Peninsula Papers

Information and news for the communities of St Ishmaels, Hasguard, Robeston West, Walwyn's Castle, Dale, St Brides and Marloes.



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A Very Blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter to you all,

Perhaps I shouldn't say it, but there are some things that are calculated to make a vicar really grumpy.

For me, one of them is the Good Friday Bank Holiday. You see for me it is a profound and holy day, a day I struggle to call 'good' because I remember the betrayal, torture and death of someone I love and admire. I am usually very tired too because we will have been following the events of the last week of his life almost in real time, with some of the most moving, beautiful and complicated services of the whole year. By the time we reach the moment Jesus Christ died, 3pm on the Friday afternoon, I am usually emotionally and physically wrung out, which would be enough in itself.

But then also, living in Dale, you cannot avoid those for whom the Good Friday Holiday means a celebration of the end of Winter and the coming of Spring, particularly if the weather is good- a day for country walks, ice-cream, bicycle rides, family trips to the beach and leisurely drives around the country lanes looking at the blossom and wildflowers.

So please don't be offended if I mutter grumpily, "They should all be in church. That's why they have a bank holiday in the first place!" Along with a few choice phrases for people blocking the roads when I am trying to get to the next service or just to get home to rest.

Mind you, that is how it was on the first Good Friday. In a provincial capital, in a troublesome but powerless province, on a day when most people were too busy with other things to notice, human beings killed God. They did it for reasons they thought good- keeping the peace, avoiding quarrels, maintaining their position, even defending their religion as they saw it- even if it meant knowingly breaking their own rules and doing injustice. They were sure the world would just go on and it would all be forgotten soon.

And how did God react? Did he rain down fire and brimstone? Did he have the earth open up and swallow the offenders? Did God behave as we would have done? No. God took this great evil and out of it brought huge good - a path through death to the greater life we call Resurrection. All that is why, all these years later we still call the day 'good' in spite of everything or, maybe, because of everything.

So, whether you will be keeping the day will bikes and ice-cream and flip-flops or on your knees with prayer and thanksgiving. Please do not forget why you have a bank holiday and why we call the day good. And also, of your kindness, forgive your vicars their grumpiness.

With every Easter blessing to you and yours,

Rhiannon, Andrew and Gaynor



ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE

A huge thank you to all who came and supported the Lent Lunches. I think it was the best year ever - for both the soups and the company!

We can now look forward to Easter and a service in St James on Easter Sunday at 11.00 am. The church will be decorated again so we can really see the old building coming to life again.

The Altar Guild are meeting up to discuss a varied programme of fundraisers to help keep the church open and operating. As we are all finding, the constantly increased cost of items is making life really difficult for us all and the church is no exception as it does not benefit from any of the Government Grants available to other venues. So we must think of ways to keep the money coming in and the church open.

We thank you for all your support in the past and hope we can look for your support now.

Stewart Wilson

Thank you all the amazing locals and emergency services that helped when Stewart collapsed on Dale beach. We are so very grateful to each and every one of them. We are comforted that he died in the place he loved.

Mary Wilson

Peninsula Papers Update

You may have noticed that there are fewer adverts in Peninsula Papers these days – in fact, there are about half the number of advertisers compared with 2014.

Peninsula Papers relies on income from advertising to support the costs of printing. The level of advertising is currently not sufficient to do that. We are trying to recruit more advertisers but this may not be sufficient.

We are therefore thinking of ways to address this funding gap. We need to both save on costs and to raise extra money. We have been looking at the options but have not made any decisions yet on what we will do – in fact we would welcome any suggestions you might have.

Please email PenPapersPembs@gmail.com with any thoughts.

Just to make it clear, we not about to go bust any moment now – but we do need to take some decisive actions in the course of this year.

Footnote: To start us off, Dale WI are helping us by raising money at their Cream Teas on April 20th. Please come and support this worthy cause!

St Ishmaels diary note: We hope to have a working party to tidy the church-yard and would welcome anyone who would like to help 10.00am 18th April. Many thanks. Heather

We have to talk about Gerald....

I think I told you before that the Cathedral in St Davids is encouraging all kinds of pilgrimage this year because nine hundred years ago this year, Pope Callixtus II issued a degree that said that two pilgrimages to St Davids should be regarded as equal in merit to one pilgrimage to Rome.

