

# 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 2024 MAWRTH

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

## The Church in Wales

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**MARLOES STORE:** Mon, Thur and Sun - Closed: Tues 9 - 11: Wed 9 - 11 & 4 - 5, Fri 9-11, Sat 9 - 11 & 4 - 5 01646 636400.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY:**

*Next visit Friday 8th March*

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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THE CORONATION HALL AND JUBILEE  
SUITE DALE



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Hello everyone,

Happy St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Vernal Equinox and Easter. This March is going to be crammed with special days and things to celebrate and remember. Although you can never exactly predict it, the snowdrops, daffodils, catkins and occasional breaks in the cloud make it likely that we will also be celebrating the coming of Spring.

Each year I find myself longing for the Spring again, studying carefully the fattening buds on the plants and hoping to catch a glimpse of new lambs playing in the fields. As I don't have to endure long, cold nights in a lambing shed, their arrival is always a joy to me. The world around me feels almost sacramental as if each evidence of new life is a symbol and means of renewing hope. Not just any weak hope but the strong hope that rests on God's ability to bring life out of death, good out of evil, joy out of despair.

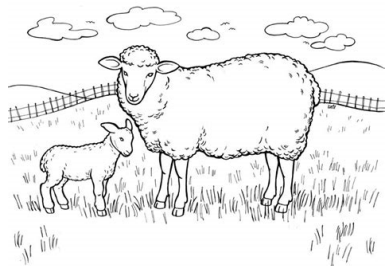
The festivals of the Christian church echo this message too. It is there in the new joy and devotion David brought to a nation that was losing its faith. It is there in the strength Patrick found to escape from slavery and the courage to go back to preach freedom to the country of his captivity. It is there in the nurturing, forgiving love of good mothers and all who take on the hard work of mothering.

It is there supremely in the Christian story - Jesus, who as truly God as well as truly human, could have avoided all pain and suffering, chose instead to take on agony, betrayal, injustice and death so that they could be transformed into resurrection for himself and those of us who are joined to him.

So, I hope that, however it comes to you, this March will bring you transforming hope and all the strength, joy, peace and love that hope makes possible,

With every blessing.

Andrew, Rhiannon, Samuel, Gaynor



## St. Ishmaels Church Festival - Advance Notice

This will be held in the Church at Monk Haven from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July inclusive. The Church will be open each day from 11am to 4pm. It is planned to set up the Festival on the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July, and take down on the 27<sup>th</sup> July. The Church will have Stewards present each day, who will serve Cream Teas alongside cake & produce stalls.

This will be the first Festival we have held since 2019. Local crafts people are invited to exhibit goods for sale at the Festival. In previous years, this has included Ceramics, Wood Turning, Paintings, Jewellery, Textiles & Knitted/Crochet Items, Handmade Cards, Artwork & Local Produce. Please contact Yvonne Evans on 01646 636351 for further details.

## Aenon Baptist Church Sandy Hill

**CHILDREN & PARENTS:** We have been working hard creating a space for you and we are glad to announce "*The Cwtch*" Sunday School space is opening at Sandy Hill imminently, and a secure space for toddlers in the Chapel too. Look out for full details on our Facebook page "Sandy Hill Baptist Chapel". To register your interest please email: [sandyhillchapel@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhillchapel@gmail.com) or phone Ceri or Jon on 0777 484 5497.

**MARLOES & DALE PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATION SCHEME  
(CIO)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AT  
THE CORONATION HALL, DALE  
AT  
1800 HRS TUESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024.**

All residents of the parishes of Dale, Marloes and St Brides who are over 18 are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting – and they are encouraged to attend, and take part.

There are 3 vacancies on the committee.

Volunteers who would like to put their name forward to join our team are most welcome.

All nominations, enquiries or questions should be made to the Secretary of the Scheme.

Hugh Bishop      Secretary 636668



*Sand Art at Lindsway Bay  
by Jon Foreman*

### **St Mary's Choir, Herbrandston**

Do you like singing? Do you fancy singing some more? Our church choir has become a bit depleted as the years have gone by, and needs a bit of a boost. Would you be interested to join us? If so, please read on.

Our sole aim is to enhance the music in worship at St Mary's Church - we don't perform concerts or sing secular songs. And we have no desire to perform anywhere else.

