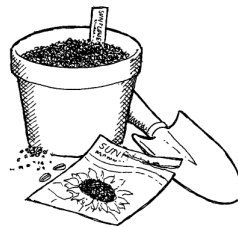
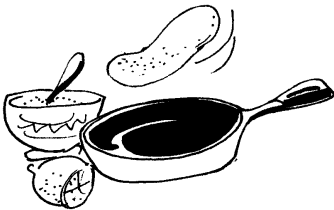
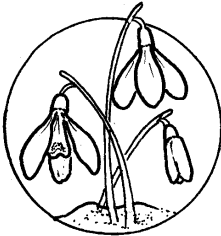


Peninsula Papers

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



Papurau Penrhyn

FEBRUARY 2023 CHWEFROR

Gwybodaeth a newyddion am gymunedau St Ishmael's, Hasguard, Robeston West, Walwyn's Castle, Dale, St Bride's a Marloes.

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LOCAL SERVICES

SHOPS:

Marloes Village Store and Post Office is now closed.

Mobile Post Office in Marloes Thursday 13:00 - 14:00 opposite the Lobster Pot.

MOBILE LIBRARY:

Next visit **Friday 3rd Feb, 3rd March, 31st March**

New users can join on the day.

St. Ishmaels Burgage Green Layby - 10.50 am to 11.20 am Dale - Blue Anchor

Way - 11.35am to 12.05am Marloes - Toilets - 12.15 am to 12.45 am

Contact 01437 776126 or 07774 230200 (van) or Pembs CC website for info

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

Tuesday: St Ishmaels 14:00—15:00 Dale 15:15—16:15

Thursday: St Ishmaels 11:15 - 12:15 Marloes 13:00 - 14:00 Dale 14:15—15:15

FOR HIRE

THE CORONATION HALL AND JUBILEE SUITE DALE



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Jean Rees 01437 929813

Dear Friends,

It gave me great joy to see the first daffodils in bloom in Dale village this week. There is that little sheltered spot by the drive of Black Rock where Spring always seems to arrive just a little bit earlier than elsewhere, as it does by Mullock Farm too.

I like bits of Winter- Christmas and snow, so long as you can stay warm and it goes quickly and I like the excuse to eat rich foods and warming drinks but around this time of year I start to long for warmth again, for sunshine and colour and birdsong. This winter has been especially hard for so many as heating bills have increased so much, so quickly. I can't be the only one hoping and hoping for warmer weather.

They say the soul has seasons too. It is very easy to mistake a winter in the soul for a loss of trust in God and in your faith. You need to fight sometimes to hang on until, almost imperceptible, the springtime of the souls starts to unfurl and you realise you and your faith are more resilient than you thought them to be.

Someone I know calls it 'God playing hide and seek'. Sometimes we hide and God seeks us and sometimes God hides and we have to seek. It is a game we play together.

So I pray for any of you who are feeling Winter interminable either for your body or your mind or your spirits. The first daffodils have come, Spring is just around the corner. Do not lose hope. Look up and smile; one day not too far away now the sunlight will be warm on your face.

God bless you all

Rhiannon, Andrew and Gaynor



ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE.

A brand new year stretches in front on us, full of unknown delights to come. However, some events are in the pipeline as we look to raise much needed funds for the church and also to have a bit of fun on the side.

We start in February with Lent Lunches. Every Tuesday, during Lent, there will be soup and cheese on offer, plus a slice of cake - if you're lucky - in the Jubilee Suite from 12-3 pm. A good excuse to come and have a natter, keep warm or just save having to sort something for lunch yourself. They start on Tuesday 28th Feb. All are very welcome. It is free but if you felt like making a donation towards the church, there will be the opportunity to do so.

Later in the year we will be running a Cream Tea and reinstating the Fete, plus holding an autumn event for the village as a last hurrah before winter! More details of all the events will be put into PP as they come due and also on social media and via posters. We look forward to a happy and eventful year here in Dale.

Calling all knitters

St Ishmaels church are hoping to hold a Mousefest in the summer. This will be a collection of knitted mice approximately 6" tall. Themes will be decided and we will sort out knitting patterns; it would be nice to have tableaux type scenes that depict both the church and village community. If you do not knit but could help with backdrops and accessories to enhance the displays please contact us and nearer the time we will need ladies to bake cakes, serve refreshments and greet visitors. As you probably know if you are born in St Ishmaels you are a Tish Mouse so this exhibition would be very appropriate. If you are interested in helping please either ring Heather on 07792 995160 or Christine on 07813 960637 Look forward to hearing from you.

St. James Church Altar Guild

Lent Lunches Every Tuesday

28th Feb—28th March

12:00—3 pm

Jubilee Suite, Coronation Hall, Dale

Soup and Cheese

Free

Donations if desired to St James Church All Most Welcome



A story from the Ukraine

As I write this the terrible war in the Ukraine is still causing horrific injuries, destruction of property and loss of life both for Russians and Ukrainians as it has for very nearly a year.

We have prayed and prayed for peace with justice but, so far, that has not been possible.

