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NEWSLETTER



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"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,

As I hope you will see from the newsletter, it has been a busy few weeks. There's a lot of news and reports so please read on!

As ever

Anna

Toton's Green Belt under housing threat (again)

The threat of housing development on Toton's Green Belt land has been resurrected. HS2 has cross party support and the prospect of an East Midlands hub and station at Toton is welcome as it will bring jobs and business. However, it is a long way off and in my view this important opportunity at Toton should **not** be an excuse to build hundreds on houses on Green Belt land.



Broxtowe's new proposals are to allow houses on the Green Belt land at Toton as well as businesses development and infrastructure improvement. It's the subject of a new public consultation. The site was first put on the Councils preferred list of sites suitable for development by the Labour/Lib Dem controlled Council who changed their mind after a campaign by myself and Conservative Councillors.

The problem is that by putting it on the list in the first place the site was made highly vulnerable. Developers have seized the opportunity and have plans for over 700 houses on the site.

The campaign group TEPS have produced a document outlining their objections and providing a guide to how residents can make their views known which I have posted on my web site. Please click [here](#) - it's a bit of a long scroll down (apologies) to the TEPS

March newsletter in the document section.

The consultation ends on 3rd April. I urge Toton residents to take part in the consultation by either going to the Borough Councils web site by clicking [here](#) or by emailing pabc@broxtowe.gov.uk

Stapleford Jobs Fair success

Over 20 companies pitched up at The Meeting Place in Stapleford as part of a Jobs and Training Fair that saw 100 people through the doors; 70 people signed up there and then for training or employment. So a huge well done to Richard MacRae who organised the event; he assures me it was officially Stapleford's largest jobs fair. The next one is to be held on 11th September...watch this space!

On the theme of training and employment, it's National Apprenticeship week. Having taken on an apprentice last year I have seen the value of apprenticeships. The Government has helped create over half a million apprenticeships last year. My apprentice didn't work out as planned.... after just 5 months I have offered her a full time "proper" job.



Silver Star in Beeston

Up to 100 people were tested for diabetes when the Silver Star van parked up at Sainsbury's in Beeston. I arranged the visit with the charity's patron, Leicester MP, Keith Vaz. Keith is a long time campaigner to raise awareness of diabetes, improve detection and encourage us all to lead health lives to avoid getting type 2 diabetes. I took the test.....my blood sugar is OK but it was clear I need to lose half a stone. My thanks to Keith and Silver Star for all their hard work and to the two local GP's who passed our way, were impressed and want the van to come to their practises.

Nuthall

Jitty

problem

solved

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I am very pleased to report the widespread support for the decision of Notts County Council to keep open a somewhat controversial jitty in Nuthall. Some residents on Cedarland Crescent have suffered from criminal behaviour and had no doubt closing the jitty would solve much of the problem. Their concerns were supported by local County Councillor, Philip Owen. However, trying to resolve the understandable wishes of a few against the majority who wanted the jitty to remain open was very difficult. In the end the new and full consultation I suggested having met with a group of residents who wanted the jitty to remain open, resulted in just that. Somewhat bizarrely this is turning into a party political issue! I think we can all do well to remember that Councillor Owen's motives were to help and assist people who were the victims of crime.

Attenborough Cricket Club pavillion progress

Play resumes at Attenborough Cricket Club this summer now the flood defence wall is completed. Work is also well underway to build a new improved clubhouse and it was a pleasure to support the successful application for funds which will particularly improve facilities for girls and disabled players. My thanks to Nick Allcoat for the photo showing how the work is progressing. Attenborough is always looking for more members, players and spectators so check them out by clicking [here](#)



Moorgreen road safety

Well done Moorgreen Residents (who I have had the pleasure to work with) on making their roads safer. Nottinghamshire County Council have changed the speed limit signs on the B600 through Moorgreen, from 40mph to 30mph; new signs are up and road markings too. Residents are currently organising another speed watch to take place. Please let me know if you want to help out.

