

Peninsula Papers

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



With thanks to Wendy Kehoe

Papurau Penrhyn

NOVEMBER 2023 TACHWEDD

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

MOBILE LIBRARY:

Next visit **Friday 10th November, Friday 8th December**

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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Dear All,

November again! How the year seems to have galloped past. The nights have closed right in. The stars become as familiar as the sunshine and the few flowers blooming are ones confused by late warmth and doomed to go at the first frost. The weather encourages us to huddle up somewhere warm and fill our memories with warmer, drier days.

And, indeed, the church and the nations use November as a time to remember- all God's saints, all souls including our loved ones' and our own, many saints celebrations, gunpowder, treason and plot, all those who gave their lives in war for our nations and its cause. There are so many things to remember in the next few weeks.

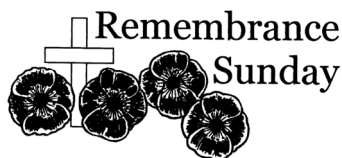
But have you ever thought about that word 'remember', where it must come from? The 're' part is easy, when we redo or re-open we do something again. It is the 'member' part that makes me think. The word originally meant a body part. We use it in that way when we say something has been dismembered- the parts of its body have been pulled apart.

So, remembering is not just recalling but it is becoming part of something bigger than yourself again. Our November traditions bring us together and remind us that we are part of many things bigger than ourselves- families with deep roots and many branches, communities, a nation, the people of God throughout the world and throughout the centuries. Many of those we remember made huge sacrifices or faced great dangers because these greater things were as important to them, or more important than their own, individual existence.

Of course, a part of a body cannot flourish if the body itself is sick, so this November, what will your remembering make you a part of and how can you ensure the health of these larger beings? What will your remembering make you a part of?

With every blessing

Andrew, Rhiannon, Samuel, Gaynor



St. James Church, Dale

November sees The Act Of Remembrance on Saturday 11th November at Dale War Memorial in Dale Cemetery. The Act of Remembrance will start at 10.45. All are very welcome to attend, if you wish to place a cross or wreath in memory of a loved one please bring it and lay it at the service.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Dale War Memorial. on 19th June 1923.It was officially dedicated by Rev DL Prosser and unveiled by Private HW Lewis VC from Milford Haven, and Major Gwilyn Lloyd George MP. Those who left the village to serve their country in both World wars and paid the highest price are named on the Memorial. Remembrance Day gives us a chance to remember them, feel grateful for their sacrifice., while at the same time praying for Peace in areas of the world where conflict rages still.



DALE VILLAGE

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

DALE WAR MEMORIAL

Saturday 11th November

10.45 am

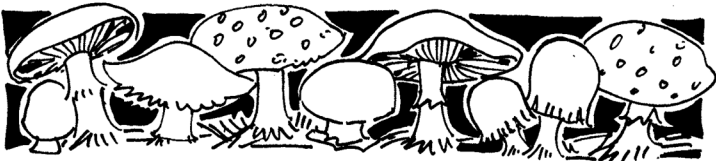
LEST WE FORGET

Advance Notice

Sat 2nd December 10.00

Marloes & St. Brides Churches Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning.

Marloes Village Hall



Dragons, Stones and Bad King Arthur

November 8th is the day that the Church in Wales sets aside to remember all the saints of Wales and what a bunch they were! Some, like St Madoc, we know very little about. Others, like St Ishmael appear in lists of abbots and bishops but we do not have many stories about them. Others, like St. Bride (also known as Bridget of Kildare) have left a wealth of fascinating legends some of which are very strange indeed.

The stories are mainly set in 'The Age of the Saints', which in England tends to be called 'The Dark Ages'. These are the years after Roman civilisation collapsed in Britain and before the Norman Conquest. As far as we know, Christianity in Roman Britain had been largely an urban phenomenon, but in these years generations of Christian leaders made Christianity at home in the Welsh countryside. You only need to look around at the placenames of Wales to see the measure of their success- not only places known as St. this or that, but anywhere beginning with 'Llan' usually indicates a community founded during those years.

