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A bee in your bonnet? Have your say here... IF you want to express your opinion on anything that affects us as a community, then this is the place to do it. We reserve the right to cut letters to fit if necessary. Remember to include your home address.

Election fever! Residents of Beeston, your views are being aired! We apologise for the merry dance the letters lead across these pages! And if your letter doesn't appear, we apologise – this issue has been something of a challenge to complete.

Truth?

DEAR EDITOR: Reading the letter from Cllr Eric Kerry preaching to us about being truthful and falsely claiming your excellent independent newspaper to be nothing more than a propoganda sheet (Apr 9 p5), made me wonder if this is indeed the same Conservative Councillor Kerry who in the past has:

- Falsely claimed in a leaflet, alongside Conservative Candidate Anna Soubry, that doctors' practices were to close in the neighbourhood.
- Promised to scrap the tram (again alongside his puppet string holder; Ms Soubry) before an election, then immediately went back on the promise.
- Invented a new tax for the residents of Beeston (Rylands) known as the Homeplace parking levy.
- Apologised for not attending a council-organised community meeting because he was too busy delivering Conservative Party propoganda.
- Is so busy working out how to tax people and ensure a victory for his puppet-string holder that he forgot to claim £5,000 worth of grants for Beeston community groups.
- Supported a new £77,000 a year 'Director of Communications' post to gloss up county propoganda.
- As director, sold his football club to the highest bidder who promptly left it almost bankrupt.

Or are there two Cllr Eric Kerrys in Beeston?

(Information from www.parishofnottinghamshire.blogspot.com)

David Kayani
Elm Avenue, Beeston

Working Abroad

DEAR EDITOR: Bob Lilley and Eric Kerry of the local Conservatives both mention that our MP, Dr Palmer, lived and worked in Switzerland prior to being adopted as the Labour candidate for Broxtowe, at which point he returned to this country and moved to live in the area (Letters, April 9).

Now it seems to me perfectly reasonable that someone working in Switzerland should live there. And I know of no reason why anyone should not choose to live and work in another country.

However, since Messrs Lilley and Kerry seem so concerned about people who live abroad, perhaps they should turn their combined attention to the activities of Baron Lord Ashcroft, the multi-millionaire bankrolling donor to

the Conservative party who is currently pouring vast quantities of money into his party's election fund, particularly into marginal constituencies such as Broxtowe.

This is the man who was appointed deputy chairman of the Conservative party by David Cameron in 2005. It is the same man who, in 2000, persuaded his friend, the then Conservative party leader William Hague, to get him a knighthood, thus allowing him to vote in the House of Lords. In return, he promised to spend most of his time living here, and to pay in full all UK taxes on his earnings.

Since making that promise, he has spent most of his time in exile in the tax haven of Belize, as he himself recently admitted, and has paid very little in UK taxes.

So the next time a glossy brochure from the Conservatives lands on your doormat, you'll know where the money has come from to pay for it – money that should have been paid in UK taxes.

J Arthur
Wollaton Road, Beeston

Respect

DEAR EDITOR: As the local LibDem councillor for Beeston North, you will not be surprised to know that many residents have been speaking to me over the last few weeks about the election.

I have been receiving reports about the things other parties are saying on the doorstep and the stupid games that are being played. I am afraid to say it seems the vast majority of these are coming from our MP's Campaign Team, which does lead you to question just how "positive" his campaign is.

Firstly, a friend of mine in Beeston West was canvassed the other evening by a Labour Party activist whom he did not know. When he told the canvasser that he was voting LibDem, he was subjected to a tirade of offensive comments; "Did he realise how much he was letting Beeston down?" He took exception to this and pointed out that in last year's elections the LibDems won by a mile and in fact, Labour were actually well into third place. Then came the most arrogant reply I think I have ever heard in my political life. The canvasser replied that Steve Carr had done so well because we "told" our supporters to vote for him! Oh dear, I wonder what the people of Beeston West will make of this? I didn't think that their vote was entirely at the disposal of the Labour Party to

instruct how to use it! I think you will find that local politicians earn their votes.

Secondly, I am amazed at the treatment of our candidate David Watts. David is a lay preacher in the Methodist Church. He was due to preach at Chilwell Road Methodist Church the first Sunday of the election campaign. The Labour Party objected to this on the grounds that it would give him an unfair advantage. The fact that David has been a lay preacher for 22 years and it was a religious gathering obviously escaped them. It is a slippery slope when political parties start to instruct churches who they can have preaching and what they can say from the pulpit.

I know that Labour are finding it difficult this time playing the wasted vote card but please, please can you treat the LibDems and the residents of Beeston with some respect. I think you will find that they are very independently minded, deserve respect and do not take kindly to being taken for granted.

Cllr Steve Carr, Beeston North

Trust

DEAR EDITOR: If you have toothache you go to a dentist. If your house catches fire you dial 999 and firemen put out the blaze. If you are ill you see a doctor. If you end up in court you use a solicitor to represent you.

What do all these people have in common? Well, they are all professionals.

Representing the people of Broxtowe, all 110 000 of us, at Westminster is an arduous task. Westminster is the place where the laws are made that govern our society, it is where the taxes are levied that we all should pay. It is a place that ultimately decides if we go to war against another country.

It is a place where the decisions that affect our everyday lives

are taken; this is not a place for amateurs.

Call me old fashioned, but I think that one of our prospective parliamentary candidates is not living in the real world. She wants to become an amateur politician.

Would she engage an amateur lawyer to represent her in a court of Law? No, I don't think so.

She has this 'idealist' belief that she would not employ anyone who supports her own political views. Would she just get anyone off the street to assist her running the constituency office?

Of course she would not.

Nick Palmer has worked assiduously for the past 13 years representing Broxtowe. He has been a consummate professional. Employing people he trusts to assist him in running his constituency office.

Come May 6, I hope that the people of Broxtowe vote for someone they can trust to look after their issues, not someone with 'pie in the sky' ideas.

Harry Stockkressy
Long Lane, Attenborough

Power

DEAR EDITOR: Allow me to highlight David Cameron's rank hypocrisy, when it comes to the plans for the transference of long-standing powers away from the UK parliament and on to other bodies.

Among the first things Mr Cameron wants to do is pass new legislation ensuring a referendum will be held in Britain if the European Union makes a major new effort to transfer power to Brussels.

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