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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*

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Hello again,

Just a quick update on a number of important local issues and, with the festive season upon us, a large number of dates for your diary.

I will be at the Cadland Pub in Chilwell tomorrow for a drop in surgery – my thanks to everyone who attended last week's surgery in The Village Hotel.

Have a great weekend,

Anna

Kimberley Town Council meeting

I had a positive meeting with Kimberley Town Council where I raised a number of concerns on behalf of Kimberley residents.

The political make up of the Council has changed dramatically since the Independent and Conservative Town Councillors resigned because of problems working with the Labour controlling group. I am assured that the Council is now working well, and has two Green Party as well as a number of new Independent members.



I was told there had been no entries for the Pram Race despite entry forms being delivered to every household in Kimberley. I was assured that the Town Council had supported this September's race and had a traffic management scheme in place having worked with Notts County Council.

I also raised my own concerns that the Town Council has neither debated nor informed residents of the plans for the Brewery site and the proposed Oxlane Development, which will close the existing Leisure Centre and build a new one out of town.

There has been little, if any, consultation with Kimberley residents on the new Oxlane proposals - indeed I am informed that the Governors and Head of Kimberley School were unaware of the plans for the Leisure Centre until I raised the subject in a recent email newsletter.

The Town Council says they will consider informing residents on both these important proposals which will affect the future of Kimberley and in particular the town centre.

Finally, I was assured that Kimberley Town Council has not become some "Labour cabal" as many have feared. The proof of the pudding, as they say, will be in the eating.



Poppy not alone

You will recall the case of Poppy - a Toton terrier almost killed by three dogs in Manor Park.

Kimberley Town Council also raised a number of similar incidents in the town, where a dog has been attacked putting it's owner in fear. This is a criminal offence and in each of the cases raised with me, there has been a lack of action by either the police or Broxtowe's dog wardens. This is not acceptable and I will raise this with both the Chief Constable and Broxtowe Borough Council. I am bound to say that despite calls to Broxtowe's dog wardens about Poppy, they have still not contacted my office.

Notts County Council cutting costs? or playing party politics?

Nottinghamshire County Council has rejected Government funding which would have given them an equivalent of a 1% rise in Council Tax whilst freezing Council Tax for residents. Instead, they seem set on increasing Council Tax which will hit hard working families.

Their plans also include the following closures and changes to much valued local services in Broxtowe:

Kingsbridge Way, Chilwell

Kingsbridge Way Short Break Service Centre in Chilwell is threatened with closure. For a number of years this facility has offered high quality care to people with learning difficulties, whilst also providing valuable short breaks for their families. If Kingsbridge is closed, the nearest similar centre is in Rainworth which would be too far away for many to use.

I am opposed to the closure of this excellent local service; it is running at full capacity and I fear that without Kingsbridge Way, the quality of life for its 69 users and their families would be significantly reduced. There is an online petition which I would urge you to sign by clicking [here](#). The petition will be presented to the County Council by Chilwell Councillor, Richard Jackson.

Toton Connect

This great service was introduced by the previous Conservative County Council at my request following a meeting with residents at Lombardy Lodge. I also received a number of representations from people in Attenborough and Stapleford.

The new administration at County Hall Council is considering reducing the service including the loss of early morning and evening services, reduction to weekend services and route changes. This will greatly affect those in Toton, Attenborough and Stapleford who rely heavily on the Toton Connect and would be a great loss to the area.

Councillor Richard Jackson has set up a petition against the proposals so please do show your support for this vital service by clicking [here](#). You can also share your views by writing to Cllr Kevin Greaves, Chair of the Transport & Highways Committee, Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham

Middle Street Resource Centre

This excellent service was under threat from the last County Council and I campaigned to save it. Having achieved that and with the support of Labour Councillors, it now seems somewhat perverse that its former supporters seek to close it.

Trowell St Helen's Community Luncheon Club

I have written to the County Council on behalf of the above club after it has been proposed that the Council will no longer provide transport to the club. I have asked that a solution be reached so that we can ensure elderly, and often isolated, constituents still have access to this excellent and long-running club.

It goes without saying that I will continue to fight to secure the future of Middle Street, the Toton Connect and Kingsbridge Way.



