

Don't forget! Vote TONY HARPER for Police and Crime Commissioner on Thursday May 5th.



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Working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,
It's been a busy couple of weeks so there's quite a lot to report on. Please don't forget to vote on Thursday in the PCC elections and I very much hope you will give your first preference to local man Tony Harper. Enjoy the bank holiday weekend!
As ever,
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Cycling campaign success

I am delighted that a dangerous cycle route is finally being made safer. 43 constituents have suffered serious injuries on the tram tracks on Chilwell/High Road in Beeston. After my long campaign work on new signs and other improvements began today. I met fellow campaigners to welcome the changes with more to come next week.



About time too! Cyclists welcome the new safety signs



My thanks to Nottinghamshire County and Broxtowe Borough Councils for all their work. I'm also very grateful to the local police who recognised how dangerous the road was to cyclists. Regular readers will recall Bramcote cyclist John Melia who nearly died just before Christmas when his wheel got stuck in a tram track and he was run over by a car. I am pleased John joined us today - he is making a good though slow recovery.

Happy 50th Birthday Attenborough Reserve



The Attenborough Nature Reserve celebrated its 50th birthday today. This remarkable place is especially proud of the opportunities it offers to school children to appreciate and understand the natural world. Notts artist Mike Warren has an exhibition of his work as part of the celebrations going into next week.



[read more about the Reserve here >>](#)

Cemex own most of the Reserve and are due to stop working in Attenborough in the next 12-18 months. The Nature Reserve is part of Notts Wildlife Trust and I very much hope Cemex will sell them the Reserve for £1 - now that would be a really wonderful birthday present!



Forever Stars facility opens for bereaved families

A very special place for families who have suffered a still birth opened yesterday at the QMC. The 'Serenity Suite' has been funded by our very own Forever Stars charity - which was set up by Chilwell's Michelle and Richard Daniels. Their baby Emily was still born and in the following two years Richard and Michelle have raised over £150,000 to build the suite. A huge thanks to so many local people who have supported Forever Stars. I am by no means alone in paying tribute to Richard and Michelle - a remarkable couple who with outstanding courage and determination made something wonderful come out of a heartbreaking tragedy.



Walter Parker VC memorial unveiling

Royal Marines, serving and retired, mixed with residents in Stapleford on Sunday as a new memorial to commemorate the service of Lt Cpl Walter Parker VC was unveiled. Despite the cold there was a good turnout to pay tribute to Walter who won the Victoria Cross in the First World War and then retired to Stapleford.

Business Club hosts EU debate

Broxtowe Business Club staged a debate on whether we should remain in or leave the EU at Bramcote School last



night. My thanks to all the speakers and contributors. I enjoyed listening to all the arguments - and remain firmly of the view we are stronger, safer and better off in the EU!

Don't forget the Big EU Debate on Thursday June 2nd at the Pearson Centre, Beeston. Let me know if you would like to take part!



Post office petition hand over

I have asked the Post Office to consult fully with everyone before deciding whether to relocate the Beeston Square post office to WHSmith on High Road. Broxtowe Borough Councillor Janet Patrick has collected over 2,000 signatures from people who want the post office to stay in its iconic building off the Square. The Post Office say services will be improved but many Beeston residents and traders fear that if the post office moves the building will remain empty. In addition to asking for a full consultation - I have made the point that it isn't fair to judge the current site on the basis of footfall over the last few years when we know the tram works stopped many people from coming to Beeston.



Kimberley Caravans success

Kimberley Caravans has been acclaimed as one of 1,000 UK companies to inspire British Business. I was delighted to visit the site and hear about their success. Kimberley Caravans has expanded with a site at Darlington and has plans to expand its Kimberley base.



Broxtowe's Mayor has a Ball!

A very warm congratulations to our outgoing Mayor Cllr Susan Bagshaw who marked her year in office with an excellent St George's Day Ball last Saturday. We all had a great time and helped raise almost £2,000 in the process. Susan has been a terrific Mayor and our incoming Mayor, Cllr Graham Harvey will find her a hard act to follow! I've no doubt Graham will rise to the challenge as will our new Deputy Mayor Halimah Khaled MBE.

Susan has raised many thousands of pounds for her charities Forces in the Community and Nottingham Children's Hospital. I wish her and her first class escort, husband and fellow Councillor David, a well deserved break.



What's on in Broxtowe

Saturday 30 April

Ceilidh Dance Night - Bramcote Old Church Tower

7:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall.

What's on: Tickets cost £12 which includes a hot supper (bring your own beer and wine).

There will be live music from Fred's Folks. To purchase tickets please call 0115 925 1492 or 922 6782.

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Neighbourhood Planning - Open Day

10am till 2pm

Where: Stapleford Town Council.

What's on: Stapleford Town Council invites you to come along to an open day about Neighbourhood Planning.

Sunday 1 May

Nuthall Northern Bowls - Open Day

2pm till 4pm

Where: The Green, Basil Russell Playing Fields, Nuthall.

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Mick's Music Festival - Hop Pole

Where: Hope Pole, 2 High Road, Beeston.

What's on: Crazy Heart, The Scratch Band, open mic session and much more.

Tuesday 3 May

Bramcote Community meeting

8pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote, NG9 3HD.

What's on: The inaugural AGM of Bramcote's Neighbourhood Forum.

