

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019



SIR GRAHAM BRADY

Member of Parliament for Altrincham and Sale West

Dear all,

Welcome to October's Newsletter. So, a December General Election! It means that there will be no Newsletter in November, but hopefully it will bring some much-needed certainty and stability before the end of the year. As Brexit continues to dominate the headlines, work goes on to serve constituents in the House of Commons and in the constituency.

Early Parliamentary General Election Bill - Early parliamentary general election (29 Oct 2019)

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/divisions/pw-2019-10-29-16-commons>

Voted (aye) to hold a General Election on the 12th of December 2019

(division #16; result was 437 aye, 20 no)

The Brady Amendment was passed on the 29th January and 9 months on, I still had the unwanted distinction of being the only person to have passed any positive proposition relating to Brexit until the Second Reading of the Withdrawal Agreement Bill on the 19th October. <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2019-10-03b.1382.6#q1390.2>

30th September, during the Conservative Conference in Manchester I was invited by HSBC to take part in a fascinating visit to the National Cycling Centre, Manchester (HSBC is the major sponsor)



National Cycling Centre

I was very impressed, it's a top-class facility for our local sportsmen and women and attracts top cyclists from far and wide.

At the end of September on the opening afternoon of the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester I spoke at a Policy Exchange event on the vexed issue of the 'Irish Backstop' and the Good Friday Agreement. Footage of the event can be seen by clicking here:

<https://policyexchange.org.uk/pxevents/abolishing-the-backstop-preserving-the-good-friday-agreement-in-northern-ireland/>

I also took part in a Taxpayers Alliance panel discussion alongside journalist Julia Hartley Brewer and blogger Paul Staines, the man behind 'Guido Fawkes' where I made the case for grammar schools and selective education



Pictured with EBS Chief Executive Mark Luby

I was honoured to be asked to open a new factory in Trafford Park which offers a distinctive service. The ceremony was at European Braking Systems which specialises in the remanufacture of braking systems for HGVs. The 5,000 sq metre facility offers remanufacturing for brake calipers, compressors and air valves and, according to the company has led to a 70% increase in production, while providing jobs for local people. EBS performs specialist work which means that braking systems can be put to good use instead of ending up as waste. EBS which is owned and run by an Altrincham Grammar contemporary of mine is exporting to 75 countries globally. After that I was off to my regular Advice Bureau to help constituents with issues and difficulties.

Post Brexit, we will have to ensure we trade across the globe. Markets such as Taiwan will be especially valuable to us. I supported Taiwan National Day when I was in London on 4th October.



L to R: Grahame Wright, Head, Altrincham Grammar. Sir Graham Brady MP, former pupil, AGSB David Wheeldon, former Head AGSB Michael Thompson, former Head, St Ambrose

I was pleased to host a Commons reception for the Grammar School Heads Association on the House of Commons terrace; staff and governors from grammars across the country were in London to attend the Grammar School Heads Association Conference and were happy to come for an informal occasion at the Commons.

I spoke in a debate at the Oxford Union on 17th October, the motion was: 'This House has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government'.

Speakers in Proposition:

- **Barry Gardiner MP:** Shadow Secretary of State for International Trade, Shadow Minister for Energy & Climate Change, and Labour MP
Sam Gymah MP: Member of Parliament, former Universities Minister; previously a Conservative, he joined the Liberal Democrats in September.

Speakers in Opposition:

- **The Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP:** Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, and former Education Secretary; she campaigned to remain in 2016
- **Sir Graham Brady MP:** Conservative MP and Chairman of the 1922 Committee; in January he passed legislation in opposition to the Northern Ireland backstop
- Sam Gymah did not make it to the debate and was replaced by a student debater - possibly because a year before at the same event he made a powerful case that voting against the government would inevitably let Jeremy Corbyn into 10 Downing Street. It was an excellent evening; unfortunately, the majority of

students voted for the proposition. We lost, but not as badly as when I debated the same motion at the Cambridge Union the week before!



Speaking at the Oxford Union, above and pic below



Friday 18th I was tree planting at my old school, Heyes Lane in Timperley, ably assisted by some of the pupils.



Tree planting at Heyes Lane

23rd I met with Mark King of the Oliver King Foundation which is saving young lives by getting defibrillators into schools; a fantastic cause that Mark pursues in memory of his own son who died so young.



With Mark King of the Oliver King Foundation at Westminster

Thursday 24th October, we welcomed prominent journalist and broadcaster Andrew Pierce to speak to a group of Conservatives in Altrincham. He treated us to a lively and entertaining talk about the current issues of the day



With Andrew Pierce

The month ends with me speaking at a dinner for Conservatives in Dover and Deal before heading home for a busy constituency weekend.

That's all from me for now,

I'll be back with more news next time.

With best wishes,

Sir Graham Brady MP