

Peninsula Papers

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



Coronation Celebration Issue



Papurau Penrhyn

MAY 2023 MAI

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 28th April, 26th May, 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,

What a month this May is going to be with so many bank holidays and a coronation too, something very few of us have seen in our lifetimes. No doubt, this issue is full of plans for celebrations and opportunities to use our 'volunteering' bank holiday.

Us Christians have a particular attitude to monarchy and all exercises of human power, even those within the church. Whether we are, by nature or upbringing, more inclined to be monarchists or republicans, we can't deny that our faith questions both positions.

We believe that our true King, the person who really has power over our lives is Jesus Christ. He is also the King of Kings and indeed of our King. However, scripture encourages us to see those with power over us as God's servants for our good. So power is given them for the wellbeing of us all but, in essence they are in exactly the same position to our true king as we are. We are all servants, indeed the New Testament, in some places, goes further and calls us slaves (of course it also calls us all children of God too).

This is a very different position from the one I see in my much-enjoyed dramas of ancient Korean royalty, where the Emperor is the law and the state and, although he is trained and enjoined to be wise, the Emperor is unaccountable for his deeds.

The pomp of even a scaled-down coronation ceremony will show a different story. Our King on earth is made subject to our true King, anointed to be our servant for our good. The Late Queen took this duty and responsibility very seriously all her life. I will be praying that her son, and the rest of the family, do too and I invite you all to spend some time thinking and praying about what it might mean today for all of us to be God's servants for the good of one another in whatever positions of power or influence that we hold,

With every blessing,

Rhiannon, Andrew and Gaynor



The ALTAR GUILD
St JAMES DALE
CREAM TEAS

With Plant and Produce Stall and Raffle

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
29th MAY 2 - 5.00 p.m.
CORONATION HALL
DALE

In aid of the Church
ALL WELCOME

St Ishmaels 100 club.

We thank everyone for joining our 100 club, we had a draw on Easter Sunday and the winners were as follows; 1st Wendy Bradshaw, 2nd Jeff Bowen and 3rd Diane Lewis.



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!

Marloes and St. Brides 50 Club

Support your local Churches!

£52 per year; 4 draws per year. 9 prizes per draw. 50% of subscriptions repaid in prizes.

Please contact David Rees 01646 209 for details and application form.

50 Club results this quarter:

First Prize £100 Richard Hayman

Second Prizes £50: Cathy Powell; Marina Titley; Yvonne Evans.

Third Prizes £25; Sash Tusa; Gina Smithies; Valerie Wilson

May is a month of flowers, Mary's month

One of the great joys of living in this part of the world is the explosion of wildflowers that comes in May, as the banks and verges fill up with colour and life. In years gone by, many plants had legends and stories connected with them. Some helped explain their properties for food or medicine and some just gave the plant a memorable name.

For example, one plant was held to grow out of cattle dung, hence its name 'cow-slops' which has become 'cowslips'. In Welsh, the same plant has a much better name and story. It is 'briallu Mair', Mary's keys.

Indeed, many of the flowers you will see here in May have names in Welsh and English that reference Mary. It is as if all the most beautiful things the earth gives are the cherished possessions or household items of the mother of Jesus in her role as Queen of Heaven.

So Marigolds are her gold coins in both Welsh and English, Lady's bedstraw is for her mattresses, Lady's Mantle is like her cloak. In Welsh, foxgloves are Mary's Thimbles, Goldenrod is her taper for lighting her candles, and other plants are her vegetables, her pillow and even her shoes.

If you find yourself in Llandaff Cathedral, have a look at the reredos, the screen behind the altar, in the Lady Chapel. There in 1954, the artist and sculptor Frank Roper (who also designed the outstanding modern windows in Talbenny church) put a dozen gilded sculptures of plants whose Welsh name honours Mary. They are lovely, but the real thing is lovelier. So maybe on your May-time walks you could look for mary flowers or imagine what this plant might be for the Queen of Heaven.