But recently I was reminded of a story about Vladimir the Great, a prince of Novgorod and Kiev, whose name is shared by the premiers of both the warring nations.

The story goes like this- Vladimir had hoped to make his people, the Rus, great again. He had recalled to them the stories of their heroic ancestors, he had built huge wooden statues of their ancient gods, but still their territory kept being nibbled away by their neighbours and defeat followed defeat. Vladimir couldn't help noticing that these neighbours did not worship many gods, only one, so he sent an ambassador back and forth shopping for a new religion for the Rus.

At first they recommended Islam- strong moral code, great for uniting people, history of great warriors and emperors but they drank no alcohol. "Ridiculous!" shouted Vladimir. "Alcohol is the milk of the Rus. We will freeze without it. Try again."

They did not try too hard with Judaism. They knew how he would react to the idea of circumcision.

Finally they came to Constantinople. They were drawn into the worship of the great church (as it was then) Hagia Sophia. The music, the lights, the atmosphere all enthralled them and when they returned to Vladimir they said, "We did not know whether we were in Heaven or on Earth". The King decided this must be the religion for them because "nothing moves the heart of the Rus like beauty". So Vladimir, his family and, it is said, all the people of Kiev, were baptised in the Dniipro River.

Among my prayers is that the hearts of the war-hungry will be turned again by beauty and by the faith they claim to share.

Rhiannon

Marloes & St Brides 50 Club

Here are the results of the 50 Club draw held on Dec. 3rd at Marloes Hall.

First Prize £95 Rachel Owen

Second Prizes £45: Margaret Brace; Rosemary Royle; Mary Wood

Third Prizes £25; Charles Owen; Geoff Williams; Sash Tusa

Community Councils

Marloes and St Brides

Tuesday 17th January 2022

Notification of vacancy: Mr Steve Powell voted into the Marloes and St Brides Community Council. Proposed and approved by Marloes and St Brides Community Council chair (LB) and seconded by Cllr CJ.

Community Issues: Broadway Fibre Broadband

No updated correspondence received to the Community Council regarding Broadway Fibre Broadband.

Cllr CJ has received phone calls regarding Broadway from members of the Community, explaining they have expressed to Broadway they can use Western Power poles (Broadway deny knowledge of this).

Nick Skudder confirmed Broadway wish to put pole up at the entrance of his farm.

Cllr SP confirmed Broadway has sent a surveyor to St Brides to look at possibility of routing Broadway cable underground and erect poles near to the St Brides public toilets.

Cllr CJ discussed the possibility of speaking to a contact in PCC (Darren) that supported the project when it first started. CJ to look for correspondence information for Darren in PCC.

Footpaths and Beach (999 phone)

Dog bin action point discussed. County Councillor Reg Owens to follow up on dog bin with PCC. Clerk emailed Reg Owens following the last Community Council meeting. 999 phone action point discussed. BT are aware of the issue, have permission to replace, we are just awaiting a date of installation. Cllr CJ confirmed a Beach clean on the 5th March 2023 and will be advertised in the Peninsula Papers

Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall

Mark Burton letter sent confirming support of playground park equipment.

Cllr CJ confirmed Vicky Swell (National Parks) will be speaking to Mark Burton about

the possibility of planting hedge plants and using sheep wire behind the Marloes public toilets to prevent Children in the playing field getting hurt.

Highways Clerk has followed up on all Claire Williams recommendations from previous meeting action points.

Rubbish Bin (used for household waste):

Cllr CJ to write to the Peninsula Papers to report the issue and ask local residents to use local bins appropriately.

Toilets: Clerk has replied to PCC recommending the National Park take responsibility at St Brides.

Cllr updates: Cllrs wanted to make everyone aware of Yvonne (previous Clerk) New Year's Honours and the incredible work Yvonne has done for the community over 42 years of clerking. LB to send a piece sharing the incredible news with Peninsula Papers.

Planning matters: Cllr CJ and PS have drafted a letter to send to PCNP regarding the outstanding planning applications.

PCNPA Development Control update:

NP/22/0488/SCR National Trust: Trehill/ Marloes Mere re-routing of track.- Determined

NP/22/0367/FUL Foxdale Guest House & Campsite Marloes Replacement toilet & showers, upgrade 5 touring pitches to mobile pods, change of use of redundant annexe and upgrade/replacement of ancillary static caravan. Recommended for Approval

NP/22/0314/FUL – Philbeach Farm SA62 3QU - Conversion of redundant RAF wireless building which has been used for agricultural storage but is now in a bad state of repair into holiday let use. Contrary to LDP Policy 7 – likely to be sent to Members under extended delegation for decision or a future Committee meeting

NP/22/0186/FUL – Musselwick Farm - Creation of new field access with new 4.6 metre wide gate on north side of road between Marloes & Martins Haven. Approved, but

major discrepancy between stated method and approved plans. Determined NP/22/0240/FUL – Lower Ripperston Farm, St. Brides, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AH The proposed demolition of the modern farm buildings, and the construction of a replacement new build dwelling etc. Committee Members visiting site in January – February determination at DM Committee NP/22/0656/FUL - Anchor Cottage. Proposed alterations, extension & cladding.

