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Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 20 March 2023

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New EDMs

980 **WestFest**

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House welcomes the announcement of a new not-for-profit community and cultural festival, WestFest, which will take place in the West End of Glasgow during June 2023; notes that the proposals set out to deliver a programme of free, accessible cultural events and activities across the local area, and looks to build on the successes of the West End Festival which had taken place in the community over the past 25 years; hope that the events will provide an opportunity for community groups, businesses, artists and residents to create vibrant, quality and inclusive activities that will be open to all to enjoy; and looks forward to this year's programme being the first of many for years to come.

981 **Ministry of Defence staff pay**

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 1

Rebecca Long Bailey

This House notes that, due to the cost of living crisis, the increase to the National Living Wage in April 2023 will be welcomed by many low waged families; expresses regret that it will also result in unwelcome consequences for many workers in the Ministry of Defence; notes that these workers include Ministry of Defence guards, cleaners, workers in stores areas and workers maintaining and refuelling military aircrafts; further notes the uplift means that Ministry of Defence workers on skill zone 1 will automatically be upgraded to a higher rate of pay, unlike skill zone 2 workers; acknowledges this means that both skill zone 1 and 2 will receive a new rate of £10.42 per hour; is concerned that this will result in the immediate erosion of the skill zone pay differential; rejects any proposals by the Ministry of Defence to arbitrarily change gross hours to net hours in an effort to deflect these pay implications; calls on the Ministry of Defence to urgently compensate all affected workers; is concerned to learn that many hardworking Ministry of Defence staff are forced

to rely on foodbanks to make ends meet whilst diligently supporting and defending our country; recognises the important work Unite the Union is doing to fight for their members on this issue; and calls on the Government to pay Ministry of Defence workers fairly.

982 Sweetie Brae Nursery 25th anniversary

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House congratulates Sweetie Brae Nursery on its 25th year of supporting local families in Strathaven and surrounding areas; commends the work of Moira Fell, Director, and her parents who first built Sweetie Brae between 1996 and 1998, opening for business on Monday 9 February 1998; recognises the crucial emphasis on partnership with and support for parents at the nursery, with learning journals bridging home-learning and the nursery; understands the importance of such childcare services for the working parent community; notes the commitment, enthusiasm and hard-work of the whole team at Sweetie Brae; further notes the secure, safe and stimulating environment that the nursery provides; and wishes Sweetie Brae all the very best for the future.

983 Freedom Day in Belarus

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 1

Tony Lloyd

That this House expresses its support for Belarusians celebrating Freedom Day on 25 March to mark that day in 1918 when Belarus gained its independence; notes that the fraudulent Belarusian presidential election in 2020, in which Alexander Lukashenko falsely declared victory over Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, resulted in peaceful mass protests against the Lukashenko regime and the fraudulent election, followed by severe reprisals and repression; considers Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya to be the leader of a democratic Belarus and commends the courage and determination of the opposition in exile working towards democratic governance in that country; calls on the authoritarian Lukashenko regime to release the thousands of political prisoners, drop the prosecution in absentia of the Belarusian opposition in exile, uphold freedoms of expression, association and assembly, and end its support for Russia's invasion of Ukraine; and requests that the Government provides further support to Belarusians in exile, to expand and tighten its sanctions regime against Belarusians responsible for serious and systematic human rights violations, and to join calls for the opening of a BBC Belarusian service and the suspension of Belarus from Interpol and UEFA.

984 Telecoms price increases

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 1

Tony Lloyd

That this House condemns the announced plans by the UK's largest telecoms companies for above-inflation mid-contract price increases; highlights reports that O2 plans to increase prices by 17.3 per cent while BT, EE, Vodafone, Three, Plusnet Mobile and Talkmobile plan to increase prices by 14.4 per cent and Virgin Media plans to increase prices by an average of 13.8 per cent; emphasises that this comes following Ofcom saying in September 2022 that a record eight million UK households were already facing problems paying mobile, broadband, pay-TV and streaming bills; further highlights that Ofcom has expressed concern about the level of uncertainty customers face about future price rises; notes that Ofcom has launched a review into this; would welcome urgent action by Ofcom; and calls on telecoms companies to reconsider these significant price increases at a time when millions are already struggling with the cost of living.