Community Councils

Dale

Items discussed at the last meeting in April included:

Parking/Highways

No further correspondence from Marc Owen regarding the car park layout has been received. Car parking along the new road has improved since the stones have been placed along the grass. It is hoped that this will continue and will be supported by more frequent patrols of the traffic wardens. The area by the crescent that has become an off road 'parking' spot is still expected to be returned to grass and have preventative installed once the building work has been finished.

Planning

NP/22/0699/FUL - Remains undecided.

NP/22/0144/FUL – Remains undecided.

NP/22/0402/FUL – Remains undecided.

NP/22/0693/FUL – Refused.

Village Maintenance Day - The annual village maintenance day was once again a great success and a huge thanks goes out to those who helped. Many willing volunteers turned up to help with various jobs including weed-ing, pruning, tidying, litter picking, sweeping, sawing, coffee making and mowing. The tree that overhangs the road at Castle Way from the meadow was cut back to ease the pressure on large farm machinery getting past parked cars and the stones were placed along the grass verge behind the Boathouse. Dwr Cymru was contacted to point out the unsafe and unsightly area behind the public toilets and have been asked to make the area safe as soon as possible.

Meeting with CEO - Clerk fed back a brief overview of the meeting held with Mr Will Bramble, CEO of PCC back in March. The meeting was very successful with several points put to Mr Bramble. He was very understanding of the issues facing the village and seemed to take on board the points that were

made. The main questions asked were:

- Does Dale represent a Tourist Destination for Pembrokeshire to be proud of, bright, clean, colourful, welcoming?
- Is Dale seen as being an important part of the council's plans and priorities?
- Do requests get answered when we ask for help?
- Does Dale get value for money from income generated?
- What gets spent on Dale?

The main points of discussion were:

- Public toilets
- Carparking and enforcement
- Second homes and the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant

Following this meeting, the Clerk, Chairman and CM attended an online meeting with Katie Daly of PCC regarding the upcoming closure of the Public Toilets. The outcome of this, which was suggested by Mr. Bramble, was that there could be a way to keep the toilets open and funded from the income of the car park. Katie was going to look into this and report back.

Recycling bags/containers 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.

New Hospital Site

Between 23 February and 19 May, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) will be inviting members of the public, staff and partner organisations, to share their views about three potential sites for a new planned and urgent care hospital as part of the Health Board's

Community Councils

wider strategy to improve health and care in the region. Details of the consultation, including information on how to register for the online sessions, copies of the consultation documents in a range of formats, and details of how to share your views, will be available on the Health Board's website on 23 February: <https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/healthier-mid-and-west-wales/new-hospital-site>

Next Meeting

The next meeting, **which will also be the AGM**, is scheduled for **Monday 22nd May** 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.

Marloes & St Brides

Notes from the meeting on 17th April

4.1 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.

4.3 Play Park Refurbishment: Excellent news that the play park refurbishment has been approved and funded by the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grants. Massive thanks to Mark Burton and his team.

4.4 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 will be sent to the Clock House Team from the Community Council Clerk shortly.

4.11 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 PNCFA, 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.

4.12 Kings Coronation: Marloes and St Brides have made a donation to the local school, Coastlands Primary. The Community Council are in full support of the planned activities for the upcoming coronation celebrations.

6.1 Planning: No new planning applications. No updates on existing planning applications.

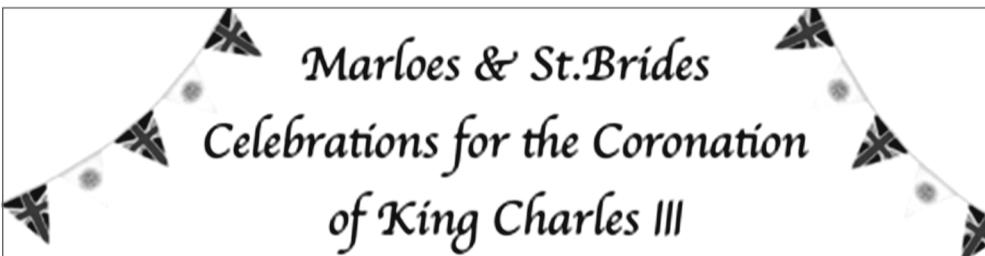
7. Finance: The 2021/22 Full Community Council Audit has been finalised and approved by Audit Wales. The 2022/23 financial accounts have been reconciled and prepared for Community Council Councillor sign off in the May AGM. The 2023/24 budget has been prepared and donation cheques issued.