Next meeting date.

Tuesday 21st February 2023. Marloes Village Hall 19.30

Dale

Items discussed at the last meeting in December included:

Broadway: A letter has now been sent highlighting the concerns the Council has over numerous telegraph poles that have been erected seemingly without permission.

Parking/Highways: A copy of the license for planting bushes around the Henry Tudor stone and triangle has finally been found by PCC. This means that something can now be put back on the triangle where the previous bushes failed. It was agreed to re-plant before the spring if possible.

It was proposed that the 20mph roll out for next year be extended out from the village to the Gann carpark. This road is currently national speed limit, and this seems ridiculous given that it is used so frequently by pedestrians and that it is the Coastal Path.

Planning

NP/22/0577/FUL - 2 Woodside has been granted. NP/22/0464/FUL - 131 Castle Way bespoke parking and turning area has been granted. NP/22/0595/FUL - 157 Castle Way has been approved following new, scaled down plans being submitted.

The Clerk reported that the WI site being cleared has been checked on and it was confirmed that no works should be carried out until FULL planning permission has been

Community Councils

granted.

Village Matters - Toilets – A letter has been received from PCC outlining the upcoming budget cuts and encouraging Community Councils to either cover the cost of the cleaning/maintenance or to take over ownership of the whole building. Councillors discussed the matter and were unanimous in their decision to turn this down at present. In order to cover the cleaning, the precept would have to be more than doubled and it was strongly felt that locals' council tax should not be put up to pay for toilets which they do not need.

Dale has Blue Flag Status and Criterion 19 states that an adequate number of toilets should be provided. The public toilets also has the only public Disabled toilet in the village. It is felt that should it come down to it, PCC are unlikely to close Dale over others.

Speeding

Blue Anchor Way continues to be a problem, CM has noted vehicles at night travelling at considerable speeds. Members of the public have reported similar. The speed awareness sign will be followed up once the new 20mph limit comes in next year.

Seagull Sacks

Seagull sacks for grey bin bags are now available to order via the Clerk at a cost of £5.30. The sacks are large enough to hold three grey bags and are made of the same material as the red and blue recycling bags. Anyone interested can contact the Clerk via email dalevil-lagecc@outlook.com or tel: 07807585414. You can also request replacement recycling bags/containers to be delivered to your home via your PCC My Account online. Broken or damaged hard containers and caddies can be taken back and recycled when the new one is delivered. Alternatively, you can check where replacement bags/containers can be collected from on the Council's website.

Next Meeting

The next meeting, which will also be the AGM, is scheduled for **Tuesday 7th** February commencing at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite, Dale.

Community Councils

Please see dalevillage.co.uk for further Community information; minutes of the previous meetings, and agendas.

St Ishmaels

Notes on a meeting held on 18th January,

PLANNING.

NP/22/0682/FUL Farm erection of sheep sheds. *No objection recorded.*

NP/22/0602/FUL Conversion of West Lodge, Butterhill *No objection recorded*

NP/22/0550/FUL. Replacement conservatory etc. at 3, Trewarren Rd. *No objection recorded*

NEW WAR MEMORIAL. The clerk reported that he had contacted Ms. Annabel Thomas, after she had offered her help in managing the project, which had formerly presented difficulties in the previously presented form. A letter of qualification from Ms. Thomas to the councillors was circulated, together with a report that she had started the process of fund application from the War Memorial Fund. Ms. Thomas was thanked for her welcome offer.

REPLACEMENT NOTICE BOARDS

Cllr Lynda had completed the necessary forms to the *Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund*. On being advised by the clerk that the replacement of boards in the three village locations with suitable new notice boards would be in the region of £4,000, councillors authorised the completion and despatch of the forms by the due date.

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

After discussion on how the coronation of the king could be marked in the community, it was decided to repeat the well-established gift of mugs to the children of Coastlands School. Clerk to liaise with community councils on the Peninsula.

A.O.B. : Brook Lake Sewer. The inspection cover had again overflowed in the recent heavy rain. The clerk had contacted Welsh Water again and W.W. had again sent a tanker to pump out the blockage. The

clerk was asked to write to W.W. in strong terms, as this was a continuing and serious problem.

Defibrillators. Councillors asked if some training could be given to council members (perhaps for all the Peninsula councillors). Clerk to contact Malcolm Smith-Gosling or Mark Burton

Parking in Upper Grove Road The ever-present problem of parking in Upper Grove Road which was impeding council lorries and emergency vehicles was discussed. Clerk to contact the authorities.

Salting the roads. Cllr John (*in absentia*) had asked through the clerk that representation made with the Highways Dept. concerning the totally inadequate salt treatment of roads in the village in the recent icy spells.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday, 15th February at 7.00 p.m. in the Sports Club

Marloes and St Brides Community Council are very pleased to express their congratulations to their recently retired, long serving Clerk of 40+ years, Yvonne Evans, for being named in the New Year's Honours List. Officially Yvonne is listed as Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEM) and it is in recognition of her work in many aspects of our local community but also Pembrokeshire as a whole. We would also like to thank all those within the community who worked behind the scenes gathering information and completing the many forms.

