

2009 Diary of Dr. Brian Iddon
Member of Parliament for Bolton South East

3 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall • Brian spoke at the Emergency Demonstration organised by the Gaza Solidarity Campaign in Albert Square, Manchester and attended the march through Manchester
4 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian spoke at the demonstration for Gaza, organised by 'Children for the Ghetto', in the Flag Market, Preston, and attended the march through Preston Town Centre • Video interview on the above with the Lancashire Evening Post
5 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian spoke at the vigil/demonstration in support of Gazans held in Victoria Square, Bolton • Interview with BBC Manchester on the above
7 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, Andy Burnham MP, visited the Indian Cricket and Sports Club and Darcy Lever Cricket Club, both in Hacken Lane, Darcy Lever (Little Lever Ward) • Visit to Emmaeus in Fletcher Street • Little Lever Branch meeting
8 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting at the Nightingale Centre, Rishton Lane, for an introduction to REACH (an organisation set up to build better relationships between the Muslim communities and the press and indigenous events and organisations and to encourage good citizenship)
9 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to the Department of Chemistry at Liverpool University (Brian is a Visiting Professor) • Meeting with Charles Sandbach and Bill Miles about the tragic story of WWI soldier Pte James Smith • Bolton Council of Mosques organised a capacity meeting on the situation in Gaza (Brian was a guest speaker)
11 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March and Rally for Gaza in Blackburn (Brian was a guest speaker) • Bolton Association of Ukrainians' Annual Christmas Concert at the Ukrainian Club, Castle St (Tonge and The Haulgh Ward)
12 January 2009	<p>Parliament Resumes Business After the Christmas Recess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the UK Vaccine Industry Group (uvig) about the regulatory group (the Joint Committee on Vaccines and Immunisation - JCVI) on vaccines • Survey on telecommunications, conducted by Research Support & Marketing (dot-surveys) • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by Gordon Brown • Meeting with Bill Rammell MP, Minister responsible for the Middle East, on the Gaza crisis • Syngenta's Annual Parliamentary Dinner to discuss 'Food Security'

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13 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee Press Conference (release of report on 'Re-Skilling for Recovery; After Leitch, Implementing Skills and Training Policy') • Meeting of the 'SET for BRITAIN' Committee • Meeting of the 'Science in Parliament' (a quarterly Journal) Management Board (Brian is the Chairman) • Founding meeting of Labour Friends of Israel and the Middle East
14 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'Engineering in Government' inquiry • Interview for Tower FM radio on the proposed sorting office closures and the Hooper Report's findings on the future of Royal Mail • Meeting of the Trade Union Group of Labour MPs on 'The Royal Mail', addressed by Peter Mandelson • Third Anniversary Party of Insight Public Affairs at 'Fifty Below', St James' Street (Brian has been working with this group on 'biosimilar medicines')
15 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview for Granada TV News NW on 'Mountain Rescue Teams' to be transmitted the following week
16 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Cllr Ebrahim Adia on Special Educational Needs (regarding a specific case) • Advice Surgery at Bolton Town Hall • Brian made a presentation on 'Gaza' at a Red Friday event at Wood Street Socialist Club
19 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with CASE (Campaign for Science and Engineering) • Meeting with Insight Public Affairs on biosimilars • The Showman's Guild of Great Britain Annual Dinner (at which Brian was awarded Honorary Membership)
20 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Suicide Prevention Group to discuss web sites that promote suicide • Meeting with the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive to discuss the way forward following the vote against the referendum on the TIF Bid • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Veterans with the new Veteran's Minister (Kevan Jones MP) • Meeting of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee to discuss 'Peak Oil' (Brian is a Vice-President of the P&SC) • Interview with Independent Radio on the release of 'An Inquiry into Physical Dependence and Addiction to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicines' by the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group • P&SC discussion dinner on 'Peak Oil'

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21 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian hosted a joint meeting of the Royal Society of Chemistry (of which he is both a Fellow and Parliamentary Adviser) and the Institute of Chemical Engineers to launch 'The Vital Ingredient', a report on food production, as the first event in the RSC 'Year of Food' • Beating Bowel Cancer's 'BE LOUD! BE CLEAR!' campaign: reception with a 'photo opportunity' • All-Party Parliamentary Britain-Palestine Group meeting, addressed by Sir Jeremy Greenstock (who worked in the Diplomatic Service from 1969 to 2004)
22 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with BBC Radio Kent on the release of 'An Inquiry into Physical Dependence and Addiction to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicines' by the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group • 12th Delegated Legislation Committee to consider The Draft Postponement of Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2009 • Interview by Chris Chapman, a journalist from the 'Chemist and Druggist' magazine, on the release of 'An Inquiry into Physical Dependence and Addiction to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicines' by the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group • 'Space and the Marine Environment', a conference organised by the All-Party Parliamentary Space Committee and Globe UK
23 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Gaza Genocide by Israel', a meeting at Makkah Mosque (Brian was a speaker) • Interview for Talk Sport radio on the release of 'An Inquiry into Physical Dependence and Addiction to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicines' by the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group
24 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March from Zakkariya Mosque and rally for Gaza in Victoria Square, Bolton (Brian was a speaker)
25 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony, Bolton Town Hall
27 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview for Associated Radio on the reuse of cooking oil as a fuel to drive vehicles and generate electricity • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Britain-Palestine Group; video conversation with Head Of UN Works and Relief Agency (UNWRA) in Gaza, John Ging • Joint meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group with four other APPGs on 'Prisons and Drugs' • 'Big Bang' Parliamentary reception (the UK's first Young Scientists' and Engineers' Fair to be held in the QEII Conference Centre on 4-6 March)

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28 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'Students and Universities' inquiry • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pneumococcal Disease Prevention in the Developing World • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Water Group with OFWAT, the water industry regulator • Coroners and Justice Bill: Programming Sub-Committee
30 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian opened a new Union (Bakers, Food and Allied Trades Union) Learning Centre at Park Cakes • Meeting with Kearsley Ward Councillors, Chair of Stoneclough Community Panel (Steven Kidd) and Officers in the Children's Services Division of Bolton Council on the future of the Community Centre at Prestolee School • Launch of the Heritage Lottery funded booklet 'Links in a Chain' about the Mayors of Bolton over 170 years • Octagon Theatre Press Night - 'Up Against the Wall'
31 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian presented prizes for the eight-a-side indoor cricket tournament organised by BCOM and held at the Bolton Arena, BCOM HQ
02 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the Money Shop (who have a shop in Great Moor Street) • Meeting with the Chairman of the National Treatment Agency (Baroness Doreen Massey)
03 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Jennifer Leeming, the Manchester West Coroner, whose office is in Paderborn House, Bolton • Coroners and Justice Bill Standing Committee, Evidence Sessions 1 & 2 (10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.) • Parliamentary & Scientific Committee (Brian is a Vice-President) Annual Luncheon, with Lord (Dick) Taverne as guest speaker, House of Lords • Meeting of the NW Housing Forum with Margaret Beckett (Minister of Housing), hosted by Brian and George Howarth MP
04 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, a follow-up session on the Science and Technology Facilities Council • Inaugural meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Save the Pub Group • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Council Housing Group with Margaret Beckett (Minister of Housing) • Launch of a Home Office guide for MPs anti-social behaviour by Alan Campbell MP • Campaign for Real Ale's (CAMRA) Parliamentary reception
05 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroners and Justice Bill Standing Committee, Evidence Sessions 3 & 4 (9.00 - 10.25 a.m. and 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.) • Meeting of the SET for Britain organising committee

