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Welcome

July has been a very eventful month in British politics. I was delighted that Theresa May won the backing of a majority of Conservative Members of Parliament and has become our country's second female Prime Minister.

With extensive experience as one of the longest-serving Home Secretaries, she brings strong leadership and stability to government and the country. Theresa has made it clear that Brexit means Brexit and that she will fight tooth and nail to make it a success for Britain.

I also pay tribute to David Cameron, the outgoing Prime Minister. He left Britain with a stable economy, a reduced deficit and with more people in work. By reforming our schools, prisons and welfare, he ensured that social justice, aspiration and compassion occupied centre stage of the Conservative government. Thank you David Cameron.



In Parliament

Financial Education



I recently chaired an inquiry into financial education for young people. I was therefore pleased to ask the new Chancellor, Philip Hammond, if he would read the recent report from the All Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Education for Young People. The report concluded that while it was a positive step that financial education was included in the national curriculum, delivery was still too patchy, meaning that millions of children were ill-equipped to deal with money when they left school. I asked the Chancellor to commit to making the issue a priority.

You can read my full question, and the Minister's response at:

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2016-07-19a.678.3&s=speaker%3A25272#g679.5>

Trident

I voted in favour of renewing the Trident nuclear deterrent this month. It is impossible to say for certain that no extreme threats will emerge in the next 30 or 40 years to threaten our security and way of life. It would be a gross irresponsibility to lose the ability to meet such threats by discarding the ultimate insurance against those risks in the future.

Once nuclear weapons have been given up it is almost impossible to get them back – and the process of creating a new deterrent may take decades. We cannot compromise on our national security. We cannot outsource the grave responsibility we shoulder for keeping our people safe. And we cannot abandon our ultimate safeguard out of misplaced idealism.

Southern Rail

Many constituents have contacted me about the strikes on Southern Rail due to Driver Only Operation (DOO), where train drivers operate the doors using CCTV. I condemn any industrial action that will disrupt passengers' journeys and the disruption over DOO is, in my view, unnecessary. Over 60 per cent of Southern Rail's services already operate without conductors and have done for over 30 years. The changes Southern Rail are proposing will lead to better journeys for passengers, with no compulsory job losses as conductors move to the role of on-board supervisors.

I spoke in the debate in Parliament, asking the Minister if she felt Southern Rail's actions were putting people's jobs at risk due to long commuter delays.

You can read the full debate and the Minister's reply at:

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/whall/?id=2016-07-13a.138.1&s=speaker%3A25272#g157.1>





Coffee and Cake with your MPs



Titchfield Community Speedwatch



Building a brick arch with Bursledon Brickworks



Warsash Sea Cadets at Sea Sunday



Local refuge



Opening Two Saints' new garden

Tea and Cake by the river

I held a joint tea and cake morning on Saturday 23rd July with Mims Davies, the MP for Eastleigh. The event was held at The King & Queen, Hamble and it was helpful to be able to update residents about Brexit developments in Parliament and what it means for ordinary people. I'll be holding regular coffee mornings so please do keep an eye on my website for details.

Titchfield Community Speedwatch

Titchfield Community Speedwatch is a group of local volunteers trained and supported by Hampshire Police to help keep our roads safer. I had a brilliant session with them on Posbrook Lane. Despite the 30mph speed limit, we tracked a high number of cars exceeding 40mph on this residential road. This is dangerous and could cause a serious accident. If you can spare a couple of hours a month, do let me know as the group requires more volunteers.

Fareham Community Showcase

I very much enjoyed meeting local volunteers and charities at Ferneham Hall for the Fareham Community Showcase, organised by One Community. It showcased the amazing diversity of community activity in Fareham including; The Samaritans, Bursledon Brickworks, Brendon Care, Y Services and Fareham Disability Forum, amongst others. I watched some excellent performances by Fareham Musical Society and South Downe Musical Society too.

Sea Sunday

It was a pleasure to be invited to a lovely Sea Sunday Service. I'd like to pass on a big thank you to the Warsash Sea Cadets, who all contributed to such a moving service. It was also a good opportunity to spend time with Fareham's Mayor, Cllr. Connie Hockley.

Southern Domestic Abuse Service

I visited Southern Domestic Abuse Service's refuge this month. I spoke with clients and staff, including refuge and outreach workers. I learnt more about the work they do and I am grateful to them for providing such an amazing resource for victims of domestic violence.

Welcoming Cams Hill students to Parliament

Cams Hill students visited me in Parliament this month. The 15 year olds went on a tour of Parliament and visited the Public Gallery of the House of Commons. We also held an interesting question and answer session, where the students asked me all about my role both in Fareham and in Westminster.

Suella

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 & other dates

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

Surgery, Friday 9th September 2016

Surgery, Friday 14th October 2016

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