

DIARY OF DR BRIAN IDDON, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR BOLTON SOUTH EAST

(THIS IS A LIST OF ENGAGEMENTS FOR 2004)

- 05 JAN 2004 **PARLIAMENT RESUMES AFTER CHRISTMAS RECESS**
- 06 JAN 2004 Seminar on “The Barker Review of Housing Supply”, with Kate Barker (MPC), Adam Sampson (Director of Shelter) and Denise Chevin (Editor of Housing Today) as speakers
Meeting of Greater Manchester MPs about Police grant settlement
- 07 JAN 2004 Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, addressed by Tessa Jowell, Secretary of State at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport
- 08 JAN 2004 Interview with Tower FM on the Hutton Report and Higher Education top-up-fees
- 09 JAN 2004 Joint meeting with the Community Fund and Bolton Community Transport and Furniture Services in Warrington about progress with a grant application
Annual Luncheon of the Showmen’s Guild of Great Britain at the Halton Stadium, Widnes
- 10 JAN 2004 Stars of the Millennium present “Musical Moments” at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Club
Interview with Radio 5 Live on the Danish Army’s discovery in Iraq of 10 year-old shells containing “blister gas”
- 12 JAN 2004 **Standing Committee D Programming Sub-Committee for The National Insurance Contributions and Statutory Payments Bill**
- 13 JAN 2004 **The National Insurance and Statutory Payments Bill in Standing Committee D (two sessions: 9.30-**

11.25 a.m. and 2.30-3.05 p.m.)

London & Thames Valley Pharmaceutical Group
Round Table discussion on “Medicines Development”,
addressed by Sir Michael Rawlins, Chairman of the
National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) and Dr
Ted Bianco, Director of Technology at the Wellcome
Trust

Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary University
Group, addressed by the Tory (Tim Collins MP) and
Liberal Democrat (David Rendel) spokesmen on
Higher Education

- 14 JAN 2004 The Showmen’s Guild of Great Britain Annual
Luncheon for MPs
Briefing meeting with Cancer Research UK on The
Human Tissue Bill (Brian, who is an official
Parliamentary ‘Champion’ of Cancer Research UK,
chaired this meeting)
Meeting of the NW Group of Labour MPs, addressed
by Gordon Brown
- 15 JAN 2004 Interview with Channel 4 TV on ecstasy for an item on
Channel 4 News
Meeting with Adfam, a drugs charity
- 16 JAN 2004 Brian was shadowed all day as part of a Royal Society
twinning scheme (MP with scientist) by Dr Graeme
Conn, a microbiologist from UMIST
Board meeting of the Bolton Technical Innovation
Centre Ltd (Brian is Chairman of the TIC)
“Put It To Your MP” campaign visit on behalf of
UNICEF to St James’ Secondary School, Farnworth
SURGERY AT BOLTON TOWN HALL
- 17 JAN 2004 Bolton Wanderers v Portsmouth at the Reebok
Stadium
- 19 JAN 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE,**
taking evidence on the EU Chemicals Directive from
Green organisations, the retail trade and the British
Union for the Abolition of Vivisection
Special Parliamentary Labour Party meeting on the
Higher Education Bill, addressed by the Prime Minister

Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Hepatology Group

Meeting of Labour Friends of India for General Practitioners, addressed by John Reid

20 JAN 2004

STANDING COMMITTEE E; THE HOUSING BILL

(Sessions one and two at 9.10-11.25 a.m. and 2.30-5.15 p.m.)

Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Drug Misuse Group, addressed by Prof. Gerry Stimson (Imperial College) on heroin prescribing (Brian is Chairman of this Group)

Meeting of the Parliamentary Group for Integrated and Complementary Healthcare on "Herbal Medicines", addressed by Prof. David Bellamy and Barbara Griggs

21 JAN 2004

Inaugural meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Patient and Public Involvement in Health (formerly the APPG on Community Health Councils)

Launch of Beating Bowel Cancer's "Loud Tie Campaign"

Socialist Campaign Group of Labour MPs public meeting - "No Top-Up Fees - A Free Education for All", with several speakers

One-to-one meeting with Tony Blair about opposition to the HE Bill

A public meeting following a Parliamentary Lobby - "The Wall Must Fall", opposition to the security barrier being built by the Israelis on Palestinian land

22 JAN 2004

STANDING COMMITTEE E; THE HOUSING BILL

(Sessions three and four at 9.10-11.25 a.m. and 2.30-5.05 p.m.)

Meeting with USDAW on The Christmas Day Trading Bill, a Private Members' Bill steered by Kevin Jones MP (Durham), which Brian is supporting

Meeting with The Airport Operators Association (the Manchester Airport Group are members)

One-to-one meeting with Charles Clarke on the Higher Education Bill at the DfES

Interview with Tower FM radio about the take-over of GUS by Littlewoods, now agreed by the Secretary of State for Trade & Industry, Patricia Hewitt

- 23 JAN 2004 Meeting with the President and Student Union Executive Members at Bolton Institute on the Higher Education Bill
Meeting with Bolton Stop the War Coalition
- 25 JAN 2004 Interview with BBC News 24 on the Higher Education Bill
Holocaust Memorial Service at Bolton Town Hall
- 26 JAN 2004 Interview with Tower FM about the debates on the Higher Education Bill and the Hutton Report
Meeting with the Making Decisions Alliance (Chair - Richard Kramer from Turning Point) about the Mental Incapacity Bill
Interview with GMR on the Higher Education Bill
Meeting on the Housing Bill with the Ministers
Meeting on opiate abuse, sponsored by Schering-Plough
Reception with the Westminster Diet & Health Forum
Dinner with Tessa Jowell and other MPs to discuss the Higher Education Bill debate (27 January)
- 27 JAN 2004 **STANDING COMMITTEE E; THE HOUSING BILL**
(Sessions five and six at 9.10-11.25 a.m. and 2.30-5.00 p.m.)(Brian was in the Higher Education Bill debate 2.30 - 3.10 and 4.30 - 5.00 p.m.)
Interview with BBC Radio London on the Higher Education Bill
Interviews with BBC News at One, Radio Five Live and BBC News 24 on the Higher Education Bill (all on College Green)
Phone call with the Prime Minister and a call from Gordon Brown's Office
On 26 and 27 January Brian's movements were followed on a hourly basis for a 'diary' in The Guardian newspaper to demonstrate the pressures that an MP can be subjected to when a major decision is due in the House of Commons
- 28 JAN 2004 Interview with Tower FM radio on the Higher Education Bill Second Reading debate (316 for; 311 against, with 19 abstentions, including Brian) and the Hutton Report
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE,

taking evidence from Lord Sainsbury, Minister for Science at the DTI, and Sir Keith O’Nions, Director General of the Science Councils, for the “Nanotechnology” inquiry
Interview with GMR about the “Light Pollution” report of the Science and Technology Select Committee
Meeting to discuss Lord Joffe’s “Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill [HL]”
Inaugural meeting of the North West PLP ‘Yes’ Group (set up to campaign for an elected Regional Assembly)
The Daily Telegraph “Scientists meet the Media Party 2004” at The Royal Society

- 29 JAN 2004 **STANDING COMMITTEE E; THE HOUSING BILL**
(Sessions seven and eight at 9.10-11.25 a.m. and 2.30 - 4.35 p.m.)
Lunch for Members of the Science and Technology Select Committee with Chief Executives of UK bioscience companies to discuss “Biosciences & the European Union”
- 30 JAN 2004 Speech on the Government’s Policy on Drugs to the Manchester Students’ Union Labour Club
- 31 JAN 2004 Social evening with Cheadle CLP
- 01 FEB 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, travel to Brussels
- 02 FEB 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence in Brussels on the EU Chemicals Directive
- 03 FEB 2004 **STANDING COMMITTEE E; THE HOUSING BILL**
(Sessions nine and ten at 9.10-11.25 a.m. and 2.30-5.40 p.m.)
Meeting with the Royal Society of Chemistry (Brian is a Fellow and their Parliamentary Adviser on the Labour benches)
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group (Brian is Treasurer), addressed by Sir John Mogg, Chairman of Ofgem (Brian gave a progress report on The Housing Bill)

- 04 FEB 2004 “Good Foods/Bad Foods - The Implications of Food Labelling Policy - The European Food Standards Agency: Progress and Priorities”, a conference organised by The Westminster Diet & Health Forum (Brian is a Patron)(Brian Chaired this meeting)
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE, informal meeting with John Taylor about his report (“A UK Strategy for Nanotechnology”; 2002)
 Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Brain Injury Group (guest speakers arranged by Headway)
 Meeting with Singapore Airlines Ltd
 Meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party Health and Social Services Group, addressed by John Reid
- 05 FEB 2004 **STANDING COMMITTEE E; THE HOUSING BILL**
 (Sessions eleven and twelve at 9.10-11.25 a.m. and 2.30 - 5.55 p.m.)
 Parliamentary and Scientific Society Annual Lunch at the Savoy; guest speaker Chris Patten, European Commissioner for External Relations
- 06 FEB 2004 “Put It To Your MP” campaign visit on behalf of UNICEF to Mytham Road CP School, Little Lever
 Re-recording of interview with GMR on the Science & Technology Select Committee’s report on “Light Pollution”
 Meeting with the Nixon Triangle Residents’ Association (Daubhill Ward) in the presence of local Councillors and four representatives of Bolton Metro’s Environmental Health Division about concerns over the in-fill of the former Bolton-Kenyon railway cutting
 Mayor of Bolton’s Charity Dinner and Cabaret evening
- 07 FEB 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**
- 09 FEB 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, Question Time with David Sainsbury (Minister for Science) followed by taking evidence on the EU Chemicals Directive from representatives of the Chemical Industry and Alun Michael MP, Minister of State at the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
 Annual Parliamentary reception at the Institute of

