

# Peninsula Papers

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



# Papurau Penrhyn

**JUNE 2023 MEHEFIN**

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

## **The Church in Wales Parishes of Dale, St Brides with Marloes, Hasguard with St Ishmael's, Walwyn's Castle & Robeston West**

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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 23rd June*

*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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Dear All,

As I write this the sea in the bay is blue with white boats bobbing in it, the sunshine is hot and the roses in the garden are coming into bloom. I just spoke with a colleague calling from her car while in a traffic jam in a city, roasting in a metal box and breathing in car fumes. Needless to say, I felt more than a little smug to be where we are, or, maybe not smug, but blessed.

Andrew and I spent a weekend in Cardiff recently with those who will be ordained priest across Wales at the end of June. There will be twenty four of them in six different Dioceses. Our service in St Davids will not be as we planned it because, as you probably know by now, ill health is forcing the retirement of our lovely Bishop Joanna, so the Archbishop of Wales will be taking the service instead. Anyway, Andrew and I were teaching them about priestly sacramental ministry, a part of which is blessing. We asked them if they had ever felt blessed and if they had, what it felt like.

Interestingly enough, they found the question quite hard to answer. They commented that American or African friends would say 'I feel so blessed' but they felt a little phoney when they said it, a little presumptuous, a little smug.

All of which proves they are perfectly normal Brits, but I am a little sad too, because when we dug deeper, we found they all had amazing stories of when God had touched their lives for good which they should let more people know. We all share too many sad stories and not enough good ones. They had felt a complex of things that included - joy, peace, safety, healing, a sense of great beauty, of undeserved love, overwhelming and affirming and improving and very special.

It is a little of what I feel knowing I get to look at these views all year around and stay here. It is part of the job of vicars to bless people and things (like the boats at the start of July) and try to be a source of blessing for the people around them. It is what we wish you every month when we sign off with,

With every blessing,

Rhiannon, Andrew and Gaynor





### **Pictures from the Palace**

Pictures from the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 3rd May - Yvonne Evans from Marloes with her daughter Clare and Kathryn Morgan from Walwyn's Castle who was there with her husband Glynne. Yvonne's jacket was bright pink which unfortunately does not show in these pictures!



You are invited  
to a  
“Garden Party”



to be held in Marloes Village Hall  
from 3pm to 5pm  
on Saturday 24 June 2023

Pop in for a celebratory cuppa with Yvonne Evans  
in honour of her award of The British Empire Medal

Everyone is welcome!

## **ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE**

As is so often the case, we are unable to report on the Cream Tea as by then you will be reading this copy of PP!

June itself is a relatively quite month, but July sees two events for the church. We are hoping to hold Sea Sunday again, alongside an afternoon concert by Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band with a miscellany of songs and tunes, light numbers, sentimental favourites and modern hits. This will be on Sunday 2nd July at 2.00 pm. More will be on Facebook and notices around the villages nearer the time. Another old favourite is back in the diary - Dale Fete - held this year on Saturday 22nd July, again details will be circulated via Facebook and posters. We thank you for all your support in the past and hope we can look for your support now.

### **A SPECIAL TREAT!** **Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band**

**Present**  
**SEASIDE SYMPHONY**  
**SUNDAY 2nd JULY**

**At 2.00pm**

**On the**  
**SEA FRONT, DALE**  
**or if wet in**

**CORONATION HALL, DALE**



**Entrance Free    DONATIONS for ST JAMES CHURCH**



### **ST JAMES CHURCH DALE** **BLESSING of the BOATS** **DALE SEA FRONT**



**SUNDAY 2nd JULY 2023**  
**5.00pm**

**With Carmarthen Symphony Wind Band and**  
**The Peninsula Songsters**

**Collection in aid of St James and RNLI**  
**All Welcome**



# Community Councils

**Dale** No meeting

## Marloes & St Brides

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Marloes and St Brides AGM was a great success. Chair Louise Beale was elected to continue in the role (approved by all members of the Community Council) and Chris Jessop will continue as Vice Chair.

The Community Council agreed/approved for an advert to be posted / shared with the local community for a seventh (and final) Community Councillor.

Committee roles were assigned to individual councillors and can be found in the AGM minutes on the Pembrokeshire Community Council website.

The Community Council agreed/approved for future meetings to be held bi-monthly (next community council meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023).

### **May 2023 Community Council Meeting**

**Broadway Broadband Installation:** The Community Council will be requesting a meeting from the Pembrokeshire County Council point of contact for the Broadway broadband installation within the Marloes & St Brides/surrounding areas. The meeting will seek to gather further clarity around the future planning of the broadband installation.

