

Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 19 November 2024

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New EDMs

426 **25th anniversary of the Somme Memorial Flute Band**

Tabled: **19/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Alex Easton

That this House celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Somme Memorial Flute Band, formed in September 1998 in Bangor, County Down, with a mission to promote traditional Corps of Drums-style flute band music, provide a social outlet for its members and their families and honour those who fell at the Battle of the Somme during the Great War; notes that the band built a distinguished legacy as a melody flute band, performing not only across Northern Ireland but also in Scotland, France, Belgium, and the Republic of Ireland, including a St. Patrick's Day event in Mullingar in 2008; further notes that the band marked the Centenary of the Ulster Tower in November 2021, receiving a civic reception in Armentières and commemorating the late David Wilsdon with a bench in Mesnil-Martinsart, France, in his memory; highlights the fact that during their 25th anniversary year, the band attended 26 public performances, from loyal order parades to Remembrance events with organisations like the Royal British Legion; recognises that the anniversary year was launched with a memorable event at Parliament Buildings, Stormont Estate, featuring presentations, speeches by founder members, and letters from supporters in Scotland, England, and France; and also highlights the fact that the band has grown from a membership of 20 to over 40 active members, continuing to flourish and strengthen its role in preserving heritage, fostering community engagement, and advancing flute band music.

427 Halesowen in Bloom and the King's Award for Voluntary ServiceTabled: **19/11/24** Signatories: **1****Alex Ballinger**

That this House congratulates Halesowen in Bloom for receiving the King's Award for Voluntary Service; celebrates the work of the group and their service to making Halesowen an attractive place to live, work and visit; applauds the dedication of the organisation's committee which arranges horticultural, environmental and community enhancement in and around Halesowen town centre; thanks the shops, businesses and public for their generous donations; commends the volunteers, community groups, businesses and schools who undertake improvements; pays special tribute to Eve O'Connor - Chair, Hilary Bills - Secretary and Vicky Shakespeare - Manager of the BID; and applauds their contribution to the local community.

428 Glyn Cywarch, Historic Houses Restoration Award 2024Tabled: **19/11/24** Signatories: **4****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi****Ann Davies**

That this House congratulates the owners of Glyn Cywarch, a Grade II listed house and gardens located within Eryri National Park, on winning the Historic Houses Restoration Award 2024; notes that the prestigious award recognises outstanding work in restoration and is sponsored by Sotheby's Auction House; further notes that Glyn Cywarch, built by William Wynn in 1616, is the first ever Welsh house to win the award; highlights the building's ambitious Renaissance character, which has been the Harlech family seat since the 1800s; commends the use of traditional materials and building methodology like lime plaster and slate from Blaenau Ffestiniog; and applauds the hard work of the team of local contractors who contributed to the project over the six-and-a-half years it took to restore the house.

429 Ocean Oarsmen's Atlantic Rowing ChallengeTabled: **19/11/24** Signatories: **1****Mr Joshua Reynolds**

That this House commends Ben and Harry, known as the Ocean Oarsmen, for their extraordinary commitment in undertaking the challenge of rowing across the Atlantic Ocean to raise £50,000 for the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice, a cause that provides essential support to children with life-limiting conditions and their families; recognises the physical and mental endurance required for such a formidable journey of 3,000 miles; and wishes them every success in their endeavour, celebrating their efforts to bring attention to and support for this vital charity.

430 Bede's Helping HandsTabled: **19/11/24** Signatories: **1****Kate Osborne**

That this House congratulates Bede's Helping Hands, a food bank in Jarrow and Gateshead East constituency on receiving a King's Award for Voluntary Service; recognises the brilliant efforts of all their volunteers; praises the incredibly important work they do; acknowledges the massive difference they make for so many; and notes that whilst food banks should not be necessary it is the effort of community-based volunteer-led organisations such as these that change lives.

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.

