

Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 31 October 2024

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[R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

New EDMs

347 **Paignton Rotary Club centenary**

Tabled: **31/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Steve Darling

This House congratulates the Rotary Club of Paignton on its centenary year; notes the club's celebrations at The Grand Hotel alongside its twin club from Dokkum, The Netherlands; commends John Pappin for receiving the Paul Harris award for outstanding service and veteran member Bryan Wordsworth for his remarkable 60 years of membership; acknowledges the ongoing charitable work both locally and internationally, including efforts to eradicate polio; and welcomes the Club's first Corporate Member, the Mercure Hotel, highlighting its commitment to community and international service.

348 **100th anniversary of Kingswear Castle paddle steamer**

Tabled: **31/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Steve Darling

That this House celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Kingswear Castle paddle steamer, Britain's remaining coal-fired river paddle steamer; notes the vessel's rich history, having been originally built in 1924 for service on the River Dart, and later playing a vital role in both World War II as a minesweeper and post-war as a passenger ferry; recognises the significant efforts made by the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society and volunteers to restore the vessel to its former glory, ensuring that generations continue to enjoy its unique maritime heritage;

acknowledges Kingswear Castle's contribution to British maritime history and tourism, particularly in the South West; and calls on the Government to further support the preservation of historic vessels such as Kingswear Castle, which are invaluable to the nation's cultural and industrial legacy.

349 **Detention and trial of Frenchie Mae Cumpio**

Tabled: **31/10/24** Signatories: **4**

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

Ann Davies

That this House demands the immediate release of Filipino community journalist Frenchie Mae Cumpio, who has been in detention since her arrest along with four human rights defenders since 7 February 2020 in Tacloban City and now faces the witness stand on 11 November; believes that the evidential basis for her arrest was fabricated, and that she is innocent of the charges; considers that the treatment of Cumpio is an attempt to silence messengers of truth and a clear violation of press freedom; fears that this represents a direct assault against Eastern Vista, which Cumpio heads as executive director, for its role in highlighting the issues of the marginalised and oppressed sectors in Eastern Visayas region, particularly the continuing plight of Yolanda victims, and the militarisation of farmers' communities, among others; regards this case as yet another indication of the shrinking democratic space in the Philippines, as the administration hopes to deprive the poorest of the poor of another platform by which their voices are heard; and therefore supports the National Union of Journalists and International Federation of Journalists in calling on the Government to use every diplomatic effort to secure Cumpio's release.

350 **Whisky duty**

Tabled: **31/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Graham Leadbitter

That this House notes with deep concern the UK government's recent decision to further hike duty on whisky; recognises the profoundly damaging impact this move will have on the Scotch Whisky industry, a cornerstone of the UK and Scottish economy, having generated £7.1bn in GVA to the UK economy in 2022; further notes that with the sector employing 45,000 people in Scotland, and a further 25,000 across the rest of the UK, that such an increase could jeopardise jobs, and also reduce tax revenues, with analysis already concluding that last year's increase to whisky duty has cost the Treasury £300 million; calls on the Government to reconsider this decision in light of its potential consequences for producers, workers, and the economy as a whole; also notes the cross-party support for a cut to duty; and urges the Treasury to adopt a more balanced approach that supports growth and sustainability within this vital industry while promoting and celebrating uniquely Scottish produce.

351 Reopening of the Menai Suspension BridgeTabled: **31/10/24** Signatories: **4**

Llinos Medi
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Ann Davies

That this House welcomes the news that the Menai Suspension Bridge will fully reopen on Saturday, 2 November 2024 following the completion of the first phase in its refurbishment; notes that the bridge is a vital connection for North Wales, spanning the Menai Strait and connecting the Isle of Anglesey with mainland Wales; further notes that the Thomas Telford designed bridge was the world's first major suspension bridge when completed in 1826 and is a Grade I listed structure; highlights that the bridge was closed in October 2022 due to the need for urgent repairs; thanks the local community that has been affected by the bridge's closure; hopes that the reopening will allow local businesses and residents to enjoy the benefits of a fully operational bridge over the festive period; and looks forward to the completion of the Phase 2 repainting works ahead of the bridge's 200th anniversary in 2026.