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06 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bolton Drug and Alcohol Team's Away-Day (to plan their future strategy), Last Drop Village (Brian opened this conference with a keynote speech) • Interview with UCLAN (University of Central Lancashire) journalism student Paul Bolton
07 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall • Gaza women only fundraising event at the 3D's Hall, Bella St (Hulton Ward)(Brian was a speaker)
09 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with POST (Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology) on treatment options for controlled drug addictions • Meeting with Feodore Scheinmann • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'Students and Universities' inquiry • Meeting with Jennifer Leeming, the Manchester West Coroner, whose office is in Paderborn House, Bolton
10 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroners and Justice Bill Standing Committee, Sessions 1 and 2 (10.25 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.) • Meeting with the Financial Secretary, Stephen Timms MP, about Ummah Welfare Trust and Interpal • Diabetes and blood pressure tests with the Silver Star charity from Leicester who campaign to promote diabetes awareness • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group, addressed by Prof David Nutt, newly appointed Chairman of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD)(Brian is Chairman of this APPG). • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs Group
11 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Standards by the National Association for Colitis & Chrohn's Disease and the IBD Standards Group • Meeting of the Care NOT Killing Alliance Ltd Board (Brian is Chairman of the Board) • Meeting of the Care NOT Killing Alliance Advisory Board (which Brian also Chairs) • Meeting of Members of the All-Party Parliamentary Jordan Group who are visiting Jordan from 14 - 21 February • Meeting with Joan Ruddock Minister responsible for the Government's Warm Front Scheme
12 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with pedlar/actor Julian McDonnell who is making a short film on street traders, particularly pedlars
13 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A session at St James's Secondary School and Sports College (in the presence of Bolton MYPs and those standing for election to these posts)

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14-21 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian accompanied an International Parliamentary Union (IPU) delegation to Jordan, where they planned to meet King Abdullah, the Prime Minister and other senior Ministers and Officials to discuss the problems of the Middle East • Interview with BBC Radio Manchester on the situation in Gaza, with a Jordanian perspective
23 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWU briefing on the Hooper Report and the CWU Parliamentary Launch of their response to it • Meeting of Labour Members on the Coroners and Criminal Justice Bill • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by Gordon Brown • Brian chaired an ALERT (Against Legalised Euthanasia - Research and Teaching; a charity) organised meeting on euthanasia and assisted suicide, addressed by Wesley Smith from the USA (Brian is a Patron of ALERT)
24 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with BBC Radio South on 'An Inquiry into Physical Dependence and Addiction to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicines', a report published by the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group • Coroners and Justice Bill Standing Committee, Sessions 3 and 4 (10.25 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 - 9.20 p.m., with a 1 hour break, 7.20 - 8.30 p.m.) • Meeting of the SET for Britain Group • Scientists Meet the Media Party at the Royal Society (7.40 - 8.45 p.m.)
25 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'Putting Engineering at the Heart of Government Policy' inquiry • Interview with ITN (East Midlands) on 'An Inquiry into Physical Dependence and Addiction to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicines', a report published by the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group • Third Delegated Legislation Committee to consider the Draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2009 and the Draft European Parliament Elections (Franchise of Relevant Citizens of the Union)(Amendment) Regulations 2009 • Action Mesothelioma Reception. Organised by the British Lung Foundation • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group (Brian is Treasurer to this APPG) • Meeting of the NW Group of Labour MPs • Meeting of the Council for Arab-British Understanding on Gaza • Meeting with the British Generic Manufacturers Association
26 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroners and Justice Bill Standing Committee, Sessions 5 and 6 (9.00 - 10.25 a.m. and 1.00 and 3.53 p.m.) • Meeting of senior chemists to understand how the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council's (EPSRC) new policies are affecting their work

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28 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting to discuss whether 9 Bolton delegates can enter Gaza with the 9 vehicles from Bolton which have been sent loaded with food, clothing, an electric generator (worth £100,000) and medicines when George Galloway's convoy of 100 vehicles reaches the Rafah crossing point into Gaza from Egypt around the 9 March
02 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, private session to discuss the future programme leading up to the General Election Dinner with David Lammy MP
03 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian hosted a breakfast meeting for the Health Food Manufacturers Association to discuss 'Threats to the Natural Health Food Products Sector' Coroners and Justice Bill Standing Committee, Sessions 7 and 8 (10.25 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 - 10.00 p.m. Brian left at 8.10 p.m. to present Adjournment Debate) Cllr Linda Thomas, Margaret Asquith (Director of Children's Services in Bolton) and Brian lobbied Schools Minister Jim Knight MP about funding for various capital projects in Bolton, including the Building Schools for the Future Programme
04 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, as part of the 'Big Bang' (a large science and engineering exhibition at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre) children from the science club at Parkview Academy in London came to the House of Commons to question four Members of the Committee including Brian Pre-meeting of the 'Below Target Health Funding Group' The 'Below Target Health Funding Group' meets Secretary of State for Health, Alan Johnson MP Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Britain-Palestine Group (Brian is Secretary to this APPG)
05 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coroners and Justice Bill Standing Committee, Sessions 8 and 9 (9.00 - 10.25 a.m. and 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.)
06 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with Bolton Council's Muslim Women's Liaison Officer Brian was a panel member at the 'Science and Ethics Forum', organised by the Durham Union Society, Durham
07 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall
09 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SET for Britain Poster Exhibition (which Brian helped to organise in memory of Dr Eric Wharton, who died suddenly of pancreatic cancer in the summer of 2007 - Brian helped Eric to mount the first of these events which give young scientists and engineers a chance to exhibit their research work on posters in the Houses of Parliament; cash prizes and medals are awarded for the posters that are considered to be the best in each session - three sessions with 60 posters in each: £35,000 was raised for this event) Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'Students and Universities' inquiry

