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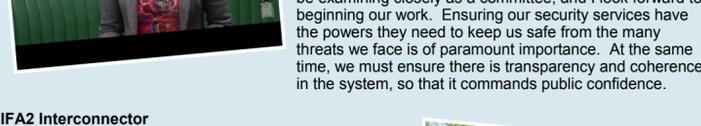
## Welcome

I cannot quite believe that I am writing my Christmas newsletter already. I have thoroughly enjoyed representing the people of Fareham for the past seven months and I am looking forward to the challenges the New Year brings. It is a pleasure to have been able to immerse myself in such a great community and I thank you all for being so welcoming to me.

My team and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Celebrating Christmas with my team – Nigel, Anne & Holly



## In Parliament

### Draft Investigatory Powers Bill

I am delighted to have been appointed as one of seven MPs from across parties to be a member of The Joint Committee of the Draft Investigatory Powers Bill. The Committee will consider the draft law in detail and report back our findings in the New Year.

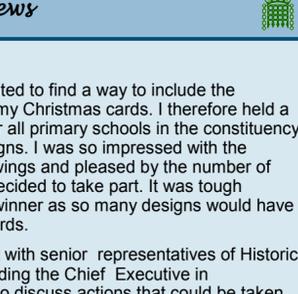
As a barrister by profession, I respect the role of the judiciary in providing oversight, alongside the proper democratic accountability provided by ministers. It is the balancing of those considerations which I am sure we will be examining closely as a committee, and I look forward to beginning our work. Ensuring our security services have the powers they need to keep us safe from the many threats we face is of paramount importance. At the same time, we must ensure there is transparency and coherence in the system, so that it commands public confidence.



### IFA2 Interconnector

In House this month I questioned the Energy Secretary on interconnector plans at Chilling and am pleased she is visiting Fareham in June. Amber Rudd has spoken of significant benefits to energy supplies and costs however I am most pleased that the proposed IFA2 Interconnector station, which would be based at the HMS Daedalus site, would mean there would not need to be a large facility at the existing National Grid site near Chilling.

I support the many constituents who want to protect the special beauty of Chilling and hope as many as possible attended the National Grid information events this month;



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## Constituency News



As a MP I wanted to find a way to include the community in my Christmas cards. I therefore held a competition for all primary schools in the constituency to submit designs. I was so impressed with the children's drawings and pleased by the number of schools that decided to take part. It was tough deciding the winner as so many designs would have made great cards.

Recently I met with senior executives of Historic England, including the Chief Executive in Westminster, to discuss actions that could be taken to save Fort Fareham after it was placed on the 'at risk' register. We have a duty to future generations to conserve our heritage and I am keen to play a role in this locally.

I organised a meeting for Hampshire MPs to meet with Southern Health Chiefs. It was well attended by a number of neighbouring MPs and representatives from the offices of various others. There was a useful discussion about provision of services in Fareham, including how GP services are to be reconfigured. I raised the issue of Fareham Hospital and was pleased to hear Southern Health support my drive to deliver extra services there. If you've been affected by the Mazar's report into mental health deaths please do contact me.

As part of my campaign to get more services running at Fareham Community Hospital, I organised a meeting with all of the hospital's stakeholders. The meeting was well attended and the Fareham Community Hospital Task Force launched. I am chairing the second meeting in February, prior to Jeremy Hunt's visit. Our aim is to set up a management board consisting of all stakeholders, with a shared vision for the hospital's future.

I launched a new support group for those who are struggling with the effects of epilepsy. The group meets once a month and is co-ordinated by Hugh Sach who has epilepsy himself and is very passionate to help others in Fareham.

Fareham Young Conservatives had a great time joining Southampton Young Conservatives at the Southampton German Market for an evening of great company, food and drinks, as well as our Christmas Quiz in Fareham. The next event is 15th January at the Red Lion Pub, East Street, Fareham at 7.30pm.

One Saturday I had an early but worthwhile start meeting the postmen at the local sorting office. I appreciate the hard work put in at this busy time of year and even got to meet my own postman!

Cams Hill's application to open a free school sixth form is going well. I recently met with Gwennan Harris Jones, the Headmistress to discuss progress and I am pleased so many locals have volunteered to help form our proposer team. If you'd like to get involved there is still time to join. I'd be grateful too for any emails of support as these will be required by the Department of Education to evidence demand.

It was great to volunteer at Rowan's Hospice in Titchfield. I enjoyed a variety of roles from labelling stock to using the tills. Please do donate any unwanted items to the shop – it really is such a fantastic cause.

On Friday I visited Queen Alexandra Hospital, including A & E and the Elderly Care ward. It was a pleasure to meet the patients and staff as well as having an opportunity to discuss patient care with Cathy Stone, Director of Nursing. I am thankful to them all for working so hard, particularly over the Christmas season.

I was delighted to be invited to view the Christmas floral arrangements at Sarisbury Green United Reformed Church and I enjoyed mulled wine and a mince pie with parishioners. The display really was spectacular.

If you are a local business and would like to take part in my apprentice event please visit [www.farehamapprentices.org.uk](http://www.farehamapprentices.org.uk)

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

*Suella*



Christmas card competition



Meeting the CEO of Historic England



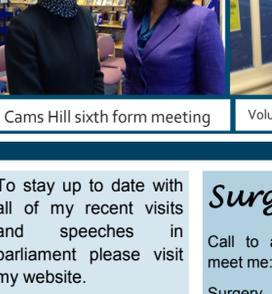
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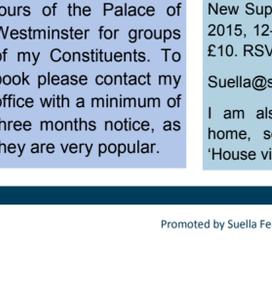
Fareham Community Hospital taskforce



Epilepsy support group



Young Conservative's Christmas



Meeting the Sarisbury Green postmen



With staff @ Q.A. Elderly Care ward



Cams Hill sixth form meeting



Volunteering @ Rowan's Hospice



Mulled wine & mince pies

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

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.

## Surgery dates

Call to arrange an appointment to meet me:

Surgery, Friday 15th January 3.30pm-5.30pm, Whiteley

New Supporters' Drinks, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 12-2pm, West Hill Park School, £10. RSVP to;

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I am also pleased to visit you at home, see my website for details 'House visits'.

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