Next Meeting: The next Marloes and St Brides Community Council meeting / the May AGM has been set for Monday 15th May 2023

Please see marloes.org.uk for further community information including full minutes once they are approved.

St Ishmaels

Due to a postponement of April's meeting from the 18th, those council minutes will now appear in the next edition of PP. The delayed meeting is on Tuesday, 25th and is in the sports club at 7.00 pm



*Marloes & St.Brides
Celebrations for the Coronation
of King Charles III*

*Marloes Playing Field
Sunday 7th May 2023*

3pm - 5.30pm

All Welcome

Decorate your
house & garden
with
flags/bunting



Fancy Dress
for ALL

Bring and Share Afternoon Tea

Bring your own :-

* Plate of food and Drinks

(tea, coffee and squash will be provided)

*Crockery and Cutlery (plastic or recyclable only)

Please take your own rubbish home

**NO GLASS|NO SMOKING|NO PETS
ALLOWED IN THE PLAYING FIELD!**



Music Sunday
Evening at
The Lobster Pot

Marloes Sands Beach Clean
Monday 8th May



WHEN MORTALS MET THE GODS

...CHAOS ENSUED A Pythonesque
Comic Nonsense

THESPIS

A Burlesque performed
by HOS Musical Theatre

Tuesday 9th May
Dale, Coronation Hall

Tickets £10.
Free for accompanied children under 15.

Curtain up 7.30pm

The Old Stables Heritage Centre



OPEN
26th - 28th May 2023
2-5pm daily

Exhibit to commemorate the
80th Anniversary of
The Battle of the Atlantic.

Contact Harriet 636668

Diary May



MAY

- Sun 7 1500 - 1730** Marloes & St Brides Coronation Celebrations, Marloes Playing Field
- Sun 7 1300** Dale Coronation Festivities, on the sea front
- Mon 8 1400** Coronation Beach Clean, meet Marloes Beach car park
- Mon 8 1500** Walwyn's Castle, "Big Help Out", Village Green
- Mon 8 1030** Dale "Lend a Hand" day, paint the Coronation Hall!
- Tue 9 1900** "Thespis", HOS Musical Theatre, Dale Coronation Hall
- Sat 13 1100 - 1300** Walwyn's Castle Spring Plant Sale, Village Hall
- Mon 15 1900?** Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
- Sat 20 1945** Race Night at St Ishmaels Sports and Social Club
- Mon 22 1900** Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite
- Tue 23 1900** An evening with Psychic Karen Wilson, in aid of Cruising Free
- Fri 26 - Sun 28 1400 - 1700** Old Stable Heritage Centre - Exhibit to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of The Battle of the Atlantic.
- Fri 26 Morning** RAF flypast
- 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

- Sat 3 1500** Dale Pirate Day, Dale Sea Front
- 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

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

*A Jon Foreman creation at Lindsay
Bay*



CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

St Ishmaels

14th May 11am communion

28th May 11am communion



St Brides and Marloes

7th St Brides 11am

14th Marloes 10.30am

21st St Brides 11am

28th Marloes 10.30am

Dale, Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West

14th May Rogation Sunday

11am Holy Communion Walwyn's Castle

6pm Evening Prayer Dale

21st May 11am Holy Communion Robeston West

28th May Whitsunday / Pentecost

11am Holy Communion Walwyn's Castle

6pm Evening Prayer Dale

Aenon, Sandy Hill Baptist Chapel:

Sunday Services: everyone welcome!

7th 10:30am All Age Worship & Communion, followed by a shared lunch to celebrate the Coronation.