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10 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroners and Justice Bill Standing Committee, Sessions 10 and 11 (10.25 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.; 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.; and 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.) • Brian hosted 'Voice of the Future 2009', an annual event organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry (Brian is a Fellow of the RSC and one of their Parliamentary Advisers)
11 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, private session to finalise the report on 'Engineering; Turning Ideas into Reality' • Brian gave a presentation at a 'Newton's Heirs Workshop', Royal Society of Chemistry's HQ, Burlington House, Piccadilly (Brian is a Board Member and Trustee of the Newton's Apple think tank) • Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee Annual Dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London
12 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th International Kidney Day Reception • 'Do We Need More Multiskilled Scientists and Engineers to Manage Economy Recovery and Change?', symposium organised by the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee (Brian is a Vice-President of the P&SC) for National Science and Engineering Week
13 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian stayed in London to support the Statutory Redundancy (Amendment) Bill, a Ballot Bill in the name of Lindsay Hoyle MP (Chorley) and the Organ Donation (Presumed Consent) Bill, a Ballot Bill in the name of Jeremy Browne MP (Taunton)
14 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granting of the Freedom of the Borough of Bolton to the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, Victoria Sq, Bolton, followed by a reception and a visit to Bolton Wanderer's Football Club (in a weary game Bolton versus Fulham; Bolton lost 3:1)
16 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press conference for the launch of the Archer Report on the transmission of disease through blood transfusions • Launch of 'Changing Landscapes: Future Scenarios for Variable Tuition Fees' by Universities UK (proposing a minimum £5,000 tuition fee for university students with other universities charging £7,000 or more!) • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'Putting Science and Engineering at the Heart of Government Policy' inquiry

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17 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with BBC Radio Manchester on Job Seekers Allowance • Oxford Brookes University's exhibition of their Formula One student built cars, built for a national and international competition • Informal discussion lunch at the Royal Society • Parliamentary launch of the concept of a 'Post Bank', organised by a coalition of groups, including the CWU • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group (Brian is Chairman of this APPG), addressed by Steve Rolles of Transform • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group (Brian is Treasurer of this APPG) to discuss the Fuel Poverty Bill (a Private Members' Bill) • Meeting of Greater Manchester MPs to discuss transport schemes for the future with Cllr Richard Leese and Lord Peter Smith (Chairman of AGMA)
18 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, to finalise the report on 'Engineering; Turning Ideas into Reality' and to chose inquiries for the future • 12th Delegated Legislation Committee to consider the Draft Immigration (Biometric Registration)(Amendment) Regulations 2009 • Meeting of the NW Group of Labour MPs • Annual General Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Markets Group (Brian was re-elected as Secretary to this APPG and gave a report on his attempts to reform the legislation on pedlars) • '10 out of 10' - a celebration of 10 years of the Helena Kennedy foundation (a charity that provides bursaries , mentoring and support for disadvantaged students from across the UK), Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank (Vanessa Redgrave was unable to attend because she was at the bedside of her daughter Natasha Richardson, who died later in the evening in New York)
19 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary Affairs Committee at the Royal Society of Chemistry (Brian is a Fellow of the RSC and one of its two Parliamentary Advisers) • Meeting with the National Association of British Market Authorities on pedlars
20 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Tony Birch (Deputy Director, Children's Services) and Adrian Wolstenholme about the Community Centre in Stoneclough • Interview with Mark Darcy for This Week in Parliament (Radio 4) on attempts to bring in assisted suicide on the back of the Coroners and Justice Bill • Meeting with the Stop the War/CND coalition about various issues, especially Iraq and Afghanistan but also Gaza and Trident • Advice Surgery at Bolton Town Hall
21 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Regional Office, Yasmin Qureshi (PPC), Mike Francis (Constituency Chairman and Election Agent) and Karen Lawrinson about launching Yasmin's General Election campaign

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23 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Delegated Legislation Committee to consider the Draft Northern Rock PLC Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Order 2009 and the Draft Bradford and Bingley PLC Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Order 2009 • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by John Denham as Secretary of State for the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS)
24 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of the SET for Britain Group • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for ALMOs • Meeting of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee Council to finalise the Annual Report (Brian is a Vice-President of the P&SC)
25 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, to consider publication of a Government response to 'DIUS's Departmental Report 2008' and to consider the future programme • National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction (the 3Rs) of Animals in Research poster session, House of Lords • British Heart Foundation reception and 'photo opportunity • Cancer Research UK Parliamentary Reception and 'photo opportunity • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Britain-Palestine Group, addressed by Richard Makepeace, British Consul General in Jerusalem • An evening with the All-Party Parliamentary Music Group, with many stars and people from behind the scenes present - Fergal Sharkey, Billy Bragg, Kate Nash, etc.
26 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian chaired "Protecting Families and Communities: Working Together to Tackle drugs", an event organised by the House Magazine at Broadway House, Victoria • Interview with Wired Magazine (Charlie Burton) on 'Science in Parliament'
27 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian was a guest speaker at the Farnworth Town Hall Centenary Dinner (opened 30 March 1909)
28 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian spoke at a fundraising event for Gaza, held at the 3D's Centre in Daubhill, organised by the Ummah Welfare Trust and Bolton's mosques.
30 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit of Bolton VIth Form College's politics and economics students • Celebration of Ramnavami (Hindu festival) at the House of Commons • Presentation of Medals and Veteran's Badges at the House of Commons by the Veterans Minister (MoD), Kevan Jones MP • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by Douglas Alexander MP and General secretary Ray Collins

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31 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with DrugScope and Release about the future of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group (Brian will stand down as Chairman at the next AGM in June) • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Cancer Group, addressed by Prof. Michael Rawlins, Chair of the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) • Meeting of the Coalition on Blood Safety on 'Lessons from the Archer Report' (Chaired in part by Brian) • Brian chaired a Council for Arab-British Understanding (CAABU) meeting on 'The Crisis of Islamic Civilization', addressed by Dr Ali A Allawi a former Minister of Defence and Minister of Finance in Iraq post-war Governments, now a Senior Associate Member of St Antony's College, Oxford
01 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'Putting Science and Engineering at the Heart of Government Policy' inquiry and from the Technology Strategy Board (TSB) • Parliamentary meeting of the UK Youth Parliament to debate university tuition fees • Discussion on Healthcare Associated Infections, chaired by Brian • House Rises for Easter Recess
03 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian gave a keynote address at 'North West Researcher Futures', a regional conference for research staff held at Lancaster University, organised by Vitae • Brian presented 'Science in Parliament' at the Wrexham Science Festival, Glyndwr University
04 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall
06 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constituency General Management Committee, Dixon Green Labour Club
08 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funeral of Les Bunting
09 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Synergy Health about misuse of drugs in the workplace
17 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Park Cakes (Hulton Ward) • Meeting with George Caswell, John Lord and Cllr Noel Spencer about the Bolton at Home future Business Plane ahead of a meeting in London with Iain Wright MP • Advice Surgery at Bolton Town Hall
20 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliament Resumes Business After Easter Recess • Meeting with CEO of Plant Impact, Peter Blezard • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by Alistair Darling, Chancellor of the Exchequer ahead of the Budget