Mechanical Engineers, addressed by the Secretary of State at the DTI, Patricia Hewitt MP

- 10 FEB 2004 **STANDING COMMITTEE E; THE HOUSING BILL**
(Sessions thirteen and fourteen at 9.10-11.25 a.m. and 2.30 - 6.55 p.m.)
Launch of Britain's Biggest All Day Breakfast campaign by Cancer Research UK at the HoC (Brian is a "Parliamentary Champion" for Cancer Research UK)
Channel 4 Political Awards
- 11 FEB 2004 Meeting with the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the Disabled People's Transport Advisory Committee at the launch of their report, "Making Private Hire Service more Accessible to Disabled People"
Brian addressed the All Jamu and Kashmir Muslim Conference meeting at the House of Commons (the Chairman is Mohammed Yaqub Chisti whose nephew is Mumtaz Chishty)
Meeting of th NW Group of Labour MPs, followed by their first ever social gathering, attended by Cabinet Members
- 12 FEB 2004 **STANDING COMMITTEE E; THE HOUSING BILL**
(Sessions fifteen and sixteen at 9.10-11.25 a.m. and 2.30 - 4.12 p.m.)(Brian missed the afternoon sitting to take part in an Adjournment Debate in Westminster Hall)
HOUSE RISES FOR HALF-TERM BREAK
- 13 FEB 2004 The Bolton Learning and Skills Council Area Review Conference (on development of 14-19 year-old education and training), Reebok Stadium
Launch of Headway for Bolton (Brian spoke at this meeting of the acquired brain injury charity)
- 16 FEB 2004 Meeting with Kashmiris to arrange meetings
- 19 FEB 2004 Lecture ("A Scientist Loose in the House") at Liverpool University, where Brian is a Visiting Professor in the Department of Chemistry

- 20 FEB 2004 Visit to the new Coronary Care Unit at The Royal Bolton Hospital
Brian took part in a Q & A session with students at Manchester University Student Union followed by a “Big Conversation” event on “Race and Immigration”, organised by the Labour Club
Civic Dinner at Bolton Town Hall
- 21 FEB 2004 Meeting of the National Union of Labour and Socialist Clubs (NULSC) at Dixon Green Labour Club
- 23 FEB 2004 **PARLIAMENT RETURNS AFTER HALF TERM BREAK**
Meeting with Paul Hayes, Chief Executive of The National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse
Meeting with Remploy
Interview with Granada TV on the case of the Lancaster man who has taken a case to Court against the withdrawal of artificial feeding or hydration should he require them to stay alive
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE, taking evidence on “The Use of Science in International Development”
Meeting of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, “Preparations in the UK against Pandemics”
- 24 FEB 2004 **STANDING COMMITTEE E; THE HOUSING BILL**
(Sessions seventeen and eighteen at 9.10-11.25 a.m. and 2.30 - 7.00 p.m.)
REHAB UK’s Seventh Annual Pancake Race on College Green (this is a brain injury charity)
- 25 FEB 2004 Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, addressed by Andrew Smith on pensioners/pensions
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Haemophilia
Meeting with the Royal College of Nurses Publishing Company regarding their campaign to enhance the image of nursing
Meeting of the PLP “Yes for the North West” Group
- 26 FEB 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**,

visit to Elsevier at their Holborn, London HQ

- 27 FEB 2004 Board meeting of the Bolton Technical Innovation Centre at Mount St Joseph's Business and Enterprise College (Brian is Chairman of this Board)
Meeting of MPs with the Management Committee of the Bolton Ethnic Minority Achievement Service and Head Teacher (of primary and secondary schools)
Asylum Seeker Group at the Castle Hill Centre
bcommunity (the Bolton Community Magazine) launch at the HQ of Bolton Council of Mosques, 274-276 Derby Street
- 28 FEB 2004 "Energy and Society: Issues and Options", a one-day conference organised jointly by the British Association (NW Branch) and the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society at the University of Manchester (Brian chaired all the sessions at this conference, 10.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.)
- 29 FEB 2004 Bolton v Middlesbrough in the Carling Cup Final at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff (Bolton lost, 1 goal to 2)
- 01 MAR 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence on the cost of scientific publications from the publishing companies
Annual Dinner of the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (Rosie Winterton was the guest speaker; pharmacists and representatives of Bolton's "Health Economy" attend)
- 02 MAR 2004 Breakfast meeting with representatives of the Chartered Institute of Housing and the National Housing Federation to discuss housing policy
Meeting with Cancer Research UK and Quit (sponsoring a no-smoking day in Parliament by taking measurements of carbon monoxide in people's breath)
Meeting organised by the Associate Parliamentary Health Group, "Greater Manchester Regional Initiative", bringing key representatives of the NHS the Greater Manchester Strategic Health Authority, Primary Care Trusts, the Acute Trusts, the Children's Trusts and the Mental Health Trusts together with

Greater Manchester MPs and Peers (Brian chaired one of the three sessions)
Meeting with Unilever
Meeting with Baroness Symons, the Foreign Office Minister with responsibility for the Middle East
Meeting with the Royal National Institute for the Blind
BBC invitation to a private viewing of the “drama documentary” “Hawking” (on the life of Stephen Hawking), produced by the BBC science team who produce programmes such as Horizon, at their Westminster Studios

- 03 MAR 2004 **SUSTAINABLE AND SECURE BUILDINGS BILL**
(Andrew Stunnell’s Private Members’ Bill, drawn number 1 in the Private Members’ Ballot)(First Session; 9.30 - 11.25 a.m.)
Meeting with Lord Filkin about the Mental Incapacity Bill
Brief visit to the meeting in the House of Commons of the UK Youth Parliament
SIXTH STANDING COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION - Draft Children (Leaving Care) Social Security Benefits (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (2.30 - 3.05 p.m.)
Meeting with Shelter and the British Property Federation to discuss “The Private Rented Sector”
Meeting of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding (CAABU) in honour of their Patrons and supporters
- 04 MAR 2004 Meeting of the Parliamentary Affairs Committee of The Royal Society of Chemistry at Burlington House, Piccadilly (Brian is one of two Honorary Parliamentary Advisers and is a Fellow of The RSC; the Conservative PA is Dr Andrew Murrison)
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Clothing, Textiles and Footwear Group
- 05 MAR 2004 Meeting with Tim Oakes, Headteacher at Hayward School
“Put It To Your MP” campaign visit on behalf of UNICEF to Hayward School
Meeting with Kevin Snee, Chief Executive of the Bolton

Primary Care Trust

06 MAR 2004 **ADVICE SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**

08 MAR 2004 Visit of Bolton Vlth Form College students
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE,
taking evidence on the cost of scientific publications
from the publishing companies
Meeting with SIGOMA

09 MAR 2004 **SUSTAINABLE AND SECURE BUILDINGS BILL**
(Andrew Stunnell's Private Members Bill, drawn
number 1 in the Private Members' Ballot)(Second
Session; 9.30 - 11.05 a.m.)
Meeting with the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
- "Guide Dogs' Safer Streets Campaign
(2004)"(Granada TV filmed Brian following a street
obstacle course with a "guide dog")
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE,
Brian and the Chairman met with Europeans for
Medical Advancement who are campaigning against
the use of animals in testing drugs and chemicals for
safety
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse
Group (Brian Chairs this Group), the Home Office
Minister, Caroline Flint, was guest speaker
Brief visit to the reception held by the F1 Team in
Schools
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Fairs and
Showgrounds Group (Brian was elected Secretary to
the Group)
Joint meeting of the Parliamentary Group for Energy
Studies and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on
Nuclear Energy
Meeting with Museum, Libraries and Archives Council

10 MAR 2004 Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party,
addressed by Andrew Smith and Maria Eagle on
disability issues
Meeting with Hannan Ashwari, the Christian
Palestinian Member of the Palestinian Authority,
organised by CAABU (Council for Arab-British
Understanding)

Meeting with Members of Commonwealth Legislatures attending a Parliamentary Seminar (Brian had lunch with the Speaker of the Parliament of Monserrat - 9 MPs - and a Member of Parliament from Namibia - 72 MPs)

Meeting with Members of the Kingdom of Saudia Arabia's Al Shura Council and representatives from their London Embassy

Mass Lobby of Parliament by the National Care Homes Association (Brian was lobbied by representatives of BARCH - the Bolton Association of Residential Care Homes - 8 altogether, including Jim Sherrington)

Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary FRAME (Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments) Group (campaigning for alternatives to animal experiments to tests drugs and other chemicals for toxicity)

CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) reception

- 12 MAR 2004 Brian stayed in Westminster to support Dari Taylor's Private Members' Bill, The Cardiac Risk in the Young (Screening) Bill
Chamber Business Connections (amalgamation of the Bolton, Oldham and Rochdale Chambers of Commerce) first Bolton Gala Dinner
- 13 MAR 2004 Speech at a fringe meeting at the Labour Party Spring Conference on "The Fourth Option", organised by Defend Council Housing, Friends' Meeting House, Mount St, Manchester
- 15 MAR 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence for its inquiry into the way science, engineering and technology (SET) can help underdeveloped countries develop
SET For Britain - Britain's Young Scientists, Engineers and Technologists display posters describing their research work (Brian gave a speech and presented the medals and prizes at the evening event; Bolton Institute always participate in these events)
- 16 MAR 2004 Briefing on the DTIs Innovation Review, organised by the Associate Parliamentary Manufacturing Industry

