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Hello again,

It's a pretty mixed bag of news this week. I am also particularly keen to 'plug' two events for two great local charities. The Wellbeing of Women Ball is next Saturday and on March 14 there will be an excellent evening's entertainment in aid of Headcase. My thanks as ever to Cllr. Halimah Khaled from WOW and Colin Spiers from Headcase (both great local champions) for sending me the details for the diary section. And the "and finally" is unashamedly cute!

As ever,

Anna

### Alderman Pounder's "pod" wins top praise

"Outstanding" that was the verdict of the Defence Secretary, Michael Fallon after he visited Alderman Pounder Infants school to see their "pod". Part of the school includes facilities for service children to help and support them especially when a parent is serving away.

The pod has been created mainly with money from the Ministry of Defence and I have enjoyed watching the project grow over the years. With the Chilwell Barracks next door, Alderman Pounder is popular with Army families. Michael met members of the 'pod squad' and their parents. My thanks to head teacher Julie Shelton for a fabulously well organised tour - and a great school!



### Supporting Shopmobility



Following a meeting with some of their excellent volunteers I am fully supporting Beeston's Shopmobility who need to move to better located premises.

The number of people coming into the town and hiring mobility scooters has fallen from 200 a month to 30 in the last two years. The tram works have deterred able and disabled shoppers and things have been made worse for Shopmobility as they lost their premises in the Square and are now on Devonshire Avenue.

I have written to Broxtowe Borough Council and asked them to find alternative and more convenient premises as a matter of urgency. Given the adverse affect of the tram works on Beeston we must all work together to encourage people back into the town.

### I Love Beeston - nomination time

Beeston BID is currently running a competition to shine a spotlight on some Beeston's best businesses. The "I Love Beeston" awards will be presented on 23rd April and have a number of categories: Small business/independent, Retailer, Family business, Community, Food and Drink, New business, Local hero. There will also be an overall winner.

To nominate a business for an award you need to send an email along with your reasons to [tracy.walker@nottinghampost.com](mailto:tracy.walker@nottinghampost.com) There is more information on the BID's website [Let's go to Beeston](#)

### Stapleford Police Station / Co-Op Defib

Stapleford Community Goup (SCG) are campaigning against plans to sell the former police station to Aldi. To be honest I don't have any view on this though it does seem strange that the Borough Council decided to buy it and now can't wait to sell it.

SCG are also raising funds for a defibrillator at the new Co-Op on Hickings Lane. This is an extremely worthwhile project and I hope their latest fund raising idea is hugely successful.

[To sign the petition to save the Stapleford Police Station click here](#)

*To support the Defib campaign email SCG on [staplefordcommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordcommunitygroup@gmail.com)*



### Iconic willow tree felled



Toton Councillor, Mia Kee shared the outrage of many at the sudden felling of the large willow tree off Bardill's roundabout. Local tree expert, Norman Lewis denied the land owners claim that the much loved tree was diseased. Unfortunately, there was no preservation order on the willow which is on private land owned by Peverils who plan to build hundreds of houses on the surrounding Green Belt; plans I will continue to campaign against with great local Councillors like Mia.

### Fencing fiasco spreads to Bramcote!

Regular users of the A52 will know that the recent works have removed vegetation on the verge exposing neighbouring homes. I met a number of residents of Valmont Road and confess I hadn't appreciated the enormous loss of privacy until my visit. The road is at the top of a steep bank making it almost impossible for residents to restore their privacy.

I immediately rang the Chief Exec of the Highways Agency who undertook to take a fresh look at the problem. A simple fence is required - the benefits to residents would be enormous.



Meanwhile, some residents on Holkham Avenue have discovered they are not going to get fencing to screen their homes from the tram. This is a broken promise and this long running, ludicrous, fencing farce must be resolved by the tram constructors, NET and Broxtowe Borough Council. Residents need and deserve fencing and I will continue to fight their cause.



### Working for you in Parliament

On Monday evening I joined colleagues from all parties to support the 1967 Abortion Act which was under threat from an amendment to the Serious Crime Bill. The arguments in favour of the amendment sounded superficially uncontroversial as it sought to ban terminations on the ground of the sex of the foetus. In fact that is already an offence and the amendment was in truth an attempt to undermine the 1967 Abortion Act.

We all agree it is appalling to terminate a pregnancy just because you don't want, typically, a baby girl. But the amendment would have had other consequences as explained in a very good article by my colleague Dr Sarah Woolaston. I voted for another amendment which was overwhelmingly passed, which sets up an enquiry into the prevalence of these types of unlawful abortions and how we can protect women and the foetus from unlawful terminations based on sex.

