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STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS:

Need a job? Know someone who is looking for work? Does your company have vacancies? If so, don't forget my **Jobs Fair taking place tomorrow (Tuesday 8th October) at St Peter's Civic Hall, Carmarthen from 10am until 1pm.** 25 employers and training companies are attending with a variety of vacancies.

LATEST NEWS:

I am relieved that **Hywel Dda Health Board** isn't allowed to immediately press ahead with rearranging neonatal services at **Withybush Hospital.**



The Welsh Health Minister has asked the Board to provide more details, especially on the transfer of very sick babies, before any changes are made. Nevertheless some certainty as to the future is needed.

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

Met **Pembrokeshire Chamber of Trade** for further discussions on how best to attract inward investment; and watched the thousands of athletes and their supporters who travelled to Tenby from all over the world to take part in the **Ironman Wales competition**, boosting the local economy in the process.



Took a tour of **Angle's busy lifeboat station** (*pic left*) and heard that the Tamar class boat burns 80 gallons of diesel an hour. I also debated politics with **sixth formers at Greenhill School, Tenby.** Nobody should doubt the quality of our future generations.

Met the **Board of Directors of Valero** who were visiting the refinery from the States. Valero is a key employer for our area and it was

encouraging to see such a positive commitment from 'the top'.

Enjoyed the **County Show at Haverfordwest** where I attended various meetings, including with the Farmers Union of Wales (*pic*



right), the NFU and other local employers. I also gave the speech at the President's Lunch.

Went to the opening of the very smart new **MENCAP cafe at Stackpole**.

Held public meetings in **Llanpumsaint and Llansteffan** where a good turnout resulted in lively debates on a wide range of local and national topics. Met with residents of **Meidrim** to discuss problems with broadband provision in the area, an issue I am following up with local providers.

Had a private meeting with a local family dependent on the support offered by **local charity PATCH** to understand the hardships they are facing.



Listened to a working Spitfire at the **Wings over Carew event** (pic left) which commemorates the important role played by the airfield in WWII. This is a great example of local community action which gets bigger and better every year.

In Westminster recent events have included:

Leading a debate on **planning issues in National Parks**. This has sparked a national discussion with articles in the Sunday Times and Daily Telegraph and the Planning Minister has agreed to look at the issues in greater detail.

Attending the debate on **military intervention in Syria**.

Welcoming students from **Ysgol Dyffryn Taf** for a brief tour of Parliament. These young men and women had excelled in their engineering course and reminded me how we should strive to keep them in the area when they are qualified as they represent remarkable local talent.



Took part in the controversial debate on **lobbying legislation** and how the Government intends to deal with the issue without restricting small organisations, charities and individuals access to MPs.

Was pleased to be a member of the **EU Referendum Bill committee** as it passed the next stage of its progress through Parliament.

And finally:



Three years ago I found myself on **HMS York** in the South Atlantic, just off the Falkland Islands. I met weapons expert, **Lee Morgan**, who was in charge of missile systems and we discussed his forthcoming retirement from the Navy and ambition to set up a holiday business in Wales.

Back on dry land I sent him some information to help him start up the business and was absolutely delighted to get an email from him recently to say he had just finished his first successful season with his new company **coastalwoodholidays** at Marros!

What's coming up:

I've recently held surgeries in Whitland, Laugharne and Carmarthen and my next one is in **Whitland on 25 October**. 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 the **Carmarthen area** on 24 October.

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