Stories about them were not written down until, often, four or five hundred years after they had lived, and they were committed to paper in an effort to preserve them as the Normans were replacing many of the old customs with their own. Not surprisingly, this means that many of the stories seem to be about bolstering a community's right to exist and figures of secular authority, particularly the one the Normans knew about. King Arthur often comes off very badly in a struggle with the saint.

So the churchyard at Llanbadarn Fawr near Aberystwyth swallows King Arthur when he comes to steal from the saint. When raiders cut into the cheese they have stolen from St Woolos' church in Newport, Gwent, it bleeds. When soldiers have butchered the cow of a saint near Newport, Pembrokeshire, it knits itself back together in the cooking pot and returns home to its master.

Then there are times when God's goodness is to be seen in the landscape we know. The mile or so of good farming land between Llantwit Major church was a gift from God to Saint Illtud. The stepping stones by Ogmores Castle sprang up to save a saint a long detour and the noticeable absence of real, live dragons around Llangrannog is the work of God through Carrannog his saint.

Strange the stories may be, but they are testimony to generations of people who loved God in this country and found it to be a miraculous testimony to the love of God for his people.

Community Councils

Dale

Items discussed at the last meeting in September included:

Planning

NP/23/0144/FUL – Remains undecided.

NP23/0403FUL – Remains undecided.

NP/23/0342FUL – Remains undecided.

NP/23/0196/FUL – APPROVED with legal agreement.

Village Matters –

The Peninsula Papers have decided to stop sending copies to Second Homes during the winter months. The decision is based on funding. Cllr D Jones suggested that a few copies could be put in the village shops so that Second Home owners can access them there if needed.

Vehicle speed has been visibly slower since the 20mph has come in. The speed warning sign was agreed to be put on hold for the time being as some local ones have had issues with them and with the new speed limit it may no longer be as much as an issue.

Parking - The main problems with parking that the village faces have not really been an issue this year as the village has been so quiet. The carpark gate needs fixing as it has collapsed again – Clerk to report this.

Public Toilets – The overall cleanliness of the public toilets this season has been poor. Councillors have had it mentioned to them and have witnessed it firsthand. There is also a hole in the roof at the moment that has still not been fixed. Up until this year there has never been an issue with the quality of the service provided by Danfo.

Boundary Commission - There are plans to create less Community and Town Councils by merging smaller councils together. It was noted that this would create a huge job for one Clerk to do, it would cost more to pay them as they'd need a full-time job to be able to manage everything. The number of electors they are basing the figures on doesn't truly reflect Dale because our

Councillors represent the large number of visitors who use the village each year as well. The meetings for 3 different communities would be longer and each village would only have 2 representatives. It was thought that they want to lower representation to stop having to deal with as many issues.

Two councillors will attend the meeting in County Hall to share their concerns and to hear what others have to say.

Seagull Sacks

Seagull sacks for grey bin bags are now available to order via the Clerk at a cost of £5.85. 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 dalevillagecc@outlook.com or tel: 07807585414.

You can also request replacement recycling bags/containers to be delivered to your home via your PCC My Account online. Broken or damaged hard containers and caddies can be taken back and recycled when the new one is delivered. Alternatively, you can check where replacement bags/containers can be collected from on the Council's website.

Next Meeting

*The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 27th November** commencing at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite, Dale Coronation Hall.*

Please see dalevillage.co.uk for further Community information.

Marloes

No meeting in October

St Ishmaels

From the meeting on 18th October:

New councillors:

The council was delighted to be able to welcome Messrs Stuart Carpenter and Graham Ninnis as newly co-opted councillors.

Community Councils

War memorial:

The St. Ishmaels War Memorial Action Group advised the Community Council of good progress to date.

A further up-date would be given to them shortly and a public meeting for the Community would be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at the Sports & Social Club in St. Ishmaels”.

Fflecsi bus: Concerns were expressed about the many difficulties experienced with the services. Following the scrapping of the Fflecsi ‘Bwcabus’ scheme in Ceredigion, the clerk contacted Transport for Wales and was told that the Pembrokeshire bus service would remain for the foreseeable future.

Library van: The clerk suggested that he contacted the library van service to ascertain the degree of its use by the community.

