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## MARINA'S TRIBUTE TO MRS T



■ Hosting tribute tea in memory of Baroness Thatcher for Chipping Barnet Conservatives

■ This has been a sad month for all Conservatives as we mourn the passing of Baroness Thatcher. Marina said following the death of our greatest post-war Prime Minister: "I feel she lives on in every single woman of my generation. She opened the door for women in politics. We will be carrying on her flame in the way we work." Margaret Thatcher's legacy lives on not only in the United Kingdom but also in the European Union. She secured a rebate for the UK, she strengthened the EU as a trading bloc while rejecting federalism and she helped end the Cold War which led to countries from Eastern Europe joining the EU.

### THIS MONTH MARINA HAS:

- Paid her last respects to Baroness Thatcher at her funeral service in St. Paul's Cathedral.
- Been interviewed by BBC News about the EU's investigation into the horsemeat scandal.
- Taken over from former MEP Richard Baife as President of Tottenham Conservatives.
- Led opposition to a vote in parliament to approve a European court ruling which has driven up young female drivers' car insurance premiums by 38%.
- Organised an event on how to protect children from pornographic imagery on the Internet.

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## ANTI-HEATHROW EXPANSION RALLY



Richmond Park's Conservative MP Zac Goldsmith organised a rally in Barnes against the construction of a third or fourth runway at Heathrow Airport. Marina attended the rally alongside London MPs Angie Bray, Mary Macleod, Bob Blackman, former Transport Secretary Justine Greening and 1000 protesters. London Mayor Boris Johnson was present and declared that Heathrow expansion was "not the right way forward for the greatest city on earth." Marina believes that there are better alternatives to new Heathrow runways, especially as one-third of all EU citizens affected by airport noise are in the London area. Marina worked on EU rules on airport noise in the environment committee last year. She submitted amendments to proposals to ensure that local people were always consulted and that their quality of life was protected.

# MARINA'S VIDEO



■ Marina has produced a video on her work in the European Parliament to help constituents better understand what their London MEP does. The short film looks at Marina's vision for the European Union and how she is working to protect London businesses and ensure that British interests are not threatened by EU legislation.

<http://marinamep.eu/video>

## AROUND LONDON



Marina has been attending events with local Conservative associations across London, as well as helping Conservative councillors, candidates and MPs get their message across to their constituents about the work they are doing. Marina has been out in Syon Ward in Brentford & Isleworth with local MP Mary Macleod, in Harrow West with prospective parliamentary candidate Hannah David and in Westminster, both in the Westminster North constituency delivering an update on the budget and the Cities constituency helping Iain Bott fight a council by-election in Marylebone.

## WORKING ALL YEAR ROUND FOR LONDON

## MEDICAL DEVICES



■ Following the fraudulent breast implant scandal which affected tens of thousands of women in Europe and around the world, Marina, as lead MEP on the health dossier, is working on a revision of the Medical Devices Directive to make certain this can never happen again. The revision of the directive comes not only in the wake of the breast implant scandal, but also follows revelations of potential problems in metal-on-metal hip replacements. Marina believes that any revision of the directive must be proportional in its approach, restore the confidence of patients, consumers and healthcare professionals while not increasing bureaucracy or stifling innovation. At the same time we must not lose sight of the cornerstone of all health legislation, namely the safety of the patient.

## TOTTENHAM TORIES



■ Marina attended more association AGMs across London this month and was pleased at one of them to take over from former London MEP Richard Balfe as the President of the small, but active Tottenham Conservative Association.

## RE-SELECTION



■ In line with the party's rules for the re-selection of MEPs, Marina will not be able to distribute her newsletter in hard copy or by e-mail from May to July. In the meantime she will publish her monthly newsletter and other updates about her work on her website: <http://www.marinayannakoudakis.com>. You can also keep in touch with Marina on Twitter, Facebook & YouTube. Marina's handle on all 3 social networks is MarinaMEP. You can still write to Marina with constituency business at any time: [marina.yannakoudakis@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:marina.yannakoudakis@europarl.europa.eu)