**Clock Tower Silencing:** The Community Council agreed to the same arrangements as in 2022 to support local businesses with the silencing of the Marloes village clock tower. Correspondence has been sent to the Clock House Team.

Funding has been received from Welsh Government / Pembrokeshire Local Authority to support improvements to the clock tower footpath. The Community Council are extremely grateful and are looking forward to work commencing over the next 6-8 weeks.

**St Brides Walled Garden:** The Park Committee members intend to visit the St Brides Walled Garden and Cottages to familiarise

themselves with the land holding and its assets. Following the visit, PCNPA will arrange a joint meeting involving PCNPA, PCC, Community Council and the Church so that possible options can be discussed: different parties with very different agendas (emergency services, walkers, swimmers, divers, churchgoers etc) have to be accommodated at this very popular location.

### **Marloes and St Brides Public Toilets:**

Pembrokeshire County Council have given positive indication that the local toilet closure across county will be re-visited.

**Kings Coronation:** Marloes and St Brides would like to say a massive thank you to everyone involved in the Kings Coronation celebrations. The village was beautifully decorated.

**Planning:** Marloes Mere planning proposal discussed. Cllrs are happy with the plans and will feedback, thanking PCNPA that previous comments/recommendations have been taken into consideration.

**Finance:** The 2021/22 Full Community Council Audit has been finalised and approved by Audit Wales. The 2022/23 financial accounts have been reconciled and signed off by the Community Council Councillor in the May AGM. The 2023/24 budget has been approved in the AGM and donation cheques issued for the upcoming financial year.

*The next Marloes and St Brides Community Council meeting has been set for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.*

## St Ishmaels

Notes on the meeting held on 17th May in the Sports Club

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

Sandy Haven Slipway. The clerk reported that P.C.C. Highways Dept. had finally agreed to provide a gully for excess drainage water down the slipway by the wall of Quay Cottage.

# Community Councils

## WAR MEMORIAL:

The clerk reported the progress made by Annabel Thomas with the War Memorial Trust, as well as with prospective designers for the new memorial. It transpires that funding from the W.M.T. for new memorials is not available, only for repair and renovation of existing memorials. It was decided that the memorial should be situated on the Brookside Green site, rather than Burgage Green, subject to ultimate design approval and all the necessary permissions and structural investigations being completed. It is intended that the project be completed in time for Remembrance Sunday this year.

## NOTICEBOARDS.

Following the decision last month to provide two new noticeboards for the Coastlands School and Burgage Green sites, the meeting approved a quote of £1,400 for the boards and instructed the clerk to proceed with purchase.

## COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT:

Following the retirement of Colin Jenkins, a notice inviting applications to the council to be posted and inserted into Peninsula Papers.

## PLANNING:

NP/23/0158/FUL Conversion of Nissan hut at Y Menyn Bach. Approved.

Planning at the Furzy. The clerk reported that the planning permission of 14 dwellings at the Furzy Site had now expired.

County Cllr. Reg Owens had asked, through the clerk, for comments from the community council on the indication of interest shown by the prospective developers of the Manse Field site, in applying for extension of that development to incorporate the Furzy site. This would obviate the need for the dangerous access onto Trewarren Road by the Brook pub, as had been approved in the original application. Councillors agreed that this would be a sensible alteration.

## BROOKSIDE GREEN EXCAVATIONS:

The clerk reported the extensive communication he had had with Welsh Water about the uncovered hole on the site; the result of incomplete investigative excavation by contractors. The upshot was a promise by W.W. to address the issue, as a matter of priority.

## HIGHWAYS:

The clerk had asked P.C.C. to ensure the cutting of roadside foliage by and near Coastlands School, in order to reduce the problems at an already dangerous location.

*DATE OF NEXT MEETING (A.G.M.) June 28<sup>th</sup> 2023, 7.00 p.m. in the Sports Club.*

## St. Ishmaels Community Council

### CO-OPTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

Following a recent retirement of a councillor, applications to serve as a Community Councillor for St. Ishmaels Ward are invited from qualifying members of St Ishmaels Community.

Please contact the Council Clerk for details.

Revd. Michael Cottam, *Clerk*  
01646 636564 07876 727906. [mikecottam@hotmail.com](mailto:mikecottam@hotmail.com)

## Honours medal presentation ceremony held at County Hall

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed, Miss Sara Edwards, praised the outstanding achievements of four Pembrokeshire residents as she presented them with their insignia in a prestigious medal ceremony held recently at Haverfordwest. on 26th April.