363 Gaza family visa schemeTabled: **5/11/24** Signatories: **34****Rachael Maskell****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Shockat Adam****Andrew George****Sorcha Eastwood****Ayoub Khan**

Olivia Blake [R]

That this House notes the loss of over 40,000 people in Gaza resulting from the current conflict with the toll of injured, exposed to infectious disease and famine growing by the day, and far exceeding 100,000, while the destruction of the Gaza's health infrastructure means that people cannot access vital medical attention; and further notes that there are a small number of Palestinians living in the UK whose loved ones are at imminent risk in Gaza, so calls upon the Government to introduce a Gaza Family Visa Scheme, based upon the Ukraine Family Scheme, to enable Palestinians from Gaza to reunite with their family members and seek temporary sanctuary in the UK until it is safe to return.

368 Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly electionsTabled: **5/11/24** Signatories: **23****Imran Hussain****Tahir Ali****Richard Burgon****Mohammad Yasin****Zarah Sultana****Andy McDonald**

Ian Lavery

Jon Trickett

Grahame Morris

Clive Lewis

That this House recognises the right to self-determination for Kashmiris; notes that since the partition of 1947, the region and population of Kashmir have been divided between three countries; further notes that Indian-occupied Kashmir is the most militarised zone in the world; opposes the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35a of the Indian Constitution that revoked Kashmir's special status; decries the use of sweeping arrest powers, disappearances, torture, extra-judicial killings and other grave human rights violations against dissidents; also notes with particular concern the detention of journalists and political leaders such as JKLF Chairman Yasin Malik on an indefinite hunger strike protesting insufficient medical facilities in his Delhi jail, and the erosion of freedoms of speech, expression and the press; observes the election of a new J&K coalition government, and recognises the appointment of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on an anti-abrogation mandate; supports UN Security Council Resolution 47, ruling that the future of J&K should be decided by its own people through democratic means of a free and impartial plebiscite; regrets the lack of action over seven decades, further entrenching injustice; acknowledges the large British Kashmiri diaspora in Britain and their aspirations for a just settlement; calls on the Government to push for a resolution to the ongoing occupation, end the impunity granted to Indian armed forces in Kashmir and prioritise the aspirations of Kashmiris; and further calls on the Government to use its Presidency of the United Nations Security Council to implement the rulings of UN Security Council 47.

372 GWR Sunday timetableTabled: **6/11/24** Signatories: **22****Max Wilkinson****Steve Darling****Caroline Voaden****David Chadwick****Rachel Gilmour****Ben Maguire**

Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House notes with concern the level of service provided by the GWR rail franchise on Sundays; recognises that Sunday is a popular day for leisure travel, but also for those travelling for work purposes, visiting family and for students; further notes with concern the apparent

deterioration of the service in recent months, including the cancellation of large numbers of services, delays, and overcrowding; notes that passengers can no longer confidently rely on the GWR timetable for Sunday travel; and appeals to Ministers to intervene.

381 **Humanitarian situation in Sudan**

Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **25**

Monica Harding
Steve Darling
David Chadwick
Andrew Rosindell
Adam Dance
Ben Lake

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House notes that some 25 million people are facing acute hunger and urgently need humanitarian assistance in Sudan, that 14 regions are on the brink of famine and famine conditions have already been confirmed in ZamZam Camp in North Darfur and that more than 10 million have been displaced from their homes; further notes that civilians in the country are facing incredible hardship, fear and suffering and notes an increase in gender based violence; recognises that the UK's overseas aid spending is at its the lowest in 17 years, having been cut by £2 billion in the 2024-25 fiscal year; also notes that the UK has assumed presidency of the United Nations Security Council and is the penholder on Sudan; calls on the Government to increase humanitarian assistance to Sudan and make it a central issue during meetings of the Security Council; further calls on the Government to play a stronger role in seeking a ceasefire and peace process where civilians are a part of the democratic government; also calls on the Government to sponsor a new Security Council resolution to create safe zones for civilians, designating no-fly areas for aircraft and Iranian drones and upholding responsibilities under Resolution 2417; and calls on the Government to increase the capacity of its mission in Sudan as a practical means of support.

