



WELCOME

Dear all,

Welcome to April's newsletter.

On Easter Sunday I wrote an article for the Mail on Sunday arguing that we need to get back to the office. Here is an excerpt:

“ Being a civil servant means taking on a commitment to the public good. The very term Civil Service denotes a body of officials whose job it is to serve the State and serve the public. By long tradition in Britain, civil servants work for the public good, diligently, anonymously, with the reward coming at the end of a career with a decent pension and, occasionally, an honour. Many still do.

Look at the people who worked on the Vaccine Taskforce. They are some of the many unsung heroes in our country during the pandemic. Doubtless, by necessity, much of that noble work was done by people working from home. But now that the restrictions have been lifted, they should be returning to the office. After all, that is what much of the country has done. It is simply unacceptable for so many of our public servants to continue sitting at home. ”

The full article can be read here: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-10725063/Government-staff-insisting-working-home-ruining-country-writes-SIR-GRAHAM-BRADY.html>

VISTIS

OUT & ABOUT IN HALE



The House prorogues today, returning on 10th May for the Queen's Speech and a new session of Parliament. Before then the local elections will be an important test of opinion across much of Britain.

I also attended the CPS and the Atlantic Council, the Centre for Policy Studies and New Financial panel on 'The future of UK banking and finance'.

Finally, it was a pleasure to provide an interview with a young constituent who wanted to ask me some questions for his university dissertation.

Tomorrow I'm speaking at Nusrat Ghani MP's constituency event in Sussex.

IN PARLIAMENT

1922 COMMITTEE



The Tuesday after Easter the House returned. The following day I had a meeting with the PM immediately after PMQs, then it was back to chair the '22 - we hosted Priti Patel as our guest speaker.

The Home Secretary fielded questions from colleagues. There were a number of queries, particularly on the topic of immigration and borders.

PAUL SCULLY MP



On 27th April I took a constituent to meet with Paul Scully, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy to discuss proposed regulatory changes that would affect his business.

The minister took the concern on board and I think a useful connection was established with officials. On to chair a very good session of the '22 with Defence Secretary Ben Wallace.

BBC RADIO 4 INTERVIEW



Earlier today I had an interview with historian Professor Sir David Cannadine who's compiling a documentary on the 1922 Committee for Radio 4. It's likely to be broadcast in the next few weeks.

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

With best wishes,

Follow me on social media:

