

Peninsula Papers

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



Papurau Penrhyn

MARCH 2023 MAWRTH

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 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

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Dear Friends,

March, they say, comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. When it begins, winter still has a hold but, as it goes, all is fresh and green and ready for Easter. I hope it will be so this year because as I write this, everything looks cold and grey from my window apart from one pool of sunshine dropped to earth, where the daffodils are starting to bloom.

In the Church's year, March is a bit similar. It starts with Lent, a time for fasting and taking stock and, where need is found, making better habits. March ends either with Easter or very near to it and, even when going through Holy Week and Good Friday the whole point is the extraordinary joy and new life to come.

Everywhere that is, apart from in Wales, where March starts with a big celebration in honour of our patron saint. In church terms celebrations almost always push fasts out because our basic message as Christians is about joy. This means that, as a teenager, I grew to know a lot about the saints whose feast days fall in Lent so I could have given up alcohol and chocolate as a Lenten fast but on any given day, I could still enjoy them because it was the feast day of David or Chad or Non or Perpetua and Felicity or Patrick!

I hope for you this March, there will always be some joy to drive out the sorrow, that you can be serious enough to do good for others and yourself but never so serious that you forget how to laugh or how to be gentle with those who are struggling.

So happy St David's Day (and all the others),

With every blessing,

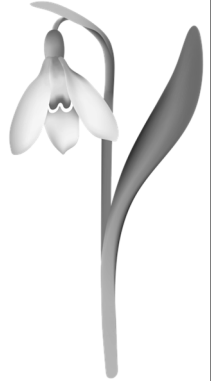
Rhiannon, Andrew and Gaynor



St Ishmaels Snowdrop Tea

March 5th

Snowdrop Tea to be held in church between
2.00pm and 4.00 pm



Cream teas, cake stall and raffle. Please come and join us
and enjoy the snowdrops in the churchyard.

Anyone wanting to join the 100 Club they can join that
afternoon.

ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE.

We now enter Lent so just a reminder there are Lent Lunches every Tuesday, during Lent in the Jubilee Suite, Coronation Hall, Dale 12-3. On offer will be soup and cheese, plus a slice of cake - if you're lucky. A good excuse to come and have a natter, keep warm or just save having to sort out something for lunch yourself. 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.

The services for March are an 11.00 am Communion on the first Sunday of the month and an evening prayer on the third. All services are to be found on the middle page of this issue.

As we are now a part of the Roose LMA we no longer hold our own Vestry Meeting - that is all done at the LMA level.

St. James Church Altar Guild

Lent Lunches Every Tuesday
7th, 14th 21st, 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 Woman's Story

What is the oldest book we know of written by a woman?

It is not an easy question to answer. Many ancient books are anonymous and I do not know enough about the literature of China and the Far East to speak with confidence for those cultures. A good candidate, however, must be the book written in the year 203 by an African woman called Perpetua who shares her feast day, 7th March with Felicity and their companions.

Vibia Perpetua was about 22 that year and lived in Carthage in what is now Tunisia. She was in the first years of marriage to a husband who never really appears in her story and had just given birth to a baby boy. Felicity was her servant, an enslaved woman and Perpetua's closest friend. Felicity was pregnant and very near to giving birth. Both of them had recently become fascinated with Christianity and were learning about it but not yet baptised.

The Emperor in Rome, Septimius Severus, was opposed to Christianity and had made any conversions illegal and punishable by death. The garrison in Carthage were holding games in honour of the emperor's birthday and, in his honour, decided to have some Christian converts torn apart by wild animals.

The authorities rounded up some suspects and probably would have been satisfied with that but Perpetua's own father denounced her and she and Felicity were added to the group. Her father probably just wanted to scare her enough to give up her crazy faith but Perpetua would not recant. In gaol she dictated the story of her arrest and captivity, the pain she suffered after abruptly stopping feeding her infant son, her visions and her hope.

To her account was added an account of how Felicity gave birth to a girl in prison and how they and their companions died during the games. Perpetua seemed to have put herself in a state where she was not aware of the pain. The animals mangled her body so much that she would not live and was finished by a gladiator's knife.

The story of their bravery, their friendship and visions went on to inspire many other generations and gave us, across, the centuries, the actual words of a woman of extraordinary courage and faith.

