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Welcome

The referendum and the Big Fareham EU Debate

The EU referendum was the biggest exercise in democracy for decades in Britain, with a record turnout. I am delighted that the British people have decided, by over a million votes, to leave the European Union. In Fareham, residents followed the national trend with almost 80% of residents voting and 55% voting to leave.

I was pleased that over 130 people attended my Big Fareham EU debate at Portchester Community school on 11th June. It was useful to give residents a chance to ask questions and find out more. I am disappointed that the Prime Minister David Cameron decided to resign. A leadership contest is underway. In the meantime I see Brexit as a great opportunity for our country. Several countries such as New Zealand and India are already seeking to strike new trade deals with Britain. The stock markets and the value of the pound are healthy, the Chancellor of the Exchequer last week made clear that the British economy is in a strong position and so I am pleased we now have an opportunity to move forward with a clear plan.



In Parliament

Southern Health Debate

I called a debate in Parliament on the Governance of Southern Health NHS Trust Foundation on the 8th June. Many families of those affected attended the debate in Parliament and met with the Health Minister, the Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP, before the debate to discuss their specific cases with him. Many Hampshire and Oxfordshire MPs from both major parties attended and contributed to the debate— a sign of the importance of this issue.

In his response to my speech, the Minister apologised for the failings of Southern Health and clearly showed his understanding of the problem and the need for change.

You can watch the full debate at: <http://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/2e14baf1-f6de-43b0-9015-a139cf163fa5>



Investigatory Powers Bill

On 7th June, the Commons voted by 444 votes to 69, thanks to cross-party support, to pass the Investigatory Powers Bill. It is landmark legislation which clarifies the interception and acquisition capabilities of our intelligence, security and law enforcement services.

It has not been without controversy and I was privileged to sit on the pre-legislative scrutiny committee which took evidence and made recommendations on the draft Bill. In particular I am reassured by the robust safeguards of judicial involvement to prevent abuse of these powers.

I was pleased to write an article for The Telegraph on why this is the right thing to do to protect our security and ensure that our services can carry out vital intelligence work.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/06/08/britains-spies-can-now-keep-fighting-our-enemies-in-the-digital/?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign=Echobox&utm_term=Autofeed#link_time=1465385855

Debating EU immigration on the BBC

It was a pleasure to be asked to debate the EU Referendum on the BBC's Victoria Derbyshire programme. It was brilliant to see that so many people are engaged with this issue.

During the debate we discussed many issues such as immigration, sovereignty, jobs and the plan ahead. I made it clear that what Britain needs is a points-based immigration system to control EU migration. My parents migrated to Britain and I owe everything I have to immigration. I therefore resent the accusation that voting for leave is xenophobic. I discussed our perverse and discriminatory immigration system, which currently favours non-skilled EU migrants. You can read more at:

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/677225/perverse-immigration-system-mp>

Or watch the full debate on:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07f493c>





Speaking to Community Action Fareham



Visiting The Wicor Mill following refurbishment



Attending the Battle of Jutland Commemorations



Voting at the Lockwood Centre



With Chief Inspector Woolrich



Admiring the Queen's Birthday crowns

Community Action Fareham

I had a rich discussion and answered good questions during my visit to Community Action Fareham at the United Reformed Church. We talked about education, domestic abuse, dementia and local health services. Some wonderful charities were represented and I thank all of the volunteers, charities and community groups for their time, effort and hard work.

Wessex Fundraising Ball

The Solent Hotel were hosts to the Wessex Haven fundraising ball this month. Having ran The Great South Run for the centre last year I very much enjoyed the evening.

The Haven does amazing work at it's new centre in Titchfield Village and I'm very pleased that The Chancellor allocated £150,000 from the proceeds of VAT on sanitary products to The Haven. It's good news that the so-called 'tampon tax' is now being abolished, but in the meantime the money couldn't be going to a better cause.

Battle of Jutland Centenary

I attended a poignant memorial service to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Jutland, on Southsea Common.

The Battle of Jutland was the greatest naval encounter of the First World War, with more than 100,000 sailors and marines engaged in 250 ships. Battle took place between 31st May and 1st June 1916, during which time 14 Royal Navy vessels and 11 German ships were lost, along with 6000 Royal Navy and 2500 German sailors.

We stood together to pay our profound respects and to ensure that the events of a hundred years ago will be remembered and understood for generations to come.

The Queen's Birthday Service

One Sunday I attended a lovely service at St Mary's Church in the grounds of Portchester Castle, led by Rev. Dr. Ian Meredith, to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. This church is one of the oldest in Fareham dating back to the 12th century and is absolutely stunning inside.

A tribute to Jo Cox MP

Thank you to all of the residents who contacted me following the tragic death of Jo Cox MP. She was an inspiring woman who campaigned for many causes and a cherished wife and mother. I was deeply saddened by her death and she will be greatly missed in Parliament, where MPs paid tribute to her and attended a special vigil.

I am acutely aware of the need for security and am grateful to the support from Fareham Police and the Houses of Parliament in enhancing the safety of my staff and myself.

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

Call to arrange an appointment:

Surgery, Friday 15th July 2016

Surgery, Friday 9th September 2016

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