The ceremony consisted of the presentation of an honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE), two British Empire Medals (BEM) and a Queen's RVS Platinum Jubilee Award.

Mrs Patricia Mawuli Porter OBE, founding director of Metal Seagulls and Fafali Aircraft in Haverfordwest, was presented with an Honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to aviation.

Veteran sports journalist and fundraiser Mr William Carne BEM, of Treffgarne, was presented with a British Empire Medal for services to sport and charity.

Mrs Yvonne Evans BEM, parish clerk to Marloes and St Brides Community Council for 43 years, was presented with a British Empire Medal for voluntary services to the community in Pembrokeshire.

WI member Mrs Leah Pitman of Fishguard was presented with the Queen's RVS Platinum Jubilee Award for her work with members of the Pembrokeshire Federation of the WI to create and co-ordinate the distribution of many handmade items to people in need. The award celebrates the generosity and dedication of volunteers who do extraordinary things every day.

Pictured below is Mrs Yvonne Evans BEM who was presented with a British Empire Medal for voluntary services to the community in Pembrokeshire. Mrs Evans BEM is pictured with His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed Miss Sara Edwards, Dyfed Lieutenancy Cadet Ben Power, the Chairman of Pembrokeshire County Council, Councillor Pat Davies and Council Leader Cllr David Simpson.





## **Marloes Mere Wetland Project Update (press release).**

The National Trust are working on a Marloes Mere wetland Project due to commence later this year following confirmation of funding and planning permission. Marloes Peninsula is perhaps one of the most iconic and biodiverse places looked after by the National Trust in Wales, combining dramatic coastal scenery and spectacular beaches with important coastal heathlands and the hidden gem of Marloes Mere. The National Trust is delighted to be able to tell us about an exciting project designed to improve the biodiversity of the mere as well as make the experience more enjoyable and accessible to all visitors to the area.

**“We have been working behind the scenes for some time now on a project to enhance and restore parts of the Marloes Mere wetland. Once completed, we imagine a beautiful, wildlife rich walk (with good surface under foot) to the coast, with stunning views across the mere.” Mark Underhill, Countryside Manager National Trust Pembrokeshire.**

We are looking forward to a more detailed update from Mark and his team once planning and funding has been confirmed. In the meantime those wishing to view the documents associated with the planning can view them at the National Park planning portal here [PCNPA Planning \(pembrokeshirecoast.wales\)](https://pembrokeshirecoast.wales/PCNPA/Planning) (PCNPA planning ref. NP/23/0233/FUL)

### **THRIFT TIP**

Don't be fooled: even a supposedly pressed flat tube of toothpaste, tomato puree, or whatever isn't empty. Cut it open to find the remaining ten percent! N.B. if we're talking about artist paints, that can be of significant value: messy, maybe, but worth it. Good for the planet, too.

Joke: A new service, for coping with barbershop disasters: phone 999 and ask for the Hair Ambulance.

### **The Old Stables Heritage Centre**

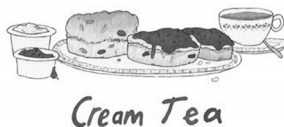
**OPEN**  
**Mondays**  
**10-12**



**Next exhibition**  
**“3 is the magic number”**  
22nd June - 1st Oct  
Thurs - Sun 2-5 pm

Contact: Harriet 636668

# Diary June



*Cream Tea*

## MAY

- Fri 26 - Fri 2 June 1030 - 1700** Deborah Rees Art Exhibition, Marloes Hall  
**Mon 29 1400 - 1700** St James Church Dale Cream Teas, Dale Coronation Hall  
**Mon 29 1300 - 1600** Strawberry Cream Tea, Sandy Hill Chapel

## JUNE

- till **Fri 2 June** Deborah Rees Art Exhibition, Marloes Hall  
**Sat 3 1500** Dale Pirate Day, Dale Sea Front  
**Sun 4 1030** Marloes Sands Beach Clean. Meet in car park  
**Sun 11 0900** Marloes Spud Run, start Runwayskiln  
**Sun 11 1000** West Dale Beach Clean, meet on beach  
**Sun 11 1500** Strawberry Tea at the Village Hall, St Mary's Church Herbrandston  
**Sat 17 1930** Symphonica Tywi Midsummer Concert at the National Botanic Garden of Wales  
**Mon 19 1930** Coastlands History Group, "The First World War – Challenging Popular Perceptions" a talk by David Llewellyn, Coronation Hall, Dale  
**Thu 22 1400 - 1700** Start of "Old Stables" Exhibition, "3 is the magic number"  
**Sat 24 1500 - 1700** Garden Party for Yvonne Evans, Marloes Village Hall  
**Sat 24 1900** Midsummer Ball, official launch of Cruising Free Atlantic Row, Wolfscastle Hotel  
**Wed 28 1900** St Ishmaels Community Council, Sports Club

## JULY

- Sun 2 1400** "Seaside Symphony", Dale Sea Front  
**Sun 2 1700** "Blessing of the Boats", Dale Sea Front  
**Mon 10 1930** Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall

### A new vicar for St. Bridget's and St Peter's

We received the following news just as PP was being put to bed, and felt it was very important to squeeze it in at the last moment.

