

Harriet Harman - MP for Camberwell and Peckham

Newsletter - September—October 2015

Southwark at 50 - Civic Celebration

A brilliant and vibrant celebration at Southwark Cathedral hosted by Southwark's Labour Mayor Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle. Strong messages from all who spoke about the unfairness of government cuts on councils and the need to welcome refugees who come to our borough.



Southwark Borough Conference

Congratulations to Peter John, Southwark Council Leader, for ensuring a vibrant Borough Conference this year. This is an important time for the council to build homes, help create jobs and protect vital services. I spoke, urging that long standing members welcome the 1,000's of new members who've joined Southwark Labour since the General Election and that the new members respect and value the hard work done over so many years by the long standing members. And our vital task now is to get Sadiq Khan elected as London's Labour Mayor.



Rye Hill Estate Walkabout & Advice Surgery

My latest estate walkabout and surgery was at Rye Hill. I'd like to thank Miriam Facey, Vice Chair of the Tenants and Residents Association and all the tenants representatives who give their time and energy on a voluntary basis to work with the council to improve their estates.



Labour Party National Women's Conference

1,000 Labour women came to Labour's National Women's Conference in Brighton in September. I spoke and said that with a male leader, deputy, General Secretary, NEC Chair and London Mayoral Candidate, women in the party will have to fight even harder to ensure that Labour women are seen and heard. www.harrietharman.org/speech-to-labour-party-national-women-s-conference-2015

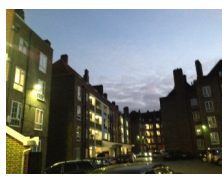
South Camberwell By-election

Congratulations to Octavia Lamb our new Labour councillor and thanks to all those who helped us get her elected.

The result was:

Labour	1,243
Green	441
Lib Dem	223
Cons	200

Turnout 23.35%



These are just some of my activities. For further information about my work in the constituency please see my website www.harrietharman.org

Detention of British journalist Rebecca Prosser in Indonesia

In May, my constituent, the British journalist Rebecca Prosser was arrested by the Indonesian Navy while filming a documentary about piracy in the Malacca Strait. She has been detained there ever since.

I am pressing for her release and have met FCO Minister Hugo Swire MP, the Indonesian Ambassador H.E. Mr. Thayeb, Wall to Wall her production company and am keeping in contact with her family.

Rebecca is not a criminal, she is a journalist and her family want her home.

Human Rights

Later this month I will be taking up the Chair of the joint House of Commons and House of Lords Select Committee on Human Rights. The Committee's work will start with an inquiry into the Government use of drones.

On Monday 12 October I met the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on his first visit to Parliament at a critical time for human rights in the UK and abroad.



Memoirs - I always swore I wouldn't write my Memoirs but now I am! None of the memoirs of other Labour MPs describe the massive change in women's lives, the rise of the women's movement and the impact of 100 Labour women MPs. This shouldn't remain "hidden from history". And I'll be reminiscing with older members about Peckham CLP in the 80's!



Recent votes

Since the House of Commons came back in September I, & other Labour MPs have voted:

- ◆ Against the Government's Trade Union Bill
- ◆ Against the Government's tax credit cuts
- ◆ For a proposal to cut VAT on sanitary products
- ◆ Against the Government's requirement for public finances to be in budget surplus by 2019-20 that would lead to further cuts
- ◆ Against the divisive proposal for English Votes for English Laws

But we didn't win any of the votes because we are in Opposition. This is why we need to win the next General Election!



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MY ADVICE SURGERIES ARE AT Walworth Methodist Church 'Clubland' 54 Camberwell Road, SE5 0EW



Friday 30th Oct 9am

Tuesday 10th Nov 5pm

Friday 20th Nov 9am

Friday 27th Nov 9am

Tuesday 8th Dec 5pm

Friday 18th Dec 9am

Getting to Clubland: Bus Routes: 468, 148, 171, 45, 68, 176, 12

Casework Update October 2015

Since my last report in July 2015:

- Action on 1318
- Including 546 new cases
- 8 advice surgeries
- Attended by 252 people
- Average reply time: 10 working days



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