Well done Yvonne it really was a great start to the New Year, we look forward to seeing the medal!

Help with energy bills for oil users:

A £200 Alternative Fuel Payment (AFP) will be available to help those households in Great Britain who use alternative fuels such as biomass or heating oil to meet energy costs this winter. Most households eligible for the AFP support in Great Britain, will receive payment automatically via their electricity supplier in February, with no need to take any action. Those households who will need to apply for the AFP, for example because they do not have a relationship with an electricity supplier, will be able to do so in February, through the same GOV.UK portal as the one that will be used to apply for support under the EBSS Alternative Funding scheme. See this link for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vital-help-with-energy-bills-on-the-way-for-millions-more-homes-across-great-britain-and-northern-ireland>

DALE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

“WE'RE STILL HERE!”

Variety Show

Fri 24th & Sat 25th March Dale Coronation Hall

*Starts 7pm both nights; U16s accompanied, please
No advance tickets: pay on door CASH ONLY £6 / U12
£3*

Licensed bar before show /during interval; Raffle

Enquiries: Anne Meeke 01646 636716

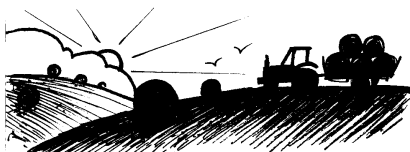
The Old Stables Heritage Centre



**Open by
appointment**

Contact
Harriet 636668

Diary February



FEBRUARY

- Tue 7 1000 – 1200** Walwyns Castle Community Coffee and Chat
Tue 7 1900 Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite, Coronation Hall
Wed 8 1930 Coastlands History Group, Andy Shobbrook, “An update on the dig at Ockie Whites”, Marloes Village Hall
Thu 9 1900 Social and Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall
Wed 15 1900 St Ishmaels Community Council, Sports Club
Tue 21 1800 Pancake Races, Dale Sea Front or Hall if wet
Tue 21 1930 Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
Thu 23 1900 Social and Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall
Tue 28 1200 Lent Lunch in the Jubilee Suite

MARCH

- Fri 3 1830** St David’s Day Celebration Evening, Walwyn’s Castle Village Hall
Tue 7 1000 - 1200 Walwyns Castle Community Coffee and Chat
Tue 7 1930 - Fri 11 1930 MHAOS “Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical”, Torch Theatre Milford
Sat 18 Defibrillator Familiarisation Session, Marloes Village Hall
Fri 24 1900 DADS “We’re still here”, Dale Coronation Hall
Sat 25 1000 Walwyn’s Castle Litter Pick, meet Village Hall
Sat 25 1900 DADS “We’re still here”, Dale Coronation 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 FEBRUARY

St Brides and Marloes:

5 th	St Brides	11am	Mike Cottam
12 th	Marloes	10.30am	John Saxbee
19 th	St Brides	11am	Mike Cottam
26 th	Marloes	10.30am	John Saxbee

St Ishmaels

February 12th - 11am Communion

February 26th - 11am Communion

Dale

Sun 5th Jan 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sun 19th Jan 6.00 pm Evensong

Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West:

12th February Holy Communion Walwyn's Castle 11am

19th February Holy Communion Robeston West 11am

26th February Holy Communion Walwyn's Castle 11am

Aenon Sandy Hill

5th All Age Worship & Communion Service 10:30am

12th All Age Worship 10:30am

19th All Age Worship 10:30am

26th All Age Worship 10:30am

Free Tea & Cake after all Sunday Services. Find us: SA62 3DL.

Aenon Sandy Hill other activities

Tues Nights 7:30pm The River

Weds afternoons Open Door TBC

Weds Nights 8pm Malcolm's Music

Thurs Nights last sessions of Alpha.

Fri 29th Feb 7:30pm Breathe Worship Night

Join in us in March for "Imagine Heaven" course. Tel 01646 635876 for more details.

Spring 2023 the new series of Alpha returns. Tel 01646 635876 for more info.



St David's Day Celebration Evening

Friday March 3rd

At Walwyn's Castle Village Hall

Showing '**Grand Slam**' the classic 1978 sports comedy, accompanied by tasty Welsh treats and 'cultural savouries'!

Starring Oscar winning Hugh Griffith and Windsor Davies, this hilarious production directed by John Hefin, follows four Welsh rugby club members who fly to Paris to see Wales in the deciding grand slam match.

Doors open 6.30pm for 7 pm start.

Bring your own tippie. Free entry. £5.00 suggested donation for food. A warm space event .

Croeso cynnes Gymraeg i bawb.

Visit Walwyns Castle village Hall face book page for more info .



CLOCK TOWER

I was pleased to read the article about the Clock in the PenPapers for Dec/Jan 2022 and proud to read about the involvement of my family.

Can I please draw your attention to an error?

William Lawrence Senior (Willie) was my grandfather. However his wife was not Doris , as was stated , but Sarah Ann , my grandmother. Doris was their daughter, my mother and Young Willie their son.