382 **Contribution of animals to the Armed Forces**

Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **12**

Josh Babarinde
Steve Darling
Jim Shannon
Tonia Antoniazzi
Adam Dance
James MacCleary

Kirsteen Sullivan

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House recognises that, alongside the extraordinary human contribution to the war effort in WWI and WWII, there was also an extraordinary animal effort, including the services

of 8 million horses and countless mules that died in WWI, the services of 300,000 pigeons that served Britain in WWI and WWII, carrying essential messages when other forms of communication were not possible, including 17,000 pigeons dropped into occupied countries in WWI, where fewer than 1 in 8 returned, the services of 20,000 dogs that were trained for the British frontline in WWI to deliver essential medical supplies, employed by the Red Cross, the services of 7,000 dogs whose owners offered their pets for service, including Airedale terriers trained to find injured soldiers in WWI, and including Rob the Collie who undertook 20 parachute jumps into North Africa and was awarded the Dickens Medal for Gallantry, alongside 65 other animals who have received the Dickens medal since WWII; notes that animals continue to make a significant contribution to our Armed Forces; and believes that animals should be recognised even further as a key part of our Armed Forces, and that they should be commemorated by further uptake of the Purple Poppy.

383 **Work of St John Ambulance**

Tabled: 11/11/24 Signatories: 37

Kirith Entwistle
Mary Kelly Foy
Sarah Hall
Charlotte Nichols
Sonia Kumar
Zöe Franklin

Layla Moran

Steve Darling

That this House recognises the lifesaving work of St John Ambulance volunteers across the country, training 250,000 members of the public in first aid every year, providing event first aid cover at 11,000 events and delivering 4,000 hours of emergency support to the NHS per month as the nation's ambulance auxiliary; acknowledges that 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests take place every year in the UK with less than 1 in 10 people surviving and immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation and that defibrillation can more than double the chances of survival; is concerned by the findings of St John Ambulance's recent survey that revealed 49% of the public would feel panicked if they came across a health emergency, with one in three members of the public afraid to give CPR to women due to fear of inappropriate touching; thanks the work of St John Ambulance volunteers, first aid charities and NHS Ambulance services in providing physical and mental health first aid training in communities to improve first aid confidence; and encourages the Government to support first aid education and volunteers as part of the NHS-10-Year Plan to tackle health inequalities, improve health outcomes and save lives.

384 Occupational Therapy Week 2024Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **17**

Max Wilkinson
Steve Darling
Jim Shannon
Adam Dance
James MacCleary
Vikki Slade

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House recognises Occupational Therapy Week 2024; celebrates the invaluable role of occupational therapists across the UK in delivering holistic, person-centred care to improve health outcomes, promote independent living, and reduce pressures on NHS and social care services; acknowledges the vital contributions of occupational therapists working across diverse settings to support hospital discharge, rehabilitation, and community-based support; welcomes the Royal College of Occupational Therapists' (RCOT) Workforce Strategy, which outlines the key role that an enlarged occupational therapy workforce based primarily within communities can play as a catalyst for the Government's plans to move care into communities, leverage technology and prioritise prevention and early intervention; and urges the Government to work with RCOT to deliver this vision.

389 Social care workers and National InsuranceTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **37**

Steve Darling
Claire Young
Clive Jones
Tom Gordon
Edward Morello
Richard Foord

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House notes that social care workers should be exempt from the National Insurance tax rise announced in the Autumn Budget 2024; welcomes the extra funding provided for the NHS and other public sector organisations to cover the cost of the tax rise, but notes that the vast majority of care providers will not benefit from this help; further notes that 98% of care providers are small employers; and calls on the Government to reconsider National Insurance proposals so that care providers including care homes and those providing care in people's homes should be exempt from the National Insurance tax increase.