Brook lake: Despite several confirmed contacts with P.C.C., the clerk reported that the severe clogging of the stream by plant growth still had not been cleared. After calling yet again, a reply call to the clerk from the highways dept. is now anticipated.

School governor: Following the resignation after seven years of Revd. Cottam from the Coastlands School Governors, a replacement governor is to be canvassed.

Notice boards: The two new noticeboards which were ordered, have now arrived and would replace the existing decrepit boards at the Burgage Green and Brookside Green locations. They would be erected as soon as possible.

Date of next meeting: *Wednesday, November 15th (N.B.) at the sports club.*

THE PENINSULA PAPERS SUPPORTERS CLUB IS HERE!

SIGN UP NOW!

Following on from earlier articles discussing ways of financing Peninsula Papers and an introduction to the “Peninsula Papers Supporters Club” in the last PP, you will now be able to join the Club using the **form enclosed with this magazine.**

The first draw will be made in early March 2024. The second draw will be made in late August. Results of the draw will be published in PP in the next edition after the draw.

Please help us by becoming a member of the Supporters Club. We are looking forward to carrying out the first draw!!

Diary for



OCTOBER

Sun 29 1600 "Open Shop" at Marloes Village Stores

Mon 30 0900 Marloes Village Stores OPEN!

NOVEMBER

Wed 1 1900 LIFE ON ICE: Living, working, and scuba diving in Antarctica, a talk by Ali Massey, Marloes Village Hall

Sat 4 1800 Bonfire Night at St Ishmaels Sports and Social Club

Mon 6 1930 "The History of Castlemartin" a talk by Vicky Tomlinson, Marloes Village Hall

Thu 9 1900 Social and Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall

Sat 11 1045 Act of Remembrance at 10.45 am Dale War Memorial, Dale Cemetery.

Sun 12 1050 St Peters, Marloes - Remembrance Service

Mon 13 1930 Marloes and St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall

Wed 15 1900 St Ishmaels Community Council, Sport & Social Club

Fri 17 1930 BHF Bingo Evening, Haverfordwest Cricket Club

Thu 23 1900 Social and Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall

Thu 23 1900 Christmas Bingo Night for St James Church, Walwyn's Castle, at Haverfordwest Cricket Club

Sat 25 1000 Christmas Felt Decoration Workshop, Walwyn's Castle Village Hall

Mon 27 1900 Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite, Dale

Tue 28 1900 St Ishmaels Carnival AGM, Sports and Social Club

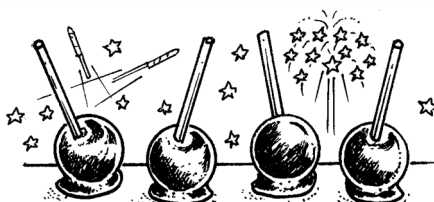
DECEMBER

Sat 2 1000 Marloes & St. Brides Churches Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning, Marloes Village Hall

Sat 9 1000 Christmas Wreath Workshop, St Ishmaels Church

Thu 17 1900 Social and Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall

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



HERE IS YOUR APPLICATION FORM FOR THE PENINSULA PAPERS SUPPORTERS CLUB.

PLEASE REMOVE IT GENTLY FROM THE STAPLES.

Here is a summary of what the Peninsula Papers Supporters Club is all about:

Following on from earlier articles discussing ways of financing Peninsula Papers we have decided to implement the “Peninsula Papers Supporters Club”. This is how it will work:

Residents in the PP distribution area will be invited to become a Peninsula Papers Supporter. There will be two options. Firstly to join a twice-yearly draw scheme for £20 per annum where 70% of the money goes to PP. Secondly to make a regular yearly donation of any amount where 100% of the money goes to PP. It will be perfectly possible to join both options!

This issue includes an application form to join the Peninsula Papers Supporters Club (PPSC). There will also be the facility to join PPSC by email, and the form will be downloadable from the Marloes website.

The first draw will be made in early March 2024. The second draw will be made in late August. Results of the draw will be published in PP in the next edition after the draw.

Prizes will be paid in cash. There will be two or three prizes in each draw and the amounts will depend on the number of subscribers to the scheme. As an example, if there are 50 members of the scheme then there will be one £100 first prize and one £50 second prize.

The application form is on the next two pages.

