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NEWSLETTER



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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
"part of the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail

Hello again,

Congratulations to the Mayor of Broxtowe, Councillor Margaret Handley, not only on a great year as our Mayor but also for a hugely successful Red Carpet Ball on Saturday evening. I've attended all but one in the last six years and believe Margaret's charity fund raiser has been the best attended. Her two Mayoral charities the British Legion and Kimberley's Ryan Lee Trust will benefit from over £12,000 - one of the highest totals raised by a Mayor for many a year. It was particularly good to see the Leader of the Council on Saturday evening with Councillors of all political persuasions and a good time was had by all.

Please scroll on for the usual mix of news, diary events and details of my work for you as your MP.

As ever,
Anna

Save our Green Belt

Toton amended application

Pevehill homes have submitted an amended application to Broxtowe Borough Council in the last few days. I will provide full details and analysis in a further email but today want to concentrate on the situation at Field Farm.

Field Farm; fact v fiction in the fight to save it from development

I am meeting Eric Pickles the Secretary of State on May 1st following the decision by Broxtowe Borough Council to approve planning permission for 450 homes on Field Farm, a piece of Green Belt land north of Stapleford.



Only the Conservatives voted against the development after what I am told was an unpleasant and acrimonious Council meeting, with residents in the public gallery feeling intimidated and

insulted by some Councillors.

Pickles is in a difficult position; as Broxtowe's Lib Dem and Labour Councillors know a Secretary of State is almost bound to follow the decision of the local Council. However, STRAG and I seek to persuade him to put this in front of an Inquiry and not to approve planning on Field Farm.

I am sorry to say leading Labour and Lib Dem Councillors continue to treat the people of Broxtowe as if we are all stupid!

They decided to allow development on Field Farm and Toton some time ago when they proposed both as their preferred sites - over and above development on brown field sites. They chose to accept a housing figure which means thousands of houses on our Green Belt land. Toton was removed from the site only after myself and Toton's Councillors lead the campaign against housing development at Toton.

However, Labour and the Lib Dems failed to do the right thing by the people of Stapleford. Now those very same Councillors are trying to spin away any responsibility and try to place the decision on the Secretary of State. It really is a shabby state of affairs.

If you want to help save Field Farm please contact STRAG by clicking [here](#). They need supporters and funds and are strictly non party political.



HS2 Strelley Village

Thank you to the Strelley Village Group for Saturday's meeting. We discussed a number of issues notably the effect the proposed route would have on the village. Various alternatives have been put forward all of which I will take up with HS2. There is confusion as to when the final route will be decided and I am pleased to allay fears that it will be as soon as next year.

Compensation: Those affected by HS2 Phase 2 still have a few days to complete the "exceptional hardship scheme" consultation, being run by HS2 Ltd. Whilst most infrastructure projects compensate property owners affected by development at a later stage, the Government recognises that an earlier discretionary scheme is important for HS2, given the long term nature of the development. I will be publishing my response to the consultation on the HS2 page of my website in the next couple of days, and do hope that you will take part in the (quite lengthy) consultation on the HS2 website [here](#)

Tramworks meeting

I met NET last week at my request to discuss a number of important issues concerning constituents. Unacceptably long delays were experienced last Wednesday and Thursday as a result of temporary traffic lights on Queen's Road - the result of a collapsed sewer main. Congestion, compensation, communication and much more were on the agenda; for a full note of my meeting please see the 'Tramwork News' page of my website [here](#) (scroll down to the minutes of the meeting). I post the latest Tramworks news and information on my web site www.annasoubry.org.uk





Beeston businesses invited to Nottingham station closure plan meeting

Nottingham Station is closing from 20th July - 25th August as part of the huge modernisation works. However, there will be a train every hour to Beeston Station from London. To accommodate the extra passengers using Beeston there will be 100 extra car park spaces at Beeston Station.

On 10th May, East Midlands Trains is hosting a meeting with all Nottingham businesses that will be affected by the closure however I have asked for those in Beeston to be included. Please contact the constituency office for details if you would like to attend.

Nuthall Post Box success

Thank you to Cllr Philip Owen for bringing the longstanding issue of a damaged Post Box in Nuthall, on the corner of Larkfield Road and Ash Crescent, to my attention. .

Unfortunately, Royal Mail had failed to repair it despite several weeks of promises. I am pleased to say that, after I sent them an email the Post Box has now been repaired.

In other news, I have written again to Royal Mail and the Post office regarding the long standing issue of Nuthall Temple Post Office and the Post Box there, and I will update you when I get a reply.

Attenborough Naming Campaign

I was involved in a campaign a while back to get Toton officially recognised by Royal Mail. A similar campaign is now being orchestrated by residents of Attenborough and I will lend my full support to their cause. I will keep you updated and please do contact me if you are interested in supporting the campaign.



