



News from Anna Soubry MP

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Hello again,

Please read on for a variety of news and reports on my work in the constituency and Parliament. I greatly fear, in the wake of the so called 'Brexit Judgement' that we are in dangerous and highly unpleasant times - we must all come together to restore tolerance and reasoned debate.

So - quite a lot to read! Enjoy the rest of the weekend (especially Bonfire night)

As ever,

Anna



Beeston's Central College set to close

Central College has announced that their Beeston site will close after 2020. I met the Chief Executive John van de Laarschot yesterday; he said the plan is to cut costs by reducing the number of campuses and instead build a new £50 million College in Nottingham.

I am far from convinced this is a good idea. 500 students use Beeston College and whilst I accept the buildings at the rear are in poor condition, the front is modern and attractive - and it has its own tram stop. The closure will be yet another blow for Chilwell High Road. I am very concerned that yet again, the City is taking precedence over areas like Broxtowe. I will keep you updated as I work to persuade Central College and the Government that Beeston College should remain open.

On a happier note there are no plans to close the Arthur Mee Centre in Stapleford.

Kimberley Chapel - tribute to Team Trevor!



It was a real honour and a great treat to open and then enjoy the newly restored Kimberley Cemetery Chapel. Led by Town Councillor Trevor Rood a team of skilled craftspeople and a gang of volunteers have done an outstanding job. Now named the Chapel on the Hill, it is open for bookings for all manner of ceremonies and I am sure it will be a popular venue. You may remember the former Town Council had an expensive and inappropriate plan for the Chapel. Thanks to Town Council leader Roy Plumb, fellow Councillors and the Kimberley Residents Association common sense and hard work prevailed. The result is a splendid new community facility in keeping with the final resting place of many of Kimberley's residents.



My thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's meeting to sort out the Xmas light switch ons in Beeston, Kimberley and Stapleford.

Sorting out Christmas lights switch ons!

A number of constituents and traders in Beeston, Stapleford and Kimberley have complained to me that Broxtowe Borough Council was being a tad too heavy handed in arranging this year's Christmas Light switch ons. The concern is that volunteers with proven track records for organising hugely successful annual events were being excluded. I held a meeting yesterday between Broxtowe Borough Council officials, the leader Richard Jackson, and Councillors Easom, McGrath and Macrae. We made good progress and agreed some important changes to this year's plans. Lessons have been learnt for next year.

I am hoping NET will ensure Santa arrives in Beeston on the tram. First stop Chilwell High Road!

Details of the November Christmas Light Switch On events in the diary section



Stapleford Post Office meeting

It is now clear that Stapleford businesses were not given the opportunity to bid for the Post Office counter service which is moving out of the current premises. As a result only Bargain Booze has put forward a business plan and it appears to be a 'done deal'. I met Post Office representatives and Stapleford's BoroughCouncillors who like me are completely opposed to the move to Bargain Booze. We made it clear we expect the Post Office to stop the consultation and seek tenders from local businesses. I have again contacted the Chief Executive. My thanks to everyone who signed the various petitions and I will keep you informed of any progress.



Childfare campaign makes sense

I am giving my full support to Childfare a campaign group set up by Emily Stott from Beeston. I met Emily and Madeleine Beestin to learn more about their aims' In short they want travel firms and attractions to stop charging under 18's adult prices. Please check them out and I hope you will also support them.

» [Find out more about Childfare >>](#)



Remembrance Sunday

I will be attending the ceremony in Beeston this year. My thanks to everyone around the constituency who will be laying wreaths on my behalf at other ceremonies. In future years I intend to attend Remembrance Sunday at Stapleford and then Kimberley. I hope as many people as possible will gather to remember all those who have served, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice and their families.



My work in Parliament

I have taken part in a number of Parliamentary debates and statements. The following links are self explanatory.

- » [NHS funding / QMC A&E >>](#)
- » [All business needs a deal like Nissan's >>](#)
- » [Why we don't need an inquiry into Orgreave>>](#)



Thursday's court case and the way forward

I haven't hesitated to condemn the outrageously inaccurate and abusive headlines and coverage yesterday of Thursday's very important High Court Judgement. As you may know I trained as a journalist and later returned to my first profession and practised as criminal barrister in Nottingham. I feel particularly strongly about the matter because of my previous jobs.