Dates for your diary and surgery details

Saturday March 16th:

Advice Surgery, Beeston Please contact my Constituency Office on 0115 9436507 for an appointment.

Sunday 17th March:

Fire fighters charity Car Wash Highfields Fire Station Beeston from 10am - 2pm

Tuesday 19th March:

Tram Drop-in Session Drop-in Meeting to discuss the Tram. Latinos Restaurant, Chilwell Road, Beeston, NG9 1EH: 5pm-7pm

Tuesday 19th March:

Broxtowe Borough Council HS21 Public Meeting Public Meeting to discuss the impact of HS2, Town Hall, Beeston, 7.30pm

Saturday March 23rd:

Advice Surgery Appointment only. Please contact my Constituency Office on 0115 9436507 for an appointment.

Saturday March 23rd:

College House Junior School Car Boot Sale Car Boot sale in support of College House Junior School. Entry is 50p, with all proceeds going to the School. **College House Junior School 9am**

Saturday March 30th:

Chilwell Road Street Party Street Party to mark the closure to vehicles of Chilwell Road and High Road due to the Tram works. 12pm-4pm **Don't forget the shops and businesses remain open!**

Out and About



Peatfield Court, Stapleford

My thanks to residents of Peatfield Court, their friends and families who invited me to a meeting last week. Residents have been told their homes will be demolished by Broxtowe Borough Council to make way for development. Whatever the rights and wrongs of the thinking behind the plans these good people are upset and angry that they have not been properly consulted with and that's not good enough. Their Labour and Lib Dem Councillors need to get down to Peatfield and talk to the residents. Well done Stapleford Mayor, Mandy Hull, who has shown her support for the residents. This is nothing to do with party politics for goodness sakes!

Brooklands Drive, Chilwell

Please check out my web site for regular updates on the tram works

www.annasoubry.org.uk.

I met with residents of Brooklands Drive last week and am happy to support their request for 3m fencing to safe guard their homes. The tram works have exposed a number of properties to the risk of intruders and it strikes me as not unreasonable that residents should have a 3, as opposed to a 2 metre, high fence.

Forces in the Community

I visited Forces in the Community, a Beeston based charity which assists ex-service personnel in their transition from military to civilian life.

It was a pleasure to discuss the work and visions of Forces in the Community and most importantly to meet with a number of veterans who shared their experiences of both military and civilian life with me and praised the help that they have received from Forces in the Community in adjusting to life on 'civvy street'.



From Parliament

Budget Day looms/ Diabetes seminar/ Brain Tumour charity event/ Schools Sports announcement

Wednesday's Budget

Thank to everyone who has contacted me suggesting things that they would like to see included in next Wednesday's budget. I have represented a number of views on Fuel Duty, Beer Duty and Foreign Aid directly to the Chancellor, and will, as always, sending

out a Budget Special newsletter after the announcement.

Diabetes Seminar

I attended and spoke at a Diabetes Seminar today in Parliament attended by GP's, Councillors, Pharmacists, other health professionals and various charities. There is a clear link between obesity and overweight and type 2 Diabetes and I believe we are seeing a recognition of the need to take action at both a national and local level.

Headcase

It was good to meet up with Colin Speirs the Beeston based charity, Headcase in Parliament this week. The profile of brain cancer is increasing and I am pleased to help in any way I can; notably we need to see more research.

School Sports announcement

It has been widely leaked that the Prime Minister is due to make an announcement about new Government funding for sport and physical activity in schools. I very much hope any money goes to physical exercise in primary schools as part of the Olympic legacy.

and finally...

Congratulations to Chilwell School and pupils Rachel Lawrence, Aimee Shakespeare and Anna McAuley and who have won a place in this week's finals of the National Science and Engineering Competition .

The team's project involved spending a morning at John Clifford Primary School teaching some of the year 6 pupils how to use CSI techniques to investigate a crime. The team taught techniques such as how to analyse hair samples and how to take footprint impressions and fingerprints from a crime scene. Good luck!