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Stubbington and
Hill Head**



With our new Portsmouth Harbour MP team: Suella Fernandes and Flick Drummond join Penny Mordaunt and I!

Welcome to my first newsletter of the new Parliament. I am incredibly honoured to have been re-elected to represent the people of Gosport, Stubbington, Lee-on-the-Solent and Hill Head as their MP. Throughout the General Election campaign I was greeted with so much warmth and kindness whilst knocking on doors, delivering leaflets, and holding stalls in local shopping centres. I think I represent the best constituency in the world and I am so grateful to be given this endorsement to keep doing it!

On returning to Parliament the Prime Minister appointed me as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Family Justice, Women and Equalities. Of course this does not change my role as your MP – first and foremost I am here to represent the views and concerns of the people of the Gosport constituency in Parliament, and it's a job I take very seriously. With that in mind I continue to campaign vigorously on the issues that matter most in our area.



The new Business Innovation Centre at Daedalus

At the top of my list is pushing forward the ongoing improvements to our local roads. I am pleased that a series of public exhibitions will be held in June to update people on major schemes which will improve the flow of traffic off of our peninsula, including upgrades to the A27 and St Margaret's Roundabout. You can see more details on 16th-23rd June from 1:30pm-8:30pm at Titchfield Community Centre and on 29th June from 1:30pm-8:30pm at Fareham College.

It seems hardly possible that it is nearly five years since I formed the Daedalus Strategy Group, I have been regularly meeting with the key players to plot the future of the site ever since. This month we heard that the newly opened Business Innovation Centre is already 22% full, smashing even our most optimistic targets. The success of the Daedalus Enterprise Zone is vital to the growth of our local economy and to create jobs and training opportunities we need here.



With Geoff Holt on 'WetWheels'

I really enjoyed seeing Portsmouth Harbour from a 'WetWheels' boat with local hero, yachtsman Geoff Holt at the wheel. WetWheels is the only organisation in the UK offering the opportunity for disabled people to experience power boating. Last year they gave over 1200 disadvantaged, disabled and vulnerable people the chance to get out on the water.

I also got the chance to catch up on the progress on the Ben Ainslie Racing HQ and hear details on the Americas Cup World Series event that is coming to our area this summer. With big screens due to be set up in Gosport we will be able to enjoy the excitement from our side of the harbour too.

We are so lucky to have such world class water sports facilities on our doorstep and I was delighted to support the Marine Advertising Agency at their event to promote our area to sailing & yachting journalists and companies at Haslar Marina. On Saturday 13th June the Gosport Marine Festival is taking place from the Millennium Promenade down to Haslar Marina. There will be a whole host of free water-based activities available for people of all ages to enjoy as well as entertainment, an art exhibition and the Food Festival. For more information visit: www.gosportmarinefestival.org.uk.

We welcomed visitors from Gosport's twin town of Royan in France to our area when Brune Park School played host to a sports and fun day for local people and our French guests. My children thoroughly enjoyed the activities on offer which included judo, bowling and laser tag.



Welcoming our French guests to Brune Park!

An invitation that I couldn't refuse allowed me to channel my inner Mary Berry and judge St. Mary's Primary School's 'Bake Off'. It was a really tough decision but luckily I had some willing little helpers from the school council to assist me with the taste test!

The Diabetes Foot Care Workshop was hugely informative – Fareham and Gosport have one of the highest number of amputations in the country, so sessions such as these are really important. I will be working with the organisers over the next few months to improve these alarming figures and ensure that people suffering from diabetes know how to take good care of their feet.

Dementia Awareness Week took place this month – having become a Dementia Friend earlier this year I want to see Gosport become a more dementia friendly town and will be supporting The Alzheimer's Society and local people to see that become a reality.



Judging St Mary's Primary School's Bake Off

At the end of the month, the Gosport Golden Mile took place with more events than ever before including a juniors' race and a first ever wheelchair race.

Lu Chinos café has re-opened this month in Gosport High Street and I was given the job of cutting the ribbon. Gosport will be getting another injection of Italian flavour when the Italian Market comes to the High Street on Friday 3rd July. The historic Pump House cafe in Royal Clarence Yard also re-opened this month and I was delighted to pop in and wish new owner, Heather, and her team well and check out her scrumptious sounding breakfast and lunch menus!

Finally after all that lovely food how about some healthy exercise? Don't forget that the Harbour Clean Up Day is coming up on Sunday 6th June – it will kick off at 9:30am at the Gosport Ferry - for more details see www.litteraction.org.uk/viewdetails/event/2330.

Best wishes

Caroline



At the Diabetes foot care workshop

GET IN TOUCH

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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