*"The Archdeacon of St Davids, acting as Commissary for the Lord Bishop of St Davids, is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Samuel Patterson as Priest-in-Charge in the United Benefice and LMA of Roose with primary pastoral responsibility for the churches of St Bridget's, St Brides; St Peter the Fisherman, Marloes; St Davids, Hubberston and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Hubberston. He will be resident at the Vicarage, Hubberston.*

*Samuel is returning to ministry having formerly served his curacy in the Diocese of Monmouth. Samuel will be licensed by the Archdeacon of St Davids on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7pm in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Hubberston. Please pray for Samuel and his wife Katy as they prepare to move to their new home, for Samuel's new Ministry and the people he will serve."*

The Wardens of St. Bridget's and St. Peter's will be liaising with the Warden's of St. David's Hubberston to arrange a welcome for Samuel and Katy

## CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

### St Ishmaels

11th June Patronal service 11am Communion all welcome  
25th June 11am Communion

### Dale, Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dale 6pm Eucharist  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Walwyns Castle 11.00am Eucharist  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Robeston West 11.00am Eucharist  
Dale 6pm Evensong  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Walwyns Castle 11.00am Eucharist



### Marloes & St Brides

4th June 11am St Brides  
11th June 10.30am Marloes  
18th June 11am St Brides  
25th June 10.30am Marloes (patronal for Peter the fisherman)

### Baptist Sandy Hill Baptist Chapel

4th 10:30am All Age Worship & Holy Communion  
11th 10:30am All Age Worship  
18th 10:30am All Age Worship  
25th 10:30am All Age Worship  
(Free Refreshments after every service)

#### Weekly:

Tues mornings 10:30-12pm Coffee Morning  
Weds evenings 7:30pm River Of Life Groups

#### Monthly Events:

Hymnspiration - Thurs 15th June 2pm Sankey hymn singing, short talk & a cuppa.

Breathe Worship Nights - Friday 30th June 7:30pm

Find us: SA62 3DL A Warm Welcome to All.

**STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA, BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29TH  
MAY 1PM-4PM SANDY HILL CHAPEL**

### Symphonica Tywi

return for the twenty-first year to present the very popular Annual Midsummer Concert in the Great Dome Glasshouse of the National Botanic Garden of Wales on 17th June starting at 19:30.

The evening includes "Scheherezade" by Rimsky Korsakov, Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," Walton's majestic Coronation March, "Crown Imperial" and ends with "Pirates of the Caribbean."

Tickets are available from the website of the N.B.G.W.

## **Coastlands Local History Group.**

The weather was most definitely with us for the tour of Dale Airfield. Visibility was superb from a number of vantage points along the way for viewing up the Haven and across to the Islands. That was the extra cream on the top of what was a wonderful trip. We are indebted to Dale Castle Estates, Dale Hill Farm and the Lawrence Brothers for allowing us to cross their land, and hence gaining a full appreciation of what is the most complete WW2 airfield in the area. However, it was Malcolm Cullen and his research which put flesh on the skeleton of the airfield. Malcolm gave us a most definitive history of the RAF's time at Dale, with many extra snippets as well.. We are extremely fortunate that Malcolm is willing to share his knowledge with the History group, especially as he always seems to find something new for us!

In June we continue the Military theme but from a very different angle. We will be marking the centenary of three War Memorials in our area, with an overview of WWI given by David Llewellyn. You may feel you have had your fill of WWI, but David's overview does put the conflict into perspective, and explains how things came to be as they were. As it covers the whole conflict, it will encompass areas which the men from here fought in, so seems an appropriate way to remember those who did not come back and whose names are recorded on the War Memorials, but also those who did come back.

In July there is the trip to Nevern Castle and Church to look forward to - details will be sent direct to those who have expressed an interest.

