

# Peninsula Papers

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



# Papurau Penrhyn

**SEPTEMBER 2023 MEDI**

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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## LOCAL SERVICES

### **MOBILE LIBRARY:**

*Next visit **Friday 15th September** 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  
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Dear all,

As I write this, teenagers across the country are receiving their A-Level results and making plans about how the next few years of their lives will look. For some their plans will be falling into place, for others it may feel like it's all falling apart. I found myself in a similar situation a few months ago, waiting in a hall to hear how my interview had gone and whether I'd got the position having heard the answer "no" all too many times.

My name's Samuel, and I'm pleased to say that that particular answer was yes and I'm the newest of the parish priests here on the Peninsula and the wider area having been licensed at the end of June to the churches of St Peter the Fisherman, Marloes & St Bridget's, St Bride's along with St David's and the Church of the Holy Spirit in Hubberston.

It's the beginning of a new chapter for those churches and also for my wife Katy and I, so I thought this would be a good opportunity to introduce myself.

I've arrived having previously been Curate in the Netherwent Area, which is a group of churches stretching from the New Severn Bridge in the East to the edge of Newport in the West. And whilst technically still on the south Wales coast, it's in a very different sense to here and we're loving starting to discover the various beaches hidden away around the area. We've made it our mission to explore as much of the coastal path as we can.

Originally my wife & I are from Abergavenny, another beautiful part of Wales, albeit in a very different way. We recently celebrated our 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and to celebrate we went to a forge and spent two days making a sword (6 years Iron). That fact probably lets on that we're big fans of Fantasy and Sci-Fi, be it TV series', films, books or video games. My first degree was in Robotics so you can probably guess I'm big into technology, I built my first computer whilst a student and continue to tinker and explore how I can use that knowledge in my new role.

As we begin this new chapter I do so trusting God for the future, knowing that he holds it just as much as he has the past. If you're facing uncertainty in your life at this time, I pray that you would know that to be true for yourself. My colleagues and I are always here if you want to chat. And if you do see me out and about over the coming weeks and months, do say hi, I'd love to get to know you.

With every blessing,

Samuel





Samuel (front right) with Archdeacon Paul Mackness and the wider clergy team following his licensing

### **St Brides & Marloes Churches Summer Fete 2023**

A heartfelt and grateful thank you to all who helped contribute to the success of this year's summer fete, in whatever way a contribution was made.

We were unbelievably lucky with the weather that day and the very best was made of the occasion. We raised £4,329 which is a tremendous sum towards the upkeep of our two churches.

The success of the fete is entirely reliant upon the input of everyone to help bring it all together and once again, people worked hard to ensure that this fundraiser was as happy and successful as possible. Thank you!

### **ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE.**

Those of us who worship at St James are very aware we can only exist if you the community support us in our efforts to keep the church going and open for all in our community. We are really most grateful that you do! To show our thanks this year, we are holding a Hog Roast with live music from Dennis Wight and "Crowsfeet", as well as running a Corn Dolly competition. We would also love you to bring any wonky vegetables, odd potatoes and the like. It will form a part of our Harvest Thanksgiving this year with the service on the following day Sunday 8th October. Details about this will be posted in and around the village and on social media. We will be handing out corn sheaves for the dollyes a week earlier (Sat 30th Sept) so you will have time to practice and experiment! We hope as many of you as possible will come and join us and some might even try and create a corn dolly! This is a "Thank you" from us to you. It will be on Sat Oct 7th at 2.30pm in and around Coronation Hall Dale



## ST ISHMAELS – MOUSE FEST

A HUGE thank you to everyone involved – the amazing knitters, the prop makers, the sign makers, the cake makers, the tea makers, to all involved in putting together this festival, from the church and village and the wider community.

Special thanks to Emma Halls, Luke and the Peninsula Songsters and to our own Mike Cottam for serenading us with music and song.

It was a delight to see the church packed with visitors on all three days.