352 Agricultural Property ReliefTabled: **31/10/24** Signatories: **4**

Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Llinos Medi

That this House condemns the decision to curtail Agricultural Property Relief in the Autumn Budget; acknowledges that new rules from April 2026 will see farm assets over £1 million face a 20% tax rate; is concerned that this will put increased pressure on family farms and tenant farmers and reduce the amount of farm land; argues that the proposal threatens food security and places the financial burden onto farms already facing high costs and low income; notes that the move has been condemned by the National Farmers Union, the Farmers' Union of Wales, the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) and the Tenant Farmers Association; further notes that the CLA has estimated that the change puts 70,000 of farming business across the UK under threat; highlights that family farms are the bedrock of our rural economy, shape our environment and sustain our communities and culture; and calls on the UK Government to reconsider this decision.

353 TFL concessionsTabled: **31/10/24** Signatories: **1****Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

That this House welcomes the Government's Passenger Rail Services (Public Ownership) Bill, which is nearing completion of its passage through Parliament; notes that the Government's impact assessment of the Bill states that there will be significant savings to the Government and that public ownership represents an opportunity to improve passenger rail services; further notes that the private-sector concession contracts for the Elizabeth Line and London Overground, which are similar to the national rail contracts due to be nationalised, are coming to an end soon and that the Government has confirmed that the decision over whether also to run these services under public ownership rests with the Mayor of London; also notes that MTR paid out a dividend of £7.6 million last year, equivalent to a 2.4% cut in Elizabeth Line fares, while Arriva Rail London paid a dividend of £9.6 million, equivalent to a 4.4% cut in Overground fares; notes the Rail Minister's view that these concessions are more expensive than this Government's plans for public ownership and would be even more costly to taxpayers than current national rail contracts; agrees with the general secretaries of the RMT and ASLEF unions, who have argued that Londoners deserve every penny of public funding and passenger revenue being spent on the capital's railways and not on shareholders dividends; and urges the Mayor to make the decision to bring both the Elizabeth Line and London Overground into public ownership when contracts expire and run them directly within Transport for London.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

265 Establishment of the Women's Caucus in WestminsterTabled: **17/10/24** Signatories: **53****Kirsty Blackman****Ellie Chowns****Dame Siobhain McDonagh****Christine Jardine****Liz Saville Roberts****Rachel Blake**

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House agrees to establish a Women's Caucus in the UK Parliament, which is the women Members of Parliament working together to advance issues that disproportionately affect women; notes that there are women's caucuses in the devolved nations of Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland; further notes that now is the time to establish a Women's Caucus which focuses on issues affecting women across the UK and within Parliament, and aims to find cross party solutions to these problems; and notes that this Parliament has the biggest

cohort of women MPs in its history and marks a significant moment to drive forward gender equality not just within the UK Parliament but across the entire country.

271 **Life Insurance and diagnosis of terminal illness clause**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **11**

Rebecca Long Bailey

Jim Shannon

Ayoub Khan

Mary Kelly Foy

Ian Lavery

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House expresses concern following reports of those with life insurance premiums with Aviva being denied early pay outs on diagnosis of terminal illness due to a pernicious small print in their policy wording which requires diagnosis of a terminal illness to take place some years before the policy actually expires; notes the case of Salford resident Shaun Pinkney who was diagnosed with terminal cancer two months before his policy was due to expire but was refused his claim as his policy stated that terminal illness diagnosis must take place at least 18 months prior to the policy expiration date; further notes with concern that Aviva would not renew his policy because he had terminal cancer; recognises that Aviva has now ceased selling policies where there was a discrepancy between the end of the major benefit and the termination of the rest of the policy; further recognises that this would indicate that Aviva knows these policies are not fair, practical or fit for purpose; and calls on the Government to speak to the insurance industry and carry out a form of inquiry to see how widespread this practice was.

273 **Rural Crime Action Week 2024**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **26**

Helen Morgan

Steff Aquarone

Christine Jardine

Wendy Chamberlain

Dr Roz Savage

Claire Young

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House recognises Rural Crime Action Week which runs between 21 and 25 October 2024 to highlight the impact of rural crime on communities; is concerned by the NFU's 2024 Rural Crime Report which states that the cost of rural crime increased by 4.3% across the UK in 2023; further notes that the highest regional cost of crime in 2023 was in the Midlands at £11.7 billion; acknowledges that Shropshire has been rated the third worst affected county for rural crime for two consecutive years; recognises that the impacts of rural crime are felt by business and

across communities from large-scale fly-tipping to theft of farm machinery, tools and livestock; and calls on the Government to recognise the serious and organised nature of rural crime and urgently to take steps to tackle crime and disorder in the countryside.