Group

Meeting with the National Energy Action charity

- 17 MAR 2004 Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, addressed by David Blunkett
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE, meeting with members of Learned Societies to discuss the Bologna Agreement
BUDGET DAY
Interview with Tower FM Radio to discuss the Budget Meeting to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Headway - The Brain Injury Association
Meeting of the Associate Parliamentary Health Group, addressed by Suzi Leather, Chair of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority
Memorial meeting, organised by TEHREEK-E-KASHMIR UK, to commemorate the life of Dr Ayyub Thakkur (Brian spoke briefly)
- 18 MAR 2004 Joint Office of Science and Technology (OST) and Parliamentary & Scientific Committee (Brian is Treasurer to this organisation) National Science Week Seminar
- 19 MAR 2004 Interview with GMR Radio on the anniversary of the vote in Parliament to attack Iraq
Special meeting of the Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd Board at the Castle Hill Centre to organise committees consisting of "Friends of the TIC" to help with funding and teaching programmes (Brian is Chairman of the Board)
Telephone "meeting" with the acting Chief Executive of the Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Trust to discuss the waiting list crisis that has developed at the Hospital
ADVICE SURGERY AT BOLTON TOWN HALL
- 20 MAR 2004 Street Surgery at Little Lever Precinct (Cllr Tony Connell, Shaun Hornby and Party members in attendance)
- 22 MAR 2004 "Voice of the Future" - a Question and Answer session, organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry (Brian is a Fellow of the Society and their Parliamentary Adviser)

on the Labour benches) for young scientists who are invited to attend from around the country to put their questions to Members of the Science & Technology Select Committee (Charles Clarke, Prof. Robert May, President of The Royal Society and others spoke at this meeting)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE, taking evidence from the newly appointed Director General, Higher Education, at the DfES, Prof. Sir Alan Wilson (Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University until June)
Reception of the Society of Chemical Industry, London Section (sponsored by BASF)
Meeting with Charles Clarke, Secretary of State for Education and Skills

23 MAR 2004 Preview of the BBC2 TV series "Police Protecting Children" with the Producer and Director, Bob Long, and CS Peter Spindler, Head of Child Protection at the Metropolitan Police, present
Home Office Parliamentary seminar on Animal Experimentation
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Markets Industry

24 MAR 2004 Meeting between Keith Hill and the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group executive Members (Brian is Treasurer) on energy efficiency policy
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Vaccine Damaged Children

25 MAR 2004 Meeting on the HE Bill
Meeting with Emmaus (a charity for homeless people who will be taking over the Derby Barracks in Fletcher St this year)
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE, informal meeting to look at the Draft Report on the EU Chemicals Directive
Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Central Lancashire to discuss the HE Bill (16 "modern universities" are against variable tuition fees)

USDAW Christmas Party (ahead of the Second

- Reading debate on The Christmas Day (Trading) Bill
- 26 MAR 2004 Brian was in Westminster to support The Christmas Day (Trading) Bill
- 29 MAR 2004 Meeting with the Acting Chief Executive at The Royal Bolton Hospital
Labour Party 2004 Special Local Elections Briefing (Mike Francis and Shaun Hornby attended from Bolton)
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE, taking evidence from the CCLRC (The Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils)
- 30 MAR 2004 Annual Reception of the Health Food Manufacturers' Association (Brian was a co-host of this meeting)
Meeting with the Unions (Prospect and the Public & Commercial Services Union) who represent the Forensic Science Service and the staff who work in the service over its proposed privatisation
Meeting with the Chief Whip on the Higher Education Bill
Annual General Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group (Brian was re-elected as the Treasurer of this Group)
Meeting on Palestine, with speakers from different communities, including MPs and representatives of the Muslim and Jewish faiths
Interview with Robin Lustick on the Higher Education Bill on BBC's The World Tonight
- 31 MAR 2004 Interview on the HE Bill with Channel 4 News
Interview on the HE Bill with BBC News
Interview with Granada TV for NW News on HE Bill
REPORT STAGE AND THIRD READING OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION (HE) BILL
Interview with BBC News 24 on the HE Bill (Brian turned down invitations to appear on GMR Radio and Radio 5 Live on the same issue)
- 01 APR 2004 Meeting with Jack Straw MP, Foreign Secretary, on Kashmir - Lorna Fitzsimons, Gerald Kaufman and four Kashmiris from each Constituency also attended

The Association of the British Pharmaceutical
Industry's Annual Dinner
PARLIAMENTARY EASTER RECESS BEGINS

- 02 APR 2004 St John's C of E Primary School (Kearsley) 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the present building (the school is actually 170 years old!)
Meeting with Unions whose members work in schools
- 03 APR 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**
- 06 APR 2004 Meeting with Kashmir Cricket Club about their proposed new ground at Nugent Road
Preview of a Colin Johnson (a former organiser of the Bolton Festival) art exhibition, Smiths Restaurant, Eccles
Kearsley Branch meeting
- 07 APR 2004 Annual General Meeting of B.A.S.S.E.T., Farnworth Social Circle Cricket Club
Little Lever Branch meeting
- 08 APR 2004 Interview with Nick Robins (ex-GMR Radio) on DDBC's (Diversity in Barrier-Breaking Communications) Easter Broadcast for Bolton, Bolton Market Radio
Meeting with the Kashmiri community at Dawoods take-away and restaurant, Daubhill
- 10 APR 2004 Bolton v Aston Villa game at the Reebok Stadium
- 13 APR 2004 Bolton's 'Vision of the Future Steering Group' (a Local Strategic Partnership - LSP)
Rumworth Branch meeting, Derby Labour Club
- 14 APR 2004 Meeting with Neil Goodwin, Chief Executive of the Greater Manchester NHS Strategic Health Authority about The Royal Bolton Hospital
Great Lever Branch meeting at Mistry's Club, Derby Street
- 15 APR 2004 Visit to Sure Start at Great Lever Park Lodge
Bolton Team Five Presentations, Reebok Stadium - a Partnership between The Prince's Trust and Greater

Manchester Fire Brigade (12 weeks of intensive character building training for young people, either employed or unemployed, 19-25 year's-old)

16 APR 2004 Visits to businesses in Derby Street with the Rumworth Ward candidates
SURGERY AT BOLTON TOWN HALL

17 APR 2004 Bolton Wanderers FC v Tottenham Hotspur FC

19 APR 2004 **PARLIAMENT RESUMES AFTER THE EASTER RECESS**

Meeting with FRAME and Unilever to discuss a political way forward to reduce the requirement to use animals in determining the safety of chemicals

Parliamentary Labour Party weekly meeting (now at 6.00 p.m. Mondays), addressed by Tony Blair

London & Thames Valley Pharmaceutical Group meeting

20 APR 2004 Meeting between The Royal Society of Chemistry (Brian is a Fellow of the Society and their Parliamentary Adviser on the Labour benches) and Charles Clarke, Secretary of State for Education & Skills regarding the shortage of scientists, the closure of university science departments and related issues
North West of England Food and Drink promotion
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DELEGATION in respect of the DRAFT CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT 1988 (OFFENSIVE WEAPONS)(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2004

Annual General Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness

Meeting with Shelter to launch their "Million Children" campaign

Launch of the Parkinson's Disease Society "Committed to Making a Difference" campaign, Plant Room 7, Cabinet War Rooms

21 APR 2004 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE** (now meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays), taking evidence on the cost of scientific

communications

Launch of "Our Rights - Our Choices", a Disability Rights Commission Guide for black and minority ethnic disabled people

Emergency Meeting of the Labour Middle East Council Executive Committee to discuss the change of policy towards the Middle East Peace Process

Meeting of the NW Group of Labour MPs

- 23 APR 2004 Board meeting of Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd at Mount St Josephs Business and Enterprise College (Brian is Chairman of the Board)
Opening (by Cllr Maureen Connell) of the Bolton Social Service's Sensory Impairment Centre (off Chorley St)
- 24 APR 2004 Walk organised by the Darcy Lever Residents' Association along the disused Bolton-Bury railway line as a protest at the proposals by Blackthorn Homes to build on parts of the line (Little Lever Ward)
- 25 APR 2004 Opening of the Bolton Mountain Rescue Team's new HQ at Ladybridge Hall (Gt Manchester Ambulance Service's Training HQ)
- 26 APR 2004 Scoping meeting with Aventis Pharma representatives with a view to holding lunchtime briefing meetings for MPs on a series of health subject areas - Chaired by Brian - the first being prostate cancer
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE (Brian only attended the private part of this meeting)
The Parliamentary and Scientific Committee's Council meeting (Brian presented a Treasurer's Report)
The Parliamentary and Scientific Committee; meeting on "The EU Chemicals Directive and its Implications for Research on Animals"
Discussion dinner on the above subject
- 27 APR 2004 National Housing Forum meeting ("Renewing Homes: Renewing Hope") to celebrate LAs, like Bolton, that have won Beacon Status for their housing renewal strategies - to celebrate National Housing Week
Biotechnology seminar with the Swedish Technology