985 Peabody Housing AssociationTabled: **20/03/23** Signatories: **1****Daisy Cooper**

That this House notes with concern the standard of customer service and engagement provided by Peabody Housing Association; expresses its disappointment that responses to enquiries to the association are not forthcoming to either its customers or their Members of Parliament; agrees with tenants and leaseholders of the association that it is unacceptable that they continue to find themselves having no method of recourse to challenge irregularly large service charge increases; regrets that the Chief Executive Ian McDermott has repeatedly ignored correspondence asking for justification for above inflation increases to service charges; further notes with alarm the reports in the Financial Times that The Residents Scrutiny Panel for Peabody revealed in June 2022, that 87 per cent of respondents viewed increases as unreasonable, and that two-thirds of residents who queried service charge levels were found to have been overcharged; calls on the Peabody Housing Association to respond promptly to enquiries from its customers and their Members of Parliament; and calls on the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to invite Peabody Housing Association to answer for its failures in customer service and engagement.

986 Renfrew YMCA Youth Social Action GroupTabled: **20/03/23** Signatories: **2****Gavin Newlands****Alan Brown**

That this House congratulates Renfrew YMCA's Youth Social Action Group on winning the Environmental Award at YMCA Scotland's award dinner held in Stirling in February; notes that the group have been working to raise awareness and educate the wider community about the impacts of climate change and the action needed to help tackle it; commends the practical work undertaken by the group to involve the community, which includes litter picking, promoting growing your own food and organising a sustainable afternoon tea for members of the local community; highlights the hard work and dedication of YMCA members across Scotland in doing their bit to fight climate change; and looks forward to much more recognition for the young people of Renfrew YMCA for the valuable and inspirational work they do in making Renfrewshire a better place to live.

987 Prison educationTabled: **20/03/23** Signatories: **25****Zarah Sultana****Kim Johnson****Kate Osamor****Apsana Begum****Liz Saville Roberts****John McDonnell**

Mary Kelly Foy

Richard Burgon

Charlotte Nichols

Rachael Maskell

Mick Whitley

Ian Lavery

Kate Hollern

Jeremy Corbyn

Andy McDonald

Grahame Morris

Dan Carden

Ian Byrne

Claudia Webbe

Kate Osborne

Rebecca Long Bailey

Ian Mearns

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Beth Winter

Mike Amesbury

That this House notes the importance of prison education being at the heart of rehabilitation, and its power to unlock potential and reduce reoffending; is alarmed by the dire state of prison

education, with experts and authoritative bodies including the Chief Inspector of Prisons, Ofsted and the Education Select Committee warning of poor outcomes due to a lack of learning by prisoners; believes the current for-profit system of prison education wastes millions of pounds of public money each year and encourages a race to the bottom between the four main providers in terms of quality of education, suitability of curricula and conditions of staff employment; and therefore calls on the Government to use their pledged launch of a Prisoner Education Service to bring the delivery of prison education back into the public sector, with standardised qualifications, curricula and staff contracts.

988 Epilepsy Scotland and Purple Day

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House recognises and is grateful for the important work carried out by Epilepsy Scotland, who fight to reduce the stigma experienced by people living with epilepsy, and to influence public policy to ensure appropriate support is available for those living with the condition; notes epilepsy is the most common neurological condition with an estimated 55,000 people living with the condition in Scotland; further notes that Epilepsy Scotland provides a range of services including a helpline, a check-in service, a youth service, a well-being service and online support groups; understands that Epilepsy Scotland is currently conducting a survey to investigate the links between mental health issues and epilepsy; further recognises that Sunday 26 March 2023 is Purple Day, a time where thousands of people across the globe will come together to start conversations about epilepsy, raise awareness of the condition and to fundraise; acknowledges that Epilepsy Scotland is encouraging people to wear the colour purple and lighting buildings purple to mark the occasion; and wishes Epilepsy Scotland all the very best in continuing their important work.