At least we think he did. The actual decree is lost. Research at the Cathedral is fairly certain that it was among a papal archive that was looted by Napoleon. He had it shipped from Rome to Paris and, on the way, almost half of it was lost or damaged beyond repair. Since 1123, everyone has known about the privilege. You even used to be able to buy t-shirts that parodied the Carlsberg logo and said "St Davids - officially half as good as Rome by papal decree 1123".

But there is a also another significant anniversary. It is eight hundred years since the death of a fascinating, often controversial, Pembrokeshire writer. He is known by many names since he worked in a culture that was at least trilingual-Giraldus Cambrensis, Gerald of Wales, Gerallt Cymro.

He was born in Manorbier Castle in 1146. His family said they knew he was destined for the church because when the other children built sandcastles on the beach, he built sand churches and abbeys. His family connections meant he was related to all the major players in the politics of this area in the Twelfth Century.

His maternal grandmother was the notorious but much maligned Princess Nest, which meant that Gerald could claim as first and second cousins the deposed Welsh princes of South Wales including Argwlydd Rhys, the FitzGerald and FitzStephen families who led the conquest of Ireland from this area, the nobles who ruled in Pembroke and Cardigan and the Bishop of St Davids and even, if the gossip was true, the King of England, Henry II.

He knew the gossip from all sides of his family and wrote a great deal of it down, sometimes favouring one side, sometimes another. But there is such a thing as being too well known. He was twice elected Bishop of St Davids and twice had his appointment blocked because his opinions did not suit the policy of the English king. He wrote out a lot of his frustration about this in not very flattering terms. At last, he died, aged around 77, probably in Hereford. In St Davids they will show you a tomb, claimed to be his, close to his cousin Rhys.

To celebrate this anniversary, scholars in Oxford and elsewhere, are producing a new edition and translation of all his works, due out in September, so those who wish to will soon be able to hear again, even more clearly the gossip, scandal, history, legends and beliefs of a Pembrokeshire man eight hundred years ago.

Marloes and St Brides

Brief notes from Marloes & St Brides Community Council meeting on Monday 20th March

- Our Clerk is making good progress on the audit work. Resolved for the current year budget that we should put aside some funds for the next clock tower repaint; anticipated that we would continue this annually into the future.
- Broadway Broadband roadworks: noted that these had not been properly consulted about – should have been planned to avoid affecting the school bus, also traffic diversion past Anchor Hoaten is not acceptable.
- 3. Broadway Broadband's plans to erect new poles: we had already established that it is Broadway's policy, as stated by their chairman, that wherever possible overhead fibre lines should be run on National Grid

Community Councils

(previously Western Power Distribution) low-voltage poles; but the local BB staff on the ground continue to insist that they know nothing about this. We have now had it confirmed by National Grid local network engineers that they are all set to process applications from BB, on the payment of a mutually-agreed fee. N.B. we are talking about highly sensitive locations such as St Brides Haven.

 Proposed as an Enhancing Pembrokeshire project: a new pedestrian access at the east end of the Marloes playing field, at the point where the pavement runs out.

Dale

No meeting in this period. Next meeting April 3rd 1900 Jubilee Suite.

St Ishmaels

Meeting postponed

Marloes & St Brides Village Hall - Revised Electricity Charges

The Hall Management Committee have renegotiated our electricity tariff with SSE for the next year and now have to start charging for electricity, generated from the grid, that is used during hire periods.

Thanks to the installation of solar panels and two Tesla electricity storage batteries in the hall users now enjoy the benefits; regularly 0 grid generated units were used last spring/summer during a session. We are not making any increases to the hall rental tariffs but is is unsustainable to continue to offer the electricity within the hire price. From 1st April 2023 we will charge 40p per unit. We will review this pricing structure in twelve months time, in the hope that prices will have fallen and the sun will shine!