We sing in church on the third and fourth Sundays for an hour's service from 1800.

Fourth Sunday is usually more ancient (using 1984 green book evensong) whereas third Sunday is usually more modern (using the current Eucharist service with Appleford New English Mass music).

We practice every Friday for an hour from 1915. Practices in the darker months (now) are in the church hall; we practise in church in the summer.

Our main targets are the next Sunday service, the one after that or maybe a more distant special service. So effectively, we have a month's music on the go at any time, and change material every new month.

The choir was originally formed as a Sunday evening choir so it could attract singers from other churches who wanted to sing but wanted to attend their church's main service in the morning. That principle still stands – we do not want to attract people away from other services they already attend.

We don't dress up (doesn't help the singing and we wouldn't all fit in the vestry!)

We don't process (as the church is really too small).

We don't all read music, and we don't specifically teach anyone to read music!

Many items are unison, but we prefer to sing four parts wherever we can.

There are no auditions! All welcome who can hit the note and keep time.

So, if you are interested in joining us for a practice or for a calendar month, to see how you get on, please let me know at [Peterabsolon125@outlook.com](mailto:Peterabsolon125@outlook.com) so I can have enough words and chairs available. If you have any further questions, just ask. And if you know anyone else who might be interested, please let them know.

AND: The church has a wonderful pipe organ, but we do not currently have an organist. All accompaniment is by recorded backing tracks (organ, piano or band), or sometimes live guitar. If anyone fancies playing the organ for one or more of the monthly services, please step forward (email as above).

# Community Councils

## Dale

Items discussed at the last meeting in January included:

### Planning

**NP/23/0505 – Post House** Remains undecided

**NP/23/0403 – 141 Castle Way** Remains undecided

**NP/23/0620/FUL – Ty Roced** Remains Undecided

**Village Matters** The recent heavy rainfall over Christmas has shown the extent of the problem with the stream that runs through the Lodge woods and under the cemetery. The water level at one point was as high as the boundary wall of the cemetery and the water was pouring through it. The gully that then runs along the road and in to the meadow has been noted previously as needing attention and it does now more than ever.

The date of the annual maintenance day will be Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am.

**Parking** A few verbal complaints/comments about the state of the grass verges in the village have been received. Vehicles parking on the grass, especially at this time of year when it is so wet, means that the grass soon turns to mud and leaves ruts in the verge. It is felt that this gives the impression that it is ok to park anywhere whilst leaving the areas looking unsightly. The councillors are trying to keep the village looking its best and it is hoped that residents can be reminded to take pride in our village.

**Highways** No response from Clare Williams about the additional 20mph signs. It was noted that Dale was not gritted on either of the 'snow days' recently. The Dale to Haverfordwest road is classed as a Primary road, and yet they stopped at Mullock Bridge. This saw the closure of the local school and meant that any emergency service vehicles would have been unable to

reach residents. This is unacceptable and begs the question of what the high council tax rates in the village are being used for. **Recycling waste containers/bags** You can 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 such as Pembrokeshire Frame and Leisure Centres.

**Next Meeting** *The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024** commencing at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite, Dale Coronation Hall.*

Please see [dalevillage.co.uk](http://dalevillage.co.uk) for further Community information.

## Marloes

January 2024 Meeting

**Footpaths and Beach** Cllr CJ confirmed beach clean was a success and the next beach clean is March 02<sup>nd</sup> for St David's beach. Positive responses to recent beach cleaning from the local community.

Cllrs would like to make the community aware the footpaths are extremely muddy at present due to the unprecedented bad weather over the Christmas period and to take extra care on the coastal footpaths. The Marloes Mere work complete and planting will be ongoing. Positive response to the work from the Community Council.

**Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall** Cllr CJ confirmed the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant was now available. Cllr CJ and PS have met with the fencing company to gather quotes for fencing / gates project with the playing field. Cllrs CJ to apply for new benches within same grant application to support action point 4.9 Village Benches.



# Community Councils

**Clock Tower** Cllr PS has applied for a pot of PCC funding for the broken light issue in the clock tower and Cllrs CJ and PS will organise repair.

