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Working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,

This is the motion which Parliament is debating - we will vote at about 10pm this evening.

“That this House notes that ISIL poses a direct threat to the United Kingdom; welcomes United Nations Security Council Resolution 2249 which determines that ISIL constitutes an 'unprecedented threat to international peace and security' and calls on states to take 'all necessary measures' to prevent terrorist acts by ISIL and to 'eradicate the safe haven they have established over significant parts of Iraq and Syria'; further notes the clear legal basis to defend the UK and our allies in accordance with the UN Charter; notes that military action against ISIL is only one component of a broader strategy to bring peace and stability to Syria; welcomes the renewed impetus behind the Vienna talks on a ceasefire and political settlement; welcomes the Government's continuing commitment to providing humanitarian support to Syrian refugees; underlines the importance of planning for post-conflict stabilisation and reconstruction in Syria; welcomes the Government's continued determination to cut ISIL's sources of finance, fighters and weapons; notes the requests from France, the US and regional allies for UK military assistance; acknowledges the importance of seeking to avoid civilian casualties, using the UK's particular capabilities; notes the Government will not deploy UK troops in ground combat operations; welcomes the Government's commitment to provide quarterly progress reports to the House; and accordingly supports Her Majesty's Government in taking military action, specifically air strikes, exclusively against ISIL in Syria; and offers its wholehearted support to Her Majesty's Armed Forces.”

I have listened to the Prime Minister's speech proposing the motion and some other excellent speeches notably from Labour's highly respected former Home Secretary, Alan Johnson, speech about an hour ago.

I would like to explain in short why I will vote for extending air strikes into Syria.

We are currently part of an International Coalition engaged in air strikes against ISIL in Iraq - we now want to extend those air strikes into Syria which is where ISIL are largely based and from where they operate. The action I support is not "bombing Syria" - it is about air strikes against ISIL, an evil terrorist organisation which has committed countless atrocities - mainly against Muslims.

The United Nations has called on all member states to take 'all necessary action' against ISIL because it recognises the unprecedented threat that ISIL poses to us all. France's President has specifically called on Great Britain to join his country in defeating ISIL, following the terrible murders in Paris a few weeks ago - President Hollande has asked us to join France in air strikes against ISIL in Syria.

I am aware that some constituents believe that extending air strikes against ISIL into Syria is in some way the same as the invasion of Iraq in 2003 - something I was opposed to and would not have voted for if I had been an MP. Extending air strikes into Syria is in no way the same as the invasion of Iraq, our intervention in Libya or indeed our long campaign in Afghanistan.

Last Thursday, the Prime Minister explained why we want to extend air strikes and told Parliament how this is one part of our campaign to defeat ISIL.

I would ask you please to read the Prime Ministers statement in Hansard on this [link](#).

You can also read the response from the leader of the opposition and the contributions and questions from other MPs. Many of those points have been rehearsed again during today's debate and many of the questions have been answered.

Finally, in the last twelve months our counter terrorism forces have thwarted seven planned attacks by ISIL on us. The advice from our security and intelligence services is that we are at serious and very real risk from the sort of attack by ISIL which we witnessed in Paris. The primary duty of every Government is to keep its people safe and ISIL are a very real and serious threat to us all. In all the circumstances I believe we should extend air strikes into Syria to defeat ISIL.

I have a mixed bag of other news which I hope you will also read.

As ever,
Anna



This Saturday will see shops and traders throughout Broxtowe showing just how wonderful they are. Small Business Saturday is happening in all of our wonderful towns and many businesses have offers or events on. I hope everyone will make a special effort to 'shop local' and I am particularly pleased that the Federation of Small Business is concentrating their efforts on supporting and promoting Beeston.



Free Parking on Saturdays in December

Broxtowe Borough Council have announced that there will be free parking on Saturdays throughout December in their main car parks in each of the big towns. This is excellent news for shoppers local businesses in the run up to the Christmas period.

New White Bull Update



Last Friday I met with the owners of the New White Bull. They made it clear that their application to demolish the pub is simply a device, and part of a gamble that has so far not paid off. Instead of pursuing their project on behalf of the Co-Op they should, in my view, cut their losses and sell to the Blue Monkey Brewery. As you may imagine I didn't flinch in giving them my advice.

I very much hope Broxtowe's leadership and officers will remain resolute and see this application to demolish for exactly what it is. A device to put pressure on the Council to allow planning permission for a change of use.

[*Keep up with the campaign to save the New White Bull here >>*](#)



Party time for Councillor Halimah Khaled MBE

It was a real pleasure to join Councillor Halimah Khaled her family and friends to celebrate her recent honour of an MBE. Halimah has raised considerable funds for charities notably the Well Being of Women project.

More recently Halimah has been a highly respected and important part of the campaign within the Nottingham Muslim community to support families and defeat jihadist ideology. Halimah is a proud British Muslim and as it happens a great Conservative Councillor in Toton!



