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Hello again,

This is a quick update on my work since my last email newsletter. I am looking forward to Saturday's "Meet the Team" at the Cadland from 10am til 12noon. The weather forecast is good which might make up for the Bank Holiday though it didn't dampen too many spirits at the Greasley Gathering and other local events!

As ever,
Anna

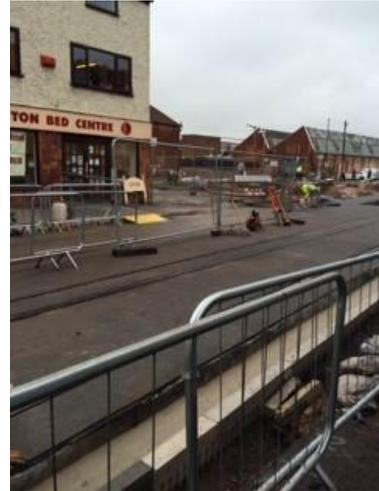
Two important meetings

I met the new Chief Fire Officer for Nottinghamshire, John Buckley and Fire Authority Chair, Cllr Darren Pulk. Incidents are well down but cuts in funding continue to put pressure on our Fire Service. John and Darren argue that Notts is not getting the fairest of deals; I made it clear I am more than willing to take their arguments to the Government if they provide me with the detail which they undertook to send to me. I will keep you updated.

I have also had a very good meeting with the new head of our Ambulance Service, Sue Noyes. She is certainly improving East Midlands Ambulance Service; bringing in some much needed fresh managerial staff. She assures me morale and ambulance waiting times are improving. My recent experience of EMAS was excellent though I am by no means complacent and there is still considerable progress to be made.

Tram compensation confusion and more missed deadlines

Previous County Council meetings and resolutions indicate that over a million pounds was to be set aside to compensate small businesses affected by the tram works. In a letter to the Leader of Notts County Council I urge him to consider the minutes of various past meetings and ensure shops and traders in Beeston, Chilwell, Attenborough and Toton are not forced out of business by the devastating effect on the tram works. You can read the letter on my web site (link below). I have also written to the leader of Nottingham City Council. I am hoping for favourable replies very soon!



Meanwhile, the promised opening of the top of Chilwell Road by May 26 failed to materialise (I am sorry to say residents and traders are getting used to broken promises). However, I am assured that the Kirk family of Lower Road will be getting to the church on time on Saturday and my previous email has provoked considerable media interest!



[Click here for my letter to Notts County Council re compensation ...](#)

Paint the town red !

Stapleford Community Group have come up with another great idea to mark the start of the First World War, one hundred years ago. There will be a stall outside Lloyds this Saturday where they will be giving out poppy seeds. Stapleford folk are asked to sow the seeds on Sunday. The ensuing flowering of the red poppies is a fitting commemoration of the huge loss of life and many other sacrifices made during the First World War.

New road planned for Beeston

A six million pound road is planned to improve access to the Boots Enterprise Zone from the island at the existing entrance to the Boots site (Humber Road/Lilac grove junction) through the site into the City joining Thane Road. The road will have a 20 mph speed limit but I share concerns that this may not be enough of a deterrence for those seeking a short cut through the Rylands.

Parking problems continue at Bilborough College

If you're a long time reader of my email newsletter you will know I've been campaigning to sort out the serious parking problems experienced by residents living next to Bilborough College. Nottinghamshire County Council will now consult on a residents parking scheme which has previously been rejected, but which I believe could provide a long-term solution.

Trent Vale Consultation

Developers have now submitted a formal application to develop the Technology Drive business park and Trent Vale sports ground in Beeston. Full details of the plans are available on Broxtowe Borough Council's website and you can view, and comment on, these by clicking [here](#)

Given the extent of the development - which includes 285 houses, new sports facilities, a health centre and a new car park for Beeston Station - I would encourage as many local residents as possible to participate in the consultation which ends on 6th June.

Passport Delays

I have had a number of enquiries this week from constituents anxiously awaiting passports. Regional passport offices are experiencing a large number of applications and it's therefore taking longer than usual to process them. If you are planning to travel abroad this summer, please ensure that your passport application is submitted as soon as possible and that you have a valid passport before booking your holiday. For more information, click [here](#). In the meantime I have raised the matter with Ministers.

Saturday 31 May

Rhodes to the Stars - Sponsored Cycle

Tesco, Beeston

There will be an information stand for Forever Stars, as well as a number of community groups and companies getting involved in the Rhodes to the Stars cycling challenge.

Drop-in Surgery - Chilwell

The Cadland, 342 High Road, Chilwell, NG9 5EG

10am till 12noon

Your opportunity to meet with me to discuss any issues you may have.

Planting the Town Red - Stapleford

See above for details

Sunday 1 June

Local Plant Sale - Toton

3 Edale Road, Toton, NG9 6JJ

10 till 2:30pm

Local plant sale including: tombola, books, cakes, tea and coffee. All proceeds will go to animal charities.

Open Air Service

3pm till 4pm

Bramcote Hills Park

A brass band and choir group will perform a range of hymns and songs.

Monday 2 June

Bramcote CAT meeting

7pm till 8:30pm

Bramcote Memorial Hall

Wednesday 4 June

Charity Tea Dance

Beeston Youth and Community Centre, West End, NG9 1GL

1:30pm till 4:30pm

Peggy Payne will host a charity Tea Dance in aid of guide dogs for the blind. Tickets cost £6, which includes a cream cake.

Saturday 7 June

Hemlock Happening

1pm till 10:30pm

Bramcote Hills Park

A great family day out with live music, family events, food and drink stalls and a grand finale fireworks show.

SANDS Charity Evening

7pm

Eastwood Hall

Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity will be holding a charity evening with proceeds going to SANDS. For more information, please click [here](#).

Saturday 7 June and Sunday 8 June

Beeston and Chilwell Garden Trail

1pm till 5pm

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An opportunity to enjoy a range of beautiful gardens throughout Beeston and Chilwell. Owners will also be on hand during the afternoon to share tips and answer questions and there will be a range of activities available. Tickets cost £3.50 and are valid for Saturday and Sunday. Children can visit for free. For further information please click [here](#)

Sunday 8 June

Cossall Open Gardens

1pm till 5pm

This year's Open Gardens event boasts 16 delightful gardens. Tickets cost £3 each with under 12s going free. For more information please click [here](#)

And finally

Congratulations to our new MEPs, especially Emma McClarkin and Andrew Lewer. Commiserations to Bill Newton Dunn who lost his seat having served first as a Conservative and then a Lib Dem MEP for some thirty years. The Broxtowe result included the entire Borough which is bigger than the constituency and includes Eastwood which has been a traditional Labour stronghold.

The turnout was 38% and the share of the vote was UKIP 31%, Labour 26.5%, Conservatives 24%, Green 7.7%, Lib Dem 6.4%.

Here are my thoughts on the result: It would be churlish not to congratulate UKIP on their victory and recognise that a number of people variously: want out of the EU, don't much like immigration, are cheesed off with the three main parties, oppose same sex marriage and don't much rate the world as they see it today. Looking at the results in another way, only around 10% of the electorate voted for the above, in fact almost 90% of people with a vote rejected UKIP. What is for sure is that given where we are in the electoral cycle and given the result was for the entire borough, Labour should have done a great deal better if they are to win the General election. The other important factor to be drawn from the recent election results is that in marginal seats like Broxtowe if you vote UKIP you will get Labour.

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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*

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