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Welcome

An update on Brexit

Parliament returned in September and I was pleased that The Rt. Hon. David Davis MP, Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union updated the House of Commons on progress so far. You can read the Secretary of State's speech at:

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-09-05/debates/1609055000001/ExitingTheEuropeanUnion>

I am aware that people have valid questions on progress and I will continue to update residents.

In Parliament

Grammar schools: Have your say

As part of my work on the Education Select Committee I questioned The Rt. Hon. Justine Greening MP, Secretary of State for Education, on new plans for raising standards in our schools and colleges. The Government recently announced that it is considering removing the ban on grammar schools. Hampshire does not currently have a grammar school system and the Government is seeking views from the public via consultation, which is available at: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/schools-that-work-for-everyone>

I regularly visit Fareham College and am passionate about improving schools and opportunities for young people. I welcome the findings of the Solent Area Review, which has identified Fareham College for growth in its apprenticeship programme and vocational training, which will mean more young people in Fareham learning vital skills for work.

Debating on ITV's The Last Word

I debated with Henry Bolton (UKIP) and Alan Whitehead MP (Labour) on ITV's The Last Word. We discussed Brexit, the Labour crisis, Southern Health and our views on Grammar Schools.

You can watch the programme at: <http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/update/2016-09-08/the-last-word-september-2016/>

Upgrades to Fareham Station

I am pleased that Network Rail and South West Trains are making vital improvements to Fareham Station, as I have raised concerns over this with them in the past. These will include track works, installation of an accessible toilet and cycle hub as well as improvements to the station forecourt. It does mean certain parts of local railway routes will be closed between 22nd – 31st October, so do check before you travel.

Fareham Broadband Meeting

7pm Friday 28th October, Whiteley Community Centre

Many residents have contacted me to express their frustration with the poor coverage and intermittent broadband service that they are receiving. I am holding a meeting with BT, Openreach & Hampshire County Council to provide constituents with an opportunity to put their questions directly to them. You can apply for free tickets via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fareham-broadband-meeting-tickets-27598658330>

Senior Citizens' Fair

3:00-5:30pm, Friday 25th November 2016, St. John the Evangelist Church, 1 Upper Saint Michael's Grove, Fareham

I am holding a fair to bring together the huge variety of interests and activity groups we have in our community, enabling people to browse these at leisure and chat with representatives of different organisations. Please do spread the word and come along. More information can be found at:

<https://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/senior-citizens-fair>





On the river with Warsash Sailing Club

Visit to Warsash Sailing Club

In the summer I gained my Competent Crew sailing qualification. I was therefore delighted when Warsash Sailing Club invited me along for a trip from Bursledon to Lobster Quay with the Harbour Master. It was great to meet Club Officials and members. Thank you for a wonderful time.

Fareport Talking News

I met the volunteers and staff at Fareport Talking News, a charity that supports the blind and partially sighted in Fareham and Gosport through audio newsletters. It was good to learn more about this invaluable service. If you would like to volunteer, do please let me know.



Speaking to Catisfield Village Association

Joining the Fareham Park Run

The Fareham Park Run team celebrated two years of the Fareham 'Couch to 5K team' recently. It was great to see loads of runners take part in one of their Saturday morning 5K runs. A special well done to the team- I'd highly recommend getting in touch if you would like to start running, no experience necessary!

Life Education Wessex

Life Education Wessex has a mobile classroom that visits local schools to raise awareness on drugs, alcohol and making sensible decisions. I was pleased to attend a session at Orchard Lee Primary School this month and see the children having a great time using the facilities in the excellent classroom bus.

Calling all Community Groups

The Aviva Community Fund has over 800 awards with funding of up to £25,000 for local community projects across a range of categories. Applications can be made until 11th October and I encourage groups in Fareham to apply. More information can be found at: <http://www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund/>



Fareham Park Run

Fareham Men's Shed

I spent an afternoon at the new Men's Shed in Fareham this month. This is a great opportunity for the gentlemen of Fareham to meet new people, learn new skills and team up on valuable community projects. If you are keen to get involved, please visit www.farehammensshed.org.uk

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At Fareham Men's Shed



Visit to Fareport Talking News



At Orchard Lee Primary School

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in Parliament please visit my website.

Surgeries & Events

Please call my office to find out how to arrange an appointment:

Surgery, Friday 14th October 2016

Fareham Broadband Meeting, Friday 28th October 2016

Surgery, Friday 18th November 2016

Senior Citizens' Fair, Friday 25th November 2016

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my constituents. To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months notice, as they are very popular.

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