The High Court had come to the conclusion that Parliament not the Prime Minister should invoke or 'trigger' Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty which begins the process of our leaving the EU. I had followed the case whilst it was being heard in the court (via a live Twitter feed) and formed the opinion that the Government was likely to lose. On Thursday three of our most senior Judges ruled in favour of Parliamentary Sovereignty and I hope you will read their judgement [<< here >>](#). I believe the Government will struggle to win their appeal to the Supreme Court.

The issue the Judges considered was a matter of law - nothing to do with the rights or wrongs or the EU referendum and most certainly not an attempt to thwart or undermine the result.

The Judges considered a very important constitutional principle and quite rightly agreed that Parliament is sovereign and that a citizens rights cannot be altered by Government or the Prime Minister but only by legislation involving debate and a vote in Parliament.

Just as some people think their Lordships got it right others disagree - everyone is entitled to their opinion and there's nothing wrong with a rigorous debate!

However, instead of criticising the decision a number of newspapers turned their fire on the individual judges. They vilified the Judges; the Daily Mail stooped so low it used homophobic abuse, with few exceptions they completely distorted the very clear basis of the judgement.

It was appalling and disgraceful and I know many journalists are as ashamed of sections of our media as I am.

At the time of writing I am very sorry to report that our Prime Minister has not seen fit to defend the integrity and independence of our Judges. The Lord Chancellor's three line statement is simply not good enough. as it fails to condemn the attacks on the Judges who heard the case. This is all a very sorry turn of events.

We are living in very unpleasant times. Hate crime in our country is 18% higher than at the same time last year and our Chief Constable Sue Fish, told me the rise is clearly linked to the EU Referendum.

I know many people who voted Leave who are as disgusted as I am by the incidents of hate and abuse against migrant workers, black people and people of Asian origin. This is not about whether you voted Leave or Remain, this is all about believing in tolerance and standing up against hatred and prejudice.

I am also horrified that a thoroughly nasty, bully boy attitude is at large from a small but significant part of our society. They think it is acceptable to hurl abuse and make idle threats against people like me who voted Remain and who continue to speak up for the 48% of those voters who voted in the same way.

I think we would do very well to remember we live in a democracy that revels in free speech. We could spend many hours rather pleasantly debating what makes us British and I believe we would agree that tolerance is one such thing. It's about time we stood up for that great British value.

As the time approaches when we remember all those who have served, fought and died in our armed services we do so in the knowledge that they gave their tomorrow for our today. Many millions lost their lives in combat so that we could enjoy freedom and democracy. And amongst those millions were people of different colours and faiths and from different lands to our own.

We really must now all come together and heal the deep wounds that have opened up during much of the course of this year. We all have a duty to ensure a more temperate, responsible and tolerant debate.

The Government has nothing to fear from a vote on Article 50. Conservative and Labour MP's will come together and vote for it. I am assured that triggering Article 50 is not irrevocable as many of us had feared. The really important matter is the terms on which we leave the EU which I believe should be determined by Parliament based on us getting the very best deal for our country.

You can be sure I will continue to make the case for us to stay a member of the single market (and customs union) and to benefit from the free movement of workers.

Kimberley Brewery cladding nonsense

Kimberley Councillor Shane Easom is somewhat on the war path. Residents and the developer don't want wood cladding on the planned new houses and it turns out it's Broxtowe's planners who have insisted on it! Shane assures me nothing will now stop the much needed homes being built as he will sort out this unnecessary delay.

Nottingham in Parliament

My congratulations to Nottingham University who helped stage a magnificent 'take over' of Parliament. It was a great day and our great city is now firmly on the Westminster map. I have to add that I was delighted to be in the winning MP team that beat (thrashed?) the Vice Chancellor's team in the Speaker's University Challenge!

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What's on in Broxtowe

Saturday 5 November

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Bramcote Scouts Fireworks Extravaganza

5:30pm

Where: Hemlock Scout Campsite, Common Lane, Bramcote.