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)

**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.

**ST. MARYS' S CHURCH**  
**HERBRANDSTON**

**WELCOME YOU TO A YUMMY-  
YUMMY STRAWBERRY TEA AT THE  
VILLAGE HALL  
SUNDAY 11th JUNE from 3pm -  
5pm ALL WELCOME.**

**A DATE TO REMEMBER:  
SATURDAY 29th JULY 2023  
HERBRANDSTON CARNIVAL &  
FETE**

# Exhibition of Paintings

by

Deborah Rees

Marloes Village Hall

Friday 26th May - Friday 2nd June

10:30am - 5pm

Do come and visit if only to have chat!

## Peninsula Papers Update

Firstly we are very happy to report that the joint Cream Teas event with Dale WI on April 21<sup>st</sup> raised the stunning amount of £1088.92. PP management would like to heartily thank both the members of the WI for their tremendous contribution and those Cream Tea consumers who came along to give their support. This money will tide us over our current shortfall of funds.

However, we must still plan for the future and aim to both save costs and raise money in a regular and systematic way. We have therefore decided to implement two main strategies:

1. Each PP costs us about 25p to print so we cannot afford to print copies which are never read. To that end we are proposing to cease delivering PP to holiday homes in the winter when they are mostly unoccupied e.g. October, November, December/January and February. PP will of course be available to read on-line during this period from both the Marloes and Dale Websites. According to the PCNP website the proportion of holiday homes in Dale is nearly 40% and in Marloes nearly 30% so this will save a considerable amount of printing effort and cost. Those holiday home users who regularly use their properties in the winter can be made an exception.
2. Implement a Peninsula Papers Supporters Club – this will be a type of “100 Club” where a yearly donation will enable members to participate in a twice-yearly draw. More details on this will appear in subsequent editions.

We would like to thank everyone who has made a suggestion for money-raising ideas and for the general level of support which PP has received. This makes the work of all the volunteers involved in editing, printing and distributing somewhat easier to bear!

If you wish to make a direct donation you are very welcome to do so – just send a cheque or cash to the editor (address on the back page) or email PenPapersPembs @gmail.com for bank details.

## Who would be mad enough to row the Atlantic Ocean?

Janine, Sophie and Polly, Team Cruising Free, are going to do just that. In January 2025 they will leave Lanzarote and row 3,200 miles unsupported across the Atlantic to Antigua. They are passionate about inspiring women towards extreme sports, especially those who are older and those living with chronic health conditions and disability. In addition they are aiming to collect at least 2 World Records; Sophie will be the first person with Cystic Fibrosis and Janine will be the oldest woman to row any ocean.

As well as all that, they will be raising as much money as they can for their two chosen charities, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Paul Sartori Hospice at Home.



They have a long way to go before they reach the start line in January 2025; they have £100,000 to raise, a boat to buy, rowing training to do and many, many new skills to learn, as well as raising as much money as possible for their two charities.

Cruising Free have their Launch Party and Ball on 24th June 2023 where they will be premiering their Promo film, part of which was filmed in Dale. There will be a 3 course meal, music from The Connections, an Auction and Raffle, and the chance to view an Atlantic rowing boat up close. They would love to see you all there. For tickets, email [cruisingfree2025@outlook.com](mailto:cruisingfree2025@outlook.com)

Come and chat to Team Cruising Free at the Pirate Day in Dale on June 3rd, and they will be rowing hard on their rowing machine in Dale on Sunday 27th August, another chance to catch up with them and chat about their progress.

To follow them on Facebook and instagram, support them by buying merchandise, and for more information about sponsorship go to [linktr.ee/cruisingfree](https://linktr.ee/cruisingfree)



## **An astronomical challenge? Dark skies in the National Park**

*The first part of a three-part article from PCNPA relating to artificial lighting and dark skies.*

The night sky offers a very direct way for us to connect with nature and the cosmos. However, light pollution excludes many people in the UK from discovering and enjoying the night sky, with its various scientific, historic, spiritual and cultural associations.

This article reviews some the impacts on wildlife caused by light pollution, the local planning framework, things you can do to help, and a new project run by the National Park Authority.