Rhiannon



Community Councils

Marloes and St Brides

Meeting 21st February:

Brief Notes as the meeting was on the closing date!

1. Misuse of litter facilities continues: some building waste, plasterboard pieces in black bags, was fly tipped beside the large wheelie bin in Marloes village recently. This antisocial behaviour is a problem for the whole community: all residents and home owners need to be on guard against it.

2. The Council is very concerned about the fate of the St Brides Walled Garden and Cottages, now that the Scouts have terminated their lease; Clerk will be writing to the National Park who are the owners requesting that MStBCC is kept fully informed, and consulted about the future of this important community asset.

3. Severe concern expressed about the way that the Fflecsi bus system operates: sometimes it seems buses are tied up carrying just one passenger quite a distance when surely it would make more sense to send a taxi for that journey. What sort of a service will this system deliver in summer, when a lot of visitors unfamiliar with it will be wanting rides in all sorts of directions at the start and end of the day? And why must the bus pick up from Milford railway station (no lights, often nobody around) and not the well lit and much busier, therefore safer, Tesco stop?

Next meeting: Monday 13th March, 7:30,
Marloes Village Hall

Dale

Items discussed at the last meetings included:

Broadway

Two properties at St. Annes head had their main water supply moled through by Broadway which no doubt caused much disruption. There is still no word on when outlying farms might be connected. NWR reiterated that Dragon Wifi might be a possibility for any

outlying farms/properties who are still not connected as the service is consistently providing 60mbs.

Parking/Highways

Clerk asked for an update from PCC on January 31st but has received no word. It is still hoped that the new layout can be achieved this year in a bid to ease the problem with parking around the village.

A member of the public attended to express their concerns about parking issues in South Street. They explained that the problem seems to come from staff who are working in the local businesses. A few options were discussed, ultimately there is no easy solution.

Planning

NP/22/0699/FUL - 3 Coastguard Cottages, St. Anne's Head – Proposed rooflights to front & rear elevations. A site visit was agreed to be held on 17th February and Councillors found no reason to object.

NP/22/0577/FUL - Approved

NP/22/0595/FUL - Approved

NP/22/0464/FUL - Approved

NP/22/0144/FUL – Remains undecided.

NP/22/0402/FUL – Remains undecided.

NP/22/0693/FUL – Remains undecided.

Village Maintenance Day - This was agreed to be held in the morning of March 21st. Any volunteers to help on the day will be greatly appreciated, jobs usually involve pruning, weeding, sweeping etc!

Toilets - A letter of support has been requested from Sarah of Windswept for their project to have a changing places facility in the village. Two proposals have been put forward, one which will redesign the current toilet facility to include the new disabled unit within the current footprint. This option is very costly. The second is to install a free standing 'pod' to the East of the current disabled toilet which will cost around half the price of the first option, but would need to have more space from the dinghy park. They are in talks with DYC about this.

It was agreed that the proposal of a changing facility to helped disabled people to access the beach and watersports is supported by the council, as long as a suitable place can be agreed upon to site it.

Go Safe – Following an email from the local PCSO inviting Cllrs to meet with them to discuss problems within the village, it was suggested that to combat speeding in the village, a community speed watch could be set up. Training for the speed gun would be provided and speeds are logged against number plates which then generate warning letters. More information is to be sought on this. A meeting of Cllrs, PCSO's and ticket officers was also suggested for a later date, hopefully when the season has begun.

Training Plan - Councillors were happy to accept the training plan that the Clerk had drafted. This needs to be published on the website and is a working document to be updated regularly and when necessary.

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.

The minutes of the finance meeting held on 9th January 2023 were agreed as accurate. It was agreed that given the current financial crisis, the precept should be kept the same and the budget looked at to accommodate this. Therefore, the precept has been kept the same as this current year - £4,200.00.

Next Meeting

The next meeting, which will also be the AGM, is

Community Councils

*scheduled for **Monday 3rd April** commencing at 7pm in the Coronation Hall, Dale.*

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

St Ishmaels

Minutes of meeting held on 15th February, 2023 in the Sports Club

Sewer at Brook Lake. The clerk read out an email from C. Cllr Reg Owen in response to communication from Welsh Water. He advised that pressure should be applied onto Welsh Water by St. Ishmael C. C. to ensure the upgrading of the main sewer to prevent the recurring problem of pollution during heavy rain.

