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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 18 November 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 666 Scottish Curry Awards 2021

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 2

Kirsten Oswald  
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the importance of the Scottish curry industry and of the best Scottish curry establishments and professionals that create and serve delicious dishes in communities across Scotland; congratulates all winners in the Scottish Curry Awards for 2021 in categories as diverse as Takeaway and Home Delivery of the Year, Outstanding Indian Restaurant of the Year, Customer Service of the Year, Curry Champions of the Year and Curry Lover of the Year; congratulates in particular the Turban Tandoori restaurant in Giffnock, East Renfrewshire, which received the much-prized Outstanding Curry of the Year award; notes that the Turban Tandoori is a well-loved local business not just for the quality of their food and customer service but also for the contribution they make to their local community, not least by their generosity in ensuring that surplus food was distributed to people in need when the restaurant closed during the covid-19 pandemic; and applauds Turban Tandoori's generous donations to the NHS to help keep front-line staff energised as they cared for patients during the covid-19 pandemic.

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#### 667 Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau 50th anniversary

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 2

Ms Anum Qaisar  
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau for reaching its 50th anniversary; recognises the role that the Citizens Advice Bureau plays in providing free, independent and confidential advice to clients in Airdrie; commends the hard work of staff and volunteers at that Citizens Advice Bureau, empowering clients from all demographics to manage their lives and financial affairs; understands that on average 40 people receive assistance each day from Airdrie

Citizens Advice Bureau and since the beginning of lockdown in March 2020, 32,910 issues were dealt with by that Bureau, generating £2.2M in financial gains and entitlements for their clients; and wishes the Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau success going forward.

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**668 Isle of Kerrera Development Trust's work on developing and improving community life and island infrastructure**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 2

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates the Isle of Kerrera Development Trust (IKDT), including islander project team Martin and Aideen Shields and the residents of Kerrera, on the opening of a link road connecting the communities in the North and South of the island; notes the tireless efforts and success of the IKDT in securing funding from Argyll & Bute Council and the Scottish Government Islands Team and the precedence this sets for other island communities wishing to develop and improve their communities infrastructure; further notes the dedicated hard work of Alistair McCrae and his team from Barrachander Quarry in getting the road built in a timely and affordable manner; recognises the huge economic and social benefits that this project will bring to the residents of and visitors to Kerrera who can now access vital services much more readily; commends the IKDT for all of their hard work on other projects and partnerships, including, the purchase and renovation of the Old School into a community hub, the acquisition of the breakwater and slipway as the IKDT's first income generating community asset and the island e-bikes project; and wishes all those on Kerrera every success with future plans.

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**669 Rosneath Primary School winner of Tree Council national competition**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 2

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates the primary six class of Rosneath Primary School and their teacher Mrs Hazlett on their outstanding success in the Tree Council national competition, taking first place among 800 entrants and being involved in the initiative, which included the planting of over 30,000 trees and fruiting hedgerow whips across the UK with the aim of creating a healthier future for young people and the planet by unlocking the power of trees; welcomes the school's involvement in the Tree Council's Force for Nature climate event; recognises the pledges made by pupils to reduce carbon emissions; marks the work undertaken by primary seven children at the school to carry out a village litter survey followed by a litter pick resulting in 11kg of litter being collected; and commends all of these efforts by the school to improve the local environment as well as engaging young people in the aims of the COP26 event while it was taking place in Glasgow.

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**670 Heartstart Projects Argyll and Clyde team win volunteer of the year at Scottish Health Awards**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 2

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates the Heartstart Projects in Argyll and Clyde team for winning the volunteer of the year award at the Scottish Health Awards ceremony held in Edinburgh; marks 25 years of that group saving the lives of people across Helensburgh and Lomond and the wider Argyll

and Clyde area; recognises the value of training provided to members of the public including basic emergency life support in schools, workplaces and community settings as well as training in the use of more than 220 publicly accessible defibrillators; commends NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership for providing financial support for the project; and thanks Heartstart co-ordinator, Sheenah Nelson, trainer, Frances Parkinson, and staff, including Angela McNeil and Bernadette Walker, for their dedication to the project's success.

## 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.

### 625 85th Anniversary of the Jarrow Crusade

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 25

**Kate Osborne**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Ian Mearns**

Chris Stephens

That this House commemorates with pride the 85th anniversary of the Jarrow Crusade; commends the 200 proud marchers who set off for London on 5 October 1936 to deliver their petition to Parliament; understands that the marchers wanted Parliament to view them as orderly and respectful people who deserved the right to work to support their families; recognises that the Crusade represents a great source of pride and togetherness which is still present in the town today; acknowledges that the proud folk of Jarrow and their local hon. Member Ellen Wilkinson came together in a united effort to demand the authorities listen; regretfully acknowledges that Parliament and the Prime Minister at the time did not greet the Marchers with great respect or respond positively to their plea for employment; and celebrates the Crusade's lasting legacy which still is alive in the town of Jarrow.

### 640 Transgender Day of Remembrance

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 8

**Kirsty Blackman**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Kirsten Oswald**

Mhairi Black

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises Transgender Day of Remembrance on 20 November, a day, observed annually and internationally, to memorialise trans people lost to transphobia; further recognises that, while the murder of trans people for being trans in the UK is rare, suicide is not, and more than one in four (27 per cent) trans young people have attempted to commit suicide and nine in ten (89 per cent) have thought about it, with 72 per cent having self-harmed at least once; believes that the current media climate has not helped; further believes that the trans community needs

reassurance and support; and urges all hon. Members to show their solidarity and support for trans people.

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**642 Show Racism the Red Card Scotland's Creative Competition Awards 2021**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 12

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises Show Racism The Red Card (SRtRC) Scotland's recent Creative Competition Awards for 2021; warmly welcomes this opportunity for children and young people across Scotland to stand in solidarity against racism; applauds the artistic efforts of all entrants in creating anti-racism slogans, posters, artwork, poems, and graphics; congratulates the award winners, including Miss Ferguson's P1B class from St. Clare's Primary School and Maisie McCredie from Jordanhill School, both in the Glasgow North West constituency; recognises that racial prejudice and bigotry still permeate society; hopes for a future in which children and young people do not experience racism and intolerance; agrees that education is the most powerful tool in addressing racial animosity and biases; commends SRtRC for their continued anti-racism work, and congratulates them for coordinating such an important awards campaign; and celebrates Scotland's schools for being at the forefront of promoting inclusive and progressive learning for all children and young people.

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**643 Social Security**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 23

**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Ed Davey**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Tim Farron**  
**Sarah Green**

Chris Stephens

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Universal Credit (Exceptions to the Requirement not to be receiving Education) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1224), dated 1 November 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4 November 2021, be annulled.

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**645 Protection and support for environmental human rights defenders**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 13

**Patrick Grady**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**

Brendan O'Hara

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the important contribution environmental human rights defenders around the world make in tackling climate change and protecting natural environments for future generations; notes that many such defenders are from indigenous or minority communities and have been killed or imprisoned by oppressive governments; welcomes campaigns to draw attention to this issue and specific cases such as that of Bernardo Caal Xol, who was imprisoned after speaking out against the destruction of the river Cahabón in north central Guatemala; supports calls by Amnesty International and others for the Government to take steps to improve minimum standards of support for environmental human rights defenders across its network of embassies and diplomatic posts, strengthen protection arrangements for environmental human rights defenders through measures such as protection grants, amnesties and funding for rapid response emergency mechanisms, increase access to flexible and core funding for environmental human rights defenders, facilitate and support access to justice and resilience building, through UK pro bono partnerships and legal clinics, establish and facilitate access to effective judicial and non-judicial grievance mechanisms to address business-related human rights and environmental abuses committed by UK companies domestically and extraterritorially, integrate a human rights-based approach in policies, and condition its climate finance on such an approach, in consultation with human rights defenders and civil society, and to ensure UK business enterprises, including financial institutions, apply and publish human rights due diligence measures to identify, prevent, and mitigate against potential and actual human rights abuse, including the criminalisation of defenders.

