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Monthly Newsletter

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2016 is almost over, and to say its been eventful would be an understatement. In spite of so much political upheaval, it's been an honour to serve the constituency this year. As this will be my final Newsletter for this, I'll be mentioning a few of my favourite moments.

I'd like to thank everyone who filled out the National Survey, the results of which will be incredibly useful. Most importantly, I'd like to wish you and yours all the very best wishes of the season and for the year ahead.



Yours for Scotland,

Christmas Card Competition 2016 Winner: Sarah Wigham

Below: The winning card by Sarah (P7, Strathallan Primary School).



Congratulations to Sarah Wigham (P7) from **Strathallan Primary School**, the winner of this year's annual Christmas Card competition. Sarah was announced as the winner at a special visit to **Levenmouth Printers** along with the Runner-Ups.

Sarah's card was chosen with the help of volunteers from **Abbeyfield House** care home in Kirkcaldy. A special thank you to **Sainsbury's Kirkcaldy**, who helped with organising the competition. Sarah will be visiting the Scottish Parliament with me soon, with her card set to be distributed around the constituency.



Above: Choosing the card with residents from Abbeyfield House Care Home at Sainsbury's.



Remembrance Sunday

It was an honour to attend the Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday 13th November, along with my colleague **Roger Mullin MP**. The service was very well-attended by local community leaders and members of the public. In particular, I would like to pay tribute and thanks for the contribution of local school pupils who attended and performed at the service. It was a sombre and memorable service, and a fundamentally important commemoration.



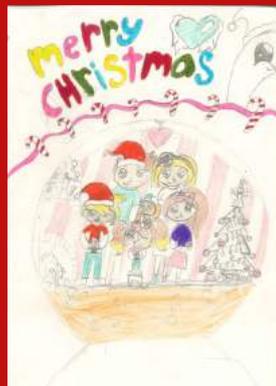
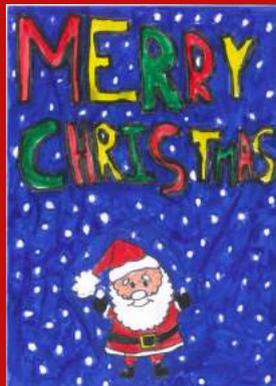
It was also a pleasure to catch up with my oldest friend at the service: **Jimmy Sinclair**, the 104 year old local hero and oldest surviving Desert Rat. As a veteran of the Second World War, Jimmy is always an inspiration and a pleasure to spend time with.

In our modern world, we can often take for granted just how difficult life was for our soldiers during the World Wars, and the challenges our military still face today. The sacrifices that have been made by our soldiers throughout our history must always be remembered.

Visit to Levenmouth Academy



I thoroughly enjoyed a recent visit to the new Levenmouth Academy in Buckhaven, which has been described by Rector Ronnie Ross as the “most modern school in Europe.” The school facilities are truly remarkable, and have been heavily supported by the Scottish Government, which invested **£25million** into the campus which is shared with Fife College.



Christmas Card Competition Runner-Ups (Left to Right): Aaron Kennedy (P7, Valley Primary School), Fern Selbie (P6, Strathallan Primary School), Tianna Hatton (P7, Pathhead Primary School), and Brodie Harrison (P5-6, Kirkcaldy West Primary School).



Left to Right: Touring arts venues in Kinghorn and finding a ukulele group in a kitchen; Attending the Ostler's House First Birthday party.

Christmas Parties & Celebrations 2016

Left & Below: At the ASDA Christmas Tree Light-Up with St Marie's Primary School pupils.



Right: Attending the Coaltown of Weymss Primary School's Christmas Fayre.



Below: At the Kinghorn RNLi Lifeboat Christmas Fayre.



Above: Christmas Shopping with Nourish. Below: At the Coaltown of Weymss Senior Citizens' Club Christmas Party.

Above: At the Kirkcaldy4All Lantern Parade in Kirkcaldy High Street.



Left: Delivering a real Christmas Tree to Maggie's Fife.



Left: Meeting the real Santa at Methilhill Primary School.



Tribute to Councillor Kay Carrington



I was deeply saddened by the recent death of Councillor Kay Carrington, who represented Kirkcaldy East ward, following her brave battle with cancer.

Kay was a tremendous campaigner for her local ward and a credit to her community. Her commitment to young people and to Dysart was nothing short of inspiring. While we found ourselves as political opponents, Kay was well liked and respected by all of Fife's elected representatives of all party persuasions.

Kay will be greatly missed, both in local politics and in her community. My thoughts and very best wishes are with her family and her friends at this difficult time.

2016 Round-Up



There's no question that 2016 has been a challenging year at times, with both the **Scottish Parliamentary Election** and the **EU Referendum** dominating much of it. Moving forward, I remain determined to continue representing the people of Kirkcaldy Constituency to the best of my ability. I look forward to representing all of my constituents throughout 2017.

My team and I are always here to help. If you have an issue, please get in touch.



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