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HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE 27TH ISSUE OF MY REGULAR NEWSLETTER.

January is Burn’s Supper season, and the **Presiding Officer’s Burns Supper** at the Scottish Parliament is always a highlight — which is why I was delighted that **Abby Wilson** from **Port Glasgow High School** accepted the invitation to perform Burns’ Ae Fond Kiss at the event.

I had suggested to the Parliament that Abby should participate following her outstanding performance at Port Glasgow High School’s Spring Concert last year.

As a former Port Glasgow High pupil, I was thrilled that Abby was able to represent the school, and Inverclyde, in this way. I know the MSPs and guests in attendance were thoroughly impressed. Abby is a credit to Port Glasgow High’s Music Department and her parents, and I wish her every success going forward.



I’m always keen to promote local organisations and businesses, and sponsoring exhibitions at Holyrood is a great way of achieving this.

It was therefore a pleasure to welcome **WEvolution** to the Scottish Parliament. They were able to meet and gain support from other MSPs to help their organisation grow going forward, so if any other local groups would be interested in this opportunity, please contact the Parliament to arrange.

Stuart sponsored WEvolution’s parliamentary exhibition

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In the chamber, I spoke in Tom Arthur MSP's debate about the fantastic work taking place locally to distribute defibrillators. Kathleen Orr and her family through **Jayden's Rainbow** are raising awareness about public access defibrillators (PADs) and how crucial they can be to saving someone's life.

I've also asked four questions in Parliament on the following subjects: local government powers over short-term lets, flood prevention locally, the Ferguson's inquiry and the situation at the QEUH.

It was also a pleasure to host **Visit Scotland's Parliamentary Event for the Year of Coasts and Waters**. Tourism is everyone's business and Scotland can always do more to attract visitors. We're a beautiful country steeped in culture and history and we can all do our bit to promote Scotland as a destination.

Following decisive action from the Scottish Government to save Ferguson's shipyard, I warmly welcome the '**Clyde Mission**' initiative launched by the Finance Secretary. This seeks to capitalise on the economic benefits the River Clyde can bring to Inverclyde.

It was also great to join the Finance Secretary, **Derek Mackay MSP**, at Ferguson's for the naming of the **Helen Rice** — the first of two fishing vessels completed at the yard.

On a visit to **Inchgreen** with Ronnie Cowan MP, I saw how the pontoons being built for the new Ocean Terminal were progressing. Projects are taking place at the dry dock and I'm confident that Peel Ports are securing future work.

Following the busy Christmas period, I met up with Francesco and Aimee from **Nutcrafter Creamery**.

Demand for their vegan products is only increasing, so I wish them every success with their new business venture in Glasgow, Zilch Bakery & Deli, which is delivering zero-waste vegan produce. I hope to visit them soon.

I'm also delighted that the approach to Newark roundabout has been resurfaced. This is one of several improvements that **Transport Scotland** have made locally following the drive-around I organised in September last year. I will continue to push for investment in our trunk road infrastructure.



Stuart with Derek Mackay MSP at the launch of the Helen Rice



Stuart at the newly resurfaced Newark roundabout

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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.