Chair Cllr LB paid thanks to the community for supporting the Christmas lights. Cllr PS recommended adding more lights next year.

**Highways** Chair Cllr LB pointed out the issues with the drains in Glebe Lane. Water has been coming through the drains. Cllrs to take photos and Clerk to report to the PCC portal.

Cllrs discussed a number of pot holes in the roads. Cllrs will email Clerk what-3-word references for Clerk to report to the PCC portal.

**National Trust** National Trust parking permit date announced (24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 between 1pm and 4.30pm). Cllrs LB and CJ to support (Clerk has made National Trust aware).

**Toilets** PCC have confirmed the management of the St Brides toilets will continue and be the responsibility of the National Park

moving forward. Excellent news for the St Brides Community following numerous attempts from the Community Council to keep the toilet blocks open for locals and tourists.

Unfortunately the Marloes village toilets are now closed.

**Bus Service** Cllrs discussed the PCC bus service consultation and issues the new flexi bus service is having on the St Brides and Marloes communities and residents.

Consultation response drafted and sent to PCC and local Councillors and MPs. *There is not room for the robust Consultation response here but it can be read on the Marloes website [www.marloes.org.uk](http://www.marloes.org.uk) using the link on the front page.*

**Next Marloes and St Brides Community Council meeting:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Marloes Village Hall 19.30

## St Ishmaels

No meeting in this period

## Semi-detached

I had an interesting email from a friend recently as follows

"This Spring our blackbird couple nested in the top of one of our log store sections just in under the roof and used to sit there watching us watching them. Now we've discovered that they have built a semi detached pair of nests. The second wasn't there at the beginning of the season so did they make another rather than use the original for a second brood? It is a very good location from the occupants' point of view. Completely dry, under the roof and a great vantage point for peeking out under the eaves. Maybe they thought it was such a good spot they decided to build again next door?"

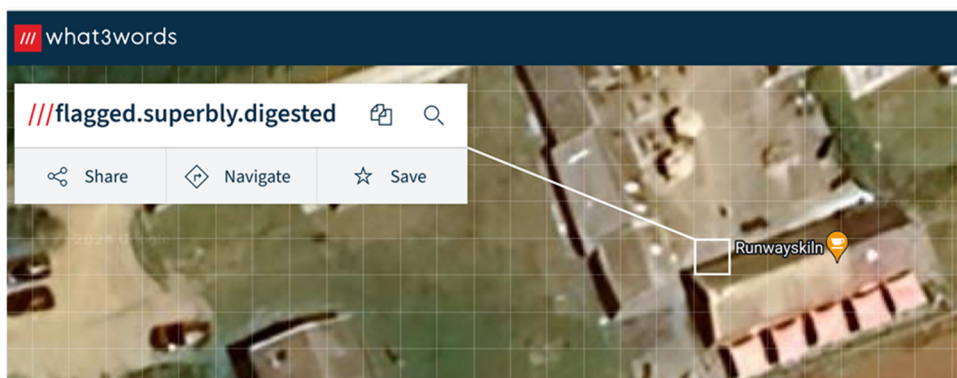
The photo show the nests and the two logs they were attached to.

*Rosemary Royle*



## An easy way to give any location – What3Words

Traditionalists use six-figure Ordnance Survey grid references, good to about 100 metres. Postcodes only work where there are buildings; they seldom apply to just one dwelling. But the ingenious British method What3Words ([www.what3words.com](http://www.what3words.com)) assigns a unique combination of three English words to every 3 metre square across the entire planet. It works both ways, via your smart phone: you can use the method to tell the County Council where a pothole is; or, a word combination will guide you to one place only, without fail. For most people from now on, **this could be the best way of giving a location to the emergency services or the AA & RAC**; and, sometimes, the word groups are amazingly appropriate: the entrance to Runwayskiln café is at *flagged.superbly.digested*. It is a very good idea to make sure children and the elderly know their home location on this system



## A £1m charity Wales coast path walk reaches the Marloes and Dale Peninsula on St David's Day

The Craig Maxwell and Velindre Fundraising project is generating money to fight cancer. In September 2022, at the age of 40, Craig was diagnosed with a rare form of genetic lung cancer, EFR+, which has spread to his bones. It is an inoperable, incurable Stage 4 diagnosis.