### Lighting and wildlife

Inappropriate lighting can affect wildlife profoundly, by disrupting navigation, migration, breeding cycles, feeding habits, the relationships between predators and prey, and so on. Examples include:

- Light pollution disrupts the natural behaviour of bats, especially those that are nocturnal and rely on darkness for navigation and hunting.
- Bright artificial lights can disorient bats, leading to collisions with buildings and other structures.
- Increased light levels can disrupt feeding patterns and reduce foraging efficiency, affecting bat populations and their prey.
- Artificial lights can attract and disorient nocturnal insects, causing them to become trapped, exhausted, or vulnerable to predation.
- Glow-worms, which rely on bioluminescence for mating and communication, can be negatively affected by excessive artificial lighting, as it may interfere with their natural signals.
- Nocturnal migratory birds can become disoriented and collide with illuminated buildings, leading to injuries or death.
- Artificial lights can disrupt the circadian rhythms of birds, affecting their breeding, feeding, and navigation patterns.
- Urban bird species may experience altered feeding patterns, reduced habitat quality, and increased predation risks due to light pollution.
- Artificial lighting can interfere with the natural photoperiod, disrupting seasonal cues for tree growth and dormancy.
- Some trees rely on darkness to trigger flowering and fruiting, and excessive lighting may disrupt these processes.
- Light pollution can also alter the behaviour of nocturnal pollinators, affecting tree reproduction and seed dispersal.

### Lighting and planning

Lighting can to some extent be managed through development planning policy. Policy 9 of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan 2 (end date 2031) states that:

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“Proposals that are likely to result in a significant level of external artificial lighting being emitted shall include a full lighting scheme and will be permitted:

- a) where the lighting proposed relates to its purpose; and,
- b) where there is no unacceptable adverse effect on the character of the area, local residents, vehicle users, pedestrians, biodiversity and the visibility of the night sky.

Wherever possible opportunities to mitigate potential cumulative impacts on the night sky should be explored.”

Lighting is also a planning consideration if it impacts on European protected species, such as bats. Supplementary Planning Guidance on lighting is proposed within Local Development Plan 2.

However, many aspects of household and business lighting are not covered by planning policy and in these cases a voluntary approach to reducing impacts is indicated.

*See next edition of PP for part 2 of this article*

## Seagrass Update

A little while has passed since the last seagrass update. I am fairly new with Project Seagrass and now well placed to contribute to the good ongoing work in Dale. I'm pleased to say we have some budget for picking up momentum with general awareness raising and working with the local community and users. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you during Dale Pirate Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> June!

Unfortunately, one of the seagrass visitor mooring buoys was found washed up earlier in the year, with follow-up inspections finding that the other buoys were not fit for purpose (due to a fault during manufacture). They have now been repaired, approved appropriate and safe and will be reinstalled imminently by Dale Sailing Company. Work is being done to promote their use, and to encourage donations towards their upkeep.

There is also activity this summer to reseed some of the areas of the planted seagrass where it has been lost, topping up what was done previously. Seagrass seeds will be planted by boat and Remote Underwater Vehicles in the same location as previous planting took place. This work has been shared with the Dale Seagrass Stakeholder Group. The seagrass will be surveyed again this September to see how it is establishing.

Windswept Watersports will be running some seagrass paddleboard sessions this summer. If you'd like to learn more about the seagrass/have any ideas for further seagrass-related activities that need some funding, please let me know!

Flo Taylor (Stakeholder Engagement Officer) [flo@projectseagrass.org](mailto:flo@projectseagrass.org).

For further information or queries please also contact Dale

Seagrass Stakeholder Group Chair Fil Marshall [fil@pointfarmdale.co.uk](mailto:fil@pointfarmdale.co.uk) or Dr Richard Unsworth [r.k.f.unsworth@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:r.k.f.unsworth@swansea.ac.uk) (phone 07795 311166).





## **Dale WI**

On Sunday 30th April we held a Cream Tea in the Coronation Hall which was a great success. Some of the proceeds we raised were for the Peninsula Papers and so it was great to see so many local people supporting this local cause.

The 2nd of May was a Business and Social Meeting where we finalised details for our outing on 20th June to the Invasion Tapestry and Dyffryn Fernant Gardens. We had a very interesting Members time thought up by our President Mary Lewis who brought with her various pieces of "refuse" and we discussed which bag or box they went into for recycling. It provoked a lot of discussion and certainly was very entertaining.

A walking Treasure Hunt of St. Ishmaels was held on 16th May. This was devised by one of our number Tricia Hawthorn. We were blessed with a lovely afternoon and 6 members worked their way around St. Ishmaels seeing parts of the village they had never seen before. We finished by meeting for tea and cake at St. Ishmaels Garden Centre, always a popular destination. Everyone participating enjoyed themselves very much. Thank you Tricia for your hard work.

