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Working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,

I have given my 'take' on today's Summer Budget and then there is a lot of news! Not only have I been very busy of late but a technical failure meant I wasn't able to send out last week's newsletter! The result was that I could not advertise some of last weekend's excellent events - notably the commemorations to mark the 1918 Chilwell Munitions explosion. This weekend sees the hugely popular Beeston Carnival which I am looking forward to.

As ever,

Anna



Higher wages, lower taxes and living within our means

Today's Summer Budget has been widely welcomed. Independent forecasts show we are the fastest growing advanced economy but the deficit remains too great. I have always taken the view that we need to live within our means - balancing the books so we can grow our economy.

A good and strong economy has skilled well paid jobs with fully funded public services. Only a strong economy can support a strong NHS, great schools and support for the needy and vulnerable in our society. I was pleased to hear the Chancellor announce an extra £8 billion for the NHS and 30 hours of free child care for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds. George Osborne also announced further reforms to the welfare system to make it more affordable and fairer for everyone.

A new National Living Wage has attracted considerable attention and support; it means two and a half million people will receive an immediate pay rise. It's calculated a full time worker on the minimum wage will receive an extra £5,000 during this Parliament. We have also raised the point at which you start to pay tax to £11,000 and the 40p rate has risen to £43,000. It means millions of families will pay less tax.

I was particularly pleased that 3 million new apprenticeships will be created by 2020 funded by a levy on the biggest employers. I welcome changes to Vehicle Excise Duty to create a huge pot of money to invest in our roads. Corporation tax will come down to 18% and the Chancellor has promised to continue to spend 25 of our national income on Defence.

The Summer Budget has its critics but I believe it builds on the success of the last five years to secure a better future for us all.



Alderman Pounder's new school bus!

I was delighted to attend the official opening of Alderman Pounder's new school bus. Kindly donated by Nottingham City Transport, skilfully lifted into the playground by Royal Engineers from Chetwynd Barracks and beautifully fitted and kitted out by staff and parents, it is a fabulous new library!. The project was funded by a £40,000 grant from the Ministry of Defence; congratulations to everyone who helped provide this much needed new facility.

Forever Stars success

Forever Stars, the Beeston based charity has raised a staggering £100,000 (and still counting) to fund special accommodation at the QMC for families following a still born baby.

Richard and Michelle Daniels set up the charity eighteen months ago; their daughter Emily was still born and their grief was compounded by a lack of facilities for parents in their situation.

They set up the charity and have not only reached their target but the fund raising events continue!

I'm a proud supporter of this excellent charity and was delighted to offer my continuing support to Richard and Michelle and their new baby Alfie.



[Visit Forever Stars website >>](#)



Greasley Beauvale School visit

It was a real pleasure to visit Greasley Beauvale and be questioned by a group of pupils thinking of becoming politicians. It was part of their week long project looking at all sorts of careers.

As you might imagine the questions were very good and varied leaving me lost for words on at least two occasions!

Good news for Beeston - new Shopper bus and Wilko returns!

Wilko has re-opened in Beeston after a 3 year absence. This is a real boost for the town and I hope will signal the start of the regeneration of Beeston after the tram works.

Your Bus have confirmed that there will be a new service, 'the Beeston Shopper', to connect residents in Chilwell with Beeston. I'm told the bus will link in with the Y36 to take users into Nottingham. I met Your Bus earlier this year with concerns about connectivity and I'm pleased they have listened.



[Read about the Y36 Changes >>](#)

Tram Update and Inquiry request



I am meeting the Leader of the City Council, Jon Collins and Net on Friday to discuss my concerns about compensation. I'm also raising a number of other issues; if you have anything you would like me to raise please email me.

Lots of constituents have asked if I've been given an official start date for the tram. Unfortunately I haven't, but I do know there are roadworks still going on (Gregory Street in Nottingham in particular) which will take a few weeks to complete. I will ask for a full update on Friday.

I have also written to the new Chair of the Transport Select Committee asking for an Inquiry into the tram. The members of the Committee have yet to be elected and you be assured I will be making the same request of them all.

Shortwood Opencast Update

I have received a promising letter from Transport Minister Andrew Jones saying his Department would consider allowing opencast HGVs to access the M1 through Trowell services, if UK Coal and Moto apply for planning permission. This would make sure that access routes are properly thought out and any safety concerns dealt with. I will therefore be writing to all parties with a copy of this letter to get discussions going.



Kimberley updates: Pram Race to make a return and a special birthday

Talks are underway to revive the much loved Pram Push which was in truth a bit of a race! There is a clear need to make this a family event - to curb excessive drinking and ensure everyone's safety. Newly elected Borough Councillors Mel Crowe and Shane Easom are working with Broxtowe Borough Council and the police to secure the event this summer but Mel cautions it may not be able to stage the event this year.

Congratulations to **Rumbletums Cafe** which celebrated its fourth Birthday last week. This excellent social enterprise goes from strength to strength, the food is first rate and the project worthy of everyone's support. Government Ministers, including the Prime Minister have been to Rumbletums and praised its work in training young people with learning disabilities. Congratulations to Jeff Buck and all his team.

New White Bull - decision time

I have written to all members of Broxtowe's Planning Committee in advance of next week's decision about the

future of the New White Bull in Giltbrook.
I've supported locals who have fought long and hard
keep their great community pub.

The meeting is next Wednesday.

[Read the application >>](#)



Bramcote Island meeting

Congratulations to Bramcote Borough Councillor Jan Goold who has secured a meeting with Highways England to sort out the unacceptable and unseemly mess that is Bramcote Island. I am looking forward to Jan's report back but even better - the work that is needed being done!

Toton HS2 and Green Belt meeting

There was a well-attended meeting of the HS2 and Toton Advisory Committee on Monday (July 6).

Borough Council Leader, Richard Jackson, reassured everyone that the fight to defend our Green Belt is not over. Broxtowe Borough Council is seeking legal advice on how the Core Strategy can be changed (if at all). I am also arranging a meeting between Richard, myself and the new Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Greg Clark. Our Council tax settlement and future of our Green Belt will be joint top of the agenda..



Borough Councillors Richard Jackson, Mia Kee and Richard MacRae get lobbied in Westminster Hall!

Trip to Parliament

It was a very early start but hopefully it was worth it! More than fifty constituents took the coach my team and I had organised for a trip to Westminster and a tour of Parliament last week. We are organising two more trips in December so, if you would like to book a place please let me know asap as places go very quickly.

Nottingham Enterprise Zone takes step forward

Boots have announced that a civil engineering company, CA Blackwell have been awarded the contract to carry out public works in Beeston on the Nottingham Enterprise Zone. Works will start later this year and will include a new road and bridge over the canal to link Beeston and the A52.

This is great news and is an important step towards building the Enterprise Zone which will bring regeneration to the area and bring lots of incentives for the creation of new businesses.

[View more details here >>](#)

What's on in Broxtowe

Thursday 9 July

Autumn Years Activity Club

10am till 2pm

Where: St Helen's Church Hall, Frederick Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Resource centre for the over-60's full details on this weekly event [here](#).

Saturday 11 July

Beeston Methodist Church Summer Fair

10am till 2pm

Where: Beeston Methodist Church, Wollaton Road, Beeston.

What's on: There will be a variety of stalls such as plants, toiletries, handmade crafts, refreshments and much more. All proceeds in aid of Forever Stars.

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Beeston Carnival

From 10am

What's on: Beeston Carnival will be celebrating its 10th year running. Entertainment in The Square starts at 10am, the Parade will start at 1pm on Foster Avenue and finish at Broadgate park, the Summer Fete opens at 12 noon at Broadgate Park.

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Ashley and Connie's Cake and Cuppa' Fundraiser

11am till 1pm

Where: Pastures Community Church, Stapleford.

What's on: During the event Ashley and Connie will be donating at least 7 inches of their luscious locks to Little Princess Trust.

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Ignite Sports Event

2pm till 4pm

Where: Temple Centre, Nottingham Road, Nuthall, NG16 2DP.

What's on: From soft archery, street dancing to sumo wrestling, young people in and around Broxtowe can Ignite their competitive spirit. Full details [here](#).

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Know your roots

3pm till 7pm

Where: Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints, Banks Road, Toton, NG9 6HD.

What's on: Ward history and quiz, family history opportunities, fun and games, snacks and drinks with a BBQ roast for all.

Sunday 12 July

Charity Craft Garden Party

10am till 2pm

Where: 397 Nottingham Road, Giltbrook, NG16 2EB.

What's on: Charity craft garden party for chosen charity - Ryan lee Trust Fund. Stalls include; plants, scarves, candles, chutneys and jams, cards and gifts and much more.

Tuesday 14 July

Broxtowe Jobs Fair

10am till 3pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, 2 Nuart Road, Beeston, NG9 1NH.

What's on: Broxtowe residents can take advantage of this special jobs fair in Beeston.

Please click [here](#) for further details.

Wednesday 15 July
Independent Traders Meeting

6pm

Where: White Lion Bar and Kitchen, Beeston.

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Beeston and District Local History Society - meeting

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall, High road, Chilwell.

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

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