989 Police pay

Tabled: 20/03/23 Signatories: 1

Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes that a report by the Social Market Foundation, commissioned by the Police Federation of England and Wales, found that police pay fell by 17 per cent in real terms between 2000 and 2020; further notes that if current trends continue, police officers will face a further 4 per cent cut in real terms by 2027; recognises that the report found that the starting salaries of police constables have risen considerably slower than earnings as a whole across the economy; acknowledges the findings of the 2022 Police Federation Pay and Morale Survey which found that one in five police officers were considering leaving the service within the next two years and high levels of low morale across the occupation; notes that police officers are unable to strike for better remuneration; and calls on the Police Remuneration Review Body to consider the findings of both reports when setting future pay awards and requests that the Home Office allocate additional resources to Police Forces in England and Wales to fund additional pay awards.

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.

926 Treatment of drivers of app-based delivery companies and the Justice4Mohammed campaign

Tabled: 6/03/23 Signatories: 14

Apsana Begum
Jeremy Corbyn
Dan Carden
Ian Lavery
Jon Trickett
Hywel Williams

Beth Winter

That this House notes with concern that on 23 February, a Deliveroo driver, named Mohammed, was stepped over by a customer complaining about their order, even though he had collapsed, and is reported to have waited for an ambulance for more than an hour; notes that Mohamed's story speaks to a wider injustice regarding the treatment of drivers of app-based delivery companies; believes that it is unacceptable that drivers continue to find themselves precarious and unsafe at work and invariably forced to survive on poverty wages, working longer and longer hours just to make the rent and keep food on the table; notes that throughout the pandemic, drivers provided essential services on the frontline at significant risk to themselves and their families; and calls on the Government to strengthen workplace and trade union rights, particularly as they related to the gig economy, so that drivers are fairly paid for their work and work in safe conditions.

927 The Loan Charge

Tabled: 6/03/23 Signatories: 86

Karl Turner
Sammy Wilson
Dr Lisa Cameron
Sir Desmond Swayne
Allan Dorans
Sir Julian Lewis

Hannah Bardell
Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
John Nicolson

James Gray
Tony Lloyd
Gavin Newlands
Carol Monaghan

Amy Callaghan
Angela Crawley
Chris Stephens

That this House is concerned that suicides have been linked to the Loan Charge and that despite the Morse Review, thousands face unaffordable demands, with the risk of further suicides; notes that most people facing action were mis-sold schemes and that HMRC are demanding scheme users repay disputed tax; further notes that HMRC have not requested action from people who recommended, promoted, operated the schemes; recognises that section 44 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 deems agency workers to be taxable as employees of agencies; believes that HMRC should have collected tax from agencies; criticises HMRC for transferring the liability to individuals alone despite its own historic failures; further recognises that HMRC are pursuing open enquiries for schemes before 2011 despite the Morse Review conclusion the law was unclear; calls on the Government to work with all parties to find a fair resolution; believes that a full independent investigation into the Loan Charge, including the conduct of HMRC is required; and further believes that taxpayer rights must be enshrined in law and enquiries closed after four years if HMRC fail to act.

939 Increases to registrants' fees of the Health and Care Professions Council

Tabled: 7/03/23 Signatories: 20

Emma Hardy
Colum Eastwood
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Kim Johnson
Karl Turner

Caroline Lucas

That this House agrees that proposals to increase registrants' fees of the Health and Care Professions Council by 20 per cent in July 2023 should be scrapped; notes that increasing registrant fees by this amount would add to the severe financial pressures amid a cost of living crisis, resulting in health and care staff struggling to pay these mandatory costs; further notes that the Health and Care Professions Council is independent of Government and is responsible for setting its registration fees policy and any changes must be ratified by Parliament; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to intervene and protect registrants from this excessive hike in fees.

941 Care Quality Commission ratings

Tabled: 7/03/23 Signatories: 23

Margaret Greenwood
Dan Carden
Jon Trickett
Ms Marie Rimmer
Daisy Cooper
Wera Hobhouse

Beth Winter

That this House acknowledges that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) states that a health and care service provider must display its CQC ratings on posters at its premises and on its website no later than 21 calendar days after the CQC has published them on its own website, even if the provider has submitted a request for a review of the ratings; notes that there are around one million people receiving domiciliary care in England, yet there is no requirement for providers of domiciliary care to inform the people who they care for about their CQC ratings other than by displaying their ratings online; believes that recipients of care in their own homes have the right to be directly informed about such ratings by providers; is concerned that the lack of such arrangements represents a failure to protect standards in domiciliary care and is an injustice to those who receive such services; calls on the Government to introduce requirements for providers of domiciliary care to inform the people in their care about their CQC ratings in a format that is accessible to the person in receipt of care, or their guardian, no later than 21 calendar days after the CQC has published them on its website, even if a provider has put in a request to review the ratings; and further calls on the Government to ensure that, where relevant, a person who has power of attorney over someone who receives domiciliary care receives such notification on their behalf.