390 Use of swift bricksTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **20**

Adam Dance
Tonia Antoniazzi
Wendy Chamberlain
Anna Sabine
Tim Farron
Claire Young

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House notes with concern the dramatic decline in swift populations across the country; recognises that swift bricks are a sensible, low-cost solution to support the reintroduction of swift nesting sites in areas where they have been lost; further notes that swift bricks can be easily implemented into different types of developments; also notes that swift bricks provide nests for other types of endangered species, strengthening local biodiversity; and calls on the Government to encourage the use of swift bricks in its planned 1.5 million new developments.

397 Humanitarian situation in Sudan (No. 2)Tabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **26**

Zarah Sultana
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Richard Burgon
Jon Trickett

Claire Hanna

Stephen Gethins

That this House expresses deep concern over the ongoing conflict in Sudan, which has displaced over 10 million people, caused widespread famine, and fuelled religious persecution and human rights abuses, including sexual violence; recognises this severe humanitarian crisis; urges the Government to act urgently by supporting an immediate, internationally mediated ceasefire and advocating for safe, unhindered humanitarian access to all regions affected by the conflict; and calls on the international community to intensify diplomatic efforts to hold all parties accountable for civilian protection and adherence to international human rights standards, because immediate action is crucial to addressing the urgent needs of Sudan's displaced and vulnerable populations, upholding religious freedom, and fostering lasting peace in the region.

400 35 Years of the Edinburgh Interfaith AssociationTabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **8**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Rachael Maskell
Graham Leadbitter
Chris Law

Kirsteen Sullivan

Seamus Logan

That this House congratulates the Edinburgh Interfaith Association (EIFA) on 35 years of service to Edinburgh; notes that throughout that time EIFA has diligently and effectively sought opportunities to cultivate and promote interfaith progress in the City of Edinburgh; respects that EIFA has been continuously recognised by other interfaith organisations throughout the world as an outstanding role model in terms of developing and delivering positively impactful interfaith programmes for the wider community; celebrates that in 2023 over 4000 Edinburgh primary school children benefitted from EIFA's Faith Road Show where different faiths share their practices and beliefs and together promote interfaith understanding and peace, highlighting the commonalities between faiths as well as encouraging respect for differences; thanks EIFA for the leadership they demonstrated in the summer of 2024 with the Lord Provost of Edinburgh Robert Aldridge and City of Edinburgh Council Leader Cammy Day when showing solidarity with the people of Southport and condemning the actions of those who sought to spread disinformation and to stir up hatred and violence; and further thanks the board members, who are predominantly drawn from Edinburgh's diverse faith communities, on their ability to further the interfaith mission of the organisation.

402 Redundancies at TGI FridaysTabled: **13/11/24** Signatories: **11**

Lee Barron
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jon Trickett
Mary Kelly Foy
Mrs Lorraine Beavers
Richard Burgon

Brian Leishman

That this House condemns TGI Fridays' decision to terminate over 1,000 staff with less than an hour's notice, without consultation, leaving many workers locked out of their workplaces and unable to access their possessions; urges the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to meet with the dismissed workers; calls on Teneo to unlock the sites so that workers may retrieve their belongings; requests TGI Fridays ensures fair compensation, appropriate notice, and redundancy pay for all affected staff; further calls on the Business and Trade Select Committee

to require TGI Fridays' CEO, Julie McEwan, to appear before them; and further urges the Government to take urgent action to make mass firings without notice or consultation illegal.

406 **Implications for rural communities of the Autumn Budget 2024**

Tabled: **13/11/24** Signatories: **15**

Tim Farron
Robin Swann
Steff Aquarone
Anna Sabine
Claire Young
James MacCleary

Mr Lee Dillon

Andrew George

That this House recognises the vital contribution that British farmers make to our economy, environment and food security; understands that the farming industry has suffered from the botched trade deals that the former Conservative government negotiated and the poorly managed transition to Environmental Land Management schemes, increases in input costs, workforce shortages, extreme weather events and cuts to their incomes; is therefore deeply concerned by the Government's Budget announcement to cap agricultural property relief to an effective tax rate of 20% on all agricultural assets which are valued at over £1 million; believes that this decision unfairly affects family farms and rural businesses and may force tenant farmers and family farms to stop farming; notes that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' day-to-day spending is set to be cut by 1.9% over the next two years; further notes the Chancellor's decision to accelerate the phase-out of the direct payments under the Basic Payment Scheme; also believes that these decisions put national food security, the natural environment and the heritage of agricultural communities and the rural economy at greater risk; and urges the Government to reverse its cut to agricultural property relief, raise the farming budget by £1 billion a year and issue an urgent review into the accelerated phase-out of the direct payments under the Basic Payment Scheme, to make sure our farmers can continue to feed the nation and protect our natural environment.

