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Welcome

I was pleased to host my first Fareham Schools Debating Competition at Fareham College in which all of the secondary schools in Fareham took part. Internal competitions took place to select two Year 8 debaters on behalf of each school. We debated issues such as press freedom, university tuition fees and animal testing and the judges were rightly impressed by the quality of argument and public speaking. Congratulations to Portchester Community School who won the competition. I am looking forward to welcoming their team to Prime Minister's Question Time in Parliament where they will see the Prime Minister debate against the Leader of the Opposition. Thank you to Mark Waldron, Editor of The Portsmouth News, Nigel Duncan, Principal of Fareham College and Cllr Connie Hockley, Mayor of Fareham for judging the debate.



In Parliament



Syria

I've received many emails enquiring into what the Government is doing to help Syrian refugees. Britain is doing more than ever to help the most vulnerable asylum-seeking children. Its resettlement programme will bring 23,000 vulnerable people to the UK by the end of this Parliament. Overall 5,454 people have been given refuge since October 2015 and half of those were children. I know that Fareham is playing a part too. We are working with refugees directly from the camps in and around Syria in order to stop traffickers and smugglers from exploiting refugees as well as preventing them from embarking on perilous journeys across the Mediterranean.

Stubbington Bypass

After a 40-year wait I am delighted that The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a £25.7 million investment in the Stubbington bypass, providing vital infrastructure that will ease the terrible congestion between Fareham and Gosport. This is a great example of partnership working between Fareham Borough Council and the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership and will boost jobs, economic growth and improve access. We should be very grateful to Cllr. Sean Woodward and Gosport MP Caroline Dinenage who have campaigned for this for many years. I was pleased to raise the issue in Parliament:

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2017-02-28a.150.9&s=speaker%3A25272#g151.2>

Visiting our new Aircraft Carriers

I visited the Queen Elizabeth Class Aircraft Carriers this month in Rosyth with the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme to get a sense of progress before the first one arrives in Portsmouth by the end of this year. Both the Queen Elizabeth and the Prince of Wales are the largest and most complex ships ever built in the UK at three times the size of the previous ships. The aircraft carriers, together with 43 aircraft including Chinooks, F35s, Merlins and Apaches ensure a continuous deterrence and power projection, enabling Britain to fulfil its duties under NATO to work with the US and French Navies. It will have a crew of 700 plus 1000 air staff. I am looking forward to having them in the Solent at Portsmouth soon.





Meeting Safran engineers

Safran tour

I had a fascinating tour of the Safran helicopter engine factory in Segensworth. Safran are the world leader in the helicopter industry and I'm very proud to have them in the heart of Fareham. It was brilliant to meet some of the apprentices and engineers too.

Boundary Oak School Council

It was great to visit Boundary Oak School and meet the School Council. We had a good discussion on national politics and the students asked me some excellent questions about my life as an MP.



Whiteley Town Guild visit Parliament

Evaluating Fareham's flood risk

Commander Tony Norris kindly offered to talk me through the causes of flooding in Wallington and Titchfield. I had a beautiful day by the Solent and even found 45million year old fossils of sharks in the bay. I am keen to help reduce flood risk in our area and have also met with the Environment Agency to discuss their proposals.

Dickson House visit

I visited Dickson House, an 'Approved Premises' which works to help ex-offenders integrate back into the community. The staff at Dickson House work tirelessly to help reduce the risk of residents reoffending and keep us all safer as a result. I thank and commend them for their hard work.

Fareham Community Hospital

I launched Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce in 2015 to work for better utilisation of the hospital, increased facilities and to discuss local health issues. I was pleased that in January Fareham and Gosport CCG, the body that decides which services operate at the hospital, approved plans for a pilot project to pave the way for increased use of FCH. The pilot scheme is a big step forward in ensuring greater use of the hospital and there is fresh management ready to takeover. We are now seeing real progress in making this a reality and I hope to have significant change by the end of the year.



Boundary Oak School Council

Coffee and Cake event

I am holding my next 'Coffee, Cake and Chat' event on Friday 17th March at Titchfield Community Centre. The session will run from 11am– 12:30pm and there is no need to book. This is an opportunity for residents to discuss with me any policy concerns they may have. I would be delighted to see you there.

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Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce



My February Surgery in Whiteley



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What constituents say:

"Thank you so so so much for arranging my Parliament trip today, it was the best day I've ever had!"

"Thank you so much for your support– I've now received my refund from HMRC."

Surgeries & Events

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

Titchfield Surgery, Friday 17th March 2017.

Coffee and Cake, Friday 17th March 2017, Titchfield Community Centre, 11-12:30.

Fareham Surgery, Friday 7th April 2017.

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