

# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019



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Dear all,

Welcome to the April newsletter, we live in interesting times, no-one in Westminster is making any predictions, so the best thing to do is to crack on with some work. The first week of the Easter recess was cancelled and not until the last sitting day did it become clear we wouldn't be sitting on the four days before Good Friday.

Uncertainty about the legislative programme now colours each aspect of Parliamentary life. At the end of March, I had interviews for a documentary being made on the Cameron years.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April after lunch I had a meeting with the PM to discuss various things and to update her on the thoughts of colleagues.

Later that afternoon we had a meeting of the 1922 Committee followed by a meeting of the officers. That evening I spoke at a reception hosted by Sir John Redwood on behalf of the Variety charity which does great work for disabled young people.

That evening I had a working dinner with Dr Bernd Atenstaedt, Chairman and Chief Exec of German Industry UK to discuss matters post Brexit.

Victoria and I enjoyed a performance of Vaughan Williams' Pilgrims Progress at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. As the picture below shows, it was a spectacular evening and well worth a visit.



### **Royal Northern College of Music – A Pilgrim’s Progress**

7<sup>th</sup> April was the Manchester Marathon which comes though Altrincham and has become a regular favourite with local runners. It’s always good to cheer people from the end of our road.

10<sup>th</sup> April after PMQs was a meeting with the Chief Whip, then I was off to the Lords to speak to the Association of Conservative Peers.

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Victoria and I were joined by distinguished members of the Chinese community for dinner with the Chinese Consul General Mr Zheng Xiyuan at Mauldeth Hall in Stockport. We were made very welcome and had an interesting discussion. We’ve now been invited to the Dragon Boat Festival at Salford Quays!

23<sup>rd</sup> April the House returned from an Easter break and we had a meeting of the 1922 officers and Executive. The following day was a full meeting of the 1922 Committee. The Executive had been asked by colleagues to change the rules to allow another vote of confidence in the Leader of the Conservative Party within a twelve month period. It decided against doing so but also voted to call on the PM to give greater clarity about when she will stand down.

25<sup>th</sup> I spoke at a lunch for various business people in Westminster, then in the evening I was off to speak at Eton College where I was faced with lots of questions about the 1922 Committee, grammar schools and Brexit.

28<sup>th</sup> April Victoria and I attended a St Georges Day celebration hosted by Altrincham and District Scouts at Altrincham Prep School



**St Georges Day with the Scouts. As a former 2<sup>nd</sup> Timperley I was delighted to be presented with an Altrincham and District neckerchief.**

This afternoon I saw the PM at Number 10 and then on to speak at dinner for the Taxpayers' Alliance. I will report on any more developments in next month's newsletter.

Finally, I've been pleased to speak at constituency dinners for Enfield Southgate and the Vale of Clwyd, both supporting former colleagues who had been members of the 1922 Executive in the last Parliament. The dinner at Enfield was particularly difficult timing because it came on the eve of the day we were supposed to leave the EU.

That's all from me for now,

I'll be back with more next time.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Graham Brady'.

Sir Graham Brady MP