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21 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Populus about Premier League football (with a £50 donation to the Helena Kennedy Foundation; Brian is interviewed or completes a questionnaire about once a month on average, with a donation of £25 or £50 to a charity, usually a local one. He has raised thousands of pounds for various charities in this way) • Meeting between Housing Minister Iain Wright MP and Bolton at Home, facilitated by Brian • Meeting of the 'Science in Parliament' (a quarterly Journal of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee) Management Committee (Brian is Chairman) • Annual General Meeting of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee (P&SC)(Brian reported on 'Science in Parliament') • Meeting of the P&SC entitled 'Does Security Technology Restrict Personal Freedom?'
22 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUDGET DAY • Meeting of the Care NOT Killing Alliance Ltd Board (Brian is Chairman of the Board) • Interview on the Budget with politics.co.uk • Unsuccessful attempt to link up with Khalid Mesh'aal (Leader of Hamas) in Damascus, but a discussion was held instead on 'Talks with Hamas'
23 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Knight MP (Minister for Schools) opened The Orchards School in Highfield (Harper Green Branch)
24 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the Asian Elders Initiative about closure of Lilian Hamer Home on Wigan Road • Octagon Theatre - 'Looking for Buddy' (a new play by Alan Plater)
25 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 (Bolton) Squadron Air Training Corps 70th Anniversary Dinner, Holiday Inn, Bolton
27 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit of Bolton VIth Form (politics students) • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by Harriett Harman and Andy Burnham • PLP discussion of MPs expenses
28 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the House Magazine 'Select Committee Guide 2009' • NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence) 10th Anniversary Parliamentary reception • Workers' Memorial Day reception • David Muir, Director of Political Strategy to the PM presented the polling information gathered after the Budget
29 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'Students and Universities' inquiry • National STEM Ambassadors Awards 2009 Reception • Meeting with Interpal a major Muslim charity, about their lack of banking facilities due to their 'designation' by the USA • Breakthrough Breast Cancer Annual Reception • Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry Annual Dinner

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30 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Simon Truelove, General Manager, JMJ Laboratories, about drugs misuse in the workplace • NUS launch of their 'Meet the Parents' report on how adults with children cope in FE and HE • Launch of 'Winning Combinations' by the School of Pharmacy, University of London, on 'polypills' for disease prevention • Meeting of the SET for Britain co-ordinating committee • Brian spoke to the motion "That This House Would Negotiate with Hamas" at the Oxford Union (Malcolm Rifkind opposed Brian)
01 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian opened 'Leading Lights', an exhibition of photographic portraits of young scientists and engineers at the Museum of Science & Industry in Manchester for STEMNET • Q&A at George Tomlinson School • 'Oleanna', a play at the Octagon (Brian is a Patron of the Theatre)
02 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall
05 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian had a visit from a former Salford University student (Gurinder Doad) and his family who now live in Alabama, USA, where Gurinder now practices medicine • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, first pre-appointment hearing with Dr Alan Gilliespie, Chair-elect of the Economic & Social Research Council • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Heart Disease to discuss Jim Cunningham MP's Private Members' Bill (which Brian has sponsored) - the Schools (Health Support) Bill • Interview with BBC Radio Guernsey on an Adjournment Debate that Brian had presented on "Impact of Unregulated Importation of Health Food Products from the Channel Islands"
06 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'Students and Universities' inquiry • 'Two Million Reasons' - Macmillan Cancer Support to highlight cancer survivorship • Royal National Institute for the Deaf's 'Deaf Awareness Week' Parliamentary reception • Meeting of the CWU UK Parliamentary Liaison Group on progress of the Postal Services Bill • Launch of SIGOMA's [The Special Interest Group of Metropolitan Authorities (Outside London) within the LGA] 'Housing - Our Big Issue?' report • Parliamentary Launch of the National Skills Forum

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07 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Daily Telegraph started its long series of articles on MP's allowances • Best Bar None Parliamentary reception and awards • Presentation of petition to No 10 Downing Street on behalf of Christie Hospital regarding their £6.5 million tied up in Icelandic banks (their 'Cash Back for Christie' campaign) • Brian met clinicians and a patient's group representative involved in treatment of children with a growth hormone deficiency to discuss with them NICE's approach to the first commercial biosimilar to be considered by them for approval
08 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian officially opened the Evans Business Centre on Manchester Road, a £1.3 million investment (this formerly was the Yate's Wine Lodge HQ) • Visit to Brandwood Primary School (Hulton Ward)
11 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Eleanor Kennedy from the Science Council • Brian arranged a meeting for Zentek with Jack Straw • Brian was interviewed by the Bolton News on MP's allowances
12 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Bribery Bill Committee - first meeting (a Joint Committee of Members of the Hoc and Members of the HoL) • Interview with Tower FM radio about the latest Breakthrough Breast Cancer campaign on lymphoedema • Launch of Mind's 'Get it off Your Chest: Men and Mental Health' campaign • Briefing meeting on the NW Regional Strategy
13 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, second pre-appointment hearing with Sir Tom Blundell, Chair-elect of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council • Meeting with the Food Standards Agency about progress on the EU Food Supplements Directive and the EU Nutrition and Health Claims Regulation • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group, addressed by four American speakers attending the 6th UKSEAD conference (see next box), including Christopher Kennedy Lawford, Hollywood actor, producer, and lawyer who has a MA in clinical psychology
14 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian opened the 6th UK/European Symposium on Addictive Disorders at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel, London with a speech entitled "Physical Dependence and Addiction to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medication" • Interview at the above conference with Inexcess TV (available on the Broadband equivalent of Freeview) • Photo opportunity with Jonathan Dimbleby in support of Carers Week (8-14 June) • Interview with a Hull University student who is writing a dissertation on science in Parliament • Interview with the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology on the use of their publications and services

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15 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Bolton Victim Support & Witness Service at Bolton Crown and Magistrates Courts and at their HQ in Chorley Old Road • Launch of Paul Salveson's book, "Lancashire's Romantic Radical", on Allen Clarke (born in Daubhill), aka Teddy Ashton, at Bolton Museum and Archive section • Meeting of the Jammu and Kashmir Self Determination Movement at Oldham Civic Centre, at which Gary Titley, former NW MEP, and Brian were presented with awards for their work on the Kashmir issue
16 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Election campaign bus visited Bolton
18 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian attended an event in connection with 'World Hepatitis Day' at the University of Birmingham's Medical School (Brian is Vice-Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Hepatology Group) • Interview in Birmingham with Kerrang radio about World Hepatitis Day (19 May) and MP's expenses (this was syndicated across the country and was used, for example, by Key 103 radio) • Weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP), addressed by the Prime Minister
19 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview by Tower FM radio about MP's expenses • TV interview by a media studies student from Brunel University on 'Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia' • Meeting with Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu Kashmir • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Britain-Palestine Group (Brian is Secretary to this APPG) - launch of 'Occupation, Colonialism, Apartheid?' • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group to discuss the Warm Front Scheme (National Audit Office report)(Brian is Treasurer of this APPG) • Meeting of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee - 'Taking Science to the Street' (Brian is a Vice-President of the P&SC) • Discussion dinner after the above P&SC meeting
20 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for the 'FE College Capital Expenditure' inquiry • 'Fair Pint' lobby - several speakers (a meeting about the damage that 'pubcos' have done to the beer retail trade) • Meeting with the President of Azad Kashmir, the Rt Hon Raja Zulqurnain Khan (Brian received two awards for the work he does on behalf of the Kashmiri communities in Britain) • SBAC (the trade association for the British space and aerospace industry) House of Commons reception • Meeting of the NW Group of Labour MPs • Launch of the British Arabs Association, addressed by David Milliband, Foreign Secretary
21 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with BBC TV Wales for a documentary on 'Older Drivers' • Brian gave a speech at a meeting of the Engineering Council UK in support of the launch of their leaflet 'Sustainability Guidelines' (House of Commons)