Our next Meeting is on 6th June and is a Business and Social Meeting followed by our day out on the 20th June to Fishguard to see the Tapestry and Dyffryn Fernant.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

## **MARLOES VILLAGE HALL SUMMER TALKS**

This year Marloes Village Hall hosts four summer talks of interest to locals and visitors: each will have a strong Peninsula connection.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 7pm HISTORY: ***The Wreck of the Albion, 18<sup>th</sup> April 1837*** Christopher Jessop

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 7pm MARINE BIOLOGY: ***Secrets Of The Seashore*** Dr Steve Morrell (Field Studies Council Dale Fort)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August ART ***Ray Howard-Jones*** Brecon author David Moore's full colour biography is being published by Graffeg in July. Of this painter in oils and water-colours who was commissioned as a war artist and was also a mosaic maker. Christies notes "Ray Howard-Jones spent much of her life living and working in isolation on Skomer, Wales, from which some of her most inspired work was derived."

This will be a two-part event: an afternoon book selling/signing session and at 7pm David's illustrated lecture plus, we are hoping, some archive film!

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7 pm WILDLIFE: ***Seals*** Kate Lock, Skomer Marine Conservation Zone

***All ages welcome; under 16s accompanied, please***

## Marloes Spud Run

Sunday 11th June

A 10k multi-terrain race starting and finishing at Runwayskilyn

Website has all the details: <http://www.pembstri.org.uk/marloes-spud-run/>

For more details contact Dave Astins: [events@pembrokeshire-tri.org.uk](mailto:events@pembrokeshire-tri.org.uk)

## JUNE BEACH CLEANS: MARLOES & WEST DALE

**Marloes Sands:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June depart car park 10.30 am (low tide 13.18). Last community clean 'til Autumn: farmers too busy over Summer for haulage!

**West Dale:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June meet on beach at 10am (high tide 13.06). Part of The Great Big Pembrokeshire Clean-Up

**Everyone welcome; all come at own risk; U16s accompanied, please.**

## Phillip Scale

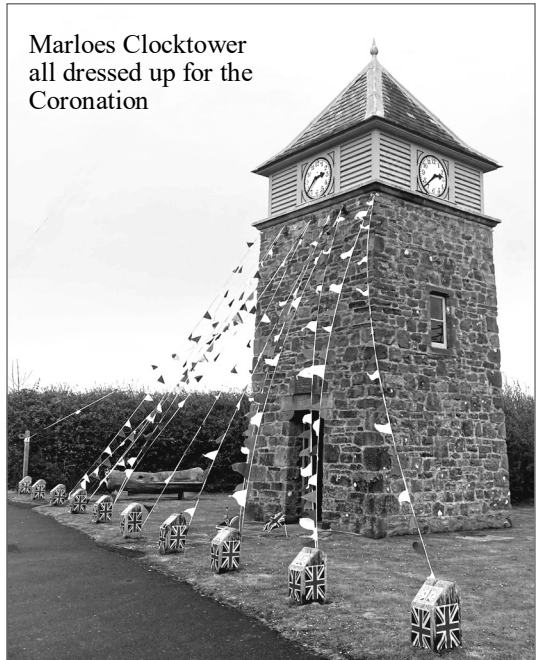
Shan, Chris & Lisa and all the family would like to thank you all for the lovely comforting cards and messages of sympathy received after the sudden passing of Phillip.

Thank you for the generous donations received for Greenacres which was close to Phil's heart after adopting Bobby, Harvey and Felix.

A special thank you to the Lobster Pot for the excellent buffet and to Andrew FG Rees for taking care of Phil in such a caring manner.

Your kindness will always be held in grateful remembrance

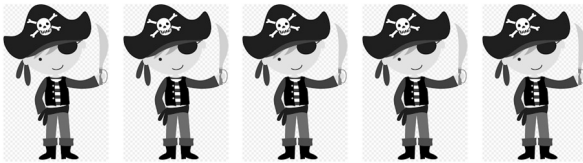
Marloes Clocktower  
all dressed up for the  
Coronation



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## Dale Pirate Day 2023

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 3pm

A FUN DAY OUT for all the family.  
All the usual events – stalls, children's rides, fancy dress, water-sports, crabbing, rum bar, raffle and stalls.

**NEW THIS YEAR  
CIRCUS WORKSHOP  
&  
FIRE SHOW FINALE AT 9PM**

# St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2023

## League fixtures

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Llangwm home	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Llechryd II away
10 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Lawrenny away	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Haverfordwest II home
17 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Saundersfoot away	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Hook II home
24 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Neyland home	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Pembroke away
1 <sup>st</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Burton away	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Narberth II home

## Cup competitions (All 6p.m. start)

Harrison Allen Bowl	Round 1	30 <sup>th</sup> May v Pembroke Dock home
Duggie Morris Cup	Round 2	24 <sup>th</sup> May v Carew home
Women's Welsh Cup	Game 2	1 <sup>st</sup> June v Pembroke home
Clive Huxley Cup Ladies	Quarter Final	27 <sup>th</sup> June v Whitland/Cresselly away

## Ladies Softball fixtures

4<sup>th</sup> June v Pembroke 11:00hrs & Llanrhian 15:00 hrs at St Ishmaels  
18<sup>th</sup> June v Whitland Time & venue to be confirmed.  
25<sup>th</sup> June v Neyland at St Ishmaels Time to be confirmed.