Wednesday 4 May

Drop in Legal Surgery for Victims of Domestic Abuse

9:30am till 2:30pm

Where: For venue please call Broxtowe Women's Project on 01773 718 555.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Wednesday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Opening Cossall Community Hall

7:30pm till 8:30pm

Where: Church Lane, Cossall, NG16 2RT.

What's on: After many years of planning and fundraising the Hall will be officially opened by the Bishop of Sherwood. Light refreshments will be available on the night.

Thursday 5 May

PCC ELECTION DAY -

I will be voting for former senior police officer and local man, Tony Harper

voting from 7am until 10pm

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Lawn Bowls - Open afternoon

1:30pm till 3:30pm

Where: Bowling Green, Broadgate Recreation Park, Beeston.
What's on: Come along to try out bowls.

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The Bramcote School Fashion Show and Clothes Sale

7pm

Where: The Bramcote School.

What's on: Adults £3.50 under 16's £2.50 on the door.

Friday 6 May

Beeston Arts and Craft Fair and Fun

10am till 4pm

Where: The Square, Beeston.

What's on: Dust off your antiques and bring them down for a free valuation form one of the experts of Hanson Auctioneers and Valuers between 11am and 1pm.

Saturday 7 May

Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Coffee morning - British Heart Foundation

10am till 12 noon

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Hosted by Attenborough Sewing Circle there will be coffee and toasted tea cakes, sewing items and household linen, knitted toys, home-made preserves and a raffle. Entrance is £1.50 which includes a drink and tea cake.

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Farmers Market - Stapleford

9am till 2pm

Where: Walter Parker Memorial Square, Derby Road.

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1940's Big Band Night - V.E.Day Celebration

7:30pm

Where: The Victory Club, Station Road, Beeston.

What's on: There will also be a fundraising raffle for Help the Heroes. Entrance is free for members and £2 for non members.

Tuesday 10 May

Stapleford and District Local History Society - talk

7pm

Where: St Helen's Church Hall, Frederick Road, Stapleford.

What's on: A talk about coal mining around Eastwood and the Lawrence connection by David Amos.

Wednesday 11 May

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Thursday 12 May

Caught in the Net - Beeston Players

7:30pm till 9:30pm

Where: Round Hill School, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

What's on: Full details of the show [here](#). Also showing on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th.

Friday 13 May

Caught in the Net - Beeston Players

7:30pm till 9:30pm

Where: Round Hill School, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

What's on: Full details of the show [here](#).

Saturday 14 May

Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Tuesday 17 May

In our Out? - EU Referendum Question Time event

7pm till 9pm

Where: Beeston Parish Church.

What's on: Come along to ask any questions you may have. If you have any queries please contact Barbara via babsel@ntlworld.com

Wednesday 18 May

Wednesday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Attenborough Friendship Group - coach trip

1pm till 6pm

Where: Leaving Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Coach trip to Fairways Garden Centre Clifton, Nr. Ashbourne. The cost is £7pp to book a place please call 01159221183.

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Beeston and District Local History Society - talk

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: A talk by Judith Wright - 'Boots in the First World War'.

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Laurel & Hardy film show

7:30pm till 10:30pm

Where: The White Lion, Beeston, NG9 1Fx.

What's on: The Nottingham Branch of the Laurel & Hardy Appreciation Society organise the shows once a month. All are welcome to the free event.

Saturday 21 May

Beeston Wildlife Group - Walk

10am till 1pm

Where: Attenborough Nature Reserve, NG9 6DY.

What's on: Full details of the free guided walk [here](#).

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Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Driveway Sale - Christian Aid

10am till 12 noon

Where: 52 Crofton Road, Attenborough.

What's on: Home-made jams and preserves, cards and crafts.

Sunday 22 May

Gardens open for Charity - Bramcote

1pm till 5pm

Where: 6 and 10 Moor Lane, Bramcote.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

Thursday 26 May

Bramcote Old Church Tower AGM

7:30pm

Where: St Michael's Church Centre, Church Street, Bramcote.

What's on: AGM followed by an update on the restoration project. Refreshments will be available on the night.

Saturday 28 May

Saturday mornings with Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Cider Festival

All weekend

Where: The Corn Mill, Chilwell, NG9 6GX.

What's on: Cider tent, live music and family fun.

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Tophouse Beer Festival

Where: The White Lion, Bramcote Village.

What's on: 20+ real ales and ciders with at least 10 of them being local. There will also be live music from around 4pm onwards.

Sunday 29 May

Spring Fayre - Cats Protection Nottingham

11am till 3pm

Where: Greasley Parish Hall, Dovecote Road, Hilltop, NG16 3QN.

What's on: Meet the team and help raise funds. There will be tea and coffee, cake, tombola, bric-a-brac, crafts, cat goods, books and much more.

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Monday 30 May

The Greasley Gathering

Where: Greasley Sports and Community Centre, Dovecote Road, NG16 3QN.

What's on: A great family fun day out.

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Spring Fair - Strelley Village

1:30pm

Where: All Saints Church, Strelley Village, NG8 6PE.

What's on: Annual Spring Fair that is fun for all the family. There will be bric-a-brac, books, crafts, home-made cakes, raffle, refreshments, children's quiz and much more.

Thursday 2 June

Public EU Debate - In V Out

6pm till 8pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Beeston.

What's on: Speakers from the Vote Leave and Stronger In campaigns will go head to head in the public debate.

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