- Mission to the UK (accompanied by HM King XVI Gustaf) followed by a lunch in the House of Lords Lobby by SPUC members on The Draft Mental Incapacity Bill
 Launch of Fire Brigade's Union campaign, "NO₂ Fire Deaths"
- 28 APR 2004 Meeting with the Field Studies Council
 LMEC (Labour Middle East Council) meeting, "UNRWA's Work Amidst the Current Crisis in the Middle East", with Peter Hansen, Commissioner-General of UNRWA
 An Extraordinary International Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group (Chaired by Brian) jointly organised with the UK/European Symposium on Addictive Disorders (UKESAD) and the Addiction Recovery Foundation
- 29 APR 2004 Launch by ITN of their "Get Britain Moving" campaign
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE; representatives meet the Medical Ethics Committee of the British Medical Association to discuss fertility and embryology issues
- 30 APR 2004 Brian opened the new IT suite at Mytham Primary School, Little Lever
- 01 MAY 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**
 Bolton Victim Support & Witness Service Charity Dinner at The Last Drop Village
- 03 MAY 2004 May Day Bank Holiday (Recess)
- 04 MAY 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, Visit to Fertility Clinics in London for an investigation into Human Reproductive Technologies & the Law
- 05 MAY 2004 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence on the cost of scientific publications
 "Innovation for a Sustainable Future", reception to meet ABB, a firm from Didsbury producing energy

efficient electrical motors and other plant

- 06 MAY 2004 Meeting with Alistair Steel, President of the Chemical Industries Association
Meeting with Melanie Johnson, Minister responsible for the European Directive on Vitamins and Minerals about the Conservative Party "Save our Supplements" campaign which the industry is supporting
- 07 MAY 2004 Reception for Boltonian of the Year, Reebok Stadium
Health Economy meeting, St Peter's House, Silverwell St (meeting with the Primary Care Trust, the Mental Health Trust and the Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Trust)
Speaking engagement with the All Parties Kashmir Freedom Council, Jinnah Community Centre, Bury
- 08 MAY 2004 Meeting with Mosque Executive Members, Emmanuel Church Hall (Rumworth Ward)
Bolton Against Racism "Unity Night" at Tonge Ward Labour Club
- 10 MAY 2004 Interview with MORI (£150 fee donated to Zac's Bar in Farnworth, a non-alcoholic bar for young people)
Meeting with the World Cancer Research Fund on the established link between obesity and cancer
- 11 MAY 2004 Lobby by the National Probation Service (Nittin Patel from Bolton lobbied Brian)
Meeting of the All-Party Drugs Misuse Group (Brian is Chairman of this APG)
Meeting with the Independent Brewers of Britain
Meeting of the North West Pharmaceutical Group (Brian Chaired this discussion dinner on the competitiveness of the NW pharmaceutical industry in the global economy)
- 12 MAY 2004 Brian gave his seventh keynote address at the 36th Annual Conference of the Society of Registration Officers at the Holiday Inn, Runcorn (Brian is the National Patron of SORO)
- 13 MAY 2004 Fire training (the first in seven years!)
Launch by SODEXHO of their university lifestyle

survey

- 14 MAY 2004 Meeting with the Bolton 400 Group (of Headteachers, LEA Officers and the Executive Member for Education) House to house and Mosque canvassing in Rumworth Ward with Rosa Kay, Ismail Ibrahim and Idris Musa Patel
- 15 MAY 2004 Visit to the Bolton Arts Community Taster Day, Emmanuel Church (Derby Ward)
National Union of Labour Clubs (NULSC) meeting at Derby Ward Labour Club
- 17 MAY 2004 Meeting with MIND; launch of their report "Not Alone; Isolation and Mental Distress"
Annual General Meeting of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee (Brian presented the Treasurer's Report), addressed by Lord May, President of the Royal Society ("The Role of Science in a Changing World")
All-Party Britain-Japan Group - Reception for the UK-Japanese High-Technology Community
- 18 MAY 2004 Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nuclear Energy
Meeting with the Coalition for Medical Progress (the theme was animal experiments)
Meeting of the PLP Health and Social Services Committee, addressed by John Reid - the DoH Departmental Plan
Dinner in the Speaker's House with a delegation from the Palestinian Authority
- 19 MAY 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence on the revised Research Assessment Exercise for universities and their dual support system
Parliament was suspended at PMQs because a Stranger threw a missile at the PM - Brian was covered in a pink powder which turned out to be pink water paint, thrown by an activist for the Justice for Fathers campaign
Brian hosted for lunch the seven regional winners of the Chemical Industries Association Young Person of

The Year Award (Brian is Chairman of the All-Party Group on the Chemical Industry)
Photo opportunity with "Countdown to the Ban" (of fox hunting)
Meeting to discuss the Palestinian crisis
Meeting with Niace - the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (England & Wales)
Meeting of the NW Group of Labour MPs

- 20 MAY 2004 Meeting of Globe UK (an All-Party Group on Sustainable Development) on Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases
Meeting with the Down's Syndrome Association
- 21 MAY 2004 Meeting with the Strategic Health Authority on consultation on fluoridation of the public water supplies (with Andy Burnham MP)
Meeting at the Mosque in Randal St
Meeting at the Mosque in Barbara St (Goshia Mosque)
SURGERY AT BOLTON TOWN HALL
Canvassing in Rumworth Ward
- 22 MAY 2004 Local and European Elections campaign stall in Victoria Square, Bolton
- 23 MAY 2004 Meeting at the Quebec Hall with the Muslim communities
- 24 MAY 2004 Meeting with John Reid, SoS for Health, on Health Under-funding (a meeting of the newly formed Health Funding Group or "The -10 Group")
Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, addressed by David Blunkett on the Home Office's forward programme
- 25 MAY 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE;** working lunch at the Overseas Development Institute as part of the study into the "The Use of Science in International Development Policy"
Photo opportunity in support of "Celebrating World Oceans Day" (8 June)
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group (Brian is Treasurer of this Group)

“Engaging With Muslim Communities”; meeting with Home Office Minister, Fiona Mactaggart

- 26 MAY 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence as part of the study into the “The Use of Science in International Development Policy”
Brian hosted a Down’s Syndrome Association reception which launched “Access to Education”, a report on the barriers to education for children with Down’s Syndrome, and an “Education Support Pack for Schools”
Meeting of the Officers of the Britain-Palestine All-Party Parliamentary Group (Brian is Secretary to this APG)
- 27 MAY 2004 “Down To Earth; Spin-off from the Beagle 2 Project”, with Colin Pillinger and several speakers who demonstrated how miniaturised mass spectrometry has found other applications
- 28 MAY 2004 Visit to Farnworth Library to see their “Local Treasures” exhibition (staff from Bolton Museums, Art Gallery and Aquarium were present together with the professionals who had worked with New Bury residents, including children from local schools, to put the exhibition together)
PARLIAMENT RISES FOR WHITSUNTIDE RECESS
- 29 MAY 2004 Local Election campaign street stall at Little Lever precinct
- 30 MAY 2004 Fun Day at Sunnyside Park (Friends of Sunnyside Park)
- 02 JUNE 2004 Visit with Janet Anderson MP to Musbury Fabrics at Helmshore (Brian met the Manager, Peter Sweetmore, at a meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Clothing and Textiles Group)
Canvassing in Great Lever with Prentice Howarth and Cham Mistry
- 03 JUNE 2004 Local History event at the UCAN Centre in Halliwell to commemorate the D-Day landings in Normandy (6

June 1944)

Photo opportunity to give the “No ID - No Sale” campaign publicity in Bolton (ID cards to prove the age of young people who are challenged by shop keepers when purchasing alcohol or cigarettes)

Canvassing in Stoke to combat the BNP campaign (the invitation came from Margaret “Weller” - formerly Burnden Branch), with Mark Fisher MP and Cllr Andy Wragg, candidate

- 05 JUNE 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**
Presentation to Bolton Arts Community award winners, Emmanuel Church Hall (Derby Ward)
- 06 JUNE 2004 Normandy Veterans' Association and The Parachute Regimental Association 60th Anniversary of Day Landings: Thanksgiving Commemoration Service, Dedication of the Normandy Oak and Bench and Luncheon
- 07 JUNE 2004 Law Society “pro bono” reception, with Edward Nally of Fieldings Solicitors (Bolton) present as the current Vice President of the Law Society of England and Wales
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE, taking evidence for the inquiry into the Research Assessment Exercise
Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party; Ann Clwyd gave a report on her regular visits to Iraq as the Prime Minister's envoy
Presentation dinner, hosted by Parent Project UK, at which Prof. Francesco Muntoni gave an account of his work on Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (a fatal genetic disease in boys) using antisense oligonucleotides to treat deteriorating muscles
- 08 JUNE 2004 Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council breakfast meeting to discuss developments in plant science
Meeting and photo opportunity with The Guide Dogs for The Blind Association at the launch of their “NHS Services” campaign
Joint meeting of the All-Party Groups on Mental Health and Drugs Misuse (Brian Chairs the latter Group)

Meeting with David Simmonds, Chief Executive of the Group that own the recently combined GUS-Littlewoods Group

Meeting with the Royal Society of Chemistry to discuss various issues, including Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd (Brian Chairs its Board of Directors) and the Catalyst Science Activity Centre at Widnes (Brian is a Patron)

