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## Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,

This afternoon I attended a special service at St Helen's, Stapleford to commemorate the 188 men from the town who were killed in the First World War, and whose names are recorded on a memorial in the church. I hope you will take the opportunity to visit the church and learn more about each and everyone of them.

Congratulations to all the awards winners from George Spencer Academy - Thursday's ceremony was great fun and further proof of the excellence of this outstanding school.

For more news and views please read on!

As ever,  
Anna

### **Tram shambles doesn't spoil the party**

Despite the devastating news that the road will now not be open until some time in November, shoppers and traders put out the bunting for a street party on High and Chilwell Roads in Beeston, yesterday.

The party mood continued until the early hours of this morning with the annual Oxjam across the town.

The tram constructors and NET had promised Chilwell/High Road, which has been closed for over 18 months, would be open this weekend. On Thursday a reporter from the Nottingham Post



arrived with the news it now will not be fully open to traffic until the end of November. Some shop keepers were in tears after buying their Christmas stock but now facing another bleak season.

TWA dumped the blame on Severn Trent Water who swiftly issued as strong a rebuttal as I have ever seen.



By Friday we were determined to turn the adverse publicity into a good news story and promote Saturday's party. My thanks to Oxjam and the Beeston Bid who kept up everyone's spirits and organised a great day. Considerable thanks goes to our beleaguered but great independent shops and businesses in Beeston who rallied round, and of course to everyone who turned up.

I was particularly struck by the wise words of Beeston Councillor, Greg Marshall, when we opened the event and then had a good chat. Greg and I couldn't be further apart in Broxtowe political terms (he's what I would call a proper leftie and I strongly suspect he would take that as a compliment!). But Greg absolutely "gets it" when it comes to the tram works - he acknowledges the chaos and disruption and like me agrees lessons must be learnt. What we saw again this week was yet another broken promise and appalling bad communication.

I simply don't understand why other Labour politicians always side with TWA/NET and forget they should be supporting the people and businesses so badly affected by the tram works. It is also time TWA got its act together, admit it when they have made a mistake and say sorry.

## **Facebook pages on the rise**

There are a growing number of facebook pages which may interest you.

For Save Broxtowe's Green Belt [click here](#)

The pro HS2 South Broxtowe 2020 group can be accessed by [clicking here](#)

Stapleford Community Group posts on an almost hourly basis! It's a great mixture of news from in and around Stapleford. Join it by [clicking here](#)

The Broxtowe Borough Council Ranting Room is attracting interest [Join it here](#)

There is the Net Phase 2 Discussion Group; [click here](#)

And finally the Tram ranting room which is a very popular place for people to vent their frustrations about the tram works. I am a contributor!

[Join the infamous Tram Ranting Room by clicking here](#)

## **John McGrath killing; report finds failings in Notts Police.**

The Independent Police Complaints Commission have identified a number of failings by Nottinghamshire Police in the months leading up to the death of John McGrath and the serious wounding of his wife, Mabel. You may recall that John was killed back in 2009 by his grandson, William Barnard, who was seriously mentally ill at the time. In June the Coroner identified important failings by both local mental health services and the police that meant William was at liberty when in fact he should have been detained.

It is the view of the family and I that Nottinghamshire Police having failed to arrest William for a knife point attempted robbery in the months before he stabbed his grandparents, then held a secret inquiry into those events which was all part of a deliberate cover up. Neither Notts Police nor the IPCC have understood that the family are good, sensible people not prone to telling lies and making up stories.

I am sorry to report the IPCC report is inadequate and having met the family yesterday I will be seeking a meeting with the Police Minister, Mike Penning and asking the Home Affairs Select Committee to consider its own inquiry into the IPCC, which I fear is not the body it should be. I will of course keep you informed.

[Read the summary of the IPCC report by clicking here \(it is dated June 27 but only published on Thursday\)](#)

## **Brave Natalie sets up first national bullying helpline**

I am delighted that Natalie Harvey's Combat Bullying campaign is about to launch the first national helpline for anyone suffering from being bullied.

Natalie came to see me some time ago and I have been proud to support her campaign. As a result of our meeting Natalie has been working with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Bullying and her organisation goes from strength to strength. [Click here to read the full story in the Nottingham Post](#)



## **Immigration - your views matter**

National campaign groups encourage local members to email their MP's. As a result, I receive dozens, sometimes hundreds of "round robin" emails on a variety of subjects. The opinion polls tell us that the subject of immigration is a matter of great importance to a significant number of people (which is why it was so astonishing that Ed Milliband forgot the topic in his conference speech).

I receive very few emails or letters about immigration. So, I am positively encouraging you to share your views on immigration - or more accurately, migrants, with me - and that includes anyone who

thinks it is not an important topic.

I have spoken publicly on the topic back in November when I appeared on Question Time. But I want to hear from you with your views so please email me on [anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk)

[Click here to watch my views on immigration on Question Time](#)

## **Congrats to Stapleford Community Group**

Pasture Road is to get a Puffin Crossing after a campaign by residents led by Stapleford Community Group. 300 people signed a petition resulting in Notts County Council agreeing to fund the project. Congratulations to Richard MacRae and Kerri Blakemore for their hard work to secure the crossing which will benefit everyone in the area.



