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February 2023 Newsletter



Pictured above with Jodie McFarlane and volunteers from the Night Before Christmas Campaign

Foreword

It has been a busy few weeks both in Parliament and the Constituency for me. After a short February Recess, I was straight back into a week filled with Privileges Committee meetings and visits, PMQs, APPG sessions and speaking in the House.

I hope this Newsletter provides a useful insight into just some of the work I have been doing over the past month on your behalf.

As always, if I can assist you with your enquiries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Employment Fair

I am delighted to be holding an employment event with my colleague Elena Whitham MSP in Maybole's Carrick Centre on 6th March. Please do come along for the chance to meet businesses and organisations offering jobs, training and apprenticeship opportunities.

Confirmed employers attending are:

- NHS
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Morrison Construction Ltd
- Hansel
- Ayrshire College
- Trump Turnberry
- Army
- Navy
- DWP
- Stagecoach
- Scottish Power
- Skills Development Scotland
- South Ayrshire Council
- Employability

Employment Fair
@Carrick Centre Maybole
Jobs Training Apprenticeships

from a number of businesses and organisations
across Ayrshire and beyond

Contact 01290 319126 for further information

Hosted by
Elena Whitham MSP
& **Allan Dorans MP**

Monday
6th March
12pm - 2pm

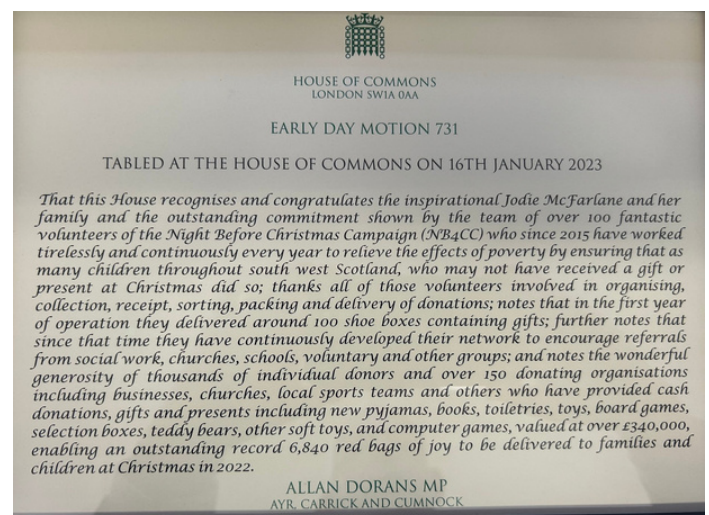
Nuline Medical

Pleased to visit local business, Nuline Medical in Patna and discuss with Directors Colin Moore and John McKerchar, the difficulties facing small and medium enterprises, particularly in relation to winning Government contracts. The Company specialise in the production of high quality surgical personal protective equipment including drapes, gowns and other medical equipment for European and International markets.



Night Before Christmas

Delighted to finally present a copy of the Early Day Motion (EDM) submitted by me to Parliament to Jodie McFarlane of the Night Before Christmas Campaign (NB4CC), recognising and congratulating the outstanding commitment shown by their 100 plus volunteers, who organised, collected and packaged donations allowing them to deliver an incredible 6840 'red bags of joy' to children who would not otherwise have had a present to open on Christmas Day.



William Arrol Exhibition

Recently attended an extremely interesting event organised by the 'Friends of Seafield House' to celebrate the legacy of Sir William Arrol and the opening of an exhibition celebrating his work at Rozelle House and Galleries. William Arrol was a Scottish civil engineer who led on projects such as Tay Bridge and Forth Bridge in Scotland and Tower Bridge in London.



Safer Internet Day

On Safer internet Day 2023 it was a pleasure to meet with young people in Parliament to listen to their concerns about online safety. The UK Safer Internet Centre is a coalition of three globally leading charities who are calling upon the Government to ensure children's voices are put at the heart of the Online Safety Bill. I fully support their aims.



Lab Animals

Around 3 million scientific procedures are carried out using animals in the UK each year. A further 1.8 million laboratory animals are bred and killed in order that their organs or tissues can be used in research. This is totally unacceptable in a civilised country. I fully support the RSPCA campaign to put an end to these barbaric practices.



Dogs Trust Polling

Polling from Dogs Trust recently found that almost a quarter of dog owners biggest worry was the rising cost of dog food. Recently I asked the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs whether measures will be introduced to reduce or remove VAT from dog food in the coming budget. Unfortunately the answer was disappointing, but you can watch the full clip on my website or social media.



Royal Mail Closures

After receiving numerous emails from constituents who were concerned about Royal Mail's proposed plans to close large numbers of their Customer Service Points I wrote to Business Secretary, Kemi Badenoch MP, urging her to intervene. Since this, Royal Mail have contacted me directly to confirm they will not be going ahead with these plans.



APPG Primodos

Pleased to be able to attend and give my continuing support at the AGM of the All Party Political Group for ACDHPT (Primodos). Primodos was a drug prescribed to women in the 1960s and 1970s as a pregnancy test. It caused devastating congenital abnormalities, stillbirths and miscarriages. The fight for justice for the Primodos families continues.



Great British Spring Clean 2023

It was a pleasure to be able to attend an information event organised by the Great British Spring Clean 2023 to hear of their success in previous years, and their plans for a nationwide event later this year.

Also looking forward to taking part again in the annual beach clean event planned by our local Rotary Clubs and the Ayrshire Coastal Path, details of which will be available soon.

