



# LATEST NEWS FROM REHMAN CHISHTI

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR GILLINGHAM & RAINHAM

March 2017

Welcome to my March newsletter.

Thank you for your interest in the work I do on behalf of constituents. Please see below for a summary of my commitments in the constituency and in Parliament.

If you would like further details on my work or would like to contact me, please [visit my website](#).

Best wishes, Rehman.

## In the constituency



Rehman visited St Margaret's Juniors, Byron School and Hedgehogs Nursery as part of World Book Day, in his other role as Harry Potter where he read to children.



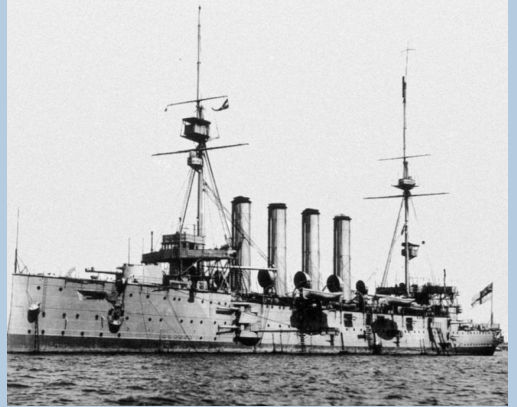
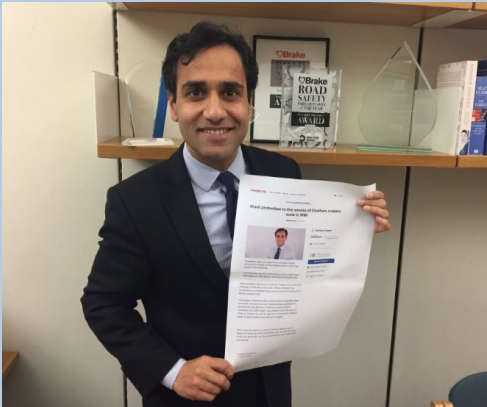
Rehman had a great visit to the Cancer Research UK shop in Gillingham with London Marathon runners Jo, Cheryl, Rebel Runners UK and Clayton.



Rehman met Dave and Stewart from the wonderful charity Help for Heroes, in the constituency.



Rehman visited Mr. Robertson who runs excellent local business Wash Vac Services, where he was given advice to "clean filters of tumble dryers after every use to avoid damage".



Rehman's campaign and petition on behalf of constituents to get HMS Aboukir, HMS Cressy and HMS Hogue designated under the Military Remains Act was successful, with only 13 out of 5000 applications being protected.



Rehman had a good meeting with North Kent Police Divisional Commander Tim Smith & Superintendent Vaughn Lukey where he was briefed on community safety in Gillingham and Rainham.



Rehman had a great visit to local business Temiz Book-keeping Ltd, which is the first of 12m homes and small businesses to get ultrafast broadband.



Rehman paid tribute to the work of excellent staff and the leadership at Medway Hospital in partnership with the government, in raising standards.



Rehman popped into Medway Hospital to personally congratulate the Maternity team for winning an award for National Excellence in Maternity Care from the Royal College of Midwives



Rehman was delighted to open the Avenue Tennis Centre in Gillingham with the Chief Executive of British Tennis who described the facilities as "World Class"



Rehman paid tribute to the excellent staff and leadership at Medway Hospital in raising standards and coming out of Special Measures, in an interview on BBC Radio Kent.



Rehman popped into the packed Holy Trinity Church Twydall for their quiz evening



In Parliament at Education Questions, Rehman congratulated Rainham Girls School for winning the Rotary Technology Tournament in the 11-14 age category.



**Rehman welcomed students from Rainham Mark Grammar School to Parliament for a tour, followed by an excellent question and answer session.**



**Across March, Rehman held his regular MP Street Surgery, listening to residents views on local and national issues**



**Rehman shared coffee with "Mums" on Mother's Day after a church service at St Matthews Church Rainham.**

## In Parliament



Rehman hosted the former Bishop of Rochester & the Pakistan Federal Minister for Interfaith for a talk on religious freedom and interfaith.



Rehman was delighted to be elected Chair of the Conservative Foreign & Commonwealth Council, followed by a speech and discussion with the Bahrain Ambassador on Bahrain-UK relations



In the aftermath of the attack on Westminster, Rehman raised a question to the Prime Minister in which he paid tribute to communities in helping fight terrorism and extremism, and stressed the importance of effective community engagement.



Rehman popped into the English Tourism Week reception and met Sandra from Visit Kent.



Rehman met with Judith from Rotary International to discuss their great work on polio eradication around the world



**Photo:** Rehman at Business Questions paying tribute to the work of excellent staff and the leadership at Medway Hospital in partnership with the government, in raising standards.

### **Rehman Spoke in Parliament on the following issues:**

- On the European Council statement & security concerns of Daesh fighters returning from Syria.
- On the Government responding to imminent threats as permitted under international law
- On the excellent staff and leadership at Medway Hospital and improvements in standards
- On Rainham School for Girls winning the Rotary Technology Tournament & the number of girls taking up STEM subjects.
- On engaging with communities to defeat terrorism & extremism
- On security cooperation after Brexit, at the Article 50 debate.

### **Rehman was featured in the media:**

- BBC News 24 & BBC South East on communities working together to defeat terrorism
- ITV Meridian & BBC South East on the Medway Hospital CQC inspection report
- BBC Daily Politics South East on issues including Education & Uber
- Medway Messenger on various local issues