My grandfather died when I was only 5, in 1948, so I have few first hand memories of him. However , my gran kept his memory alive- photos, his poetry, plenty of his carpentry, all in our cottage, known as "Carpenters Cottage". I know my grandfather looked after the clock until his death with the help of my grandmother, Sarah Ann Lawrence during the War. My Uncle Bill (Young Willie) also a carpenter at St Brides, took over the maintenance until his death in 1977.

Our family were involved for over 75 years . Since his death , we have visited the village regularly and my husband and I were pleased to be at the ceremony marking the changes made to the clock when the late David Howells was present.

We are pleased to read that local Jim Titley will continue the tradition as the new custodian of this important landmark.

Gill Billing.

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.

Check out the
Walwyn's Castle Village Hall
face book page for more
information, or
Tel: 07496001932.

We are a 'warm space hall'.



**Spring Litter Pick, at
Walwyn's Castle, Satur-
day March 25th**

Volunteers needed.

Meet at the hall at 10.00
am. All picking equipment
provided.

Post pick Lunch in the hall
for all helpers.

Please wear suitable foot-
wear and clothing.

Litter picking taking place
along the lanes leading into
the village .

See village hall face book
page for further details.

By popular request...



BEACH CLEAN FOR SAINT DAVID

Marloes Sands Sunday 5th March

Setting off from the car park at 10.00

ALL COME AT OWN RISK

U16s accompanied, please

From Nichola Goddard (NHS Wales Collaborative)

I know there is lots of work going on in relation to energy costs and power outages but I was hoping we could make sure the message gets out to clinicians, patients etc about the **priority service register** which is a free support service which makes sure extra help is available to people in vulnerable situations.

You are eligible if you:

- have reached your state pension age
- are disabled or have a long-term medical condition
- are recovering from an injury
- have a hearing or sight condition
- have a mental health condition
- are pregnant or have young children
- have extra communication needs (such as if you don't speak or read English well)
- need to use medical equipment that requires a power supply
- have poor or no sense of smell
- would struggle to answer the door or get help in an emergency.

You might still be able to register for other reasons if your situation isn't listed. For example, if you need short-term support after a stay in hospital.

WAS IT YOU???????

Was it you, or somebody you know? People have been misusing the various public litter bins around the peninsula. Filling them up with house clearance items, doing bulk disposal of dog poo (up to 50 bags a time!). The first case amounts to fly tipping, the second could be dumping of trade waste: both can be heavily punished if culprits

are traced. Evidence of such selfish and antisocial behaviour (photos, vehicle registrations, addressed correspondence) should be passed to Pembrokeshire County Council.



24/01/2023 Litter bin, Marloes village: someone has burst a grey household rubbish sack trying to force it in, and just walked away from the mess.

**7th to 11th
March
7.30pm**

**Tickets £14
Concession £12
Tuesday & Wednesday**



MILFORD HAVEN
A M A T E U R



Jekyll & Hyde The Musical

This musical, loosely based on R. L. Stevenson's famous novel of the same name is an award winning Broadway show full of memorable tunes and action, both thrilling and chilling. MHAOS has chosen a compelling and entertaining show for its long awaited return to the Torch stage.

Conceived for the stage by Steve Cuden & Frank Wildhorn. Books, Lyrics and Music by Leslie Bricusse. Orchestrations by Kim Scharnberg. Arrangements by Jason Howland

Dale W I

On the 22nd November, last year, we went to see the Christmas Decorations at Picton Castle. As some of the Members had not been before we were also given a tour and talk on the history of the Castle which was fascinating. The decorations were beautifully and simply done. We finished the visit with mince pies and mulled wine in the Main Hall in front of a roaring fire. This was a visit which was enjoyed by us all and a great start to Christmas.

The 13th December saw us gather in the Jubilee Suite in the Coronation Hall for our Christmas Party. We dined on a beautiful Christmas meal with all the 'trimmings' followed by the most delicious array of puddings and homemade chocolates.

Our first meeting of the new year was on Tuesday the 10th of January, this was a business meeting and the programme for the year was discussed. We were also able to congratulate our Secretary, Yvonne Evans, on being awarded the B.E.M. in the New Years Honours List.

Our next meeting is a Bring and Share lunch on the 24th January in the Jubilee Suite followed by a Business Meeting on the 7th February 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Suite.

The 315 service moves to Fflecsi

The 315 bus service will be replaced with a Fflecsi Pembrokeshire Service from Monday 30th January. Customers will be able to place bookings from 23rd January via the Fflecsi App or by phoning 0300 234 0300. Attached is a press release regarding the new service.

