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Welcome to my latest newsletter.

So we have a **local election next week (4th May)** and a **General Election on the 8th June**. There is no doubt that the last few years have been a rollercoaster for anyone involved in politics and the Prime Minister has decided that a period of certainty is what is required as we tackle the challenges of the future.

I know many readers of my newsletter have very varied political views, vote for many different parties and, in some cases, don't vote at all, so I have always tried to keep my updates 'non-party political' to reflect that. However, the one request I would make, for both local and General Elections, is please use your vote!



Here in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire I have:



Enjoyed my first ever **50+ Fair in Tenby** (pic left). This event was a great success with nearly 100 residents visiting the 20 stalls for information and advice on issues such as energy bills, health and housing.

Launched **successful speeding campaigns in both Cresselly and Princes Gate**. In Cresselly the Council has agreed to carry out a safety review on a dangerous section of main road, and in Princes Gate the speed limit has been lowered from 40 to 30.

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Debated with local members of the **Youth Parliament in Whitland** - we discussed many issues, but the main topic was whether the voting age limit should be lowered to 16.



Taken part in an Easter Sunday beach clean (pic left) organised by **Surfers Against Sewage at Amroth**.



Visiting **Mainstay Marine Solutions** to tour a £3.2million floating bridge that the Pembroke Dock company has built for the Isle of Wight Council.

Attended the **Service of Remembrance** (pic right) held on 22nd April at Freshwater West to commemorate the sinking of **MHS Rosemary and Landing Craft 15 and 16**, in which 73 men died.

In Westminster I have:



Enjoyed taking 103-year-old **Elwyn Bowen from Tenby** (*pic left*) to **10 Downing Street** as guest of honour at the annual St David's Day reception, where he also met the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Wales.

Taken a tour of the impressive **CrossRail project** (*pic right*) that is tunnelling under London and which will bring parts of the city closer to West Wales.



Learned from **Facebook** what they are doing to keep youngsters safe online following a joint debate I organised on the issue.



Joined a campaign launched by the **Royal British Legion** (*pic left*) which aims to add questions to the next census so that more information is gathered about our Armed Forces. At the moment we know more about Britain's Jedi population than we do about our serving soldiers, sailors and airmen!

Taken part in a number of debates on issues such as S4C, animal welfare, superfast broadband in rural areas and bovine TB, as well as raising questions in the House on

Winter Fuel Payments.

And finally...

If you would like to **vote by post in the General Election then you have until 23rd May to register**. Further information is available here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote

Please note that this is the last newsletter before Parliament dissolves for the General Election. Between 3rd May and 8th June there are no MPs, only Parliamentary candidates, however I will continue to deal with ongoing individual cases from my office in Whitland and can be contacted on simon@simon-hart.com

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