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Welcome to my latest newsletter:

Between falls of snow and a bout of flu there has been a bit of a false start to 2018, however fingers crossed that spring is now in the air and it will be full steam ahead both here and in London.

Life at Westminster continues to be dominated by Brexit, despite there being plenty of other issues in play, however it is not something that is as widely discussed elsewhere. Unsurprisingly, local issues are far higher up the agenda including the future of Witybush and Glangwili hospitals, plus the provision of good quality broadband.



Here in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire I have:



Organised a meeting between **NatWest Bank and community leaders from Pembroke and Narberth** (*pic left*), both towns that are losing their branch this summer. Discussions were held about the alternative services and cashpoint provision available to local residents. I also met **Barclays** to discuss the future of their branches in south west Wales and hear their intentions for our area. Although they have no plans to do anything now, they will continue to 'review' their position so I will continue to monitor this issue.

Welcomed the news that **EE is improving its mobile phone signal in the Bosherton and Stackpole area** (*pic right*). This community is about to go from no-G to 4G which is a fantastic step forward!



Met representatives of the new invigorated **Whitland Chamber of Trade** to hear their plans to improve the town. I also lobbied Carmarthenshire County Council on their behalf as Whitland is one of the best located towns in West Wales and any effort to increase footfall should be welcomed.



Welcomed **Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns MP**, on his recent visit to Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire. He toured the **Bridge Innovation Centre in Pembroke Dock, Valero Refinery and the Port of Milford Haven HQ**, before visiting Carmarthenshire County Council.

Visited the **UK's only colostrum factory which is located in Bethesda** (*pic left*). The **Golden Dairy** turns the precious dairy product into a powder rich in nutrients and antibodies. They have supplied the British and Irish Lions, Olympic medallists and Premiership footballers.

In Westminster I have:

Continued my work as a member of the Digital, Culture, Media & Sport Select Committee with our investigation into **fake news, online abuse and the role of social media companies**. As well as holding an evidence session where Cambridge Analytica answered questions about the mis-use of personal data, we travelled to Washington & New York to interview Facebook and Twitter about these extremely important issues.



Signed the **Holocaust Educational Trust's book of remembrance** (*pic right*) pledging my commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day and 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.



Met the **Radio 2 legend, Ken Bruce**, during a tour of BBC Broadcasting House (*pic left*). Despite being mid-show he was relaxed enough to pose for a photo.

Enjoyed meeting **Welsh caravan and holiday park owners** at the British Holiday and Homeparks Association annual lunch in Westminster. This is a vital and growing industry for our area and I am always pleased to support them.



Met the **British Board of Film Classification** to learn how they carry out their work, including why the recent Paddington film received a PG certificate and not a U!

And finally...



I thought I would share two photographs I have taken in recent weeks of birds in unusual locations.

One is a **snipe** that made a rare visit to my garden during the freezing weather, and the other is an amazing **graffiti kingfisher** that I spotted near Waterloo Station in London!



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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