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April 2023 Newsletter



Pictured at the International Workers' Memorial Day in Rozelle Park.

Foreword

It has been a busy month for my Team and I, as we handle a significant number of constituency cases.

These can range from Visa to Pension to DVLA enquiries, and if within our remit, we will do all we can to try and secure a positive outcome for you.

If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to get in touch either via email or by phoning my office. Details at the bottom of the next page.

Sudan Crisis

The situation in Sudan is very concerning with heavy fighting between the Sudanese armed forces and paramilitary Rapid Support Force (RSF) continuing.

The World Health Organization says more than 400 people have died, but the death toll is believed to be much higher.

Thankfully we have seen British citizens evacuated to safety, but more must be done. The SNP leader, Stephen Flynn has called for the Prime Minister to outline safe and legal routes for child refugees seeking to flee Sudan, but as yet, no reassurance of this has been given.



Shop Closures

I have been disappointed to note the recent closure of Clarks in Ayr Central Shopping Centre, following news that Ernest Jones will move to Glasgow's Silverburn. It is always disheartening to hear of more shop closures on our High Street. I know money is tight for many, but if you can, please shop local to help our High Street shops, particularly our small independent businesses.



Pavilion Festival

Congrats to Ewan McVicar and Pavilion Festival/STREETrave organisers for putting together such a fantastic event utilising Ayr's Low Green. Pleased to hear that they have signed a 5 year deal with South Ayrshire Council to continue the Festival in years to come. Well done to all, and many thanks to the volunteers and police officers who did a fantastic job keeping people safe and well.



Ayr Rotary Beach Clean

It was great to be able to take part in the Ayr Rotary and Ayrshire Coastal Path annual beach clean. My thanks to Ron Ireland and Charlie Steele for organising the cleaning of the section from Ayr Harbour to the Millennium Bridge and to the volunteers who gave up their time to help. This is part of a much larger initiative that takes place approximately 20 miles of the Ayrshire coast involving a number of Rotary Clubs, communities, farmers and landowners. Well done to all involved.



Workers' Memorial Day

On International Workers' Memorial Day I attended a service in Rozelle Park, held in memory of all the people who have been killed, injured or suffered illness as a result of attending work. I was privileged to be able to lay a wreath in their memory. Pictured with my friend of many years, Peter Sturgeon, Union Representative for Unite, the Union at South Ayrshire Council for many, many years.



Bike Shop Day

Local Bike Shop Day is the one day a year when independent bike shops and repairers celebrate their passion, knowledge and personalised service they offer to their local communities. I am always keen to support local, independent businesses and have personally received excellent service from Ayrshire Bicycle Repairs based in Dunure.



Recycling Saturday Ayr

I am always happy to support good initiatives in our community, and Recycling Saturday Ayr is a fantastic example. Their volunteers work hard to ensure less items go to landfill, and also that charities are supported. The next collection date will be on 6th May at Newton Primary School from 11am-12noon. Many of the goods are passed to charities or local schools. You can find the latest collection list on my Facebook page.