What's on: Bonfire, fireworks, stalls, music, food and licensed bar. Gates open at 5:30pm with fireworks at 7:30pm and 8:30pm.

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George Spencer Fireworks Extravaganza

6pm

Where: George Spencer Academy, (lower site).

What's on: Hot food, licensed bar, fairground rides, tombola, raffle, live music and fireworks at 7pm and 7:45pm. Full details [here](#).

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Nuthall Bonfire and Fireworks

6pm

Where: Nuthall Temple Centre Sports Field.

What's on: Hot food will also be on sale. Tickets cost £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Monday 7 November

Beeston Weekly Market

9am till 3pm

Where: Beeston Square.

Tuesday 8 November

Broxtowe EnergyFest - Citizens Advice Broxtowe

10am till 3pm

Where: Broxtowe Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

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

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Bramcote and District Probus Club

10am

Where: New Stapleford Community Centre, Washington Drive, Stapleford.

What's on: Meeting every second Tuesday for talks. For further details please call Tom on 0115 939 2075.

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Nuthall WI

7:30pm

Where: St Patrick's Church Hall, Nuthall.

What's on: Meeting every second Tuesday. For further details please call Iris on 0115 9700407.

Wednesday 9 November

Beeston Weekly Market

9am till 3pm

Where: Beeston Square.

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Wednesday mornings with Dig In Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Full details of this weekly event [here](#).

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Hope Computer Club

1:30pm till 3:30pm

Where: Hope House, Boundary Road, Beeston.

What's on: For further details of this weekly event please call Michael on 030401110.

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Kimberley Pensioners Association

1:30pm till 3pm

Where: Kimberley Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley.

What's on: Weekly event with bingo, dancing, entertainers etc. Cost is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. For further details please contact Anna on 0115 938 5362.

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Chilwell WI

2pm till 4pm

Where: Christ Church Hall, Lime Grove Avenue, Chilwell.

What's on: Chilwell WI meet every second Wednesday and there is a guest speaker each time. For further details please contact Nora on 0115 973 1579.

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Craft and Laugh

6pm till 9pm

Where: Kitty's Handmade, 210 Derby Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Come along to the weekly craft and laugh sessions, where you will run your own project and also a mini project. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits, cost is £5.

Thursday 10 November

Beeston Camera Club

7:30pm

Where: Beeston British Legion Club, 16 Hall Croft, NG9 1EL.

What's on: The Camera Club meet on a weekly basis, for further details please click [here](#).

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Chilwell Ladies Circle

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston.

What's on: The Circle meets each week for a varied programme, including quizzes and talks. All ladies welcome.

Friday 11 November

Knit and Natter

10:30am till 12:30pm

Where: Kitty's Handmade, 210 Derby Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Knit and natter session held on a weekly basis. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits cost is £3.50 per person.

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Armistice Day

11am

There will be a minutes silence in Beeston Square and Walter Parker Square, Stapleford (Kimberley Town tbc) to mark the 11th hour on the 11th day.

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Beeston and District Civic Society - Talk

7:30pm till 9pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Nuart Road, Beeston.

What's on: Jane Hutchinson from Broxtowe Borough Council will be giving a talk on recycling.

Saturday 12 November

Stapleford Craft and Produce Market

10am till 1pm

Where: Stapleford Salvation Army, Albert Avenue, Stapleford.

What's on: Craft and produce market selling a variety of high quality hand crafted and homemade items.

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Classical Oxjam

6:30pm

Where: Beeston Parish Church.

What's on: A classical range of performers from unaccompanied voice to chamber ensemble, harp to sarod and tabla. Full details [here](#).

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Bramcote Old Church Tower - Brass Band

7:30pm

Where: St Michael's Church, Church Street, Bramcote.

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

Sunday 13 November

Remembrance Sunday

There will be a number of services taking place throughout the constituency with the main civic service in Beeston. Please click [here](#) to find details of your local services.

Monday 14 November

Beeston Weekly Market

9am till 3pm

Where: Beeston Square.