14th 10:30am All Age Worship

21st 10:30am All Age Worship

28th 10:30am Pentecost Praise

Weekly:

Tuesday Coffee Mornings from 10:30am-12pm ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 7:30pm River of Life groups

HYMNSPIRATION singing, thought, cuppa & chat. 2PM THURS 18TH MAY

IMAGINE HEAVEN COURSE - the film course looks at the subject of the after-life from peoples near death experiences and expert reports. Enroll now for May or more details: 01646 635876.



Cream Tea

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

Coastlands Local History Group.

May 2023 is seeing celebrations to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of The Battle of the Atlantic, mainly Naval and in Liverpool. However, there are plans afoot in the county to commemorate the role Pembrokeshire played during this time. The link down here being the airfields used by Bomber Command and Coastal Command to fly sorties to support the Navy. Over the weekend of 26th - 28th May there will be events to mark the anniversary. The main event is at The Pembroke Dock Heritage Trust, with an RAF flypast. This flypast will also cover all the airfields concerned, from Carew, Pembroke Dock and Dale all the way up to St Davids. The time is not yet clear, but it will be in the morning of Friday 26th May. As soon as a time is known it will be circulated around the villages. Purely by chance we have arranged for Malcolm Cullen to give a guided tour of Dale Airfield (for members only) on the weekend before this so we are really on the button - for once!

Back to our talk in April when we had Barry John MBE of The VC Gallery, talking about his relative Gwen John and her travels from Pembrokeshire to Dieppe. A very well attended meeting enjoyed a talk which was slightly different from our normal genre but all the better for that. It sparked interest in a local artist and many will now visit Tenby Museum to view some of the Gwen John paintings held there.

There is no talk in May.

In June we commemorate the centenary of our War Memorials with an overview of WWI given by David Llewellyn - more details in next month's PP.

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)

80TH Anniversary of the "Battle of the Atlantic".

On 26th May there will be an event, centred on Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre, to commemorate in Wales the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. As part of this commemoration, weather and operational requirements permitting, a R.A.F. Poseidon MRA 1 aircraft of 201 Squadron R.A.F. will over fly as a salute to the aircrews of Squadrons based at the former WW2 Coastal Command Pembrokeshire airfields of St. David's, Brawdy, Talbenny, Dale, Carew Cheriton as well as the former flying boat base of Pembroke Dock. Estimated time to over fly Pembroke Dock is 10.30am.

The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest military campaign of WW2. During this Battle the R.A.F. Coastal Command worked tirelessly with the Royal Navy to keep Britain's vital sea lanes open during which R.A.F. Coastal Command aircraft destroyed some 212 enemy submarines and sank a significant tonnage of enemy warships and merchant vessels.

The Poseidon aircraft replaced the Nimrod aircraft and is equipped for anti-submarine, surveillance and search and rescue missions. The fly by should be reasonably low level offering a great opportunity to see this large aircraft which plays an important part in our national security. Give the aircraft a "wave".

Malcolm Cullen

At Walwyn's Castle village hall

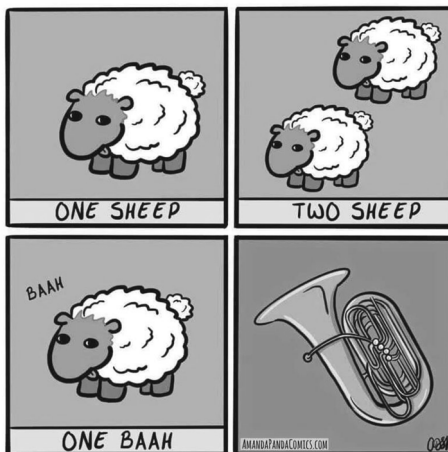
COMMUNITY COFFEE & CHAT - The 3C's

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.



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!

The Big Help Out

“Village Green Get Ready for Spring”

Coronation weekend, Bank Holiday Monday, May 8th

At Walwyn's Castle, from 3 pm , followed by a bring-and-share picnic.

Join in our volunteer afternoon preparing, planting, tidying and enjoying
our village green,

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

The Coronation Hall Committee feel that, in view of our name, we should be arranging a celebration for the Coronation in May!

