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Raising the flag in Broxtowe for Armed Forces Day

Members of the Royal Engineers based at Chetwynd Barracks, Veterans and Borough Councillors attended today's flag raising ceremony to mark Saturday's Armed Forces Day.

I was there along with two excellent military charities, the Royal British Legion and Forces in the Community which is based in Beeston. Armed Forces Day marks the remarkable service and sacrifice made in the past and now by service personnel and their families. I don't always see eye to eye on a political level with Broxtowe Borough Council, however, I will be the first to praise their excellent work in supporting members of our Armed Forces, our Veterans and their families.



Verging on the ridiculous!

Overgrown bushes in Bramcote, badly maintained verges in Trowell and litter problems on the A610 between Junction 25 and the Ikea turn off; some of the smaller but nevertheless important complaints I am happy to deal with. Letters to the Highways Agency and Borough Council have produced some positive results. In relation to grass cutting I am told the second of five cuts is now finished and was delayed by heavy rain.



Tramworks - delay now confirmed as the chaos and disruption continues (and Notts County Council still refuse to compensate businesses)

Officials at Broxtowe Borough Council have confirmed what many have been predicting for some time - that the tram will not be up and running until the New year.

Last week a severed main cable caused traffic chaos when the lights failed on University Boulevard and Queen's Road. However, NET did not contact Notts police. In a meeting with the local Inspector on Friday, he confirmed the police not only need to know for their own purposes but also so they can help get the traffic flowing. NET's inaction is totally unacceptable and I have yet to receive a satisfactory explanation.

Attenborough matters - parking and postal address

Network Rail's survey will be completed by July 19th. Perhaps the biggest problem in relation to parking in the village is that train users are parking in a dangerous or inconsiderate way.

Meanwhile, I have written to Royal Mail in support of the campaign for Attenborough to gain postal independence from Beeston. Congratulations to Martyn Porter for organising this campaign which comes after local Councillors and I successfully campaigned for a similar change in Toton.



New White Bull

Regular readers may recall that the New White Bull in Giltbrook was threatened with closure last year when the owners, Greene King, put it up for sale. They soon backed off after a series of letters from me and an article in CAMRA's "Nottingham Drinker".

Now the company are unwilling to discuss new tenancy agreements with the current landlords. I have therefore written to Greene King to seek clarification of their plans for the future of this much loved community pub. I hope Green King might soon reply to my letter.....

Beware dodgy web sites and dodgy political stuff!

I have been contacted by a number of constituents who have found themselves out-of-pocket after using unofficial websites to book driving theory tests or to apply for new licences. These websites are taking money for services that they have no intention of providing and do not respond to any attempts to contact them. Needless to say I am taking up each case with the police. I would advise you to use Government websites when completing any transactions. In order to book a driving test [click here](#) and to order a driving licence please [click here](#) .

I have also been contacted by a few constituents who have been told that the Government will somehow force everyone to use the Internet to access Government services. This is simply not true - it is right that we are encouraging the 82% of people who have access to the internet to use it but we will provide help and support be it face to face or via the telephone for those who do not.

Moorgreen Speedwatch - disappointment

Regular readers will know the endeavours of the excellent Moorgreen Residents' Association in campaigning for safer roads through the village- namely the B600 and B6010. They have conducted a speedwatch since April 2012 and were successful in having the speed limit on the B600 reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

However, there is still concern about enforcement of the limits on both roads as well as the volume of HGVs on the B6010.

I took this up with Nottinghamshire County Council and the local Police. Whilst the Police were keen to ensure the speed watch takes place regularly, the County Council deemed a speed camera unwarranted and will continue to allow lorries to use the B6010. The Association is considering its position.

Because you asked

A constituent emailed me as follows "I wonder could you announce Riverside Drama Company's production of "Time of My Life" by Alan Ayckbourn, at the Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton - Thursday 26th to Sat 28th June (we are nearly all Beeston residents but Beeston has no theatre!!)." Click [here](#) for the Riverside web site which has all the details.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Thursday 26 June

WEA Summer Course - Bramcote

7pm till 9pm

Bramcote Leisure Centre

Find out about the wonderful world of bats, please click [here](#) for the full details about the course.

Friday 27 June

Vintage Tea Parlour

10am till 4pm

Oban House, 8 Chilwell High Road, Beeston, NG9 1EJ

The vintage tea parlour takes place every Friday, please click [here](#) for more details.

Nottingham Country Market

7.30am till 11.45am

Wollaton Road Methodist Church, Beeston, NG9 2NG

The country market takes place every Friday, please click [here](#) for more details.

Surgery

1pm - 3pm

Please call to book an appointment at the constituency office.

Saturday 28 June

Annual Open Day - St Mary's Church - Greasley

10am till 4pm

Church Road, Greasley, NG16 2AB

There will be craft stalls, historical tours, ploughman's lunches, cream teas and children's games.

Coffee Morning

10am till 12.30pm

Greasley Sports and Community Centre

Coffee Morning in support of the Royal British Legion, with homemade cakes and coffee. Also featuring the launch of an exhibition commemorating WW1.

4th Attenborough Brownies Fundraising event

3pm till 4.50pm

Girl Guiding Headquarters, West End, Beeston, NG9 1GL

Fund raising afternoon to raise money to for the Brownies, there will be afternoon tea, sandwiches and a tombola raffle.

Summer Fayre - Queenswood

2pm till 4pm

Methodist Home, Cliffgrove Avenue, Beeston, NG9 4DP

Fund raising afternoon with refreshments, tombola, cakes, bric a brac and children's games.

Chilwell Christ Church Hall Pre School - Summer Fayre

2pm till 4pm

Lime Grove Avenue, Chilwell, NG9 4AS

There will be stalls, a bouncy castle, face painting, crafts and refreshments. Entry is 50p under 16's are free.

Tuesday 1 July

Broxtowe Jobs Fair

10am till 3pm

Pearson Centre, Nuart Road, Beeston

please click [here](#) for full details.

Wednesday 2 July

Attenborough CAT Meeting

7:30pm till 9pm

Attenborough Village Hall

Thursday 3 July

Greasley CAT Meeting

7pm

Greasley Sports and Community Centre, Dovecote Road, Newthorpe

"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*