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International Women's Day | March 8 2015

Hello again,

This lunchtime I enjoyed a great curry in aid of the [Army Benevolent Fund](#) known as the Soldiers Charity at Chilwell Barracks. My thanks to all concerned - our Mayor, Stan Heptinstall was also there and I was reminded that this year's annual Mayor's Charity Ball is a few weeks away. [Tickets](#) are on sale for the event which is on March 28 and is in aid of Cancer Research UK and Hope based in Beeston.

Please scroll on for more news and views.

As ever,
Anna

Broxtowe is doing great business !

The Business Minister, Matt Hancock visited two great Broxtowe businesses this week. Matt announced £3 million of funding for a project involving SMS in Beeston. The firm which is going from strength to strength is working with partners to develop a better way of sterilising medical equipment used in hospitals.

Matt then went to Cemex in Attenborough.

Whatever your political persuasions there's little debate about how the economy is recovering, with record levels of employment, growing order books and wages outstripping inflation - both locally and nationally. I am of the view this is due to the Government's economic policies and some of the tough decisions we have had to take.

Matt Hancock was clearly impressed with SMS and Cemex; we also paid a visit to Beeston where we met some businesses affected by the tram works (more details below).



Toton Village Green hearing - statements needed by Tuesday March 10

The enquiry into whether the land at Toton Sidings should have Village Green status will begin on April 13. Anyone who wants to take part must provide a short written statement by this Tuesday, March 10. Gaining Village Green status was something I suggested as it would protect the land from development - far more than being designated Green Belt land.

It has been a very long process and will only stand any chance of success if people are prepared to come forward and detail how they have used the land. Members of TEPS will have received a useful email which I would urge TEPS members to follow.

If anyone else wants to take part please contact me as a matter of some urgency. Having come this far it would be hugely disappointing if this opportunity was lost through want of support.

Bramcote Green Belt concerns and other matters

Last Monday's CAT meeting discussed a number of important matters related to Bramcote's Green Belt including a number of proposed developments and a review of the current boundaries. There is a good report of the meeting on [Bramcote Today](#).

Re-generating our great towns

Backing Beeston - backing the BID



Beeston is the only one of our three towns to have a BID. In short, local businesses voted to set up the scheme which takes an annual fee and in return provides professional support to promote the town. I have supported the BID in the past but in the last year or so have been contacted by a number of member businesses who don't believe the BID is value for money, lacks drive and is not independent from Broxtowe Borough Council.

I met key members of the BID and we had a very frank discussion. As a result I came to the conclusion that there is a real desire for the organisation to be a strong independent voice for businesses in Beeston. There is a recognition the BID must be seen as good value before the autumn vote on whether to renew the scheme. The people I met had the requisite determination and enthusiasm. I am more than happy to work with the BID and have undertaken to assist with a number of projects to restore Beeston so it is able to take full advantage of the tram, when it finally arrives! Details when they have been finalised.



Tramwork delays continue and more cyclists injured

Parts of Fletcher Road have seen considerable work sparking a number of rumours. The promise that the work would soon be finished has been broken. Meanwhile, I have received yet more complaints from cyclists badly injured after getting caught in the tram tracks. I have contacted Tramlink/NET again as there is clearly a serious problem which they must address as they are under a duty to make sure the tram tracks are safe.

Kimberley and Stapleford Ministerial call

FAs promised, the Towns Minister, Penny Mordaunt is holding a conference call with Broxtowe Borough Council's towns team to discuss traders concerns which were raised on her recent visit. I will report back with any news.

Canalside Heritage Centre is good to go!

Culture Minister Ed Vaizey paid Beeston a visit to see the work of the Canalside Heritage trust who are all set to start a remarkable project at cottages by the weir.

Full credit goes to Stuart Craven and his team who, against all odds, have won Heritage Lottery funding and the support of the Canals and River Trust, to restore the cottages and build a visitor centre with gardens.

The project is a real community effort and will take two years to complete. It's been a pleasure to back it all the way and play a small part in securing funding.



WoW thank you

On the eve of International Women's Day it seemed all the more appropriate to support last night's Wellbeing of Women Ball organised by Toton and Chilwell Meadows Councillor, Halimah Gulzar. The annual event raised thousands of pounds for research into medical conditions specific to women. Many thanks and congratulations to Halimah for a lovely evening.

Pot hole result!

Recently I reported that potholes on Barratt Close in Attenborough are some of the worst I have seen in Broxtowe. I am delighted to say that following my email to Notts County Council they have been earmarked for repairs along with improvements to the pavements which are in an equally poor state.

It is good to see Notts County Council is spending the extra £2.7 million of Government funding they received specifically to repair pot holes in the County. I am continuing to ensure we get our fair share! Bizarrely, Attenborough's Labour County Councillor had claimed "savage cuts" were preventing pot hole repairs.



Party political comment

The General Election is eight weeks away and the campaigning has begun. In Broxtowe the Lib Dems will not be selecting their candidate until the end of March which is holding up arrangements for hustings!