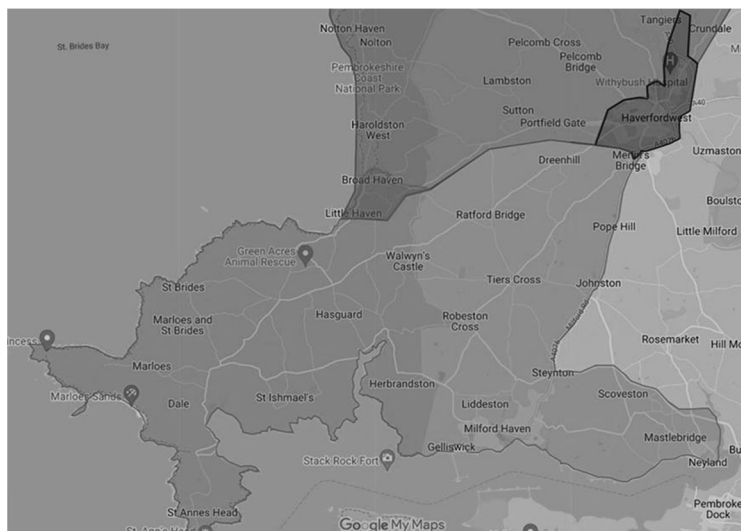
“As you may be aware, a number of bus services in Pembrokeshire have been operating reduced timetables since the outbreak of COVID-19. The 315 bus service between Dale and Haverfordwest has been operating on a dial-a-ride basis with the exception of the summer period when the full timetable has been operating Monday to Saturday.

The number of passengers travelling on the 315 has been very low, especially when it is operating on a dial-a-ride basis. We have received concerns from residents regarding the arrangements for bookings and the restricted travel options. Whilst the numbers have increased during the summer period, they are still considerably lower than pre-COVID. In order to make the service more useable and make the service more sustainable, it is proposed that this service is converted into a demand responsive transport service all year around and operated as part of Fflecsi Pembrokeshire. This will mean that rather than having a fixed route with a fixed timetable it will be available for customers to book to travel anywhere within a set geographical zone, 7.30am – 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

The scheme has been operating in North West Pembrokeshire since September 2020 and whilst it took time for passengers to get used to the new operating model, it is now proving to be very successful with the total monthly passenger numbers being over 950 for the past 4 months. By covering a large geographical area the service is able to provide transport opportunities to areas which have never previously had a regular service. Also, by only running the bus when passengers need to travel, it reduces costs.

For further information about Fflecsi Pembrokeshire please visit <https://www.fflecsi.wales/locations/pembrokeshire/>

The area that we propose covering is shown on the map below in mid-grey, and also the small zones around Broad Haven and Haverfordwest. This will enable customers to be taken directly to where they wish to go to within the zone rather than having to get off at



the bus station and then travelling on another bus. The service will be able to connect with existing fixed services such as the Puffin Shuttle in Marloes and the trains in Milford Haven and Haverfordwest. Customers who have an All Wales Concessionary Bus Pass will still be allowed to travel for free.



**Social and Film
Evenings
2023 Season
Doors open 7 pm
Films start 7.30 pm**

All Welcome Admission free Refreshments Donations for running costs gratefully received.

Feb 9 – 2010 film starring Kenneth Branagh as Laurence Olivier and Michelle Williams as Marilyn Munroe.

Feb 23 – 1964 classic starring Peter Sellers as inept detective investigating the murder of a chauffeur.

March 9 – 1987 Zany comedy starring Steve Martin playing a highly strung executive attempting to get home for Thanksgiving.

March 28 (NB Tuesday) 2010 drama about 1968 Ford women workers strike with title song sung by Sandie Shaw and Billie Bragg

To be added to mailing list, to find out more about the films or to suggest films email rosemary.meck@gmail.com

DALE WI is organising

Pancake Races!

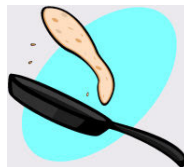
**SHROVE TUESDAY
21st FEBRUARY 2023 6.00 pm**

**DALE SEA FRONT
or HALL IF WET
Just bring a frying pan**



Races for all — young, old, walkers,
tossers, runners, in chairs, in prams, on
crutches..

All Welcome!



NEWS FROM PERKY

PERKY members met (on ZOOM) for their AGM earlier in January. The Trustees reported that the funds, held when the Dale Play Area Association (CIO) became PERKY (CIO), had now been given in grants to local groups. The latest grants were made to two Dale based groups, one supporting the very young and the other those towards the other end of the age range. Feedback about all the grants, made over the last four years, has always been extremely positive. So a big “thank you”, from us the Trustees, to all those who helped raise money in aid of the hoped-for play area. Although that couldn’t go ahead there are many very grateful people in our Community who have now benefited from your efforts. Those present at the AGM decided that PERKY should remain in existence as a charitable organisation which could support projects set up to benefit those living in Dale and the surrounding area, so long as these projects had aims compatible with PERKY’s own charitable object.

Information about PERKY can be obtained from our Secretary by emailing rosemary.meck@gmail.com.

John Bramley

Chair of PERKY Trustees



LEXOPHILIA

- * Venison for dinner again ? Oh deer.
- * How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- * England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- * I tried to catch some fog but I mist.
- * They told me I had type-A blood but it was a typo.
- * I changed my iPod’s name to Titanic. It’s syncing now.
- * Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- * I know a guy addicted to brake fluid but he says he can stop at any time.
- * I stayed up all night to see where the sun went and then it dawned on me.
- * This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club but I’d never met herbivore.