Defibrillators. There will be a training session at Marloes Village Hall on Saturday, March 18th

Highway Maintenance. The clerk outlined an email he had sent to the highways dept. of P.C.C. recording the frustration that councillors have felt at certain reported faults not being addressed by the Highways Dept. Included in the email was description of the deterioration again of Sandy Haven slipway, together with a video of the problems there.

Coronation Celebrations. The other two community councils of the Peninsula had been contacted by the clerk to suggest a joint provision of celebratory mugs for the school

Presentation by CPSO

Constable 8090 Adam Thomas from Milford station gave a short talk outlining the resources available to the community by the Dyfed Powys Community Policing service. A few concerns about intermittent anti-social behaviours in the village were aired and, regarding the appearance of potholes in the roads, he informed the council that a mobile app called "Fix My Street" was available to photograph and report potholes to the highways dept. The Neighbourhood Policing Team

is available by ringing 101 and emailing the force at adam.thomas@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

Planning. NP/23/0302/FUL The Old Dairy, Butterhill. (No objection recorded)

Finance The clerk reported that soon he will be preparing the end-of-year accounts and he advised the council that, when they are finally presented, the Wales Auditors would almost certainly question the capital from the sale of the Memorial Hall that is still showing on the council's books. Although sufficient money is being earmarked for building of the new war memorial, the remaining capital would mean that purchase of the noticeboards is possible without application to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund. After discussion, the councillors present

Lexophilia

- I did a theatrical performance about puns, It was a play on words.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection urine trouble.
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- I dropped out of Communism classes because of lousy Marx.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Community Councils

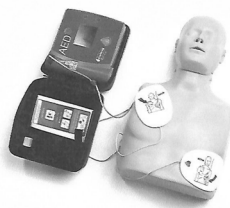
decided to purchase noticeboards but also directed the clerk to ascertain if there any time limits on the funding by the Enhancing Grant and whether sequestration would then be applied by them, as well as any possible sequestration by the Wales Auditors on unused capital funds.

A.O.B.

15:23/7 **Flecsi Bus** The conditions and accessibility surrounding this new service in Pembrokeshire were somewhat of a mystery. *Clerk to investigate.*

Date of next meeting. Wednesday, March 15th at 7.00 p.m.

CPR and Defibrillator Familiarisation



M/DPADS ♥

Drop-inFREE session to:

- ✓ Gain confidence in how to use a defibrillator
- ✓ See how to recognise a cardiac arrest
- ✓ See how to give CPR

Saturday 18th March 2023

Drop in between 10:00-13:00

At Marloes Village Hall

All ages welcome!



Free tea, coffee, squash and biscuits



Marloes and Dale Public Access Defibrillation Scheme (CIO) Charity Number: 1178452

SMART METERS: DON'T GIVE UP!

Many peninsula households have been told they can't have a smart meter "because of where you live"; this may not be true. While an ordinary smart meter designed for urban locations might struggle to get enough radio signal for data transfer, that's rectified by the installer adding a T1 unit. This isn't just a booster with an aerial: in periods of low signal strength its cell mesh function allows your smart meter to use another one nearby to talk to your energy company.

If you're wondering why you'd want a smart meter:

- Being able to monitor electricity use and know how much it is costing helps with managing the household budget.
- Instantaneous consumption checks identify equipment left switched on or on standby – and you'll realise how greedy some appliances are!
- If you haven't had solar PV (or a wind turbine) fitted yet but are considering it, you need a smart meter to measure the electricity you feed onto the grid; then you can get paid under the Smart Export Guarantee scheme. This is crucial, as Feed In Tariff is no longer paid for power generated by new green electricity installations .
- Knowing and managing your consumption pattern is crucial if you have a time-of-day tariff
- especially fully flexible ones with bid & offer prices varying twice every hour, each day!
- Unless you have a smart meter set for half hour reporting, you can't join a Demand Reduction Scheme. These pay you £20 per winter month for keeping the late afternoon / early evening consumption low - your reward for easing the strain on the grid.

If you'd like a smart meter, don't take no for an answer! Our MP Stephen Crabb has chased OFGEM on this issue, followed up by submitting a parliamentary written question; he should be interested to hear about householders being refused, and on what grounds. His email is stephen.crabb.mp@parliament.uk and it is advisable to put "Letter from constituent" in the subject line; you also need to confirm your full name and address.

