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Welcome

This will be my last newsletter of the 2015 Parliament. Now that a General Election has been called, Parliament will be dissolved on 3rd May. That means that I will no longer be the Member of Parliament for Fareham but I intend to seek re-election on June 8th 2017. During the campaign, I will be out and about in Fareham, knocking on doors, on my street stalls and in my public meetings, to discuss the election ahead.

Every vote counts in this election. Every vote for Theresa May and in Fareham will count to strengthen Theresa May's hand in the negotiations to secure the best deal for the country, lock-in our growing economy and make life in our great country even better.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last two years, it has been an honour to represent you in Parliament.



In Parliament



Question Time

It was great to take part in the BBC's Question Time this month in Gillingham. Fellow panellists included Diane Abbott, Shadow Home Secretary, Tim Farron, Liberal Democrat leader and Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party. We discussed Labour's policy to impose VAT on independent schools, military action in Syria, Brexit and welfare.

You can watch the programme at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08lqddh>

Finance Bill

I was pleased to speak in the Finance Bill debate in Parliament and explain that we are seeing record employment here in Fareham. Since 2010 there has been a 73% drop in people claiming out of work benefits. This equates to 968 fewer people. In addition, through raising the tax free personal allowance threshold, the Conservatives have lifted 1.3 million people out of paying any tax at all. This would mean that someone on a salary of £15,000 now pays £800 in tax rather than £1,700.

You can read my full speech at: <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2017-04-18b.569.0&s=speaker%3A25272#g627.0>

Impetus Report

I hosted a Parliamentary launch of a study by Impetus-PEF on catch-up provision. Sadly 1/3 of our young people are leaving Education at 19 without attaining minimum GCSEs in Maths and English. The report looks into the support for those young people who fail to achieve A*-C in English and Maths and finds that catch up provision isn't working. I am hopeful that having identified the problem a solution can be found. You can read the full report at: <http://www.impetus-pef.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Impetus-PEF-Position-Paper-Final-draft-Web.pdf>





Catching up with the CAB

Citizens Advice Bureau

It was good to drop in and catch up with the team and volunteers at Fareham's Citizens Advice Bureau. I am pleased that they are supported by Fareham Borough Council. Thank you for all that you do in our local community.

Mayor's Ball

Well done to Mayor Connie Hockley, Geoff Hockley and their team for putting on a wonderful Mayor's Masked Ball. The ball was to raise money for local charities, Y Services and the Breast Cancer Haven centre in Titchfield. There were some impressive performances by our young people throughout the evening! I was delighted to attend and felt so proud of Fareham!



Attending the Mayor's Ball

Barclays visit

I visited Barclays bank in Fareham and got to see one of the very first new £1 coins. It was great to meet the team and hear about the challenges of cyber-crime, fraud and how to support local businesses. I was pleased to learn more about their Life Skills programmes too, helping young people gain skills in financial education, job-readiness and enterprise.

Fareham Heritage Trail

The Sticks Gallery in Fareham Shopping Centre have designed the Fareham Heritage Trail. This is an excellent resource that brings together lots of our local history on one page! You can purchase your copy directly from the gallery.



Visiting Barclays

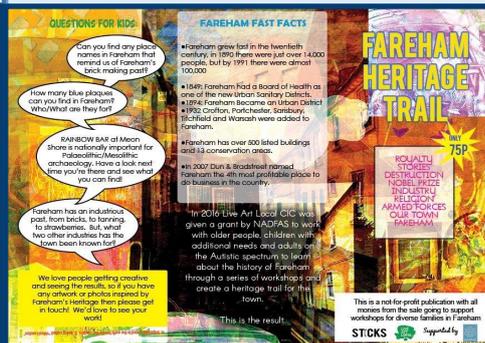
National Litter Strategy in Fareham

Litter is something that affects us all in Fareham and blights our local environment, with around 700 tonnes collected from the streets each year. I want to make sure Fareham is a great place to live and work. The Litter Strategy will make it easier for people to get rid of litter properly, creating an anti-littering culture and introducing tougher enforcement measures to hit thoughtless litter louts in the pocket.

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Wicor Recreation Ground clean-up



Fareham Heritage Trail



Holding my April surgery in Tesco, Fareham

What constituents say:

"I really appreciate you fighting for me to get the CSA I'm due."

"I can finally have my driving licence back— it will make my life a lot easier, I can't thank you enough for your help."

Surgeries & Events

Please call my office to find out how to arrange an appointment (dependent on my re-election):

Fareham Surgery, Friday 16th June 2017.

Politics in the Pub, Friday 23rd June 2017.

Whiteley Surgery, Friday 14th July 2017.

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