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Welcome to my latest newsletter:

Brexit...

By the time you receive this we will be approaching the final stages of this long, protracted, complicated and divisive period of our history - or will we?

As Chairman of the Brexit Delivery Group I have spent a large proportion of the last few months bringing together backbench colleagues with an ambition to honour the referendum outcome (which was 55% in favour in this region) by leaving with a negotiated deal. Our view is that this is a preferable option to another referendum, an election or to leave without any trading arrangements in place at all.

I will be writing to everybody who has personally contacted me about this when we know more and also updating my Facebook page.



Here in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire I have:



Organised a **public meeting at Cwmdud** (*pic left*) which was attended by 80 residents who are concerned about the continued closure of the A-road near their homes following a fatal landslide last November. The 11-mile detour is taking a toll on commuters and businesses alike. I am now working with the County Council to keep the community better informed about the road closure and what the timescale for reopening is likely to be.

Met the three new Head Teachers who have started at the secondary schools in the area - unusually **Ysgol Harri Tudor in Pembroke, Greenhill in Tenby and Dyffryn Taf in Whitland** have all recently appointed new Heads.

Officially opened the new **Royal Mail sorting office in Narberth** (*pic right*). The state of the art facility replaces older premises in Tenby, Narberth and Whitland.



Joined forces with AM Angela Burns, County Councillor Tessa Hodgson and Coshaston Community Council to explore ways to make the **Nash fingerpost junction near Milton** safer. We are jointly lobbying the Welsh Assembly Government to make improvements following a great deal of local concern and a number of accidents.

Met the new recruits on the **Military Preparation course at Pembrokeshire College** (*pic left*), where I also took the opportunity to liaise with the new Acting Principal, Barry Waters.

In Westminster:

Brexit continues to occupy a lot of our time in Westminster but the day-to-day work of Select Committees, All Party Groups, Bill committees, legislation and other duties continues.

As a member of the [Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee](#) we have been investigating the addictiveness of online gaming and have also been working on our major report into fake news on social media.

I enjoyed an event hosted by **Guide Dogs for the Blind** (*pic right*) who will shortly be coming to Whitland to let me experience what it's like to be blind and encounter the hazards that guide dog users experience every day.

The **Committee for Standards in Public Life**, which I am a member of alongside Dame Margaret Beckett, Lord Stunell and other lay members, has recently released its findings into local government standards and how abuse (online and offline) of officials and Councillors is reducing the number of people who want to step forward and do this important work. You can read the [report here](#).



I have taken part in **numerous media interviews** on the topic of Brexit - including [this article](#) I wrote in the Huffington Post, and appearances on CNN, BBC, Channel 4 and ITV.

I signed the **Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment** (*pic left*), honouring those who were murdered during the Holocaust as well as paying tribute to the extraordinary Holocaust survivors who work tirelessly to educate young people today. Holocaust Memorial Day is an important opportunity for people across the country to reflect on the tragic events of the Holocaust. As the Holocaust moves from living history, to 'just' history, it becomes ever more important that we take the time to remember the victims and also pay tribute to the survivors.

Met with the **new Costa Rican Ambassador** in my role as Trade Envoy to the area. We discussed trade and investment opportunities for Costa Rica, particularly in the technology sector.

And finally...

It was great to meet **Eve Myles, the star of Keeping Faith** which has been filming its second series in Laugharne.

The BBC Wales blockbuster has been a big bonus to the area - and to yellow raincoats!



What's coming up:

I will be holding surgeries in a number of locations in the coming months. To find your closest one and make an appointment please ring the office.

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