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WHITSUNTIDE RECESS	
22 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A session at St William of York Primary School, Nugent Rd (Great Lever Ward) • Meeting with Exide Technologies (plant is at Over Hulton)
27 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kearsley Area Forum meeting at St John's Church
29 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Bolton's three MPs with the CEO of the Royal Bolton Hospital Trust • Leafleting at Macca Mosque (European elections)
01 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOUSE RETURNS AFTER WHITSUNTIDE RECESS • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by the Leader of the House, Harriett Harman
02 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the Kashmir Self Determination Movement (Mumtaz Chishty attended) • Draft Bribery Bill Committee, taking evidence from business representatives [three panels (3.30 - 6.15 p.m.)] • Seminar on 'Same Sex Accommodation in Hospitals' • National Energy Association (a charity) discussion dinner, to discuss their policy document on a 'National Energy Efficiency Scheme' • Three Cabinet Ministers resign (Jacqui Smith, Tom Watson and Beverley Hughes)
03 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Alan Beswick (BBC Radio Manchester) on the current state of politics • Meeting with Ofwat about the new way of billing water rates based on surface area of water collection • Meeting of the Board of Care Not Killing Alliance Ltd (Brian is Chairman of this Board) • Meeting of the Advisory Board of Care Not Killing Alliance Ltd (Brian is Chairman of CNK Alliance Ltd) • Hazel Blears resigns from Cabinet
04 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUROPEAN ELECTION DAY • James Purnell resigns from the Cabinet
05 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open University's Manchester Degree Ceremony, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester • Gordon Brown begins to announce the names of those in his new Cabinet
06 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall
08 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Jane Kennedy resigns • Interview with Tower FM radio on the results of the European elections for the Labour Party • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, interviewing the Chairman of the Office for Strategic Co-ordination of Health Research and the Chairman of its Translational Medicines Board • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by Gordon Brown

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09 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, visit to the Olympic Park to discuss skills training with John Armit and the Olympic Delivery Authority • Meeting with the National Deaf Children's Society about acoustics for deaf children in schools • Meeting with the management and union representatives from the Over Hulton Exide Technologies battery plant that is scheduled for closure with the potential loss of up to 420 jobs • Launch of the Health and Safety Executive's new strategy document • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs Group • SIGOMA's [Special Interest Group of Metropolitan Authorities (Outside London)] launch of 'Breaking the Cycle - Ending child Poverty in SIGOMA Areas' • Meeting of the community campaign on 'Shared Streets' (an issue taken up by organisations representing those who are visually impaired)
10 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, private meeting to discuss business in progress following the announcement of the merger between DIUS and DBERR • Guide Dogs 'Say No to Shared Streets Event' • Photocall at Cancer Research UK's 'Molewatch Clinic' • Draft Bribery Bill Committee, taking evidence from the Police and Prosecutors and their Clerks • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Fairs and Showgrounds Group (Brian was re-elected Secretary to this APPG)
11 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Bribery Bill Committee, taking evidence from the OECD • Meeting of the Newton's Apple Think Tank Ltd Board (Brian is a Trustee and Member of the Board) • AGM of Newton's Apple Think Tank Ltd
12 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Khat Facts Launch' at the Bolton Science and Technology Centre, Minerva Road (Brian was the keynote speaker)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception at the Town Hall for SPD visitors from Paderborn
15 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Dr Richard Cooper, Lecturer in Public Health at the University of Sheffield, on 'Addiction to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicines' • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pakistan • Trailer interview with BBC Radio Manchester on the Adjournment Debate on 'Addiction to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicines' (16 June 2009) • Weekly meeting of the PLP, which discussed future policy

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16 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rory Bremner and Lewis Hamilton help to launch the 'Make Roads Safe - the UK Campaign for a Global Decade of Action for Road Safety' • Interview with Tower FM radio on Cancer Research UK's campaign on avoiding skin cancer this Summer (the 'Mole Watch Campaign') • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group (Brian retired as Chairman of this APPG after 10 years) • Meeting of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee (P&SC) on "Medical Testing - Do We Want More or Less of It?" (Brian is a Vice-President of the P&SC) • Discussion dinner of the P&SC following the above meeting with the two speakers, Profs. Michael Baum and Karol Sikora
17 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, taking evidence for a short inquiry on 'Sites of Special Scientific Interest' • Draft Bribery Bill Committee, taking evidence from the Secretary of State for Justice • Food Standards Agency's campaign on listeria, which kills over 500 people per annum, mainly over age 60 • "Israeli Apartheid: A Beginner's Guide", a lecture by journalist Ben White, organised by the Council for Arab-British Understanding (CAABU) • "Valuing Innovation - Why We Have to Get it Right for Patients", a discussion dinner, organised by the Northern Pharmaceutical Group
18 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of the 'Science in Parliament' Management Board (Brian is Chairman of this Board) • Launch of the National Institute for Health Research Mental Health Research Network's 'One in Four' DVD
19 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Adams Selfstore who occupy Swan lane No. 1 & 2 Mills in Higher Swan Lane • Speech by a representative of the Refugee Council at St Andrews and St Georges United Reform Church as part of Refugee Week • Advice Surgery at Bolton Town Hall • Retirement party for former MEP Gary Titley, Bolton Town Hall
21 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian appeared on the BBC's Politics Show NW Section to discuss MP's allowances and academies
22 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARLIAMENT ELECTS A NEW SPEAKER (John Bercow MP elected after three ballots) • Meeting with the Communication Workers Union about the Postal Services Bill (Brian attended briefly)

