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ISLINGTON SOUTH AND FINSBURY

May Report



A Platinum Weekend

I hope you all had a glorious platinum weekend – I certainly had!

I spent the weekend touring some of the many wonderful street parties around Islington South & Finsbury. It was fantastic to see parties on streets and estates right across the constituency.



It was great to see different communities coming together and put so much effort into the events as delicious spreads were prepared, houses colourfully decorated, and fun games organised; all in the spirit of community pride.



Northern Ireland Protocol

In recent weeks, the government announced plans to unilaterally change the Northern Ireland protocol, which underpins our post-Brexit trading relationship with the EU.

The reckless plans rely on extremely dubious advice issued by the Attorney General, Suella Braverman. Questions about the advice were dismissed due to a long-standing convention that typically prevents the Attorney General from discussing government legal advice.

That made it all the more remarkable when, on Wednesday 11 May, The Times newspaper and BBC Newsnight not only disclosed the fact of her legal advice, but actually quoted from its contents.

During the Oral Questions to the Attorney General, I asked a very straightforward question: did she personally authorise the briefings to The Times and Newsnight regarding her advice on the protocol — yes or no?

I was disappointed that, instead of providing much-needed clarity, Suella Braverman evaded the question and went on a bizarre tirade about Thatcher and Churchill. It is a classic example of how this government obfuscates because it does not have a clue.



Questioning the Attorney General

When the government finally published their Northern Ireland protocol bill, they justified it using the 'doctrine of necessity', an absurd defence which does not stand up to even the most basic questions.

This government is hellbent on trashing international law and risking a trade war during a cost of living crisis, even when the best legal justification they can muster is paper-thin.

Johnson, A Wounded PM

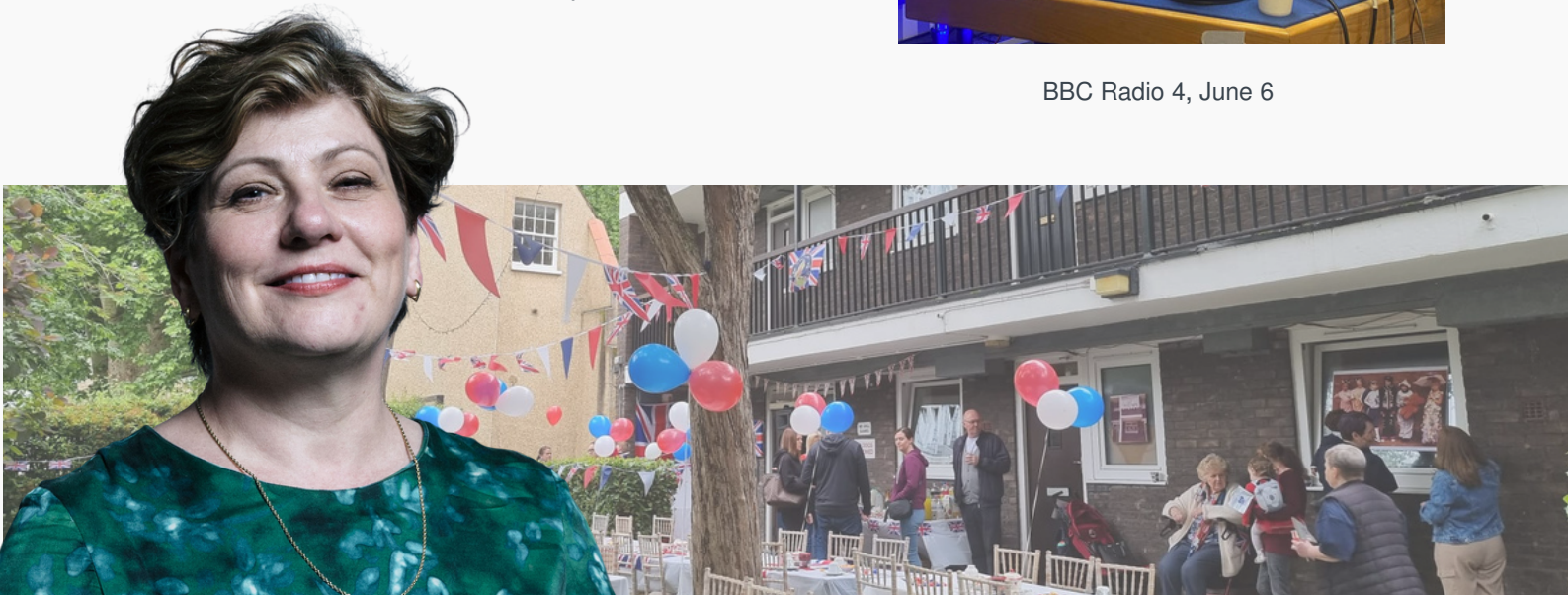
June is the month that enough Tories finally searched deep for an iota of integrity and called for a vote of no confidence.

As you will be aware in these newsletters, I have been speaking to everyone, from the doorsteps of Wakefield to the radiowaves of BBC Radio 4, about the lies of this Prime Minister in his disgraceful attempts to cover up his partying throughout a period of national crisis.

It was a shame that the Tories didn't follow through but there is no doubt about it, Boris Johnson's days are numbered.



BBC Radio 4, June 6



Diary

Constituency

May

26 – Installation of Islington's new Mayor

June

5 – Richmond Crescent Street Party

5 – Barnsbury Housing Association Jubilee Lunch

5 – Hungerford Road Street Party

5 – Jubilee Party at The Arc

5 – Quaker Court Street Party

5 – Cornelia Street Party

6 – Meeting with the Liliesleaf Trust and Inclusive Societies Institute

11 – Constituency surgery at Town Hall

12 – Celebrating Women in Construction event in Caledonian Park

13 – Meeting with the Met Police's Camden and Islington BCU Commander Andy Carter

Media

May

30 – Interview by Matthew Eliot, The i Newspaper

June

6 – TimesRadio

6 – 5 Live Drive

6 – PM on BBC Radio 4

6 – BBC News

6 – Andrew Marr on LBC



With fellow Parliamentarians in Helsinki

Parliament and Shadow Attorney General

May

26 – Attorney General Oral Questions

27 – Canvassing in Wakefield

June

8 – Helsinki Policy Forum Women's Parliamentary Network Conference. Speaking on:

- Sharing Practical Experience of Impacting Economic Policy
- Identifying Challenges and Opportunities for Women Influencing Economic Policies

9 – Keynote Speech: "Tackling Economic Crime: a Ten-Year Journey"

13 – Met with Chartered Institute of Legal Executives

14 – Taiwan All-Party Parliamentary Group Reception

15 – Rose Network Summer Reception

