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Summer Reading Challenge



Judging for the NCS



Dementia Action Tea Dance



Visiting Driving Miss Daisy

Welcome
As many of you will know, Parliament does not sit in August, and therefore my newsletter this month focuses on constituency news. I do hope you have all had a happy and healthy summer.

Southern Health—update

The resignation of the Chief Executive Officer, Katrina Percy was announced in August. I have been working on this issue for families in Fareham for several months and led a debate in Parliament on the Governance of Southern Health in June, where the leadership of the trust came under strong criticism. I hope that Southern Health begins a new chapter and learns from the lessons so that vulnerable patients are not failed in the future.

Whiteley Broadband Meeting

It was useful to attend the Broadband Meeting in Whiteley with Hampshire County Council and Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Sean Woodward. Many residents expressed their frustration with the poor coverage and intermittent broadband service that they are receiving. Whilst BT provided some assurances, I am aware that the problem is not solved. I will be holding a meeting on Friday 28th October 2016 at 7pm, Whiteley Community Centre for a progress update from BT. If you would like to attend, please RSVP.

Gosport and Fareham Dementia Action Tea Dance

I attended the Gosport and Fareham Dementia Action Tea Dance at St. John's Church in Fareham. It was lovely to meet such a supportive group as dance is a great way for patients and carers to enjoy an afternoon out.

Launching The Big Friendly Read

The Summer Reading Challenge is organised by The Reading Agency and libraries across the UK and last year saw children borrowing over 780,000 books. This year's challenge is working with The Roald Dahl Literary Estate to celebrate 100 years of his books. Encouraging children to read for pleasure is hugely important and so I was delighted to launch this campaign in Fareham.

National Citizenship Service- Dragon's Den

I enjoyed being on the Dragon Den's panel for the National Citizenship Service (NCS), a once in a lifetime experience for 15-17 year olds during the Summer holidays.

The teams pitched for financial support to the Dragons, held at Fareham College. Each team designed and presented a plan to raise money for a local charity. I was impressed by the business and fund-raising pitches made by the NCS teams and am thankful to them for inviting me.

Visit to Driving Miss Daisy

Driving Miss Daisy offers transport and personal assistance with trips to the doctor, shopping and other outings. I visited the staff whose compassion shone through. I look forward to working with this innovative company in the future and am pleased that such a service exists in Fareham.

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Speaking to the Rotary Club at Cams Hall



At the Whiteley Broadband Meeting