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### NEWSLETTER



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*"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,

Parliament is in recess but my work as your MP continues, though this weekend hardly constitutes work! There are literally dozens of events throughout the constituency to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and I will be attending as many as I can.

I have put them all on the web site [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk) in the "What's On" page - just click on the tab on the home page.

I have also done a brief guide in the "Dates for your diary" section below. However you choose to, I hope you will join in the celebrations to mark the Queen's remarkable 60 years of service to the people.

Congratulations to Matthew Byrne on being selected to represent GB in the Paralympics at Wheelchair Basketball. Matt, who lives in Trowell, will be making his third consecutive appearance at the Games and hoping to add to the bronze medals he won in Athens and Beijing.

As ever,  
Anna

### **Haveli win on the way to Parliamentary Final**

Leicester MP, Keith Vaz, visited Haveli Restaurant in Chilwell to announce they had won the East Midland round and are through to the final of Parliament's Tiffin Cup.

Keith has been organising the competition for the best South Asian restaurant for some years now. I nominated Haveli a few months ago having become a regular! This is the first time a Broxtowe restaurant has been nominated and Haveli have



done terrifically well to get this far. The final is on June 27th.

### **Open Cast Mining Campaign**

Upto 100 people attended a public meeting in Awsworth Parish Hall on Friday May 25th organised by the Parish Council. My thanks to everyone especially those who have volunteered to join a campaign committee. We agreed to urge everyone to write as soon as possible to Nottinghamshire County Council in opposition to UK Coal's application for a 325 acre open cast mine at "Shortwood" on Green Belt land between Cossall and Trowell. Get full details of who to write to by clicking [here](#). The closing date is June 30th.



### **Green Belt "Public Consultation"**

Following the decision by Broxtowe Borough Council's Labour and Lib Dem controlling group to accept a housing target of 6,150 and to allow thousands of homes on Green Belt land, the "Core Strategy" goes out for public consultation on June 11th. The details are not available yet, but I anticipate the process will be overly bureaucratic and technical. As soon as the process is published I will let you know and provide advice on how to make your views known.



### **Toton bus services**

I met with residents of Lombardy Lodge in Toton who want their bus service restored. As a result, I have held a meeting with Premiere Buses and County Councillor Richard Jackson who represents the area and is responsible for Transport and Highways.

There is a clear need for a bus route to complement the existing no 17 to link to Tesco's and the GP surgery opposite the retail park for a short period of time every week but not necessarily every day.

Other parts of Toton and other communities (parts of Attenborough for example) need similar short routes, often for just a few hours a day. Richard has explained there may be some money available from Broxtowe Borough Council and I know the Council has been exploring how to improve existing services.

As a result of my meeting, Premiere has agreed to look at how a number of routes could be supplemented and improved. I then look forward to working with everyone to see how we can fund the scheme.

## **Kimberley School's Academy plans spark strike**

Members of the National Union of Teachers at Kimberley School went on strike on Tuesday over plans by the School to become an Academy.

The number of teachers who took part in this totally unjustified strike action was, thankfully, small.



Meanwhile the White Hills Park Federation (Alderman White, Bramcote Park and Bramcote Hills) is considering becoming an Academy but a final decision will not be taken for some time.

A number of Broxtowe's Labour Councillors have spoken out against our local schools becoming Academies even though the policy began under the last Labour Government.

George Spencer was one of the first schools to become an Academy shortly after the Coalition Government was formed. There was opposition to the school's plans with all manner of dire warnings from the "anti" lobby including claims that George Spencer would become selective, standards would fall, and so on, none of which have proved true. Far from it, George Spencer is flourishing providing a first class education to pupils from Stapleford and Toton of all abilities and backgrounds.

I very much hope Kimberley resists political pressure. I trust the staff, governors and parents of all our schools to do what is in the best interest of their pupils.

You can read the arguments against on the Notts Anti Academies web site by clicking [here](#) and the arguments for on the Department of Education's web site by clicking [here](#).

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## **Paul Smith unveils Blue Plaque at Hurt's**

Sir Paul Smith, one of Beeston's most famous sons, paid a visit to G. H. Hurt and Son on High Road, Chilwell on Wednesday to celebrate one hundred years as a maker of high quality knitted shawls.

Sir Paul unveiled another Blue Plaque to commemorate the centenary. Congratulations to Hurts for a great party which included retired workers and their families. It was another triumph for the blue plaque scheme organised by the Beeston & District Local History Society, the Beeston and District Civic Society, the Stapleford and District Local History Society and the Bramcote Conservation Society. Phew!



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> **Dates for your (Jubilee) diary and surgery details**

### **Saturday June 2nd:**

#### **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Bramcote and Beeston**

Hemlock Happening (all day and evening) at Bramcote Hills Park - a fabulous time is promised.