Girl Guides say No more Page 3

Bramcote resident Lisa Clarke, who is helping lead the 'No More Page 3' campaign has received official backing from the Girl Guides which adds a great deal of weight behind the campaign. If you would like to find out more please click [here](#).

Toton's

Got

Talent

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Six year old Connor Green from Toton has hit the headlines to win the Nottingham District Table Tennis Tournament against competitors of all ages, including adults. Connor attends Chetwynd Primary School and won the drawn doubles competition with his partner Joe Killoran making him the youngest winner the tournament has ever had and attracting the attention of the national media in the process. I am told that Connor also plays tennis and is a member of Toton Tigers Football Club. What a star!

Skcin – check it out

My thanks to Toton resident Anthony Hubbard who came to talk to me about Skcin, the skin cancer charity he helps to run which is devoted to raising awareness of skin cancer in children. Skcin have now introduced a national accreditation scheme for both schools and nurseries to assist in keeping children safe from UV harm. If you would like more information on the charity or any of these schemes please click [here for schools](#) or [here for nurseries](#).

Margaret

Thatcher

Given my age, Baroness Thatcher will always be Mrs T or Maggie Thatcher to me; I attended her funeral last Wednesday as I wanted to pay my respects to the first woman to lead a major political party, the first woman to serve as Prime Minister and the longest serving PM in 150 years. Those are some achievements. I think we have debated her legacy at length and it is time now to move on.

Dates for your diary and surgery details

Saturday 27th April:

Advice Surgery, Beeston Library 10 til noon. For details of upcoming surgeries please telephone my Constituency Office on 0115 943 6507

Saturday 27th April:

Bramcote Brownies Fundraiser

The 3rd Bramcote Brownies fundraising street collection with various events in Beeston Square from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Saturday 27th April:

Brass Band Concert, Nuthall Methodist Church

Tickets are £5 (concessions £4) and proceeds will go to Nuthall Council Chairman, Brian Watson's charity which is for young people in Nuthall. Starts at 7.15pm tickets on the door.

Saturday May 3rd:

Arletty Theatre - Patchwork Lives

Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School

The play is a collection of stories from the people of Nottinghamshire (including Beeston and Chilwell), about the women who inspired and influenced them. Starts at 7:30pm.

Tickets £8 (£6 concs) from the school on 0115 925 2698 or 0777 2053412 or on the door.

Out and About



ACE Launch at Attenborough

I attended the launch of the first phase of Attenborough Nature Centre's ACE project. I was delighted to have the opportunity to view some of the excellent work that has been undertaken by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, the Heritage Lottery fund and CEMEX to improve the facilities for visitors, families and children.

It will be even easier for everyone to enjoy the wonderful views, walks and wildlife at Attenborough Nature Reserve.

Stapleford street surgery

Thanks to everyone who attended Saturday's Stapleford Street Surgery which was a first. Over the summer I will be holding more - getting out and about is a great pleasure.

People requiring more private appointments can be assured I will also continue to hold surgeries around the constituency including in the constituency office on both Saturdays and Fridays.



St George's Day Scout's Services

On Sunday I joined the Beauvale Scouts in the morning in Kimberley and South West Nottinghamshire Scouts in Beeston for their traditional St George's Day Services. They were both thoroughly enjoyable events and it was a pleasure to see so many people taking part.



From Parliament

Breast Cancer/ Accident and Emergency/ Health Inequalities/ Diabetes and Obesity in Children

I gave evidence to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Breast Cancer who are conducting an inquiry into breast screening and treatment for women over the age of 70. The Government has been running a pilot aimed specifically at this group of women and once we have evaluated it will consider rolling it out across the country. Whatever your age you are entitled to the same high quality treatments in the NHS and I look forward to the AAPG's report and recommendations.

I have spoken in three debates this week. The first was on Accident and Emergency and the difficult situation in a number of A n E's in England, the second on Health Inequalities and today on one of my most cherished subjects Diabetes and Obesity in Children. You can read the debates in Hansard by clicking [here](#) which will take you to the menu with links through to the individual debates.

and finally...

For many years the previous MP had a monthly column in the small community paper The Beeston Express - right up to the General Election in 2010. Since my election I have had the same opportunity to communicate with constituents about my work on a non partisan basis. Unfortunately, the Editor has exercised her right and has decided to cancel my monthly column.

For some time people have been complaining to me that the Beeston Express is no longer the great impartial community newspaper it once was. I am disappointed that the Editor chose to ignore two statements from me about Field Farm and has now refused me the same opportunity as my predecessor. I will continue to express my views and provide updates on my work via this newsletter.

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