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"a decent Conservative" *Kevin McGuire, Daily Mirror*

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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,

With apologies for interrupting your Bank Holiday weekend - this is just short email newsletter.

It was a real treat to welcome Awsworth Primary School to Parliament this week. They had survived a very early start to make the most of a great tour of Westminster (details of how to book a tour below). I have agreed to run (!?) next week's 5K "Fun Run" - it's all a bit last minute on my part and I am trying to rustle up a team - let me know if you would like to take part.

As ever,

Anna

Tram anger rises - Time for action

Despite good progress on High Road/Chilwell Road, there is growing anger at the failings of the responsible authorities to resolve a number of what I will call 'tram issues'.

Lower, Fletcher and Albert Road

I had another meeting with Alison Dobbs from Lower Road who has been campaigning tirelessly for her community living (somehow surviving) in the heart of the tram works. Alison describes the area as "Alcatraz" with residents being



"caged in" their homes for over a year. People are promised they will soon be set free! They had better be; one family has a daughter getting married at the end of May and they are determined she will be able to leave her home in the traditional manner.

Meanwhile, residents on all three roads are reporting serious cracks in the walls of their homes.



Fencing

This is a final plea to the leader of Broxtowe Borough Council to meet residents on the tram route who, quite reasonably want a 3 metre fence to restore their privacy. Milan Radulovic is a reasonable man and as such I ask him, again, to meet these equally reasonable, good people.



Save Our Shops (and businesses)

My thanks to everyone who has signed the petition calling on Notts County Council and others to compensate all small businesses affected by the tram works. Despite claiming to support my call, the County Council has thus far rejected two claims which I would have thought were clearly in need of payment. It all rather supports my view that Notts County Council were paying lip service to the extension of the scheme.

I have asked for an urgent meeting with the Leader of Notts County Council - I will assume the lack of response is because of some delay in the delivery of my letter to Councillor Rhodes.



In any event I will raise all matters with City Council leader, Jon Collins. We last met in February but for reasons I don't understand, he is not free to meet again, until June!

Meanwhile, congratulations to County Councillors Steve Carr (Lib Dem, Beeston) and Richard Jackson and Dr. John Doddy (Conservative, Chilwell and Toton) for working together on raising the issue of how the works are affecting residents and businesses at the next meeting of the County Council. Let's stop beating about the bush. Labour County and Borough Councillors continue to refuse to sign my petition when this clearly is not a party political matter given the Labour leader of the City Council supports compensation for all small businesses! It is about a group of Labour supporters playing party politics in Broxtowe for electoral advantage. This is best evidenced by the words of Beeston Rylands Borough Councillor, Steve Barber who wrote on his party's web site on April 14th

"County Councillor Kate Foale, Frank and I have been lobbying the County, City, contractors and NET hard to ensure that any surplus money from the Chilwell Road area is not simply lost into various balances but is used for Beeston, we are also looking for additional sums. I understand that a series of top-level meetings are arranged for the next couple of weeks. I'll keep you fully informed of progress."

You will note - there is not even the intention to work with Beeston's other County and

Borough Councillors; it is also concerning that Beeston Central's Labour Councillors, Pat and Lynda Lally, who you might think would be at the heart of this "lobbying", are not.

Most importantly, it appears that we all agree! I hope Cllrs Barber, Prince and Foale will now sign the petition, invite Councillors Carr, Jackson, Doddy and myself to these "top level meetings", and work with us to do the best by our shops and businesses in danger of going bust because of the tram works.



Wollaton Probus

It was a pleasure to welcome members of Wollaton Probus who visited Parliament this week. Bramcote resident, Martin Plackett is a keen member and it was a pleasure to help arrange the tour which I know everyone enjoyed. If you or a group you are a member of would like to visit Parliament then please contact the constituency office in Chilwell or drop me an email.

All change at Sunnyside Nursery and Primary

The Chilwell school has a new principal in Jill Wilkinson and is now part of the Spencer Academic Trust. Parents, pupils and staff can be confident that Sunnyside is in excellent hands and I am sure it will go from strength to strength.



Working for you in Parliament

HS2 is on its way

I sat with Transport Secretary, Patrick McLoughlin for almost the entire debate on HS2 and then voted for the next stage of the "paving" Bill.

As residents throughout Toton will know I have sent out a survey on the future of the area including a specific question on HS2. On the current returns almost twice as many people are for it than against it.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Wednesday 7 May

Good Companions Workshop with Dig In
10 till 12

Albany Allotments, Stapleford

Cost is £5 waged, £3 children and unwaged, for full details please click [here](#).

Thursday 8 May

Bramcote Old Church Tower AGM

7.30pm

St Michael's Church, Bramcote

All welcome

Friday 9 May

Village Ventures presents - The Second Minute

7.30pm

Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School, NG9 5AL

Please click [here](#) for more details.

Beeston and District Civic Society - Open Meeting

7.30pm

The Junior School Hall, John Clifford School, Nether Street, Beeston

Please click [here](#) for more details.

Saturday 10 May

Bramcote Old Church Tower - Dance Night

7:30pm

Memorial Hall, Bramcote

Tickets are £10 and all proceeds raised will go to the restoration of the Tower. For details on how to book a ticket please click [here](#).

Sunday 11 May

Awsworth 5K Fun Run

10.30am

Awsworth Primary School, The Lane, Awsworth, NG16 2QS

Race organised by Awsworth Primary supporting CLIC Sargent, for children with cancer. £8 for adults £5 for under 16's.

And finally.....

Beeston's tram works champion Alison Dobbs deserves special recognition not just for the work she does on behalf of her community, but such is her devotion even though she has suffered a tram works related injury which has beggared up her knee, she battles on. What a star!

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