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Anna Soubry MP Working hard for Broxtowe

February 23rd 2018

Hello again,
Even though it's been a short week in Parliament there's a lot of news.
Enjoy the weekend and keep warm!
As ever,
Anna



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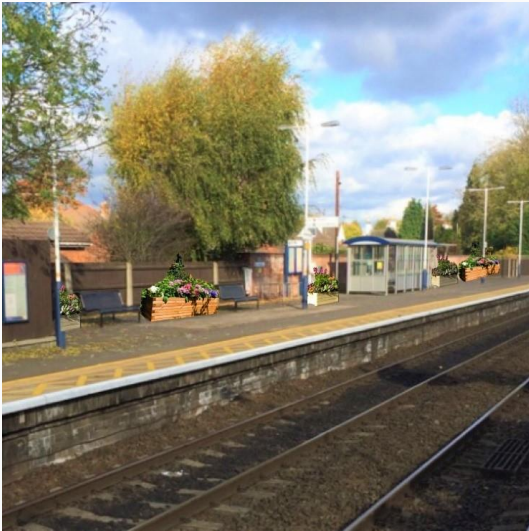
Forward



Reducing plastic use

The excellent Blue Planet 2 TV series exposed the perils of plastic pollution in our seas and oceans. The Government has taken action to reduce plastic pollution notably the ban on microbeads. I am doing what I can to reduce my own use of plastics and as well as reviewing how we can cut our use in the constituency and Parliamentary offices. I have also written to Broxtowe Borough Council asking

them to do a similar review. You can read my letter [here](#).



Attenborough Station garden project wins lottery funding

Congratulations to Attenborough Garden Club who have secured Big Lottery Funding to install a community garden at Attenborough Station. The project has also raised over £1500 locally through their [Just Giving page](#) and Cllr Eric Kerry donated £250 from his Nottinghamshire County Council Community Fund. There will be an open day for the project at Attenborough Station on 20th April. Full info in the What's On section.

Success at West Point Retail Park

Clowes Development, the owners of West Point Retail Park in Chilwell, have agreed to clean up their site after complaints from residents. Borough Councillor Lee Fletcher met the owners and they've promised to take action by providing more bins, clearing the site and improving cleaning rotas. They will also create a disabled access point from Nottingham Road.



More problems on Ranson Road!

On top of existing problems with Evans Halshaw, Chilwell Meadows residents have complained about lorries parking up on Ranson Road overnight. This is unacceptable; I will contact the companies involved and the County Council.

Bollywood Ball

Tickets are now available for this year's Mayor's Ball. The Bollywood themed dinner dance is on Saturday 24th March at the Belfry Hotel starting at 7pm. Tickets are £35 each for a scrumptious three course meal - all in aid of our Mayor's charity - Wellbeing of Women. Please call 0115 9173210 or go on line at www.broxtowe.gov.uk/charityball.

Broxtowe's voice in Parliament; Brexit and Oxfam

Customs Union - I have tabled a number of amendments to two Bills going through Parliament mandating the Government to negotiate a customs union with the EU after we leave the EU. My preferred option would be for us to continue in *the* Customs Union. At the moment British businesses benefit from friction less, tariff free, trade with the 27 other members of the EU. Putting up Custom posts and imposing tariffs (taxes) on goods would harm our economy. This sort of 'hard border' would cause very serious problems in Northern Ireland. The lack of a border between Ireland and Northern Ireland has been part of the peace process delivered by the Good Friday (Belfast) Agreement. Last year the Government, quite rightly, made it clear there will be no return to the hard border between Ireland and Northern Ireland after we leave the EU. The only way to ensure that is a Customs Union. The Foreign Secretary gave me an undertaking about the Good Friday Agreement on Tuesday. See my question to Boris Johnson [here](#).

