



Uplifting Words From Our New Chairman, Peter N Lockyer.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate and thank my predecessor Brian Taylor for his excellent work whilst Chairman. I know he is not retiring, but will be continuing to help the Conservative Association and Party in many ways. I look forward to the challenge that this position brings and as usual, I am focused to the 'job in hand' to which I will give my full attention and experience. Looking to my knowledgeable colleagues for advice and support.

My election as Chairman of the Gosport Conservative Association marks a new and exciting chapter for me and I know that I have a good team of officers and councillors to work alongside me.

My aims are to promote the association and to increase the membership that has fallen both here in Gosport and nationally. There is a need to generate a new interest in local politics and I am open to all ideas with this aim in mind.

It is the overriding function of the Conservative Association to elect a Conservative Member of Parliament and councillors for both the Borough and County councils and I find myself in the middle of the Elections that take place on 22nd May to elect our town councillor and members for the European Parliament.

It is essential that we continue to hold our regular fund raising events, money is tight and with the general Elections next year, we will need to improve the association's bank balance to re-elect our excellent MP Caroline Dinenage who has been a real star in promoting Gosport's interests at Westminster.

Once again we will be asking for volunteers to help with all of the essential work of counting and bundling leaflets, stuffing envelopes and then of course pushing the leaflets through letter boxes. Please do not be shy, we need your help and you will be supplied with as much coffee as you can drink.

I am confident that I have all the attributes to carry out the duties of Chairman; I am also surrounded by a strong team of Association members, Councillors and our very own Caroline Dinenage M.P. For those of you I have not yet met, I look forward to meeting you in the very near future.

Peter was Elected Chairman of Gosport Conservative Association on 27th March 2014. He has lived in Gosport for forty-one years, married with two children who both attended local schools. He served in the Royal Navy for thirty-one years, based in Portsmouth, living in Gosport. After retiring Peter fulfilled a long standing ambition, enrolling at Portsmouth University where he read history, gaining an M.A. (merit) in Maritime Studies.



Brian Taylor Bows Out!

Pictured left are Brian Taylor our retiring Chairman with Caroline Dinenage MP and Margaret Snaith-Tempia President of Gosport Conservative Association at the AGM on 27th March 2014.

Brian will be spending time with his wife Pauline soaking up the sun at his home in Spain, but assures us that he will be back from time to time to ensure that all is well here in Gosport.

Our grateful thanks and best wishes go to Brian for his many years of service to Gosport both as a Councillor and as Chairman of the Gosport Conservative Association and of course to his lovely long suffering wife Pauline who has supported him in all that he has done.



2014 began with renewed optimism. Not only has the IMF declared that Britain's economy is on the mend with projected growth of 2.4% this year. Closer to home and since taking the leadership of the council four years ago, the Conservative team have delivered more improvements in our town than has been the case for 20 years. To name but a few:

- Schools rebuild - £12m
- Daedalus enterprise zone - £31m for Infrastructure, services and refurbished runway all now well in hand
- Newgate Lane £8.5m upgrade. The work has started
- The prospect of a Western Relief Road to ease traffic congestion on the A32 after visits to Gosport by both the Transport Minister and Secretary of State for Transport.
- Highly successful £15m Gosport Leisure Park
- First chain hotel in Gosport, The Premier Inn and Sailmaker Pub Restaurant.
- Planet Ice Upgrade in 2014 - £.825m
- Rowner Regeneration Project with a new TESCO supermarket & Costa Coffee.
- Investment in housing - £9m
- Sports and play areas - including the new Stokes Bay Splash Park - £0.75m
- A new highly acclaimed gateway to Gosport ferry pontoon- £5m
- CEMAST Apprentices Skills College - £15m opening autumn 2014
- Visits arranged by Caroline Dinenage MP of The Secretary of State for Transport to drive forward the Western Relief Road / Stubbington By-pass project.
- Very successful BRT providing fast & reliable connection to Fareham & Portsmouth Harbour railway stations
- Investment of £170,000 in our Town Centre. Vacant units amongst our 183 shops reduced from 1 in 9 to 1 in 15, this well below the national average.
- Delivering the nearly completed superb Alver Valley Country Park.
- 25 new businesses established over the last 12-18 months.
- Did I mention no Council Tax increase in five years in a row for Gosport people?
- Haslar project outline plans now submitted.
- Unemployment rate down, well below the national average.
- New out of hours noise service.
- Taking our football club to Wembley in the FA Trophy.
- Plans approved for 1st phase of Waterfront re-development

