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Hello again,

It has been a very busy week! I took my tired team for a feel deserved end-of-term Christmas meal yesterday and the office will officially re-open on Monday January 5th. In the meantime I will continue to monitor emails and deal with all and any emergencies. I will be sending this year's electronic version of my Christmas Card out in the next few days - details of the winner, Summer Yates aged 6 are below.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Anna

Chilwell Military Wives in Westminster

Over 60 constituents took the early morning coaches I organised down to London for a tour of Parliament. Among them were members of the Chilwell Military Wives Choir who delighted us with an impromptu carol under the Christmas tree in Westminster Hall. Residents from roads blighted by the tram works in Beeston and Chilwell, traders from Kimberley and community leaders and workers from throughout the constituency had a great tour of Parliament and then a few hours shopping and sight seeing in central London.

This is the third tour I have organised and has proved so popular I will be offering a repeat in the summer to all constituents - whether I win or lose in May!



Community Champions in the dark at No. 10!



After Monday's successful tour of Parliament, seven community champions from Broxtowe got a tour of No 10 Downing Street on Wednesday evening - so apologies for the quality of the photo! Like the tour of Parliament, this was a non party political event and my guests were Nigel Adams of Hope in Beeston, Natalie Harvey who runs Combat Bullying from Toton, Colin Spiers who founded the great Beeston based charity Head Case, Nuthall Parish Councillor Stephen Green and his father, Grenville, Julie Cameron who has fought so hard on behalf of traders in Beeston and Chilwell and James McDonald head of Bramcote College sixth form.

Hs2 - who's making the case for Notts?

Following on from the meeting organised by Stapleford's community campaigner Richard MacRae with representatives of Hs2, I met the Chairman, Sir David Higgins this week. I continue to urge Hs2 to place the East Midlands hub at Toton Sidings, but have to accept there are difficulties with the site. However, if Toton is not suitable then I believe the area around east Midlands Parkway off the A453 and close to East Mids Airport, the M1 and Nottingham, should be the preferred site. My concern is that none of our Councils are advancing this alternative and so Derbyshire will get the Hub. Unfortunately, the leaders of both the City and County Councils have yet to agree to meet me to discuss the matter.

Christmas Card winner from Nuthall

My thanks to all the children from around the constituency who entered this year's Christmas card competition. The winner is Summer Yates who is six and attends Mornington Primary School in Nuthall.

It was a real pleasure to attend this week's assembly and present Summer with her prize. I have sent out over 3,000 Christmas cards with the electronic version due to be sent next week - I hope you

agree with me that Summer was a worthy winner. Congratulations to the runners up - Eesha Ajaz from Mornington, Felina Hamilton from St John's, Stapleford and Sophia Arrowsmith from Chetwynd Primary Academy.



Thank you to all the workers at Royal Mail



Yesterday, I visited Royal Mail in Beeston which is operating flat out in the run up to Christmas. The NG9 and NG16 areas which cover almost all of Broxtowe have experienced their busiest pre-Christmas time, ever. It was also good to thank Stapleford Borough Councillor and postie, John McGrath.



Good news for Beeston

Boots plans gets the go-ahead and tram works are coming to an end!

Broxtowe Borough Council unanimously granted planning permission for the development on Boots which includes huge investment in the Enterprise Zone with a new £6 million access road, 675 houses and the potential of hundreds of jobs.

Like the entire population of Beeston, Chilwell, Brancote and beyond, I am delighted that the tram works really are coming to an end. Chilwell/High Road will be open to two way traffic on Monday and the Middle Street/Station Road Junction is also open. The work will stop for most of the Christmas period and we will then enter the final stages.

Chapel of unrest - new concerns over Kimberley Town Council

I have been contacted by a number of constituents who are very concerned about Kimberley Town Council's for Cemetery Chapel.



On Thursday a "public meeting" attracted just 15 residents and a small group of former Town Councillors (11 have resigned since 2011).

Despite the lack of a business plan, no external estimates and in my view no mandate from the people of Kimberley, the Town Council has decided to spend at least £40,000 to create a "social hub" in the chapel. It's a lovely building, with magnificent views which is much loved by many residents; but its situation in the middle of the Cemetery and devoid of any car park means it has limited use however much of your money Kimberley Town Council spends on it.

On Thursday evening, by a vote of 7 to 4, the Council approved its own plans which they have refused to put on public display. Only 6 of the 11 Councillors who attended, were elected - the rest are co-opted. Town Councillor Kat Boettge of the Green Party has launched a campaign to overturn the decision and she has my firm backing. Kat has recently returned to Kimberley Town Council and tells me there is a more transparent attitude from the ruling Labour group thanks to our combined efforts. However, this latest scheme seems little more than a vanity project that could turn into an expensive folly. Meanwhile the iconic War memorial is, apparently, in urgent need of restoration.

[Join the campaign to keep the Cemetery Chapel special](#)

Pub news

I am sorry to report that the New White Bull in Giltbrook has been sold, despite all our efforts, to the Co-Op. Greene King refused to sell to the excellent local Blue Monkey Brewery. Meanwhile, Broxtowe Borough Council is seeing common sense in relation to the marquee in the garden of the award winning Beeston Crown and the pub has won a reprieve.

What's on in Broxtowe

Sunday 21 December

Carol Services

Rylands Methodist Church 6pm

Where: Rylands Methodist Church, Beeston.

St Michael's Bramcote

5.30pm and 7.30pm

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Wednesday 24 December

Christingle - Rylands Methodist Church

4:15pm

Where: Rylands Methodist Church, Beeston.

Please note their Christmas Day worship will be at 10:15am.

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Thursday 1 January

24th Annual Duck Race in Toton

1:30pm till 3pm

Where: Manor Farm Recreation Ground.

Full details [here](#).

Friday 9 January

Nottingham Country Market

7:30am till 11:45am

Where: Wollaton Road Methodist Church.

What's on: Everything is home grown, home baked and hand crafted.

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Beeston and District Civic Society Meeting

7:30pm

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

What's on: Phillip Horsefield and John Delaney will give a Broxtowe Borough Council update on the Beeston New Deal.

Saturday 17 January

Beeston Farmers' Market

9am till 2pm

Where: Beeston Square.

What's on: Here you can purchase meats such as Bison and venison as well as cakes, cheese and pies and artisan breads.

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The Churchfitters in concert

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Chilwell Road, Beeston

What's on: Unique and energetic performance from a trio of musicians. Full details [here](#).

Thursday 22 January

Village Ventures - Fordante from Strauss to the Movies

7:15pm for a 7:30pm start

Where: St Helen's Parish Church, Church Lane, Stapleford.

Full details [here](#).

Friday 23 January

Strelley Village Panto - Mother Goose

7pm

Where: St John's Church Hall, Graylands Road, Bilborough, NG8 4FD.

What's on: The panto is written and acted by Strelley villagers, for full details please click [here](#).

Saturday 24 January

Forever Stars 1st Anniversary Concert

Where: William Booth Memorial Halls.

Full details to be confirmed [here](#).

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