- 09 JUNE 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence as part of the study into the “The Use of Science in International Development Policy”
2003 Visions of Science Photographic Awards Exhibition, sponsored by Novartis and The Daily Telegraph (the newspaper with the best coverage of science), attended by Dr Adam Hart-Davis
Dinner with Novartis, with Adam Hart-Davis as guest speaker
- 10 JUNE 2004 **LOCAL AND EUROPEAN ELECTIONS**
- 11 JUNE 2004 Mock elections at Sunninghill Primary School (Rumworth Ward)
Conferment of an Honorary Degree on Anthony Wilson and Presentation of Open University Graduates, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester
- 12 JUNE 2004 Brian’s brother, Graham’s, retirement party after 36 years in the Lancashire County retained fire and rescue service, latterly as Station Commander at Tarleton
- 14 JUNE 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence as part of the study into the “The Use of Science in International Development Policy”
Social Market Foundation’s launch of their report on “Parallel Trading in Medicine” (exporting medicines to other European countries from where they are reimported to sell in the UK at cheaper prices)
- 15 JUNE 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, leaves for a visit to Malawi to take evidence as part of the study into the “The Use of Science in International

Development Policy”

- 19 JUNE 2004 Interviews with Malawian TV and Radio at the Polytechnic in Blantyre
- 20 JUNE 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE RETURNED FROM MALAWI**
- 21 JUNE 2004 Meeting with Mike O'Brien MP (at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office) on outreach to the British Muslim communities
- 22 JUNE 2004 Royal Society of Chemistry's Parliamentary Links Day (Brian co-hosted this conference)
Experience Corps' Tea Party to celebrate older volunteer heroes (Ray Maginn from Farnworth was hosted by Brian. Ray works in the Crown Court for the Victims' Support Scheme) - presentation of certificate
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs
- 23 JUNE 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence from 12 representative members of the general public who contacted the Committee at the launch of an e-mail consultation process (111 contributors altogether)
Meeting of the Britain-Palestine All-Party Parliamentary Group, addressed by Jack Straw (Brian is Secretary to this Group)
- 24 JUNE 2004 Meeting of the Officers of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group (Brian is Treasurer of this Group)
- 25 JUNE 2004 **SURGERY AT BOLTON TOWN HALL**
- 26 JUNE 2004 Opening of Mecca Tours, a new travel agent on Derby St (Rumworth Ward)
Concert at the Albert Halls presented by the various ensembles of the Bolton Music Centre
- 27 JUNE 2004 Brian opened the Bolton Metro League Cricket League PC Play Competition at Leverhulme Park

- 28 JUNE 2004 Interview with GMR about the Human Tissue Bill and organ transplantation
 “One in a Million; the Facts about Water Fluoridation”, a conference on fluoridation of water at the Royal College of Physicians, Regents Park, London
 Meeting with Biobank - based in Manchester, they are recruiting 500,000 people, aged 45-69, in order to measure the health of these people through to death (this is one of the largest epidemiological projects undertaken anywhere in the world in recent years)
- 29 JUNE 2004 Meeting of the All-Party Group on Nuclear Energy
 Meeting with the ABPI (Association of British Pharmaceutical Industries) Northern Pharmaceutical Group
- 30 JUNE 2004 Meeting of the Board of Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd with the Chief Executive, Steven Broomhead, of the NW Development Agency
 Bolton Council Meeting (to transfer power to the Liberal Democrats)
- 02 JULY 2004 Visit to Greenfold School, Farnworth
- 03 JULY 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**
- 05 JULY 2004 Visit of Asian Elders from Bolton SE Constituency, led by Mumtaz Chishty and Jameel Ahmed
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, private meeting at 3.00 p.m. followed by taking evidence for the inquiry into the failure of the Beagle 2 Project, including from Prof. Colin Pillinger and the European Space Agency
 Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Markets Industry
 Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor and other staff from the University of Central Lancashire regarding their bid for a medical school
- 06 JULY 2004 AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Pharmacy Group
 Meeting of NW MPs with the NW Regional Assembly
 Meeting to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Alzheimer’s Society

Royal Society of Chemistry's Awards at the Royal Academy Galleries, Burlington House, Piccadilly

- 07 JULY 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**, taking evidence from Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for International Development
Meeting with USDAW - Respect for Shopkeepers' Week
Seventh Committee on Delegated Legislation to consider the Draft Tobacco Advertising and Promotion (Brandsharing) Regulations 2004
All-Party Parliamentary Group on Maternity Awards to midwives (two midwives from The Royal Bolton Hospital received an award for their work with SureStart schemes in Bolton)
Meeting of the NW Group of Labour MPs
House Magazine Parliamentary Awards (televised by BBC2) and broadcast on 08 July
- 08 JULY 2004 Meeting of the Parliamentary Affairs Committee of the Royal Society of Chemistry (Brian is a Fellow of the Society and their Parliamentary Adviser on the Labour back benches)
Meeting with the Health Food Manufacturers' Association
- 09 JULY 2004 Meeting of the Board of Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd. (Brian is Chairman of the Board; the building, costing £2.3-2.3 Million, has been handed over and a further £0.5 Million is being used to equip it)
Visit (during G-Week) to Little Lever Language College to thank the children for helping to raise money for charities during the past 12 months
Meeting of Greater Manchester MPs (7 attended) with representatives of the Strategic Health Authority at the Mechanics Institute, Manchester, to discuss reorganisation of children's services in Greater Manchester
- 10 JULY 2004 Visit to the Hodge Hill Parliamentary Constituency's by-election in Birmingham (with John Hartshorne)

- 12 JULY 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**,
 taking evidence for the Beagle 2 inquiry from Lord
 Sainsbury and others
 Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party,
 addressed by Gordon Brown and Paul Boateng on the
 Comprehensive Spending Review 2004
- 13 JULY 2004 Meeting of the All-Party Group on the Chemical
 Industry (Brian is Chairman of this Group)
 Joint meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Alcohol
 Misuse Group and the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs
 Misuse Group (Brian is Chairman of this Group)
 Presentation Dinner at the Kundan Restaurant,
 Horseferry Road, London, attended by the Prime
 Minister of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Sardar Sikander
 Hayat Khan, and HE the High Commissioner of
 Pakistan, Dr Maleeha Lodhi (Brian received an award
 for the work that he does with the Kashmiri community
 in the UK)
- 14 JULY 2004 Brian chaired a seminar organised by the Westminster
 Diet & Health Forum (Brian is a Patron), entitled "Risk;
 Assessment, Management, Perception and
 Communication", Lewis Conference Centre, Millbank
 Tower (2.00 - 5.30 p.m.)
 Royal Society of Chemistry's Summer Party at the
 Royal Academy (Summer Exhibition)(Brian is Fellow of
 the Society and their Parliamentary Adviser on the
 Labour back benches)
- 15 JULY 2004 Launch of CRY's (Cardiac Risk in the Young) postcard
 campaign
 "Assisted Reproduction and the Law", a conference
 organised by Progress Educational Trust and eplan
 and hosted by the Science & Technology Select
 Committee
 Meeting with UNISON to discuss the Regulatory
 Reform Order about to be laid before the House of
 Commons that will represent the first stage of reform of
 the Civil Registration Service (Brian is Patron to the
 Society of Registration Officers)
 Brian hosted an informal dinner at the House of
 Commons for the President of the American Chemical

Society and the outgoing (Prof Sir Harry Kroto; educated in Bolton) and incoming (Dr Simon Campbell, who led the team that discovered Viagra) Presidents of the Royal Society of Chemistry

- 16 JULY 2004 Meeting with Bolton Metro's Chief Executive on the local and European election campaigns
SURGERY AT BOLTON TOWN HALL
Interview with Radio Europe on the Government's proposed reform of the laws on prostitution
Interview on BBC News24 - same subject
- 17 JULY 2004 Attendance at Mayor's opening of the Medieval Experience in Churchgate and lunch with the delegations from Paderborn and Le Mans at Tiggis
Wedding of Aziz Bax's daughter
Margaret and Geoff Willis' Ruby Wedding celebrations at the Cotton Tree, School Hill
- 19 JULY 2004 Meeting on The Mental Capacity Bill, organised by a coalition of organisations representing disabled people
Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, addressed by Alistair Darling (Transport Policy)
Meeting with Sky News
- 20 JULY 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, launch of the Tenth Report of the 2004-04 Session on "Scientific Publications: Free for All?" at the British Library
Brian hosted a reception for the Westminster Diet & Health Forum (Brian is a Patron of this organisation and Chairs conferences for them)
- 21 JULY 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for its inquiry into "Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law"
Meeting with Crisis
Crisis Hidden Homelessness Parliamentary Reception
Meeting of the PLP Education and Skills Committee, addressed by Charles Clarke on the new education strategy