408 Protecting wild sea birds and sand eelsTabled: **14/11/24** Signatories: **8****Wendy Chamberlain****Adam Dance****Claire Young****Rachael Maskell****Jim Shannon****Richard Burgon**

Mr Lee Dillon

Andrew George

That this House recognises the importance of sand eels to the wider ecosystem, in particular wild seabird populations; acknowledges the puffin and kittiwake bird populations, whose diets largely rely on sand eels, have drastically decreased as a result of industrial sand eel fishing by Sweden and Denmark in the North Sea; notes that a ban on fishing is now in place but notes further with concern growing external pressure to lift the ban; and urges the Government to commit to the fishing ban to ensure our wild sea bird species can continue to thrive.

409 Triple negative breast cancerTabled: **14/11/24** Signatories: **10****Clive Jones****Claire Young****Adam Dance****Anna Sabine****Dr Roz Savage****Wendy Chamberlain**

Mr Lee Dillon

Andrew George

That this House recognises the significant impact of triple negative breast cancer (TNBC), which accounts for around 15% of breast cancer diagnosis but up to 40% of all breast cancer deaths in England; acknowledges that TNBC disproportionately affects people under the age of 40, for whom a diagnosis and treatment can have a profound effect on their lives, employment, financial security and family; further recognises the impact of undergoing treatment for TNBC and the importance of the breast cancer workforce in providing support during this time, particularly Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS); acknowledges the lack of specific data on TNBC in England, making it difficult to identify exactly how many people are living with or dying from TNBC; and calls on the Government to ensure that every person with TNBC has care tailored to their needs, including the assignment of a CNS at diagnosis and that TNBC data is improved in England.

410 Children's Grief Awareness Week 2024Tabled: **14/11/24** Signatories: **14****Christine Jardine****Claire Young****Steve Darling****Adam Dance****Anna Sabine****Dr Roz Savage**

Mr Lee Dillon

Andrew George

That this House recognises Children's Grief Awareness Week, taking place between 18 and 24 November 2024; notes that this year's theme is building hope, which includes a focus on building resilience in young people and offering strategies and tools to support them with their bereavement; further notes this year's policy focus is improving grief education to support children through this difficult time; commends the coalition of charities organising Children's Grief Awareness Week including Child Bereavement UK, Childhood Bereavement Network and Winston's Wish; celebrates the work that these charities do to provide specialist support for children, including support groups, hotlines, online chats and email support; and calls on the Government to introduce a new protocol for authorities and public bodies to inform children of local, national and online support services available to children following a bereavement.

412 Amy Adair, world medal in karateTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **2****Alex Easton****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Amy Adair from Conlig on her outstanding achievement at the IKU World Karate Championships in Buenos Aires, where she proudly represented Karate Northern Ireland and returned with her first-ever world medal in kumite (sparring); notes that Amy, a committed member of the Mizukara clubs in Newtownards and Bangor, has demonstrated exceptional dedication and perseverance, training tirelessly and competing on the international circuit since her previous world championship participation at the WUKF event in Dundee last year; commends her coach, David Brashaw, for his guidance and for fostering an inspiring environment that has contributed to Amy's success, despite the lack of government funding for athletes from Northern Ireland, which led Amy to personally fund most of her trip with additional support from a GoFundMe campaign; wishes Amy and her fellow Mizukara karate students every success at the forthcoming Karate Ireland National Championships on 24 November; and recognises the continued commitment of the Mizukara clubs to karate in Northern Ireland, as they prepare to celebrate their 13th anniversary on 8 December with Sensei Ian Cuthbert from Karate England.

