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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 25 November 2021

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New EDMs

691 Conduct of councillors towards town and parish council clerks

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 2

Dr Julian Lewis
Sammy Wilson

That this House notes with deep concern convincing evidence collected by the Association of Local Council Clerks showing that, far from being untypical, the toxic behaviour by Parish Councillors in Cheshire exposed online in December 2020, is endemic in a significant minority of Town and Parish Councils; deplores the departure from their roles of dozens of part-time and full-time Clerks, as a result of bullying by Councillors who face negligible sanctions for such misbehaviour; regrets the anguish thus generated and the substantial cost to the public purse arising from settlements following breakdown in employer and employee relations; and calls on the Government to establish an appropriate and effective sanctions mechanism, including financial penalties, to deal with local Councillors found guilty of such misconduct.

692 Glenburn Centre wins Frontline Leaders Award

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House congratulates the Glenburn Centre in Easthall in the Easterhouse area of Glasgow East constituency on being awarded the Frontline Leaders Award at the Great British Care Awards 2021; commends the dedicated Glenburn Centre team for achieving this award in recognition of the incredible work that they have done and continue to do every day; understands that contenders for this award not only operate across Scotland but the North East of England also; thanks all those who volunteer and work at the Glenburn Centre as well as Easthall Residents Association for ensuring the continued success of the centre and for providing an invaluable community resource for the people of Easthall; acknowledges that the Great British Care Awards aims to be a celebration

of excellence across the care sector and pays tribute to individuals and organisations demonstrating outstanding excellence within their field of work; and wishes the Glenburn Centre team every success as they move on to the final awards which cover all of Britain.

693 Barclays bank branch closure in Caernarfon

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 1

Hywel Williams

That this House regrets the decision of Barclays to announce further high street closures, including Porthmadog and Caernarfon branches; recognises that communities and charities rely on high street banks and that 30 per cent of people in Wales want to be able to access a bank branch regularly; notes that 7.5 per cent of people in rural Wales are more than 16 kilometres from their closest bank; welcomes the Welsh Government's announcement to establish a Community Bank of Wales and Banc Cambria's intention to open high street branches in Wales, and calls on the UK Government to support the establishment of these banks.

694 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 2021

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson [R]

That this House notes that 25 November 2021 marks the first day of 2021's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence; further notes that 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, that was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership; acknowledges that this year's global campaign theme Orange the World: end violence against women now!, which will advocate for long-term strategies, amplify success stories, and promote the leadership of women and girls; supports those organisations and individuals around the world who use the campaign as an organising strategy to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls; recognises the stellar work done in Scotland towards this same goal by White Ribbon Scotland engaging with men and boys to end violence against women, particularly in seeking to prevent violence before it happens; calls on all men to take White Ribbon's promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women; praises groups such as Women's Aid East and Midlothian, as well as others across the country, who are doing a wealth of work to support women who are affected by violence against women; and notes that nearly 1 in 3 women aged 15 years and older around the world have been subjected to physical or sexual violence by an intimate

695 60 years of St Columba's Scottish country dancing class

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 1

Peter Grant

That this House congratulates the participants, past and present, of St Columba's Scottish Country Dancing class in Glenrothes on their 60th year serving the local community through the hosting of Scottish Country Dancing classes; recognises the leadership of RSCDS qualified teachers Lesley Shand and Lorna Sim and previously Nancy Duncan and thanks them for their contributions; notes that Lesley had a passion for teaching young people and combined this by leading one adult and two children's Scottish Country Dancing classes for over 30 years; further notes that Lesley inspired her daughter, Lorna Sim, to teach also; recognises that the class has been indebted throughout the years to the support of those attending and participating in the running of the class and that their thanks

is highlighted to St Columba's Church, Glenrothes and the Kirk Session, Ministers and volunteers who have accommodated them over the years; and congratulates all involved for the goodwill and positive collective approach within the class, and by those leading, which has helped to realise the vision that Scottish Country Dancing ought to be accessible for all, in order for it to remain a popular and sociable past time.