The Old Stables Heritage Centre



**Open by
appointment**

Contact
Harriet 636668

Diary March



MARCH

- Fri 3 1830** St David's Day Celebration Evening, Walwyn's Castle Village Hall
Sun 5 1000 St David's Day Beach Clean, meet at Marloes Beach Car Park
Sun 5 1400 - 1600 Snowdrop Tea at St Ishmaels Church
Tue 7 1000 - 1200 Walwyns Castle Community Coffee and Chat
Tue 7, 14, 21, 18 1200 - 1500 Lent Lunch, Jubilee Suite, Dale
Tue 7 1930 - Fri 11 1930 MHAOS "Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical",
Torch Theatre Milford
Thu 9 1915 Film & Social Club, Dale Coronation Hall
Mon 13 1930 Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
Wed 15 1900 St Ishmaels Community Council, S&S Club
Sat 18 1000 - 1300 Defibrillator Familiarisation Session, Marloes Village Hall
Sat 25 1000 Walwyn's Castle Litter Pick, meet Village Hall
Sun 26 1230 BHF Charity Lunch, Beggars Reach Hotel
Mon 27 1930 Coastlands History Group, Dr Julian Whitewright, "Maritime
Archaeology on the Dale Peninsula: the work of The Royal
Commission", St Ishmaels Sports Club
Tue 28 1915 Film & Social Club, Dale Coronation Hall

APRIL

- 1 - 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)

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 MARCH



St Ishmaels

March 12th 11 am communion

March 26th 11 am communion

Dale, Walwyn's Castle & Robeston West

Sunday 5th March 11am Holy Communion Dale

Sunday 12th March 11am Holy Communion Walwyns Castle

Sunday 19th March (Mothering Sunday)

11am Holy Communion Robeston West

6pm Evensong Dale

Sunday 26th March 11am Holy Communion Walwyns Castle

Marloes & St Brides

5th 11 am St Brides

12th 10:30am Marloes

19th 11 am St Brides

28th 10:30am Marloes

Aenon, Sandy Hill Baptist Chapel:

Sun 5th March, 10:30am, All Age Worship & Communion followed by Fellowship Meal locally.

Sun 12th March, 10:30am, All Age Worship.

Sun 19th March, 10:30am, All Age Worship, Mothering Sunday.

Sun 26th March 10:30am All Age Worship.

Friday 31st March 7:30pm '**Breathe**' Worship Night.

Coffee Mornings every Tuesday morning in March, 10:30am 'til 12 at Sandy Hill. Open to all for coffee & chat. Need a lift from Tish? Phone: 01646 635876

Mid-week Meeting 'The River' now on Wednesday nights 7:30pm - 9pm

HOPOE

A Hoopoe has been seen recently in two gardens in Marloes, on 16th and 20th February. (This is actually a very unusual date for a Hoopoe). It was presumably also in the area between these dates and may well be still around. Keep an eye out for it! Here is a picture of the last long-staying bird in on a back lawn in Marloes in 2015.



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 .



M&DPADS MEET THE DEFIBRILLATORS DROP IN MORNING - 18TH March, 2023.

We all know that there are a number of defibrillator units around the Coastlands Area with their distinctive yellow cabinets that we are used to seeing in various places. We probably know where they are **BUT** would we be confident enough to be able to help someone to use one of these units at their time of need? Would you be confident enough to be able to be a "good Samaritan"?

M&DPADS(CIO) are holding a "drop-in" familiarisation session at Marloes Village Hall between 1000hrs and 1300 hrs on Saturday, 18th March, 2023.

Come and join us to meet the defibrillators and see how they can help you to help someone to use one in their time of need. Come and get familiar with them over a cup of coffee / tea – all ages are welcome.

