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At the D-Day Memorial Service

June kicked off in great style when our area played host to a number of fantastic events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. I was honoured to lay a wreath at the Lee-on-the-Solent memorial service. Lee High Street was an homage to the war-time spirit with street stalls & performers, packed with both locals and those representing 18 different nations, including a group from the US who parachuted into France the next day, among them the remarkable Dayton Herrington, 83 years young! It's humbling to remember the role that our area played in this significant historic event and I would like to thank the organisers from across the peninsular who did such a great job of marking the 70th anniversary.



With the Gosport Men's Shed in Parliament

Another highlight of the month was my 4th annual Volunteers' Reception when I hosted over 80 representatives from local community groups & voluntary organisations in Parliament. So many people in our area give enormous amounts of time and energy to the community; their dedication is truly inspiring and this is my small way of thanking them for the tremendous work they do.

I also welcomed some other special visitors from Gosport when members of the Men's Shed came on a tour of Westminster and local swimming hero Anna Wardley and her team popped in to see me. I always enjoy seeing friendly local faces in Parliament and this month I was truly spoilt!



With Anna Wardley and her team

Gosport had a royal visitor this month when Hornet Services Sailing Club welcomed its Patron, HRH Princess Anne, to the club for its 50th anniversary celebrations. I was delighted to join the festivities and to meet some of the armed forces and veterans who use the great facilities.

Back in Westminster, I had another brush with royalty as the Queen opened the new session of Parliament. I was particularly pleased to learn of the Small Business, Enterprise & Employment Bill which will include a package of measures designed to improve the economic & legislative environment for small businesses. As Small Business Ambassador for the South, I was part of a team of MPs working to inform the contents of this Bill by speaking to business owners about which new and revised legislation could help them to flourish.

Businesses also received welcome news when the Government announced the launch of the sixth round of the Regional Growth Fund. Local businesses can find out how they can apply for funding when the RGF roadshow arrives at the University of Portsmouth on Wednesday 6th August.

With Adult Learner Week taking place this month I visited the 'Out There' project at the Nimrod Community Centre and was thrilled to present the Adult Learner of the Year 2013 Award to Bill Pullen. The programme offers adults an invaluable chance to learn new skills in a friendly, local environment and has even been used as an EU case study of excellence.

During Questions to the Secretary of State for Education, I raised the importance of forging strong partnerships between business and schools in ensuring that school leavers are employable as well as literate and numerate. The Education Business Partnership operating in our area does a great job of promoting such links.

I also expressed my concerns about the implementation of new regulations on sulphur emissions during a Parliamentary debate. While these regulations are universally welcomed, one local ferry company estimates that it will have to spend £320 million upgrading its fleet, which is why I'm pleased that the Government is looking into ways it can help the sector.



At Alverstoke Tennis Club's Open Weekend

As we look forward to our summer holidays, I am sure that many local people have been concerned by the delays in the issuing of passports. I contributed to a debate on the matter, emphasising that MPs must do all they can to assist those affected; if you have a problem with an overdue passport & an imminent trip, please do get in touch.

After much negotiation, Bridgemary's Iona Club received welcome news from the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth which has agreed to work with the club to try and secure it's future. Having been in contact with both parties I'm pleased that an agreement has been reached.

I visited a meeting of Gosport's Macular Society and took part in a lively Q&A session with its lovely members. I also joined the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for a visit to a protected area on the Gosport side of Portsmouth Harbour, hearing more about the problems faced in preserving this special environment.

With Wimbledon now well underway, I joined Alverstoke Tennis Club for their open weekend when coaches ran a number of taster sessions for players of all ages. My sons were particularly inspired by the squash matches and are now keen to learn how to play!

As I mentioned in my May newsletter, a consultation on the proposals to improve access to Gosport and Fareham (including the Stubbington bypass, Peel Common roundabout & Titchfield Gyratory) has now launched. You can have your say here: <http://bit.ly/1hvv7Q6>.

In Stubbington, a brand new Co-operative food store has opened and I am pleased to hear that members of the community who have difficulty carrying their shopping home will be able to get it delivered for free when they spend £25 or more.

Best wishes

Caroline



With Adult Learner of the Year, Bill Pullen



With Cllr Woodward viewing transport plans

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Please feel free to contact me on any issue, or to find out when my next surgery is. I'm always happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster and Big Ben for my constituents. Please contact my office at least three months in advance to make sure you get a place - the tours are very popular!

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