



GREETINGS FROM LORD TAYLOR

Summer is upon us again, and what a busy year it has been.

Dear Friend,

The sun is shining in London, and I hope you are enjoying the summer. Reflecting on 2014 so far, I have such memorable experiences and bear exciting news. My upcoming book, *Winning the Race*, has progressed hugely. I have met and interviewed many distinguished individuals, and I look forward to publishing the fruits of our labour.

Please continue reading my summer update. Thank you so much for your interest and friendship, which is much appreciated.





Arthritis Crisis

Around 10 million people in the UK have arthritis, and the charity Arthritis Care does incredible work to support those

affected and their families. There is a link between osteoarthritis and obesity – a key health issue at the moment, and even more reason to encourage healthy lifestyles! I was privileged to meet and discuss these issues with the CEO of Arthritis Care, Judi Rhys.



Stunning Running

Speaking of health, I am delighted to support the work of Go Run For Fun, which encourages children to exercise. Too many seem to spend hours in front of the TV and playing computer games. GRFF points out how a sedentary lifestyle has negative health consequences. It was a pleasure to meet a GRFF delegate Yu Sun.



Homeless not Hopeless

The St Mungo's Broadway Charity highlights the need for basic education to enable homeless people to rebuild their lives. It was humbling to hear from some of them how improving their literacy and numeracy allowed them to get jobs and get back on track. The statistics are shocking, as shown in this photo in which I pledged to help further the cause in parliament.



Net Gains

The Nominet Internet Awards, celebrate 'the best Britain has to offer online.' Many charities and small businesses, unable to afford expensive marketing campaigns, increasingly rely on social media. I got the chance to find out about some of the fantastic projects that Nominet rewards, as well as meet the recipients. In the 21st century, it is essential to encourage innovation and growth on the web. I enjoyed meeting Nominet's Head of Policy, David Abrahams.

Taylormade Articles



I have written several published articles this year on a variety of subjects and issues. I especially enjoyed writing a monthly column for Endeavour Business Magazine, which now has a circulation of over 1 million. Please click the links below to have a read, and don't hesitate to let me know what you think!

[Is UKIP Half Baked?](#)

[The Empire Strikes Back](#)

[Face Value](#)

[Seek And Ye Shall Fund](#)

[Are The Chips Down For The Internet?](#)

Taylor Talks in Parliament

I chose to speak on issues in parliament which are topical, including Small Business, Immigration, The Export Industry, The Commonwealth, Diversity in Football, and The First World War Centenary.

[Please click here to see them](#)

I believe it is important that the government must be held to account for its policies. I ask Parliamentary Questions on a regular basis; this is my way of helping to keep the government in check, and to stay on top of current affairs. I am particularly interested in issues that affect ordinary people – health, education, employment, housing, youth

issues and immigration.

[Please click here to see my recent questions](#)



Winning the Race

My upcoming book has made a lot of progress; I was privileged to interview an impressive list of individuals, examining topics such as race, immigration, diversity and equality. Each person gives a unique and fascinating perspective on these issues, all of which I have personally experienced in the past. In the book, I am keen to show the contributions that people from all races and cultures have made to British life.

Just a small selection of my remarkable interviewees include Ainsley Harriott, Camila Batmanghelidjh CBE, Lawrence Dallaglio OBE, Nina Wadia, Goldie, Christine Ohuruogu MBE, Daniel Kawczynski MP, Levi Roots, Albert Roux and Keith Vaz MP. The book paints a captivating portrait of modern 'multicultural' Britain, its past, and its future. I will post updates as the book nears its publishing date!

Other Taylormade projects



I had the wonderful experience of playing **Hamlet** on stage at The Rose Playhouse on 31st May. All proceeds went towards restoring this historic Elizabethan theatre, where some of William Shakespeare's plays were originally performed.



I was one of eight parliamentarians invited to visit the new **BBC Broadcasting Centre** at Portland Place. I met senior producers and old colleagues, from the days when I was a BBC producer and presenter, and went onto the news floor. I was pleased to see the BBC announce a new diversity policy only days later.



My appointment as a member of the **International Trade Council** in May was a great honour. The ITC is committed to promoting global issues such as Fair Trade, the Environment, Digital Marketing and

Employment conditions.



I so enjoyed speaking at the **British Chinese Project's** New Year Celebrations in Parliament. We had a delightful dance performance by school children from Beijing. Here I am next to Christine Lee, Chair and Founder of the BCP, which encourages more Chinese to become involved in local government and parliament, where they are so underrepresented.



BRITISH ACADEMY
OF FILM AND TELEVISION ARTS



In February, at The British Academy of Film and Television Arts in Piccadilly, I hosted the premiere of **D'ORA**, a drama film by Delia Antal. It was so encouraging to see so many turn up for a fantastic evening. The London Film Review and other critics have given the film excellent ratings!

"In Summer, the Song Sings Itself" – William Carlos Williams.

I am looking forward to completing my book and returning to the House after the summer recess. As you can see, I have had a busy start to the year and plan to continue this throughout 2014. The World Cup earlier this month was a thrilling spectacle. Maybe soccer should replace war between nations – it would save many

lives. Blessed are the Peacemakers!

This is all from me for now. Please do continue to connect with me online, the links are below.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer!

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With thanks to my team – Sheila, Roy, Marcellus, Beth, and Anthony.

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