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June 2023 Newsletter



Pictured above at the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink

Foreword

June has been a really busy month for me in Parliament and in the Constituency.

The Privileges Committee, of which I have been a Member for over two years, has finally concluded our investigation into Boris Johnson. Read more on this across the page.

I have also been delighted to visit so many constituency events, meet local groups and charities, as well as hold an Advice Surgery in Girvan. You can find out about some of my visits over the next few pages.

Privileges Committee

After a 14-month intense enquiry, the Privileges Committee published our final report in the investigation into former Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. This found that he deliberately misled MPs over parties at Downing Street during lockdown and agreed a 90-day suspension if he were still an MP. I tabled an amendment which would have instead seen him be expelled from the House. However, my amendment was voted against by 4 votes to 2 by the Committee. We also recommended that he should not be allowed a pass which lets ex-MPs freely access Parliament.

Following an intense debate in the Chamber, these recommendations were approved by the House by a majority of 354 votes to 7. This will set an important precedent - and act as a deterrent for future politicians and leaders - that it is totally unacceptable to deliberately mislead the House of Commons (and the public). I am proud to have been able to be a part of this unprecedented and historic investigation and decision representing my constituents of Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock.

Great War Project

Had a great visit to Girvan Doune Cemetery to meet Lorna and Ritchie of the Girvan and District Great War Project, Elena Whitham MSP, and French Consul General Laurence Pais. We have been working together to achieve a permanent memorial to honour the 31 French sailors who perished on board the SS Longwy in November 1917.



Culzean Way

Delighted to attend an information session at the Cutty-Sark Centre, Ayr to hear of the development of the Culzean Way. This is an exciting and ambitious plan to make the rugged and beautiful coastal south of Ayr a more welcoming and accessible place for walkers and cyclists. It is envisaged the route will link Ayr and Girvan and everywhere in between.



Recycling Saturday Ayr

Great to be able to show my support for Recycling Saturday Ayr at Newton Primary School, with Siobhian Brown MSP and Councillor Mark Dixon. The volunteers do tremendous work reducing the amount of waste going to landfill, by accepting items such as bras, wool/thread, duvets, unopened toiletries, and a number of other items. All items are recycled and passed to groups and charities.



Carrick Lowland Gathering

Spent a fantastic afternoon in the sunshine at the 40th Carrick Lowland Gathering in Girvan run by Girvan District Attractions - a community led non profit making charity. My thanks to Jane Willis (Chair) and the fantastic volunteer committee who work so hard to make this event an outstanding success every year.



Question to Home Secretary

At the beginning of June, the Home Secretary announced that there would be an additional barge and two further MoD facilities used to house refugees and asylum seekers. I asked the Home Secretary about this in light of serious concerns, and you can find the response on my social media pages or website.



Carers Week

Pleased to be able to show my support for carers everywhere during Carers Week. Millions of people in the UK are providing unpaid care or support to a family member, friend or neighbour. Without the care and support of these unpaid volunteers, the quality of life of those they care for, would deteriorate significantly. My sincere thanks to everyone who gives up their time to care and look after others in our communities.



No Ordinary Day

Great to attend the launch of the book **'No Ordinary Day'**. It tells the true story of WPC Yvonne Fletcher, who was brutally murdered by shots from inside the Libyan People's Bureau in 1984. No one has ever been charged with her murder. A truly gripping story. Pictured below, John Murray, friend, former colleague, and co-author.



APPG on Scottish Sport

Together with other Members of Parliament, I met with representatives of Sport Scotland, UK Sport and Sports Association Scotland, to discuss governance and working relationships between Scottish governing bodies and UK Sports and UK governing bodies.



Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink

Great to attend the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink. Delighted to meet members of the fantastic volunteer committee who work so hard to stage this wonderful event, which showcases the very best of Ayrshire food and drink produce. I was pleased to meet representatives of Glenapp Castle and Ballantrae Primary School, as well as many others.



Ayrshire College

Had an extremely interesting meeting with Fiona McQueen, Chair of Ayrshire College Board of Management and Angela Cox, Principal & Chief Executive of Ayrshire College. We discussed the success of the College and students over the last year, the exciting work being undertaken and the many challenges facing Colleges. I left the meeting with great optimism for the future of Ayrshire College.



Armed Forces Day

I was privileged to attend the flag raising ceremony to mark Armed Forces Day at East Ayrshire Council HQ. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who have served in our armed forces in the past and to those who continue to serve today. Photo's show veterans and representatives of those currently serving, Alan Brown MP and Provost Jim Todd.



Girvan Advice Surgery

It was great to meet so many constituent's at Elena Whitham MSP and I's joint surgery. Matters raised include the proposed cancellation of a health class, which I have now raised with South Ayrshire Council. Other constituents raised concerns about the A77, traffic and speeding in Girvan, and the closure of the Bank of Scotland in the town. I will also be taking these matters forward.