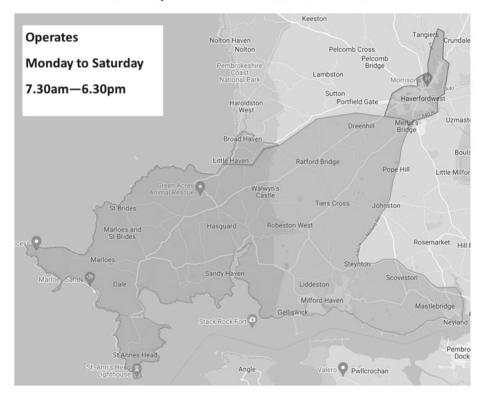
The Committee hopes that by working together with members of the community through this difficult time our village hall can continue to be enjoyed by, and remain a focal point for, all of us.

With thanks, Marloes & St Brides Village Hall Committee

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Bring your own:

* Plate of food and Drinks

(tea, coffee and squash will be provided)

*Crockery and Cutlery (plastic or recyclable only)

Please take your own rubbish home NO GLASS|NO SMOKING|NO PETS ALLOWED IN THE PLAYING FIELD!



Live music Sunday Evening at The Lobster Pot

Marloes Sands Beach Clean Monday 8th May

Coastlands Local History Group.

This is one of those months where the deadline for PP and our talk do not line up nicely! So I fear there is no report of either the most exciting AGM ever (!) or more importantly Dr Julian Whitewright from RCAHMW explaining some of the work The Royal Commission has undertaken on the Dale Peninsula. As you read this those who sat through a very brief AGM first, will be able to tell you if it was a price worth paying!

Looking forward into May, there are plans afoot in the county to commemorate the role Pembrokeshire played in The Battle of the Atlantic. The link down here being the airfields used by Bomber Command to fly sorties to support the Navy. Dale Airfield was under Bomber command as was Talbenny. Over the weekend of 26th - 28th May there are hopes to arrange a RAF flypast over all the airfields concerned, from Carew, Pembroke Dock and Dale all the way up to St Davids. We will keep you posted on this in the next issue of PP.

Purely by chance we have arranged for Malcolm Cullen to give a guided tour of Dale Airfield (for members only) on the weekend before this so we are really on the button - for once!

Back now to the more immediate future and our talk in April when we are having Barry John MBE of the VC Gallery, coming to talk about his relative Gwen John and her travels from Pembrokeshire to Dieppe. By kind permission of the Churchwardens, the meeting will be at St Bridget's Church, St Brides on Monday 17th April at 7.30 pm. All are most welcome to attend.

If you would like to become a member please contact us. It costs just £5.00 per person a year

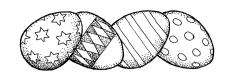
If you need any further clarification please contact Yvonne (636251) or Harriet (636668)



Open by appointment

Contact Harriet 636668

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MARCH

Tue 28 1915 Film & Social Club, Dale Coronation Hall

APRIL

I - 16 1000 - 1800 "Landed in Dale" art exhibition, Coronation Hall, Dale

Mon 3 1900 Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite, Dale

Sat 15 2030 West Coast Eagles Tribute Band, St Ishmaels S&S Club (see below

Mon 17 1930 Coastlands History Group "Following in the footsteps of Gwen John from Pembrokeshire to Dieppe" by Barry John, St Brides Church

Tue 18 1000 St Ishmaels Church Churchyard working party

Sat 22 0830 onwards Endurancelife Coastal Run, starting Little Haven, Musslewick and Dale

Tue 25 1900 Free screening of "The Oil Machine", Marloes Village Hall Sat 29 1000 Auction at The Old Taberna, Herbrandston, see advert

Sun 30 1430 - 17:30 Cream Teas, Dale Coronation Hall, Dale WI and Peninsula Papers

MAY

Sun 7 1500 - 1730 Marloes & St Brides Coronation Celebrations, Marloes Playing Field

Mon 8 1400 Coronation Beach Clean, meet Marloes Beach car park

Mon 8 1500 Walwyn's Castle, "Big Help Out", Village Green

Tue 9 1900 "Thespis", HOS Musical Theatre, Dale Coronation Hall

Sat 13 1100 - 1300 Walwyn's Castle Spring Plant Sale, Village Hall

It is the responsibility of each organisation to inform the editor of events for inclusion in the diary.