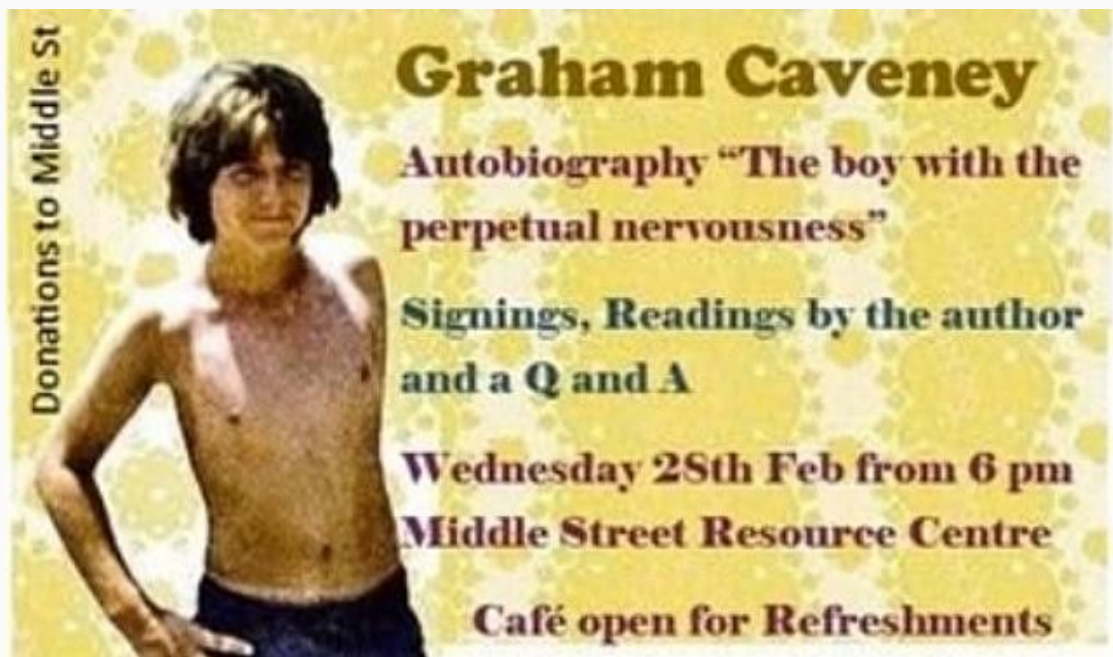
A customs union is different to *the* Customs Union. Turkey has a customs union with the EU and is able to negotiate its own trade deals with other countries.. You can read my amendments by clicking [here](#) and [here](#).

Oxfam - Like many I have been appalled by the revelations regarding the behaviour of senior Oxfam employees. However, the majority of their workers do vital work, often in the most dreadful of conditions, upholding the finest of values with integrity. I ask the Secretary of State for Aid for assurances that the beneficiaries of charities like Oxfam would not suffer as a result of the appalling behaviour of a minority. You can see my question and Penny Mordaunt's answer [here](#)

What's On

Chetwynd the Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum Public Consultation Events

Monday 26th February - The Village Hotel Chilwell 2.30pm to 7pm



Donations to Middle St

Graham Caveney
Autobiography "The boy with the perpetual nervousness"
Signings, Readings by the author and a Q and A
Wednesday 28th Feb from 6 pm
Middle Street Resource Centre
Café open for Refreshments

Thursday 1st March 2018

Toton CAT meeting

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Where: Room 1, Toton Methodist Church

EXHIBITION OF WATERCOLOUR PAINTINGS

Over 100 original pieces of artwork
by members of the Gwen Scotts art
groups

Bramcote Memorial Hall,
Church Street, Nottingham
Saturday 3 March 11am – 5pm
Sunday 4 March 10am – 4pm
Free admission

Refreshments, home made
cakes on sale
Proceeds to
Cancer Research UK



Cancer Research UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1089464), Scotland (SC041666) and the Isle of Man (1103). Northern Ireland charity registration pending.



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HEROES ASSEMBLE

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP THIS COUNTRY!

2-4 MARCH 2018



Saturday 3rd March 2018

Stapleford Tidy Up

10am - 11am

Where: Montrose Court, off Melbourne Road, Stapleford

What's On: Join us for a litter pick as part of the Heroes assemble - it's time to clear up this country. Litter Bags, Gloves and Litter Pickers will be available to borrow.



LADIES BEETLE DRIVE

Come along, have some fun
With Trowell WI

Trowell Members £2.50, Others £3.50

Tuesday March 6th 2018


At 7.30pm

TROWELL PARISH HALL

Stapleford Road NG9 3QA

*Hot sausage cobs tea/coffee included
(vegetarian option)*

Tell Pat Wilson if you are coming
0115 9287051

Find us on 

Thursday 8th March - Sunday 11th March 2018

4th Beeston Film Festival (International Short Films)

Over 100 short films will be screened at various locations including the University of

Nottingham and the White Lion Bar & Kitchen.
For more info and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

