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Hello again,
Parliament returns on Monday and no doubt the refugee crisis in the EU will be debated and discussed.

I want to thank everyone who sent me personal emails about the situation and with few exceptions, requests for Britain to do even more. Those pleas were not lost on me nor the Prime Minister, indeed we shared them and I am pleased we have agreed to take thousands of refugees.

However, the harsh reality is that there are some 4 million Syrians who have, understandably, fled their homes to escape the brutality and terror of the Assad regime and in more recent times, Isis. The overwhelming majority are living in refugee camps.

Britain has been the second biggest donor to those camps, to date providing £900 million in aid with a further £100 million pledged. There are for example, almost a million Syrian refugees in Jordan and almost a quarter of the people living in Lebanon are refugees. The situation in Turkey is particularly difficult with one million refugees many of whom are Syrian Kurds. The family of Aylan Kurdi the little boy whose body was discovered on a Turkish beach, had found refuge in Turkey and so it was not surprising their asylum application to Canada was refused. But desperate for the sort of life we enjoy and sometimes perhaps take for granted, they saw their only hope of a future was to come to Europe.

Ensuring no more children drown or suffocate to death in the back of lorries, will take considerably more than our offering to take thousands of refugees. We can only imagine the despair of those who live in a refugee camp because, however much support we give, whilst the camp offers safe shelter it is not home and it offers little hope for the future.

It's a difficult truth but the ultimate solution lies in Syria and the creation of a peaceful, democratic society that protects its people and offers a future to little boys like Aylan Kurdi. In the meantime Britain will continue to play our part in helping Syria's millions of refugees.

As ever,
Anna



Dignity in dying

On Friday Parliament is set to debate a Private Members Bill which would allow someone who has been diagnosed as having less than six months to live, to end their life with medical assistance. This is a very controversial Bill and I would urge you to read it and accompanying documents on the House of Commons web site.

I gave my broad support for a change in the law some years ago. I will be attending the debate and whilst I accept I have not heard all the arguments against the Bill, my inclination is to vote in favour of the Bill. You can be assured I am grateful for all the emails on the subject which I have received and read and will consider all the arguments before voting.

[**Read the Assisted Dying Bill >>>**](#)

Kimberley School success

Congratulations to everyone at Kimberley School on improved GCSE results this year and another set of excellent A level results details of which I received after my last email newsletter.

Tram looking good

I was on holiday when the tram finally opened to passengers. The view from my office window looks good, with a steady number of passengers. It is to be hoped folk will stop off at Beeston and enjoy the town's excellent shops, pubs, cafes and other businesses.



Stapleford Carnival

It was good to meet so many great organisations enjoying success at today's Stapleford Carnival. Rick Harrington from Forces in the Community, the Beeston based charity to help ex-servicemen and women, was juggling being at Stapleford with events at Tesco's in Toton and Long Eaton. Forces in the Community is one of the charities supported by Broxtowe's Mayor Sue Bagshaw, who also helped open Stapleford Carnival.

[Support Forces in the Community >>>](#)



Opencast correction

In my last email newsletter I did not explain that Moto, the owners of Trowell services, have **agreed** to plans to take coal from the planned Shortwood open cast directly onto the M1. This is very good news and I have already met and discussed the proposals with Highways England.

And finally

Congratulations to Borough and Stapleford Town Councillor Richard Macrae on his marriage to Donna. About time too!!

What's on in Broxtowe

Sunday 6 September

Rainbow Walk

10:30am

Where: The Broad Oak Pub, Main Street, Strelly, NG8 6PD.

What's on: A walk through the countryside around Cossall, the walk is 7 miles long and will last around 3 hours.

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Awsworth, Cossall and District Village Produce Association

Where: The Gate Inn, Awsworth.

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

Monday 7 September

Bramcote CAT meeting

7pm

Where: Bramcote Church Hall.

Wednesday 9 September

Wednesday mornings with Dig in, Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Come and help your local community allotment and learn new skills. Please click [here](#) to learn more about Dig In.

Thursday 10 September to Sunday 13 September

Heritage Open Days

There are many varied events taking place all over the Borough, please click [here](#) to see all the events.

Friday 11 September

Beeston and District Civic Society - Meeting

7:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre.

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

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Friday 11 September to Sunday 13 September

All Saints Church Strelley open days

10am till 5pm

Where: All Saints Church, Strelley Village.

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

Saturday 12 September

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7pm

Where: The Boat and Horses, Trent Road, Beeston Rylands.

What's on: Barn dance with Fred's Folk Band.

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Rylands Community Fair

12 noon till 3pm

Where: Trent Vale Community Fair.

What's on: Free community event where there will be games, hot food, ice cream, local sports groups and much more.

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Saturday 12 September to Sunday 13 September

Heritage Open Days - D10 Factory guided tours

Full details [here](#).

Sunday 13 September

Colliers Wood Proms

3pm

Where: Colliers Wood, Moorgreen, NG16 2QU.

What's on: Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the afternoon of live concert music.

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Cats protection open day

1pm till 4pm

Where: The Gate House, New Farm Lane, Nuthall, NG16 1DY.

What's on: Lots of different stalls and you can meet the cats in their care. Full details [here](#).

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