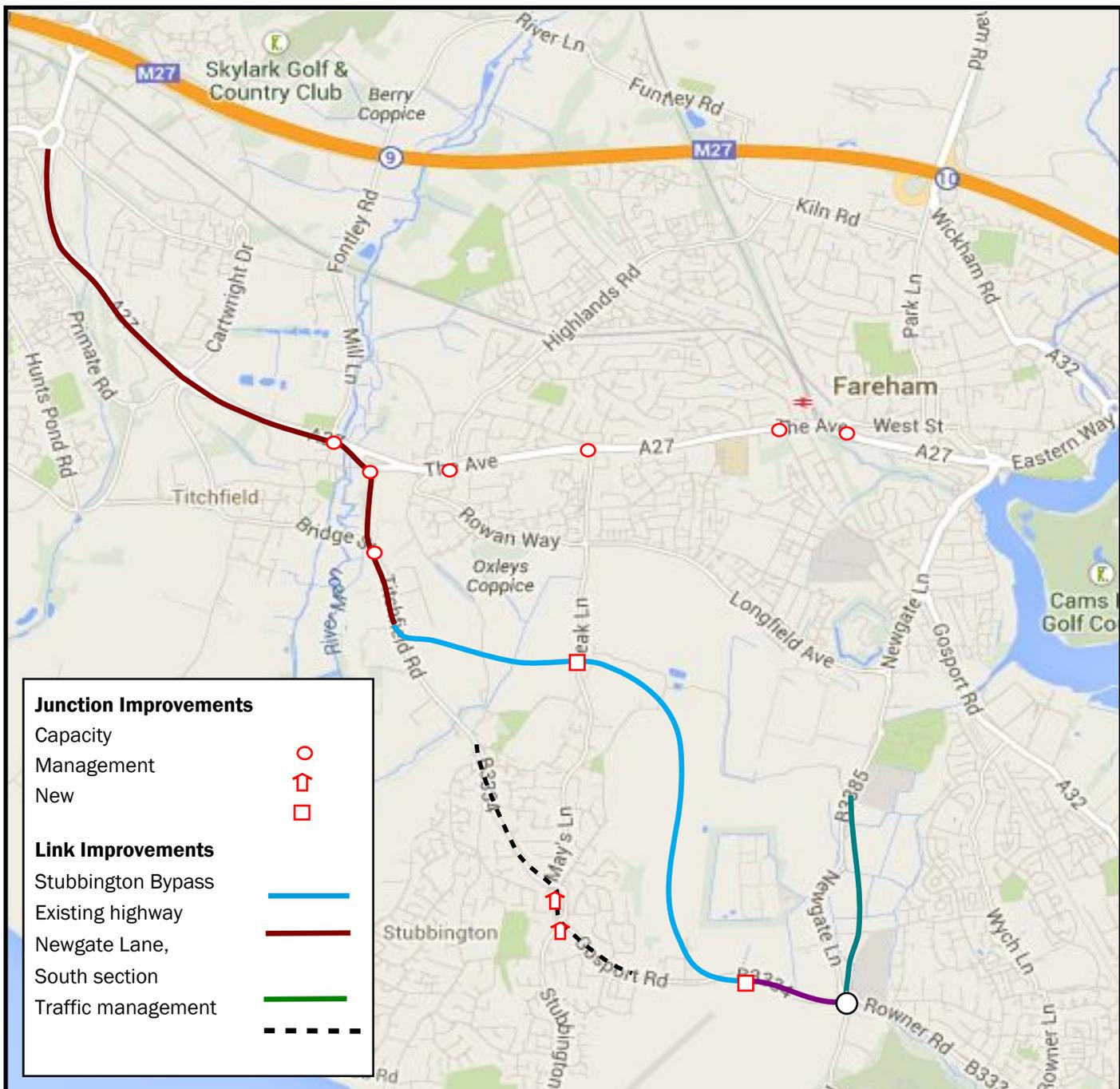


**The UKIP Danger
Is that a vote for them**

Could result in a win for Labour

Gosport Conservatives are working

Let's keep it that way!



On the 17th March 2014, councillors voted on the preferred route for the Western Relief Road. Above is the map that shows the route that has now been approved. This is a scheme that has been a Conservative ideal for many years now and it is thanks to people like Cllr Shaun Woodward, Cllr Graham Burgess, Cllr Chris Carter and of course our MP Caroline Dinenage that the plan is moving forwards and has an excellent chance of becoming reality.

