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LATEST NEWS:

Did you see the recent 'autumn statement' by the Chancellor which is traditionally issued at this time of year? I was pleased that he decided to reverse plans to abolish tax credits, a subject I personally lobbied him on as I had significant misgivings. Some say "u-turns" are a sign of weakness, but I think the opposite. Elsewhere there was good news on the police budgets and job creation more widely as the UK economy continues to grow and unemployment falls.

STOP PRESS: Syria

Defeating the evils of ISIS is one of the great challenges of our generation. The recent debate and vote on extending our air strikes against ISIS from Iraq into Syria was full of passionate and well informed contributions. After much soul-searching I decided to support the proposals for reasons I have set out on my website www.simon-hart.com We are all pro-peace and desperate to find a lasting way of achieving this.



Recent events in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire include:



Highlighting the long waits that patients endure while trying to get appointments at **Argyle Street surgery in Pembroke Dock**. Angela Burns and I both met the partners and Practice Manager for a thorough review of the situation (pic left). We were cautiously encouraged by moves to recruit new staff and by plans (in their early stages) to move some of the appointments system online. Although there are plenty of people without internet access, if they can get even a small number of people onto this system then it will help free up the phone lines.

Writing regularly to **Hywel Dda Health Board** and the Welsh Government about a range of issues regularly raised by constituents, including long waiting times for the diagnosis of autism and the decision to leave **Tenby** without an NHS dentist.

Visiting **Castle School in its new home near Narberth**, (pic right), where students were taking part in the Bin It! environment roadshow run which teaches the importance of taking litter

home.

Readers will be aware of the plan to relocate the headquarters of the Welsh language channel **S4C to Carmarthen**. This is a fantastic opportunity for the town as not only will it bring new jobs to the area but other 'satellite' companies will be keen to co-locate bringing further economic activity. Some misreporting suggested that due to the ever increasing pressure on funding the move may not go ahead. This is not true. I wrote to the Prime Minister on the subject and was pleased and relieved to get a letter from S4C confirming that the move is going ahead as planned.



Campaigning to help keep the footpaths open near the former **Watersports Centre in Pembroke Dock**. There are fears that the Council is trying to close the paths in **Llanion Woods** and I am helping locals establish a legal right of access.

Visiting and voting for **Jubilee Park and Natural Trail in East Williamston** in the Fields



in Trust annual awards (pic left). This amazing 25-acre community run park has two miles of paths, ponds, play area and allotments and has been nominated for the People's Choice award.

Welcoming the news that our area is to get 24/7 aerial police cover now that the **Dyfed Powys Police Helicopter** will use Pembrey as a forward operating base until fixed wing aircraft cover is in place.

In Westminster I have:

Hosted a lunch with **BT Openreach** at which a number of MPs were updated on the progress of superfast broadband roll out in their areas. Additionally a group of MPs and Peers delivered a letter to the Chancellor calling for continued investment in **rural broadband rollout** (pic right).



Met individuals and Unison representatives to discuss the **Trade Union Bill** and employment laws. I also met **Kevin Stewart, Managing Director of Ironman UK**, to lobby to keep the event in Pembrokeshire beyond 2016.



Attended a **Remembrance Day Service** in the Guards Chapel for MPs who have served in the Armed Forces (pic left). I also attended a reception at No.10 hosted by Samantha Cameron to raise awareness of **Carmarthen based charity, Cerebra**.

Taken part in debates on a range of issues including the media in Wales, outdoor learning, Severn Bridge tolls and the delivery of broadband. As a member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee I have taken part in hearings and inquiries into the issues of greyhound welfare, farm-gate dairy prices, DEFRA performance and air quality.

And finally...

I was delighted to revisit a favourite old haunt, **The Cresselly Arms ('The Quay')**, to present landlord, Colin Harris, and owner, Hugh Harrison-Allen, with the Country Life/Countryside Alliance award for **Best Sporting Pub in Wales**.



What's coming up:

My next advice surgeries will be held in **Augustus Place, Tenby on 11 December**. Please call the office on 01994 342002 to make an appointment.

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