277 **FareShare's 30th anniversary**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **23**

Wera Hobhouse
Christine Jardine
Wendy Chamberlain
Claire Young
Ian Sollom
Jim Shannon

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House congratulates FareShare, the UK's leading food redistribution charity, on its 30th anniversary; applauds FareShare for redistributing the equivalent of 135 million meals last year, equating to four meals per second, to over 8,000 frontline charities and community groups in almost every constituency across the UK; recognises the charity's significant social return on investment, delivering £13 in savings for every £1 spent through benefits to individuals and the state; and urges the Government to work with the charitable food redistribution sector to implement effective measures that further reduce food waste, increase surplus food redistribution to those in need, and strengthen communities throughout the United Kingdom, as the need for such collaboration is more pressing than ever.

278 **Zoe's Place and funding for children's hospices**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **34**

Ian Byrne
John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Kim Johnson
Rebecca Long Bailey
Zarah Sultana

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes its deep concern at the announcement that children's hospice Zoe's Place in Liverpool is at risk of imminent closure; applauds the phenomenal response to this shocking news in the city and thanks the huge charitable drive to raise £5 million by 9 November to save Zoe's Place; notes its alarm that children's hospices across the country are facing huge funding challenges; therefore calls on the Government to urgently put funding into children's hospices, allowing Zoe's Place and children's hospices across the country to continue to care for seriously ill children and their families into the future; specifically calls on the Government to maintain and increase the £25 million Children's Hospice Grant into the future and return it to being a

centrally-distributed funding stream; and more broadly calls on the Government to review the funding of children's hospices to ensure all seriously ill children and their families receive high quality care when and where they need it.

283 **Frozen pensions for UK citizens overseas**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **25**

Christine Jardine

Dr Roz Savage

Ian Sollom

Jim Shannon

Claire Hanna

Ayoub Khan

Chris Hinchliff

That this House notes the so-called frozen pensions policy; further notes this sees British overseas state pensioners living in certain countries denied access to index-linked uprating of the UK state pension; believes the level of the UK state pension paid should not be dependent on the pensioner's country of residence in later life; acknowledges the scale of the injustice which sees 453,000 British state pensioners impacted by the policy, many of whom reside in Commonwealth countries such as Canada and Australia; notes that the cost of indexing all overseas state pensions without a retrospective uprating is estimated at approximately £50 million in the first year; calls on the Government to index all overseas state pensions equally on a going-forward basis; and further calls on the Prime Minister to meet with affected pensioner and World War Two veteran Anne Puckridge, who is planning to travel from Canada to the UK this December, requesting a meeting on behalf of all those impacted by the policy.

284 **Impact of austerity on the Fire and Rescue Service**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **17**

Adam Dance

Dr Roz Savage

Jim Shannon

Claire Young

Tom Morrison

Andrew George

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House expresses deep concern over the detrimental effects of austerity on the UK's fire and rescue services, particularly in rural areas like Yeovil, where funding, training, and recruitment have been significantly impacted; acknowledges that in recent years, one in five firefighter jobs has been lost and central government funding to fire services has been slashed by 30% resulting in fire services becoming increasingly reliant on the contributions of on-call officers who juggle other occupations; notes that due to severe staff shortages, around 4,000

firefighters are now working both full-time and part-time contracts, often within the same brigade or across different services; commends the tireless work of firefighters in engaging with their communities, supporting the fire safety of homes and businesses, and responding to emergencies under increasingly difficult conditions; further acknowledges the loss of essential control staff, fire engines, pumps, and other critical equipment due to funding cuts, which have hampered the ability of firefighters to carry out their vital roles effectively; recognises the immense pressure firefighters face in responding to the growing frequency of storms, flooding, and wildfires, challenges exacerbated by the climate emergency; underscores the essential role of a well-funded fire service in tackling these climate-related disasters, which are expected to become even more frequent; and calls on the Government to urgently provide adequate funding for fire services to rebuild staffing levels, equipment, and resources.