- 22 JULY 2004 Meeting with DrugScope to discuss future programme of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group (Brian is Chairman of this Group)
HOUSE RISES FOR SUMMER RECESS
- 23 JULY 2004 Meeting with Karen Rowe, Connexions, Bolton
Meeting with David Lea, Chief Superintendent of Police in Bolton ("K" Division, Greater Manchester Police)
- 24 JULY 2004 Apna News' Diversity Bazaar and Fashion Show, Pack Horse Hotel, Bolton
- 26 JULY 2004 BBC filming in Stoneclough at the scene of the death by dangerous driving of 8 year-old Billy Joe Dean in August 2002 (Brian was interviewed)
- 27 JULY 2004 Visit to Rumworth Sure Start as part of Sure Start Month (actually June)
- 29 JULY 2004 Meeting of Greater Manchester Labour MPs with the Passenger Transport Authority and a Press Conference at the PTA HQ in Manchester about the axed Phase 3 of Metrolink and a political campaign
- 30 JULY 2004 Meeting on new Cutacre Tip proposals with Harworth Estates representing UK Coal Mining Ltd.
- 03 AUG 2004 Kearsley Branch meeting
MEETING OF THE BOLTON SE CONSTITUENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
- 04 AUG 2004 Annual General Meeting of Bolton at Home Ltd
Little Lever Branch meeting
- 05 AUG 2004 Meeting with the Manager at Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd (Brian is Chairman of the Board of Directors)
Doris and Henry Antony's Diamond Wedding celebrations (members of Central Branch LP), St George's Court
- 06 AUG 2004 Tower FM radio interview on the Law Commission's proposals to change the sentencing for murder

convictions

Meeting at Bolton Sixth Form College with the Principal and Chairman of Governors (Lelia Price)

Interview on the GMR's Drive Time programme about the new legislation on fireworks

- 07 AUG 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**
Opening of the refurbished Bridgeman Park, The Haulgh
- 10-25 AUG Brian & Eileen on holiday in Cuba
- 26 AUG 2004 Meeting of residents from Blackledge St and surrounding area (Rumworth Ward) at SureStart, Blackledge St, with the police
- 27 AUG 2004 Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd Board meeting (Brian is Chairman of the Board)
Visit to Bolton Arts Community at the Festival Marquee in Victoria Square
Meeting of MPs with Labour Group Leadership at Bolton Town Hall (this is the first of a regular series of meetings)
- 28 AUG 2004 Interview with ITN TV News following Amir Khan's success in boxing (silver medal) at the Olympic Games in Athens
- 30 AUG 2004 Manchester v Everton game at Old Trafford (by invitation of the Vice Chancellor of UMIST; probably one of their last official engagements prior to formation of the new University of Manchester)
- 31 AUG 2004 **CLP Management and Executive Committee meetings at Derby Ward Labour Club**
- 01 SEPT 2004 Meeting with UNISON at the Royal Bolton Hospital about the reduction in funding for Learning Accounts
Brian supported Boots' campaign to reduce cholesterol levels by having his level tested in the Shipgates centre store
Meeting with the Chairman of the Governing Body Bolton University

Little Lever Branch meeting

- 02 SEPT 2004 Visit to Zentek in Great Lever
Meeting with the Watan Volley Ball Club
- 03 SEPT 2004 Meeting at Greater Manchester Passenger Transport
HQ, Piccadilly, Manchester, about Metrolink prior to
meetings with Ministers in Westminster
Meeting with Bolton Metro's Chief Executive
- 04 SEPT 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**
- 05 SEPT 2004 Brian received a "trophy" at the Dean & Derby Cricket
Club for his help with the visits of Indian cricket teams
during the Summer, and presented the Walker Cup at
the Final of the Bolton Metro League
- 06 SEPT 2004 Brian gave a talk to the Bolton Supplemental
Magistrates entitled "Marine Safety Act 2003; The Tale
of a Private Members' Bill"
- 07 SEPT 2004 **PARLIAMENT RESUMES AFTER THE SUMMER
RECESS**
Visit of Chinese students from the University of Bolton
Launch of "For Better Mental Health", a report by MIND
Meeting with Kevin Meagher
Meeting of Greater Manchester MPs on Metrolink
Meeting with Alan Michael on The Hunting Bill
- 08 SEPT 2004 Brian had a visit from Dr Michael Rodgers, a former
Editor with the Oxford University Press and a friend of
Brian's from undergraduate days
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE;
finalisation of reports entitled "The Research
Assessment Exercise; A Re-Assessment" and "The
Use of Science in UK International Development
Policy" followed by taking evidence from the
professionals and parents for the inquiry on "Human
Reproductive Technologies and the Law"
Home Office "Taking a Stand" Awards; a photo-
opportunity on College Green to give the Awards more
publicity
Meeting with the Partnership on Long-term Conditions

- 09 SEPT 2004 Interview with Helen Clark MP (Peterborough) in connection with a book that she is writing on the views on Parliament and Parliamentary procedures and the Labour Party and the Labour Government from the 1997 intake of male MPs for a book that she is planning to write
Meeting of Greater Manchester MPs on Metrolink with Alistair Darling MP, Secretary of State for Transport
- 10 SEPT 2004 Presentation of awards and certificates at the Croal Mill (Littlewoods Mail Order) On-Site Learning Resource Centre
- 11 SEPT 2004 Third anniversary of the terrorist attack on the “Twin Towers” in New York (9/11)
Bolton Wanderer’s FC v Manchester United FC
Question & Answer session with Asian Women at the Quebec Hall followed by the Rumworth Ward thank-you party
- 13 SEPT 2004 Interview with Tower FM radio on the Hunting Bill
Meeting with David Lammy (Constitutional Affairs Minister) on the Mental Capacity Bill
Meeting with UNISON on reform of the Civil Registration Service (Brian is Patron to the Society of Registration Officers)
Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, addressed by Alun Michael on the Hunting Bill proposals
- 14 SEPT 2004 Brian hosted the first of a series of six health seminars entitled “Talking Health” (sponsored by Sanofi-Aventis) on “Thrombosis”
AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Town Centre Management Issues
AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary UK-Bahrain Group
“The EU Emissions Trading Scheme” - Meeting of the Associate Parliamentary Manufacturing Industry Group
- 15 SEPT 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence from faith organisations for the inquiry on “Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law”
Meeting of Greater Manchester MPs on Metrolink with

the Prime Minister in the presence of Alistair Darling MP, Secretary of State for Transport
Presentations by Younger Scientists, Engineers and Technologists, organised by SET for Britain
Meeting with Wolverhampton Girls High School, organised by the Parliamentary Education Unit
SIGOMA (The Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities [Outside London] within the LGA) meeting, addressed by Nick Raynsford (mainly on the Balance of Funding Review)

HOUSE RISES FOR THE CONFERENCE RECESS

- 17 SEPT 2004 Keynote speech at the “Take it to the Top” event, organised by the Patients’ Council for Mental Health, Moat House, Bolton
SURGERY AT BOLTON TOWN HALL
- 22 SEPT 2004 Public Service Summit: “Science & Innovation”, organised by GovNet, Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, London (Brian attended as Chairman of the Bolton Technical Innovation Centre)
Brian attended the Lampitt Medal Presentation Dinner at the Society of Chemical Industry HQ in Belgrave Square, London (Brian is a Honorary Member of the SCI and a former student, Prof. Alan Heaton of the John Moores University, Liverpool, was awarded this year’s medal)
- 23 SEPT 2004 Presentation of Metrolink petition (over 41,500 signatures) at 10 Downing Street
- 24 SEPT 2004 Technical Innovation Centre Board meeting (Brian is Chairman of this Board of Directors - unpaid)
Twelfth Night at the Octagon Theatre
- 26 SEPT 2004 Family and Friends’ Celebration Dinner for Amir Khan, Bolton’s Olympic Silver Medal winner for boxing, at the Indus5 Restaurant, Longsight, Manchester
- 27 SEPT 2004 **LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE WEEK**(Brian not in attendance)
Meeting with CND/Bolton Stop the War Coalition
Meeting with Zentek

- 28 SEPT 2004 Celebratory Lecture, "The Shipman Inquiry - Trying to Help the Aged", by Dame Janet Smith, University of Bolton
CLP Management and Executive committee meetings at Derby Ward Labour Club
- 29 SEPT 2004 Greater Manchester Ambulance Service AGM, Ladybridge Hall Training & Conference Centre
 Interview on Radio Five Live regarding paying money to release hostages in Iraq
 Meeting with Mollie Temple, Principal at Bolton Institute (soon to be the University of Bolton)
- 30 SEPT 2004 Brian visited Don Eastwood in Manchester Royal Infirmary
- 01 OCT 2004 Celebration of the life of Gordon King, deceased at Rumworth Labour Club (this was one of the most complex cases dealt with by Karen in Brian's Bolton Office)
- 02 OCT 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**
- 05 OCT 2004 Meeting of Hulton Branch, Rumworth Labour Club
- 06 OCT 2004 Lofty the Lion and Brian opened the new kitchen provided by Asda, Farnworth and the PTA, at Greenfold Special School
 Brian spoke at a meeting of Macclesfield Against Transfer (of their council house stock) at Macclesfield Central Library
- 07 OCT 2004 Visit to Unilever's Research & Development Laboratories at Port Sunlight
- 08 OCT 2004 "Open Minds; Positive Minds", a one-day event organised by the Patients' Council for Mental Health to celebrate World Mental Health Day 2004 and presentation of the EMHI (Excellent Mental Health Insight) Awards, Victoria Halls, Bolton
 Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Bolton and District Branch, Annual Professional Dinner,