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23 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Delegated Legislation Committee to consider the Draft European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2009 • Visit by Jim Siddeley from Cheadle CLP (JS applied for the Bolton SE CLP nomination in 1994 when Brian was selected as the PPC) • MP Heroes Tea Party, organised by the Experience Corps to honour Bolton volunteers (Elizabeth Tatman; nominated by Bolton Toy Library) • Dr Tom (Salford University) and Claire Paterson visited Brian
24 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, private meeting to finalise several reports before dissolution of the Committee through re-organisation of Government structures • Royal Society of Chemistry's Parliamentary Links Day (hosted by Brian, who is a Fellow of the RSC and one of its two Parliamentary Advisers) • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Acquired Brain Injury • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Britain-Palestine Group (Brian was re-elected as the Secretary of this APPG) • Meeting of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee's Programme Sub-Committee • Event on innovation at the Royal Institution
25 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Bribery Bill Committee, taking evidence from the Attorney General
26 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Keith Davies on Bolton's planning policy for house extensions following a complaint from Great Lever Ward
27 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces Day, Victoria Sq, Bolton (before the celebrations the Book of Remembrance was unveiled to show that Pte James Smith's name had been added)
29 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-Party Parliamentary Engineering & IT Group's Luncheon Meeting to discuss high-speed rail travel • Launch of National Housing Week (Jeff Smethurst spoke on behalf of Bolton Council, a 'Homes for the Future Beacon council') • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, private meeting to finalise several reports before dissolution of the Committee through re-organisation of Government structures
30 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Lord Carlile (who is taking over from Brian as Chairman of the Care Not Killing Alliance in October) • Meeting of the Drugs and Alcohol Treatment and Harm Reduction Group • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Warm Homes Group (Brian stood down as Treasurer of this APPG) • Annual Alternative Parliamentary Awards 2009
01 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of "Children Living with Substance Misusing Parents", new research carried out for Action on Addiction

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02 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Physics Factory” programme, a new initiative supported by the Institute of Physics (IoP), IoP HQ in Portland Place, London • The Royal Society’s Summer Soiree, Carlton House Terrace, London
03 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the first book on the Wigan artist the late Lawrence James Isherwood at the Room Four Conference Venue, Golborne (Brian was a good friend of Isherwood)
04 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall
06 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Critical Research Ltd about the Food Standards Agency • Meeting with Dai Davies MP about the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group (Brian has handed over his Chairmanship of this APPG to Dai) • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, private meeting to finalise several reports before dissolution of the Committee through re-organisation of Government structures • Discussion dinner for Members with the Chemical Industries Association (Brian hosted this event as Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Chemical Industries Group)
07 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (DBIS) - ‘Innovation Sustainability Competition Project Launch’ event • Meeting with Remploy • Brian hosted a reception to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Royal Statistical Society • Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee to consider the Draft financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2009 • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Veterans Group • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Save the Pub Group • Meeting of the PLP Communities and Local Government Committee, addressed by John Healy, new Minister for Housing
08 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, private meeting to finalise several reports before dissolution of the Committee through re-organisation of Government structures • Visit of St Stephen and All Martyr’s C of E School to Westminster • Launch of a new partnership between the University of Central Lancashire and BAE (essentially to save the MoD money by building more energy efficient defence systems) • “Rock the Boat” on the “Golden Jubilee”, anchored at Westminster Pier, organised by the All-Party Group on Music

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09 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Resources Department about arrangements for retirement from Parliament • Meeting of the 'SET for Britain' committee • Government Office for Science reception at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Durbar Court) • Brian hosted the 'Annual Presidents' Dinner' for the Royal Society of Chemistry at the House of Commons (Brian is one of their Parliamentary Advisers and a Fellow of the RSC) - this dinner is for the Presidents of the RSC and the American Chemical Society and their guests
10 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July Degree Ceremony of the University of Bolton, Victoria Hall, Bolton • Nicholas Wolfenden's wedding at the Holiday Inn, Bolton
13 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the Proprietary Association of Great Britain (PAGB)(the trade association for over-the-counter medicines)(following the publication of the report on addiction to over-the-counter and prescription medicines a warning now appears on all boxes of codeine-containing OTCs) • Reception for 'Engineering the Future' (The Royal Academy of Engineering) • International day of action for Palestinian residents whose homes are being confiscated by the Israelis; UK & Jews for Justice for Palestinians asked Brian to sign a book which will be presented to the Foreign Secretary (David Miliband MP) • Launch of a new book, 'The Solar Century' - at a lunchtime reception organised by the UK PV Manufacturers' Association • Opening of 'Engineering for the Future', an exhibition organised by The Royal Academy of Engineering • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee, Pre-appointment hearing with Prof. Michael Stirling, Chair-Elect of the Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC), followed by a private meeting to finalise several reports before dissolution of the Committee through re-organisation of Government structures • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by Ed Balls and Bob Ainsworth
14 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Derek and Mrs Carol Burrows visit Parliament • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for ALMOs (Brian was re-elected as Secretary of this APPG) • Meeting of the Council of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee (Brian is a Vice-President of the P&SC Committee) • 'Carbon Capture and Storage - Will It Work?' - meeting of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee • Discussion dinner with the speakers following the above meeting

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15 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills (IUSS) Select Committee, private meeting to finalise several reports before dissolution of the Committee through re-organisation of Government structures • IUSS Press Conference to release an embargoed report on the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) • Meeting with the Scouts Association on their 'Raintax Campaign' (attended by the CEO of OFWAT) • Meeting with the Jammu & Kashmir Self-Determination Movement (Mumtaz Chishti attended) • Photo opportunity for 'Make a Difference Day' (CSV) with Pete Waterman and Claire Young (from 'The Apprentice') • Meeting with Ivan Lewis MP, Minister of State at the FCO, about the Middle East Peace Process • Brian Chaired a symposium on 'Geo-Engineering: Challenges and Global Impacts' • DrugScope organised a small dinner party for Brian to thank him for Chairing the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group for 10 years (the new Chairman - Dai Davies MP - hosted this event)
16 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Society of Chemistry's Public Affairs Committee (Brian is a Fellow of the RSC and one of their Parliamentary Advisers) • Meeting with representatives of UVIG (UK Vaccines Industry Group) about an event Brian is hosting on 'flu jabs' later in the Autumn • Interview with Radio Five Live about a Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee Report on the Learning and Skills Council capital programme
17 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with BBC Radio Manchester about a Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee Report on the Learning and Skills Council capital programme • Q&A session at Queensbridge Primary School, Farnworth (children from the school visited Westminster recently as part of Parliament's new education outreach programme) • Meeting at Town Hall regarding a housing bid to Government • Advice Surgery at Bolton Town Hall • The Publican Magazine's 'Proud of Pubs Week' - visit to the Spread Eagle at Kearsley (Paul and Shirley Morris have turned this pub round)
20 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview on behalf of the Kings Fund by ComRes • Final meeting of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills (IUSS) Select Committee, private meeting to finalise several reports before dissolution of the Committee through re-organisation of Government structures • Annual Parliamentary Reception of the All-Party Parliamentary Local Government Group and the Local Government Information Unit and launch of the report, 'Primary Justice'
21 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Society of Chemistry's Summer Soiree at the Royal Academy • House Rises for the Summer Recess