Hugh Bishop, Secretary - M&DPADS(CIO)

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

Coastlands Local History Group

A very good crowd came to listen to Andrew Shobbrook as he described the recent archaeological dig at Ockie Whites in Haverfordwest. The dig took place as areas were cleared due to ongoing improvements to the Riverside area.. It had always been known there was a Friary in the area - The Priory of St Savior - so the removal of the Ockie Whites building created the perfect opportunity to look for evidence as to the size and scope of any such building. The evidence of the Priory came quite quickly, but sadly not all could be revealed as much of the building went beneath other buildings on Bridge Street. However what was found was fascinating. There were 11 graves in wooden coffins, and one which had communion relics would have been a Friar. The burials spread over many centuries, and some people were buried there even when the St. Mary's cemetery was available - it still had a status. The bodies will now go to Cardiff University to be examined, and other tests will be done elsewhere. Andrew expects to have scientific results by the end of September. He commented that as they went down to bed rock they had achieved all they needed to do in the 8 months of work. They would need to be able to access neighbouring buildings to find more of the Priory of St. Savior, as the complex is thought likely to have covered the area from the Old Bridge to the New Bridge. There will be an opportunity to undertake more archeology when they do the work in relation to the access to the Castle. One of the last finds to be uncovered from the Ockie White site was the chess piece referred to by Simon Hancock in his talk, a glorious piece of history which I am sure will be available to view, along with other finds - possibly at Scolton Manor later this year.

The history of Haverfordwest having been examined in some detail, we now move to more local history. Dr Julian Whitewright from RCAHMW will be explaining some of the work The Royal Commission has undertaken on the Dale Peninsula. I am afraid you will have to sit through a very brief AGM first, but I am sure that is a price worth paying!

The meeting will be at St Ishmaels Sport Club on Monday 27th March at 7.30 pm
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)

£200 heating cost assistance for every household

No houses on this peninsula have a mains gas supply; therefore, all should be entitled to a £200 Alternative Fuel Payment. If you haven't already received notification about this from your electricity supplier, get onto them!

**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 WI

On the 24th January we met at midday for a short business meeting followed by a Bring and Share Lunch which was very enjoyable. The food was delicious and the conversation entertaining as all sorts of topics were discussed, as well as recipe requests !

On the 7th February we met in the Jubilee Suite for a Business Meeting. We discussed the Pancake Race which will take place after our meeting on the 21st February.

Our programme for 2023 was updated and will include a talk by Rosemary Royle, a visit to the Cinnamon Grove Gin Distillery and a walking Treasure Hunt in St. Ishmaels amongst our activities.

The next meeting of the WI is a Business and Social Meeting on the 7th March at 7.30 followed by a talk entitled "Argentine Adventures" by Rosemary Royle on the 21st March at 7.30.

Rosey Banbury

Art Exhibition

‘Landed in Dale’

**1st – 16th April
Coronation Hall
Dale
10–6pm**

Getting Married in 2023/24?

Sandy Hill Chapel has a wedding package which includes use of the beautiful Chapel and grounds, the Minister and music for your special day! Phone Revd Jon Brewer 01646 635876 to make an appointment.

PEMBROKESHIRE TUITION

PRIMARY SECONDARY ADULT

Alistair Smith B.A. (Hons) Wales,

PGCE *Enhanced disclosure CRB*

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**Social and Film
Evenings
2023 Season
Doors open 7 pm
Films start 7.30 pm
Coronation Hall, Dale**

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

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 for 23-24 Season email rosemary.meck@gmail.com

Cancellation of DADS show 24th & 25th March

The DADS Committee has regretfully concluded that we don't have the resources to put together a satisfactory programme for the March show; therefore, we have decided to cancel it. We know that many people will be disappointed, and it is a shame when a lot of people have already put in so much effort; but we feel we have no choice.

DADS will continue as an organisation; but we need to think very hard about what sort of entertainments we can manage in the future, considering how much everything has changed since the COVID outbreak began – any suggestions welcome.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, residents and visitors, young and old, for their participation and support over the years since our first show twenty years ago: what a lot we achieved together!

Chris Jessop

Anne Meeke

PP Quiz 9. St. Ishmael's 2 - Monkhaven Area.

- 1) What was the original purpose of the walled garden beside the path leading down to the sea (now owned by Monkhaven Manor)?
- 2) Which well-known artist painted the wall at Monkhaven beach as part of his "St. Ishmael's" series of paintings in the National Museum of Wales?
- 3) Can you name any of the invasive plants spreading down the Monkhaven valley?
- 4) Which bird with young is depicted in at least two places in the church?
- 5) What is carved on the pieces of ancient early-Christian engraved stones inside the church?
- 6) Why are there sheepskins on the church pews?
- 7) Which royal personage received the profits from St. Ishmael's church and monastery (which owned a lot of land at the time) after Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries in 1536 ?
- 8) In 1880 the church bought ¼ acre of Goose Green to extend the churchyard. To build a wall around this section Lewis Rees charged the church 5/3d. a perch. How long is a perch?
- 9) What structures can be seen beside the path on Watch House Point – the first headland to the east of Monkhaven ?