696 Red Wednesday campaign

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House marks Red Wednesday, an annual day when persecution against Christians and other religious minorities is highlighted; supports the launch of Hear Her Cries, a report by Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need that investigates the abduction, rape, forced conversion and forced marriage of Christian women and girls; implores the Government and the UN to take more effective steps to tackle this issue in line with the petition organised by ACN; highlights to the Home Office the case of Maira Shahbaz, a Pakistan Christian who was raped and forcibly converted aged 14; expresses sympathy for all those victims of religiously-motivated sexual violence; and supports a future whereby no-one is persecuted because of their religious beliefs.

697 Football Index collapse

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 1

Sir George Howarth

That this House remains deeply concerned about the collapse of the betting firm Football Index in March 2021, following the suspension of the company's licence by the Gambling Commission and its entry into administration; notes with concern that customers collectively have over £90 million in open stakes trapped in the platform, with average losses of around £3,000 per customer; further notes that shortly after the site's management announced a cut in dividends of approximately 80 per cent, it suspended trading a few days afterwards, leading to a virtual market crash which caused significant losses for customers; notes with further concern that warnings about the firm operating like a pyramid scheme went unheeded; recognises the recommendations made by Michael Sheehan QC as part of his independent review; calls on the Government to implement his recommendations, specifically those that identified areas for improvement for the Gambling Commission and Financial Conduct Authority, including how they worked together, without delay, to ensure that a similar scandal does not happen again and; and further calls on the Government to do all that it can to ensure that those owed money receive full reimbursement.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

643 Social Security

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 24

Wendy Chamberlain
Ed Davey
Daisy Cooper
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Tim Farron
Sarah Green

Grahame Morris

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Universal Credit (Exceptions to the Requirement not to be receiving Education) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1224), dated 1 November 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4 November 2021, be annulled.

674 Animals in Scientific Research and transition to new approach methodologies

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 10

Martyn Day
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Marion Fellows
Andrew Gwynne

Kenny MacAskill

That this House regrets 2.88 million animal experiments were carried out in Great Britain in 2020; notes there can be better options than using animals in scientific research; further notes the Animal Free Research UK report Modernising Medical Research recommendation to establish a role focussed on replacing animals with human relevant techniques, which could accelerate the transition to New Approach Methodologies (NAMs); and urges the Government to show global leadership and seize the scientific and economic opportunities that the NAMs sector provides.

678 Protections for shop workersTabled: **22/11/21** Signatories: **10**

Robert Halfon
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Mohammad Yasin
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens

Claudia Webbe

That this House recognises the need to protect shop workers; further recognises that shop workers are too often subjected to abuse, threat and assault; acknowledges the difficulties experienced by hardworking employees such as residents in the constituency of Harlow, who have faced such behaviour; praises the incredibly important service that shop workers provide; and calls upon the Government to go further to raise awareness of this significant issue.

679 Murder of WPC Yvonne FletcherTabled: **22/11/21** Signatories: **7**

Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Ms Anum Qaisar
Chris Stephens
Sir Mike Penning
Margaret Ferrier

Mohammad Yasin

That this House recalls that on 17 April 1984, WPC Yvonne Fletcher, aged 25, was shot in the back and murdered from inside the Libyan Embassy while policing a political demonstration; notes that no one has ever been charged in connection with her death, despite there being an individual identified as Saleh Mabrouk suspected of involvement in her murder; further notes that in 2017 the Government refused to allow the release of certain evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service, on the grounds of national security which would potentially have allowed Mr Mabrouk to be prosecuted in a criminal court; notes that former police officer John Murray, who was with Yvonne when she was murdered, and to whom he pledged that he would bring those responsible to justice, has campaigned relentlessly for justice for Yvonne for 37 years and on 16 November 2021, won an outstanding victory at the Royal Courts of Justice; notes the judgment delivered by the Hon. Mr Justice Martin Spencer determined that Mr Mabrouk, together with others, was jointly responsible for Yvonne's death; further notes that it is shameful that the Government has not in any way assisted or supported Mr Murray in his campaign for justice for Yvonne; and calls for an inquiry into why the evidence was withheld from the CPS in 2017 and a review of the previously withheld evidence as to whether it can now be safely released with a view to considering a prosecution of Mr Mabrouk in a criminal court.