Marloes & Dale Public Access Defibrillation Scheme (CIO)

M&DPADS(CIO) held their AGM at the Lobster Pot, Marloes on 17th January, 2023. After reviewing the finances of the Scheme and the work of the Committee, the Meeting re-appointed Jim Platt as Treasurer and Hugh Bishop as Secretary of the Scheme, while Sarah Hopkins and Ben Norman (both residents of Dale) were appointed as additional members of the Committee. The retirement of Mrs Morgan as Chair of the Scheme was agreed with regret and Gwyn Watts was appointed to replace her. Mr Watts, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mrs Morgan for her service in successfully navigating the Scheme through seven years of change, development, pandemic and NHS turbulence.

We are grateful to the Lobster Pot for welcoming us for the Meeting and for their hospitality.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

THE NEXT DEFIBRILLATOR FAMILIARISATION SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE
ON SATURDAY 18TH MARCH IN MARLOES.

Our defibrillator units are open to all of us and free for any of us to use 24/7. It has never been more important for us all to be familiar / confident in their use.

Coastlands Local History Group.

I don't think we have had a better start to the year than Simon Hancock's talk on the history of Haverfordwest . A very good crowd heard, via 40 items chosen by Simon, a snapshot of history within the town of Haverfordwest . Items such as the Town Seal through artefacts from local churches, priories and friaries to various charters conferring status on the town gave a clear insight into the important role Haverfordwest played in the history of the County as well as Nationally. It was very clear Hafford has a rich and vibrant history which can be further explored by a visit to the Town museum. This will open somewhere in the town as a 'pop up' museum while work is underway at its usual site.

The talk in February looks more closely at one aspect of the history of Haverfordwest as Andy Shobbrook of Dyfed Archaeology comes and gives us an update on the dig at Ockie Whites into the Medieval Dominican Friary which stood there until the Reformation. The dig has been much reported in the media, - both local and national - so we are very fortunate to hear first hand from one of the archaeological team. Andy is well known to us as he was part of the archaeological study at Town Meadow in Marloes before the new houses were built. 2023 sees a number of anniversaries. One of which is the 50th anniversary of The Dona Marika running aground off Lindsay Bay. We are hoping to liaise with all in St Ishmaels to put together events commemorating this over the weekend of the anniversary. If anyone from any of the villages has any recollections of how this impacted them, or any memorabilia, notes, diaries, photographs they would be happy for us to copy or incorporate in an exhibition we would love to hear from you. Please let Yvonne or Harriet know.

In the Draft 2023 programme handed out to members at the January meeting, keen students will note a classic error - not all days and dates matched

To be clear the April meeting is on MONDAY 17th APRIL. The full programme will be available at the February talk.

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 Harriet (636668)

Marloes Sands Midwinter Beach Clean 29th December

The community of Marloes is very grateful to all those who made our 2022 Marloes Sands Midwinter Beach Clean such a success: an estimated 50 volunteers of all ages took part, with some people out for an afternoon walk joining in on the spur of the moment. The total haul, equivalent to 60 large red Keep Wales Tidy sacks, included really awkward items such as an empty oil drum. As always, fishing industry pollution (discarded rope and nets) accounted for most of the haul. It's a pity that when we gather such a huge quantity of plastic so quickly there isn't the time or daylight to sort any for recycling; fortunately we can rely on Pembrokeshire County Council to collect the "stash" promptly for correct disposal.



The long haul from the south end of Marloes Sands

The total gathering awaiting collection by PCC from Marloes Sands car park entrance



January 2023: A Memorable Month for Marine Animals in Marloes.

On 6th January a young otter made itself known to multiple people down at Musselwick. It was a good surf day and several surfers were out to make the most of it. They didn't expect to have an otter follow them up the footpath and literally rest its head against their feet!

This is not normal behaviour for a young otter. But it is typical of an otter that has become separated (abandoned?) by its mother and has yet to learn to fear humans. Otters (there is only one type of otter in the UK, and it can be found in rivers, the sea, and Scottish Lochs) are frequent around our whole coast where they eat fish and eels and crabs and breed in scrubby areas near to fresh water. They are a feature of the Pembrokeshire Marine Special Area of Conservation. They are solitary apart from coming together to breed. Mums tend to have one to a few pups and keep them with them until around a year old. They are weaned at 3 months.

On January 7th the otter made its way into the village, no doubt in search of food. At this point, and after advice from an otter expert, Welsh Marine Life Rescue was called who arrived promptly and transferred it to the care of the RSPCA who already had an otter cub to look after. It turns out that the cub (a male) was 4-5 months old and badly undernourished. I've been in two minds about whether to pass on this information, but here goes. I'm sorry to report that he didn't make it. It turns out that he had a compaction of sheep wool in his stomach and was severely weakened, having not eaten for a long time. Sorry not to be able to report good news but, as the RSPCA said, at least he was found and eventually came into care for warmth and support. Wildlife can be fragile and, like us, may have internal injuries or issues but look fine from the outside. So, whilst it's a sad end to the story, he did bring joy to those who saw him and raised awareness of otters around our coast. They are out there. If you are lucky enough to see one be sure to report it.