Please see the poster below for what has been organised.

Come and join in the fun, or just come and have a chat on the Front.





Team Cruising Free is fundraising to row the Atlantic Ocean. Janine, Polly and Sophie are focused on gaining 2 World Records and raising substantial funds for their chosen charities, The Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Paul Sartori. For more information go to linktr.ee/cruisingfree

Coronation Hall Dale

7pm Tuesday May 23rd

Join us for an evening with the Psychic

Karen Wilson

Tickets £15 from cruisingfree20225@outlook.com / 07970452256

Prebooking only. Cheese Boards and Wine available

Midsummer Ball

official launch party of

Cruising Free Atlantic Row 2025.

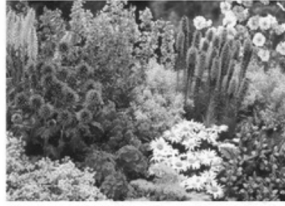
Wolfscastle Country Hotel, 7pm 24th June

Music from The Connections, 3 course meal, raffle, auction, premier of our Promo film, see an ocean rowing boat.

Tickets £65, prebooking only from cruisingfree2025@outlook.com



Spring Plant Sale
at
Walwyns Castle
Village Hall
and Green
on



Saturday 13th May 2023

A wide choice of plants for
your borders and planters

Plus a mix of vegetable plants and perennials



Enjoy a cup of tea or
coffee and cake with
friends

11am - 1 pm



CORONATION

BEACH CLEAN

Marloes Sands Monday 8th May

Setting off from the car park at 14.00

ALL COME AT OWN RISK

U16s accompanied please

Dale WI

We met in the Jubilee Suite on the 21st March and enjoyed a talk and video and slide show by our member Rosemary Royle ably assisted by her husband Peter on their trips to Argentina in late December 1987 and a later trip they made in 2022. We saw the various areas they visited on their first trip with a variety of scenery up to a height of 3000ft. the second trip started at 6000ft and went to 14,000ft at times. They saw three varieties of flamingoes, six varieties of coot and rare brush finches. The photography was amazing and quite spellbinding.

On the 4th April we served and made the refreshments for the Skomer Marine Zone Meeting in the Marloes Village Hall which was very much appreciated by all those attending. In the evening we had a Business Meeting to discuss amongst other things our Cream Tea at the end of April. We decided that a proportion of the monies raised will be for Peninsula Papers.

On the 18th April we gathered for a Gin Tasting and tour of the Cinnamon Grove Gin Distillery in Tiers Cross. We had the most fabulous evening. After a glass of the most delicious gin and tonic, we were taken into the distillery where it was explained to us how the gin was distilled and how the botanicals were infused to flavour the gins. We then adjourned to taste the various gins they produce along with the most delicious canapés. The evening was a great success and our host and hostess were enthusiastic and very friendly. In the near future they are going to start distilling rum so we feel another visit will be necessary! I nearly forgot to thank Peter, Ben and Rob our chauffeurs for the evening and who proved to be very necessary. Thank you Gentlemen!

Our next meeting is in the Jubilee Suite in Dale and is a Business and Social Meeting at 7.30 pm followed by a Walking Treasure Hunt in St. Ishmaels on the 16th May.

RACE NIGHT **AT** **ST ISHMAELS SPORTS &** **SOCIAL CLUB**



Saturday 20th May
at 7:45 p.m.



Raising funds for St Ishmaels Cricket Club

Please come & join us for an action packed, fun filled
night at the races

St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2023

League fixtures

6 th May	1 st XI v Narberth away	2 nd XI v Burton II home
13 th May	1 st XI v Cresselly home	2 nd XI v Laugharne away
20 th May	1 st XI v Herbrandston home	2 nd XI v Lamphey away
27 th May	1 st XI v Carew away	2 nd XI v Stackpole home
3 rd June	1 st XI v Llangwm home	2 nd XI v Llechryd II away

Cup competitions

Harrison Allen Bowl	Round 1	30 th May v Pembroke Dock home
Duggie Morris Cup	Round 1	17 th May v Haverfordwest away
Women's Welsh Cup	Game 1	15 th May v Llanrhian away