Save Toton's Green Belt - public meeting

I am holding another public meeting in Toton on Saturday December 7th from 2.30 to 3.30pm at the Greenwood Centre to discuss the latest threat to the area's Green Belt land.

Broxtowe Borough Council is set to renege on its commitment to protect Toton's Green Belt land. They informed the Planning Inspector who has recently held a Public Inquiry that they are willing to accept 500 houses on the site off Stapleford Lane.

It seems some of the Labour/Lib Dem controlling group have been deliberately misinforming the Toton-based TEPS campaign group, seeking (somewhat bizarrely) to lay the blame at the door of local Conservative Councillors, me and campaigners in Stapleford (STRAG) who are fighting to save Field Farm.

I would urge Toton residents who are confused at recent inaccurate claims to check out STRAG's website which makes it clear that the old "divide and rule" policy does not apply when it comes to all of us who are opposed to thousands of houses on our Green Belt land.

Meanwhile, developers have submitted another amended application for 650 homes on the land; click [here](#) to make your views known again! The deadline is this Monday (25th November).

[Click here to get the facts from STRAG...](#)

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Saturday 23 November

Meet the Team drop-in surgery - Cadland Pub, Chilwell

10:00 - 12:00

The Cadland Pub, 342 High Road, NG9 5EG

Your opportunity to meet me and your local councillors to discuss any problems, any issues and any concerns.

Stapleford Christmas lights switch on

The "switch on" will take place at 18:30

Walter VC Park Square

There will be live music, Christmas Market, Santa's Grotto and lots more taking place throughout the day.

Friends of Bramcote Old Church Tower Fund Raiser

19:30

St Michael's Church Bramcote

The Long Eaton Silver Prize Band will be performing. All proceeds go to the Restoration of the Tower. Tickets £7 including refreshments please call David Martin 0115 925 1492 or Moira Robinson 0115 922 6782 for a ticket.

Rumbletums Christmas Fair

10:00 - 14:00

Rumbletums, 2 Victoria Street, Kimberley NG16 2NH

Christmas gifts and Cards Fair with various stalls of festive fare.

Monday 25 November

Charity Fund Raiser for Jon Cusick

17:30

The Chapel Bar and Grill Kimberley

Jon has locked-in syndrome and the money raised will fund a Tobii-1-12 machine; this will allow Jon to speak, email, send text messages, access the internet and much more

For more information please click [here](#)

Thursday 28 November

Greasley Green Belt public meeting

19:00

The Greasley Sports and Community Centre, Dovecote Road, Newthorpe NG16 2QN

Greasley Borough Councillors have organized a public meeting to discuss the consultation.

Saturday 30 November

Drop-in surgery - Montrose Court, Stapleford

11:30 - 13:30

Montrose Court Community Centre, Stapleford NG9 8LJ

Your opportunity to meet me to discuss any problems, any issues and any concerns.

Beeston Christmas Light Switch On

12:00 – 18:00 (lights switch on at 5pm followed by fireworks)

Broadgate Park, Beeston

Events include; Penguin Experience, Apus Birds, Long Eaton Silver Prize band and more!

Santa's Grotto

12:00 – 18:00

Beeston Square

Entry is free and every child will receive a gift

Season of Lights

14:30 – 17:00

Chilwell Road Methodist Church

Celebrating; Advent, Diwali, Eid, Hanukkah, Chinese Moon Festival, crafts, food, music, dance and much more

Stapleford Library Re-Opening

10:00

Stapleford Library, Church Street, Stapleford NG9 8GA

The official re-opening, there will be family-focused entertainment and a range of craft activities.

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Greasley – Victorian Christmas Market

10:00 – 15:00

St Mary's Church, Church Road, Greasley NG16 2AB

RumbleProm Night

19:15 - 21:30

Rumbletums, 2 Victoria Street, Kimberley NG16 2NH

A chance for young people with learning disabilities, their friends and families to get their glad rags on and join in for a pre-Christmas party.

For more information please click [here](#)

Sunday 1 December

Bramcote Crematorium's Christmas Service of Remembrance

14:00

Main Chapel, Bramcote Crematorium, Coventry Lane, Bramcote

For friends and family to come together at Christmas time to remember loved ones no longer with us.

And finally.....

I will be sending out my Tram works newsletter shortly. If you would like to receive it please let me know.

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