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STANDING UP FOR SWANSEA EAST



May has been a month for celebrations. With the King's coronation coupled with some bank-holidays in the sun, I am sure all of you had plenty to celebrate. On a personal level, May 7th marked 8 years of me being MP for Swansea East. The privilege of my lifetime, I am grateful to everyone in our community, colleagues, my team and all of you who have supported me throughout. From gambling reform to menopause, the child's funeral fund to Everyone Deserves, I am so proud of what I have been able to achieve with your support.

A Busy Day in the Chamber

On May 10th, I was fortunate enough to be drawn for back-to-back questions. At Northern Ireland questions I asked the Minister what he was planning to do to support menopausal women in Northern Ireland. With no executive and without Stormont to implement a Women's Health Strategy in Northern Ireland, menopausal women there feel left out on a limb, organising grassroots events without the engagement of the Government. I asked the Minister whether he would meet with the ladies at Menopause Support Group Northern Ireland to learn about the challenges the political turmoil there poses for menopausal women looking to enjoy the strides we have made for support of menopausal women in the rest of the UK.

Straight after that, I had the privilege to enlighten the Prime Minister at PMQs of how his Government's catastrophic economic mismanagement is affecting families in Swansea East. I told him all about the good work Faith In Families does in our community. I also relayed stories they had told me, of children going to school in shoes that don't fit them or having to have water on their cornflakes because mum can't afford the milk. I asked the Prime Minister whether he was worried about these kids? To which he shamefully employed his usual tactic of proudly reeling of a series of stats which weren't relevant to the question asked. He said he was proud of this and previous Conservative Government's records on poverty. I don't know what universe he is living in!



My election in 2017. Feels a lifetime ago!



Getting into the PMQs spirit



What an honour to have been awarded the Community Champion award by the Swans for all the work with Everyone Deserves



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Coronation Celebrations

It was so heart-warming to be involved in so many events celebrating the King's coronation across the long weekend in Swansea East. Constituents whether with their family or community groups came together to show their gratitude to King Charles III for his fabulous service as Prince of Wales and to wish him a long and happy reign as our monarch.

The Cwmbwrla Brownies put on a lovely celebration, with other uniformed groups from across the city in attendance, that was full of fun. There were amazing events at Jersey Park Pavilion and St John's Day Centre, and it a pleasure to see GWR commemorate the King's service as Prince of Wales with a newly decorated carriage in his honour. God save the King!



Lovely to see the GWR carriage honouring His Majesty

Visits across Swansea and Westminster

At the start of the month I paid a visit to Bryn Tawe's Equality Council to hear all about their initiatives to improve their school community. It is always so impressive to hear young people who are passionate about politics, ethics and their community.

The following week I had a lovely day out speaking to management at the Plough & Harrow pub about recent developments they have made. I then spoke to a group of parents supported by Faith In Families about issues they have faced in getting behavioural problems diagnosed locally.

In Westminster, I had an absolute blast attending an event hosted by Jessica Morden MP for the Equal Power Equal Voice mentoring programme. EPEV is an amazing initiative that pairs passionate mentees with experienced mentors to encourage people from diverse backgrounds, people in the LGBTQ+ community or disabled people, to get involved with decision making in Wales. It was amazing to hear about what the scheme has done for so many people.

To wrap it all off, I was part of a panel for the Women's Health Innovation Summit at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists talking about menopause in the workplace. It was so inspiring to be in a room full of strong women determined to bring about change!

Best Wishes,

Carolyn



Look at all those happy faces at Cwmbwrla Brownies' coronation celebration!



So inspiring to hear all about Equal Power Equal Voices mentoring programme