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NEWSLETTER



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"the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail

Hello again,

I appreciate it has only been a week but I have a lot of news (including meetings with the Chief Constable, UK Coal and Tramslink). I have some good news from Attenborough Cricket Club and a big thank you to two local schools. There are also details of events for your weekend diary (though unfortunately the Awwsworth "Party on the Rec" has been cancelled due to the weather). So please keep on reading.

Midland Mainline

On Monday I had a very positive meeting with Justine Greening, Secretary of State for Transport, about the electrification and upgrading of the Midland Mainline. The economic case for improving the line is in my view overwhelming. As you will know a faster, better and more comfortable service between Sheffield and London will reap huge benefits for Greater Nottingham and especially Beeston (the station is opposite the Business Park and near to the Enterprise Zone at Boots). An announcement will be made in the next few weeks.

Banking

I voted earlier today for a Parliamentary Inquiry into Banking following the recently exposed and disgraceful scandal at Barclays. I was not much agitated as to whether we had a public or a parliamentary inquiry. What we need is to get on with the inquiry as to who knew what and to make sure we pass the right legislation to regulate our banks and restore confidence and decency in our banking system.

The future of the Army

The Government today announced it would implement the "Army 2020" plan which was drawn up by a team of experts mainly from the Army, and will see a restructuring of the Army. On the down side the 67 Works Group based at Chetwynd Barracks is to be withdrawn in two years time. However, I have been assured there will not be any redundancies as a result. The plan is to grow our Reservist force to 30,000 men and women and many will be trained and operate from, Chetwynd.

Kimberely School

I am told over 500 parents have signed a petition supporting the schools application to become an Academy. It is to be hoped the NUT have cancelled all further strike action.

Green Belt Public Meetings

There are a number of public meetings in the next few weeks about Broxtowe Borough Council's plans to allow thousands of houses to be built on Green Belt land throughout the Borough.

This Saturday sees a meeting at the Temple Centre in Nuthall (details below).

There are further meetings at Greasley Parish Hall at 6.30 on Thursday July 12, at the Greenwood Centre in Toton on Sunday July 15 at 2pm, and in Kimberley on Tuesday July 17 at 7pm. Please email for more details on

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As ever,
Anna

Cricket for all!

Attenborough Cricket Club has been successful in securing a £50,000 grant from Sport UK to improve their pavilion so more female and disabled people can taken up and enjoy the sport.

It was a pleasure to support the bid which means work will begin in August with a completion date around Christmas.



Rylands and Eskdale Juniors - a thank you

"Send my Friend to School" is a great campaign run in schools throughout the UK to support young people overseas who currently don't have the opportunity to go to school.

I was delighted to receive dozens of colourful medals from Rylands Junior School which I am displaying in my office in Westminster. This excellent campaign has widespread political support.

And a big thank you to year 4 pupils at Eskdale Juniors who have sent me beautifully written letters about their concerns over global warming and climate change. I have replied to them all and sent their letters to the Minister Greg Barker who promises me he too will ensure each author receives a personal reply!

Dates for your diary and surgery details

Saturday July 7:

Surgery 10 til 12 Greasley Parish Hall.

Please call the office for an appointment on 0115 9436507

Saturday July 7

Awsworth "Party on the Rec":

CANCELLED

Saturday July 7

Wadsworth Primary Summer Fair:

From 2pm til 4pm.

Saturday July 7

Nuthall Public Meeting on the threat to our Green Belt

From 2pm til 3.30

Everyone is invited to the meeting in Nuthall Temple Centre. We will be providing advice on how you can have your say about Broxtowe Borough Council's plans to allow development on our Green Belt land.

Sunday July 8

Strawberry Fayre

Old Church Tower, Bramcote

1pm til 4pm

Friends of the Old Church Tower are providing tea, strawberries, cream and a scone all for 3.50 a person with all profits going to the restoration of the Tower.

Out and About



Remembering those who died in the Chilwell explosion

On Sunday, two blue plaques were unveiled to commemorate the explosion at the Chilwell Shell factory which killed 139 people on July 1st 1918.

The first plaque is in the churchyard of St. Mary's in Attenborough where remains of many of the dead are buried. The second plaque is on Orchard Cottage, just by the depot gates, and marks the place where the senior Engineer lived who survived the blast. Please visit my web site

www.anna.soubry.org.uk for more details.

Meetings with the Chief Constable, UK Coal and Tramlink

Chris Eyre, Acting Chief Constable

I raised a number of constituents' cases with the Acting Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, Chris Eyre. We also discussed the cuts in the Force's budget which he assures me will not affect front line services.

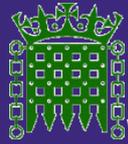
UK Coal

I met with representatives of UK Coal to discuss their application for an open cast mine on Green Belt land between Cossall and Trowell. They know that there is little point in trying to change my mind – I remain opposed to the application. We did talk about the processing of the application and I expressed my view that should the application be unsuccessful UK Coal should cut their losses and not appeal the decision. If the application is successful I suggested how UK Coal might mitigate the terrible disruption and pollution the open cast would cause, including real community benefits for Cossall and Trowell. My hope is that the application is rejected and UK Coal decide the cost of any appeal is prohibitive. In the meantime my thanks to everyone who wrote or emailed the County Council as part of the public consultation.

Tramlink

Finally, I had a very good meeting with Tramlink. I raised various issues and problems

from constituents, notably the effect on traffic using Stapleford Lane in Toton and the Bardills roundabout. I think the regular communications are working (please check out my web site for the latest news www.annasoubry.org.uk). Tramlink are looking for new routes and we discussed the prospect of a line to Kimberley which I think is a good idea. I also suggested a line that might enable the Ilkeston railway station to reopen.



Work in Parliament

Debate on women, question about the compulsory retirement of Magistrates, Chilwell curry house success.

I spoke off the cuff in a debate on women in a Westminster Hall debate. I called for more reasonably priced child care especially to assist less well paid women to return to work and cautioned against stereotyping women as suited for the “nurturing or caring” professions and jobs. You can read my contribution by clicking [here](#).

I asked a question to the Secretary of State for Justice, Ken Clarke, about the age at which Magistrates are forced to retire on behalf of Kimberley’s Roy Plumb. Regular readers will know that Roy had to stand down at the age of 70 which seems a tad unfair given that our erstwhile Lord Chancellor is 72! You can read Ken's reply by clicking [here](#).

Haveli take runners up prize in Parliament's curry cup!

Chilwell curry house, Haveli came "second runners up" in Parliament's Tiffin Cup which celebrates the very best South Asian restaurants in the UK.

Haveli won best in the East Midlands and were presented with certificates and prizes by the Speaker of the House of Commons and head Judge, Ainsley Harriott. It was a great evening and congratulations to this excellent local restaurant and all their team. It was a pleasure to nominate them and join them for the "cook off".



and finally

There is a very good scheme for paid Parliamentary Internships for young people from more disadvantaged backgrounds. If you would like more details then please email me on anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk.

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