Ladies Softball fixtures

7th May v Whitland 13:00hrs & Llanrhian 15:00hrs at Llanrhian
21st May v Neyland 11:00hrs & Pembroke 13:00hrs at Neyland

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

9th May v Carew home
16th May v Kilgetty away
23rd May v Lawrenny home
30th May v Neyland away

Junior fixtures

Under 13s

10th May v Hook home
17th May v Lamphey away
24th May v Pembroke Dock away
31st May v Pembroke home

Under 11s

8th May v Haverfordwest away
15th May v Neyland home
22nd May v Lamphey B home
29th May v Cresselly 10s home

Under 9s Festival dates 14th May at Hook 28th May at Haverfordwest

Training sessions

WE HOPE TO START OUTDOOR TRAINING AS SOON AS THE WEATHER PERMITS

Seniors Thursday 6:30p.m. Ladies Thursday 6:00 p.m. Under 13s Friday 6:00 p.m.

Under 11s Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Under 9s Thursday 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Please look for St Ishmaels cricket club on Facebook. Page now up & running; lots of up to date information.

Do you fancy playing cricket for us this season? We are always looking for local talent to come and enjoy a game. We are renowned for our excellent teas & you can be assured of a warm welcome. We would also love to hear from any aspiring groundsmen, scorers or umpires who would like to get involved. If interested please get in touch.

Yours in sport

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



Disappearing Yellowhammers

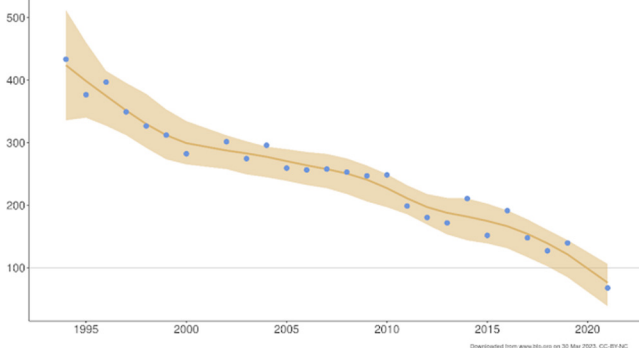
When we moved to Pembrokeshire in 2003 there was a male Yellowhammer who used to sing from the edge of the copse across the road. His “Little bit of bread and” with an optional “no cheese” song kept us company through the summer. By 2008 there was no Yellowhammer and we have not seen one here since. The same story is true whoever you talk to – Yellowhammers have simply disappeared from places they were common 30 years ago and still hanging on 20 years ago.

We don't fully understand why - it is thought to be due primarily to a lack of winter food. Improved agricultural tidiness (no spilt grain) and a much increased acreage of winter wheat and barley (which has significantly reduced fields of winter stubble) have made it hard for Yellowhammers. Another problem could be hedge and verge cutting and flailing and ploughing “right up to the edge” – Yellowhammers nest in the long grass and tall weeds close to hedge bottoms and in many areas there is literally nowhere which meets this description.

So in order to try and get more information about our remaining Yellowhammers, Bob Haycock, the local BTO representative, writes on the Pembs Bird Blog:

“Yellowhammers in Pembrokeshire and elsewhere in Wales are in serious trouble. Over the last few decades their population has declined to an all-time low as indicated, for example, by county records and by the Breeding Bird Survey abundance trend in Wales.

Yellowhammer population abundance
Long-term trend (1994–) in Wales



In the wider countryside, in places where they were previously recorded during the 2007-12 winter bird atlas survey period, none were found at all which is quite a shocking situation!

In order to try and help yellowhammers, more information is urgently needed about the current distribution and abundance of the remaining breeding population.

So, between **April and August** this year, there is to be a yellowhammer breeding population survey in Pembrokeshire. There will be targeted surveys of particular areas but in fact anyone can make a valuable contribution to the survey by posting sightings on the Pembs Bird Sightings blog (pembsbirds.blogspot.com), indicating where, when and how many yellowhammers were seen or heard – the number of singing males is particularly useful information. Records can also be submitted via [BirdTrack](#) or the West Wales Biodiversity Information Centre.”