294 **Outdoor education**

Tabled: **22/10/24** Signatories: **20**

Tim Farron
Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Sarah Dyke
Charlotte Cane

Jeremy Corbyn

Claire Young

That this House notes the profound benefits of outdoor education for children's physical, mental, and emotional well-being; highlights the value of residential outdoor learning in developing essential life skills; urges the Government to make it a statutory part of the school curriculum; calls for inclusivity, ensuring all children can access outdoor learning regardless of background; further highlights the success of centres like Outward Bound at Ullswater, the Bendrigg Trust, the Brathay Trust, and Patterdale Hall in providing an unparalleled backdrop for educational development; and urges the Government to prioritise investment in outdoor learning for the benefit of future generations.

296 Disarmament WeekTabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **7**

Ayoub Khan
Andrew George
Carla Denyer
Shockat Adam
Adrian Ramsay
Ellie Chowns

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes the commencement of the United Nations' Disarmament Week, created to promote measures that ensure the prevention and cessation of armed conflict; expresses regret over the staggering human, social, economic, and ecological costs of armed conflict; observes the critical importance of pursuing multilateral disarmament as a means of building a safer, more secure world that will protect humanity from harm; is alarmed by the continued threat and increased proliferation of interstate conflict, which fundamentally undermines the objectives of sustained peace and development; recognises that the goal of complete disarmament is enshrined in international law and should guide the Government's security and foreign policy conduct; calls upon the Government to utilise its diplomatic influence to achieve absolute disarmament; urges the Government to condemn all unjust acts and threats involving the use of nuclear, chemical, biological, cyber and conventional weapons; endorses the UN Secretary General's Agenda for Disarmament, which underscores the pivotal role of disarmament in advancing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals; welcomes all efforts by the Government to regulate the excessive trade of arms and limit the weaponisation of dual-use technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence; and values the necessity of preserving order and stability within the international system, such that the prosperity of future generations may be assured.

301 SEND provision at Kingsbury HighTabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **6**

Dawn Butler
Mary Kelly Foy
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Shockat Adam
Jeremy Corbyn

That this House commends the extraordinary education that Kingsbury High school provides for SEND children and young people; expresses concern about young people with special educational needs and disabilities; acknowledges these children have behaviour issues and struggle to socialise; further expresses concern that SEND children struggle with reading and writing, due to dyslexia, and that their concentration levels can be impacted by attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; recognises physical disability affects their ability to take part in traditional schooling; urges the Government to ensure all schools receive increased funding to

help SEND students get access to the public school system; further acknowledges that around 40% of all home educated children in UK are children with SEND; and calls on the Government to ensure they get the same exposure to education in a safe space adapted to their needs.

302 Drug deaths

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **13**

Grahame Morris
Mary Kelly Foy
Andrew George
Ayoub Khan
Charlotte Nichols
Steve Witherden

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes with alarm data released by the Office for National Statistics on 23 October 2024 showing that a record 5,448 deaths related to drug poisoning were registered in England and Wales in 2023; further notes that the highest death rates are again in areas suffering greatest deprivation; recognises that the influx of highly potent synthetic opioids such as Nitazenes risks a rapid rise in drug deaths; and calls on the Government to tackle the crisis by committing to long-term sustainable funding for drug treatment in the autumn budget and future spring spending review, continuing to implement the recommendations of Dame Carol Black's independent review of drugs, and accelerating the availability of naloxone, the lifesaving antidote to opioid overdose.

307 Glasgow's 850th birthday

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **12**

Patricia Ferguson
Mary Kelly Foy
Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Kirsteen Sullivan
John Grady

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes that Glasgow will celebrate the city's 850th birthday in 2025; recognises that this is a significant milestone for the city which will mark the anniversary of Glasgow becoming a burgh; acknowledges the preparations that are underway to mark this special year and harness the opportunities it provides; welcomes plans to develop a year-long programme of inclusive events and activities across Glasgow to mark this anniversary, delivering memorable moments for all the city's communities and enhancing Glasgow's reputation across the country and world; encourages communities, individuals and businesses across the

city to take the opportunity to participate in this important year for the city, whether through organising or participating in a community event, helping to deliver a successful programme of events as a Glasgow 850 volunteer, or using the anniversary year to showcase the products and services offered by local businesses; notes that the glasgow850.com website has been launched to provide more information on the celebrations and how people can get involved; and looks forward to an anniversary year that celebrates the city's rich history and success, particularly in the last fifty years, and inspires a better, sustainable future, for the next fifty years.