Please help us by joining the scheme!

PP Management Committee

PENINSULA PAPERS SUPPORTERS CLUB
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION /DONATION FORM.

Name:

Address:

Email/phone number (for queries and to advise of any prizes won)

LUCKY DRAW SUBSCRIPTION

I wish to subscribe to the PPSC Lucky Draw for an annual subscription of £20 **Y** **N**

I confirm that I have, or will, arrange for a Standing Order for £20 to be paid on January 10th 2024 and on each succeeding year, to the PP Bank Account, details below.

I understand that I can cancel my subscription at the start of any year.

ANNUAL DONATION

I wish to make an annual donation to PP **Y** **N**

I have, or will, arrange for a Standing Order for £..... to be paid on January 10th 2024 and on each succeeding year, to the Peninsula Papers Bank Account, details below.

Bank details:

Peninsula Papers: Sort Code **30-93-98**. Account number **56282768**

In order that we can accurately identify the payments received in the PP Bank Account please put your surname and initial as the reference on the Standing Order. As a further check please put the last four digits of your Bank Account HERE

Signature.....

Date.....

Please note that only subscriptions for which the appropriate payment has been received in the PP Bank Account by the end of January will be eligible for the draws each year.

Please return the form to:

PPSC, c/o Peter Royle, Orlandon Kilns, St Brides, Haverfordwest, SA62 3AP

Or scan it, or photograph it, and email it to: PenPapersPems@gmail.com

Alternatively send an email to PenPapersPems@gmail.com containing all the information required on this form and confirming that you have set up a Standing Order.

For queries please ring 01646 636970.

Pembrokeshire County Council lottery licence LOT 1223

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You do not need to be in receipt of any benefits to qualify for grant funding.

Do not miss out... Grant Funding of up to **100%** is available for:



Solar Panels for Free electricity



Air Source Heat Pumps / Electric Storage Heaters



Internal Wall Insulation and External Wall Insulation

How to qualify:

Somebody living in the property only needs to meet one out of the following three criteria:

1. Anyone living in the property that takes medication for a long term health condition (eg asthma, arthritis, diabetes, depression etc)
2. If the total income of the property is < £31,000 per year (for people who are self employed this is your profit, not your turnover)
3. If anyone in the property receives Working tax credit, Child tax credit, Universal Credit, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit or certain other benefits

We are able to help if you use either Oil, LPG, Wood, Coal or electric to heat your home. Unfortunately we are unable to help if the property has mains gas central heating.



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Funding is limited and is strictly allocated on a first come, first served basis. Any grant funding that you receive does not have to be re-paid.

The level of funding that you may receive is based upon the amount of carbon dioxide that will be saved by installing an energy saving measure. A survey of your property is necessary to calculate this funding. All funding offers are subject to survey. Please contact us to arrange a free, no-obligation survey.

More information on the Government's ECO funding scheme can be found on the OFGEM website:
<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/eco/about-eco-scheme>

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) is a government energy efficiency scheme in Great Britain to help reduce carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty.

Further information can be found at www.energysavinggrants.org

CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Dale, Walwyn's Castle, Robeston West

5th November Dale 6pm Eucharist

11th November Dale 10.50am at the war memorial – laying of wreaths. (Saturday)

12th November Remembrance Day. 10.50am Act of Remembrance, Hamilton Terrace Milford Haven.

19th November Robeston West 11am Eucharist.

Dale 6.00pm Evensong.

26th November Walwyns Castle 11am Eucharist.

Marloes & St Brides

5th 11am St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

12th 10.50am St Peter's, Marloes – Remembrance Service followed by Holy Communion

19th 11am St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

26th 11am St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

The Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th will begin at the door of the church and will then move to the war memorial.

All are welcome to stay following the Act of Remembrance for the service of Holy Communion.

St Ishmaels

12th November - Remembrance Sunday - 10.50 am - **NB early start**

26th November - Holy Communion - 11am

Sandy Hill Baptist Chapel:

Sun 5th, 10:30am, All Age Worship. Holy Communion

Sun 12th 10:30am Worship & Word with an act of Remembrance.

Sun 19th 10:30am All Age Worship

Sun 26th, 2:30pm Afternoon All Age Worship.

