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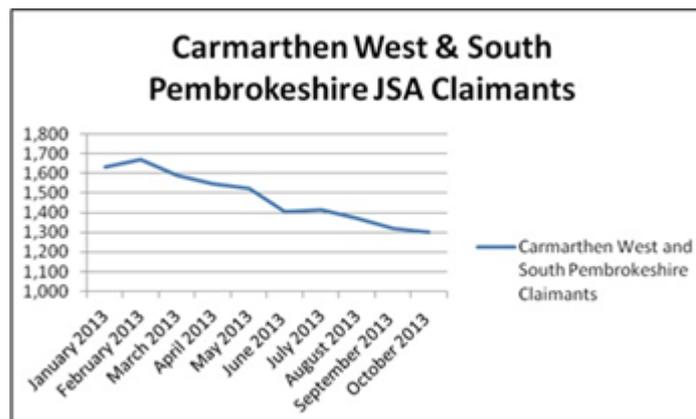
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LATEST NEWS:

Very worrying are the rumours of **threats to departments at Withybush Hospital and cutbacks in council facilities** - the future of **Narberth Swimming Pool** is in doubt, so please sign the e-petition by clicking [here](#).

However, good news is that the latest figures show that the number of **Job Seeker's Allowance claimants** in Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire **has dropped** from nearly 1,700 in February this year to 1,300 in October.



In the past few weeks here in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire I have:



Organised the first ever **Carmarthen jobs fair** (*pic left*). This was a great success attended by 25 companies and over 100 jobseekers. We will definitely be holding jobs fairs again next year as they have been so well supported.

Attended the opening of **Mustang Marine's** new £1.1m shed at their Pembroke Dock yard. I was also part of the Welsh Affairs Select Committee visit and tour of the **Haven Energy Forum** and **Dragon LNG terminal** in Milford Haven.

Held discussions with the Post Office about the future of **Carmarthen's Post Office** and sought assurances that

no services will be compromised by the proposed move to WHSmith.

Met the **Chief Executives of both Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire County Councils** to discuss ongoing issues in our two counties, as well as meeting the new **Editor of the Carmarthen Journal**, Emma Bryant.

Presented the prizes at **Tenby Sea Cadets** annual awards evening (*pic right*) and walked the Saundersfoot section of the awe-inspiring **'Walk on Wales'** - the sponsored walk organised by Army veterans has raised more than £300,000 for Combat Stress and the Welsh Guards Afghanistan Appeal.



Awarded a special plaque to the **Gwili Railway Preservation Society** in Bronwydd Arms. This was presented from the Heritage Railway Association for their excellent newsletter.

Was one of the main speakers at a very well attended forum on human trafficking organised by **Soroptomist International**.

Seen how Carmarthen's hardworking **postmen and women** (*pic left*) are preparing for the festive period at the town's sorting office.

In Westminster recent events have included:

Helping the **EU Referendum Bill** through the House of Commons. We are now closer than ever to having a chance to vote on our future in Europe.

Launching the 2014 **UK Aerospace Youth Rocketry Challenge's** search for a talented team of engineers to design and launch a rocket (*pic right*).

Meeting BT to discuss the roll out of **superfast broadband** in Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire. I also met Paul Silk to discuss the recommendations of the **Silk Commission** and its impact on the future of Wales.



Welcoming bosses from local success story **Princes Gate Water** to Westminster (*pic left*) for a British Soft Drinks Association event highlighting the importance of their sector to Britain.



Attending a special **Service of Remembrance** at the Guards Chapel for MPs who have served in the

Armed Forces. Perhaps surprisingly, there are 53 of us in Westminster who have military service on our CVs.

Meeting Wales' Chief Veterinary Officer, **Christianne Glossop**, to discuss the spread of TB in wildlife and the measures needed



to control it.

Managing to get the Prime Minister to mention **local chocolate company, Nomnom**, in Prime Minister's Questions and then presenting him with a bar afterwards (*pic right*)!

And finally....



I had hundreds of entries for my Christmas card competition and the winner was **Holly John**, aged 10 (pic left). I was delighted to give 500 cards of the finished design to **Llanmiloe School**.

As this will be my last newsletter before Christmas, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 2014.

What's coming up:

I've recently held surgeries in Whitland and my next one is in **St Clears on 13 December** and **Pembroke Town Hall on 17 January**. Please call the office to make an appointment.

A chance to meet: many of you will be receiving invitations to meetings I am holding around the constituency over the next few months. These are open to anyone regardless of voting intention and are a chance to ask me questions and discuss issues and concerns that really matter, so please come along. The next event will be held in **Llandewi Velfrey in February**.

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