312 **75th anniversary of NATO**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **11**

Luke Myer
Luke Akehurst
Tim Roca
Jim Shannon
Graham Leadbitter
Sir Julian Lewis

Tristan Osborne

That this House marks the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (in 1949; recognises NATO as the cornerstone of global security and of the collective defence of democracy, liberty and the rule of law; reaffirms its unshakeable commitment to the alliance in an increasingly volatile world; and calls on the Government to ensure major defence programmes meet Britain's NATO obligations.

314 **360th anniversary of the Royal Marines**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **17**

Luke Myer
Luke Akehurst
Mr Jonathan Brash
Tim Roca
Ian Roome
Jim Shannon

Tristan Osborne

That this House congratulates the Corps of Royal Marines on the 360th anniversary since its formation on 28 October 1664; recognises its continued vital operations as an elite amphibious fighting force; thanks all Royal Marines officers, commandos and reservists who have risked their lives to defend our values; and pays tribute to all who have served our country by sea and by land.

317 30th anniversary of West Lothian 50+ NetworkTabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **8**

Kirsteen Sullivan
Jim Shannon
Patricia Ferguson
Elaine Stewart
Mary Kelly Foy
Richard Baker

Dr Scott Arthur

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House celebrates the 30th anniversary of the West Lothian 50+ Network; notes their goal to make the rest of life, the best of life; thanks the volunteers who have achieved 30 years of community activities and events; commends the efforts of the current committee in arranging activities and celebrations during the 30th anniversary year; applauds the Network in attracting around 700 members through social and charity events; welcomes the variety of activities supporting 70 hobbies and interests groups; further welcomes the opportunities offered by the Network to visit cultural epicentres such as the birthplace of Robert Burns, Edinburgh's Usher Hall, and the Kelpies; further applauds the Network's frequent charity events and educational sessions with local services; acknowledges the importance of social activities in strengthening community bonds in difficult times; recognises the importance of creating a dedicated hub of activities for those over fifty; believes the West Lothian 50+ Network is a role model for fostering community; and wishes the West Lothian 50+ Network every success in the coming years.

318 Prize-winning Bennie Museum WeaversTabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **8**

Kirsteen Sullivan
Jim Shannon
Patricia Ferguson
Elaine Stewart
Mary Kelly Foy
Richard Baker

Dr Scott Arthur

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House congratulates the Bennie Museum Weavers on winning first place at the Royal Highland Show 2024; congratulates the efforts of the Bennie Museum Weavers producing their own high-quality tweed and mastering their craft; recognises the skilled technical knowledge involved in their craft; thanks the Bennie Museum Weavers for keeping alive an innately Scottish and fond tradition; and wishes the Bennie Museum Weavers the very best in the future.

319 120th anniversary of Balbardie Primary SchoolTabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **7**

Kirsteen Sullivan
Jim Shannon
Patricia Ferguson
Elaine Stewart
Mary Kelly Foy
Richard Baker

Dr Scott Arthur

That this House recognises the 120th anniversary of the primary school's central role in educational, social and cultural life in Bathgate; further recognises Balbardie Primary School as a great source of history, pride, success and inspiration for the town of Bathgate; notes the impressive architectural prominence of the Balbardie Primary School building which has seen thousands of students pass through its halls; commends the continued high-quality and wide-ranging learning opportunities offered to pupils; welcomes the longstanding role of Balbardie Primary School in wider Bathgate community life, including its impressive float over the years in the annual Bathgate Procession, fundraising efforts and commitment to parent engagement in how the school is run; applauds the efforts of the pupils, staff, parents and carers in organising a celebration of education in Bathgate, organising whole-community celebrations including a float procession, multimedia exhibition of memories, and creative opportunities for children; and wishes the very best to the future doctors, nurses, teachers, fire-fighters, police officers, entrepreneurs and politicians who will pass through the doors of Balbardie Primary School.

320 Deputy Lieutenant Eunice Simpson and West Lothian African Women's NetworkTabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **9**

Kirsteen Sullivan
Jim Shannon
Graeme Downie
Patricia Ferguson
Elaine Stewart
Mary Kelly Foy

Dr Scott Arthur

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House recognises the hard work and vision of Eunice Simpson and the West Lothian African Women's Network; congratulates Eunice Simpson on her appointment as Deputy Lieutenant of West Lothian; recognises the appointment as ground-breaking with Eunice Simpson as the first black person to hold this title; congratulates the West Lothian African Women's Network on their recent Bathgate Africa-Scottish EXPO sharing culture, food, music, and dance; supports the continued efforts of the Network to promote business opportunities, support families and education, combat loneliness, and foster community cohesion; welcomes the work of the network promoting Black History education in schools and creating opportunities for cultural exchange; recognises the contribution of black women across

West Lothian in helping vulnerable people, organising of community events, running local businesses, and working in public service; and wishes Eunice Simpson and the West Lothian African Women's Network the very best in all their future endeavours.

