



Islington welcomes NHS 999 March



On Saturday 6 September at 1.15pm, having marched 300 miles, a group of mums protesting against the privatisation of the NHS, passed through Islington on their way to Trafalgar Square.

I organised a grand Islington welcome with Jeremy Corbyn MP, Cllr Richard Watts and Shirely Franklin, who joined local NHS activists and a group of 100 Islington residents

at Islington Green. We greeted the marchers with a carpet of flowers before joining them on the final leg of their journey.

It was great to give the mums from Darlington, and the hundreds who joined them, a grand Islington welcome after their long journey.

That 100 people from Islington were able to greet them shows just how strongly people in Islington care about keeping our NHS in public hands.

The march, which has been compared to the “Jarrow March” of 1936, began in the same town on 16th August. By the time it reached London three weeks later, the starting group of 30 were joined by thousands for the rally in Trafalgar Square.

Iraq and Syria advice

I am giving ongoing advice to the Leader’s office on what can be done about ISIS within the law.



Scotland Independence Referendum

On Wednesday 10 September I hosted a phone bank session at Labour Party HQ for the Scottish referendum, along with Sadiq Khan and Chuka Umunna. The event was over capacity and demonstrates the strength of feeling people in London have to keeping us together.

Scotland remaining in the United Kingdom doesn't just matter to Scotland, it matters to Islington too. Not because we don't think Scotland could cope by itself but because we believe that everybody's better, Scots, English, Welsh and Northern Irish, when we're all united.

As the Yes Campaign have argued, becoming independent stops Scotland ever being ruled by a Tory government again. But by Saying 'No thanks' to the referendum Scots can help get rid of the Tory Government's policies across Islington and the rest of the UK too.

The Scots can help ensure that the bedroom tax is not only abolished in Scotland, but across the rest of the United Kingdom. Because in the end the Union is all about solidarity and ensuring social justice for everybody living in the UK.

The Labour movement was founded on the principle of solidarity. We know that we achieve more together than we can do alone and that



divisions only serve to make it harder for all of us. In an increasingly connected world surely unity is better than division, answers are better than uncertainty and Scotland is better in the United Kingdom.

Over our shared history we've all benefited from being in the Union. We're a small island off the coast of Europe and the only way we have ever achieved anything, either at home or abroad, was as a United Kingdom.

Together we have been the birthplace of the industrial revolution; we liberated Europe in 1945 and we created the National Health Service.

With just a day to go until Scotland goes to the ballot box, I'm asking all of you, with friends and relatives living in Scotland, to call them and let them know that we don't want them to leave us. Surely, we're better together.



Islington's Street Parties

Every summer Islington sees an amazing assortment of street parties, festivals and community events.

One of the largest of these is the **Cally Festival** on the Caledonian Road, attended by over 6000 people. I was pleased to attend this year, and address the crowds with local Councillors.

The Caledonian Road is already one of Islington's most vibrant neighbourhoods, but with the addition of street food, dancing and a street market it makes it a really special occasion.

I also attended the **Amwell Society Garden Party** on Saturday 6 September.

The Society, while small, has done some tremendous work to secure Clerkenwell Fire Station as an asset of community value and I am now working to ensure the continued use of the building as a Fire Museum.



Fundraising in the battleground seats



On Saturday 6 March I spoke at Stevenage Constituency Labour Party's annual garden party.

Stevenage is one of the must win tory seats, if Labour are to win next May, ranked 58 of the 106 target marginal seats.

I was joined by Richard Howett MEP and the local candidate Sharon Taylor, current leader of the Labour Council.

My Diary Summary - September 2014

Constituency Work

- Held surgeries and coffee mornings in the constituency
- Met with Richard Watts and Jeremy Corbyn to discuss the Government cuts to Islington and the Council.
- Spoke at the opening of the new Remploy offices in Islington, the largest in the country.
- Met with the Institute of Physics who intend to move their premises onto the Caledonian Road by 2016, opening it up to the local community.
- Met with the CEO of St John's Ambulance.
- Organised a Grand Islington Welcome of the 999 NHS March from Jarrow.
- Attended the Amwell Society garden party.
- Spoke at the Cally Festival.
- Met with Reprieve and Jeremy Corbyn, several times regarding Andargachew Tsege, a partner of a constituent threatened with the death penalty.
- Spoke at the City of London School for Girls.
- Met with a local group of people involved in Arts and Culture in Islington.

Media Appearances

- BBC London, Daily Politics, Telegraph, Times, financial Times, Bloomberg

Shadow Cabinet Activities and Parliamentary work

- Attended meetings of the Shadow Cabinet.
- Attended meetings of the Shadow Justice Team and the Legislation Committee.
- Met with Stephen Hockman, Chair of the Society of Labour Lawyers.
- Spoke at the Cambridge Fraud Symposium.
- Met with constituents lobbying on behalf of the Palestinian Solidarity Campaign.

Campaigning and Fundraising

- Spoke at the Islington South and Finsbury Labour Women's Forum.
- Met with the PPC for Bristol West.
- Hosted a phone bank for the Scotland Referendum at Labour Party HQ.
- Spoke at the Stevenage Fundraiser

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