West Coast Eagles Tribute Band

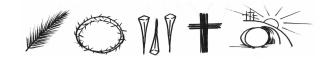
At St Ishmaels Sports Club April 15th @ 8.30 £25.00 Ticket Includes Pig Roast

Glyn Thomas supporting Disco

£20.00 early bird tickets until end of March 31st

For tickets call 01646 636444 from 5 o'clock Monday to Friday, Saturday from 12 and Sunday from 2 Or come in and see us.

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL



Marloes & St Brides

April 2nd	11am	St Brides	
April 9th	9:30 am	Marloes	11am St Brides
April 16th	11am	St Brides	
April 23rd	10:30am	Marloes	
April 30th	11am	St Brides	

Dale, Walwyn's Castle, Robeston West

2nd April - Palm Sunday 1am Holy Communion - Dale 9th April - Easter Sunday 11am Holy Communion - Dale

11am Holy Communion - Walwyn's Castle 16th April 11am Holy Communion - Robeston West 23rd April 11am Holy Communion - Walwyn's Castle

6pm Evening Prayer - Dale



Easter at St Ishmaels Church, Monkhaven

2nd April Palm Sunday and distribution of Palm crosses 11am

7th April Good Friday 2pm-3pm 9th April Easter Day 11am

23rd April Holy Communion and Easter Egg hunt 11am

Aenon Sandy Hill Chapel

Sunday 2nd April 10:30am Palm Sunday Praise - All Age Worship and Communion. Palm crosses will be available.

Thursday 6th April 7pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

7th April Good Friday: Walk through Tish with a Cross, followed by prayer, and hot cross buns (Phone Revd Jon Brewer 01646 635876 for start and end locations)

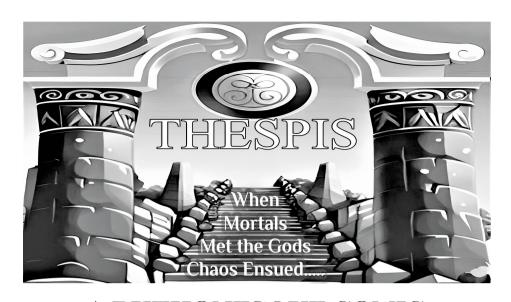
Sunday 9th April 10:30am, Easter Sunday Morning **Easter Egg Hunt** after All Age Worship.

Sun 16th April, 10:30am Worship and Word.

Thursday 20th April 2pm "*Hymnspiration*" for older persons in and around the community: "*Hymnspiration*" is a short service with Traditional Hymns, short talk, and prayers followed by Tea & Chat. Phone 01646 635876 if need lift. Sun 23rd April, 10:30am, Worship and The Word.

Fri 28th April, 7:30pm, Breathe Worship Night.

Sun 30th April, 10:30am, All Age Worship. (The Half Yearly Members Meeting will also be held at 12:30pm)



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The Big Help Out "Village Green Get Ready for Spring"

Coronation weekend, Bank Holiday Monday, May 8th At Walwyn's Castle, from 3 pm, followed by a bring-and-share picnic. Join in our volunteer afternoon preparing, planting, tidying enjoying our village green,

Finishing with a celebration 'bring and share picnic' on the green for all.

More details coming soon.

At Walwyn's Castle village hall

COMMUNITY COFFEE & CHAT - The 3C's

Every 1st. Tuesday of the month, 10am -12pm.



Everyone welcome, come along to catch up with colleagues, make new friends, or simply drop in for a coffee.

Hot and Cold refreshments available.

Spring Plant Sale at Walwyn's Castle Village Hall and Green

On Saturday May 13th, 11am until 1 pm.

A wide choice of annual, perennial and vegetable plants for your garden, borders, planters and raised beds, for sale on the Green. Enjoy homemade cakes with coffee or coffee, served in the village hall

For more details, see Walwyn's Castle village hall facebook page

Dale W I

On the 21st February we held our first "Pancake Day" races outside the Coronation Hall. The support we received from the village ensured it was a great success. We were also joined by a lovely family who were staying at St. Bride's Castle. The races were run in various age groups starting with the children who then cheered on the their parents in their races. After the races pancakes were shared by all who attended. I hasten to add not the pancakes used in the races!

On the 7th March we met in the Jubilee Suite for a Business Meeting and finalised our programme for the year. We decided to visit The Invasion Tapestry in Fishguard and visit the nearby gardens at Dyffryn Fernant.