**646 Willie Taylor, Ellon Pipe Band**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 8

**Richard Thomson**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Chris Law**  
**Marion Fellows**

Allan Dorans

That this House acknowledges the hugely significant voluntary contribution of Mr Willie Taylor of Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire to the success and ongoing development of the Ellon Pipe Band; further recognises Mr Taylor's pivotal role in developing the long-standing partnership between the Ellon Pipe Band and the Koninklijke Harmonie Concordia silver band from Maaseik, Belgium; and wishes him well as he retires from the Ellon Pipe Band after 38 years of service to the band and to community life in the Ellon area and beyond.

**648 Political donations and peerages**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 16

**Angus Brendan MacNeil**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Brendan O'Hara

Allan Dorans

That this House calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals to ban those who donate more than £50,000 to political parties from being nominated for peerages within five years of their donation; and encourages party leaders, whose parties send representatives to the House of Lords, not to nominate for a peerage someone who has made a large donation to their party.

**651 Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 48

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Dr Rupa Huq**  
**Anne McLaughlin**

Apsana Begum  
 Tony Lloyd

Wendy Chamberlain

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACSR) was announced on 18 August 2021; further notes that hon. Members are still receiving desperate messages for help and that Ministerial replies to queries make repeated reference to the scheme; is concerned that three months later the ACRS is still not open to applications and that vulnerable people seeking safety from the Taliban, and for whom the UK has a responsibility, are therefore not able to access it; is further concerned that the 5,000 cap on the number of people who can be helped by the scheme in the first year is insufficient and that there's every likelihood those places will already be filled by, for example, people evacuated to the UK via Operation Pitting or who have crossed the border into refugee camps in neighbouring countries, with knock on implications for the Afghan national family members of our constituents; and calls on the Government to open the ACRS without any further delays and to significantly increase the number of people eligible, starting with bringing forward the overall 20,000 cap to the first year.

**652 Driving test requirements for cars with trailers**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 7

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Chris Stephens**

Ian Mearns

That this House notes with concern news that the Government has delayed without explanation changes to licensing rules for cars with trailers, previously due to come into implementation on 15 November 2021; notes that all tests for those seeking to be licensed to drive cars with trailers were cancelled in anticipation of test requirements being removed, and tests have not been reopened; voices concern that a growing number of drivers, particularly young learners, will be left unable to drive legally with trailers and unable to obtain an upgraded licence via testing; and calls on the Government to clarify its intentions regarding trailer licensing and testing urgently.

**653 Student loan repayment threshold**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 27

**Jon Trickett**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Jim Shannon**

Tony Lloyd

That this House expresses its concern about proposals to lower the threshold at which students repay their student loans; notes that the average student leaves university with £50,000 worth of debt and is currently required to start paying off their student loan when they earn £27,295 a year; further notes that under new proposals this would drop to as low as £22,000 a year; recognises that this would mean a significant increase in debt repayments for most graduates with those earning above the average salary paying up to £475 more a year; further recognises that young people are already being hit the hardest by the recent increase in National Insurance Contributions and this latest proposal will mean that university leavers pay double the amount of tax as pensioners earning double their salary; regrets that this pitches current and future students against those generations who benefited from a more affordable higher education; believes that higher education is a vital public good that benefits the whole of society and that the burden of costs should fall on the wealthiest; calls on the Government to scrap their current proposals to lower the threshold at which students start repaying their student loans and to bring forward new proposals that reduce student debts; and further calls on the Government to review the funding system for higher education and to examine the possibility of abolishing tuition fees and funding higher education through wealth and income taxes.

