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COMMUNIQUÉ

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DEAR FRIENDS

It is now over a month since the general election and this is my first opportunity to provide you all with an update as to how things are progressing generally.

It would seem that the transition from the old parliament to the new is finally gaining some traction and after living out of a handbag for the last four weeks I have finally been allocated a room. At last I can now become fully operational in Westminster. I will also be taking over the rooms previously occupied by Ann Widdecombe in the constituency office in Maidstone and hope to be fully up and running there within a couple of weeks too.

I have recruited an excellent Parliamentary Assistant, Mr Will Naylor and I am seeking a caseworker for the constituency too, see below in this newsletter for details. Whoever joins me is going to be a very busy bee - my post bags and email inboxes are full and I am pleased to be seeing a large number of people at my constituency surgeries too.

I have set out in this newsletter some information which I hope will be of use to you in the future, and a list of the constituency engagements in my diary so far for the coming month. I hope to see you out and about and do please contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

With very best wishes

HELEN GRANT MP

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CONSTITUENCY SURGERIES

Surgeries are now taking place in the constituency and appointments can be made by calling 01622 752463 between 10.30am and 3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Forthcoming surgery dates already confirmed are as follows;

- **Friday 18th June, 10:15am – 1:00pm**
- **Friday 25th June, 10:15am – 12:45pm**
- **Friday 2nd July, 10:15am – 1:00pm**
- **Friday 9th July, 10:15am – 12:00pm**

CONSTITUENCY CASEWORKER VACANCY

A Constituency caseworker is required urgently to assist in providing advice and assistance to the constituents of Maidstone & the Weald.

The successful applicant will be highly literate, skilled at drafting letters and be able to communicate and empathise strongly with constituents both by phone and in face to face meetings.

Competence with the Microsoft Office package, email and internet systems is essential. The role is based mainly in the Maidstone office with some duties in Westminster from time to time. Hours are negotiable, between 3 and 5 days a week. The salary will be based on skills and experience within pay bands set down by the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority.

If you are interested please send your CV and a covering letter quoting ref: MPC090610CC by email to helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk or by post to Helen Grant MP, House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA.

**SITUATIONS
VACANT**

HELEN'S FORTHCOMING CONSTITUENCY DIARY EVENTS (as of 8th June 2010)

- **Tuesday 8th June, 1:00pm** – Meeting Barbara Hagan of Maidstone Carers.
- **Thursday 10th June, 5:30pm** – opening of the Academic Centre at Maidstone Hospital
- **Friday 11th June, 9:00am** – meeting the new chief executive and directors of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council at Maidstone Borough Council.
- **Friday 11th June, 10:30am** – Visiting Maidstone Grammar School for Girls
- **Friday 11th June, 12:30pm** – Meeting representatives of the Medway River Users Association at 3, Albion Place, Maidstone.
- **Friday 11th June, 2:00pm** – Maidstone Mini World Cup event and presentations at Mote Park.
- **Friday 18th June, 10:00am** – Attending the start of the KCC Kent Cycle event outside County Hall.
- **Friday 18th June, 10:30am until 1:00pm** - Constituency surgery at 3 Albion Place, Maidstone, ME14 5DY
- **Friday 18th June, 4:00pm** - Meetings with constituents.
- **Tuesday 22nd June, 12:55pm** – Meeting pupils of Brunswick House Primary School at the House of Commons
- **Friday 25th June, 10:15am – 12:45pm** – Constituency surgery at 3 Albion Place, Maidstone, ME14 5DY
- **Friday 25th June, 2:00pm** – attending Yalding Primary School for the opening of their kitchen extension.
- **Friday 25th June, 3:00pm** – attending the Mayor and Mayoress's garden party in Staplehurst
- **Friday 25th June, 4:30pm** – attending Johnsons Dry Cleaners to celebrate the opening of their newly refurbished branch in Allington.
- **Friday 2nd July, 10:15am – 12:45pm** – Constituency surgery at 3 Albion Place, Maidstone, ME14 5DY
- **Friday 2nd July, 1:15pm** - Meeting with Chief Superintendent Nix at Maidstone Police Station.
- **Friday 2nd July, 2:30pm** – Opening Northborough School fete
- **Friday 9th July, 10:15am – 12:00pm** – Constituency surgery at 3 Albion Place, Maidstone, ME14 5DY
- **Friday 9th July, 12:30pm** – Meeting in Maidstone with Baroness Greengross, Chief Executive of the Tomorrow's People charity.
- **Friday 9th July, 3:00pm** – Visiting Caroline Jessel, Chief Executive of Dandelion Time in East Farleigh
- **Saturday 10th July, 2:00pm** – Opening Iden Manor Nursing Home summer fete in Staplehurst.
- **Thursday 15th July, 1:00pm** – Meeting with Alison Broom, Chief Executive of Maidstone Borough Council
- **Thursday 15th July, 3:30pm** – Meeting with Kent Enviropower at the Allington incinerator.
- **Friday 16th July, 10:00am (TBC)** – opening the Horizon Project at Angley School.
- **Friday 16th July, 12:00pm** – Attending the President's Luncheon at the Kent County Show, Detling Showground.
- **Saturday 17th July, 7:00pm** – attending a farewell dinner for Ann Widdecombe at St Ronan's School
- **Friday 23rd July, 1:00pm** – Alzheimer's Society – opening office in Loose and meeting staff

Best wishes

HELEN GRANT MP

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