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A lifetime with Chamber

Lyn Harries, after a staggering 44 years working for Chambers of Commerce is retiring.

The British Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 150th year this year and Lyn is the longest serving employee of the Chambers of Commerce to date.

Starting with the West Wales Chamber of Commerce as a school leaver Lyn's adult working life has revolved around businesses small, medium and large across a variety of sectors and industries.

Speaking about her anticipated retirement Lyn said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 44 years and have been lucky enough to meet a variety of people within the West Wales business community.

"I have seen the face of the West Wales Chamber change over the years and have played witness to many presidents, secretaries and staff whilst overcoming a lot of challenges.

“It is sad to be leaving but the opportunity to watch my first granddaughter grow up just as I have watched companies such as John Collins and Partners grow and flourish will be a privilege.”

Stuart Taylor, head of the Swansea Chamber Council, said: “Lyn has been the face of the Chamber in Swansea and West Wales for longer than she’d care to remember and in that time has worked with countless Presidents, Board Members and Chamber colleagues.

“Whilst Chamber Officials come and go, Lyn has provided the ever-present friendly, efficient and welcoming face of the Chamber to our members and has simply been the glue around which every membership organisation depends.

“Lyn’s loyalty, dedication and professionalism have been unsurpassed and I know I speak on behalf of my Council colleagues in saying that it has been a privilege to work with her. She will be sorely missed, but she leaves us with our very best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement”

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Notes for editors

Photo caption from left to right: Lyn Harries and Stuart Taylor.

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce is the ultimate business network in South Wales and now incorporates the West Wales Chamber of Commerce. The chamber exists to provide a regional voice and offer support to businesses pan South Wales.

Since merging with the West Wales Chamber of Commerce, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce now represents over 1000 businesses and 100,000 employees.

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