

Nigel Huddleston's June Report

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What a month it has been. The former Prime Minister Harold Wilson famously remarked that a week is a long time in politics, but the last five weeks have felt longer than most. Britain has voted to leave the European Union, the Prime Minister has announced he will stand down and there is turmoil over the leadership of the Labour party.

There are two stages to the Conservative leadership election. First, Conservative MPs vote to narrow down the current 5 candidates to just 2 in a series of ballots in Parliament. The first of these took place yesterday, with Theresa May topping the poll and two contenders, Liam Fox and Stephen Crabb, dropping out following the vote. There will be another ballot on Thursday 7th July before the final two candidates will go to a ballot of all current Conservative Party members. The final result is due to be announced on 9th September.

positive vision for the future of our country. From the conversations I have had in the constituency, Theresa May is the preferred candidate of both the local electorate and local Conservative members and supporters – including many who had supported Brexit. You can read my reasons for backing Theresa in full [here](#).

The Prime Minister made clear that he would leave it to his successor to begin the formal process of exit negotiations. In the meantime, there will be no change in the way Britons can travel, in the way our goods can move or how our services can be sold. I would also reassure British citizens living in European countries and European citizens living here that there will be no immediate changes in their circumstances. The UK will remain in the European Union while we negotiate our exit and I am confident that we will find a way to navigate a new course for the UK that will enable us to flourish as a nation and determine our own destiny while participating fully on the international stage.

Away from the drama of Westminster, June for me began with visits in the constituency to Primafruit, Ferryfast and the House of the Open Door Community. I have also visited Acorns Children's Hospice and the Acquired Brain Injury Centre Evesham, as well as a number of local schools, Westlands First, Badsey First, the De Montford, St Nicholas First and Middle, and St Mary's Evesham. The beginning of the summer also saw a number of annual events take place including the Droitwich Food Festival, Evesham Carnival and Asparafest. Back in London, I was also delighted to have the opportunity to take my Mum to Trooping the Colour.

On a final note, June also saw the very sad loss of Jo Cox MP. As a fellow member of the 2015 intake of MPs I was devastated to hear the news of her murder. It is heart-breaking to know that two young children will now grow up without their mother. In her all too short parliamentary career, Jo made a huge impression and was respected and admired by everyone who came into contact with her - from all political parties. Whenever Jo stood up to speak you knew it would be worth listening to. I was pleased to be able to join colleagues at St Margaret's Church in Westminster Abbey to remember Jo. She will be greatly missed.



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