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NEWSLETTER



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"If only all ministers answered questions like Anna Soubry does." David Aaronovitch, The Times
"she has a record of unusually free speech" Simon Carr, The Independent
"the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail

Hello again,

Well done to our new Mayor, Iris White in opening the Hemlock Happening with a countdown and apologies for not being able to make the Beeston and Chilwell Garden Trail this afternoon.

In Parliament, the House of Lords voted in favour of the Same Sex Marriage Bill and we had a number of important debates (scroll on down) and if you have been reading this week's newspapers I hope you will see that there have been some appallingly inaccurate headlines!

Enjoy the rest of the weekend and I hope to see you at some of next week's events including the "Meet the Team" in Toton and the public meeting in Nuthall.

As ever,
Anna





Hemlock Happening

Congratulations to everyone involved in this year's event which continues through to tonight's firework finale - so there is still time to get down to Bramcote Park. It is that time of the year again with an array of events happening throughout the constituency - please scroll on down to the What's On in Broxtowe section.

Save Stapleford Parade

Whilst at the Hemlock Happening I had a good chat with Councillor Stan Hepinstall who remains the driving force behind the Happening. Stan, like me is keen to save the Stapleford Parade part of September's Carnival; with cross party support all eyes are now on our Police Commissioner, Paddy Tipping to come up with some bobbies to police it!



Fire Fighters

I met with a number of local fire fighters opposed to plans to raise the retirement age of all firefighters from 55 to 60. I have considerable sympathy with their arguments so have already spoken to the Minister responsible for the changes, Brandon Lewis.

Brandon assures me there considerable misunderstanding about what is planned. When he has replied to my more formal letter I will be sharing his reply.

Toton Beavers

Congratulations to the 2nd Toton Beaver Scouts on their successful litter pick.

The Borough Council sent me a photo and I reckon the Beaver's excellent efforts deserve maximum publicity and our thanks.

Broxtowe Borough Council provide the pickers and bags (I joined a successful pick in Bramcote a while ago and it is fun). If you would like to do your bit to clean up a community area please call the Council on 0115 917 7777 or email recycling@broxtowe.gov.uk.



Sunday June 9

Cossall Open Gardens

Throughout the village
12.30 til 4.30 pm

Fab gardens, plant stalls, raffles and the first Cossall Scarecrow competition

click [here](#) for more details

Friday June 15

Paradiso Cinema - Silver Linings Playbook
Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School
7.30pm

Saturday June 15

Chilwell Carnival

College House Junior School

11.30 am - 3 pm

Craft and food stalls, raffle car boot and masses more. Entry £1.50 for adults, £1 children with discount if bought at school in advance.

email friends@collegehouse.notts.sch.uk or click [here](#)

"Meet the Team" Drop in Surgery

Greenwood Centre, Toton

12 til 2.00pm

Got a problem? A moan? Need some help? or just say hello to me and your local Borough and County Councillors

Public Meeting on Planning off Woodhouse Way, Nuthall

Mornington Primary School

3pm to 4pm

555 houses are being planned on Green Belt land off Woodhouse Way - please come along and have your say.



From Parliament
Badgers/Accident and Emergency/Women GP's

hereBadger Culling debate

On Wednesday we debated the two pilot badger culls with Labour proposing a simply worded motion in opposition to the cull. The Government put forward the following amendment

“notes that bovine tuberculosis (TB) has, as a consequence of the lack of effective counter-measures, spread from a few isolated incidents to affect large parts of England and Wales, resulting in the slaughter of 28,000 cattle in England alone in 2012 at a cost of £100 million to the taxpayer; is concerned that 305,000 cattle have been slaughtered in Great Britain as a result of bovine TB in the last decade and that the cost is expected to rise to over £1 billion over the next 10 years; recognises that to deal effectively with the disease every available tool should be employed; accordingly welcomes the strengthening of bio-security measures and stringent controls on cattle movements; further welcomes the research and investment into both cattle and badger vaccines, and better diagnostic testing, but recognises that despite positive work with the European Commission the use of a viable and legal cattle vaccine has been confirmed to be still at least 10 years away; further notes that no country has successfully borne down on bovine TB without dealing with infection in the wildlife population, and that the Randomised Badger Control Trials

demonstrated both the link between infection in badgers and in cattle and that culling significantly reduces incidence; looks forward to the successful conclusion of the current pilot culls in Gloucestershire and Somerset; and welcomes the Government's development of a comprehensive strategy to reverse the spread of bovine TB and officially eradicate this disease."

In my view this said it all and made good sense. I listened to most of the debate and at its conclusion voted for the amendment. You can read the speech in Hansard from Labour's Shadow Environment Secretary by clicking [here](#)

Click [here](#) for the Secretary of State, Owen Paterson's speech in favour of the amendment.

Women GP's - facts not spin

Earlier in a Westminster Hall debate on the new 111 service, there was the following exchange between myself and fellow Conservative Anne McIntosh

Miss McIntosh: I know what I am going to say is controversial but perhaps I, as a woman, can say it. Currently, some 70% of medical students are women and they are well educated and well qualified, but when they go into practice, many marry and have children—it is the normal course of events—and they then often want to work part time. Training what effectively might

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be two GPs working part time obviously puts a tremendous burden on the health service. I will now give way to my hon. Friend the Minister.

Anna Soubry: On the point my hon. Friend made about any rationing of or charging for GP appointments, let me assure her that that was an idea floated on a website and is not Government policy. It is reasonable for people who have an interest in such issues to be able to debate whatever they wish to debate, but it is certainly not Government policy, and I know of no good reason why it ever should be. **She makes a very important point when she talks about, rightly, the good number of women who are training to be doctors, but the unintended consequences.**

The result of what you might think was my rather innocuous reply, were accusations from Labour MP's and headlines in Thursday's papers accusing me of "blaming part time women GP's for the failures of the NHS".

Given what I did say, or rather what I didn't say, you may think those headlines say far more about the failings of our press than any fault on my part!

I am happy to add (especially as my mum worked for 40 years in the NHS as a Radiographer, mainly part time) that I am proud our NHS now supports and enables mothers to work either full or part time.

For the record the Government has announced plans for some 2,000 extra GP's..... something which should be welcomed by the Chair of the Royal College of GP's who only the other week pointed out we need more doctors because she explained, we have more women GP's working part time. Which in her words is "fine"; I agree with her.

Accident and Emergency waiting times

Following the debate on Badgers there was a three hour debate on waiting times in Accident and Emergency departments. There were a number of good speeches from both sides of the House. I summed up for the Government, and you can read my speech (please scroll down to 6.50 pm) by clicking [here](#).

and finally...

I was sorry to hear this afternoon that former County Councillor David Taylor has died. David represented Beauvale for many years before retiring this year. He was a great character and never one for holding back with an opinion! He served as Chairman of Notts County Council and will be much missed by his wife, family and many friends of all political persuasions.

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