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## NEWSLETTER



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January 2nd 2012

**I am re-sending my email newsletter sent on New Year's Eve which a number of recipients were unable to read properly. I am not sure what went wrong but one word a line was not my intention! So here it is again – and apologies for the repetition if you didn't have a problem reading it. Enjoy the rest of the Bank Holiday.**

Happy New Year and I do hope you have had a very good Christmas.

2012 will be a difficult year for many families in Broxtowe given the economic situation in Britain, the continuing crisis in the Eurozone and the general state of the world economy.

One glimmer of hope is that economists predict inflation will fall this year. Many families have been feeling the effect for a number of years of rising prices and stagnant or small rises in household income, so a fall in inflation will be a boost for most of us.

In Broxtowe I believe we have cause to be more optimistic than other areas. The Enterprise Zone at the Boots site will begin to take off with the promise of jobs and prosperity for the area. Although the construction of the tram extension will cause great disruption it will also create many jobs and apprenticeships.

Nationally, two events will be beacons of light in what many fear will be an otherwise gloomy year namely the London Olympics and the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

I have a few snippets of news and a very sad announcement.

### **Tom Pettengell**

County Councillor Tom Pettengell has died. Tom had been a County Council for almost 23 years representing Toton, Chilwell Meadows and Attenborough; in May Tom retired as the Broxtowe Borough Councillor for his village of Attenborough. Tom was a true gent and his considerable personal vote reflected his long service and devotion to his community. He will be greatly missed and my thoughts are with his wife and family.

### **Field Farm application and public meeting on January 14th**

As anticipated the developers have applied to build 450 homes on Field Farm, green belt land deemed a "preferred site" by Broxtowe Borough Council.

The application can be viewed on the Borough Councils web site ([www.broxtowe.gov.uk](http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk)) and follow the Planning and Building links through to Planning Applications. The Field Farm application number is 11/00758.

More details of the application have been posted on the Council's web site but as yet, no details of the public consultation.

I will provide more detail about the campaign to oppose the application in my next newsletter and advice on how to make your views known. I have asked the Borough Council for the dates of the next round of public consultation on their plans to allow almost 4,000 homes to be built on green belt land in the Borough and am awaiting a reply. Full details when I have them.

In the meantime, STRAG (Stapleford and Trowell Rural Action Group) have been doing a great job in advertising a public meeting I have organised on January 14th from 2-4 at the Jaguar Pub.

Everyone is welcome to attend and I would urge you to forward on the details in this email to anyone and everyone who wants to save our green belt land from development.

I am very grateful to STRAG for their considerable efforts and support.

### **Tram update**

I have had a number of meetings with businesses concerned about how the forthcoming tram works will hinder access to their works (notably on Holly Lane). The City Council have assured me businesses and residents on Chilwell/High Road have been kept informed on compulsory purchase arrangements (which doesn't square with the views of some of those who have only a few weeks to move out). I am meeting with City officials and councillors to resolve a number of constituents immediate concerns and to make sure the various groups and methods of communication are up and running. In the meantime the web site which is run by the City Council and Tramlinc is giving details of site clearing work beginning on Tuesday as follows.

- Bramcote Lane and Eskdale Drive (the area behind properties on Holkham Avenue) from Tuesday 3rd January 2012 for two weeks.
- Eskdale Drive and Inham Road from Tuesday 3rd January 2012 for three weeks.
- Cator Lane and Bramcote Lane from Monday 9th January 2012 for two weeks.

The web site link is

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/netphase2/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=33156&p=0>

### **Wilkos Beeston**

The Beeston store which employs 56 people is to be demolished to make way for the tram and will close in April. Unfortunately, Wilkinsons have not been able to find an alternative site in Beeston. Before Christmas I spoke at length with a representative of Wilkinsons who assured me the company want to have a store in Beeston; in his words "We love Beeston". I was also told all 56 employees will not be losing their jobs whatever the outcome of their hunt for new premises in Beeston.

With all good wishes for 2012,

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