<https://www.wwbic.org.uk/wildlife-recording/record-your-otter-sighting/>

On 22nd January a small (dead) loggerhead turtle was found by Louise Beal on Marloes Sands Beach. It was a young one with the shell only measuring around 19cm. Interestingly it was around the same size as others washed up in recent months, so quite possibly they were all washed off course at once by the same storm.

These are a rare sight. UK waters are too cold for most turtles, and they can go into cold shock and when washed up they may even appear dead when they aren't. Since November 2022 only 9 loggerhead turtles and 1 Kemp's ridley turtle have been reported in the UK.

Of the world's seven marine turtle species, six have been recorded in UK waters. They are the leatherback, loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, olive ridley, green and hawksbill turtles.

The leatherback, the largest marine turtle, is the species most frequently recorded in UK waters. Each summer, leatherbacks migrate to UK waters where they feed on jellyfish.

The turtle was reported to and collected by Marine Environmental Monitoring, a Partner organisation within the UK Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme. <https://strandings.com/>

They say things often come in threes, so what else is in store for us this month?! It would be better if it ended happily for the animals, but this is the natural world and she can be tough. However, these memorable sightings do serve to remind us of the wonder of the natural world. We live in such a beautiful place and can so easily stumble across remarkable things. It may be January but get out there and see what you can find!

Sue Burton, Pembrokeshire Marine SAC Officer

Wildlife Watch: Big Garden Birdwatch Preparation

For this month's Wildlife watch, we taught the participants about the birds you'll see in your back garden for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch happening at the end of January, as well as demonstrating how to make birdfeeders out of yoghurt pots and string. We had a fantastic turnout and were very pleased to see both new faces and returning ones too.

Wildlife Watch is the junior section of the Wildlife Trust and is an exciting and safe way to explore and learn about the natural world. The group is run by the staff at Dale Fort Field Studies Centre and takes place on the First Saturday of every month. Participation is FREE. Next month's will be on the 4th February between 2-3:30pm. We will be walking through the countryside outside of Dale village whilst telling the story of the Gruffalo!

Tickets are available from Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gruffalo-walk-tickets-518798268587>. Each ticket is valid for one child and one accompanying adult.

E-mail ea.df@field-studies-council.org, ring 01646 636205, or check Dale Fort's Facebook page for more information. Hope to see you there!



British Heart Foundation Cymru

Haverfordwest and Milford Haven BHF Fundraising Branch

Charity Lunch

Beggars Reach Hotel on Sunday 26th March 2023 12:30 pm for 1:00 pm sitting.

Speaker :- W Robert Griffiths KC.

Ticket only admission.

Tickets £25. (for a 3 course carvery menu)

**For tickets and further information contact :-
Alan Carrington (07770475978)**

More on Robins

The European Robin, as it is now called, is well named. The centre of its distribution is Europe - it breeds from Morocco to Norway and from the Canary Islands to the Urals. It needs dense vegetation, with perches which overlook open areas where it hunts its prey of beetles and many other varieties of creepy crawlies (sorry, invertebrates). We have all seen a Robin drop from its perch a couple of feet off the ground and grab some choice morsel which it has spotted from its lookout.



In the rest of Europe Robins are not tame at all, not like they are in Britain. In fact they are really hard to see in the thick forests which they inhabit. In several European countries we have heard Robins (the sharp “tic tic” alarm call is very easy to identify) but we have not seen them. So it is a pleasure to watch our garden robins here, going about their daily business with confidence.

If you have been to America or Australia you may have noticed that they also have robins. They are not related to our Robin at all and were named by English settlers who noticed a resemblance. This is definitely excusable in the case of Australia as their robins look a lot like ours – they have patches of red or pink, they are the same shape and size and they can also be quite confiding. Not excusable in the case of America – their robin is a huge great thing and is actually a big thrush which happens to have an orange breast. It is this so-called robin which appears in Mary Poppins in a scene set in the centre of London – how could they get their research so horribly wrong?

Male and female Robins are essentially identical and they both sing – this is quite unusual in temperate-climate birds, but is due to the fact the females set up their own territory during winter and they then sing to defend it. Come the spring they find a suitable male and move into his territory – he then does all the singing for both of them. Some Robins, probably females, move away from their breeding territory in winter. On Skokholm there are no breeding Robins but there are always a number of wintering birds. Because they were ringed on Skokholm they can be identified as the same ones inhabiting the same bush as in previous years. One of these birds, however, was already ringed and it had been ringed in Gateshead – so are they all Geordie birds?

Robins are renowned for fighting each other - they are very territorial and it seems to be the red breast which sets them off. Some research was done a number of years ago and it was found that a robin would even attack a red rag on a stick if it tried to come into his territory. Robins actually have several ways of expressing aggression - if you see two robins leaning back, puffing out their red breasts and singing lustily, you are watching the equivalent of two prize fighters sizing each other up. It is difficult for us to take seriously as their high-pitched tweetling song does not sound very threatening but believe me they are deadly serious!

So please enjoy your garden robins - they are certainly very charismatic little birds.

Rosemary Royle

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St Ishmaels: △ 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: Feb 3rd and 24th, March 17th