413 Jim Allan, High Street Hero Award winner, Lothian 2024Tabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **2****Kirsteen Sullivan**
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the work of Bathgate bairn Jim Allan; congratulates Jim Allan on winning the Scotland Loves Local High Street Hero award for Lothian; acknowledges Jim Allan as an award-winning community role model and inspiring eco-warrior for his work in clearing litter; recognises the impact of litter on many communities; understands the danger of litter to wildlife and the natural environment; commends Jim for his hard-work collecting litter and inspiring local litter-pickers since 2019; thanks the inspired 3,650-strong community movement that has collected 541 tonnes of litter in the year to September 2024; further acknowledges the social and health benefits of these group activities in encouraging exercise and fresh air, and providing purpose; encourages the community aspiration and spirit needed to take up activities that help to improve street cleanliness, reconnect people with their neighbours and reap health benefits; and wishes Jim Allan and West Lothian Litter Pickers well in their future endeavours.

414 Disclosure and Barring Service checks for hon. Members and PeersTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **3****Jo White**
Tonia Antoniazzi
Andrew George

That this House believes that all Parliamentarians should be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check when they take their place in the House of Commons or House of Lords.

415 Wester Hailes post officeTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **3****Dr Scott Arthur**
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House regrets that Post Office Limited is considering closing Wester Hailes Post Office; further regrets the potential loss of jobs and service provision in the heart of one of Scotland's most deprived communities; notes that Post Office Limited has not yet contacted the local Member of Parliament to discuss their proposals for their vital community hub in one of Scotland's most deprived communities; agrees that the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry uncovered significant problems in the centre of the company, and people in Wester Hailes cannot be expected to pay the price for that; and calls for a genuine consultation process involving affected individuals before any final decision is made.

416 Family visasTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **6**

Lisa Smart
Claire Hanna
Jim Shannon
Olly Glover
Andrew George
Steve Darling

That this House notes with concern the previous Government's decision to increase the minimum income threshold for family visas to £29,000; acknowledges that this threshold unfairly separates families, particularly impacting low-income households and those in regions with lower average wages; recognises that a number of announcements on changes to the income threshold in the last 12 months has caused anxiety and uncertainty for many families; emphasises that family life should not be contingent on an arbitrary income level; urges the Government to provide an update on the progress of the Migration Advisory Committee's review into the financial requirements of family visas; and calls on the Government to reverse the increase to the minimum income threshold for family visas, so no more families are torn apart.

419 50th anniversary of the Birmingham pub bombingsTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **2**

Jim Allister
Jim Shannon

That this House notes with real sadness the 50th anniversary of the Birmingham Pub Bombings which took place on 21 November 1974 in which 21 people were killed and 220 injured, the most deadly terrorist attack on British soil and largest unsolved mass murder; further notes that it is widely recognised that, despite their never having accepted responsibility, this was a brutal act of IRA terrorism; praises the work of Julie Hambleton, sister of Maxine Hambleton who was killed in the bombings, in setting up Justice 4 the 21; and calls on the Government to honour the calls of Justice 4 the 21 for a public inquiry out of respect for the memories of the 21, all those who were injured, and their families.

420 Care for PANS and PANDASTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **6**

Michelle Scrogham
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Shockat Adam
Wendy Chamberlain
Sir Julian Lewis

That this House is concerned about the severe impact the post-infectious neuropsychiatric disorders Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) and Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) have on children, young people and families across the UK; notes that the impact is exacerbated by low levels of awareness and variation in care available further adding to the financial, emotional and educational toll; recognises that early intervention is known to lead to best outcomes but is rarely available to patients in the UK; applauds the publication of a manifesto by charity PANS PANDAS UK calling for the forthcoming NHS Ten Year Plan to take the needs of this community into account; commends the work of the PANS PANDAS Steering Group in seeking to implement change within health, education and social care; and calls on the Government to support this work through improved funding, research and training for professionals.