Free Refreshments after every service.

Every Tuesday morning: 10:30am-12pm Coffee Morning open to all.

River of Life Small Groups meet in various homes & times during the week for Bible Study and Prayer. Contact us if you would like to join one.

Hymnspriration for older people - 2pm, Thurs 16th Nov.

Breathe Worship Night, 7:30pm Fri 24th Nov.

Advance Notice "Carols & Mincepies" at Sandy Hill Chapel, 2:30pm,

Sun 17th December 2023 with special musical guests.

Many thanks for your support at our recent harvest, nine bags of food were donated to Patch, & £250 for BMS World Mission. Also huge thanks to all who heard folk duo "Filkins Drift" last month at Sandy Hill. £380 was raised towards their chosen charity: Live Music Now.

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.

Christmas
Bingo Night

Thursday November 23rd, 2023

At The Cricket Club, Haverfordwest

Great prizes and raffle

Doors open 7 pm.

Eyes down 7.30 pm

Try your luck at winning
some seasonal goodies

Proceeds to fund restoration at
St James church, Walwyn's Castle

Christmas
Felt Decoration
workshop

At Walwyns Castle
Village hall
Saturday November
25th, 10am - 1 pm

Join Lou Cunningham
to create colourful
and unique Christmas
decorations from felt

All materials included.
£20.00 per person

Call 07496001932 to
book your place.



Coastlands Local History Group.

Once again the weather intervened and October's talk was postponed. It will have taken place by the time you read this - so the next issue will have 2 reports on talks!

We are busy preparing the programme for 2024 and hope there will be talks and visits of interest to members and non members.

The Old Stables Heritage Centre will be open every Monday 10-12 should anyone wish to come in for their own research, or to look at any of the archive material kept there.

In November we are delighted to have Vicky Tomlinson, a Castlemartin Guide, coming to give us a talk on "The History of Castlemartin". Vicky will be at Marloes Village Hall on Monday 6th November at 7.30 pm. All are very welcome to join us for this talk which will give you a chance to see the headland, hear the history and discover the views all from your chair - not a step taken!

For more details about the History Group please contact Yvonne (636251), or Harriet (636668).



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

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

Nov 9 - 1999 version of Jane Austen's third novel, about Fanny Price.

Nov 23 - Classic 1955 film with James Dean as a rebellious teenager.

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

These are films chosen By YOU!

To be added to our mailing list please email rosemary.meck@gmail.com



*St Ishmaels Church
Monkhaven*

*Saturday 9th
December
10am - 1:00 pm*

Christmas Wreath Workshop

*All materials provided including
fresh foliage*

*£20 per person to include
tea/coffee and mince pies*

*To book your place phone
Heather on 07792995160*

Peninsula Papers needs a new postal secretary!

The role involves posting about 30 copies of PP each month to those people who subscribe to the postal service. It also involves collecting the annual fee from the subscribers and keeping records of payments. All expenses (envelopes etc) are paid.

If you think you could do this as part of your contribution to the community then please contact the editor – details are on the back page.

Council announces changes to residual waste collections

Pembrokeshire County Council is ceasing provision of grey bags and reverting to household provided black bags for residual (non-recyclable) waste collections.

The provision of grey bags for non-recyclable waste was introduced in 2019 to support major service changes that has seen Pembrokeshire named the best County in Wales for recycling for the last three years.

The provision of grey bags was continued through the Covid-19 period following its original introduction to support the service changes. However as part of budget saving measures agreed by Council earlier this year, no further deliveries of grey bags will be made to households by Pembrokeshire County Council. Households will need to provide their own standard 60 ltr black bags for non-recyclable waste collections.

Households will continue to be able to place out a maximum of three bags of non-recyclable waste every three weeks and there will be no changes to waste and recycling collections dates.

Dale Seagrass Project update:



Divers from Project Seagrass have recently been down to monitor the seagrass planted in Dale Bay back in 2020. The divers found several areas of seagrass within the planted area, with local wildlife pipefish, catsharks and sea hares enjoying the seagrass. Though the area is fragmented, the fact that healthy seagrass is growing still after three years, through disturbance and storms, shows that the area is suitable for seagrass and with some reseedling has potential to develop into a healthy seagrass meadow providing a home for marine life in Dale and bringing other ecosystem benefits. The team also went round to Castlebeach Bay to monitor the naturally present meadow, which measures 44 x 15m approx., again with up to nine catsharks in the area!