This new route is essential to provide the access that Gosport needs to service both residents and businesses on the peninsula, it has long been the case that the A32 is totally overworked especially at peak times when people are trying to get to work. The new route will allow those who need to take a westward journey will not have to use the A32 and this will have a huge effect on traffic volumes and flow.

With government promising more cash for infrastructure projects, the Stubbington by-pass scheme is very much in

line for the £90m needed to bring about this much needed new road. Schemes such as the Daedalus Enterprise Zone will provide thousands of new employment opportunities for Gosport people and it is essential that the site does have excellent road access.

Already work in Newgate Lane has begun, a £5.8m scheme to improve traffic flow through widening the road and eliminating the problem areas such as the roundabout at the northern end.

A cycle lane is part of the plan and this will please many motorists who have experienced the problems of cyclists on this narrow and busy road.



Licensing changes & Streetscene

In the drive to cut down on administrative costs, Gosport has joined with Fareham to ensure that both councils are providing the best service for money.

The move has enabled the authorities to provide a new out of hours noise service that Councillor Roger Allen chairman of the licensing board has been pressing for. This will allow officers to attend offending establishments that are playing loud music or creating unacceptable levels of industrial noise and take appropriate action.

Gosport's Streetscene service has proved to be extremely effective in dealing with problems within the borough and you will have seen the vans around as the town hall officers carry out their duties.



We do need the help of the public to let us know of problems and you can do this by either getting in touch with your councillor's or by using the **0800 198 598** number that will take you direct to the department.

Gosport has an excellent reputation for cleanliness and efficiency; a great place to live under a hard working conscientious Conservative administration.

Let's keep it that way



Conservatives



18-30 club for swans. Article by Debbie Grant

This is how an expert in swan behaviour described the huge congregation of these birds at Walpole Park. These are young birds that have not yet paired and have found that this is a good place to

meet partners. Swans pair for life.

A bonus for the birds is that people from the town feed them and it is not unusual to see people with large bags of bread surrounded by swans squabbling for the handouts.

The sight of these magnificent birds is something to be admired and the children just love to see them there.



The problem is, that these birds cannot properly digest the bread that is on offer and it passes straight through them creating the awful mess on the footpaths and on the grass around the ponds. The muck has also heavily polluted the water in the ponds and is responsible for creating the terrible smell that the better weather brings.

The sediment at the bottom of the ponds is now polluted; has become most unpleasant and a health hazard. Something must be done

It will cost a lot of money to drain the ponds and to clean out and dispose of the heavily polluted mud from the bottom. The council is working with "Natural England" to determine the best way in which this essential work can be carried out.

Time after time notices have been put around the park telling people not to feed the swans, but to little avail. It is evident that the swans have become a problem, but only because they have been fed the wrong food. People enjoy having the birds here at Walpole Park and it will be useful if those who wish to feed the birds can obtain appropriate food such as corn local to the park.

This is a park where people come to relax, children come to play and the model yacht owners organise the spectacular events that show off the wonderful models that they have created. We need to keep it clean and free of the awful mess that we see today.

We need to get the best advice on how to manage the swans and to implement the cleaning of the ponds so that we can avoid the awful stink that is caused by the foul sediments on the bottom.

The Battle for Fort Brockhurst

I wonder how many like me recall the days when public events were held in Fort Brockhurst. I can remember many such events ranging from boat jumbles, to days when re-enactment societies paraded their troops and enthralled and delighted the crowds with musket and cannon fire. We had music festivals in the grounds of the fort with top flight entertainers providing the kinds of noise that delights the younger people of today and causes old grumps like me to leave town for the day.

I was community getting together and enjoying the facilities that were available prior to the meanies of English Heritage who in their wisdom decided that they did not want the people of the town and in full contradiction of their remit to preserve the heritage of our country for all, they closed and bolted the gates.

This has been a bone of contention for quite some time, after all, the fort belongs to the nation and is not the

Caroline's address to the House.

I congratulate Jenny Chapman on securing this important debate. English Heritage does fine work to protect historic places in England, and to preserve the past so that future generations may discover it. I fully appreciate the Hon. Lady's concern that it should remain financially secure, so that key historic sites, and particularly those that do not attract high numbers of visitors, will be protected. However, it is vital during the changes that English Heritage should do all it can to allow people to be involved with historic sites in their area. That lets them connect with their heritage, and it will help to preserve historic sites and improve their financial viability. Sadly, that is not what has happened to Fort Brockhurst, in my constituency. My remarks will be blatantly parochial and will deal with the performance of English Heritage in my area.