951 The Bridgetown Agenda for global development finance

Tabled: 9/03/23

Signatories: 14

Liam Byrne
 John McDonnell
 Rachael Maskell
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards
 Chris Law

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes that extreme poverty has risen for the first time this century; highlights on current trends 3 billion people will still be living on less than \$6.85 by 2030; further notes that 200 million children's lives are threatened by malnourishment; fragility and violence is spreading; learning losses amongst children during Covid could reduce future worldwide earnings by \$21 trillion; acknowledges that developing countries need \$5.8-5.9 trillion before 2030 to meet their emission reduction targets; notes that the cost of climate finance for developing countries is substantially higher than in richer countries and total gross debt in developing countries has reached the highest level for 50 years; welcomes the recent surge in World Bank lending, the first wave of IMF Resilience and Growth Trust agreements and proposals tabled by the Prime Minister of Barbados to transform the scale of global development finance; and calls on the Government to substantially increase the on-lending of UK Special Drawing Rights via the IMF, to mobilise an alliance of nations to on-lend SDRs to multi-lateral development banks, to advocate for the G20 review of MDB Capital Adequacy Frameworks recommendations by allowing loans against shareholders callable capital, to mobilise support for an increase in subscribed capital for World Bank; to advocate for reform of the World Bank's mission to include reference to sustainability and resilience, to explore proposals for a Global Resilience Trust seeded by Special Drawing Rights, to present to Parliament proposals to restructure unsustainable debt burdens of vulnerable countries and to take steps to return UK aid to 0.7% of GDP.

954 P&O Ferries one year on

Tabled: 13/03/23

Signatories: 28

Karl Turner
 Grahame Morris
 John McDonnell
 Ian Mearns
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Gavin Newlands

Dan Carden
 Ms Diane Abbott

Caroline Lucas
 Kim Johnson

Ian Lavery

That this House is concerned that no sanctions have been imposed on P&O Ferries, DP World or flag states for the openly unlawful dismissal of 786 directly employed UK seafarers on 17 March 2022; is alarmed that despite the Government's announcement of its Nine Point Plan on P&O Ferries on 30 March 2022, P&O Ferries' agency crews are still being paid as low as £3.96 per hour and work unsafe roster patterns of up to 17 weeks at sea; is also concerned that the Insolvency Service decided, without conducting a public interest test, not to prosecute P&O Ferries for criminal offences; notes that a Seafarers Charter based on collectively bargained terms and conditions still has not been agreed; supports the RMT and Nautilus International's call for mandatory sectoral bargaining through fair pay agreements in the ferry industry, prohibition of seafarer discrimination, stronger trade union and employment rights, excluding DP World from Freeport tax reliefs and revoking P&O Ferries' Royal Charter; and calls on the Government to work with the maritime unions in adopting these measures as part of a new deal for UK seafarers.

955 BBC impartiality

Tabled: 13/03/23 Signatories: 17

Karl Turner
 Daisy Cooper
 Kate Osborne
 Kenny MacAskill
 Stewart Hosie
 Tommy Sheppard

Beth Winter

That this House notes with deep concern the recent saga at the BBC surrounding Match of the Day host Gary Lineker and the lack of appropriate leadership from Richard Sharp, chair of the BBC; believes that this matter highlights a serious failure in implementing proper, politically impartial leadership at the BBC, which has put its reputation as one of Britain's most trusted institutions in question; and calls for the immediate resignation of Richard Sharp.

956 Winston's Wish

Tabled: 13/03/23 Signatories: 22

Christine Jardine
 Tim Farron
 Stewart Hosie
 Jamie Stone
 Jim Shannon
 Helen Morgan

Judith Cummins

That this House notes the work of the childhood bereavement charity, Winston's Wish; congratulates the charity on reaching its 30th anniversary in 2022; notes that they supported over 30,000 children in 2022; further notes with concern the lack of automatic support available for bereaved children upon the death of a parent; also notes with concern that there is no official data available for the number of children in need of support; applauds the wide range of services they provide for bereaved children including support groups, hotlines, online chats and email support; wishes Winston's Wish every success for 2023; and urges the Government to introduce a new register of bereaved children to ensure no child is alone when they lose a parent or guardian.

