

## Flying the flag for war heroes



Adrian meets with RAF veteran Don Beebee of the British Legion.

**SINCE becoming an MP Adrian has campaigned for public recognition for the huge sacrifices made by the Armed Forces.**

He meets regularly with veterans like Don Beebee of the British Legion. Adrian said: "I have worked with the British Legion to obtain veterans' medals and D-Day badges.

"I am also a supporter of the British Legion 'Honour The Covenant'

campaign for better services for our returning men and women.

"I am sure there are many of my constituents who have served in the armed forces who qualify for the veterans' badge but who may not be aware of this. I would be happy to assist them to apply for the recognition they deserve," he added.

Veterans who served in the Armed Forces of other countries are not eligible.

# We're on a roll...

## Firm wheels out an eco-friendly answer to hospital infection

**A**S SECRETARY for the all-party Steel and Metal Group, Adrian Bailey celebrated the rolling success of a West Bromwich firm which has developed two brand new eco-friendly types of castor.

Colson Castors in Bagnall Street has launched a noise-reducing castor for supermarket trolleys and a micro-biological castor for hospital beds and trolleys.

Both products were unveiled at a prestigious reception hosted by Adrian at the House of Commons dining rooms.

The new castors have been hailed internationally as a major breakthrough in reducing bacteria growth and microbe transfer.

"Adrian said: "It is wonderful to see a Black Country firm at the cutting edge of development. Its noise-reducing castor will make a significant improvement to reducing noise levels in supermarkets, while the micro-biological castor to resist super bugs will be crucial in the fight to reduce hospital infections."

### Confident

In a series of independent tests, the new Prevenz castor's anti-microbial tyre compound and wheel technology was found to significantly reduce the potential for bacterial growth.

This proved particularly evident with 'Staphylococcus aureus' and 'Escherichia coli', both of which are causes of hospital-acquired infections.



Colson Castors medical assembly operative Jean Wall shows Adrian Bailey some of the firm's new eco-friendly castors

Colson Castors Sales and Marketing Manager Leigh Talton said: "These products are a first in the area and we are confident that they will help hospitals to deal with a range of destructive and odour-causing microbes.

"We welcomed the opportunity to launch these innovative products

at the House of Commons and are grateful to Adrian for all his support."

The castors are available for a variety of hospital equipment applications, as well as playing a major role in other industries including food processing, janitorial and education.

## Boxing up good cheer for orphans

ADRIAN Bailey worked with schools throughout the constituency to help bring some Christmas cheer to deprived youngsters in Africa.

Pupils from St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, Oldbury, St John's CE Primary School, Wednesbury, and Great Bridge Primary School got together with the MP to send more than 100 boxes to orphanages in East Africa as part of a special overseas aid project.

The boxes were filled with toys, pencils, crayons, old clothes, books, pencil sharpeners, sweets and anything else that the children could think of that wouldn't melt or get damaged on the way to Africa.

Now in its second year, the project links schoolchildren in the UK to those in Zimbabwe, Kenya and Tanzania, in order to spread a little festive spirit.

Adrian said: "I would like to say a special thank you to all the schools for all of their hard work and dedication to a fantastic project."

## Career path for adults

ADULTS who rejected education earlier in their lives have been proving they can turn things around by signing up to a new training initiative in the constituency.

The Tibbington Estate in Tipton has been targeted by the Murray Hall Community Trust, paid for by the Safer Stronger Communities fund, to encourage people to go into training schemes and subsequently jobs.

Despite high unemployment, the project employs six people to act as mentors. They have so far recruited a large number of adults to join training courses in childcare, construction, carpentry and flower arranging.

## The vinyl frontier

WHEN he isn't campaigning, Adrian has an unusual hobby – he collects old gramophone records to play on his 1930s wind-up gramophone.

He says: "I love the way that music brings back memories of bygone times. It is music and history at the same time and it sounds even better on a scratchy old wind-up gramophone!"

Visitors to his Tividale home can expect to be treated to the sounds of George Formby and Vera Lynn among other old-fashioned musical greats.



Adrian with his 1930s wind-up gramophone and old records

## Leading Europe by example

FOLLOWING the national recognition of Colston Castors' eco-friendly innovations, Adrian Bailey has stepped up his campaign to get equal treatment for all other local and national firms in light of climate change policies.

Speaking at Westminster Hall after the firm's product launch he said: "It is vital for the European Union and the national European Governments to allocate more carbon allowances to companies demonstrating that they are developing higher technology, cleaner production methods."

The MP also urged the Environment

Minister to ensure there was a level playing field for British companies within Europe by taking tough action against some EU countries tolerating higher carbon emissions.

"With the first phase of the European Emissions Trading Scheme ending in 2007 with no reduction in emissions, tougher action is needed to ensure the rest of Europe reaches its target of a seven per cent reduction by 2012."

Adrian added: "During the second phase of the European Trading Scheme there is an opportunity to research and develop new provisions designed to reduce emissions in Europe, and also to provide an

example and a model which could be developed internationally.

"This would not only make a significantly greater impact on climate change, but give Europe and European industry an edge in the development of technologies to be adopted later on in the process by other countries.

"The Emissions Trading Scheme presents an opportunity for Europe to lead the way in technology development, and with the UK only producing two per cent of the total world emissions, the greater challenge is how to lead the rest of the world in developing low carbon economies," he said.