324 **Ticket offices and station staff**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **21**

Cat Eccles
Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Cat Smith
Mary Kelly Foy

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes that 31 October 2024 marks one year since the Conservative Government scrapped plans to close nearly 1,000 ticket offices and cut around 2,300 station staff jobs; commends the campaign led by the RMT union, alongside many groups including those representing disabled and older people, which resulted in an unprecedented response to the public consultation; notes with concern that research, which was commissioned by the previous Government and undertaken in early 2023, was suppressed despite showing clear support for ticket offices and station staff; welcomes the current Government's release of the research, which found that more than half of respondents said having a ticket office at the station they travel from is important and that 81% of respondents said staff presence was important for ensuring their safety; further notes that older respondents, who were also more likely to have no smartphone internet access, use only cash or have a health condition affecting their mobility, hearing or dexterity, had the highest preferences for buying tickets at ticket offices; understands that the rail industry's Passenger Demand Forecasting Handbook identifies staffed ticket offices as having a positive impact on passenger demand over Ticket Vending Machines alone; is concerned at reports that new stations already in development, including those with significant projected passenger footfall, are being built without ticket offices; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure that new stations are built with ticket offices and are staffed.

327 **Thrums Vets**

Tabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **5**

Dave Doogan
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Stephen Gethins
Graham Leadbitter

That this House commends Thrums Veterinary Group on winning Animal Health Provider of the Year at the Scottish Agriculture Awards 2024; acknowledges the importance of this event in

recognising achievements across the agricultural sector; notes that Thrums Vets have provided farm animal veterinary services across Angus and Perthshire for over 75 years; recognises the hard work and dedication of the Thrums Vets team in offering a full range of services to farming clients including state of the art equipment and technologies; recognises their ambition to ensure a steady stream of vets coming into the profession and notes their various programmes to this end, including the Vet School Preparation programme for young people interested in applying to vet school and the Foundations of Mixed Practice programme helping newly qualified vets transition away from studying to become independent, confident clinical vets; notes the excellent work of the Thrums Vets team in the Angus and Perthshire community; and wishes them every success.

329 **Carlo Carini, Arbroath's Partisan**

Tabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **4**

Stephen Gethins

Jim Shannon

Chris Law

Graham Leadbitter

That this House remembers the life of Carlo Carini, Arbroath-born Italian partisan, on the anniversary of his murder by German Occupation forces in Piacenza, Italy, in October 1944; notes Carlo's significant contribution to Italy's liberation, his heroism against fascism which was recognised by the Commander of Allied Forces in Italy, General Alexander, and by the Italian Government who posthumously awarded Carlo the Silver Medal of Italy; highlights that Carlo and his family were very much part of the community in Arbroath; further highlights that Carlo was a skilled footballer in Arbroath and that he also played professionally in Italy; commends the work of the Carlo Carini memorial group and the ANPI (Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia), in remembering and recognising the importance of Carlo's life and the cause for which he fought; thanks the ANPI for their ongoing and successful campaign to establish a youth football competition between teams in Arbroath and Piacenza; and gives thanks for the group's efforts to inspire a new generation thanks to Carlo's example.

330 Support for the United Nations Relief and Works AgencyTabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **30**

Andy McDonald
Brian Leishman
Debbie Abrahams
Abtisam Mohamed
Richard Burgon
John McDonnell

Ayoub Khan Patricia Ferguson

That this House expresses its regret at the passing of laws in Israel's Knesset which in effect denies the protections and means essential for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), the largest humanitarian agency in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, to operate; believes there is no viable alternative to UNRWA to deliver aid necessary to Palestinian refugees; further believes such action by Israel will compound the suffering of Palestinians; and calls on the UK Government to take all necessary steps with the United Nations to ensure UNRWA can continue its work in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

332 Oliver Campbell wrongful convictionTabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **16**

Kim Johnson
Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Mrs Lorraine Beavers
Clive Lewis
Andy McDonald

