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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,

A quick apology to everyone who came to last week's "Meet the Team" at Greasley - we needed a bigger room!

Enjoy the rest of the weekend.

As ever,

Anna

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### **Sign the petition - join the campaign to save our traders affected by the tram**

I am organising a petition calling on Nottinghamshire County Council to extend the compensation scheme to all shops and businesses affected by the tram work. Next week traders throughout the southern part of the constituency will receive a copy of the petition which I am urging them to gather signatures from customers.

#### **Action Day - next Saturday**

On **Saturday April 12** I am holding a mass petition in Beeston meeting at 11am outside Boots. I have emailed all the County Councillors representing Beeston, Chilwell, Attenborough and Toton and have asked them to join my all

party campaign. I am delighted that County Councillors Steve Carr, Richard Jackson and John Doddy have pledged their support. I hope Labour's Kate Foale will also join us.



It goes without saying that everyone is asked to help gather signatures to persuade Notts County Council that they must change their minds. We have a growing number of small, independent mainly family run businesses who are on the brink of going bust because of the tram works. Nottingham City Council recognises the need and supports the extension of the compensation scheme. Now we all need to come together and persuade the County Council. With both Councils being controlled by Labour this is not a party political issue!

**Join the campaign! email me on [anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk) or call the constituency office on 0115 9436507**



### **Some good news for Beeston**

Beeston Car Centre has opened on High Road despite the disruption - and it proves that it's not all negative news about the tram works. I believe there will be real benefits from the tram - but not if we lose some of our great local businesses.

I fear Broxtowe Borough Council has squandered a golden opportunity to redevelop Beeston town centre. It needed some big ideas like a cinema, more evening attractions and redeveloping vacant shops and sites to provide genuinely mixed housing. Key retailers and food outlets should have been contacted and tempted in to an imaginative and modern redevelopment that retains the very best buildings and builds on Beeston's history.

## Question over the future of Shortwood Opencast

It's debatable whether the news that UK Coal is on the brink of going out of businesses, makes the planned opencast coal mine at Shortwood more or less likely. It is certainly something I have raised with Eric Pickles as part of my request for him to "call in" the decision of Notts County Council to grant them planning permission. I will of course keep you fully informed of any news.



## Gilthill letters

A big thank you to pupils from year 3 at Gilthill Primary School in Kimberley for their excellent letters about whether the school day should be extended.

They are beautifully written and laid out - and I was indeed persuaded by many of their arguments against making school days longer at Gilthill.

I hope they enjoy my replies which explain that in my view, schools should be able to set their own hours to suit the best interests of pupils, their families and staff!

## Middle Street Resource Centre

You may recall the campaign to save the Middle Street Resource Centre which supports people with mental health problems. I supported the campaign wholeheartedly even though it brought me into conflict with the Conservatives then running Notts County Council. We won and my colleagues on the County Council went further spending hundreds of thousands on improving Middle Street.

Labour now control the County Council and plan to close Middle Street. The arguments against closure are arguably even stronger now, but sadly I have heard no complaint from those so vociferous when the Conservatives planned the same. I refuse to be cynical and conclude party politics were and are at play. Instead I am contacting the Trustees at Middle Street to see if there is any support to save it. I would very much welcome your views.

## First World War Singsation

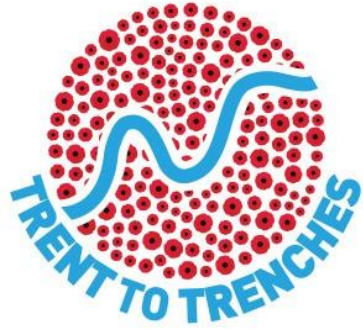
Plans to commemorate the First World War across the constituency are emerging. Singsational Nottingham will take place at Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Beeston, on

Saturday, May 17. Amateur singers will sing songs like It's A Long Way To Tipperary and Goodbye, and hear tales of the lives of people in Beeston during the First World War. All money raised will go to the charities Hope Nottingham, The Friary and Help for Heroes.

*Please contact me if you want support or ideas on how you can commemorate the First World War.*

[Click here for more details of Singsation ...](#)

[Click here for Bramcote Today's story on this weeks poppy seed sowings in Stapleford and Beeston ...](#)



### ***What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details***

#### **Monday 7 April**

##### **Have you seen the Easter Bunny**

Between Monday 7 April and 28 April local children can obtain an Easter Egg Hunt sheet for either Stapleford Easter Egg hunt or Kimberley White Rabbit Egg Hunt.

For more details please click [here](#).

#### **Friday 11 April**

##### **Beeston & District Civic Society Open Meeting**

7.30pm

The Community Room, John Clifford School, Nether Street, Beeston, NG9 2AT

Mark Chivers will give a talk on 'Boots Enterprise Zone'. Cost: Free for members, £2 for guests on the door. Refreshments available.

#### **Saturday 12 April**

##### **Bramcote Old Church Tower Quiz Night**

7.30pm

Bramcote Memorial Hall

Cost £10 per person, which includes a jacket potato with filling, tea and coffee (bring your own beer or wine). For tickets please call 0115 922 6782.

##### **Broxtowe Wildlife Day**

10am till 4pm

Beeston Square

As part of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's 50th Anniversary celebrations, there will be around 15 stalls in the square giving visitors a chance to discover more about wildlife in Broxtowe. For more details please click [here](#).

#### **Sunday 13 April**

##### **Bramcote Crematorium Remembrance Service**

2pm

With hymns, readings and other ways to remember a loved ones whose names will be read out during the service. For more information please click [here](#).

And finally .....

Congratulations to Kimberley School on raising over £1,600.00 for Sport Relief.