959 Social care staffing and a national care service

Tabled: 13/03/23 Signatories: 24

Margaret Greenwood
 Grahame Morris
 Mick Whitley
 Charlotte Nichols
 Mohammad Yasin
 Tony Lloyd

Beth Winter

Nadia Whittome

Caroline Lucas

That this House expresses concern that there are around 165,000 vacancies in social care in England and that, as of 2020-21, the average hourly pay in independent care homes in England was just £9.01; is further concerned about separate reports that England is projected to need close to 500,000 more care staff by the middle of the next decade; believes that the Government has no credible plan to address the shortage of staff in the social care sector; recognises the impact that

chronic staffing shortages in the social care sector can have on unpaid carers, with many forced to give up their careers to look after a loved one; further recognises that many unpaid carers are struggling financially as a result of their caring role, with an increasing number unable to afford their utility bills; calls on the Government to work with stakeholders, including unpaid carers and other people with lived experience, to bring forward plans for a national care service ensuring that care is delivered for people, not for profit.

967 St. Albert's Primary 50 year anniversary

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 5

Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of St. Albert's Primary in Pollokshields; understands that celebrations for the young people include an art installation and other activities; notes the fantastic work St. Albert's have done in tackling racism and prejudice through their We Can Be Heroes project, an award-winning series of vibrant short story collections written by pupils at the school; understands the project was undertaken to increase representation of children from diverse backgrounds in Scotland; particularly appreciates the effort and tireless support for students that teachers Shirley-Anne Brightman and Clare Harker have contributed in recent times; wishes them every success in the future.

968 Renfrew Bascule Bridge Centenary

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 4

Gavin Newlands
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House notes the 100th anniversary of the completion of the White Cart Bascule Bridge, inaugurated on Wednesday 21 March 1923 in front of a 6,000-strong crowd; recognises its essential role when built in continuing to provide a strategic transport asset while allowing the river to continue to be used by industry; acknowledges its continued use to this day, opening to allow cargo to and from the nearby Doosan Babcock manufacturing facility upstream on the White Cart; celebrates its listed Category A status as a structure of significant importance to our industrial and cultural heritage; notes its construction by Sir William Arrol and Co., also responsible for the Forth Bridge, Tay Bridge, Humber Bridge and the Severn Bridge amongst many others; and looks forward to its continued role as a key part of Renfrewshire's transport infrastructure and industrial heritage.

969 80th anniversary of HMS Dasher's sinking

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 4

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House commemorates the 80th anniversary of the aircraft carrier HMS Dasher's sinking; understands that on 27 March 1943, HMS Dasher suffered an internal explosion whilst sailing

between Arran and Ardrossan, causing the vessel to sink with the tragic loss of 379 of her 528 crewmen; recognises that despite rapid response from ships and rescue teams at Brodick, Lamlash, Ardrossan and Greenock, the death toll was amongst the highest of any sinking in British waters; is aware that the wreck is an official War Grave, designated as a controlled site under the Protection of the Military Remains Act; and notes the memorials erected in Ardrossan and Scapa Flow which pay tribute to those who died.

970 90th anniversary of the first air service from Renfrew Airport

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 4

Gavin Newlands
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House notes the 90th anniversary of the first sustained scheduled passenger flight out of Renfrew Airport, which departed on 27 April 1933 for Campbeltown in Kintyre; commends the role the former Renfrew Airport played in the development of aviation in Scotland and in particular the links it provided between the west of mainland Scotland and island communities; further notes that the airport served Scotland for 33 years until its closure in 1966 to be replaced by the current Glasgow Airport just two miles away at Abbotsinch, Paisley; acknowledges that thousands of commuters drive over Renfrew's runway every day as part of the M8 motorway; notes the continued presence of the Flying Scotsman public house on the former airport site, the last remaining trace of the airport's existence; and looks forward to Glasgow Airport continuing to serve the people of Scotland as the country's premier airport.