On the 4th April we will be providing the coffee and teas for Skomer Marine meeting in Marloes Village Hall followed by a Business meeting in the Jubilee Suite at 7.30 in the evening. The meeting on the 18th April will be a visit to the Cinnamon Grove Gin Distillery in Haverfordwest. We will be meeting there at 5.00 p.m. for a

tour of the Distillery and tasting.

Subscriptions for 2023/2024 are due from April onwards and for this year they are £46.00. Rosey Banbury



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MUSIC!

19th February 2023

Music, there was music, Down at the Brook last night. No amplifiers, nothing electric: They could have played by candlelight.

But it did seem such a pity
That we who came were few;
Because, songs with guitars and mandolins—
Wouldn't you have enjoyed that too?

Outside, under stars, water chuckled; Within, it was early Spring For the bar was sweet with daffodils—So many, so welcoming! We do need to go, I'm sure you know, To our inns if they are to survive: Without a friendly pub as its busy hub, A place isn't so alive.

Next time that there's music on offer close by, Do try to come along; And perhaps you, like me, will find with glee That you're welcome to sing your own song.

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Posted on Facebook by Jon Foreman - may not be his work?

Very pretty, whoever did it!



BEACH CLEAN FOR ST DAVID, MARLOES SANDS SUNDAY 5TH MARCH

We had good conditions, and there was certainly plenty to go at! What with a good stash of rubbish already collected by Surfers Against Sewage amongst others, the total haul was the equivalent of 50 sacks: as usual, in weight terms trawling and potting fishing gear made up most of the plastic pollution. It was great to have our Post Lady Meryl and her friend coming from Haverfordwest to help, and a big thank you too to some village newcomers.

We hope to see as many people as possible for the Coronation Beach Clean on Monday May 8th, which will be the Marloes & St Bride community's contribution to the national Big Help Out; in the meantime could we ask people to not leave gathered rubbish at the foot of the lane? It is so often redispersed by the wind, and becomes a ghastly mess when dog poo bags are added. If you're going to beach clean, **please carry your haul up to the car park bins**.

Chris Jessop







M&DPADS (CIO)

WE MET THE DEFIBRILLATORS ON 18TH MARCH.

Many thanks to all those who joined us at Marloes Village Hall on Saturday, 18th March to meet and get acquainted with the defibrillators, whose yellow boxes are a familiar feature of our area - and may thanks for the generous donations that we received.

We are very grateful to Tony Wall, a life-long ambulance man (and now a volunteer trainer) for giving up his time to de-mystify CPR and the place of the defibrillators in helping to save lives. We all had the chance to watch a CPR demonstration and to hear the way in which the defibrillators can guide us in the crisis. We all had the chance to ask questions and discuss concerns, and a good number of people dropped in to take part, drink tea / coffee and chat.

We hope that you never need to use this brief acquaintance, but........





BEACH CLEAN

Marloes Sands Monday 8th May Setting off from the car park at 14.00 ALL COME AT OWN RISK U16s accompanied please



FREE SCREENING OF THE FILM 'THE OIL MACHINE'

Investigating our dependence on oil Hosted by Marloes Village Hall

We are showing this new award-winning documentary film as part of a UK-wide programme of events exploring the energy crisis and the fight over North Sea oil and gas. Duration 82 minutes; to be followed by an open discussion

Residents and visitors welcome; U16s accompanied, please.

Tuesday 25th April Marloes Village Hall 7pm More information & trailer: www.theoilmachine.org

St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2023

League fixtures

23rd April (Sunday) I st XI v Neyland away 30th April (Sunday) I st XI v Burton home 2nd XI v Pembroke home 2nd XI v Narberth II away 2nd XI v Burton II home



Training sessions

Do you fancy playing cricket for us this season? Maybe umpiring or scoring? We are always looking for local talent to come and join us. You are assured of a warm welcome.

Outdoor

These will start for everyone at the end of April – weather permitting!

Indoor - at the Neyland Hub

Seniors & Ladies Thurs 30th March 7 - 8:30p.m. Seniors only Thurs 6th April 7 - 8:30p.m. Seniors & Ladies Thurs 13th April 7 - 8:30p.m. Seniors & Ladies Thurs 20th April 7-8:30p.m.