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22 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee Press Conference at the Science Media Centre (Royal Institution) to release 'Putting Science and Engineering at the Heart of Government' • Preview at BAFTA of the new Disney-Pixar animated 3D film 'Up' - Producers of Toy Story and Wall-e (the film will be released before Christmas in the UK - tour of the Dolby projection system and a demonstration of SKY 3D TV - available in Japan and available in UK later this year - by invitation of 'Respect for Film')
24 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Advisory Board, School of Chemistry, Manchester University (Brian is a member) • Telephone conference with Arlene McCarthy MEP about the proposed closure of Exide battery plant at Over Hulton • Visit to Darren Court, Kearsley, with Cllr Derek Burrows
25 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian opened Stoneclough Community Centre on behalf of SATAB (Yasmin Qureshi and Cllr Derek Burrows also there) • Community Fair at Top Bank Park, Grosvenor Estate, Kearsley (Yasmin Qureshi and Cllr Derek Burrows also there)
28 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Superintendent Hankinson about various serious cases that Brian is dealing with
30 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit with Cllr Derek Burrows to see work in progress at Kearsley Methodist Church
31 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund raising concert for veterans at the Round House Club, Halliwell
01 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall
03 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLP Management Committee meeting at Dixon Green Labour Club
04 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Gordon Taylor and Pul Abbott in Middleton to discuss sustainable transport systems (the CAST system)
05 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to the Cricketer's Way Estate in Little Lever to look at problems associated with the planning layout of the shared ownership part of the Estate
06 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss Bhavisha Kukadia of Bury college interviewed Brian 'on camera' as part of her A-Level Media Studies programme
07 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Mike Pollard of United Utilities about the closure of Wilson's Bridge (Cllrs Derek Burrows, Sean Hornby and Anthony Connell attended)
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25 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Building Better Health for Bolton', a conference organised by Bolton Primary Care Trust to consult on re-prioritisation of the building of the six (three completed and funding obtained for the fourth on the University of Bolton site) planned new health centres, Castle Hill Centre (both Farnworth and Great Lever are high on the proposed list)
28 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Fun Day at S James's Secondary School, Farnworth (opened by Cllr Noel Spencer), organised by Bolton at Home Neighbourhood Management South (Yasmin attended with Brian)
01 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kearsley Branch meeting
02 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sod cutting ceremony at the Royal Bolton Hospital for the beginning of construction of the new Maternity and Children's Centre for Manchester West (the existing Maternity Unit will be refurbished too), a £30 million scheme
03 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian travelled to Scotland for a fund raising dinner for the national 'Care Not Killing Alliance' (he is Chairman of CNK), hosted by Cardinal O'Brien at the MacDonald Holyrood Hotel
05 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall • 5th Anniversary Celebrations at Rumworth Hall of the African Community Association of Bolton
06 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian appeared on the 2-hour long Andy Crane Show on BBC Manchester from the Lowry Centre in Salford (this is a mixture of music and discussion of current events based on the Sunday papers)
07 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLP Management meeting, Dixon Green Labour Club
08 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Committee, Dixon Green Labour Club (which discussed new plans for the Cutacre Tip scheme, an Academy at George Tomlinson School, and the future of Bolton's ALMO)
09 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre in Manchester (which serves Bolton) • Public meeting at Bolton Town Hall on the new proposals for future development of the Cutacre Tip site (following completion of the open cast mining there)
10 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM of Homestart at the Harvey Children's Centre, Shaw St • Meeting with Cllr Derek Burrows about the Community Centre in Stoneclough • Canvassing in Crompton Ward by-election with Guy Harkin
16 September 2009 (in London)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the University & Colleges Union about redundancies in universities and colleges • Informal meeting with Peter Saunders, fellow Board Director of the Care Not Killing Alliance (Brian is Chairman of the Board)

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<p>17 September 2009 (in London)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with an official from the Department of Health about addiction to prescription and over-the-counter medicines (DoH has set up a special unit to take this problem forward) • Meeting of the Management Committee of Science in Parliament (Brian is Chairman of this Committee), the official Journal of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee • Meeting of the Steering Group of 'SET for Britain' (which is organising poster sessions in March 2010 for young researchers in the life and physical sciences)
<p>18 September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian and Chris Peacock were guest speakers at the Manchester Refugee and Migrant Forum's Community Leadership Training Programme 2009/10, Moss Side • Meeting with the Derby Ward Labour Club Committee • Advice Surgery at Bolton Town Hall
<p>21 September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoH Minister of State (Gillian Merron MP) visited the Bolton Substance Misuse Service
<p>22 September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM of the Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
<p>23 September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th Anniversary Celebration of the University of Manchester Incubator Company (UMIC) and 5th Anniversary Celebration of the University of Manchester's Intellectual Property Commercialisation Company (UMIP)
<p>24 September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone interview with the Royal College of Nursing • Meeting with Keith Davies, Director of Planning and Regeneration at Bolton Town Hall about future plans for Cutacre Tip • Meeting with CEO, Sean Harris, about the failure to develop a Community Centre in Stoneclough at Prestolee School (Cllr Derek Burrows attended also) • AGM of BYPHS (Bolton Young Persons Housing Scheme), United Reform Church of St Andrew and St George
<p>25 September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian met his Royal Society 'pair' for the next Session of Parliament, Dr Stephen Richardson of the University of Manchester • Golden Wedding celebration at Farnworth & Kearsley Labour Club
<p>29 September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the L'Oreal Young Scientist Centre at the Royal Institution, London
<p>30 September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with freelance journalist Jane Cassidy, who is writing an article for the <i>British Medical Journal</i> on how the Government's drugs policy has changed since 1997 (she interviewed Brian for The Guardian approximately 10 years ago) • Inaugural dinner at the Royal Society of Chemistry's new Chemistry Centre at their HQ in Burlington House, London (Brian is a Fellow of the RSC and one of their Parliamentary Advisers)
<p>01 October 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Reflect about the Government's decision to defer the fitting of retro-reflective tape to HGVs to save lives, thus ignoring a EU Directive until the last possible moment

