

with Ynys Môn MP  
Virginia Crosbie

london beat

# A fantastic full weekend of Coronation celebrations

**A**M ddiwrnodau gwych! Bu i gymunedau ar draws Ynys Môn uno i ddathlu Coroniad Brenin Charles III.

**W**HAT an incredible few day it has been! The Coronation of King Charles III was marked by communities across Ynys Môn as they united in celebration.

I turned down the opportunity to be in Westminster for the ceremony with other MPs, so that I could spend time joining in with the many local events and parties I was invited to. And what a fantastic time we all had here.

Before I talk about Ynys Môn's weekend of celebrations, I want to talk about the "business end" of my work here on our island.

On Thursday I was delighted to visit RAF Valley to catch up with Affinity. Affinity - along with Airbus, Babcock and BAE Systems - provide aircraft and engineering support for military flying training at RAF Valley. I joined Iain Chalmers, Alex Davison, Mark Chard and Jordan Humphreys - a flight line mechanical trainee - and Georgie (Paul Georgenson) - a newly qualified licensed aircraft engineer, to look around and share their excitement for the Coronation.

RAF Valley's 72(F) Squadron were also heavily involved with the Coronation celebrations as they performed an honorary flypast to the people of North Wales, Liverpool, Chester and the Isle of Man after poor weather in London prevented them from doing so in London.

The sight was truly spectacular, and my thanks go out to the Squadron for doing Ynys Môn proud once again.

On Friday I also visited Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi to chat with members of their Debate Club. I was asked some excellent questions ranging from how I become a politician to what I hope to achieve for Anglesey, next steps for new nuclear at Wylfa and how I aim to make a success of Anglesey being a Freeport. Thank you to Anne-Marie Baldwin an English teacher and Headteacher, Adam Williams, for arranging the event. It was a pleasure to engage in some fulsome debate on such a wide range of topics with a very capable and knowledgeable group of young people.

The main thrust of my long weekend away from Westminster was, of course, the Coronation events here on Ynys Môn and meeting the community champions who organised them along with people of all ages celebrating together.

Many of the events I visited had taken up my offer of free Union Flag bunting and I am delighted that more than a mile of it will have been decorating Ynys Môn over the weekend, alongside Y Ddraig Goch.

I attended dozens of events across the whole island popping into nursing homes including Garreglwyd in Holyhead where Nia Gardiner and her team were making the arrangements, and Bryn y Môr in Nebo where Amanda Rutter and staff had organised an in-house street party.

I visited the Cemlyn dementia ward at Cefni Hospital in Llangefni at the invitation of Ward Clerk, Diana Jones, to drop off bunting and meet staff and patients.

Simon Browne, the Deputy Head of Caergeiliog Foundation School, invited me to join their school celebration party, where I presented specially commissioned Coronation Medals and seed packs to the students.

On the day of the Coronation - 6 May - after my visit to Bryn y Môr, I



● Virginia Crosbie MP at Llanfaes Community Centre's Coronation Party.

dropped into the Market Hall in Holyhead where the Holy Island Landscape Partnership were entertaining local children with a Coronation-themed craft and education workshop.

I stayed in Holyhead to visit the Ucheldre Centre where I was welcomed for a special Coronation screening, and then it was off to meet Claudia Howard and the Wild Boat-house team who had a whole day of crafts, music and food lined up.

This was followed by visits to Llanfaes, where Kelly Williams and her team had secured community lottery funding for their community celebration, and Llangoed, where community champion Delyth Jones had arranged a screening and fabulous Coronation party.

My next venue was Llangefni where I dropped in to see the Cefni Craft Fair at Llangefni Town Hall and buy some handmade gifts from the fantastic stalls there.

Sunday was another big day with a visit to the Coronation Big Lunch at Rhosneigr Village Hall organised by Sue, Phil, Maggie, Dot and Clare with fabulous musical entertainment from our island's very own Elvis (Terry).

I dropped into the Llaingoch Community party - including indoor bouncy castle - organised by Nia, Mike, Jenna and team, and popped in to see one of my Hidden Heroes, Debbie Carmichael, who had organised Trearddur Bay's Coronation Adventure Trail, with local Councillor and owner of That Purple Place, Abi Jenkins, and my own Chief of Staff,

Bethan Davies.

On Monday I visited Beaumaris to check out the fabulously decorated displays at Beau's Tea Rooms, the Central Bakery, Ye Olde Bull's Head, St David's Hospice shop and Ena's Newsagents.

I visited the Beaumaris Artisan Market with its wide range of crafts, arts and delicious local goodies by producers like the Celtic Kitchen. I was pleased to hear about the fantastic fireworks organised by the Beaumaris Town Council on Saturday night.

I also dropped by at the RNLI Coronation pop-up shop at the Lifeboat station where I met young fundraiser, thirteen year old Emily and bought some bedding plants.

I would like to welcome the new

Mayor of Beaumaris, Cllr D T Evans, whose first official engagement was to present the children of Ysgol Gynradd Beaumaris with Coronation gifts from the Town Council.

From Beaumaris I travelled to Amlwch to celebrate at a party for the Amlwch Army Cadets organised by Detachment Commander, Kelly Morris-Jones.

I then returned to Holyhead for the huge Coronation party which Holyhead Town Council had put on with entertainment from Helen Barton's School of Dance, music by Miv, Kev and Dave and a great disco thanks to Matt.

Whilst the weather meant that the event had to be held indoors, this certainly did not dampen the spirits of anyone enjoying the celebrations!

Finally I went to Rhoscolyn village party in St Gwenfaen's Hall at the kind invitation of Susan Hanbury and her team. There were excellent crowns on display, a brilliant raffle and some amazing cakes!

It was a busy but brilliant weekend and I would like to thank everyone who organised, helped at or took part in an event for the Coronation here on Ynys Môn. It has been fantastic to see communities here and across the country coming together as a United Kingdom to celebrate this historic event.

I enjoy meeting as many constituents as possible, as well as helping individuals, groups and organisations with problems, projects and ideas. You can contact me at virginia.crosbie.mp@parliament.uk or call me on 01407 644645. Diolch yn fawr.

Rwy'n mwynhau cyfarfod â chymaint o etholwyr â phosibl, yn ogystal â helpu unigolion, grwpiau a sefydliadau gyda phroblemau, prosiectau a syniadau. Yna cysylltwch â ni - byddwn wrth fy modd yn clywed genych - gallwch gysylltu â mi ar virginia.crosbie.mp@parliament.uk neu ffoniwch fi ar 01407 644645. Diolch yn fawr.