Or simply let me know and I will pass the information onwards.

Rosemary Royle

MICHAEL CRUTCHLEY

Ground Breaking Microphotography Exhibition at the Haverfordwest Haverhub 5th April – 14th July 2023

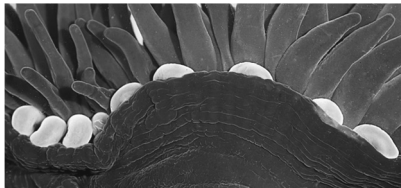
An exhibition of 40 stunning images of the creatures from the marine world around Pembrokeshire are being shown in the galleries at Haverhub from Wednesday 5th April - 14th July.

Michael Crutchley has been accumulating in a lifetime of scientific observation and technical innovation, sumptuous records of marine life. This exhibition follows his hugely popular show hosted by Guernsey Museum but is his first to highlight the natural marine environment in Pembrokeshire.

Michael is a Haverfordwest scientist and observer of the natural world. His photography of marine life and plankton are collected from samples from Pembrokeshire beaches, especially St Brides Bay, Dale and the Milford Haven waterways. His magnified images of our marine wildlife have achieved international photography awards, and bring a fresh perspective to the local natural world and its importance in the global marine environment.

Additional information: <https://www.mikecrutchley.uk>

Sue Burton says “Please do try to pop in – you’re in for a treat!”



ADVANCE NOTICE

MARLOES VILLAGE HALL SUMMER TALKS

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

History: ***The Wreck of the Albion, 18th April 1837***

Marine Biology: ***Secrets Of The Seashore***

Wildlife: ***Seals***

Art: ***Ray Howard-Jones*** Illustrated talk by author David Moore – who will be selling and signing copies of his full colour biography, soon to be published by Graffeg. Ray Howard-Jones, who painted in oils and watercolours, was commissioned as a war artist and was also a mosaic maker. Christies note that “she spent much of her life living and working in isolation on Skomer, Wales, from which some of her most inspired work was derived.”

Dates & details to be confirmed soon



3RD JUNE 3PM ONWARDS

NEW FOR 2023

- CIRCUS WORKSHOP
- FIRE SHOW FINALE 9PM

COME AND ENJOY A FAMILY DAY OUT FULL OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY .WEAR YOUR BEST PIRATE OUTFITS AND BRING ALONG WATER WEAR FOR ANY ON WATER ACTIVITIES

raffle - childrens rides - games -
watersports - food - rum bar - live
music - fancy dress competition -
crabbing competition - raft building
- stalls - pirate scarecrows

Setting up an account with Pembs CC

We had been putting off doing this but now we wish we had done it earlier!!

It makes it much easier to book trips to the tip, to report faulty lights, request replacement recycling bins and bags and best of all, you can get email reminders of the bin collections and what sort they are!

P&RR

The incompetent detective who got marooned on a desert island and very soon perished...? Robinson Clouseau



Tai Chi Classes – Walled Garden, Dale



Every Monday at 6:30 pm starting 15th May

Newcomers welcome at any class

Classes are free but a donation to offset costs would be appreciated

(Any surplus will be passed to the walled garden committee)

Email simon.rptc@gmail.com for more information



Rising Phoenix Tai Chi
www.shibashi.com



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△ Dale Boat House △ Dale Castle outer wall
△ St Anns Head (Old Light) △ Marloes (WCs)
△ Marloes Sands (WCs) △ Martins Haven
△ Pearson Farm gate △ St Brides Haven (WCs)
St Ishmaels: △ Brookside Green
△ Children's Play Park △ Monk Haven Church
Sandy Haven: △ Sandy Hill Chapel
△ (West) Skerryback Farm △ (East) Car Park
Walwyns Castle: △ Village Hall

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

ALL RECYCLING PLUS GREY BAGS on these dates: May 19th, June 9th and 30th