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## STOP PRESS:

They used to say 'a week is a long time in politics', but these days if you look away for half an hour you miss a game-changing event!

Whilst the **result of the EU referendum** was clear, the Government's job now is to try and accommodate the very different views from across the country, while delivering our exit from the EU.

I was sad to see the resignation of the Prime Minister. By the nature of their jobs Prime Ministers are seldom widely loved, but David Cameron was a formidable force and defied expectation by holding together a coalition Government and then winning an outright majority in 2015.

I am therefore delighted that former Home Secretary, **Theresa May, has assumed the role of PM**. She is a tough, seasoned operator and well used to dealing with complex and dramatic situations. She has also made it very clear that 'Brexit means Brexit and we must make a success of it'.

As you read this her new Government will be place and I hope an air of normality may creep into our daily lives.

Perhaps surprisingly I confess to deriving no pleasure from the ongoing meltdown in the Labour Party. Our country needs a strong, thoughtful opposition to hold the Government to account and to represent the views of those who didn't vote for me or my party. Little public good is served by the current chaos.



## Here in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire I have:



Visited **Saundersfoot School** (*pic left*) where I toured their outdoor learning classroom and met their school ambassadors who greatly impressed me with their maturity, wit and good manners.

Held discussions with **Tenby GP Surgery** to learn how they are tackling waiting times and recruitment issues; enjoyed watching the **new Mayor of Carmarthen** being installed, and was deafened by the **Vintage Hot Rods at Pendine Sands**.

Successfully lobbied the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure that the newly planted **roundabouts at Carew and Sageston** are properly maintained.

The **Long Course weekend** has become a highlight of the summer calendar, welcoming thousands of visitors to the area. I was out on the course manning the water station at Templeton as well as attending the festivities at the finish in Tenby to see

various friends and relations over the line - a big thanks to **Activity Wales** for showcasing the county in such style!

Set up a meeting with the National Trust, Welsh Water, Carmarthenshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales to discuss the

**protection of Morfa Bychan near Pendine.** (*pic right*) Illegal camping and fly tipping are blighting this beautiful bay and it will take a joined-up approach to solve the problem.



Launched the **Llandowror Flower Festival.** (*pic left*) the result of the





**Festival**, (*pic left*) the result of the hard work of the whole community and created in the memory of the Rector of St Teilo's, Griffith Jones. It is the 300th anniversary of him becoming Rector and setting up the circulating schools that brought basic education to the rural population.



## In Westminster I have:

Taken part in **Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (EFRA) Select Committee** hearings into the welfare of domestic animals, where we have taken evidence from the RSPCA, Chief Inspectors, leading animal charities and council leaders amongst others. The Committee is also conducting an ongoing inquiry into the issue of flooding.

Attended a discussion event (*pic right*) on the **issue of domestic violence** that was **hosted by Radio4** and was sparked by the 'Helen and Rob' storyline in the Archers about coercive control.



Met the extraordinary 86-year-old **Zigi Shipper** (*pic left*) who was sent to **Auschwitz at 14** and told us his story without a hint of bitterness. Thank you to the Holocaust Educational Trust for ensuring we never forget.

**Hosted a debate in the House of Commons Chamber** alongside Maria Miller MP, highlighting the increasing **issue of online abuse and bullying**.

Our debate attracted cross party support and focused on a broad range of issues, including the role that social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Youtube etc) have to play and whether they are accepting sufficient responsibility for their role.

Met **S4C Chief Executive Ian Jones** to discuss the future of the channel and its forthcoming move to Carmarthen.



I confess to not knowing we had a world leading author of children's colouring books based here in Tenby. **Millie Marotta** (*pic right*) has sold over 6 million copies of her work at home and abroad and was Amazon's second best seller!

Increasingly parents are looking for some 'non-digital' activity for their children these days, and Millie's beautiful and intricate drawings are ideal. It was a real pleasure welcoming her to Westminster to talk about the arts being such an important UK export and how our rules on intellectual property rights have helped protect her and authors like her.



## And finally...



I have made a return to league cricket in Pembrokeshire and have greatly enjoyed turning out for **Cresselly 2nds**, sometimes playing alongside my son Adam.

A few of the faces may have changed during the past 10 years, but the banter is as colourful and the welcome as warm as it ever was.



## What's coming up:

I am looking forward to the **Pembrokeshire County Show taking place from 16th - 18th August**. The Conservative stand is opposite the bandstand so do drop in for a cup of a tea and a chat. I will be holding a **surgery there from 3pm on Tuesday 16th** so please call the office to make an appointment.

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