Fort Brockhurst is an imposing structure built in the 1850s and 1860s to protect Portsmouth harbour against a French invasion. The sides and top are covered in grass; clearly Victorian architects assumed that that might fool the French. It has a magnificent red brick, moated keep, gun ramps and fascinating buildings, but there is also a massive green space in the middle, which local people enjoyed for decades. It played host to many concerts and even car boot sales over the years, and other events that brought the community together. However, it also brought to life the military history that is such a feature of the Gosport peninsula. It became a tangible asset for generations of youngsters, who grew up proud of their area's role in the defence of the nation.

Unfortunately, such events ground to a halt, and that striking example of mid-19th century fortification is now open to the public for only a few hours a month, in the



private estate of those at English Heritage to use only as they see fit. The call for this to end is now ringing clear and has been taken up by our MP Caroline Dinéage in Westminster. Her speech made during the debate is copied below and overleaf and to my mind emphasises perfectly our legitimate demands that Gosport people be allowed to enjoy the rich heritage that is theirs.

summer. Throughout the winter its doors are barred to all comers. It is a gently rotting relic of the past, with no life or role in the community where it used to have an integral place. Would not it be wonderful if the community could rally together to breathe life back into it?

The situation is frustrating, because there exists a community organisation in Gosport that has been willing and able to staff the site, provide tours, and maintain and restore it. It is called the Gosport Shed. It is a social club for older men, and it gives retired men a chance to keep active by working with their hands, mending things and learning new skills while meeting new people. As many as 800,000 people in England are chronically lonely, and many are older or retired men. Groups such as the Gosport Shed offer them great opportunities to make new friends and take up a new hobby. A wonderful man called Martin Corrick founded it to help retired men battle social isolation and depression.

Our unique heritage is not something to be kept under lock and key. It should be a living thing that groups and individuals feel they can engage with. I do not know whether the example I have outlined is an isolated one. I hope that it is. Does the Minister agree that, to face the future, we must remember that we and English Heritage are guardians of our heritage, and that there is little point in preserving that as a dusty relic that no one can see, enjoy, learn from or participate in?

Continued overleaf

Originally Gosport Shed struck a deal with English Heritage to make its home in Fort Brockhurst. It was a fantastic example of local people coming together to do something for the community. Maintaining the historic site also offered older people a project to give them a renewed sense of purpose. I know that the local curator was supportive, but unfortunately the group felt that English Heritage threw obstacles in its path, until eventually, its tenure recently became unsuitable and unsustainable. The group has now moved out, and thankfully has found a new home at Priddy's Hard, the home of the Explosion! museum of naval firepower, which is also in my constituency. Thanks to the Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust, members will help to restore the grounds and the amazing old buildings, and will offer guided tours of the ramparts. They have been welcomed with open arms. Yet, although the Gosport Shed has found a new home, **Fort Brockhurst remains locked up, and for most of the year is closed to the public. Officially it is used for storage, although it is beyond me to think what could reasonably be stored in a damp, decaying building.**



community. English Heritage says that it wants community groups to consider local heritage, and that it wants to encourage people to be involved in preserving history. Unfortunately, however, when local people tried to help preserve an historic site, they were shut out. Does the Minister agree that it is regrettable that they were not only shut out of an old building, but were shut out of part of their history?

Does the Minister agree that in a discussion of how we protect historic buildings, it is crucial that English Heritage should remember that it is the guardian of our heritage, not that of clerks, curators and museum keepers? Fort Brockhurst should offer local people the chance to connect with the history of the region, rather than being a dusty old store room. It should play an integral role in the

They deserve our full support

The guys who make up 'The Shed' membership had cleared up and redecorated part of the fort where they set up their benches, tools and equipment. Between them they have a large range of skills and it is excellent to see the things that they are making and repairing while keeping out of mischief.

When Roger Allen visited them, he was surprised to see a wicker coffin under construction. It seems that there is quite a call for these as people opt for alternative green burials.



After all the work put in by the members to bring the unit up to standard, they have now been obliged to move out because of the impossible restrictions and demands placed on them by English Heritage. Not what you would expect from an organisation that is charged with ensuring that our heritage is kept alive for all people to benefit from and enjoy.

Westminster Update from Caroline Dinenage MP

With Easter fast approaching it's time to update you on what I've been doing on your behalf in Westminster and locally.

I am keenly aware that transport is a major issue for

everyone in our area. With less than half a job per working adult here in Gosport 20,000 people have to commute out to work every day along the dreadful A32. It is a testament to the strong work ethic of the people of Gosport that our unemployment rate is not significantly higher, but we desperately need better transport links to make sure that people in our area are not cut off from good jobs. That's why I've worked hard to help secure an £8.5 million package for improvements to Newgate Lane, and am currently lobbying the Government for a £90 million package to build a new road onto the Gosport Peninsular, improve the A27 and enhance motorway access in our area. On 17th March I held a debate in Parliament calling for improvements to our local roads, and better rail links between London and the South Coast. I will continue to push the Government on this issue.