## Ladies Hardball fixtures Division 2 (6:00 p.m. Start)

13<sup>th</sup> June v Pembroke away (Pairs Rules)  
20<sup>th</sup> June v Carew away (Normal Rules)

## Junior fixtures

### Under 13s

26<sup>th</sup> May v Lamphey away  
31<sup>st</sup> May v Pembroke home  
19<sup>th</sup> June v B&Stackpole away  
26<sup>th</sup> June v Cresselly 2 home

### Under 11s

29<sup>th</sup> May v Cresselly 10s home  
5<sup>th</sup> June v Hook home

**Under 9s Festival dates:** 28<sup>th</sup> May at Haverfordwest; 11<sup>th</sup> June at Lamphey;  
25<sup>th</sup> June at Neyland

Yours in sport

Wendy Bradshaw (01646636446 / 07974678329)



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Anita Butler, [butleranita1@gmail.com](mailto:butleranita1@gmail.com) or send me a pm on Facebook.

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## “Big Help Out” Beach Clean, Marloes Sands

No room in this issue unfortunately for a full report - see [Marloes.org.uk](http://Marloes.org.uk) front page for a report and pictures.

## May Blossom

As I sit and write this I am awaiting the most impressive annual event occurring in our garden. The third week in May is about the usual time and it is imminent! I am referring to the flowering of the very large hawthorn tree in our back garden. It is a lovely gnarled multi-stem tree with a canopy measuring 8 metres across. (In the aerial photo taken of our house in 1973 it is a fairly conventional bush measuring about 8 feet across.) The blossom on this tree can be very dense so that you cannot see the leaves and twigs, though some years are better than others and sometimes the flowers are damaged by cold winds. It does, of course, have quite an odd smell which many people find unpleasant but the bees, flies and hoverflies certainly don't!



The young leaves, flower buds and petals are edible and are referred to as “bread and cheese” – they can be used in salads. I think we may have got this wrong when we were kids – we used to call it “bread and cheese” but we ate the berries sandwiched between leaves and it was pretty horrible!

Its blossoming marks the point at which spring turns into summer, and the old saying ‘Cast ne’er a clout ere May is out’ almost certainly refers to the opening of hawthorn flowers rather than the end of the month.

Common hawthorn timber is a creamy-brown colour, finely grained and very hard. It can be used in turnery and engraving and to make veneers and cabinets, as well as boxes, tool handles and boat parts. It also makes good firewood and burns at high temperatures.

A hawthorn tree can support hundreds of other species. It is the foodplant for many caterpillars of moths. Its flowers are eaten by dormice and provide nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinating insects. The haws are rich in antioxidants and are eaten by migrating birds, such as redwings, fieldfares and thrushes, as well as small mammals. And the dense, thorny foliage makes fantastic nesting shelter for many species of bird.

May blossom has a long history of traditions and stories attached to it. Hawthorn is a pagan symbol of fertility and has ancient associations with May Day. It was the ancestor of the May-pole and its leaves and flowers the source of May Day garlands as well as appearing in the wreath of the Green Man.

Hawthorn was never brought into the home. It was believed that bringing hawthorn blossom inside would be followed by illness and death, and in medieval times it was said that hawthorn blossom smelled like the Great Plague. Botanists later learned that the chemical trimethylamine in hawthorn blossom is also one of the first chemicals formed in decaying animal tissue, so it is not surprising that hawthorn flowers are associated with death.

So despite this, it is a splendid plant and one to be cherished. I only wish there was more of it around here. Our local hedges are mostly blackthorn unlike further east in the UK. I shall never forget taking off from Gatwick in mid-May one year and being awestruck by the criss-crossing white hedgerows beneath.

*Rosemary Royle*

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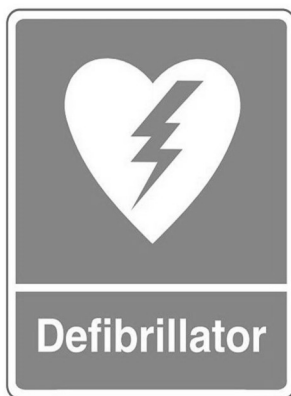
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