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## Welcome to my latest newsletter.

Since my last newsletter Donald Trump has won the US Presidential Election and the Brexit debate continues to gather pace.

We await the result of the Supreme Court decision in the New Year, and if it rules that Parliament does get to vote on triggering Article 50 then I will be fulfilling my promise to honour the outcome of the referendum.

As Robert Kennedy once said, "we live in interesting times"...



## Here in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire I have:



Enjoyed visits to **Golden Grove School in Pembroke** (*pic left*) as part of Parliament's Schools Week and also to **Ysgol Hafan y Mor primary school** in Tenby for its official opening. I am always amazed - and a little intimidated! - by the range of questions from local children and their knowledge.

Spent time with the **Carmarthen Journal's news team** discussing the issues affecting our area. Despite huge online competition local papers are still a vital source of news and are important to our democracy.

Laid a wreath at **Tenby's Cenotaph** on Remembrance Sunday. I am also very grateful to the **Vicar of Tenby, Andrew Grace**, (*pic right*) for agreeing to donate the collection at the town's carol service on 18th December to the charity



['Singing for Syrians'](#). The charity is dedicated to paying the salaries of medics still working in Aleppo.



Met the practice manager of **Narberth Health Centre** to discuss recent changes at the surgery including patient appointments and staffing levels.

Welcomed the great news that **Valero is investing £100million in Pembroke Refinery**, safeguarding hundreds of local jobs. Valero also stepped in to help many of those whose jobs were at risk when Mainport Engineering closed, proving yet again what a central part it plays in our local economy.

Spent time with **Tenby's busy postmen and women** (*pic left*) in the sorting office to remind people of the last posting dates for Christmas (21st December).

Supported the local **Trussell Trust neighbourhood food collection** at Carmarthen's Tesco store.

## In Westminster I have:

Taken part in various debates including on the issues of the **Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon**



and online bullying, and asked questions of Ministers on topics such as pensions and the effect of social media on mental health in the young.

Held meetings with, amongst others, the **Port of Milford Haven, Facebook, The Dogs Trust and Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)**.



Discussed the future funding formula of Dyfed Powys Police with the **new Police and Crime Commissioner, Dafydd Llywelyn**, and learned more about the quarrying industry at the **Aggregates Industry** annual dinner.

As a member of the **Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (EFRA) Select Committee** held inquiries into the Animal Welfare Act, forestry, air quality, food waste and rural tourism.

As part of these we questioned top chef **Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall** and also spent a fascinating morning at **Fareshare**, (*pic left*) a charity based in Deptford, that redistributes surplus food. It collects from supermarkets and coffee shop chains and gives to foodbanks, homeless hostels and breakfast clubs.

Welcomed my local **Business Club** to Westminster to hear George Osborne's recollections about the Brexit campaign and the Cameron era.

## And finally...

As 2016 draws to a close I would like to send a very **Happy Christmas** to all readers of this newsletter and to thank you for the support and help you have given me during this past year.

## 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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