Bolton School

- 09 OCT 2004 NULSC (National Union of Labour & Socialist Clubs) meeting, Farnworth & Kearsley Labour Club
- 11 OCT 2004 **PARLIAMENT RESUMES WORK AFTER THE CONFERENCE RECESS**
- 12 OCT 2004 Interview with Tower FM radio about pensions (Adair Turner's report published today)
Launch of a report, "Lagging Behind; Muslim Community of Pakistani Origin", by The League of British Muslims (UK)
AGM of The All-Party Parliamentary FRAME (Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Research) Group
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary University Group
- 13 OCT 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence from bioethicists for the "Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law" Inquiry
Alan Grant and Andrew Ramsden of Zentek (Bolton) visited Brian
Interview with Granada TV on the decision by First North Western Trains to cut their services between 27 September and 11 December because of falling leaves (this topic was to have been the basis for a question to the PM but Brian's question at no. 8 was not reached)
Interview with Kuwait TV on the election campaign in the USA and the relationship between Tony Blair and George Bush
Jim Keaton of Campus Ventures and a fellow Director of the Bolton Technical Innovation Centre visited Brian
"After the War on Drugs - Options for Control" - a conference organised by Transform (Drug Policy Foundation)
- 14 OCT 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, private meeting to finalise the report on "The Use of Science in UK International Development"
Meeting with the North West Universities Association

- 15 OCT 2004 Meeting about the future of post-14 education in Bolton with Leaders and Chief Officers of Bolton MBC
Question and Answer session with students of Bolton Sixth Form College, at South Campus
SURGERY AT BOLTON TOWN HALL
- 17 OCT 2004 Radio Five Live Breakfast Show interview on the roll out of VISOR - the Violent and Sex Offenders' Register by 19 Police forces on Monday 18 October
- 18 OCT 2004 Keynote Address at the Inaugural Laboratory News Forum, International Congress Centre, Birmingham (Brian gave a speech on his work as a scientist in the House of Commons and outside as a Parliamentarian)
Weekly meeting of the PLP (Parliamentary Labour Party), addressed by Alan Johnson, now Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
Meeting of the PLP Education and Skills Committee, addressed by Margaret Hodge on the difficult issue of smacking children
- 19 OCT 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, visit to the National Institute of Medical Research (Medical Research Council) at Mill Hill, North London
Brian hosted the second of a series of six health seminars entitled "Talking Health" (sponsored by Sanofi-Aventis) on "Diabetes"
Meeting of the Third Committee on Delegated Legislation to consider the Draft Financial Assistance for Young Farmers (Northern Ireland) Order 2004
Meeting with Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority (GMPTA) on "Controlled Competition of Buses"
National Association of British Market Authorities reception
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group (Brian is Treasurer of this APG)
Discussion dinner with GMPTA
- 20 OCT 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence from the Economic and Social

Sciences Research Council (ESRC)
 Meeting with the MRSA Support Group, addressed by
 John Read MP, Secretary of State for Health
 "Westminster Flu Day 2004" several speakers on
 vaccinations against 'flu and a chance for Members of
 Parliament of the right age and disposition to get a 'flu
 jab
 Annual General Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary
 Clothing, Textiles and Footwear Group
 Meeting with the Chemical Industries Association
 Meeting with the Chief Whip on The Mental Capacity
 Bill
 North West Group of Labour MPs

- 21 OCT 2004 Local Democracy Week - Debate on drugs misuse
 legislation with local secondary schools, Council
 Chamber, Bolton Town Hall (Bolton's three MPs
 attended)
- 22 OCT 2004 Bolton Sea Cadets Trafalgar Night Mess Dinner,
 Watermillock Restaurant, Bolton (Brian was guest
 speaker)
- 25 OCT 2004 Launch of Energy Efficiency Week by the Energy
 Saving Trust
 Parliamentary & Scientific Committee, *ad hoc* meeting
 with Chairman about Annual Lunch 2005
 Parliamentary & Scientific Committee, Council Meeting
 Chemicals North West 5th Anniversary Meeting;
 House of Commons Celebration with the NW Regional
 Development Agency
 "Risk Perception % Hazard Reduction versus Hazard
 Reduction", Meeting of the Parliamentary & Scientific
 Committee
- 26 OCT 2004 Brian attended a meeting of the Regulatory Reform
 Committee which discussed a Regulatory Reform
 Order to re-organise the Civil Registration Service (he
 is the first Member of Parliament since the RRO
 procedure was introduced by the Labour Government
 to be allowed to appear before the Committee to give
 evidence who is not a Member of the Committee)
 Interview with Tower FM radio on attempts by the

House of Lords to frustrate passage of the Hunting Bill by amending it
Meeting with Inneos Chlor (Runcorn), Terra (Stockton-on-Tees) and the Energy Intensive Users Group about the effect of gas price rises on the chemical industry
Brian is Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Chemical Industries
AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group (Brian was re-elected as Chair of this APG), followed by a meeting addressed by the Home Office's Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (Prof. Michael Rawlins *et al.*)
Meeting of the House of Commons Housing Group (campaigning on the defence of council housing)
Remploy reception
Meeting with the General Social Care Council
RAPt (Rehabilitation for Addicted Prisoners' Trust) reception

- 27 OCT 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence from lawyers and the British Medical Association for the "Human Reproductive Technologies & the Law" inquiry
Meeting with the Public and Commercial Service Union about proposed cuts in civil service jobs
AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Qatar
AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Kashmir Group
PLP Education & Skills Committee meeting jointly with the Health & Social Services Committee to discuss Children's Trusts with Margaret Hodge, Minister for Children & Young People
B & Q reception
- 28 OCT 2004 Visit to the Down's Syndrome Association's new HQ in the original home of Dr Langdon Down at Langdon Park, Hampton Wick, near Teddington (Dr Down's pioneering work on people with learning difficulties began there in 1863; the building houses a theatre which contains many of the Doyle Carte Theatre's original Victorian stage sets in its innovative scenery store)
- 29 OCT 2004 Brian gave a speech (followed by a discussion) entitled

“Policy on Drugs Misuse” to the Manchester University Students’ Union Labour Club
Octagon Theatre Press Night - Frankie & Johnny In The Claire De Lune

- 30 OCT 2004 CSV Make a Difference Day - Brian spent 3 hours at Derby Barracks in Fletcher Street helping Bolton Institute (University of Bolton) students and staff clean up the environment and paint the front railings prior to Emmaus purchasing the property from the MOD
- 01 NOV 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**, taking evidence from Lord (David) Sainsbury (DTI), Kim Howells (DfES) and Paul Boatang (Treasury) on the Government’s Ten Year Investment Framework for Science and Innovation
“Britain’s Secret Shame”, BBC1 TV, a half hour documentary on death by dangerous driving which covered the death of Billy Joe Dean in Stoneclough on 26 August 2002 (Brian appeared in this programme several times)
Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by Alan Milburn, Ian McCartney and Hazel Blears on General Election preparedness
Westminster launch of the new University of Manchester
- 02 NOV 2004 Brian attended a second meeting of the Regulatory Reform Committee, which discussed a Regulatory Reform Order to re-organise the Civil Registration Service - the Committee interviewed Stephen Timms, the Minister responsible for this RRO
Interview on GMR about a Science & Technology Select Committee Report entitled “Government Support for Beagle 2”
All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group Annual Dinner - guest speaker Nigel Griffiths
- 03 NOV 2004 Meeting between Brian and representatives of Unilever with Alun Michael (DEFRA) and Caroline Flint (Home Office), Ministers with responsibility for experiments involving animals, to discuss alternatives to animal experiments

Ad hoc meeting of interested parties about amendments at Report Stage to the Mental Capacity Bill

Joint meeting of the Council for Arab-British Understanding (CAABU) and the Britain-Palestine All-Party Parliamentary Group (Brian is Secretary) to listen to the evidence of leading Jerusalem lawyer Mohamed Dahlen about the impact of the security barrier on Palestinians

Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Parliamentary Reform (to discuss sitting hours of the House of Commons)

Reception to celebrate 100 years of NATFHE (National Association of Teachers in Further & Higher Education)

- 04 NOV 2004 Meeting with the Bioindustry Association
Photo opportunity with Guide Dogs for the Blind to support their "Opening Doors" campaign
Meeting with "Group B Streptococcus", parents who have lost their babies through neonatal infection
- 05 NOV 2004 Board Meeting of the Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd (Brian is Chairman of the Board)
Meeting with the Primary Care Trust (Kevin Snee & Pam Senior) and the Bolton NHS Hospitals Trust (David Fillingham & Cliff Morris) to discuss Bolton's "Health Economy"
- 06 NOV 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL**
Bolton Labour Party's famous weekend in Blackpool
- 07 NOV 2004 Interview with Tower FM Radio on the death of Fred Dibnah on 6 November in Bolton Hospice
- 08 NOV 2004 Meeting with Roger Dawe, a consultant at KPMG acting on behalf of the Learning & Skills Council, on post-16 education in Bolton
Macmillan Cancer Relief reception to launch their new campaign, "Help Stop Cancer Spreading to People's Finances"
- 09 NOV 2004 Interview with GMR about the Greater Manchester

Police's proposals to tax confiscated drugs
Meeting with Chairman (Derek Osbaldestin JP) and
Deputy Chairman (Cllr Paul Murphy) of the Greater
Manchester Police Authority
Parliamentary Committee elections
Meeting with Andrew Gritton, Chief Executive of
Central Railway
Meeting with Royal National Institute for the Blind
(Scotland)
AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Mental Health
Group, addressed by Rosie Winterton on the Draft
Mental Health Bill
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary University
Group
Reception to celebrate 10 years of the National
Lottery, Tate Britain