Tuesday 15 November

National Bereavement Coffee Morning

10am

Where: Tesco Toton Community Room.

What's on: Coffee morning aimed at giving and receiving support.

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Beeston Business Network

6pm till 8pm

Where: The White Lion, Middle Street, Beeston.

What's on: Networking group for businesses that meet every third Tuesday. Further details [here](#).

Wednesday 16 November

Beeston Weekly Market

9am till 3pm

Where: Beeston Square.

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Wednesday mornings with Dig In Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Full details of this weekly event [here](#).

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Where: Kimberley Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley.

What's on: Weekly event with bingo, dancing, entertainers etc. Cost is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. For further details please contact Anna on 0115 938 5362.

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Attenborough Friendship Group Coach Trip

1pm till 6pm

Where: Coach will depart from Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Coach trip to Meadowhall for Christmas shopping, Cost £8pp. Please call Shirley on 0115 922 1183 to book a seat.

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6pm till 9pm

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Beeston and District Local History Society - Talk

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: A talk by Trevor Lee "A night at the Empire".

Thursday 17 November

Beeston Camera Club

7:30pm

Where: Beeston British Legion Club, 16 Hall Croft, NG9 1EL.

What's on: The Camera Club meet on a weekly basis, for further details please click [here](#).

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Chilwell Ladies Circle

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston.

What's on: The Circle meets each week for a varied programme, including quizzes and talks. All ladies welcome.

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Hemlock Garden Club - AGM

7:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall.

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Beeston Player - Disposing of the Body

7:30pm

Where: Round Hill School, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

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

Friday 18 November

Knit and Natter

10:30am till 12:30pm

Where: Kitty's Handmade, 210 Derby Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Knit and natter session held on a weekly basis. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits
cost is £3.50 per person.

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Beeston Player - Disposing of the Body

7:30pm

Where: Round Hill School, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

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

Saturday 19 November

Beeston Farmers Market

10am till 2pm

Where: Beeston Square.

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Beeston and District Civic Society - Coffee Morning

10am till 12 noon

Where: White Lion Bar and Kitchen, Beeston.

What's on: Come along to find out about the Civic Society.

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Beeston Player - Disposing of the Body

2:30pm

Where: Round Hill School, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

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

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Christmas Fair - Newthorpe

1pm

Where: Newthorpe baptist Church.

What's on: Christmas Fair with lots of various stalls.

Sunday 20 November

Formation of Toton and Chilwell Neighborhood Forum.

3pm

Where: Toton Methodist Church, Stapleford Lane, Toton, NG9 6GA.

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

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Nuthall Christmas Lights Switch On

6pm

Where: Laurel Crescent, Nuthall, NG16 1EW.

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

Monday 21 November

Beeston Market

9am till 3pm

Where: Beeston Square.

Tuesday 22 November

Bramcote and District Ladies' Probus Club

10am

Where: New Stapleford Community Centre, Washington Drive, Stapleford, NG9 8PY.

What's on: Tricks of Light and Colour by Bob Massey.

Wednesday 23 November

Beeston Weekly Market

9am till 3pm

Where: Beeston Square.

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Wednesday mornings with Dig In Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

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Thursday 24 November

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Christmas Fayre - Stapleford

4pm till 8pm

Where: Stapleford Care Centre.

What's on: Charity Christmas gift and craft fayre.

Friday 25 November

Knit and Natter

10:30am till 12:30pm

Where: Kitty's Handmade, 210 Derby Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Knit and natter session held on a weekly basis. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits cost is £3.50 per person.

Saturday 26 November

Christmas Bazaar - Attenborough

10am

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

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Christmas Fair - Cossall

12 noon till 3pm

Where: St Catherine's Church, Cossall.

What's on: Christmas fair selling beautiful and unique gifts and refreshments. Free entry.

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Christmas Tree Festival

10am till 4pm

Where: St Barnabas Church, Barn croft, Beeston, NG9 4HU.

What's on: All are invited to see the trees, beautifully decorated by different groups within the community. Refreshments will be available.

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Stapleford Christmas Light Switch On

3:30pm till 6:30pm

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

