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First World War commemorations

Hello again,

Today's events to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War conclude this evening with a service in Westminster Abbey and a call for us all to turn out all but one light in a few minute time.

There have been some very moving services and events throughout Broxtowe and I had hoped to share some of my photographs but the gremlins have got into my computer!

I thought the production of Swan Canaries in Stapleford was excellent and a good turn out enjoyed a first class story about a group of women at the Chilwell munitions factory. Congratulations are due to everyone involved in Stapleford Remembers.



Today I visited a remarkable exhibition at St. Mary's Greasley. It was very moving on this lovely summer's day to hear the stories of young men who went to war as we sat in the Church they would all have known, in sight of fields they either worked in or walked by on their way to work in the local pits.

It was meant to be the war to end all wars but as we know all too well it was not. My thoughts tonight are with all those who have served and made the ultimate sacrifice and I will light a candle with the hope of peace.

There are so many places in the world in conflict be it Nigeria, the Ukraine and of course Gaza.



Kimberley Town Council crisis

Two Green Party Councillors have resigned from Kimberley Town Council over concerns about how the council is spending tax payers money and allegations that it is not being run democratically. You may remember I rose my own concerns in a recent email newsletter.

This is very bad news for Kimberley - whatever your politics David Kerwin and Katharina Boettge were two very good and competent Councillors. Independents and the only Conservative Town Councillor resigned some time ago because of the way the Labour group was controlling the Council. I am meeting David and Katharina later this week and will keep you informed as to events on Kimberley Town Council.

Men and shoes

Stapleford Community Group are appealing for men to donate shoes and boots to help homeless men in the area. Shoe Aid need 30 pairs of shoes or boots between size 8 & 11. Please [click here to help](#) this great cause.

Visit to world class Chilwell based URS

My thanks to everyone at URS in Chilwell who showed me their various works from surveying rail tracks with the latest technology to scanning for bats in woodland threatened with development. They employ 200 plus people and are benefitting from some of the huge infrastructure projects undertaken by the Government.



Gaza

A number of constituents have contacted me about the situation in Gaza and I am sure my own feelings are shared by many. I have passed on the contents of all correspondents to the highest levels of Government and I can assure you I have discussed the views of many of my constituents with a number of my colleagues, including other members of the Government.

I have been appalled at the pictures and accounts from Gaza. The loss of life is terrible especially the deaths of so many children. I was particularly upset and concerned at the loss of life in UN schools where families were sleeping having been forced out of their homes. As you will know Gaza is a densely populated place where people have few places to flee to.

I am pleased that Israel has announced a short ceasefire today but what is urgently needed is an unconditional and permanent ceasefire. The British Government, notably the Foreign Secretary has been working to achieve that and Philip Hammond had yet further discussions with Israeli Ministers yesterday. Given the complexities and difficulties in reaching some sort of agreement over a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel I have no doubt those negotiations and discussions should take place behind closed doors and not in front of microphones and cameras. Accordingly, I thought the comments of Labour's leader, Ed Miliband, yesterday were unnecessary and not in the least helpful. This is not the time to play party politics.

I think it is very important to state some basic principles. Firstly, Israel is entitled and should defend herself, whether it is from rocket attacks or tunnels into Israel in order to kill and injure civilians and soldiers. However, international law is quite clear, as the Prime Minister said this morning "use of force always has to be proportionate and civilians should not be targeted." Hamas must stop its rocket attacks on Israel, they are not only unlawful but have little effect as Israel has a sophisticated and effective defence system. If Hamas genuinely wants to stop the attacks on Gaza that almost inevitably lead to the loss of civilian lives then they should stop their attacks on Israel immediately.

In the long term we need peace and stability with an independent and democratic Palestine and an Israel whose existence is accepted and respected - each based on the borders decided back in 1967.

What's on in Broxtowe

Tuesday 5 August – Saturday 9 August

Time: open daily from 10am

Beeston Bay

Where: Broadgate Park, Beeston.

What's on: There will be a real beach with fun family activities.

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Time: 12 noon till 4pm

Free Play Fun Day

Where: Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground, Stapleford, NG9 8LJ

What's on: Everyone is welcome to come along, many exciting activities to experience. For

more information please call 0115 917 3695.

Thursday 7 August – Sunday 10 August

Time: 5:30pm till 9:30pm

Manor Farm Fun Fair

Where: Manor Farm Recreation Ground, Toton.

What's on: Traditional fun fair.

Friday 8 August

Time: 10am till 4pm

Vintage Tea Parlour

Where: Oban House, 8 Chilwell Road.

Saturday 9 August

Time: 12 noon till 6:30pm

Attenborough Annual Fuchsia Show

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: 42nd annual show, there will also be plant and cake sales and a tombola.

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Time: 8pm

Charity Night at the River Side Bar

Where: Beeston Marina River Side Bar.

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Time: 10am till 12pm

Pond dipping and bug hunt – Stapleford

Where: Dig In Community Allotments, Stapleford.

What's on: To book a place please email bookings@diginstapleford.org.uk

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Saturday 9 August – Sunday 10 august

Time: 10am till 5pm (4pm on Sunday)

Attenborough Craft Fair

Where: Attenborough Nature Reserve, NG9 6DY

What's on: Craft Fair Saturday and Sunday, unique arts and crafts to buy such as; wood, stained glass, textiles and jewellery.

Sunday 10 August

Time: All day (re-enactment starts at 1:30pm)

Charity Fun day – Beeston Marina

What's on: Fun activities throughout the day such as a raffle, live music, face painting and the duck race. There will be a WW2 re-enactment using their 1940's landing craft.

Tuesday 12 August

Time: 7pm till 9pm

Beeston Knitting and Crochet Group

Where: The White Lion, Station Road, Beeston.

What's on: Wool and wine, the group is for anyone who knits or fancies knitting.

Friday 15 August

Time: 12 noon till 4pm

Free Play Fun Day

Where: Kimberley School Playing Field, Access from Chestnut Drive, Nuthall, NG16 1EX. What's on: Everyone is welcome to come along, many exciting activities to experience. For more information please call 0115 917 3695.

Saturday 16 August

Indian Summer event – in aid of Forever Stars Charity

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nottingham

To book tickets or for any questions please contact richard.daniels@mac.com

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Time: 10am till 1pm

Guided Walk around Attenborough Nature Reserve

What's on: Meeting in the car park, this free walk is part of Beeston's wildlife Groups walks and talks.

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Time: 7:30pm

Royal British Legion, Beeston – 1940's Night

What's on: Fancy dress 1940's style (optional) raffle prizes, live music from Molly Brown. Cost £3 including buffet.

Wednesday 20 August

Time: 10am till 4pm

Disney Theatre Workshop Day

Where: Stapleford Methodist Church

What's on: Learn Songs and Dance Routines from Disney favourites, for ages 5 – 11, a fun day for all abilities. Please book a place by calling 07549688361.

Thursday 21 August – Monday 25 August

Top House Beer Festival

Where: The White Lion, Town Street, Bramcote Village.

What's on: Festival with over 20 beers including 10 for within a 10 miles away, live music, charity raffle and much more.

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Time: 12 noon till 4pm

Free Play Fun Day

Where:

Inham Nook, Chilwell. Vehicle entrance via Blandford Avenue, NG9 4GY.

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