

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019



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Dear all, welcome to June's Newsletter. We've been in the thick of campaigns and votes to decide who should replace Theresa May and as I write, Boris Johnson is in pole position. The final announcement is expected next month. With successive rounds of votes among Conservative MPs reducing the number of candidates to two, Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt...

There had been some speculation about whether I'd stand; this New Statesman article gives a fairly good explanation as to why not:

[The most significant thing about the Tory race is who's not running](#)

More surprising is the absence of **Graham Brady**. The former chairman of the 1922 Committee recused himself from overseeing the leadership race on ...

[Breaking: Who's in and who's out of the Tory leadership race?](#) - Spectator.co.uk (blog)



On Sunday 2nd June Victoria and I were delighted to join members of the local Chinese community for the UK Chinese Dragon Boat Festival at Salford Quays.



My invitation said: 'I am a member of the Xinhua Chinese Association (XCA). We are currently making preparations for the 2019 Dragon Boat Festival at MediaCityUK, Salford Quays. The festival has been very successful over past 6 years and is one of the largest and most spectacular Chinese cultural events of its kind in Europe.'



Supporting Guide dogs' Access All Areas Campaign. They say: 'Our research shows that the most frequent places that guide dog owners are refused access to are minicabs, taxis, restaurants and shops. This is why we've been calling for the government to introduce Disability Equality Training for minicab and taxi drivers, to make them aware of the law and how better to support people with a visual impairment. We've been making similar calls in countries across the United Kingdom.'

I was at Stamford Park Juniors where I gave the assembly; they were a very well behaved and attentive group of children. I have been in discussions over the future shape of Stamford Park and a possible rebuild as we try to ensure this excellent school ends up with the facilities it needs.



Stamford Park Juniors

I was delighted to attend the unveiling of a plaque at Altrincham Interchange to commemorate Bill Speakman VC, along with the Mayor Cllr Rob Chilton and several members of the Speakman family.



Unveiling the plaque at Altrincham Interchange

Afterwards we went to a lovely commemoration at Bill's old school (Wellington High).

It was good to get along once again to Worthington Park to support the wonderful volunteers who made the event a success in spite of the unpredictable weather.



Sale Lions Fete, Worthington Park



On Sunday 22nd June at the community picnic in memory of Jo Cox Stamford Park, alongside the Mayor and Mayoress and on the right of the picture is local opera singer Martin Toal.

Mon 24th spoke at dinner welcoming Hungarian Justice Minister, earlier in the day welcomed former council leader, Matt College to the APPG for economic development, where he was giving some very useful tips to other towns, following the resurgence of Altrincham town centre.



APPG; with former leader of Trafford Council Matt College, pictured right

On the 25th I attended the CPS Margaret Thatcher conference on Britain and America. Former Chancellor George Osborne and historian Niall Ferguson were among the speakers. In his contribution the US Ambassador Woody Johnson was particularly positive about our relationship in future.



Ambassador Woody Johnson speaking

Today I joined a panel discussion at Policy Exchange think tank, looking at ways to avoid the so-called Irish backstop through alternative arrangements. The speakers were:

Rt Hon Lord Adonis
Ray Basset
Lord Bew of Donegore
Sir Graham Brady MP
Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA



Welcoming constituents to Westminster on the Time is Now environment lobby organised by CAFOD: we discussed plastic packaging, preservation of butterflies and lobbying Trafford Council to stop plans to build on green belt.

That's all for me for now, I'll be back with more news next month.

With best wishes,

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