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Quiz Answers

- 1) The walled garden was built by the Trewarren Estate in the mid 19C as a kitchen garden. The gardeners 'bothy' was the little stone cottage attached to the NE wall.
- 2) Graham Sutherland stayed in Pembrokeshire twice every year between 1968 and 1980 (taking with his wife the same room at the Lord Nelson). His biographer states "He particularly loved St. Ishmael's and the walled wood by Monk Haven". The red rocks and gnarled tree roots of Sandy Haven were also favourite subjects.
- 3) Two of the invasive plants are Japanese Knotweed and Bamboo (the latter was originally planted in the ornamental gardens).
- 4) A pelican and young are featured in the little top window of the south transept and also on the pulpit-cloth. The pelican was said to feed her young on her own blood and therefore represented self-sacrifice and charity.
- 5) The 3 stones, thought to date from between 7C and 11C, show a plain cross, a cross within a circle, and the lower section of a taller cross flanked by a twisted-rope pattern called Hibernian, an Irish style commonly found in Pembrokeshire.
- 6) The cosy sheepskins were donated by a family who ran the Winganna sheepskin business from the little cottage on the crossroads in St. Ishmael's (still called Winganna).
- 7) The profits from St. Ishmael's land went to Ann Boleyn, who Henry VIII had made Marquess of Pembroke in 1532, just before they were married.
- 8) A perch (also known as a rod or pole) is 16 ½ feet or 5.03 metres.
- 9) A group of WWII concrete military structures were built on Watch House Point and Soldier's Rocks, including Coastal Artillery searchlights, a Coastal Artillery Battery, gun emplacements and observation posts. For more information about the buildings see Coflein.gov.uk/en/map, zoom in on the site and press 'view' for details.

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A Shaggy Daffodil Story

In our garden we have, all over the place and not planted by me, a short daffodil which flowers very early and has what I suppose would be described as “double” flowers. In reality they are usually just a shaggy mess – all the petals, with the exception of the outside ones, are split, doubled, malformed and generally rather untidy. Sometimes there are streaks of green. The ones in this picture are quite restrained!



We have also had this daffodil growing wild and happily in several other gardens, all attached to old houses. I am sure many of you have it too.

In trying to find out what variety it might be I came across a number of excited web posts by people who had come across this daffodil and thought they had found something new. In reality it is probably very old. Most people consider that it is Van Sion, first described in 1623. As an American paper says “when people ask us to identify a daffodil they’ve found in an old garden, a vacant lot, or way out in the middle of nowhere, it’s often ‘Van Sion’. In part this is because ‘Van Sion’ is all over the place. It’s been sold and passed-along for centuries, and it’s so exceptionally tough that it multiplies where many other daffodils can’t even survive.” Indeed it is very common in America.

You will be unlikely to find it in bulb catalogues, though it seems to have had a recent burst of popularity. In its first year it is quite a neat creature – the doubling is confined to the area inside the corolla. But after that it goes wild.

A 1907 catalogue says “It is planted by the millions annually”. But Haskins Garden Centre in 2017 describes it as a “lost” variety” and says “All the locations in which the Van Sion lost bulb variety have been found are connected to Capability Brown’s former sites” which is obviously wrong. So the mystery just deepens.

The confusion may be because this daffodil is a sport from the wild daffodil – indeed it is the same height and basic colour as the Tenby daffodils in my garden. This sport may have arisen on many occasions, meaning that there are subtle variations in the colours and shapes of the flowers depending where the sport arose. Indeed, my flowers have hardly any green in them. This means they are probably not Dwerydd daffodils, which is apparently a double daffodil originating in Wales. There is a good display of these in the Botanical gardens but again it is considered quite rare.

Anyway, I was pleased to see this daffodil growing and flowering on Kunashir, a Russian Island just north of Japan in 2014. It certainly gets about! Here is the picture I took at the time.

Meanwhile, enjoy your daffodils, whatever shape and size they are!

Rosemary Royle



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