Project Seagrass will be holding a community drop-in session in the new year, once results and data has been analysed. Any questions in the meantime, please contact Flo (Stakeholder Engagement Officer) at flo@projectseagrass.org.



The Old Stables Heritage Centre



**OPEN
MONDAYS
10 - 12**

For more information
contact Harriet (636668)

Dale WI

On the 5th September we returned after our summer break and a Business Meeting was held. We discussed our forthcoming programme for the year. Yvonne Evans produced a fascinating amount of handkerchiefs for us to look at for Members Time which took us all down memory lane.

On the 26th September we had the most interesting talk by Lisa Morgan from Wildlife Trust of West Wales. This was an Open Meeting and we welcomed guests from all round the Peninsula. We had a talk about the islands around the peninsula and the bird population. It was fascinating to hear how they did the bird count of the various different species.

One of the windows at WI House this month has been dressed by Dale WI and features the past history of St. Brides Castle when it was Kensington Hospital and TB Sanatorium. A business meeting was held on the 3rd October and further discussion was held about our programme for the year and ideas for outings were suggested. Judy Courie produced a quiz for Members Time from which we had to guess the chocolate bar names from the clues. It produced a lot of laughs as well as groans when we discovered the answers!

Dr. Liz Miles gave us a talk on Metallurgy and Engineering on the 17th October. She told us how she decided to go into Engineering and her progression through the years and the fields she followed. It was fascinating how it has changed and not changed for women in this field over the years.

Our next meeting is on 7th November at 7.30 and is our A.G.M.

On the 21st November we have a Wreath Making Workshop run by Heather Phippen.

MARLOES VILLAGE HALL AUTUMN TALK

LIFE ON ICE:

**Living, working, and scuba diving in
Antarctica**

A talk by Ali Massey

Before joining the Skomer Marine Conservation Zone team, Ali worked for the British Antarctic Survey. Over 15 years, in scientific and logistical roles, she spent 3 winters and 13 summer seasons in Antarctica and South Georgia.

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 7 PM

ADVANCE NOTICE

MARLOES SANDS MIDWINTER BEACH CLEAN

New Year's Eve, Sunday 31st December 2023

Depart car park at 2 pm

St. Ishmaels Carnival AGM

On Behalf of the carnival committee we would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support for the 2023 carnival and dog show. Both events were a great success.

Jo Bradshaw and Gemma Griffiths are stepping down from their roles as Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurers of the carnival committee. Consequently, we invite you to join us at our annual AGM in order to fill these roles.

Sadly, without volunteers, this will mean the end of our wonderful carnivals.

AGM - 7pm at St. Ishmaels Sports and Social Club on Tuesday
28th November.

All Welcome

Jo Bradshaw

Advice for everyone

The Welsh Government Nest scheme offers a range of free, impartial advice and, if you are eligible, a package of free home energy efficiency improvements such as a new boiler, central heating, insulation, solar panels or a heat pump. This can lower your energy bills and benefit your health and wellbeing. Find out how you can apply for free home energy efficiency improvements.

If you're worried about your energy bills, call us and speak to one of our friendly advisors. They can offer free and impartial advice on:

- Saving energy and water
- Money management
- Making sure you're on the best energy and water tariff
- Whether you are entitled to any benefits to boost your income

Call Freephone 0808 808 2244 or see <https://nest.gov.wales/>

Poem: Filkin's Drift

A folk duo who are walking with their "support man" from venue to venue, no backup transport, round the whole Wales Coast Path, raising money for charity. Last night they played at Sandy Hill chapel, Sandy Haven. Their website is filkinsmusic.com

Two men, both so skilled in Music,
Walking the water's edge of Wales, every mile:
South, sunwards, in these shortening days
Carrying all, including precious instruments.
Collecting inspiration with every Autumn-weathered step,
Chester to Chepstow as the plough turns,
Apples press, acorns fall, seals are born.