Dear friends & supporters of St Ishmaels Cricket Club So looking forward to the 2023 season but, as usual seek sponsorship to cover our costs.

Are you able to sponsor a match ball (£15), an Umpire (£30) or help with a Tea? Any sponsorship/help would be much appreciated.

A very big 'Thank You' to those generous supporters who have helped us in the past.

Yours in sport Wendy Bradshaw (01646636446 / 07974678329) Sec. St Ishmaels C.C. & Club Safeguarding Officer

Here are details of the Endurancelife coastal run taking place on April 22nd:

Endurancelife | Pembrokeshire | 2023

Description: The event comprises of four distance categories ranging from IOK to Ultra Marathon (35 Miles!) The routes are primarily off-road and utilise some of the most spectacular sections of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path before finishing on the headland in Little Haven.

Car Parking: Polly has kindly agreed for us to use her field once again in exchange for a donation to Talbenny Church. (Field location is between Broad and Little Haven).

Starts: 08:30 (Ultra, Little Haven), 08:30 (Marathon, Little Haven), 09:30 (10K, Musslewick), 09:30 (Half Marathon, Dale).

Finishes: 10:30-18:30 (Little Haven) Note: this is earlier than usual so the local businesses may wish to take advantage of this!

Routes: Available online at www.endurancelife.com

Garden Birdwatch

Have you heard of Garden Birdwatch? I expect you have, and it may well be the Big Garden Birdwatch you are thinking of. This is a weekend at the end of January where you count the maximum number of each species in your garden in an hour. This is good for getting people involved in birds but not very good as citizen science – the weather greatly affects the numbers counted.

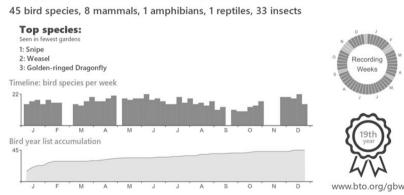
The BTO Garden Birdwatch scheme, however, is different. Again you count the maximum number of each species in the garden, but this time during a week. And you do it every week of the year, or as many as you can. Together with all the thousands of other Garden Birdwatchers around the country this provides quite a robust dataset of information on populations of garden birds around the country and how they change. So, for example, the decreases in Greenfinch and Chaffinch numbers, and the increase in Goldfinches, are well recorded. It also enable comparison between areas and countries – the disastrous decrease in House Sparrows in London is not reflected in Scotland and Wales where they have actually increased.

I have been taking part in Garden Birdwatch for 19 years in my current garden – I know this because I have just been sent a very useful summary of my participation in the scheme with full details of the last year. Apparently I recorded 45 different species of bird in the garden in 2022. I also recorded 43 different species of other wildlife e.g. fox, squirrel, toad, and quite a few species of dragonflies, butterflies and bumblebees.

My rarest sightings in the year were Snipe, Weasel and Golden-ringed Dragonfly.

My 2022 GBW year





One of the interesting things about the above graph is how the number of birds species in the garden is surprisingly constant, despite the comings and goings of summer and winter visitors. The busiest month seems to be December, which I would not have guessed - it must be all those winter thrushes eating the apples and visiting wagtails on the lawn! (As you may have guessed, the gaps are when we were on holiday).

The whole process of recording the garden birds each week is quite fun – Peter and I compete to get the greatest number of Blue Tits – and it does help you to understand your garden birds and other wildlife a bit more. If you fancy joining up, go to bto.org.uk and click on "How you can help".

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△Dale Boat House △Dale Castle outer wall
△ St Anns Head (Old Light) △ Marloes (WCs)
△ Marloes Sands (WCs) △ Martins Haven
△ Pearson Farm gate △ St Brides Haven (WCs)

 Δ Pearson Farm gate Δ St Brides Haven (WCs) St Ishmaels: Δ Brookside Green

△ Children's Play Park △ Monk Haven Church Sandy Haven: △ Sandy Hill Chapel

△ (West) Skerryback Farm △ (East) Car Park Walwyns Castle: △Village Hall

ALL RECYCLING: Every FRIDAY from 6:30am (check locally for actual times).

ALL RECYCLING PLUS GREY BAGS on these dates: April 7th and 28th