

Express Letters

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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. And bouquets are as worthwhile as brickbats are valuable. But please keep your letters short. We do reserve the right to cut letters to fit if necessary. If you contact *The Beeston Express* by email (see panel on page 2), remember to include your home address.

Thanking our outgoing MP

DEAR EDITOR: I am writing to express my gratitude for the positive impact that Nick Palmer has had upon this community in his time as our MP. His conscientious hard work and commitment to his constituents has been inspiring and I am extremely saddened that he will no longer be our representative.

I am extremely frustrated that the Liberal Democrats persisted in aggressively promoting the myth during this election campaign that they had a realistic chance of winning this seat, when the reality was no such thing.

Such behaviour gives the lie to any claims they may have of changing the nature of politics for the better. They are culpable for the misdirection of enough votes to have made a difference in this highly marginal contest, for which they should be ashamed.

Peter Kobryn
Woodland Grove, Beeston

Chance to prove herself

DEAR EDITOR: The surprise and dismay in this constituency surrounding Nick Palmer's defeat at the election has not surprised me. I have enjoyed the privilege of working with Nick during the election campaign. It is an honour and a privilege to work with such a popular MP whose overwhelming personality features include integrity, independence of mind and a willingness to make himself available to assist constituents irrespective of their political affiliation.

Throughout the election, Nick insisted that his staff maintained a positive politics approach to the campaign. It is unfortunate that the Broxtowe electorate has chosen, in its wisdom, to deprive itself of the best MP that this constituency has ever had or is ever likely to have. Let's hope that those voters who have replaced a reform-minded MP with an anti-reform hard-liner are able to reconsider their position when the time arrives for the re-match. His successor has pledged herself to emulate Nick's sense of responsibility and duty towards the constituency and its people.

Without wishing to deprive his successor of the opportunity of living up to her word, I have to say that the early evidence of what might loosely be called her debating ability during the campaign, her

ignoring of emails requesting statements on particular issues and her party's refusal to respond to perfectly legitimate questions about policy is not hopeful. My strong suspicion is that the current governing coalition, which has given us an unelected Deputy Prime Minister, several unelected cabinet ministers and even more unelected middle ranking ministers, is not likely to be sustainable in more than the medium term. When the time comes, let's hope that the electorate can rise above the combination of Ashcroft money, a silly and self-demeaning poster campaign and an antagonistic tabloid press to return a genuinely well-respected MP to Parliament.

Mr R Jefferies
Sandy Lane, Bramcote

Fasten your seatbelts

DEAR EDITOR: So – overnight on May 6, Broxtowe lost its experienced, honest, trustworthy, reliable, accessible and community-minded MP.

He was replaced by a complete novice, who admitted in the blurb that was put through our letterboxes prior to the election that she is not a 'professional politician', who supports foxhunting and, in her first TV interview as our MP, talked about the 'working class vote' and the 'middle class vote'!

Fasten your seatbelts, its gonna be a bumpy ride!

Barking of Beeston

A democratic result

DEAR EDITOR: Well, thanks very much Cllr David Watts (LibDem candidate) and Cllr Steve Carr (Letters, April 23). Thanks to you we have lost a popular and effective MP in Nick Palmer.

During the 2005 election, you pushed the line that the LibDems could win in Broxtowe, claiming that the last local elections were a more important guide than the previous general election. In 2005 you were shown to be wrong and finished third, over 21 percent behind the Conservatives in second. Fortunately, although Nick Palmer's majority was down, he still won the seat.

In 2010, you made the SAME claim, your confidence encouraging an extra 0.8 percent of voters to back you. You were wrong in your claim AGAIN. But this time it made a crucial difference – Nick lost by 0.7 percent of the vote.

And David Watts, quoted in the Evening Post (May 7), had the gall to blame Labour for splitting

the anti-Tory vote, despite Labour having the sitting MP and, even this year, polling 22.1 percent more than he did!

At the next general election, I hope David Watts will be more honest about his chances.

Mark Ramsey
Clarkes Lane, Chilwell

Next Issue

Your next *Beeston Express* will be published on **June 4**

Running for dear life

DEAR EDITOR: I'm writing to see if *Beeston Express* readers and their families are up for a healthy challenge?

Treetops Hospice has been given the wonderful opportunity of being the official race charity for The Experian Robin Hood Marathon for the next three years. This year's event is on Sunday, September 12.

We're looking to recruit runners to take part in the Mini Marathon (2.6 miles), Half Marathon or Full Marathon and raise money for Treetops Hospice. Truly, every pound counts!

Alternatively, teams can be put together to run in The Hoofers Marathon Relay Challenge or The Cooper Parry Corporate Challenge. Relay teams are made up of five people and each team runs either the Full Marathon course (Hoofers Challenge), or the Half Marathon course (Cooper Parry Challenge) in a relay format. Cooper Parry say that 'The Challenge' is all about raising money for a fantastic local charity whilst at the same time getting local businesses together and encouraging them to take their health and fitness as seriously as their careers!

To enter a relay team either visit www.cooperparry.com or visit www.experianfestivalofrunning.co.uk/

events/hoofers, or contact me, Kate Shaw, at Treetops Hospice on tel. (0115) 939 4551.

I shall be running in the half marathon so please join me out there on the roads. I intend to become an ever-increasing sight pounding the streets of Beeston! Good luck to you all with your training.

Kate Shaw
Treetops Hospice
Ripple Appeal Manager

Fight for Bramwell

DEAR EDITOR: We that are associated with the Bramwell care home and the Sheila Gibson Day Centre at Chilwell, in association with Anna Soubry, our new Broxtowe MP, are to form a group titled, 'The Friends of Bramwell'.

We are looking for like-minded people interested in keeping Bramwell in the public domain and not sold on to the private sector. We would like to ask *The Beeston Express* to support our campaign to persuade Notts County Council to withdraw Bramwell from the planned sale (of care homes); as you already know, (ex-MP) Nick Palmer has given his views on the matter, Cllr Stan Heptinstall [LibDem] has given his support, and now MP Anna Soubry has declared that Bramwell is to be her second priority.

We are looking for people who have had a relative at Bramwell, either on respite care, day centre user, residential care or for assessment at the Dementia & Alzheimer clinic, or just a short respite stay. It is important for this vital facility to remain within our community and we need every ounce of support we can raise.

There has been a fair amount of comment in your pages on the matter of Bramwell, so response should flood in from any appeal made by *The Beeston Express*.

Ken P Burton

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