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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,

I have a mixture of news and views. I've also included a large number of events as we are approaching Christmas!

My very best wishes go to Milan Radulovic, the Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council. I refrained from reporting recent proceedings until such time as they were concluded. I am delighted charges have been dropped and the Judge said Milan was to leave court without any stain on his good character. It's been a very tough time for Milan and I have done what I could to support him because I have always found him to be a thoroughly decent man even though politically we are almost totally at odds.

Milan has been very unwell again recently and we should all wish him a swift and full recovery if only so battle can recommence!

As ever,

Anna

## Plans for 734 houses on Green Belt land at Nuthall

Developers have announced plans to build 734 houses on Green Belt land at Woodhouse Way in Nuthall. In their letter to me the developers rely on Broxtowe Borough Council's housing target to support their application.

Yet again we have further proof of the irresponsible folly of the Borough Council in not assessing Broxtowe's housing needs but instead going in with the city and in accepting the last Government's housing targets.

The result is a target of 6,150 houses but only enough brown field land for 3,000 to 3,500 homes.

I have already contacted Nuthall's Parish, Borough and County Councillors and together we will do all we can to fight off the plan.

Like many parts of Broxtowe this is an area already suffering from acute traffic congestion; 734 houses will put over 1,000 cars onto our roads.

It is almost the stuff of madness and our Labour and Lib Dem Councillors really should hang their heads in shame at the way they have made our precious Green Belt ripe for developers.

I have posted the letter from the developers on my web site

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## Tram chaos

It was hardly a "perfect storm" but last Wednesday's combination of terrible weather, flooding and a bad traffic accident meant there was intolerable delay in and around Beeston during the morning rush hour. NET were due to open University Boulevard at 6.00am but in fact did not complete their overnight working until 8.30am!

I was acutely aware of the situation and contacted NET who have now issued a full explanation and apology. I have suggested they use the media (including social media) to update travellers, which they have agreed to. There are two "drop in's" in the next few weeks (details in the diary) and I am going to suggest to NET they provide information to residents in Toton and the top of Stapleford given the traffic situation at Bardill's.

## **Greasley Victorian Christmas Market**

I opened today's Victorian Christmas Market at St. Mary's Greasley and was pleased to see a long queue had formed in advance of the ceremony.

Money was raised for the Church and stall holders and organisers like June Leighton who chairs Greasley Parish Council, dressed in Victorian costume. This annual event is becoming a great success.



### **Dates for your diary and surgery details**

#### **Monday 26th November:**

**Mini Major Oak dedication**

**Ilkeston Road Rec, Stapleford**

Starting at 10am

#### **Thursday 29th November:**

**Italian Food and Opera Charity night**

**Amore's Restaurant, Beeston**

Starting at 7pm and in aid of the Mayor of Broxtowe's Charity; click [here](#) for more details.

#### **Saturday 1st December:**

**Beeston Christmas Lights Switch on**

There is a full and impressive list of the days events on the Borough Council's web site so please click [here](#)

#### **Tuesday 4th December:**

**Tram Drop In, Eskdale Junior School, Chilwell**

Between 5.30pm and 8.00pm

#### **Thursday 6th December:**

**Stapleford Christmas Tree lights switch on**

Starts at 6.15pm please click [here](#) to access the Town Council's web site with all the details

#### **Friday 7th December:**

**Kimberley Christmas Lights Switch on**

The T light parade through the town begins at 6.15pm

#### **Saturday 8th December:**

**Christmas Carols, Montrose Court, Stapleford**

6pm until 8pm with music supplied by members of St Helen's Church, festive food and soft drinks. All welcome.

#### **Thursday 13th December:**

**Tram Drop-In, Beeston Town Hall**

5.30pm until 8pm.

#### **Saturday 15th December:**

**Advice Surgery**

Please contact me for an appointment.

## Out and About

### Nottingham Ear Foundation

Many years ago I helped launch an appeal to raise money for a large extension of the Nottingham Ear Foundation building in Lenton. Fourteen years on I was in the extension on Thursday to launch a new appeal for yet another extension. This is a remarkable organisation for the deaf and hard of hearing and especially helps children and young adults with cochlear ear implants. Check out the Ear Foundation on <http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/> and if you can help them in any way then please do.



From Parliament

## Dangerous driving sentences/ Gay Marriage

### Dangerous Driving

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me after signing the petition featured on the website <http://stopdangerousdrivers.com/>. I agree that it is important our Judges sentence people properly especially for serious offences as causing death by dangerous driving. However, I am always cautious to comment on any sentence without knowing all the facts and appreciate that sometimes our newspapers chose not to give a full and fair report. However, given the strength of feeling on this matter I have written directly to the Minister, Jeremy Wright MP, to express the concerns of constituents and will report back when I get a response.

### Same Sex Marriage

There is much speculation about legislation being brought to Parliament in the next few weeks and equal speculation as to how MP's will vote on the issue of same sex marriage. I have received over 200 emails on the subject and by a slim majority most are in favour of changing our civil law to allow two people of the same sex to marry.

It was not a subject I had particularly strong views on, conceding there are many more pressing matters and I shared the concern that any change in the law might in some way force same sex marriage on churches, faiths or religions who were opposed to it. However, I could see no good reason not to change our civil law and allow same sex marriage.

It turns out any change to the law will not force or faith or religion to marry people of the same sex.

Having had a large number of very similar emails from constituents opposed to any change in our civil law I sought the views of subscribers to my email newsletter and was somewhat (and pleasantly!) inundated with views from people of all ages, faiths, gay and straight, male and female and the majority were in favour. Indeed I was particularly struck by the powerful arguments put forward by younger gay men and women who seek to have the same expectation of settling down with their partner for life and getting married as their straight brother or sister. I should add a number of Christians (as well as a Hindu and a Buddhist) were keen to tell me how they too favour a change in the law to allow two people of the same sex to marry.

So, I am a firm supporter of a change to the law and look forward to the ensuing debates in Parliament. Any vote is a "free one" as this is a matter of conscience and I will vote in favour of allowing same sex marriage.

## **And Finally...**

From next week my annual report is being delivered throughout the constituency. One of the first things the Coalition Government did was to abolish the MP communication allowance which gave MP's £10,000 a year to spend on newspapers and leaflets to their constituents. So my annual report is not paid for by the tax payer and I have paid for delivery by Royal Mail in most of the constituency. But I need help with delivery in much of Beeston so if you can spare an hour or two then please let me know. I will post a copy of the newspaper on my web site next week.

### **Contact Anna Soubry MP**

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