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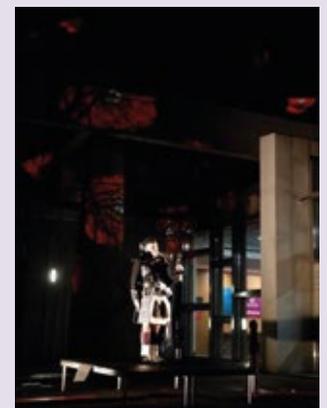
Hello and welcome to the 17th edition of my Regular Newsletter

When we think of November, we think of Remembrance Day. This year was especially important as 2018 marks 100 years since the Armistice.

As Parliamentary Piper, I piped outside Holyrood during the Scottish Parliament's Their Name Liveth centenary event. This saw the names of the 134,712 men and women listed in the Scottish National Memorial Roll of Honour illuminated on Holyrood's walls. This took seven hours, so I piped at 7pm, 9pm and 11pm.

The day prior, I was privileged to pipe before Morton's match for their Remembrance Day commemorations.

I also hosted Ocean Youth Trust Scotland (OYTS) in the Parliament to celebrate the success of their On Course with Cashback project. As an OYTS Ambassador, I recognise the important work they do with young people in Scotland through sailing, which helps boost their self-confidence and teaches them invaluable life-skills too.



Stuart piping outside Holyrood on Remembrance Sunday



Stuart with OYTS event attendees in the Chamber

At the end, I took some of the attendees and OYTS young people from the event for a tour of the Chamber, which everyone enjoyed.

As always, people were desperate for a picture in the First Minister's seat.

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Considering my membership of the Texas Instruments Taskforce, set up in 2016 after TI announced its anticipated closure in 2019, I hosted a Member's Debate in Parliament to urge everyone to redouble their efforts to save the plant and the 300+ jobs at the site before next year.

I also spoke in the Scottish Government's Digital Industries debate because due to their Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband rollout, superfast broadband coverage in Inverclyde has gone from 79.9% to 96.2%.

Inverclyde enjoyed two Ministerial visits this month—one from Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Business, Fair Work & Skills, and one from Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning.

Mr Hepburn, Cllr Jim McEleny and myself met staff at In-Work Enterprises to hear about their unique work experience offering to people with mental health issues (below), while Mr Stewart visited River Clyde Homes' new developments in Slaemuir with Cllr Chris Curley and myself (right).

For Living Wage week, I visited Software Training Scotland and VUE Pearson's Test Centre to hear how being paid the Living Wage makes staff feel more valued and appreciated.



I also attended the official opening of St. Ninian's Primary School and hope the staff and pupils enjoy their new school.

As Convenor of the Cross Party Group on Visual Impairment, I decided to host a meeting between Scottish War Blinded (SWB), Royal Blind and local veteran Jim Boyland. This was to promote the services SWB offer to Inverclyde veterans with sight loss, so if you or anyone you know would like to know more please don't hesitate to contact my office.



I helped at Inverclyde Foodbank's donation drive at Port Glasgow Tesco on Friday 30 November. As we begin our Christmas preparations, I'd like to remind my constituents to consider those less fortunate at this time of year. I have a foodbank collection basket in my office if anyone would like to donate items.

Stuart attended Inverclyde Childminding Network's Funworld event raising donations for the local foodbank

For Universal Children's Day, I visited Barnardo's in Greenock to find out more about their work with children in Inverclyde.

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### Drop-in Surgeries

Last Friday of every month  
(except July and December)

**10.00 Am** Port Glasgow Library

**13.00 Pm** Gourock Library

Please contact the office for details.