Together with the Daedalus Strategy Group which I put together back in 2010, I've been working hard to ensure that the former MOD site reaches its potential to provide a vital economic boost to our area. So far we have secured over £38 million investment in the site where a new CEMAST Skills Centre will open in September, with a Business Innovation Centre to follow soon after. I was recently joined at Daedalus by Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills Vince Cable MP, to

celebrate the topping out of the new CEMAST Skills Centre. I have frequently pushed the Government for more skills training and better vocational qualifications, so it was fantastic that the Secretary of State came to see

a site in our area that will help young people get the skills they need to get on in life.

Ensuring that people have a good levels of skills has been a real priority for me in Westminster. Most recently I helped to secure a Business Innovation & Skills Select Committee inquiry into adult literacy and numeracy issues in the UK, and have launched a cross party group to look at the issues of Maths and Numeracy. Britain is the only country in the Western world in which our

pensioners have higher levels of literacy and numeracy than our 18-24 year olds, so we must do everything we can to make sure that our young people do not get left behind. This includes ensuring that our schools have adequate facilities, In the last few months I've helped Bay House school get funding for their new sports hall and Bridgemary school secure a new 3G all weather football pitch. Both of these will be available for the use of the local community. Let's hope that it helps to encourage some sporting stars of the future like those of our very own Gosport Borough FC who've made it to Wembley & the FA Trophy final!

It's really important to me that I am standing up for the people of Gosport on the issues that matter to you; if you have any issue that you wish to raise, or any problem that I can help with in my role as your MP then please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Please feel free to contact me on any issue, or to find out when my next surgery is. I'm always happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster and Big Ben for my constituents. Please contact my office at least three months in advance to make sure you get a place - the tours are very popular!

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Caroline Dinenage is recognised as one of the hardest working and most effective MP's in Parliament

Working for Gosport.



In or Out, what the parties offer!

Labour

Content to accept the increasing incursion by Brussels and allowing control over our laws and immigration policies.

Lib Dems

Total dedication to increased integration with Europe.

UKIP

Immediate withdrawal from the European Union with no negotiations for a better deal for Britain.

Conservatives

Re-negotiation of our terms of membership of the European Union before putting it to the British people in a Yes - No referendum



We live in a democratic society where the will of the people is paramount and yet it transpires that the only party willing to allow the people to choose whether or not we should remain in the European Union are the Conservatives.

The question has to be asked, why do the other parties not join with us on what is democratic and based on pure common sense?

The only answer that presents itself is - **They just do not trust the British people** to make a rational decision when provided with the facts. They stand condemned by their own policies as totally undemocratic and unworthy of the respect of the people of this land.

There are benefits to us having close ties with our European partners. We live in a commercial world where trade is everything and it was with this in mind that Edward

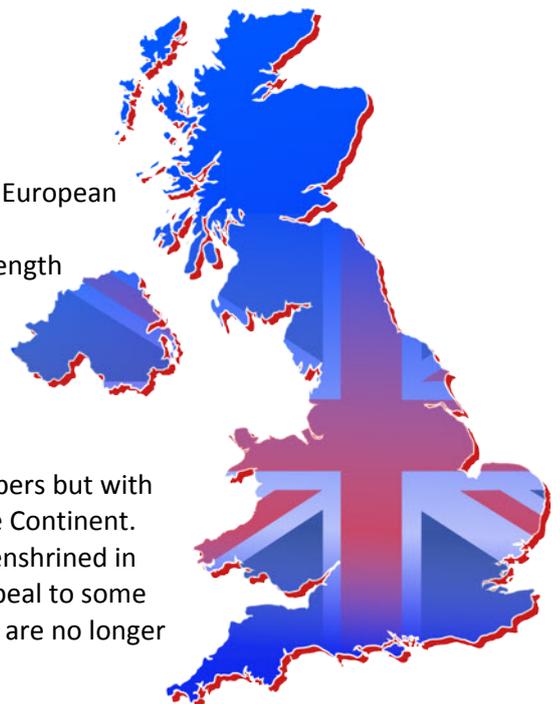
Heath took us into the Common Market in 1973 following a referendum and having the support of a majority of the people. What has happened since with the ever encroaching involvement by Brussels into the very fabric of our culture is not what we signed up for.