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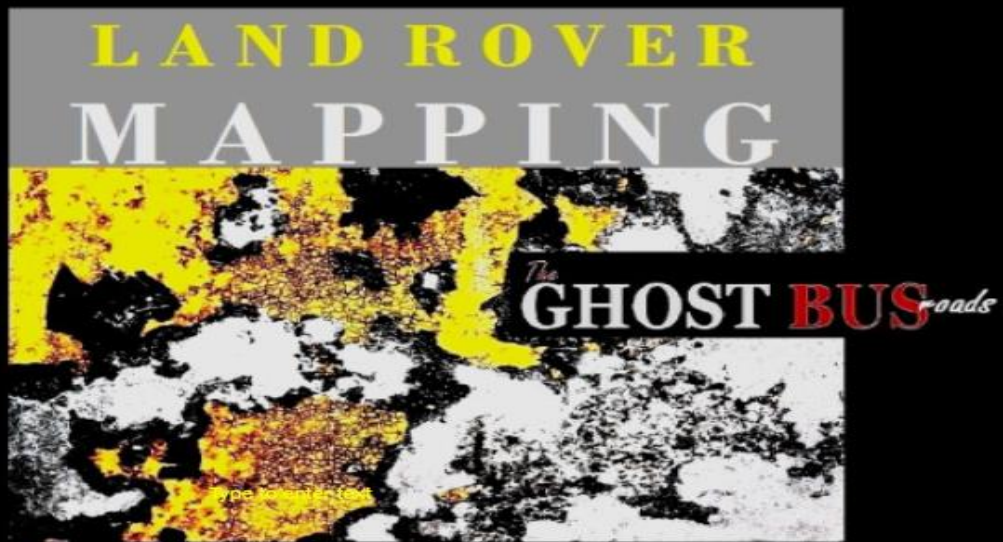
Digital Growth Conference 18: Explore the Future

A fully-funded Conference to help businesses across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire make the most of the very latest digital technologies.

8:30am - 4pm

Where: Village Hotel, Brailsford Way, Beeston, NG9 6DH

For more info, click [here](#).



"Can you believe that this art is from an old Land Rover?"

PREMIERE OF THE NEW SHORT VIDEO

by Roberto Alborghetti

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH, 2018

7PM - 9PM

CHILWELL ARTS THEATRE

Beeston, Nottingham - UK

Tickets - £6 (full) & £5 (concessions)

BARTONS

**ROBERTO ALBORGHETTI
LACE REACTIONS**

ACT
ART-CULTURE-TOURISM

www.landrovermapping.eventbrite.com

Friday 9th March 2018

Chilwell Arts Theatre - ACT Land Rover Mapping Screening

7pm-9pm

Where: Chilwell Arts Theatre, Queens Road West, Chilwell, NG9 5HR

For more info click [here](#) and for tickets click [here](#)

Friday 9th March - Saturday 24th March 2018

Art-Culture-Tourism - Italy Arts and Photography Exhibition

Where: The Hive, Union Street, Beeston, NG9 2LU

For More Info click [here](#).

 Broxtowe
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The
Bollywood
BALL

Saturday
24th March 2018, 7.00pm

at the
Nottingham Belfry Hotel,
NG8 6PY

With music from Antiquity

**CHARITY RAFFLE
AND AUCTION IN AID OF**
 **WELLBEING
OF WOMEN**

**Special Wine
and Room Offer**

Tickets - £35 Get your tickets
online at
www.broxtowe.gov.uk/charityball
t: 0115 917 3210 e: civic@broxtowe.gov.uk

Saturday 31st March 2018 - Monday 2nd April 2018

4 Day Easter Extravaganza

11am - 11pm

Where: Canalside Heritage Centre Weir Cottages, Canalside, Beeston, NG9 1LZ

For more info click [here](#).

Saturday 7th April 2018

Stapleford Community Group London Coach Trip

Where: Leaving at 8am from Washington Drive, Stapleford, NG9 8PY. Leaving London at 5pm. Drop off and pick up in London will be outside Parliament.

What's On: £15.50 Per Person Per Seat. Wheelchairs can be stored under the Coach but there are several steps getting on the Coach. If you need a Child Seat you need to supply your own. There is a Car Park on Ilkeston Road which you can use for free to save parking on Washington Drive. All welcome. Contact staplefordcommunitygroup@gmail.com

Friday 20th April 2018

Attenborough Elderflowers Community Gardens Project: East Midlands Trains Community Day

12pm - 3pm

Where: Attenborough Station, NG9 6AL

Drop-in to see what's going on and learn more about the Community Gardens Project. EMT staff, club members and volunteers will all be on hand and the first planters will be going on to the station platforms.

First Wednesday of every Month

Stapleford & District U3A Monthly Meetings

2-4pm

Where: Stapleford Methodist Church, Eaton's Road, NG9 7EA

What's On: Are you retired or work part time? Do you want to share fun, friendship and informal learning in a vibrant, enjoyable and varied way? Then why not come along to find out what the U3A is about and join in the activities which includes monthly meetings, speakers and a wide range of interest groups. For more information click [here](#).

Second Thursday of Every Month

Attenborough District Probus Club

10am - 12pm

Where: Bowls Club Pavilion, Attenborough.

What's On: Attenborough District Probus Club currently has vacancies for new members. We welcome retired or semi-retired business or professional men to enjoy a friendly monthly meeting with a variety of informal talks, following which several of us take lunch together at a local pub. To find out more contact Richard Coupland, on 0115 925 7720 or the Secretary, Martin Lippmann on 07504 068302.

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