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"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*

Hello again,

Next week will see Budget day. I am resisting the temptation to say that the recent, much longed for sunnier weather and the forecast of further improvement is mirrored in our economy! The fact is though that we are now seeing steady growth, healthier order books and more people in work. In my view we are at last seeing the real benefits of the difficult decisions we made to restore our economy.

Enough of politics - please scroll on for a mass of news about my work throughout the constituency. Enjoy the rest of the weekend,

As ever,
Anna

Michael Gove visits Kimberley School

It was a real pleasure to take Education Secretary Michael Gove to Kimberley School yesterday afternoon.

Michael spent time answering a large number of (tough!) questions from the School Council, meeting sixth formers working after normal school hours, and talking to staff and governors.

Head teacher Chris Teale was the host. Michael Gove was told in no uncertain terms about some of the difficulties the school had faced up to in the past, he then saw for himself the huge success that Kimberley School has become and learnt of their plans for the future.

I am really pleased Michael was able to spend so much time at one of Broxtowe's excellent schools. Grateful thanks to the head, staff and pupils who made the visit such a success.



Fruity Friday's at Greasley Beauvale!



My thanks to everyone at Greasley Beauvale Primary School for their invitation to look at their Fruity Friday project! This great idea came from the children and they run it. The aim is to help pupils to eat a more healthy diet. So it's fruit only for sale on a Friday and so far the queues are growing each week!

Under the excellent leadership of head teacher, Donna Chambers, Greasley Beauvale has a School Parliament, an awesome Primary Minister in Kieran Grainger and a School Cabinet. I am supporting their entry into a prestigious competition organised by the House of Commons Speaker, John Bercow. Fruity Friday is a first class example of a pupil led project delivering real benefit to the school.

Notts County Council must act now to save businesses affected by tram work

Notts County Council has not, despite press reports, considered extending compensation to qualifying businesses and traders throughout Beeston and Chilwell. I have written again to the leader of the County Council urging him to back my proposal. Apparently, he plans to



meet the tram constructors and others to discuss the matter - I have asked these discussions include all the County Councillors who represent Beeston and Chilwell as well as me.

Only this week I learnt of another great, family run, Beeston business facing serious financial loss and possible closure because of the tram works.

Over two million pounds were set aside to compensate business effected by the tram works - the time has come to make it available or face having few businesses left in Beeston to take advantage of its promised benefits. The relevant County Council committee meets on Thursday and this matter should be top of their agenda.



Despite the nightmare of the tram works residents haven't lost their sense of humour on the aptly renamed Crator Lane!

WOW Ball success

Congratulations to Councillor Halimah Khaled and team for raising over £4,000 at this years Well Being of Women Ball at the Village Hotel in Chilwell.

Broxtowe's excellent Mayor, Councillor Iris White holds her charity Ruby Ball on Saturday April 5th. Please click [here](#) for more details.



Montrose Court; Stapleford Community Group need your support!

I have given my full backing to Stapleford Community Group who face being removed from Montrose Court. An alternative venue may be the solution but this brilliant and dedicated team of residents must have a proper base where they can continue their great work.

Click [here](#) to find out more about Stapleford Community Group

Drop In Surgeries at Kimberley and Attenborough



Thank you to everyone who stopped for a chat, ask a question, raise an issue or just have a moan at Sainsbury's in Kimberley last Saturday.

I continue to hold more traditional surgeries as well as "Drop In" events throughout the constituency. Today I was in Attenborough and my thanks to everyone who came along. The next "drop In" is next Saturday at The Nurseryman in Beeston and on Saturday March 29 in Greasley Parish Hall - details in the diary.

Attenborough parking nightmare

This morning's Drop In surgery was understandably dominated by the intolerable problem of parking in the Village (thank you to everyone who came along to our busiest ever Drop In).

We all agreed we don't want people to stop using the Railway Station but we do need to stop commuters turning the village into a car park.

A number of clearly dangerous incidents were recounted to me and we need urgent action. Borough Councillor Eric Kerry and others are circulating a petition to be served on the County Council.

Meanwhile I will be asking to meet a number of organisations to bring people together to sort out this out. More details next week.

War memorials repair and restoration funds

Kimberley War Memorial is in need of repair and the Town Council have asked me for help. The Prime Minister has set aside £5 million to repair and restore war memorials throughout the country as part of our commemorations of the First World War.

I have happily agreed to help Kimberley secure funding for the project and extend the offer to other councils or Churches who want to restore or repair a war memorial.

Please contact me if you would like more details.



Toton developers unveil "horrific" plans for Green Belt and HS2 land.

There was considerable horror when developers unveiled plans for the Green Belt land at Toton. If they get their way the A52 would be turned into an 8 lane motorway with hundreds of houses all the way up to Bramcote, but a miserable lack of the world leading economic

development many of us want to see if HS2 comes to Toton.

Broxtowe Borough Council's "Working Group" on the proposed HS2 site needs to broaden its membership. We were promised something that would genuinely involve residents of all persuasions, in the plans for the future of their community. Simply inviting folk along is not true participation and consultation. Councillor Richard Jackson's suggestion to allow residents to ask questions was agreed but unfortunately the majority of Councillors just seem incapable of trusting the people.

Further consultation on the future of Toton's Green Belt opens on Monday 17 March and ends on April 30. I have been promised the web site link and more details which I will of course share in my next email newsletter along with the developers "plans".



What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Tuesday 18 March

Hansons Auctioneers and Valuers Charity event

3pm till 7pm

Catholic Church Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston

Charles Hanson of 'Flog It, Antiques Road Trip and Bargain Hunt' and Vanessa Savage will be in Beeston to value your antiques and family heirlooms. £3 per item and all money raised will be shared between the Citizens Advice Broxtowe and Home-Start Nottingham.

Stapleford South East CAT meeting

7pm till 8:30pm

St Helen's Church Hall

Friday 21 March

Ladies Night

6pm till 8:30pm

The Pearson Centre, Nuart Road, Beeston

An evening of pampering and shopping, there will be a mix of local businesses offering treatments plus the chance to do a bit of shopping. There will also be a raffle with lots of different prizes.

Saturday 22 March

Drop-in Surgery - Beeston

11am till 1pm

The Nurseryman, 177 Derby Road, Beeston

Please come along for a chat .

Saturday 29 March

Meet the Team - Drop-in Surgery - Greasley

10am till 12pm

Greasley Community and Sports Centre

Your opportunity to meet with me to discuss any problems you may have.

And finally

Congratulations to Stapleford's Florence Slaney on reaching her 100th Birthday. Florence is celebrating her special birthday with five generations of her family this weekend and I am sure it will be a great party!

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