Here tonight where the sea-eagle spreads,
Hard beside reach of Atlantic tide:
Just a pair of chairs and a good acoustic, electricity not required
But such a power of strings and voices!
Telling crossing of rivers, meetings with ancient saints;
Reminding us, by singing about the follies of olden others,
Of who we should not be, what must not do –
And also celebrating how we
Could live life, can dance, might love...
Thus so glad, this audience all, to support their cause
And bid them onward travel well.

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A WRITE PROPER PROBLEM

My house eats Bic biro:
I only have to put one down
And just take one or two steps away...
It's not there when I turn round!

I don't think I'm the only one
Who suffers this problem all year;
And, okay, if our houses don't eat them –
WHAT THE HELL makes the things disappear???

A DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S DIARY...
The next DADS show: Saturday February 17th 2024
Dale Coronation Hall, starting 7pm

This is going to be a one-night variety show, like our very successful Ukraine benefit production; it too will be a charity fundraiser. We already have many acts confirmed: there will be dancing, solo and group singers, instrumentalists, comedy, etc. There will be a licensed bar, and of course a raffle.

For simplicity we are proposing no tickets, and pay what you can afford for admission.

If you would like to assist at this event, or support it, please contact
Chris Jessop 01646 636789 or Anne Meeke 01646 636716



Haverfordwest & Milford Haven
British Heart Foundation Branch

Bingo Evening

At Haverfordwest Cricket Club

Friday 17th November 2023

Eyes down at 7.30pm

Bingo Prizes will be cash prizes.

There will also be a Raffle.

Frenetic garden activity – an ant hatch

(This article refers to events in August so I am a bit behind in my calendar!)

On the 9th August, as we drank our morning cup of coffee in the conservatory we gradually realised that the bottom lawn was the scene of much frenetic bird activity. Birds were dropping down to just above the lawn where they hovered and then snapped up airborne prey. The penny dropped - it was an ant hatch - and we were kept busy trying to identify which bird species were involved. The final tally was: 4 Spotted Flycatchers (two adults, two juveniles), two Chiffchaffs, one juvenile Blackcap, one juvenile Bullfinch, one adult and one juvenile Robin, one juvenile Chaffinch, two juvenile Blue Tits and a Wren. It was a bit like sitting on the veranda in some tropical country watching the birds at the feeders, with the rather obvious difference that all our birds were pretty well brown or dull-coloured, with the notable exception of the late-arriving Great Spotted Woodpecker!



A flying ant with its non-flying helpers

The August ant hatch is a regular occurrence – on warm calm humid days in early August if you see birds behaving oddly then this is usually the reason. Bob and Annie Haycock wrote the following on the Pembrokeshire Bird Blog:

“17th August: On warm calm sunny days at this time of year (all too rare this summer) millions of ants (mostly Black Ants *Lasius niger*) take to the air in mating flights where one of the millions of males hopes to get lucky with one of the much smaller numbers of females. Yesterday afternoon was one of those occasions around Angle. Large numbers of temporarily winged-ants were rising into the air having been helped/dragged to various launch pads by numerous worker ants.

Gulls of course and other birds recognise that large numbers of ants are on the move. So it was not surprising to see various species - Herring, LBB, Black-headed and Mediterranean Gulls (at least a dozen, perhaps 20 Mediterranean Gulls) circling around the bay, as well as over the harbour and the Angle peninsula coast, hunting ants flying high in the air. Other gulls (perhaps wiser ones?) were swimming around the bay catching hapless ants that missed landfall on return to earth and ended up in the sea.”

And on August 15th on Skokholm the wardens wrote: “Late afternoon, at least 90 Herring Gulls and 370 Lesser Black-backed Gulls were attracted to North Plain by an emergence of flying ants”.

Rosemary Royle



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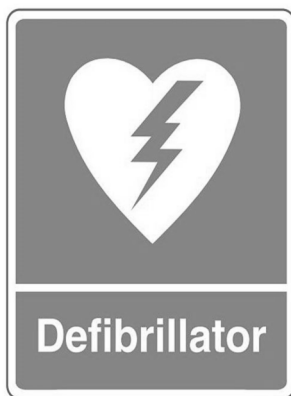
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