## 654 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund investment in the fossil fuel industry

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 16

Zarah Sultana  
Caroline Lucas  
Daisy Cooper  
Patricia Gibson  
Dan Carden  
Clive Lewis

Jim Shannon

Brendan O'Hara

That this House notes that the UK hosted COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference; further notes that in May 2019 this House declared a climate emergency; notes that approximately £700 million is invested in the UK and global economy through the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund; notes that while the Pension Fund has increased its investments in renewable energy, it still invests funds in the fossil fuel industry; notes the International Energy Agency has stated there can be no more new investments in fossil fuel supply beyond that already committed as of 2021 to keep below 1.5°C; notes that all fossil fuel companies are investing in new fossil fuel supply beyond 2021 and that no fossil fuel company net zero pledge is in line with the 1.5°C commitment; believes that to avert climate catastrophe, temperatures must not exceed the 1.5°C target mandated by the 2015 Paris Agreement; believes that Parliament and MPs have a responsibility to show leadership on the climate emergency; and therefore calls on the trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund to stop funding the fossil fuel industry and to invest in climate solutions instead.

## 655 Debt cancellation and climate change

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 19

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Ian Mearns  
Jonathan Edwards  
Ian Lavery  
Caroline Lucas  
Claudia Webbe

Zarah Sultana  
Brendan O'Hara

Jim Shannon  
Kim Johnson

Tony Lloyd

That this House recognises that countries in the global South are being forced to confront the climate emergency with both hands tied behind their back; notes that low-income countries are responsible for less than 1 per cent of the world's historic carbon emissions but now face some of the most devastating impacts of climate breakdown; further notes a recent analysis from the Jubilee Debt Campaign which found that 34 of the world's poorest countries are spending £21.4 billion on debt payments a year compared with £3.9 billion on measures to tackle the climate emergency; notes a peer-reviewed study published by Springer which estimates that the cost of climate-related loss and damage in the global South alone will be between \$290 billion and \$580 billion annually by 2030; regrets that COP26 did not recognise, or take action to address, the link between global debt and the climate emergency; calls on the Government to push for an expansion of the G20 Common Framework to consider middle-income, climate-vulnerable countries for debt relief treatment and ensure private sector participation; and further calls on the Government to support calls for automatic debt payment suspension and relief for countries that experience natural disasters.



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**656 Glenmorangie Company awarded with Solar Impulse Guides**

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Jamie Stone**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**

That this House congratulates The Glenmorangie Company on being presented with Solar Impulse Guides last week by the Solar Impulse Foundation; notes that this is in recognition of Glenmorangie's pioneering work on sustainability in whisky production; recognises the company's various sustainability initiatives such as the anaerobic digestion plant which supplies bio-gas on site and the Dornoch Environmental Enhancement Project (DEEP) which seeks to enhance biodiversity by restoring long-lost oyster reefs to the Dornoch Firth; and commends The Glenmorangie Company for being chosen as the Guides' case study for COP26.

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**657 Town and Country Planning**

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 10

**Keir Starmer**  
**Nick Thomas-Symonds**  
**Bambos Charalambous**  
**Holly Lynch**  
**Sarah Jones**  
**Sir Alan Campbell**

Ian Mearns

That the Town and Country Planning (Napier Barracks) Special Development Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 962), dated 26 August 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27 August 2021, be revoked.

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**658 Work of the Open North Foundation**

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 7

**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Chris Stephens**

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the invaluable contribution of Richard Swart and the not-for-profit organisation, Open North Foundation, in supporting small and medium sized businesses to recover from the Covid-19 outbreak; highlights the scale of the challenge facing businesses through this period of economic certainty; and welcomes the role of Northern business leaders in supporting SMEs to grow and contribute to the economy through the provision of grants.

