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Member of Parliament for Broxtowe

NEWSLETTER



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Hello again,

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me with invitations to meetings and events. I enjoy “getting out and about” meeting, listening and talking with constituents as it’s one of the most enjoyable and important roles of an MP. Please call the constituency office or email me if you have an invitation.

I appreciate the “festive season” seems to arrive earlier every year but the various Christmas lights switch on’s at Kimberley and Beeston, this weekend don’t seem a day too early given the snow and frost!

As ever,
Anna

Broxtowe Citizens Advice Bureau

I have added my name to the long list of people very concerned about the future of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Broxtowe and accordingly appeared on yesterdays (Sundays) BBC East Midlands Politics Show. This outstanding organisation is part of a nationwide service that has been helping people with a variety of problems for over seventy years; the vast majority of its advisors are volunteers with a small and dedicated staff who provide invaluable training and support.

Notts County Council , like all Councils, is having to make huge savings, some of which will be ploughed back into the protection of children. However, Notts have proposed a two third cut in the contribution they make to CAB’s throughout the County. This will have a profound effect on Broxtowe’s CAB which heavily relies on the County Council for funding .

I have made a submission in support of the CAB as part of the “consultation” process and have written to, and have met with, the Justice Secretary, Ken Clarke MP who spoke in Parliament the other week about the need to retain the services provided by the CAB. I have also spoken to Francis Maude about whether the £100 million transition fund the Government has established, can be used to help the CAB should their budget be radically reduced.

Toton trees – December 17th deadline to fight the appeal

I do a separate email newsletter to constituents who are particularly keen to protect land at Toton Sidings/Fields , especially after the trees at the Sidings were decimated earlier this

year, so scroll on if you have already read the following. The Forestry Commission (FC) has appointed the appeal committee to consider the owners appeal against the re-stocking notice and people can make their submissions. The FC has said

"All correspondence, anecdotal evidence and photographs that we have received to date will be forwarded onto the committee. If however you wish to make further representations to the committee, I would ask that you do so either by letter and send to the address (below) or by email and send to the email address (below). All details must be received by Friday 17th December, to be sure that they can be passed to the committee in time for them to read, prior to the date they are due to hear the appeal."

the postal address is

The Forestry Commission East Midlands Region, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Notts

the email address is

eastmidlands.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

If you would like to receive my Toton Trees email newsletter please let me know.

I am very pleased that TEPS has agreed to apply for Village Green status; they are asking people to help them in the process and need to establish the land has been used by members of the community for all manner of activities over the last twenty years. If you can help in any way or want more information then please let me know.

Chetwynd Barrack Development/Chilwell Meadows/Kings Lodge

I chaired a meeting between the builders, officers from Broxtowe Borough Council and Councillor David Watts; the result was a pledge from the builders to start work on the pavements and general "street scene" on December 6th (a letter to this effect from the builders is being delivered to homes throughout the development).

The all important work on completing the spine roads and other unadopted roads is due to start in the New Year and, on the basis the weather we are currently experiencing eases up (!) , will be finished at the end of February.

I have already informed residents in detail in a separate email newsletter (please let me know if you would like to receive it), that there are still a number of matters to be finalised, but it really does seem this is the beginning of the end of this unfortunate saga.

My thanks to Ruth Hyde, the Chief Executive at Broxtowe Borough Council and to Cllr. David Watts for arranging the meeting and for their support.

Surgeries

My remaining surgeries for this year are pretty much fully booked but there is always room for an emergency and I continue to do home visits. I am in Nuthall this Friday and in Beeston on December 18th. Please email or call the constituency office if you would like to attend an advice surgery.

St Mary's Church, Greasley

Saturdays Victorian Market was a great success and I also enjoyed the exhibition of mining

photographs in the Church. All the lead was stolen from the roof and water is beginning to seep into the fabric of the building. The Church has decided there is little point in replacing the roof with lead as the fear is it will be stolen again; they are left trying to raise around £20,000 – all and any contributions much appreciated.

FYI The Christmas Carol Concert is on Thursday December 9th which I plan to attend

Speed dating/ Award ceremony George Spencer Academy

Along with a number of other MP's and Peers I took part, last week, in a political "speed dating" event. Groups of sixth formers had 7 minutes or so to fire questions at a politician and then move on to the next table. George Spencer Academy had provided one of the biggest groups for the event which was organised through the Parliamentary Education Service. PES offers a wide range of excellent services to schools providing tours of the House of Commons and first class educational "packs" (they can also help with transport costs). Bramcote Hills has already visited the House of Commons and I very much hope all schools throughout the constituency will use the service. Visit <http://www.parliament.uk/education/> or drop me an email if you would like your school

Finally, just a quick congratulations to George Spencer on their excellent awards ceremony. It was a great evening with the photographs of the staff and award givers (including the MP) when we were considerably younger, taking second place to the achievements of the pupils!

Tram – Neville Sadler Court/ Sandby Court

I have attended residents meetings at both Neville Sadler Court and Sandby Court in Chilwell.

Neville Sadler has faced the prospect of being partly demolished to make way for the tram for many years now and Sandby Court will view the tram at very close quarters.

Nottingham City Council anticipate a contractor will be in place sometime next year but as yet there is no meaningful timetable as to when we can anticipate the work will begin. This of course presupposes the current administration retains power in the Council House and they can either reduce the costs and/or raise more money locally to fund it!

I appreciate that many people welcome the tram, but, we shouldn't forget those who stand to lose their home or have it changed in some way.

As your MP I am determined to do all I can to make sure the adverse effects of the building of the tram are properly and fully mitigated. Today I continued that process with a meeting with the Housing Association that runs Neville Sadler Court.

Bramcote Sunken Church/Honorary Freeman and an Alderman.

My thanks to everyone who gave me a fascinating guided tour of the Old Church Tower and grounds on a freezing Friday morning! I am particularly looking forward to next December when it will form part of the villages plans to stage a "living Nativity".

The chill helped wake me up after the previous nights celebrations in Beeston. The Borough Council admitted as Honorary Freeman of the Borough, Paddy Farrell, Ghulam Mayaudin, Roy Plumb, Brian Sanders, Colin Slater MBE, Peggy Wainwright and Bill Wheatley MBE. Bob Lilley was made an Alderman. Each, in their own way, has served their local communities or the Borough at large for many years and my congratulations to them all.

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