## **Working for you in Parliament**

Last Monday Parliament voted in favour of recognising Palestine as an independent state. It was a back bench debate so following the convention I did not participate in the debate or the vote as I am a Government Minister. There were a number of excellent speeches and I would urge anyone who has an interest in Palestine and indeed Israel to read the full debate in Hansard by clicking on the link below.

[Click here to read the debate on Palestine ...](#)

## ***What's on in Broxtowe***

### **Monday 20 October**

**Beeston Wildlife Group meeting - Golden Eagle Futures**

7:30pm till 9:30pm

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

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### **Tea for Two**

10am and 1pm

Where: Voluntary Action Broxtowe Oban House, 8 Chilwell Road, Beeston.

What's on: Everyone is welcome but places must be pre booked. Please click [here](#) for full details. Tea for Two will also take place on the 27th.

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### **Free computer skills drop-in**

1pm till 3pm

Where: Rumbletums Café, Kimberley.

What's on: An opportunity to get some advice on tricky stuff you have been struggling with. For full details please click [here](#).

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## **Tuesday 21 October**

### **Baking and Bread making in Beeston**

10am till 12:30pm

Where: Beeston Youth and Community Center.

What's on: A festive recipe from the great British Bake-Off, Chetna's orange Savarin with cinnamon cream. Full details [here](#).

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## **Wednesday 22 October**

### **Nuthall and Kimberley Memory Group**

10:15 till 12 noon

Where: Rumbletums Café, Kimberley.

What's on: Self-help group meeting to offer support to dementia sufferers and their carers.

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### **Beeston Central CAT meeting**

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: Queens Road Methodist Church.

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## **Thursday 23 October**

### **Greasley, Giltbrook, Newthorpe and Moorgreen CAT meeting**

6:30pm till 8:00pm

Where: Greasley Parish Hall.

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## **Friday 24 October**

### **Charity Golf Day**

From 12 noon

Where: Beeston Fields Golf Club.

What's on: Charity golf day in aid of the Mayor of Broxtowe's Charities (Hope and Cancer Research). Tickets cost £40 which includes a bacon cob and a one course dinner. Please click [here](#) for full details.

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### **Local Jazz Festival**

Where: Bartons, High Road Chilwell, NG9 4AJ.

What's on: The two day festival is one of the 'NOT' series of events happening over the weekend. Full details [here](#).

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## **Saturday 25 October**

### **Guided Walks**

10am till 1pm

Where: Attenborough Nature Reserve.  
What's on: Free Guided Walk by The Beeston Wildlife Group.

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## **Tuesday 28 October**

### **CAT Meetings**

All 7pm till 8:30pm  
Stapleford South East - The Meeting Place.  
Beeston Noth - The Children's Centre, Beeston Fields Primary.  
Beeston West - Beeston Town Hall.

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## **Thursday 30 October**

### **Stapleford North CAT meeting**

7pm till 8:30pm  
Where: Washington Drive Community Center.

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## **Friday 31 October**

### **Halloween party fundraiser for Combat Bullying**

4pm till 6pm  
Where: The Village Hotel.  
What's on: Children's Halloween party in aid of Combat Bullying. Full details [here](#).

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## **Saturday 1 November**

### **Craft Fair for Christian Aid**

10am till 12noon  
Where: Attenborough Village Hall.  
What's on: Craft stalls, a raffle and refreshments. Cost is £1, all proceeds are in support of the Christian Aid.

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### **Scouts Fireworks and Bonfire night**

5:30pm  
Where: Hemlock Scout Camp, Access via Common Lane, Bramcote.  
Cost is £6 for adults and £3 for children (under 5s are free).

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### **Halloween Scare Fest**

8pm  
Where: Bartons Plc - Barton Hall, 63 High Road.  
Full details [here](#) on the Bartons website.

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## **Thursday 6 November**

### **Beeston U3A open meeting**

10am  
Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church.  
What's on: George Buchanan talks about growing up at Hodstock Priory and find out more about Beeston U3A [here](#).

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## **Friday 7 November**

### **College House Junior School Fireworks Spectacular!**

6pm  
Where: College House Junior School, Cator Lane, Chilwell.  
Full details [here](#).

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## **Saturday 8 November**

### **Greasley Commemoration Coffee Morning**

10am till 12pm

Where: Greasley Parish Hall.

What's on: Exhibition of 1914-18 archive material, sights and sounds and the opportunity to place a poppy on the remembrance board.

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## **Remembrance Sunday 9 November**

There will be services taking place all over the constituency; Awsworth, Beeston, Cossall, Greasley, Kimberley, Nuthall, Stapleford and Trowell.

The Civic commemoration is in Beeston with a parade starting from the RBL to the War Memorial at 10:30am followed by a service.

"a decent Conservative" *Kevin McGuire, Daily Mirror*

"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*

"part of the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" *Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail*

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