Bell Ribeiro-Addy Jeremy Corbyn

That this House welcomes the recent decision of the Court of Appeal to overturn the wrongful conviction of Oliver Campbell, who was convicted in 1991 and served over 11 years in prison; pays tribute to the tenacity and dedication of Oliver, his loved ones and his lawyers Michael Birnbaum KC and Glyn Maddocks KC, who have worked tirelessly for more than two decades to clear his name; notes that the Criminal Cases Review Commission was prepared to take a second look at this conviction and, on this occasion, decided correctly to refer this conviction to the Court of Appeal; regrets that the Court of Appeal did not carry out a thorough investigation of the activities and actions of the Metropolitan Police officers in 1990 who were instrumental in obtaining a false confession from Oliver Campbell, which led directly to his conviction; calls on the Government to launch an independent inquiry into the failings that led to this conviction and to publish its findings; and further calls on the Government to review the iniquitous rules governing the payment of compensation to those who have suffered a miscarriage of justice, which were introduced by the coalition Government in 2014, the effect of which is that only those who can prove beyond reasonable doubt that they are not guilty of the crime for which they

were convicted can successfully claim compensation following a decision of the Court of Appeal to overturn their conviction.

333 **360 years of the Royal Marines in the South West**

Tabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **20**

Ian Roome
Angus MacDonald
Edward Morello
Caroline Voaden
Jess Brown-Fuller
Dr Danny Chambers

Andrew George

Claire Young

That this House congratulates the Corps of Royal Marines on their 360th anniversary; recognises their contribution to the rich maritime heritage of the entire South West region, including at RM Chivenor, RM Stonehouse, RM Norton Manor, and CTCRM Lypstone among others; acknowledges the essential role that the Royal Marines have played in the defence of the UK during countless military operations around the world; and thanks serving and former Royal Marines for their dedication to duty.

338 **Israeli Knesset decision to ban UNRWA**

Tabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **27**

Calum Miller
Luke Taylor
Steve Darling
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Anna Sabine
Munira Wilson

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Chris Coghlan

Ayoub Khan

Liz Jarvis

Jeremy Corbyn

Andrew George

Claire Young

That this House expresses its deep concern at the Israeli Knesset's vote to ban UNRWA; notes that this comes at a desperate moment in Gaza with a senior UN humanitarian official warning that the entire population of north Gaza is at risk of dying; further notes that, given the critical role played by UNRWA in distributing humanitarian aid within Gaza, this decision risks catastrophic consequences; urges the UK Government to accompany words of condemnation with consequences for breaches of international law; according urges the Government to implement sanctions against far-right Ministers Ben-Gvir and Smotrich for their incitement of violence against Palestinians by illegal settlers; further urges the Government to press for immediate access for humanitarian aid into Gaza; and calls on the Government to provide all necessary assistance, including aid, to UNRWA to alleviate the humanitarian crisis and

ensure that the recommendations of the independent Colonna report are implemented as quickly as possible.

339 Scotland Beyond Net Zero

Tabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **4**

Martin Rhodes

Jim Shannon

Chris Law

Dr Scott Arthur

That this House celebrates the launch of Scotland Beyond Net Zero's (SBNZ) inaugural phase of seed funding for projects tackling climate change; further celebrates the effort of Scotland's higher education Institutions in collaborating to use their research and development strengths to accelerate net zero targets; recognises the unique role of universities as vehicles for innovation in tackling the climate crisis; acknowledges that the seed funding has been awarded to eight innovative projects across six themes: food, finance, built environment, natural systems, energy and transport; commends SBNZ for allocating up to £15,000 to research projects, which will explore interdisciplinary solutions to complex climate issues; and looks forward to seeing SBNZ, and all projects awarded funding, continue to create positive change around Scotland's beyond net zero future.

340 2% wealth tax

Tabled: **30/10/24** Signatories: **3**

Iqbal Mohamed

Ayoub Khan

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes the growing disparity in wealth distribution within the UK; recognises the need for a fairer tax system that ensures the wealthiest individuals contribute their fair share to society; calls on the Government to introduce a 2% annual wealth tax on individuals with assets exceeding £10 million; believes that such a tax would generate significant revenue that could be used to fund essential public services, reduce inequality, and support economic recovery; and urges the Government to consider the implementation of this policy as a step towards a more equitable and just society.

