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# Broxtowe's MP calls for tram to be scrapped

ANNA Soubry, Broxtowe's new MP, has called for the planned extension to the tram, NET Phase 2, to be scrapped.

She met with the Transport Minister, Norman Baker, on Monday, June 14, as the Government begins to conduct a review of private finance initiatives. Miss Soubry said: "Norman Baker made it clear that the Government will not go behind the Inspector's approval of the route through Beeston and Chilwell, so in effect the argument about the route is over."

"However, the Coalition Government will decide whether to fund the planned extensions with over £520 million of public money. I believe we cannot afford

the extensions. What we did agree was the need for a decision and certainty. I explained to the Minister that many people have had the threat of losing their home or business hanging over them for far too long. I particularly spoke of the plight of residents at Neville Sadler Court and the blight that had affected Beeston."

If there is money available, Miss Soubry wants the A453 to be widened instead.

A transport campaign group reacted with disbelief at the news. Dave Thornhill, of the Campaign for Better Transport, said: "Miss Soubry has scored a first in campaigning to turn away hundreds of millions of pounds of inward investment into her constituency.

"Net Phase 2 was subjected to a public inquiry. We are unaware of Miss Soubry presenting to the inquiry any alternative proposals. Can Miss Soubry confirm that she made no such representations to the public inquiry?"

"The inquiry inspector considered all options and arguments submitted for and against the tram, and his recommendation that the extension go ahead was accepted by the Secretary of State for Transport."

The tram route through to Chilwell and Beeston would serve the Meadows, the ng2 site, QMC, the University of Nottingham, Beeston and Chilwell before terminating at a park-and-ride site near Bardill's island on the A52.

# Youth councillors nominated for sensible drinking campaign

BROXTOWE youth councillors have been nominated for a regional award in recognition of their campaign to raise awareness about alcohol misuse amongst young people.

Members of the Broxtowe Youth Council (BYC) were put forward for the Nottinghamshire 'Young People of the Year' award following the success of the campaign, which featured on the BBC's 'The One Show'.

The campaign featured an interactive DVD, which was written, filmed and acted in by members of the group. It featured the real-life story of Stacey Rhymes, 24, who died of alcohol misuse in 2008.

Cllr Jacky Williams, Children and Young People's Champion at Broxtowe Borough Council, nominated the group for the award. Cllr Williams said: "The BYC is a very inspiring group of young people with clear aims and objectives and the determination to see them through.

"They worked tirelessly for many months researching, interviewing and producing this hard-hitting DVD. I am very proud of what they achieved, which could be of great benefit to thousands of children and

young people and possibly save lives."

The DVD was launched to coincide with Alcohol Awareness Week, with funding provided by the Youth Opportunity Fund, PCT Nottinghamshire and Broxtowe Borough Council.

Former BYC Mayor, Weifeng Jiang, said: "The idea of the DVD was to stimulate people's thoughts and emotions to get them to think about alcohol misuse, rather than to lecture them.

Alcohol misuse not only affects individuals physically, but it can wreck the lives of family and friends. We were introduced to a recovering alcoholic when we had an alcohol awareness workshop, and that persuaded us we were right in our campaign."

Members of the group received alcohol awareness training from the Alcohol Lead Specialist at Queens Medical Centre and passed their knowledge on to schools and other youth groups from across Nottinghamshire.

The Nottinghamshire Young People of the Year (YOPEY) award is open to youngsters aged 10 to 25 who live, work or study in the county.

# Hemlock Happening

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The Army Recruitment service had laid on a field challenge, there were fair rides for the kiddies, you could join Long Eaton Field Archers for a spot of archery or listen to a story in the Stapleford Libraries storytelling tent.

Over on the Walled Garden Stage, nine local schools performed live music and dance and community performances came from other local dancing and youth groups.

And apart from the sponsors from Castle Rock Brewery giving the grown-ups an opportunity to sample their Hemlock Bitter in the shadow of the Hemlock Stone, refreshments also came in the form of noodles and snacks, smoothies, strawberries and cream, coffee – and lashings of ice cream.

Broxtowe Borough Council hosted the event in partnership with the Bramcote and Stapleford Golden Jubilee Group. In total, there were free performances, demonstrations, shows and activities from no fewer than 35 separate groups and organisations from across the borough.

The event closed with an evening programme that included jazz and soul before the Grand Finale – a spectacular firework display.

## News in Brief

### Man in court after gunpoint robbery

A 40-year-old man has appeared in court after being charged in connection with the gunpoint robbery of a taxi driver in Beeston.

Anthony McEntee, of Church Drive, Carrington, is accused of carrying out the robbery at Beeston Marina on April 27 with another suspect. It is alleged that the driver of the taxi was threatened with a gun and had his wallet, phone, takings and his car stolen during the incident.

He appeared at Nottingham magistrates' court on Saturday, June 5 and was remanded until June 10.

### Trial date set for Stapleford burglary

A 24-year-old man has been committed for trial after being charged with a burglary at a house in Stapleford.

James Andrew Elliott of Percival Road, Carrington, is alleged to have stolen a television set, a laptop computer and other valuable items, as well as a quantity of cigarettes, from a house on New Eaton Road, Stapleford on May 20.

Elliott was remanded by Nottingham magistrates to appear at the city's crown court on June 18.

# Carnival Update

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The stalls on Broadgate Park will open at 12 noon and include some of our favourites from last year: the owls, tea and cakes from the Oasis Church Group and an inflatable slide. There will be many activities for the young, the old and all those in the middle to take part in or just watch, including a demonstration by the Rycroft Judo Club.

This year, for the first time, we welcome an Animal Rescue Centre that works in rescuing animals from dreadful circumstances, such as giving homes to battery hens who have stopped laying and to four ponies from Dartmoor. These are just a tiny example of their good work, and we are pleased to bring Beeston's attention the work that they do.

Compere Heidi will host the whole afternoon of entertainment.

But please – can we all keep our fingers crossed for sunny weather!