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Welcome to my latest newsletter.

It seems incredible that the General Election was only a few months ago, but the world remains a volatile place and our own area faces some big challenges. As we see in the press every day at the moment, the Brexit process continues its lengthy journey and I'm amazed that there has been so much reference to "uncertainty" over something that has never been done before. Anyone reading this will know that all negotiations are uncertain and this one is no different.

However one thing I like to do in this newsletter is mention things which don't always hit the news but are nonetheless important and often positive too, particularly where they affect our part of Wales.

So to remind ourselves that life does continue largely as normal - the County Show got rained on and Pembrokeshire County Cricket Club is making news around the world following the controversial Championship match between Carew and my old club Cresselly!



Here in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire I have:

Helped welcome a family of Syrian refugees to their new home in Narberth - **Croeso Arberth** has done a fantastic job in raising the funds needed to support the group.

Enjoyed a packed summer of shows and events - from catching up with everyone at the **Pembrokeshire County Show**, to judging the "dog with the most beautiful eyes" at **Cresselly Fete** (*pic right*), and judging horses at **Martletwy Show**.



Welcomed the news that Carmarthenshire County Council is taking steps to deal with vandalism, illegal fly tipping and camping at **Morfa Bychan beach near Pendine** which was ruining The National Trust beach.

Enjoyed the annual spectacle that is **IronMan Wales in Tenby**. All the competitors comment on the special atmosphere that is created by the amazing support they get from Pembrokeshire and it is a great boost to the County that IronMan have committed to the event for a further five years. (*pic left*)



Do you run a Bed and Breakfast business? I've had a briefing from National Grid about their two-year project to refurbish the power lines that straddle Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire and they are **seeking B&Bs to put up contractors** - contact nationalgridteam@jbp.co.uk if you have suitable accommodation.



Finally succeeded after two years of pressure in getting Pembrokeshire County Council to upgrade the lane to **Nash Church and Farm Shop** (*pic right*), the regular traffic to the church and the farm shop no longer has to negotiate potholes.

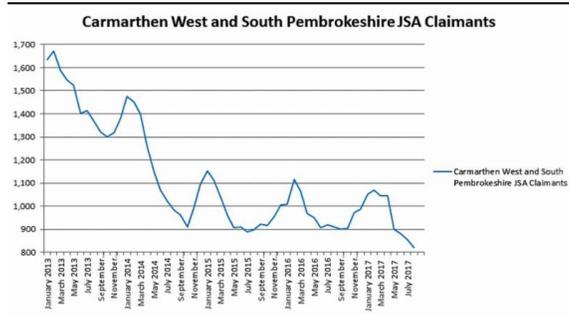


Welcomed the news that **Vodafone are bringing 4G to Carmarthen**. Not only will residents be able to download music and catch up on the latest TV shows faster than ever, but it will also support local businesses.

You can check out their current and planned coverage at www.vodafone.co.uk/our-network-and-coverage/uk-coverage-map/index.htm

In Westminster I have:

Been voted on to the **Select Committee for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport** and am looking forward to the wide-ranging investigations that we will be carrying out from broadband and mobile coverage to fake news and misuse of social media.



Welcomed the latest unemployment figures (*pic left*) which reveal that **unemployment is at its lowest level since 1975** and full time employment is at a new record high.

Joined 212 of my colleagues, across all parties, signing a letter to the Prime Minister **calling for an energy price cap** to protect the 17 million families who are currently on expensive Standard Variable Tariff deals. We were delighted that the Prime Minister announced this in her conference speech and are expecting a draft Bill in the very near future.

Been appointed by the **Prime Minister to the Committee for Standards in Public Life** and our first inquiry is into the intimidation of parliamentary candidates, volunteers and the public during General Elections. This is an important issue, affecting many people around the country, and on which I secured a Parliamentary debate before the summer recess.

Signed up to **pledge my support for British Farming**, especially in light of leaving Europe, via the National Farmers' Union 'Back British Farming' campaign (*pic right*).



And finally...



There are not many people of whom you can say that you only got to know them in their second century of life, but that was the case with **Tenby's Elwyn Bowen**. Despite only knowing the 104-year-old for a few years, it was an honour to say a few words about him at his recent funeral.

Elwyn said that visiting No.10 last March was one of the highlights of his life, as it was for me. He was one of life's true gentlemen and will be much missed.

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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