Councillor Stuart Rowland

I am very sorry to report the unexpected death of Councillor Stuart Rowland who represented the Greasley ward on Broxtowe Borough Council. I was very fond of Stuart who conducted himself with great dignity and never flinched from standing up for what he believed to be right for his constituents. I have had some lovely tributes from people he helped and it is striking how many refer to him as a true gentleman". My thoughts are with his wife and family, and indeed his fellow Greasley Councillors, Mick Brown and John and Margaret Handley - together they made a great team.

And finally,

We have a limited number of places remaining on our Christmas Tour of Parliament for Monday 14th December. The coach will be leaving Holly Lane (just next to Barton House in

Chilwell) at 5:30am, the cost of the coach is £14.50 per person. Please email me ASAP if you would like to come.



What's on in Broxtowe

Thursday 3 December

A Christmash Carol

7:30pm

Where: St Helen's Parish Church, Stapleford.

What's on: Stapleford Town Council welcomes Bowjangles as part of the Village Ventures Initiative. Full details [here](#).

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Christmas Light Switch On - Greasley

6pm till 8pm

Where: Greasley Sports and Community Centre.

What's on: A community choir performance by Priory Catholic School, a visit from Santa, Firework finale and seasonal refreshments.

Saturday 5 December

Small Business Saturday

What's on: Come along and support your local businesses. Please click [here](#) for exclusive local offers.

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Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair - Attenborough

10:15am

Where: Attenborough Nature reserve.

What's on: Great range of artistic gifts by very talented local artists and crafts people.

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Christmas Fayre - George Spencer

11am till 2pm

Where: George Spencer Academy, Arthur Mee Road, Stapleford, NG9 7EW.

What's on: Gifts, crafts and cake stalls, tombola, raffle, live music, bouncy castle, hot food and drink and one free lucky dip per primary school aged child.

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Dads and Kids in the Morning

10am till 12 noon

Where: The Pastures Community Church, 166 Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8GQ.

What's on: Various activities throughout the year.

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Winter warmer coffee morning - Newthorpe

10am till 11am

Where: Newthorpe Baptist Church, Main Street, Newthorpe.

What's on: Delicious treats and homemade goods.

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Willowcraft Workshop with Dig In - Stapleford

11am till 2pm

Where: Albany Allotments Site, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Come along and make a Christmas wreath or a willow lantern. £3 donation to cover materials. Please click [here](#) for further details.

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Nativity Festival - Kimberley

1pm till 4pm

Where: Holy Trinity Church, Kimberley.

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

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Carols in the Courtyard

6pm till 7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Creative Corner.

What's on: The businesses will be open all day, please do support them for Small Business Saturday, in the evening Hope Community Gospel Choir will be performing.

Sunday 6 December

Winter Wonderland - Colliers Wood

11am till 1pm

Where: Colliers Wood, situated off Engine Lane, Moorgreen, NG16 3QU.

What's on: Part of National Tree Week, the tree dressing will take place from 11am as well as activities for all the family such as; children's craft workshop, Santa's grotto, stalls and seasonal refreshments.

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Christmas Service of Remembrance

2pm

Where: Serenity Chapel, Bramcote Crematorium.

What's on: A beautiful way to remember your loved ones at Christmas.

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

Monday 7 December

Attenborough Village Hall - AGM

7:30pm

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

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Attenborough Scouts' Christmas Post Delivery

What's on: This years Christmas post will operate from Monday 7th till Monday 21st December. The aim is to provide a cheap and efficient service in a limited collection area. (Attenborough only) Collection boxes are located around the village, the cost per card is 10p.

Tuesday 8 December

Christmas Coffee Morning - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Carnegie Centre, Warren Avenue, Stapleford.

What's on: Stapleford Town Council invites you to a coffee morning in aid of the Mayor of Broxtowe's chosen charities.

Wednesday 9 December

Alderman White Christmas Fair

6:30pm till 9pm

Where: The School Hall.

What's on: Stalls, games, cakes, hot food, wine raffle, music, homemade mulled wine, and raffle.

Friday 11 December

Beeston and District Civic Society - Meeting

7:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre.

What's on: Christmas open meeting, full details [here](#).

Tuesday 15 December

Christmas Meal - Toton

3pm till 5pm

Where: The Manor Bar and Restaurant, Toton.

What's on: Young at heart will be holding a Christmas dinner for seniors, to book please call 0115 946 3266.

Thursday 17 December

Beer and Carols

8:30pm

Where: The White Lion, Bramcote.

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Christmas lunch event for those on their own at Christmas

Where: Beeston fields Golf Club.

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

Saturday 19 December

Christmas Party - Kimberley

1pm till 2:30pm

Where: Kettlebrook Lodge, Kimberley.

What's on: Come and celebrate the festive season, full details [here](#).

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