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Hello again,

It was a real honour to join hundreds of people yesterday in Kimberley for this year's Freedom Parade organised exceptionally well by Broxtowe Borough and Kimberley Town Councils.

150 Royal Engineers marched through the town accompanied by a marching band from Chetwynd Barracks and joined by Royal Engineer Veteran Associations from throughout the UK.

Kimberley was decked out with Union Jacks as shops, cafes, pubs and homes all took part in the commemoration to thank our troops for their service and courage and to remember all those who have given their lives as members of our armed forces.

We began the event by laying wreaths in memory of those Kimberley men who fell in the First World War and concluded the morning's events with a service in Hall Om Wong Park.

[Click here for more photographs on Kimberley Town Council's web site](#)





Pulp Friction - award

Congratulations to Bramcote's Jill Carter, founder of Pulp Friction, who has won a Points of Light award. The Prime Minister paid tribute to Jill's work with young adults with learning disabilities. Pulp Friction takes her smoothie making bikes to events throughout the constituency - and her staff of people with learning disabilities learn invaluable work skills and independence.

[Click here to read the full story in the Nottingham Post](#)

Tram works update good and bad news



Fencing success at last!

Residents on the Chilwell part of the tram route have been told they can have the fencing they require to screen the back of their homes from the tram. I arranged for Milan Radulovic the leader of Broxtowe Borough Council to meet residents from a number of roads that back on to the tram and have lost privacy and security. Milan has now said Broxtowe will allow 3.4 metre fences. This is a victory for common sense and we are all grateful to Milan for sorting this out though I have sought confirmation from the constructors.

Lower and Fletcher Road - anger at blocks to emergency access

Ably assisted by Allison Dobbs, I spent a large part of Monday and Tuesday ensuring all three emergency services have proper access to roads affected by the tram works in Beeston. I am sorry it took a long thread of threatening emails to get the assurances properly demanded by residents. Grateful thanks go to the police, fire and



ambulance services who took swift action. Again the problem was poor communication on the part of the contractors - and some bad practise as the photo shows. I raised a number of matters in Friday's meeting with the City Council (see below)

Sunday working - meeting with City Council leader Jon Collins



This photo was taken by a resident on Chilwell Road and shows just how close the tram works have been to her home. This is the reality of life for residents for much of the last 15 months. You can understand why they are so upset at 7 day a week working (I have been assured there will not be similar all week working on Lower and Fletcher Roads).

I had a very productive meeting on Friday with Jon Collins (leader of the City Council) and the tram line constructors. Again, there was an acceptance and an apology for the terribly poor communication with residents. I raised a number of matters and will contact residents individually in the next few days with details. I got a number of dates as to when various roads will be open (apparently August 4 for the whole of High and Chilwell Road). I was assured the tram will open on time despite being well behind schedule on a number of roads and the daughter of the family on Lower Road will get to the church on time in the traditional way on May 31st!

Compensation for businesses shock

My meeting with Notts County Council leader Alan Rhodes on Friday was most concerning. Despite assurances that both the City and County Councils had over £2.3 million, in effect set aside to compensate small businesses affected by the tram works, Cllr Rhodes insisted the County does *not* have any such pot of money and despite extending the existing scheme, any monies would have to be found from existing budgets. As you might imagine I am making further enquiries as this was not my understanding. In the meantime it will assist the County Council if all small businesses affected by the tram works make a claim so they appreciate the scale of the problem. So far about 12 small businesses have claimed; they undertook to look again at the two rejected thus far, which I maintain must be eligible for compensation.

Sunnyside School, Chilwell

Sunnyside Spencer Academy in Chilwell will have a new, much needed, school next year. This is good news, the problem is - they want a bigger hall as they want to double their intake. I gave my support for their plans when I visited

them and presented awards to their year 6 pupils. Sunnyside has been struggling but with a great new head and as part of the George Spencer Academy Trust, I reckon they are on their way to better, even sunnier days!



What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Monday 19 May

Mondays at Pastures

3:30 till 5pm

The Pastures Community Centre, Stapleford, NG9 8GQ

After School Club for children aged 4-11 years old. For more information please click [here](#).

Wednesday 21 May

Attenborough Friendship Group - Coach Trip

1pm till 6pm

Attenborough Friendship Group are planning a coach trip to Finden Garden Centre, the cost is £5. Please call Shirley Porter on 0115 922 1183 to book a place.

Thursday 22 May

European Parliament Election Day

Polls open from 7am until 10pm

Friday 23 May - Monday 26 May

Beauvale Priory - Beer Festival

12pm till 1am

This will be their 3rd Annual Beer Festival, there will be a range of real ales, ciders, lagers and wine for sale. Free entry and parking.

Saturday 24 May

Beeston Shopmobility - Open day

10 Devonshire Avenue, Beeston, NG9 1BS

Open day and launch of Beeston Shopmobility.

Bank Holiday Monday 26 May

Greasley Gathering

10am till 3pm

The 'Hub' will be at Greasley Community and Sports Centre with other fun filled activities throughout the parish.

Transport is a strong theme at this years gathering, you can tour the whole area in a Red London Bus; see birds of prey, music bands, have a bite to eat or even have a go on a zip wire. There is plenty to see and do, please click [here](#) for full details.

Saturday 31 May

Rhodes to the Stars - Sponsored Cycle

Tesco, Beeston

There will be an information stand for Forever Stars, as well as a number of community groups and companies getting involved in the Rhodes to the Stars cycling challenge.

Meet the Team - Drop-in Surgery, Chilwell

10am till 12noon

The Cadland, 342 High Road, Chilwell, NG9 5EG

Come along to meet and discuss any issue or problem.

Please call the office to book for my normal advice surgery which I hold most Fridays and Saturdays.

And finally

There are some untruths being put around by Labour in Broxtowe and it does them no credit.

To set the record straight; I am not opposed to trams and never have been, but I was opposed to the route. I seek to do all I can to make sure the tram delivers the benefits it promised to my constituents. I do not hesitate to stand up for residents and businesses who have suffered terribly during the works in Beeston and Chilwell.

I give credit where it is due to those who do the same, whether it's the Labour leader of the Borough or the City Council or Beeston's Lib Dem Councillor Steve Carr. It is a pleasure to work with them all even when we disagree! It is regrettable that some Labour Councillors and their supporters take a very different approach.

"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*