

For those who DON'T want a break from Brexit.....

Maybe you are longing for Christmas, especially given the Parliamentary recess will at least give s a week's break for Christmas. If so, there's no need to read any further....

On the other hand, you may find this article of interest. Whatever the turmoil of our Brexit negotiations, our country has risen from fifth to first ranking in the Forbes list of the best countries in which to do business. This is the first time we have ever taken the top spot and the competition is fierce – several Anglophone nations, Scandinavia, Hong Kong Singapore and Switzerland would have given us a good run for our money.

On a very different note, *Open Europe* has published a report entitled *Beyond the Westminster Bubble* – what people really think of immigration. It's quite long- 74 pages in total, but it well illustrates the strength of feeling that exists among the UK population for a cut in migration, even though there isn't much confidence in the Government's ability to meet its target to reduce numbers to "tens of thousands".

Open Europe may not be the moist popular think tank among Brexit supporters, but it does produce some very useful research and this paper is well worth reading.