

Brexit this week

So much is happening on the Brexit front that it can be difficult to keep up. Here's a quick run-down of what happened this week.

Passchendaele: it is vital we continue to remember

Over the next two days it will be my honour to represent the Scottish Government at the UK National Commemoration marking the Centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele, the name most commonly given to the Third Battle of Ypres during World War One. I will join representatives from the UK Government and the other devolved administrations, as well as 4000 descendants of those who fought in the battle, in paying my respects in acts of commemoration.

We see no reason why the State Pension Age should go beyond 66

I hope everyone is having a good summer and has been able to enjoy some of the fine weather we've been having (is it me or has the weather been a wee bit better this year than most? Touch wood).

The House of Commons has just risen for its summer recess, and it's safe to say that MPs have a lot to reflect on over the next few weeks after a pretty eventful year.

Labour should be working with us to hold the Tories to account

Left-wing Labour supporters are understandably angry that their party's

obsession with attacking the SNP helped the Tories win seats in Scotland at the general election.

A damning new report by the Scottish Labour Campaign for Socialism has hit out at Labour Party chiefs for wasting the entire election campaign attacking the SNP, and opposing Scottish independence, when they should have been focused on holding the most right-wing Tory government in decades to account.

Scotland's economy in five charts

Scotland has one of the strongest economies in the world – with advantages and resources few nations can match. And the fundamentals of Scotland's economy are strong.