In the meantime a number of constituents have commented on how the Labour candidate and former MP has experienced a remarkable change in political direction after years of being a moderate Labour MP. As our MP for thirteen years, Nick supported the invasion of Iraq (which I opposed) and Trident; indeed, according to theyworkforyou.com he voted "very strongly for replacing Trident".

Now he is against any military intervention in Iraq, Libya or Syria and is anti Trident. However, this sharp turn to the left has not prevented Nick from accepting a £1,000 donation from Tony Blair. But then Nick served in the Blair Government for a number of years.

In the run up to May 7 I think it is very important all candidates are scrutinised as to what we believe in.



Working for you in Parliament - what happens when the General Election is called

This Parliament will finish on March 30th and there are some important consequences in relation to my work as your MP. New rules mean my MP account will be closed down and no candidate (that includes me) is allowed to use the MP title in any of our communications. I will be using a new personal email anna@annasoubry.org.uk. However, my office will continue to work for all constituents and I will publish full details next week. Please be assured that we will continue to work on all existing and new cases.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Monday 9 March

Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth

10am

Where: Beeston Town Hall.

What's on: Broxtowe borough Council have organised the ceremony, the flag will be raised simultaneously from 38 Commonwealth countries.

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Toton and Chilwell Meadows CAT meeting

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: Tesco Toton Community Room.

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Tuesday 10 March

Stapleford South East CAT meeting

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford.

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Wednesday 11 March

Stapleford Job Fair

10am till 2pm

Where: The Meeting Place, 22-26 Nottingham Road, Stapleford, NG9 8AA.

What's on: Come along to the Stapleford Job Fair which has been organised by Richard MacRae, Chairman of Stapleford Community Group. There will be a mixture of employers and training providers.

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Attenborough CAT meeting

7:30pm till 8:30pm

Where: Lucy & Vincent Brown Village Hall, Attenborough Lane.

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Thursday 12 March

Health Fayre

2:30pm till 5:30pm

Where: Washington Drive Community Centre

What's on: Meet with health experts to discover how to lead a healthier life style.

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Chilwell West CAT meeting

7:00pm till 8:30pm

Where: Chilwell Community Centre, Inham Road.

what's on: Dave Lawson, Senior Planning Officer at Broxtowe Borough Council will be giving a presentation on Planning Consultation.

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The pirates of Penzance

Where: Round Hill Primary School.

what's on: The Gilbert & Sullivan society presents its new production. Full details [here](#).

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Artist Networking event

7:00pm till 9pm

Where: The White Lion Bar and Kitchen, Beeston.

what's on: Local artists can get expert advice on a range of topics, full details [here](#).

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Fundraising Fashion Show

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Where: The Village hotel, Chilwell.

What's on: Treetops Hospice present their fundraising fashion show, which includes unique on trend clothing. Please call 0115 949 6930 for tickets.

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Friday 13 March

Beeston and District Civic meeting

7:30pm

Where: John Clifford Primary School, Nether Street, Beeston, NG9 2AT.

What's on: Professor Mark Gillott, 'The design, delivery and use of Zero Carbon Homes'. Memembrs free, guests £2 more information [here](#).

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Saturday 14 March

Headcase Charity Ball

Where: De Vere Orchard Hotel, Nottingham University.

What's on: This will be the 4th Headcase Ball, proceeds will go directly to fund more world leading research. Full details [here](#).

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Monday 16 March

Bramcote History Group - Talk on Bramcote Hall

8pm

Where: St. Michael's Church Centre, Church Street, Bramcote.

What's on: Come along to the History Group meeting to hear a talk on Bramcote Hall. Visitors £2.

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Wednesday 18 March

Beeston & District Local History Society - meeting

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall, High Road, Chilwell Road.

What's on: A Beeston sailor's 1st World War Diaries, a talk by Rob Wood.

Thursday 19 March

Kimberley Residents Association, public meeting

7pm till 9pm

Where: Holy Trinity Church Hall, Kimberley.

Friday 20 March

Snake Davis, Burden of Paradise: In concert

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School.

What's on: Four highly accomplished musicians playing an electric mix of soul, pop, folk and jazz.

Saturday 21 March

Attenborough Nature Centre 10th Birthday

11am till 3pm

Where: Attenborough Nature Centre, Barton Lane, Attenborough, NG9 6DY.

What's on: Taking place Saturday and Sunday Join in with Attenborough Nature Centre's 10th birthday celebrations, for more details please click [here](#).

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Chilwell Munitions Tragedy - New Project

2pm till 4pm

Where: The White Lion Bar and Kitchen, Beeston.

What's on: A special event to mark the opening of a new project which aims to bring to life the story of the Chilwell Munitions Tragedy on the 1st July 1918. Full details [here](#).

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Beeston Wildlife Group - Walk

10am till 1pm

Where: Attenborough Nature Reserve.

What's on: Join the group for a guided walk around the reserve.

My surgeries

Please call the office (0115 9436507) to make an appointment at my weekly surgery. For obvious reasons we are not publishing my full surgery details.

"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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