Beeston BID Jubilee Tea Party (11am til 4) Broadgate Park

full details on the web site [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk)

### **Sunday June 3rd:**

#### **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Nuthall and Watnall**

Nuthall Jubilee Marching Band Parade (9.45am), All Faiths Service (11.30) Picnic and all manner of events until 4pm.

Full details on [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk)

### **Monday June 4th:**

#### **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Greasley, Bramcote, Awsworth, Kimberley, Stapleford, Chilwell**

Greasley Parish Council have a fantastic day of events (all listed on the web site) culminating in the Beacon Lighting at 10.25 pm (at the Horse and Groom).

A number of Beacons will be lit from 10pm onwards in the constituency including Kimberley (Cemetery Chapel); Bramcote, beacons at both Common Lane and at Sandy Lane; Awsworth (The Gate Inn); Stapleford (The Old Cross Pub Car Park).

All venues are offering an evening of entertainment and food. Full details at

[www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk)

In **Chilwell** there is a Summer Fayre and Garden Party from 2pm - 7pm at St. Barnabas Church. Again full details on the web site.

There are 21 street parties taking place in the Borough including the Lower Road/Fletcher Road/Neville Sadler Court party from 3pm- 7pm.

### **Saturday June 9th:**

**Trowell Jubilee Children's Party.** From 1pm til 4pm at Trowell Parish Hall full details on [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk)

### **Saturday June 16th:**

**Advice Surgery Beeston Library 10am til 12.** Please call the office to make an appointment on 0115 9436507

## **Out and About**

### **Broxtowe Youth Homelessness/ Minister visits Stapleford/ Nuthall's "white mountain"/ Police meeting/ Alderman White and Bramcote Park QT/ College School celebrates the Jubilee/ Stapleford Mayor making Broxtowe Youth Homelessness**

I spent a number of hours at Broxtowe Youth Homelessness (BYH) in Stapleford. The overwhelming majority of young homeless people have been ejected by their parents. They are all given a roof over their head but it's not the same as a home. BYH is all about supporting them and restoring broken lives.

### **Positive welcome for NHS reforms**

I took the Health Minister Simon Burns to Stapleford to visit the new organisation

that will be commissioning and organising health care and treatments in Broxtowe. The Nottingham West Group are led by Beeston based GP Guy Mansford and it was good to hear how positive the team is about the reforms to the NHS locally. Simon had earlier held a long meeting with the managers of both the City and QMC to discuss the unacceptable rise in cancelled operations. I am assured the Hospitals have now "turned the corner".

### **Nuthall's shrinking white "mountain"**

I held a meeting with local Councillors and the Fernwood Group to solve the problem of Nuthall's White Mountain – the Gypsum mound. Some residents have experienced problems with dust from the mound. Fernwood have bought a new water bowser and tractor to dampen down the mound which in any event has begun to shrink. If the dust problem continues please contact me and I will take up the problem directly with Fernwood - [anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk) or call 0115 9436507.

### **Police meeting**

I held a long meeting with a group of local police officers who are increasingly concerned about morale within the force. I have a great deal of sympathy for the situation the police face and have raised their various concerns with the Police Minister, Nick Herbert, and have arranged to meet with him when Parliament returns.

### **Alderman White/ Bramcote Park Question Time**

Thank you to everyone who participated in two excellent question time sessions at Alderman White and Bramcote Park. As ever young people proved that they don't hold back in asking the toughest questions!

### **College House Junior School Jubilee Celebrations and Olympic Plaque**

I had a lovely time at College House Juniors and with Broxtowe's new Mayor, Margaret Handley, presented them with a plaque marking their role in the Olympic "Get Set" programme. It marked a day of Diamond Jubilee celebrations and congratulations to everyone on the crowns and singing of the national anthem!

### **Stapleford Mayor Making**

It was a pleasure to attend the Annual Meeting of Stapleford Town Council and see Mandy Hull installed as Mayor.



Work in Parliament

### **Speech on the double threat to our Green Belt/ Research Council lobby/ Congratulations to SMS in Beeston.**

Just before the recess I spoke in Parliament about the double threat to the Green Belt land in Broxtowe. You can read the debate in Hansard by clicking [here](#). I spoke firstly about the threat posed by UK Coal's application for an open cast mine and

then moved onto Broxtowe Borough Council's plans to allow thousands of houses to be built on Green Belt land throughout the constituency. I specifically referred to Field Farm and the application for 450 houses which looks all set for approval by the Borough Council.

Constituents, Professor Amalia Patane and Ross Denton, joined a national lobby about the system governing University Research. I share their concerns that researchers are arguably better placed to decide on funding than civil servants and am taking up the issue with the Minister, David Willetts.

SMS Electronics in Beeston got a mention and a Parliamentary congratulations following the announcement that they have won a Queen's Award for Enterprise.

## **And Finally...**

The team and I would like to apologise (though it is most certainly not our fault!) for the drop in service having been without an Internet connection for almost a week!

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