971 Impact of Cyclone Freddy in Malawi and Mozambique

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 9

Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Anne McLaughlin
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake

Alison Thewliss

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses its sadness at the loss of over 200 lives in Malawi and Mozambique following the landfall of Cyclone Freddy in those countries since 13 March 2023; notes that the cyclone has re-intensified at least seven times after initially weakening, and has become one of the longest-lasting tropical cyclones on record; further notes that the widespread devastation caused by the storm has led to the destruction of homes, businesses, roads, agricultural land and other infrastructure, and exacerbated existing challenges in the region including an ongoing outbreak of cholera in Malawi; notes concerns that the increasing intensity of such storms is an impact of fossil-fuel driven climate change; calls on the Government and governments and multilateral institutions around the world to provide an effective humanitarian response to this disaster and redouble efforts to tackle the causes and effects of climate change; and sends its sympathy and condolences to all those who have lost loved ones or found themselves displaced as a result of the cyclone.

972 Heritage railways

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 8

Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Greg Knight
Jeremy Corbyn
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams

Jim Shannon

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes the value of the UK's 173 heritage railways to the economy, tourism and wellbeing; congratulates those recognised by the Heritage Railway Association for excellence in a range of achievements; further notes that from a shortlist of 40 railways, 12 railways won awards that varied from locomotive restoration to those for marketing and communications, environmental innovation, for rising stars and particularly for young volunteers on whom the future of the sector depends; and underlines that after the difficulties of the last three years these achievements are particularly worthy of recognition.

973 Nadia Majid: Brain Tumour Research fundraising

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 4

Ms Anum Qaisar
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House recognises Nadia Majid and her son Rayhan who passed away four months after his brain tumour diagnosis aged four years old; congratulates Nadia on completing 10,000 steps per day in February to increase awareness for Brain Tumour Research; commends her for raising over £10,000 to support those suffering from the devastating impacts of a brain tumour diagnosis; notes the vital work of Brain Tumour Research in helping to combat the disease; acknowledges Nadia's longstanding commitment to campaigning in memory of Rayhan; and hopes that Rayhan's legacy will go on to inspire others to join the fight against brain tumour disease.

974 Ben Weber South Pole expedition

Tabled: 15/03/23 Signatories: 6

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Ben Weber on his achievement of completing a solo journey to the South Pole; notes that he covered 700 miles to raise funds for Cancer Research UK in memory of his late mother; recognises the courage and determination required to complete such a journey; further recognises the enormous impact of cancer on individuals and their families and expresses condolences to those who have lost loved ones to this disease; and applauds Ben's spirit of adventure, perseverance and compassion.

975 Donald Wilson retirementTabled: **15/03/23** Signatories: **4**

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Donald Wilson on his achievement of winning the Barron Trophy, celebrating lifetime achievement in journalism; recognises that Donald recently retired after an illustrious career spanning 51 years in journalism; commends Donald for his contributions to the Highland journalism industry; and wishes Donald a happy retirement.

977 Taylor MacKenzie: Special Olympics World Games 2023Tabled: **16/03/23** Signatories: **3**

Chris Law
Stewart Hosie
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Taylor MacKenzie on being the only Scottish swimmer to be chosen to compete at the 2023 Special Olympic World Games, and at 15 years of age, the youngest person to be selected for Great Britain's team to compete against teams from 190 countries; notes the huge obstacles she has overcome and the barriers she has smashed; sees her as an inspiration to anyone with autism and a sporting desire to succeed; recognises her parents for their unwavering commitment and dedication to Taylor's training; and wishes Taylor the very best of luck at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games and all the best for the future.

978 ImmigrationTabled: **16/03/23** Signatories: **5**

Gavin Robinson
Stephen Farry
Claire Hanna
Jim Shannon
Colum Eastwood

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Immigration (Electronic Travel Authorisations) (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I., 2023, No. 305), dated 9 March 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10 March 2023, be annulled.

979 Ukrainian artistsTabled: **17/03/23** Signatories: **6**

Jamie Stone
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Stewart Hosie
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the important role artists from Ukraine have played in sustaining morale and winning international hearts and minds during the terrible year of Russian invasion; urges the Government to set up a fund to enable British arts organisations to continue this work by presenting Ukrainian artists, musicians, dancers and others; and encourages the Government to help artists from Ukraine collaborate with colleagues in the UK.