Craig and 30 fellow hikers are participating in the 26-day challenge covering 780 miles.

The funds will go into the Maxwell Family Geonomics Fund at Velindre in Cardiff which will be invested into the research and development of new treatments, paving the way for breakthroughs that will make a lasting difference to the lives of cancer patients and their families in Wales.

Craig, who is the commercial director of the Six Nations Rugby Tournament, has strong local connections. His gran ran the Royal Hotel in Broad Haven in the 1960 & 70s, and his father, Maurice played rugby for Haverfordwest and Pembroke Dock Quins.

The March 1st route starts at Nolton Haven & the walkers should reach Marloes by mid day. The walk finishes in Dale at mid afternoon where they will be greeted by the WI for tea in

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the Coronation Hall.

The group is being led by former Wales and British Lion centre, Jamie Roberts. The former Head of BBC Wales/Cymru Sport, Geoff Williams who lives locally, will also be participating in the trek.

The event will culminate at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff on March 10<sup>th</sup> for the Wales v France Guinness Six Nations match, where Craig accompanied by his children, Isla (12) and Zach (8), will carry the match ball onto the pitch.

For more information see <https://www.pieevents.co.uk/events/walescoastpathwalk2024/>

Donations will be greatly appreciated at: [the-maxwell-family-fund.justgiving-sites.com/fundraising/walking-with-craig-welsh-coastal-path-fundraiser](https://the-maxwell-family-fund.justgiving-sites.com/fundraising/walking-with-craig-welsh-coastal-path-fundraiser)

Email: [craig@maxwell.foundation](mailto:craig@maxwell.foundation)

## **Little White Liar** *by Chris Jessop*

If you hadn't guessed, I mean  
My washing machine –  
Which, when it starts a load,  
Advises ninety minutes is all it will need;  
But of that, my friends, I never take heed.

Because with well, well over an hour gone  
It insists that 40 minutes have passed;  
Then the numbers jumble, and in a flash –  
Another 58 needed to finish the wash.

And on with that random countdown:  
No change for ages; then suddenly, rinsing,  
A collapse in what it thinks is left –  
Dear Hotpoint, not very convincing.

I poke my head around the kitchen door  
And it tells me, "Another twenty one!";  
But I've hardly thought about brewing a coffee when,  
"BEEP, BEEP, everything's done!"

So I say this to you, dear Doctor Who,  
If you think that you're good at time travel –  
Come to my house, watch that washing machine,  
And see relativity unravel!

# Diary for March

## MARCH

- Fri 1** Charity walk arrives in Dale pm
- Sat 2 1400** Beach Clean for St Davids, meet Marloes Sands Car Park
- Tue 5 1800** MADPADS AGM, Coronation Hall, Dale
- Thu 7 1900** Dale Social and Film Club - see advert for film shown
- Mon 11 1930** Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
- Mon 11 1930** Coastlands Local History Group AGM followed by "Vanished Glories: the Walls and Gates of Medieval Haverfordwest" a talk by Simon Hancock, Coronation Hall, Dale
- Fri 15 1800** Coastlands School Easter Bingo, Sport & Social Club
- Mon 18 1900** Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite
- Wed 20 1900** St Ishmaels Community Council, Sports & Social Club
- Thu 21 1900** Dale Social and Film Club - see advert for film shown
- Fri 22 1830** Dale Easter Bingo
- Fri 29** Good Friday - Church Services - see opposite page
- Sun 31** Easter Sunday - Church Services - see opposite page

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

Grown-ups see  
rain; children think,  
"PUDDLES!"



## Our annual Beach Clean for St David Marloes Sands Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Depart car park 2pm

*EVERYBODY WELCOME ALL COME AT OWN RISK*

*U16s accompanied, please*

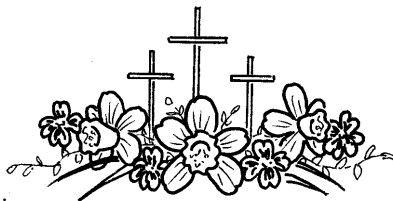


# Services for March

## St Ishmaels

10th March - 11am Mothering Sunday

24th March - 11am Palm Sunday - Holy Communion



## St Brides & Marloes

3<sup>rd</sup> March 11am - St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

10<sup>th</sup> March 11am - St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> March 11am - St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

24<sup>th</sup> March 11am - St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

## Dale, Walwyn's Castle & Robeston West

3<sup>rd</sup> March 11.00am Eucharist Dale

10<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am Eucharist Walwyns Castle Mothering Sunday.