- 10 NOV 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**,
taking evidence for the "Human Reproductive
Technologies and the Law" inquiry
Meeting of the Associate Parliamentary Health Group
on "Chronic Pain and Primary Care"
Lobby on Metrolink (representatives of the three
political parties in Bolton attended, including Paul
Fitzpatrick and Cllr Nick Peel)
Diwali at Westminster (a contingent from Bolton
attended)
Annual Reunion of Graduates of the Police Service
Parliamentary Scheme
- 11 NOV 2004 Interview with GMR on the death of President Arafat in
Paris at 3.30 a.m. today and its repercussions in the
Middle East
AGM of the All-Party Group on the Chemical Industries
(Brian was re-elected as Chairman of this Group)
Meeting with the Director of Communications of the
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
Interview with Tower FM radio on the Government's
pre-school childcare strategy
- 12 NOV 2004 Interview for The Sunday Supplement on "Forced
Marriages" at Granada TV Studios
Meeting with Alan Grant from Zentek

- Presentation evening at Farnworth & Kearsley Labour Club
- 13 NOV 2004 Diwali Ceremony at Shree Swaminarayan Temple on Cannon Street (Rumworth Ward)
Remembrance Concert at Bolton Town Hall
- 14 NOV 2004 Remembrance Day at Farnworth War Memorial (Brian laid a wreath)
Brian appeared on Granada TV's The Sunday Supplement (pre-recorded)
Flight to Stockholm to join Science & Technology Select Committee
- 15 NOV 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence for the "Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law" inquiry in Stockholm
- 16 NOV 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence for the "Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law" inquiry in Rome (Vatican City included)
- 17 NOV 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence for the "Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law" inquiry in Rome
- 18 NOV 2004 Asian Elders' Initiative Diwali Celebration at Bolton Town Hall
Society of Chemical Industry (Liverpool Section) Prize Giving and Social Evening at the Liverpool Athenaeum Club (As a Honorary Member of the SCI Brian presented the awards and made a speech)
- 19 NOV 2004 **SURGERY AT BOLTON TOWN HALL**
- 21 NOV 2004 Brian was interviewed by Jim Hancock on "Travellers" on The Politics Show (BBC)
- 22 NOV 2004 Meeting organised by the NW Development Agency on "Moving Forward; The Northern Way" at the Manchester City Stadium

- 23 NOV 2004 **QUEEN'S SPEECH** (Fourth Session of the present Parliament)
AGM of the Haemophilia All-Party Parliamentary Group
"The Science of Drug Addiction and Treatment", a meeting organised by The Royal Society of Chemistry at The Royal Society
- 24 NOV 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence for the "Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law" inquiry from those involved in clinical (including Professor Edwards who, together with Professor Steptoe, helped to produce the first "test tube baby", Louise Brown, 25 years ago) and stem cell research
Interview with Tower FM radio about vandalism on Brandwood Street Primary School
Meeting with the Royal National Institute for the Deaf on "Digital Hearing Aids" (John Reid addressed the meeting)
Meeting with the Publishers Association, addressed by Kim Howells MP, Minister responsible for Further & Higher Education
- 25 NOV 2004 Meeting of the Parliamentary Affairs Committee of The Royal Society of Chemistry (Brian is a Fellow of the RSC and its Parliamentary Adviser on the Labour back benches)
- 26 NOV 2004 Funeral of Don Eastwood
University of Liverpool (Brian is a visiting Professor in the Department of Chemistry) to advise on the Research Assessment Exercise 2008
"George's Marvellous Medicine", Christmas production at the Octagon Theatre
- 29 NOV 2004 Interview with Tower FM radio on abolition of the NHS star rating system
"Engineering Technicians: Adding Value to Business", a conference at the Institute of Civil Engineers
Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, addressed by Jack Straw
Brian Chaired a meeting for ALERT (Against Legalised Euthanasia - Research and Teaching), addressed by

Wesley Smith of the Discovery Institute, California,
author of books and lecturer on euthanasia

- 30 NOV 2004 “Drugs and Families: Is there Enough support?”, a conference organised jointly by the All-Party Parliamentary Groups on Alcohol Misuse, Children, Drugs Misuse, Parents and Families and Youth Affairs (Brian, whose idea this was, co-Chaired this conference)
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Hospice Group, addressed by “cancer Zsar” Professor Mike Richards, and Minister Melanie Johnson - Launch of “Listening to Users”
Making Space Winter reception, addressed by Margaret Hodge, Minister for Children and Young People
Launch of the Passenger Transport Executive Liaison Group, comprising of MPs from Metropolitan areas outside London, addressed by Transport Minister Charlotte Atkins
AGM of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
Dinner discussion of Members of the Science & Technology Select Committee with Professor Ian Halliday, Chief Executive of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council
- 01 DEC 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, Q & A session with the Minister for Science, Lord Sainsbury followed by taking evidence on “The Future of the National Institute for Medical Research” (Mill Hill, North London)
Interview with Tower FM radio on the Pre-Budget Report
Meeting with Consumers for Health Choice
Meeting of the All-Party Group for the Markets Industry
AGM of the North West Group of Labour MPs, addressed by Alistair Darling
Discussion dinner on “Renewables Policy - Is There Enough Wind Energy”, organised by ScottishPower
- 02 DEC 2004 “Energy Choices 2004”, a conference organised by the Nuclear Industries Association and the British Nuclear Energy Society

- 03 DEC 2004 Bolton Carers Support - National Carers Rights Open Day, 23 Chorley New Road
Meeting with Cllr Frank White and Assistant Chief Constable (GMP) Ian Seabridge to discuss a new way of tackling drug dealers
- 04 DEC 2004 **SURGERY AT FARNWORTH TOWN HALL** (the busiest ever - 10.00 a.m. to almost 3.00 p.m.)
Jem Night at Club Mistry
- 06 DEC 2004 Meeting on Incitement to Religious Hatred, addressed by Rowan Atkinson *et al.*
BAE Systems reception
Meeting with Fiona McTaggart on the Serious Organised Crime and Police Bill (Incitement to Racial Hatred Clauses)
- 07 DEC 2004 Meeting with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan
Third meeting in the "Talking Health" series on "Breast Cancer", organised by Brian and sponsored by Sanofi Aventis
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE,
Meeting with Sir Keith O'Nions at the Office of Science & Technology, DTI
Meeting of the Trade Union Group of Labour MPs, addressed by Tony Dubbins, Chair of TULO
AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs
"After Arafat", a BBC World Service briefing with four of their Middle East correspondents and Lyse Doucet in the Chair
- 08 DEC 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**,
taking evidence for the "Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law" inquiry from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the British Fertility Society
Meeting with the Chemical Industries Association
Institute of Physics launch of their "Supporting Physics Teaching (SPT) 11-14 Project"
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group (Brian, who is Treasurer to this APG, Chaired this meeting which was addressed by the Chief

Government Adviser and Clinical Director of the Met Office)

- 09 DEC 2004 Meeting with the Association of University Teachers
Visit to Trinity House to meet the Deputy Master and senior and junior brethren following their Council meeting
- 10 DEC 2004 Bolton Technical Innovation Centre Ltd - Board meeting (Brian is Chairman of the Board)
Dixon Green Labour Club Christmas Dinner
- 13 DEC 2004 Meeting with Cancer Research UK (Brian is one of their Parliamentary "Champions")
"Animal Contributions to Science", a meeting of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee
Presentation of the Royal Society of Chemistry's Parliamentary Awards by Mr Speaker (Brian co-hosted this meeting; he is a Parliamentary Adviser to and Fellow of the RSC)
- 14 DEC 2004 Interview with Tower FM radio on The Mental Capacity Bill
MENTAL CAPACITY BILL - Second Reading Debate
- 15 DEC 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**, taking evidence for the Inquiry into the Forensic Science Service from the Home Office and the Forensic Science Service
Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer - to discuss the Public Health White Paper
AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Fireworks
AGM of the Labour Middle East Council (Brian is a Member of the Executive Committee)
Meeting of the NW Group of Labour MPs
- 16 DEC 2004 Interviews with BBC Radio Foyle (Eire) and BBC Radio Northern Ireland on the appointment of Ruth Kelly MP as the Secretary of State at the Department of Education & Skills
- 17 DEC 2004 Visit to the Royal Mail Sorting Office in Farnworth

Retirement presentations to Mairilyn Johnson (she was employed by Bolton Metro in 1958, and joined the HDLO as Secretary to the Building Services Manager in 1974, with Vic Taylor, who was followed by Alistair Robertson, John Williams, George Caswell, then Tom Quayle) at the Housing Direct Labour Organisation, Adelaide House

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- 18 DEC 2004 Meeting of the National Union of Labour & Socialist Clubs (NULSC) Local Committee at Dixon Green Labour Club
- 19 DEC 2004 Brian read a lesson at the Town Carol Service at Bolton Parish Church by invitation of the Revd Canon Michael Williams
- 20 DEC 2004 **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE**, taking evidence by video and telephone link to the U.S.A. for the inquiry into the future of the National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill, North London
First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation to consider the Excise Duties (Surcharges of Rebates)(Hydrocarbon Oils etc.)(Amendment) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004, No. 3160)
Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, addressed by Deputy PM, John Prescott
- 21 DEC 2004 **HOUSE RISES FOR CHRISTMAS RECESS**
- 23 DEC 2004 Interviews with GMR radio and Tower FM radio about the announcement that the Government do not intend to oppose an application for an injunction by the Countryside Alliance against a ban on hunting, beginning 18 Feb 2005, until they challenge application of the Parliament Act to the Hunting Act 2004 in the European Court of Human Rights