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July 2023 Newsletter



Pictured above: the banner for the Robert the Bruce Heritage Day in Maybole.

Foreword

Parliament has now risen for the Summer Recess, which is a break during the parliamentary session in which neither House meets to conduct business in Parliament. It is not a holiday but simply means I (hopefully) will not need to travel to London every week for the next four weeks or so.

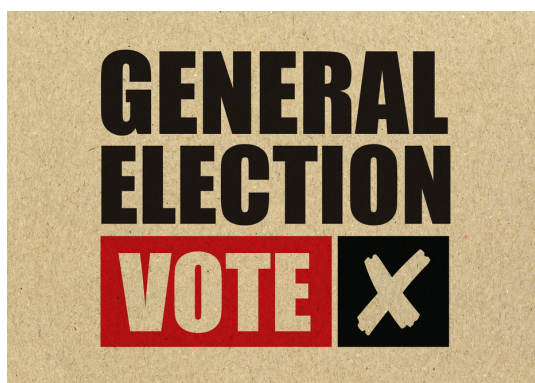
This allows me to spend more time in the Constituency, visiting local businesses, voluntary organisations, community events and meeting constituents.

Please be assured, my office remains open to help you with any issues or concerns.

General Election

With the likelihood of a General Election within the next year or so, all political parties have begun the process of identifying who will be their Candidates to represent them at that election.

It has been a privilege for me to represent the people of Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock at Westminster, for the last three and a half years and I have recently confirmed to the SNP National Secretary, that it is my intention to seek re-election as the SNP Candidate to continue to serve this constituency at Westminster in the next parliament.



Primodos

Delighted to be able to show my continuing support for the families affected by the drug Primodos. The drug was prescribed as a pregnancy test between the late 1950s and 1970s. It caused horrendous birth defects in hundreds of children, many of whom were still born. I will also be speaking in the debate on Primodos being held in Parliament on the 7th of September.



Privileges Committee

Following our 14 month 'Partygate' investigation in to whether former Prime Minister, Boris Johnson lied to Parliament, the Privileges Committee presented an additional Special Report to Parliament. This Report named seven MPs and three Peers as those who put improper pressure on the Committee during the investigation. I spoke in the debate and was pleased to see the Report agreed by the House without a Vote.



House of Commons
Committee of Privileges

**Matter referred on 21
April 2022: Co-ordinated
campaign of interference
in the work of the
Privileges Committee**

First Special Report of Session
2022-23

Ayr Police Station

I attended the formal opening of the relocated Police Station in Ayr. This included the rededication of the memorial to local Police Officers killed in the two World Wars and I was privileged to be able to lay a wreath in their memory. At the front, Iona McDonald Lord Lieutenant Ayrshire & Arran, Sir Ian Livingstone Chief Constable, Provost Ian Campbell, myself and Chief Superintendent Faroque Hussain.



Intractable Epilepsy

Pleased to show my support for those affected by intractable epilepsy which can cause hundreds of epileptic seizures a day. The best known medication for this is medicinal cannabis which the Government are refusing to provide on the NHS. I am calling on the Government to fund this essential treatment.



Hunting Trophies Bill

I was also able to show my continued support for the Hunting Trophies (Imports Prohibition) Bill in Parliament. I have long been opposed to this practice and, in December 2021 called on the UK Government to bring the Bill quickly to Parliament and in November 2022, signed a further Early Day Motion calling for a ban on trophy hunting in the UK.



Robert the Bruce Heritage Day

It was great to attend the Robert the Bruce Heritage Day 2023 in Maybole. The event was organised by the Carrick History Society supported by the North Carrick Community Benefit Company. The event was well attended by the local community and featured a range of activities including interactive history and battle re-enactments. My thanks to the wonderful team of volunteers who made this successful event possible.



Constituents in Westminster

Delighted to welcome my constituent Stuart Graham to Westminster. Stuart has a great interest in politics, and it was a pleasure to show him around Parliament. It was great to also meet various other constituents over the last few weeks and show them around Parliament.



Rabbie Burns

Privileged to attend a service at the Auld Kirk in Ayr to commemorate the 227th Anniversary of the death of our Bard, Rabbie Burns who died at the young age of 37 years. Pleased to be invited by the Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs and Ayr Burns Club to make a speech marking the event, and to lay a wreath at the Bard's statue in Burns Statue Square in Ayr.



Two Child Benefit Cap

I have written a letter to Sir Keir Starmer, demanding an immediate U-turn on the cruel two-child benefit cap. The cap drags children into poverty, but also predominately impacts working families too. In East Ayrshire this policy has impacted 700 households and 440 in South Ayrshire, who are in receipt of Universal Credit or Child Tax Credits.