17<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am Eucharist Robeston West and Dale

24<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am Eucharist Walwyns Castle Palm Sunday.

## Aenon Baptist Church Sandy Hill

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10:30am All Age Worship with Rev Jon with Communion followed by bring & share lunch

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am All age worship **Mothering Sunday** with Rev Jon

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am worship & guest speaker Rev Terry Sproson

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30am **Palm Sunday Praise** all age worship with Rev Jon.

## Easter and Holy Week services

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Last Supper Marloes 7.00 pm

Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Procession of Witness Dale starting at the Boat House 10.00am

Aenon Baptist, Prayer Walk with the Cross through Tish followed by Singing and Communion on The Green, and hot cross buns 11am

Last Hour St Ishmaels 2.00 pm

Easter Day 31<sup>st</sup> March

Marloes 9:30 am Holy Communion

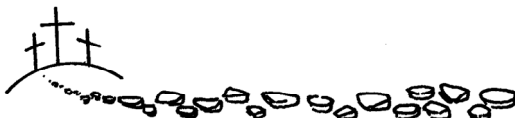
Dale 11.00am Eucharist

Walwyns Castle 11:00 am Eucharist

St Brides 11:00 Holy Communion

St Ishmaels 11.00 am Holy Communion

Aenon Baptist 10:30am all age Worship including kids Easter Egg hunt in the chapel garden



## **Coastlands Local History Group**

Can you say where you were and what you were doing when you heard about The Sea Empress going aground back in 1996? A very full Marloes Village Hall could - bar one! Suffice to say the talk on The Sea Empress given by Simon Moffett was very well received. Simon worked at Texaco and was able to give an insight into how the accident happened, how the clean up was conducted and how the waste disposed. All fascinating, especially as some in the audience had been part of the teams working on different areas of the aftermath.

In March we welcome one of our favourites speakers Simon Hancock. Simon is to talk on the Vanished Glories of Haverfordwest, namely the Walls and Gates of Medieval Haverfordwest. Well worth sitting through a very short AGM to hear this talk. Simon was awarded an MBE in the New Years Honours List for services to the community of Pembrokeshire. His love of, and extensive knowledge of the history of the county make him a very good speaker indeed.

The Committee are looking for new blood to help the group move forward. Some of the founder members have asked to be moved onto Honorary status which leaves gaps in the system! If you feel you would like to join please be in touch with either the Chair or Secretary (see below) It would be terrific to welcome new people onto the committee with new ideas and new interests!

If you wish to renew your membership and have not yet done so, you can do this at the next meeting or contact the Secretary.

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 ) or Yvonne (636251)

## **Peninsula Papers Supporters Club Draw**

The first draw of the scheme took place in the Dale vicarage on February 19<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Peninsula Papers Management Committee Meeting.

The winners were:

First prize	£100	Gina Smithies
Second Prize	£50	Janet Anderson
Third prize	£30	Tim and Monica Blanch

In the picture, William Richards is holding the winning number which he drew from the bag, supervised by Peter Royle who administers the scheme.

The next draw will take place in July.

If you wish to join the Club, at £20 per annual membership, please contact Peter on 01646 636970 or at [PenPapersPembs@gmail.com](mailto:PenPapersPembs@gmail.com).

Financial footnote: The Supporters Club currently has 64 members and is providing much needed income for PP.



## **Dale Amateur Dramatic Society**

### ***February Frolics variety show***

Signs of new life are always welcome in late winter, and we are so grateful to the many people who brought a blaze of colour and a burst of sound to the Coronation Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Not just the dancers, actors, and singers plus the front of house folk; also the stage and technical hands who made everything possible – including video contributions from Coastlands School. And of course we must thank the audience who filled the auditorium, enthusiastically responded to every act, and gave very good account of themselves in all the joining-in bits! Most importantly, they generously donated to the two charities we were supporting: Paul Sartori and the DEC Ukraine Fund. At the time of PP going to press we don't have the final figures; but how great for our Peninsula community to be able to entertain and celebrate with a live event while helping others.