421 Rory McIlroy, DP World Tour Championship and Race to DubaiTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **2**

Alex Easton
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Rory McIlroy on his outstanding victory at the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai; recognises this achievement as his third DP World Tour Championship title and his sixth Race to Dubai triumph, equalling the record set by Seve Ballesteros; acknowledges the dedication and resilience demonstrated by Mr. McIlroy throughout the 2024 season, culminating in this significant accomplishment; and commends his continued contributions to the sport of golf, serving as an inspiration to athletes across the United Kingdom and beyond.

422 Puppy smuggling billTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **7****Dr Danny Chambers****Richard Burgon****Liz Jarvis****Helen Morgan****Jim Shannon****Mr Will Forster**

Andrew George

That this House welcomes the introduction of the Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill, also known as the Puppy Smuggling Bill, which aims to address critical animal welfare and public health concerns associated with the illegal importation of dogs and cats; recognises that this Bill tackles puppy smuggling, the importation of heavily pregnant dogs, and the steep increase in animal mutilations, in particular ear cropping and tail docking; notes with concern the 2,000% increase in reported ear-cropping cases over the past decade, the 600% rise in pregnant dogs illegally smuggled into the UK over the past three years and that legal loopholes which allow animal mutilation and suffering continue to be exploited; further notes that up to half of online advertisements for puppies feature dogs that have been illegally imported; acknowledges with concern that illegally imported dogs pose a risk to human health by potentially transmitting non-endemic zoonotic diseases including rabies and *Brucella canis*; further acknowledges the support of the RSPCA, the British Veterinary Association and Dogs Trust for this Bill; and calls on the Government to enact the Puppy Smuggling Bill to create a framework that protects animal welfare and public health.

423 ARK at Egwood, King's Award for Voluntary ServiceTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **2****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the team at ARK at Egwood for receiving the King's Award for Voluntary Service; thanks the volunteers at ARK at Egwood for their work in providing a safe outdoor environment that supports people of all ages and varying needs and wishes them continued good fortune; commends the positive impact of ARK at Egwood's unique approach, which combines nature, crafts, and community support, on individuals across the Yeovil constituency; and recognises that ARK at Egwood receiving this award is a testament to the powerful role that volunteer-led initiatives play in improving lives and strengthening communities.

424 30th anniversary of Swarcliffe good neighbours schemeTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **9****Richard Burgon****John McDonnell****Rachael Maskell****Imran Hussain****Brian Leishman****Jim Shannon**

Mary Kelly Foy

Jon Trickett

Ian Byrne

That this House congratulates Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme on its 30th anniversary; celebrates its ongoing work providing services promoting the health and well-being of older people and their carers in Swarcliffe, Stanks and Whinmoor in East Leeds to support them living happy and fulfilled lives in the community; notes its fantastic range of activities including monthly trips, the luncheon club, the Knitting Circle, line-dancing and drop-in sessions for advice; thanks Ken Hill for his continuing work as Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Project Manager since 2005 and recognises and thanks Ken Hill's predecessor Philip Makin for his work as Project Manager for the first 11 years of Swarcliffe Good Neighbours; thanks all volunteers and local residents who have made, and who continue to make, Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme so special; and wishes Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme every happiness and success in its next 30 years of work in the community.

425 D-Day veteran George ChandlerTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **4****Alison Bennett****Richard Burgon****Jim Shannon****Sir Julian Lewis**

That this House notes with deep sadness the passing in October 2024 of World War 2 Navy veteran and Mid Sussex constituent George Chandler at the age of 99; expresses gratitude for his extraordinary life of service and his dedication to world war education and remembrance; recognises that with the passing of each veteran we are a step closer to World War 2 ceasing to be within living memory; wishes to highlight George's advice for people to have more compassion for each other; calls on the Government and all educational institutions to redouble efforts to ensure that the lessons of the world wars are never forgotten; and further calls that future generations remain vigilant against intolerance, prejudice and violence in all its forms, continuing the vital legacy left by George Chandler and so many of his fellow war heroes.