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**659 Purple Radio awards at Student Radio Awards 2021**

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 5

**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Durham University's Purple Radio on its success at the 2021 Student Radio Awards winning four Gold awards, three Silver awards, and three Bronze awards; noting that Gold awards were given to the station as a whole for Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, to Alex Orton, Simon Lake, Millie Morton, Ariel Hollamby, and James Tillotson for Best Station Branding, and to Ella Bicknell for her podcast 'Letters from a Stranger' which won the Kevin Greening Award for Creativity and Best Podcast award; further commends Silver award winners Ella Bicknell for Best Sports Programming and Best Journalistic Programming, and Josh Davies for Technical Achievement; further commends winners of Bronze Awards, Abigail Brierley, Emma Ghanem, Bill Pain, and Ella Bicknell for Best Journalistic Programming, Josh Davies for Best Newcomer, and Joanna Wright for Best Producer; recognises the importance of Student Radio in fostering new voices and giving voices to students; and commends the achievements of all Durham University students involved in Student Radio.

**660 Cuban government and religious leaders**

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 4

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**

That this House registers concern over the Cuban government's targeting of religious leaders who participate in peaceful protests in Cuba; notes particular concern for detained christian reverend, Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo, who faces continued detention without trial; urges the Government to raise human rights abuses with the Cuban government; and calls on the Government to promote the rights to freedom of assembly, expression, religion or belief for all.

**662 Mental health of spinal cord injured people**

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 10

**Margaret Greenwood**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Ian Byrne**

Mark Tami  
 Claudia Webbe

Sir Peter Bottomley

Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges recent research into the mental health requirements and difficulties for people with a spinal cord injury that shows 40 per cent had depression and 28 per cent had experienced suicidal thoughts; notes that it is important for newly injured spinal cord injured people to be able to access timely and appropriate mental health support; further notes that NHS health professionals who care for spinal cord injured people must understand the mental health

aspects of a spinal cord injury; and calls on the Government to increase funding and capacity to meet the lifelong mental health needs of the spinal cord injured community in the UK.

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### 663 Treatment of journalists in Myanmar

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 11

**John McDonnell**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Sir Peter Bottomley

Brendan O'Hara

Claudia Webbe

That this House deplores the sentence of eleven years hard labour given to Frontier Myanmar's managing editor Danny Fenster by the military junta; notes that Fenster is the first western journalist to be convicted from over a hundred journalists arrested since February's military coup, and that of the seven journalists convicted, his sentence represents the harshest punishment yet; believes this sentencing sends a dangerous message of the military junta's absolute disregard for press freedom to suppress critical voices and reports on human rights violations; and calls on the Government to join the International Federation of Journalists and the National Union of Journalists in the UK and Ireland in calling for the authorities in Myanmar to drop the remaining charges and immediately release Fenster along with all other media workers detained since 1 February 2021.

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### 664 Carers Rights Day

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House acknowledges the estimated 13.6 million people who are providing unpaid care to family and friends across the UK; recognises the importance of Carers Rights Day 2021, taking place on 25 November 2021, in raising awareness of unpaid carers and ensuring they are informed about their rights and entitlements; notes the very difficult challenges that unpaid carers continue to face, and the increased levels of care they are currently having to provide, in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic; stresses the urgent need for more support to be given to unpaid carers who are juggling their caring responsibilities alongside paid work; and calls on the Government to implement its plans to introduce Carer's Leave at the earliest opportunity, as well as providing all employees a day one right to request flexible working.

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**665 Welsh Men's National Football Team Success**

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Hywel Williams**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Mark Tami**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House celebrates the success of the Welsh Men's National Football team for securing a seeded play off spot for the 2022 World Cup qualification following their 1 to 1 draw with current FIFA World Ranking leaders Belgium; pays tribute to manager Rob Page and his backroom staff for their fantastic work in guiding the team to the verge of qualification by finishing in the top-two of a World Cup qualifying group for the first time since qualification for the 1966 World Cup; notes the side's current 16 game unbeaten run at home is in part testament to the tremendous support by Welsh fans; and wishes the team the best of luck for the remainder of the campaign to qualify for a World Cup for the first time since 1958.