*Chris Jessop Anne Meeke*



## **Marloes Village Stores**

The shops hours are being significantly reduced. It is with sadness that we do this.

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday - 9-11 bread orders

Wednesday 9-11 and 4-5 collect bread

Thursday CLOSED

Friday - 9-11 bread orders

Saturday - 9-11 and 4-5 collect bread

Sunday - CLOSED

01646 636400

The longest route of the “Tour of Pembrokeshire” cycle event will be coming our way on 27th April.

### ToP - Epic 105

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The Tour of Pembrokeshire will make a comeback in 2024, offering three incredible, challenging, and breathtakingly picturesque routes across Wales.

With a range of distances to choose from, there are options that cater to every member of the family. We look forward to having you join us.



Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi  
Millard Park, St Davids,  
Haverfordwest SA62 6QH



Saturday 27th April 2024



25, 60 and 105 Mile Routes

Register at:

[tourofpembrokeshire.co.uk](https://tourofpembrokeshire.co.uk)



## Easter Bingo

In aid of Coastlands School PTA

Friday 15th March 2024

St Ishmaels Sports & Social Club

Doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm Tickets on the door.

Prizes include Easter goodies, meat vouchers and veg boxes





At Walwyn's Castle village hall

# COMMUNITY COFFEE & CHAT - The 3C's

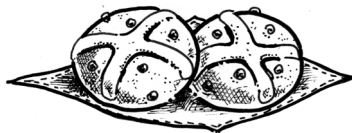


**Every 1st. Tuesday  
of the month,  
10am -12pm.**



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

Hot and Cold refreshments available.



**Thursday  
Social and Film  
Evenings  
Winter 2024 Season  
Doors open 7 pm  
Films start 7.30 pm  
Coronation Hall, Dale**

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

**The last two films we will be showing this season are:-**

**March 7** - 2022 film based on a true WW2 espionage mission involving a dead man to give the enemy false information.

**Mar 21** – A 'bumpy night' is expected in this 1950 Bette Davis classic.

All being well our Social and Film Evenings will start again *when the nights draw in*, ie around mid-October, with 6 Films to be shown before Christmas.

These are films chosen By YOU!

To be added to our mailing list please email  
[rosemary.meck@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.meck@gmail.com)

## PUDDING FAIRS *from Yvonne Evans*

See Extracts below from an article "Katt Pies and Rice Puddings" by the late Freda James.

"Perhaps some of the most exciting events were the Rice Pudding Fairs of St. Ishmaels (July 5th), Marloes (July 10th), and Dale (August 5th). These are three adjoining parishes all bordering on the sea, on or near the Milford Haven. These fairs, steeped in tradition, are said to be fairs of thanksgiving, but no one seems to know how and why they originated. Perhaps rice was used as a symbol of good luck. A few days before the fair the children of the village went from farm to farm asking for a gift of milk. Most of the children had new cans (with covers) especially for the occasion and farmers never refused to give a little milk to each child. Next a very large rice pudding was made, thick and rich with dried fruit such as currants, raisins and sultanas. It was so thick that when cold it could be cut into slices like a rich Christmas Cake, in fact it resembled the Scandinavian Christmas Pudding, which is also made with rice and raisins and eaten as a first course for their Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve."

"The Rice Pudding Days were like others except that there were rice puddings in every house and callers were expected to taste a slice, as it did not do to visit too many people. One of the most refreshing things about those fairs is that no one ever sold their pudding - it was always given away although many of those village folk were probably quite poor.

One lady told me that their pudding was cut into slices and left in their passageway so that anyone could walk in and take a piece; and an old inhabitant of Dale, aged 85, remembered the huge pudding his mother made and, although he belonged to a family of nine, the food was cheerfully given away. Rice puddings are still made on the fair days of these three villages when friends or relatives call and have a slice of pudding for luck."

The article also records that Katt Pies were made for Templeton Fair - a sweet meat pie linked to the Kit Kat Club in London. Herbrandston (Harbeston) Fair was held on October 10th - also called a Runaway Fair, as it was held 5 days after the big hiring fair of Haverfordwest - Portfield Fair - still held today. Anyone who did not like their new job could run away to Herbrandston and find new employment.