[Click here to read Dr Sarah Woolaston MP's article](#)

[Click here to read the debate in Hansard](#)



### **And finally .....**

Kimberley and Nuthall folk will be getting to know Lincoln, Revd. Barbara Holbrook's latest puppy which she is training to be a guide dog. I bumped into both in Rumbletums this morning and couldn't resist the photo op! Delivering leaflets is a chore for many but regular 'fuel stops' and chats in our great cafes and shops make it a real pleasure for me.

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

#### **Monday 2 March**

##### **Kid's Street, Cheer Dance Class, Greasley**

5pm till 6pm

Where: St Mary's Church, Church Road, Greasley.

What's on: A funky mix of street dance to the latest chart music and cheer leading. For 6-12 year olds, for more information please call 01773 780 397.

#### **Tuesday 3 March**

##### **Chilwell East CAT meeting**

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: College House Junior School.

#### **Wednesday 4 March**

##### **Eastwood and District U3A open meeting**

10am

Where: Plumtree Hall, Church Street, Eastwood.

What's on: Come along and learn about the U3A, Jim Stirland will be giving a talk on a School in Uganda.

#### **Independent Traders Meeting with Beeston Bid**

6pm

Where: White Lion Bar Kitchen, Middle Street, Beeston.

What's on: Beeston Bid have arranged an informal discussion about how they can work together with independent businesses to promote them within the town.

#### **Thursday 5 March**

##### **Stapleford South West CAT meeting**

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford.

#### **Friday 6 March**

##### **Beeston Carabaret Club - new show**

please arrive before 8pm

Where: The Royal British Legion, Hall Croft, Beeston

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### **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. The market runs every Friday morning.

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### **Saturday 7 March**

#### **Art Exhibition - Cancer Research Fundraiser**

11am till 5pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote.

What's on: Over 100 original pieces of artwork, drinks and home made cakes.

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#### **Quiz Evening - Attenborough**

7:15pm for 7:30pm

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Attenborough's 23rd annual quiz evening, full details [here](#).

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#### **Wellbeing of Women Ball**

7pm

Where: The Village Hotel, Chilwell.

What's on: The Ball will have a Strictly Come Dancing theme, and black tie dress code. Tickets cost £30 and can be purchased by calling Halimah on 07860490989.

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### **Tuesday 10 March**

#### **Stapleford South East CAT meeting**

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford.

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### **Wednesday 11 March**

#### **Stapleford Job Fair**

10am till 2pm

Where: The Meeting Place, 22-26 Nottingham Road, Stapleford, NG9 8AA.

What's on: Come along to the Stapleford Job Fair which has been organised by Richard MacRae, Chairman of Stapleford Community Group. There will be a mixture of employers and training providers. Please click [here](#) for more details.

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#### **Attenborough CAT meeting**

7:30pm till 9pm

Where: Lucy & Vincent Brown Village Hall, Attenborough Lane.

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### **Thursday 12 March**

#### **Health Fayre**

2:30pm till 5:30pm

Where: Washington Drive Community Centre

What's on: Meet with health experts to discover how to lead a healthier life style. Full details [here](#).

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#### **Chilwell West CAT meeting**

7:00pm till 8pm

Where: Chilwell Community Centre, Inham Road.

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### **Saturday 14 March**

#### **Headcase Charity Ball**

Where: De Vere Orchard Hotel, Nottingham University.

What's on: This will be the 4th Headcase Ball, proceeds will go directly to fund more world leading research. Full details [here](#).

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### **Monday 16 March**

#### **Bramcote History Group - Talk on Bramcote Hall**

8pm

Where: St. Michael's Church Centre, Church Street, Bramcote.

What's on: Come along to the History Group meeting to hear a talk on Bramcote Hall. Visitors £2.

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### **Wednesday 18 March**

#### **Beeston & District Local History Society - meeting**

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall, High Road, Chilwell Road.

What's on: A Beeston sailor's 1st World War Diaries, a talk by Rob Wood.

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### **Friday 20 March**

#### **Snake Davis, Burden of Paradise: In concert**

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School.

What's on: Four highly accomplished musicians playing an electric mix of soul, pop, folk and jazz.

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### **Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March**

#### **Attenborough Nature Centre 10th Birthday**

11am till 3pm

Where: Attenborough Nature Centre, Barton Lane, Attenborough, NG9 6DY.

What's on: Join in with Attenborough Nature Centre's 10th birthday celebrations, for more details please click [here](#).

#### **My surgeries**

Please call the office (0115 9436507) to make an appointment at my weekly surgery. For obvious reasons we are not publishing my full surgery details.

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