Our European partners have to recognise that the position has to be re-negotiated to the satisfaction of the British people and that they be given the opportunity to assess what is on the table before deciding to either accept or reject what is on offer. This has everything to do with sovereignty and our right to determine our own laws and taxes and indeed who we will allow to come here. We cannot accept blindly to accede to dictates from Brussels that impact upon our right of self determination without the permission of the British people .

That is the democratic way.

These are the main issues That must be resolved.

- Powers flowing away from Brussels, not always to it.
- National parliaments able to work together to block unwanted European legislation.
- Businesses liberated from red tape and benefiting from the strength of the EU's own market .
- Our police forces and justice systems able to protect British citizens, unencumbered by unnecessary interference from the European institutions.
- Free movement to take up work, not free benefits.
- Support for the continued enlargement of the EU to new members but with new mechanisms in place to prevent vast migrations across the Continent.
- And dealing properly with the concept of "ever closer union", enshrined in the treaty, to which every EU country has to sign up. It may appeal to some countries, but it is not right for Britain, and we must ensure we are no longer subject to it.



What's Happened on Gosport's Economic Front in February

- 03/02/2014 Solent Local Enterprise Partnership publish their £2.4 billion plan entitled "Transforming the Solent".
- 03/02/14 Details are released of the Coastguards new £2 million training hub at Daedalus.
- 06/02/14 The Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills performs the topping out ceremony at Daedalus accompanied by Caroline Dinenage and Gosport's Conservative Councillors.
- 07/02/14 Caroline Dinenage spearheads bid for Assisted Area Status.
- 09/02/14 Barratt Homes hold an informal meeting over palms to build 101 homes adjacent to the Enterprise Zone at Daedalus
- 11/02/14 Plans made public for a proposed £5.3 million Business Innovation Centre at Daedalus.
- 12/02/14 Gosport Conservatives deliver a nil increase in the council tax for the fifth consecutive year and there will be no cuts in services.
- 20/02/14 Hampshire County Council announces it will freeze council tax for 2014/15.
- 19/02/14 Unemployment continues to fall in Gosport as more jobs are created in our area.
- 20/02/14 Beaulieu Properties announce revised plans for their Mumby Road development. Instead of a hotel there will be an Aldi store. There are also proposed to be fewer residential properties.
- 20/02/14 Solent LEP re-opens its Bridging the Gap fund for Portsmouth Gosport and Havant. Business can bid for a share of a pot of £680,000.
- 20/02/14 Alverstoke swimmer, Anna Wardley, and Cllr John Beavis, Mayor of Gosport, perform the official opening of Seagrass, a PR and communications business now based in Spring Garden Lane.
- 24/02/14 Solent LEP publish their Solent European Structural & Investment Funds strategy. This bid is for £37 million of European money and is part of the £2.4 billion Strategic Economic Plan.
- 25/02/14 Hallam Land submit their planning application to build 1,550 homes on land to the north of Stubbington. Amongst other things the developer promises to build a Stubbington by-pass.
- 28/02/14 Caroline Dinenage MP is guest of honour as Nelson's Bar reopens after refurbishment. Twelve new jobs have been created at the pub/restaurant.

"Triple Lock" security for pensioners

It is a Conservative determination to ensure that people who have worked hard in their working years have the security that they deserve in their retirement.

The Triple Lock ensures that the basic pension is protected providing for an annual rise in line with wages or by 2.5% whichever is the greater and this will continue after the next election in 2015. It is important to guarantee financial security for those who have a basic state pension and it can only be done through taking the difficult decisions necessary to put our economy back on track after the disaster left to the nation by Labour.

Now the Chancellor George Osborne has announced that pensioners can put their money into pensioner ISA's that

will ensure that they get a good return for the money that they have

saved. A landmark decision to allow pensioners to access their own pension pots demonstrates quite clearly Conservative intention to do away with a system that denies pensioners the responsibility of spending the money that they have saved for their retirement.

To suggest that people in retirement cannot be trusted to use their money wisely is both insulting and a nonsense. George Osborne must be commended for ensuring that this injustice is ended.



Negotiation is key!

2014 is a year that is seeing the beginnings of the recovery of the economy, proof that the painful measures that have had to be endured are working. We cannot relax, to do so would be folly indeed, we need to strengthen our hold on the tiller that is steering us through the storm that rages still.

With Labour determined not to admit that they were wrong we must not be drawn in by their jam today attitudes because we know where that leads.