The complete article can be seen at the Heritage Centre, South Street, Dale - see contact details elsewhere for Coastlands Local History Group.

At the recent "Pop-up Pudding Party" at Marloes, Sue Twidale made a pudding based on the ingredients mentioned above, with a few extra ingredients - very tasty. Some of the other puddings available for sampling are shown above.





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## Dale W.I.

We had our business meeting at the beginning of the month when we discussed, amongst other things, the timing of our winter meetings. In the Autumn we plan to trial some afternoon sessions as many of us would prefer to meet in daylight.

On Shrove Tuesday we hosted a pancake race during the evening in Dale. It took place in the Coronation Hall as it was wet and windy outside. Those who attended really enjoyed themselves despite there being a little bit of occasional rule bending during the races. Tossing pancakes when a whistle blows is no easy task!

At a UK level, the WI have just developed a new learning hub which hosts different types of online learning opportunities, free for members and at a cost of £5 to non members. These include Yoga and Pilates classes, crafting and computer skills among many more online activities. I personally love the Yoga and Pilates class where I can easily follow the clear instructions. The class is also available online to replay until the next class a week later.

During March we are going out for a lunch in Pembrokeshire College and will have an interesting talk called 'Cambodia – Temples, Rice and Birds' by Rosemary Royle. For further information you can always contact me on 07854 854838. Gail Smith

### **WANTED - Holiday Let Cleaner/Housekeeper**

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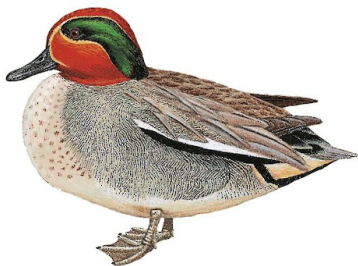
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## Teal

Teal are rather small ducks and easily overlooked. They do not attend bread hand-outs or make a lot of quacking noises – in fact they are rather retiring and are only likely to be seen on the far side of a pond or lake. This is a shame as they are a very pretty little duck (at least the males are) with a striking chestnut head which has a green flash around the eye which is edged by gold. At the back-end there is a very noticeable yellowish-cream triangle. And although they might not quack they have a charming little whistle.



I am sure a lot of people reading this will feel sure they have never seen a Teal, but in fact they are quite common in this area in winter. There are always a good number – perhaps 50 or so – at Pickleridge Pools and they are present at Marloes Mere. And recently there has been a small number present in the pool at Monkhaven. These birds do not breed here (although the habitat actually looks fine for them) but they are simply spending the winter in our balmy climate. They will head back further north in the spring.

When disturbed, Teal often fly up almost vertically in a small flock, then fly fast, twisting and turning. This has made them an attractive target for wildfowlers as they are a difficult target. This mode of agile flight means they can be mistaken for waders.

The full name for the Teal is the Eurasian Teal. This is to distinguish it from many other varieties of Teal around the world. We have seen a good number of these on our travels, even some quite rare ones, but the Baikal Teal still eludes us, even though we have been to Lake Baikal. There is a vagrant bird in Somerset as I write this but I don't see us driving all that way to "twitch" it – they always disappear the day before we arrive!



You may be more familiar with the word "teal" as a colour. It is defined as a "greenish-blue" – technically "A low-saturated color, a greenish-blue to dark medium, similar to medium blue-green and dark cyan". Is it supposed to be named after the stripe around the eye on a male teal – but this is a clear dark green, so somebody got it wrong at some point! And if you were curious to know what makes Teal different from Turquoise here you are: "Turquoise is a blue-green colour that is brighter and more vibrant than Teal, with a hint of yellow".

The best place to see Teal nearby is definitely Pickleridge Pools. They are frequently sitting on the grass just inside the pools near to the road by Jubilee and give relatively close views. Often they are accompanied by Wigeon which are bigger, and have a thick beige stripe on the top of their chestnut head. Both birds are dabblers and grazers and therefore feed and roost together. If you do find some Teal, have a good look at them through the binoculars – they are at their smartest at the moment in their full breeding plumage. They are truly stunning little ducks!



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