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02 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press Night - Arthur Miller's 'All My Sons' at the Octagon Theatre, the first play under David Thacker's Direction (Brian is a Patron of the Octagon Theatre)
03 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Surgery at Farnworth Town Hall • 'Life, Beliefs and Values of Mahatma Gandhi', an Interfaith Council Open Forum at the Veda Mandir Temple (Brian was one of the four 'panelists')
05 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bolton South East CLP meeting - Launch of Yasmin Qureshi's General Election campaign, with Ken Livingstone as guest speaker
06 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meeting on Little Lever Health Centre, organised by the three local Councillors, at Mytham Rd School • Hulton Branch meeting at Rumworth Hall
07 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rumworth Branch meeting at Derby Ward Labour Club
08 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Little Lever Health Centre with Cllrs Anthony Connell and Sean Hornby • Brian was guest speaker at a meeting organised by Rochdale CLP at their HQ on the Palestine-Israel conflict
09 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Bookstart Day 2009 - Brian attended a visit of Kearsley West Primary School nursery children to Farnworth Library for a nursery rhyme reading and colouring session • Mental Health Day - Brian officially opened 33 Victoria Square - Greater Manchester's first drop-in centre for those with mental illness or their carers
11 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North West Pre-Haj Seminar, Bolton Community of Mosques
12 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ipsos-Mori interview on behalf of the National Treatment Agency • Meeting with Jim Whittell (The Physics Factory) • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by Gordon Brown • Sit Thomas Legg's letter on MP's expenses issued today
13 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast Cancer Campaign's 'Wear it Pink' photocall • Meeting with the Communication Workers' Union (a lobby day on the pension scheme deficit) • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer • Meeting with Ian Young, CWU representative from the Stonehill Road Sorting Office, Farnworth • Launch of the Royal College of Psychiatrists report on tackling age discrimination in mental health services • Meeting with the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority • Reception for Military Servicemen and Women, State Rooms, Speaker's house • Discussion dinner with the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority

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14 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaugural meeting of the new Science & Technology Select Committee, Question Time with Lord Drayson (Minister for Science) and Prof. John Beddington, the Government's Chief Science Adviser • Photo opportunity with USDAW to publicise their 'Respect for Shopworkers' campaign • Photo opportunity with DEFRA Minister Huw Irranca-Davies on the campaign against United Utilities recent plans to charge water rates on the basis of the surface area from which the disposed water is collected • National Housing Federation photo call on equalisation of tariffs for gas and electricity • Meeting of the Advisory Board for the Care Not Killing Allowance (Brian Chairs this Board but is to hand over to Lord Carlile in view of his pending retirement) • Diwali at Westminster, organised by the Hindu Forum of Great Britain • Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Care Not Killing Alliance (Brian is Chairman of CNK)
15 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addiction Dependency Solutions (ADS) Annual Debate at Manchester City Hall, chaired by Felicity Goody (Brian was one of six panellists to take questions from a large audience)
16 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A session at St Peter's C of E Primary School, Farnworth • Brian visited the Food Standards Agency's 'Salt Roadshow' at Morrison's Supermarket, Bolton Town Centre • Meeting with David Thaker at the Octagon Theatre about a forthcoming event in which Brian is participating • Photo opportunity with Friends of the Earth - to publicise their 'Help Fix the Food Chain' campaign • Advice Surgery at Bolton Town Hall • Annual Dinner of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain at Bolton School
18 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diwali Party at the Veda Mandir Temple, Chorley Old Rd
19 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the Health Food Manufacturers' Association about progress on the EU Vitamins and Minerals Directive • Weekly meeting of the PLP, addressed by David Miliband MP (FCO), Bob Ainsworth MP (MoD) and Douglas Alexander MP (DfID) on Afghanistan • Meeting with Sciencewise-ERC (sponsored by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills) • Consumers for Health Choice Annual Parliamentary Reception, addressed by Gillian Merron MP, Minister of State at the DoH • Reunion with Rob Tattersall (former Assistant in the London Office) and Karen Shawhan (formerly Richardson)(seconded to Brian's Office by NHS Bolton)

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<p>20 October 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Shirley Wilson, sculpture, who is carrying out a special project for the retirement of the largest number of post-WWII MPs • Meeting with UCATT - Parliamentary launch of 'Ruined Lives: Blacklisting in the UK Construction Industry' • 'Human Tissues are Invaluable for Medical Research - How Can We Make Them More Available?', conference in the House of lords • Meeting of the delegation on the 'Archer Report' who will see Gillian Merron MP, Minister of State at the DoH tomorrow (Jenny Willott MP, Alistair Burt MP and Brian) • AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Hepatology Group (Brian was re-elected as Vice-Chair) • Meeting of the SET for Britain Co-ordinating Committee • Meeting of the Trade Union Group of Labour MPs, addressed by Billy Heyes (CWU General Secretary) • Annual Reception and Buffet Supper for the Police Service Parliamentary Scheme
<p>21 October 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science & Technology Select Committee, seminar with leading scientists and engineers to plan a future programme for the Committee • Meeting with Minister of State for Health, Gillian Merron MP, on 'contaminated blood' • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Friends of Islam Group • National Housing Federation's election manifesto launch • Meeting of the All-Party Group on Improving UK Compliance with International Law to discuss legal actions against the Israeli Government • CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) Annual Parliamentary reception
<p>22 October 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Sir Anthony Cleaver, Patron and Chairman of the 'Bing Bang' project, which will hold its next meeting in Manchester (11-13 March 2010) • Meeting with the Earl of Sandwich who has a Parliamentary Question down in the House of Lords on addiction to benzodiazepines • Black History Month reception
<p>23 October 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Mobile Money Ltd (Kearsley Branch) • Bolton Citizens' Advice Bureau AGM
<p>24 October 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian formally opened the first ever 'Health Mela' at the University of Bolton, a partnership between the university, the Community Health Forum and the Lancashire Gujarat Health Users Forum • Brian was a panel member at the Octagon Theatre for 'All My Children', the sixth in their 'Investigate Series' as part of their 'BoltOn' project. This meeting was convened to examine the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with the showing of extracts from 'All My Sons' and performances of the short plays 'Seven Jewish Children' and 'Seven Other Children'

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26 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Committee B to approve EU Document No. 11060/09 relating to EU's Justice and Home Affairs Programme for the next 5 years (the Stockholm Programme) • Reception at Speaker's House for backbench MPs
27 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian opened the AGM of Scientists for Labour with a short speech, House of Commons • Meeting of the NW Group of Labour MPs, addressed by Foreign Secretary David Miliband MP • Conference organised by the Jammu Kashmir Self-Determination Movement • Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Non-Profit Making Clubs Group
28 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science & Technology Select Committee, private meeting to discuss future programme • Meeting with NW Universities Association Higher Level Skills Partnership • Meeting with the Business Centre Association and Bizspace about empty property rating • All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pneumococcal Disease Prevention in the Developing World, meeting to mark World Pneumonia Day • Brian hosted a Royal Society of Chemistry meeting at which Bill Bryson presented the RSC Bill Bryson Prizes to schoolchildren
29 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Lord (Jeff) Rooker, newly appointed Chairman of the Food Standards Agency about the EU Regulation on Vitamins and Minerals and Maximum Permitted Levels of these food supplements in commercial products • Brian hosted a Healthcare Acquired Infection Group event with patients groups and representatives from the Department of Health
30 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast meeting for Prospective Parliamentary Candidates and sitting MPs at the Primary Care Trust • Press night for 'Ghosts' by Henrik Ibsen at the Octagon Theatre