Pronouncements coming from the Labour camp can now appear ridiculous and even infantile, they just will not learn that governments can only control the climate in which our businesses have to work and then only within the constraints of the global situation.

'Split up the banks' says Miliband. Immediately shares in those institutions nose-dived and remember we the taxpayers own billions of pounds worth in RBS and Lloyds. It was Miliband in conjunction with Gordon Brown and Ed Balls who were at the helm and ran us aground during the Labour years. Can we really contemplate putting them back in charge of the ship once we have refloated her?

On 22nd May the country will go to the polls to elect both local councillors and also our Euro MPs. To the mind of many this is wrong asking people to vote on these two separate matters. What happens here in our town hall has no bearing on what happens in Brussels and the reverse is also true.

Here in Gosport the Conservative administration was put in place four years ago by the people, following 20 years of stagnation under Labour and Liberal Democrat collusion. In just four years Conservatives have produced the goods and moved Gosport ahead with massive new investment into the town producing more businesses, more leisure facilities, more homes and importantly more jobs for Gosport people. For the fifth year running the council will this year hold council tax at the present level with no increase and no cuts in services or jobs.

We have done so much and there are solid plans to do much much more, it really is up to you. Do you want this to continue or are you prepared to allow the opposition parties to once again bring chaos and waste back to our town hall?

Your response to this important question can be delivered on polling day when you vote for whom you trust to continue to manage Gosport's affairs effectively and efficiently. **May I suggest that you vote Conservative.**

When it comes to considering the question of whom do we trust to represent Great Britain in Brussels, the question does get a tad more complex because of the nonsense that is being trotted out regarding our relationship with Europe.



Labour does not want you to have the opportunity to have your say in a referendum, they do not trust the British people to follow their determination to relinquish even more of our sovereignty to Brussels. They have the full backing of the Lib Dems who believe in complete integration into a United European State.

Then of course we have UKIP who can easily appeal to all who are sick to the back teeth of European interference in what really matters to us, our laws our immigration policy and our culture. Their policy is to get out of Europe, but what is not being said has to do with the legalities and practicalities that surround this oversimplistic statement of intent.

There are so many hurdles to jump through that cannot be ignored if we as a country decide to divorce ourselves from Europe; we must look to our trading relationships; how we will implement our foreign policies and the whole manner in which we continue our relationship with the rest of Europe?

David Cameron has promised the British people that they will have the opportunity to vote in a YES-NO referendum in 2017 if Conservatives are in government. It is obvious that if Conservatives are not in government after the 2015 general election, then there will be no referendum.

In presenting the case for remaining in the union or for leaving, the choices that we are offering the British public must be clear. We want to take back powers from Brussels and address those matters that are causing so much disagreement. We will have to fight for the best deal possible and ensure that the facts are laid out comprehensively before we ask the British people to consider the options available when the question is asked.

Whether the other members of the EU will be prepared to listen to the case being made for repatriation of powers back to our shores is an unknown at this point in time, but I firmly believe that it is incumbent on us to try and then we will see how much we are valued by the European Union and how much they will concede to persuade the British people to vote for continued union.

One thing is certain is that no concessions or not enough can have only one result and that is for the members of the EU to contemplate and address.

Lies in Lib Dem leaflets.

They said -

Council tax freeze for fifth year thanks to Liberal Democrats?

Tory Cuts in services say the Lib Dems

Tories will get rid of the swans in Walpole Park

The facts

Lib Dems took no part in determining Gosport's budget, tabled no amendments and abstained from voting.

Services provided at lower costs without loss of any quality and even improvement are not cuts

Please read Debbie Ward's article on page 4 to get the truth of the matter

CAROLINE URGES LOCAL PEOPLE TO SIGN UP TO THE BIG DEAL CAMPAIGN FOR CHEAPER ENERGY BILLS

Caroline Dinenage, Member of Parliament for Gosport, has today urged local residents to sign up to the ThisIsTheBigDeal.com campaign to beat the Big Six energy companies and save hundreds of pounds on their energy bills.

ThisIsTheBigDeal.com is a national campaign for cheaper energy. It brings people together to harness their collective buying power and deliver lower bills. The campaign has already received support from senior figures in every major party, and almost ten thousand people have already signed up in just a couple of weeks. Similar schemes across the world have led to savings of 16.5%. In Britain the equivalent would be about £200 per person.