341 Release of fire appliance and life-saving equipment to PalestineTabled: **30/10/24** Signatories: **14****Brian Leishman****Ellie Chowns****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Steve Witherden****Ayoub Khan****Jeremy Corbyn**

Imran Hussain

Richard Burgon

Kim Johnson

Andrew George

Ian Byrne

Grahame Morris

Apsana Begum

Ian Lavery

That this House expresses deep concern over the seizure of a fire appliance and life-saving equipment, donated by the Fire Brigades Union in Scotland, which has been held at the Israeli port of Ashdod since 21 July despite having documented clearance; notes that the appliance, packed with firefighting kit, personal protective equipment, breathing apparatus, cutting tools, and medical supplies from Ninewells Hospital, was intended to support the Palestinian fire and rescue service in Nablus; acknowledges the importance of humanitarian aid and the international bonds among firefighting communities; calls on the Israeli authorities to immediately release this critical equipment to allow its use for life-saving operations in Palestinian territories; and urges the UK Government, including the Foreign Secretary, to press the Israeli Government to expedite the release of this essential aid to those communities currently experiencing severe humanitarian and safety challenges.

342 Work of Fishing 4 Mental HealthTabled: **30/10/24** Signatories: **4****Sarah Gibson****Steve Darling****Wendy Chamberlain****Claire Young**

That this House recognises the work of Fishing 4 Mental Health in showing how angling can help to promote wellbeing; acknowledges that Fishing 4 Mental Health is supporting people suffering with mental health challenges by providing a safe, friendly and supportive environment that encourages individuals to enjoy the beauty of the natural world; celebrates their work to tackle stigmas about mental health amongst men; and commends their campaign for a Fishing 4 Mental Health day to be commemorated each year on 16 August.

344 **Access to banking hubs**Tabled: **30/10/24** Signatories: **16**

Adam Dance
Ellie Chowns
Steff Aquarone
Chris Coghlan
Caroline Voaden
Edward Morello

Wendy Chamberlain
 David Chadwick
 Liz Jarvis
 Sarah Gibson

Brian Leishman
 Tristan Osborne
 Andrew George

Jamie Stone
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Claire Young

That this House is concerned about the lack of banking services in rural towns such as Ilminster, which has yet to receive a banking hub; recognises the importance of maintaining access to in-person banking and cash services; notes that banking hubs are a key alternative for communities that have lost access to bank and building society branches; and acknowledges that rural constituencies in particular (due to their local geography, availability of public transport, and lack of support for utilising digital services) urgently need more banking hubs.

345 **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) medication shortages**Tabled: **30/10/24** Signatories: **11**

Adam Dance
Ellie Chowns
Steff Aquarone
Steve Darling
Edward Morello
Wendy Chamberlain

Ayoub Khan
 Andrew George

Jeremy Corbyn
 Claire Young

Liz Jarvis

That this House expresses deep concern over the shortage and intermittent availability of ADHD medications such as concerta XL; notes the symptoms those with ADHD exhibit, such as difficulty focusing and acting without thinking, as well as the impacts of these on the daily functioning of individuals; further notes the disproportionate impact these symptoms have on children who, as a result of the disorder, face barriers in their education and general development; recognises the barriers faced by individuals suffering from ADHD in accessing employment opportunities; further recognises the potential stress and anxiety these medication shortages can have on individuals suffering from ADHD; sympathises with the experiences of those individuals, who often feel they are being overlooked and dismissed; and calls on the Government to do more to mitigate the issue of ADHD medication shortages.

346 Islamophobia Awareness Month 2024Tabled: **30/10/24** Signatories: **10****Christine Jardine****Ellie Chowns****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Steve Darling****Liz Jarvis****Ayoub Khan**

Jeremy Corbyn

Andrew George

Claire Young

Sarah Gibson

That this House supports Islamophobia Awareness Month, which is taking place this November; recognises the valuable contributions that British Muslims make to our country; acknowledges that anti-Muslim sentiment is still far too prevalent in our society, and has sadly been on the rise in light of the conflict in the Middle East; notes with concern that Tell MAMA recorded nearly 5,00 incidents of anti-Muslim hatred and Islamophobia in the past year, an unprecedented volume of cases; further notes with concern that religious-based hate crimes recorded by police in England and Wales has increased by 25% over the past year; emphasises the importance of standing up to religious hatred in all its forms; and calls on the Government to take urgent action to address Islamophobia, including by immediately appointing an independent adviser on Islamophobia and adopting a working definition of Islamophobia.