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"a decent Conservative" *Kevin McGuire, Daily Mirror*

"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,

Lots of items to end the week so please scroll on. I am in Trowell tomorrow for a drop in surgery and in Toton on Sunday for a meeting of everyone who supports the HS2 East Midlands Hub coming to the Sidings; full details of both events are in the diary section. Finally, huge congratulations to Stapleford's community champion, Richard MacRae, who topped yesterday's poll in the election for two new Stapleford Town Councillors. Congratulations also to the Conservative candidate, John Longdon, who convincingly took the second post. Together, with the Independent Dave Pearson, they will be a great team bringing some much needed fresh blood to help reinvigorate Stapleford as a great place to live and work.

Have a great weekend,

As ever,

Anna

Tram Jams*

Frustration and anger have peppered the many emails and calls from people caught up in the gridlock that seized roads throughout much of Broxtowe this week.

It began on Saturday with the introduction of traffic lights

on University Boulevard and Queens Road as a result of the tram works. It resulted in children missing school lessons, people missing important hospital appointments, workers taking hours to get to work and a number of constituents completely missing Saturday's Forest game.

Grateful thanks are due to County Councillors Richard Jackson and Steve Carr who did all they could with the County Council and Highways Agency. Meanwhile, I contacted NET/Nottingham City Council with little success; such was the concern for public safety I also contacted Inspector Steve Wragg at Beeston Police HQ whose intervention was very helpful.

I am reliably informed that things were considerably better this morning. The tram works were always going to cause considerable disruption but, yet again, we have an example of NET/Nottingham City Council badly letting people down.

**my thanks to Chilwell's John Simmons for this description!*

Unemployment keeps on falling!

The number of unemployed claimants in Broxtowe in December 2013 was 1,263. This represents a rate of 2.6% of the economically active population aged 16 to 64. The number of claimants is 453 lower than in December 2012 and 19 lower than in November 2013.

Bingo!

It was a pleasure to visit Mecca Bingo in Beeston. They employ 45 people and regularly entertain players from all over South Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Unfortunately, they have witnessed a decline in trade, like many businesses in Beeston, due to the tram works. It's hoped that the considerable pain will eventually have been worth it!

Sign up to the Strelley Village petition

There is an online petition for anyone who knows and appreciates Strelley Village who doesn't support the current plans for the HS2 route. Supporters argue the route should either be changed or the line properly deep tunnelled to minimise harm to the Village. I support the deep tunnel option and urge everyone to sign up to the petition.

[Click here to sign up for the Strelley Village petition](#)

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Happy New Year!

Beeston Hindu Temple celebrated the Sri Lankan harvest festival which marks the beginning of their New Year.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the event but I did send a member of my team to take photos and am told that it was a great success.

The event welcomed a class from Beeston Rylands Junior School who joined in the celebrations and were given a tour.

The Temple maintains an open door policy and I would encourage all to pay a visit to see the beautiful decorations inside.

In other "New Year" news, Broxtowe Borough Council is organising the Chinese New Year Celebrations on February 1st. It promises to be a great party.

[Click here for more photos and info on the Temple....](#)

[Click here for info on the Chinese New Year Celebrations in Broxtowe....](#)

Local Olympians set for Sochi

Congratulations to Jon Eley and Charlotte Gilmartin, both of Beeston, who have been selected to represent Great Britain at the Olympic Games in Sochi next month. Both are members of the Short Track Speed Skating Team. Jon will be competing at his third Winter Olympics in the 500m and 1000m races. Charlotte will be making her debut at the Games and will be competing over 500m, 1000m and 1500m.

Scarecrows required in Attenborough!

Scarecrow Festivals are increasingly popular and plans are

afoot for Attenborough to have its own. If you are interested in helping organise it or contributing a scarecrow then please contact Martyn Porter, Editor of Attenborough's excellent Community Newsletter on Attenborough@ymail.com

Save Kingsbridge

Cllr Richard Jackson has presented a petition of 1,195 signatures in support of Kingsbridge Way Short Break Centre, Chilwell, which the County Council is planning to close as part of its budget cuts.

It is clear that there is a great deal of support for Kingsbridge Way and its closure will create a significant gap in the care provision throughout the constituency. I have written a letter to the County Council in support of Kingsbridge. Click [here](#) to read the letter on my web site.

Help Hope!

Beeston based Charity Hope Nottingham is raising money for a new van to deliver donated furniture to people in need, as well as collecting large food donations from local supermarkets. If anyone, or any business (company logo will be displayed on the new van) is able to help with sponsorship please contact Nigel Adams at nigel@hopenottingham.org.uk

Nottingham Casuals first

Nottingham Casuals Rugby Club is the first in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire to be accepted onto the Kids First programme. They have achieved this by putting in excellent work within the mini and youth rugby section. Nottingham Casuals RFC has signed up for the Kids First manifesto and I congratulate them for supporting this development programme for each and every child.

Tree sites wanted!

Beeston and District Civic Society are looking for sites for more trees in Beeston and Chilwell; this is a joint project with Broxtowe Borough Council. If you know an area that might be suitable for planting please call the Civic Society on 0115 967 7260

New priest in Attenborough

I would like to welcome (back) the Revd. Jonathan Smithurst and his wife Lalage to Attenborough as he takes up his new post as the Priest in Charge of Attenborough.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Friday 24 January

Dick Whittington Pantomime

19:45

The Pearson Centre for Young people, 2 Nuart Road, Beeston NG9 2NH

64th Annual Pantomime performed by members of the 17th Nottingham BB and 30th Nottingham GB.

Paradiso Cinema Presents: Blue Jasmine

19:00 for 19:30

Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School

Please click [here](#) for more details.

Saturday 25 January

Drop-in Surgery, Trowell

12:00 -14:00

Trowell Parish Hall, Stapleford Road, Trowell NG9 3QA

Come along and meet me and my team. No Appointment necessary.

Messy Church Event in Beeston

15:30 - 17:30

Wollaton Road Methodist Church, Beeston

Free event organised by the Church, activities for children and parents.

Guided Walk around Attenborough Nature Reserve

10:00 - 13:00

Attenborough Nature Centre Car Park

As part of Beeston's Wildlife Group - Walks and talks events.

White Post Farm at Beeston Library

10:00 - 15:00

Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AE

Please click [here](#) for more details.

Sunday 26 January

HS2 Public Meeting

14:00 - 16:00

Greenwood Centre, Toton

All are welcome.

Monday 27 January

Holocaust Memorial Day

11:00 - 12:00

The Walled Garden, Bramcote Hills Park, Ilkeston Road, Bramcote

The 14th Memorial Day, to remember those affected by the crimes against humanity.

Sunday 1 February

Attenborough Quiz Evening

19:15

Attenborough Village Hall

Event in aid of Christian Aid; please [click](#) here for details.

Chinese New Year

Celebrate the year of the Horse, with various events taking place all over the constituency. Details [here](#).

Advice Surgery - Stapleford

12:00 - 14:00

Please call the office to arrange an appointment.

And finally

Congratulations to Chief Fire Officer, Frank Swan of Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, on his award of the Queen's Fire Service Medal. I also wish Frank the very best for his retirement later this year.

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