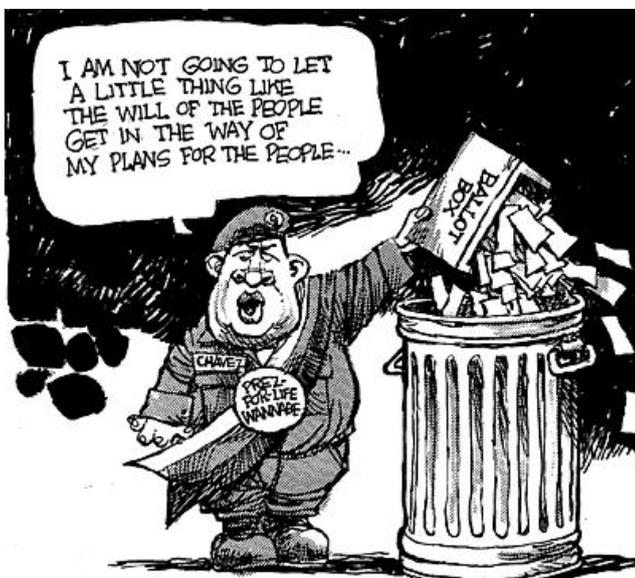
Commenting, Caroline said:

"I know that energy bills are one of the biggest worries for people in the Gosport area. ThisIsTheBigDeal.com is all about people power – more people means lower bills. Together, we can beat the Big Six and save hundreds of pounds."

Henry de Zoete, Co-founder of ThisIsTheBigDeal.com, said:

"We are delighted that Caroline has chosen to support our campaign for cheaper energy. Energy bills have become completely unaffordable; by joining together we can take on the Big Six and demand cheaper bills. Sign up is free, there's no obligation, and it takes less than sixty seconds."

Gosport area residents can sign up online in less than a minute at www.thisisthebigdeal.com, or by calling 0333 222 5871 anytime on standard rates. There is no obligation to switch.



You are in charge of Gosport's future

Lib Dem Plans for Gosport..... Nil

Labour plans for GosportNil

UKIP plans for Gosport Knock down and rebuild the bus station. Buy up all of the empty shops in the High Street.

Only Conservatives have a forward plans for Gosport as see with four years of massive improvement.

Only you the voter can ensure that the plans for the future continue; Your vote is important, please ensure that yours is for Gosport Moving Forward with Conservative drive,



A message from Councillor Mark Hook

Leader of Gosport Conservative Councillors

On 22nd May you have the opportunity to choose who you trust to represent your interests on Gosport Borough Council; you have also to elect a representative for the European Parliament. It is important that the two elections are kept in their correct context.

In 2010 Gosport Conservatives gained overall control of the council. You voted for a Conservative administration and we took up the challenge. Two decades of no overall control where political grandstanding stifled Conservative initiatives had seen money wasted and common sense sidelined. I believe that you will recognise the progress that has been achieved.

For the fifth year in a row, the council tax will not rise. This has to be a huge relief for many households as they cope with the consequences of the excesses of the last government. We have had to make massive savings in the way that we do business and it has not been easy. Town Hall costs have been scrutinised and working practises reviewed until we have what is a lean mean machine that is providing excellent local services and exceptional value for money as confirmed by the Independent Audit Commission report.

Everywhere you look in Gosport there is proof of the regeneration undertaken by your Conservative administration, Jobs, homes, recreational facilities, improved schooling and opportunities for both young and old. The Stokes Bay Splash Park has been a massive success and with the Daedalus project bringing massive investment including infrastructure improvements into Gosport. Much credit must go to the partnership working between Caroline Dinenage MP, who has worked tirelessly, Conservative controlled Hampshire County Council and Gosport borough Council who have helped put Gosport firmly on the map.

In making your decision, I am asking that you rely on the evidence of achievement that is to be seen. The other parties will as usual claim that it was they who did all of the work, but it is Conservatives that have been in control over the last four years, the other parties not. Only Conservatives here in Gosport have the drive, the plans, the skills and the policies to take Gosport forward with a direction for the future. With your important vote, you have the power to ensure that Gosport continues to move forward.

The European elections cannot be trivialised. With so much of our everyday lives dictated from Brussels it is important that we do have competent people representing and protecting our national interest from the excesses that have over the years been imposed on us.

I believe that the question of our relationship with Europe must be put to the British people and remind you that **only Conservatives will give you a Yes = No referendum.** The other parties have demonstrated clearly that they do not trust the British people to make the right decision. UKIP simply cannot deliver what they promise and a vote for them is wasted.

On 22nd May I urge you all to use your vote; it is so dangerous to think that it will not make a difference. If you do not vote then the extreme and fanatical minorities certainly will and apathy will win. We need the common sense of the hard working and law abiding people represented in government with the future of our country in mind for the good of our children and grandchildren.



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