in Broxtowe.

Venues include: **Stapleford Community Group, Montrose Court, Stapleford, 28th September at 9.00am; The Nurseryman, Beeston, 28th September at 11.00am; Rumbletums Cafe, Newdigate St, Kimberley, 28th September at 10.00am and Beeston Conservative Club, Station Road, Beeston, 27th September at 10.45am.**

Saturday 29th September:

Oxjam Ceilidh fundraiser

Ceilidh fundraiser for Beeston Oxjam at Barton House on Chilwell High Road.

Tickets are £5 for adults, £3 under 18s. For more information, please go to: <http://www.oxjambeestontakeover.org/>

Saturday 6th October:

Kimberley Bookworm Day

Prize-giving day to mark the great Kimberley Book Read.

For more information on how to get involved please visit: <http://www.greatkimberleybookread.com/>

Saturday 13th October:

Beeston Greening

Launch event for Greening Beeston at John Clifford School. A chance to get to know how to make 5 simple changes which can help your household reduce energy consumption and save money, whilst protecting the environment.

Find out more and how to get involved at www.greeninginbeeston.weebly.com

Saturday 20th October:

Oxjam Beeston Takeover

Charity Music and comedy festival, run by Oxfam, held at venues across Beeston on 20th October 2012. All proceeds from these events will go to Oxfam.

For more information on what's on, please go to: www.oxjambeestontakeover.org

Saturday 20th October:

Advice Surgery

Please ring the office on 0115 9436507 to book an appointment.

Toton Tesco

I updated you in my August newsletter about my visit to Melbourne Court and Calverton Close, when the residents informed me about the dangerous pedestrian entrance to Tesco in Toton. I have had an encouraging response to my letter to Tesco: They have organised a site visit and they are liaising with Notts County Council. I have asked them to keep me updated on their progress.

Gilthill School Crossing

Regular readers will remember my brief piece in my August Newsletter regarding the school crossing at Gilthill Primary School. I am very pleased to hear that there will be a school crossing patrol in place at the School from Monday.

However, the council is still looking to recruit a relief patrol. If you are interested please contact Notts County Council on 0115 9774865.



From Parliament - saving our Post Offices/Think Pink/Exam changes

Saving our Post Offices

You may remember that a few weeks ago, following a campaign organised by Awsworth Post Office, I wrote to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Minister for Postal affairs, supporting the Post Office Ltd's bid for Government DVLA Contracts. I also asked a Written Parliamentary Question on the Government's commitment to make the Post Office the "front desk" for Government, the answer to which can be read [here](#).

Due to procurement laws, the Ministers were unable to give me any information on the progress of the DVLA contract, however it was keenly pointed out that the Post Office has recently won a number of competitive contracts from both Central Government and its agencies. I am hopeful that, when the Government announces the provider of the DVLA procurement, that the Post Office will be chosen.

If you would like a copy of the responses that I received, please get in touch.



Breast Cancer Campaign's "Wear it Pink day"

I was more than pleased to help launch this year's "wear it pink day" for the Breast Cancer Campaign. On Friday October 26th everyone is urged to wear something pink and help raise money for the campaign and awareness of the UK's most common cancer with 130 new cases being diagnosed every day.

This year the Breast Cancer Campaign aims to raise £2 million and if you would like to join in with the "wear it pink day" please visit wearitpink.co.uk.

Proposed exam changes

Earlier this week the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove MP, announced plans to replace a number of GCSE's with an English Baccalaureate. Ensuring our children and grandchildren have the best education and exam system is important to most of us. The Government is now holding a rigorous public consultation on the plans so please let me know your views.

And finally...

If you have a community or charity event taking place in the constituency that you would like me to promote in my email newsletter and on my web site, then please let me know.

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