

# 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.

### Beeston Fields recalled

DEAR EDITOR: With reference to the Beeston Fields School photograph in the last issue, sent in by Clive Hopcroft (Sept 25).

I can name a few of the classmates in the photograph, which I think was possibly taken 1945/1946. The teacher is Miss Kirkland, and the headmaster Mr Allsop (see Page 6, where we have published the photograph again to help put names to faces).

I hope this will help Clive in remembering us all, and the happy times we had!

*Mrs Marian Kelvey (née Russell)  
Ordinance Court, Chilwell*

### Correct agent

DEAR EDITOR: I would like to correct a misleading statement in the letter from Bob Lilley in the previous issue of the Express. In the letter, he stated that councillors who backed the Tesco development, "included the MP's agent."

Many people in the Beeston area will know that since Nick Palmer first stood for election in Broxtowe in 1997, I have been his Agent. However, I am not, nor ever have been, a councillor and consequently have not had the opportunity to express any views on this matter in the Council.

*David Jenkins  
Grasmere Road, Beeston*

### The World of Spin

DEAR EDITOR: At last we seem to have got the Conservatives to make a statement; it's a pity they can't come clean.

I must thank Ms Soubry for pointing me at their website, where I learned that if elected she will not employ "any councillor or political activist". I suppose that's why she sacked Cllr Callum Heckinstall, who promptly got a new job working for the Conservative County Council leader at taxpayer's expense.

I also note the reference to the "Berlin Wall" in her blog and recall her very strong opposition to the flood defence project when it was debated on TV. Of course now the public has turned out to support the project to protect 16,000 homes, the Tory position has shifted.

To turn to the chairman's comments; of course the Conservative party wouldn't own the Conservative club, just as not Mr Marples but a close relative of his called Mrs Marples owned a massive motorway construction firm when he was Tory Minister of Transport. Beeching then shut the

railways and Marples-Ridgeway built the M1. The world of spin.

As far as the tram is concerned, the Tories simply grabbed votes by saying they would stop it and protect the small businesses. Now they've had to admit they can't stop it, they are prepared to see the businesses on Chilwell Road go under and an additional sting in the tail seems to be that the elderly may not be able to use their bus passes on it.

Their attitude clearly is: "We've got your votes, now go hang! When the next election comes we'll once again promise the earth and deliver nothing"

*Javid Kayani  
Elm Ave, Beeston*

### Tram busters

DEAR EDITOR: If it were true that silence was golden, the Tory PPC would be a rich person by now.

Not a word as been uttered lately in respect to the biggest issue to affect Broxtowe in 30 years. The Conservative-run County Council is making a mockery of democracy. They have decided to pull funding from the NET Phase 2 project, using dubious financial figures that Arthur Daley would be proud of!

They have now announced that they are leaving the traders and small shop keepers of Beeston and Chilwell to the mercy of the City Council. The City Council has no obligation to support businesses in the county. No financial obligation that is, however, no doubt they will see it as a moral obligation to support the businesses in Broxtowe.

Some people would suggest that the Beeston and Chilwell businesses, who campaigned against the tram and supported the Conservatives in election after election since 2002, deserve all they get or in this instance - absolutely zilch.

I, on the other hand, hope that they take one lesson from this saga and that is NEVER trust the Tories.

Which succinctly brings me back to the beginning of the letter; since the Tory PPC for Broxtowe is silent on the tram topic, one would deduce that they support the tram extension, but cannot express it in public for fear of upsetting the party machinery.

At least with Dr Nick Palmer MP, we have had a representative in Parliament who has kept everyone informed on updates in this saga, and I note that he has already organised a public meeting to discuss where Broxtowe goes from here.

When it comes to choosing who to represent us at the next general election, the voters of Broxtowe and in particular Beeston, Chilwell and Toton should remember the absolute silence from the Tory candidate.

*Nicola Lewis  
Blandford Avenue, Chilwell*

### Online proof of Tory stance

DEAR EDITOR: In the last Beeston Express, Mr Lilley, the chairman of Broxtowe Conservatives, claims indignantly that it is 'false' that Conservatives were opposed to the flood protection proposal from the Environment Agency (Letters, Sept 25).

I'm sure readers find it hard to know whom to believe, but if they go online they can see the Conservative candidate opposing the proposed route just a week before the planning hearing.

Readers will find the clip here (the relevant passage is four minutes in): <http://tinyurl.com/dj66dj>

*Nick Palmer MP*

### Select appearance

DEAR EDITOR: I must beg your indulgence once more to offer sincere apologies to the Broxtowe Conservatives for doubting the credibility of their prospective parliamentary candidate for this constituency. (Letters, Sept 25)

I consider myself thoroughly chastised by Ms Soubry's touchingly ironic reply to my letter as, I hope, does *The Beeston Express* for, it seems, failing to report her recent activities. How wonderful to know that we have an opposition candidate who not only supports local issues but is prepared to remind us of the fact when necessary.

I was most impressed with her list. I'm sure she meant to include

an appearance at the July 25 army march-past in Beeston; oh, of course, then there was the Beeston carnival as well as the issues of traveller parking in the area and the Attenborough flood defence debate. I also have to admit to being most impressed with the range and quality of party initiatives in the constituency. I am, of course, assuming that the 'Conservatives for Palmer' movement, which seems to be gaining momentum, is all part of a cunning wider programme.

I'm just beginning to realise how versatile the local Conservatives are.

*Mr R Jefferies  
Sandy Lane, Bramcote*

### Money back, please

DEAR EDITOR: In February, 2009, Broxtowe Borough Council gave £100,000 towards the Tram extension.

Now that Notts County Council has voted to ditch help towards this project, the money, which was paid by council tax ratepayers to Broxtowe (Borough) Council, should be returned to be used for the benefit of Broxtowe Borough Council taxpayers only.

*F Cooper  
Sandy Court, Beeston*

### A good washdown needed - already

DEAR EDITOR: It is dispiriting to walk along Beeston High Road and see how dirty the new paving has already become.

A good rainstorm may clean it, but I suspect that the pavers have little stain resistance. In places the new paving appears much dirtier than the old that it is replacing.

It certainly does not give the fresh new look that we were promised!

*Barbara Phillips,  
Beeston*

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