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Greenock and Inverclyde Constituency

Serving Port Glasgow, Greenock, Gourock, Wemyss Bay and Inverkip

Hello and welcome to the 9th edition of my regular newsletter.



Stuart volunteered at Barnardo's West Blackhall Street store as part of #UniversalChildrensDay

It's been a busy, but exciting, last month for us in the Scottish Parliament. The news came through that the Scottish Government's legal battle for alcohol minimum unit pricing was won as the UK Supreme Court ruled this did not contravene any EU regulations, and the announcement soon followed that the policy would come into action on 1 May 2018, meaning a single unit of alcohol will cost 50 pence.

South of the border, the UK Chancellor, Philip Hammond, published the UK Budget and has finally listened to the Scottish Government by scrapping VAT on Scotland's emergency services.



In Parliament this month I have also spoken in a number of debates, most notably about flooding in Inverclyde and the issues surrounding the Gourock-Kilcreggan ferry service.

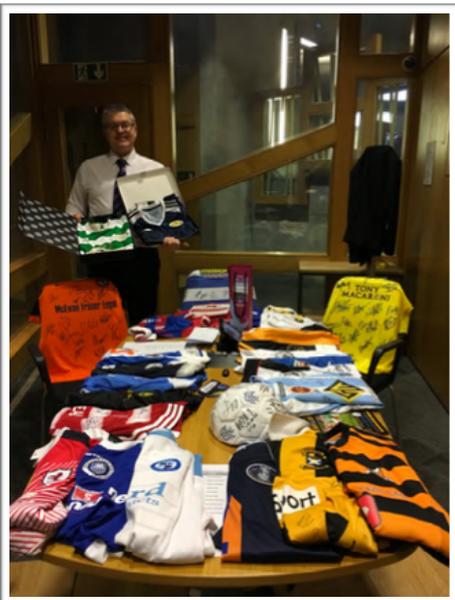
I also met with Transport Scotland and Transerv regarding local issues with our roads.



Stuart piped at the launch of MV Glen Sannox at Ferguson Marine, which was officiated by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP & Transport Minister Humza Yousaf MSP



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This month saw my Pipeathon 2017 come to an end as the live auction took place. The range of merchandise donated by football clubs from across Scotland helped raised an additional £1,600 for the three charities, taking the total to just under £6000. On behalf of the Andy Adams Fund, Clyde Cash for Kids, and Clydeside Action on Asbestos whom this money will be shared between, thank you to everyone who supported Pipeathon 2017 and donated.

Another project I'm working on is the James Watt Festival 2019. The steering group met for a second time at Glasgow University and received further support when I asked an Education & Skills question in Parliament.

In the constituency, I attended West College Scotland's Greenock campus' graduation ceremony and wished the graduates every success.

To mark Remembrance Sunday, I laid wreaths at both the Wellpark Memorial and the Free French Memorial.



I also officiated at the opening of the new Boots store in Port Glasgow.

Having grown up in the area and witnessing the Port's decline, it was a special day for me to see the boost that the Clydebuilt Shopping Centre has brought to the town.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish my Constituents a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. As with previous years, I will not be sending out many Christmas cards, but I am making donation to a local food bank instead.

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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

The Date of December's surgery will vary due to Christmas. Please contact the office for details.