Thank you

Gaynor, Heather and Christine



## MARLOES VILLAGE STORES

We are Glenn and Liz, you may have seen us around (or in The Pot) with our two retired guide dogs Jacky (black) and Natalie (The Blonde Bombshell). We are the new owners of the Marloes Village Stores. We fell in love with Pembrokeshire when we honeymooned here in 2010 and we finally made the dream a reality by moving here in September 2022. We have both previously worked in engineering and also taught science and engineering at the universities of Coventry and Warwick.

So now we are learning what we need to know to run the shop (a lot!!) and getting the place fitted out and ready to welcome you all. We will be up and running with the all important basics; papers, bread, eggs, milk etc. as soon as we get the legal go ahead. We'll then gradually build on our offering, aiming to cater to the main village needs before we face the exciting challenge of next summer. We do hope to get the cafe open too in a basic fashion initially, cakes and coffee etc. We are very keen to hear everyone's ideas and priorities for the shop so please feel free to stop us if you see us with the dogs or in The Pot or if the door of the shop is open, just pop in to say hi.

We have both felt very welcomed by the Village and that has made things a lot easier. Our main goal is to provide a useful service to the community by bringing back your local Village Shop!!!

We are on Facebook and Instagram if that is your bag.



# Community Councils

## Dale

Items discussed at the last meeting in July included:

### Planning

**NP/23/0258/FUL** – APPROVED

**NP/22/0699/FUL** - APPROVED

**NP/23/0144/FUL** – Remains undecided.

**NP/22/0402/FUL** – APPROVED

**NP/23/0196/FUL** – Remains Undecided.

**Village Matters** - Communication with PCC – Cllrs have been left frustrated again at the lack of communication from PCC over emails sent that are not acknowledged or replied to. Most recently with regard the 20mph speed limit. Cllrs wish to have it extended out to the Gann in order to decrease the risk to pedestrians who use the Coastal Path in to the village. It was agreed to re send the email and copy in the CEO directly.

**Public Toilets** – The update from PCC has confirmed that Dale Public Toilets will NOT close and the income from the carpark will be used to offset the costs. This is subject to the budget setting, but they are confident the outcome will be in our favour. All agreed that this was an excellent outcome.

**Litter** – New bins have been put at the top of the slipway by PCC before the Clerk had chance to contact them. It is hoped that the two recycling bins will help ease the amount of takeaway rubbish over the summer.

### 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](mailto: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 **Tuesday 12th September** commencing at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite, Dale Coronation Hall. Please see [dalevillage.co.uk](http://dalevillage.co.uk) for further Community information.

## Marloes & St Brides

10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Meeting Minutes

### Broadway Broadband Installation:

Broadway Fibre Broadband have entered insolvency / administration. 44 properties have not been reached as suggested. Email sent to Local MP and MS by Community Council seeking answers.

**Village Benches:** Gill Phillips and Marloes Welcome Club proposed the new installation of benches across Marloes and St Brides Community, asking for the support from the Community Council. All Cllrs were happy to propose the new installation of benches. Cllr CJ to apply for funding through the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant (Cllr CJ has requested application forms). Cllr CJ to work alongside the Welcome Club to submit the application for funding.

**Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall:** Cllr CJ has discussed a potential new pedestrian access to the playing field (using funds from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Funding) with Mark Burton. The proposal has been agreed with the playing field committee. Cllr CJ leading on Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Funding application. Cllr LB confirmed all improvement work had been completed to the park (via Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Funding).

**Clock Tower:** PCNPA have completed work to the new Clock Tower path. Cllrs confirmed they have done an excellent job.

**Highways:** Clerk has set up a Marloes and St Brides online portal with Pembs CC to report issues easier moving forward. Potholes across the community discussed and

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reported by Clerk on the Pembs CC website. Cllr Reg Owens informed of the ongoing Highway issues via email.

**National Trust:** The damaged Car Park hut has been removed. No timescales on a replacement shed from the National Trust.

**St Brides Walled Garden:** Clerk emailed Gary Meopham (PCNPA) for update on scheduled meeting. Please see the email thread below. Gary phoned and gave the feedback below.

*"1. Director of Planning (Sara Morris) has informally visited the site*

*2. The buildings are being used for educational use (and will continue)*

*3. PCNPA are happy that there is no danger in using the buildings in the short term*

*4. A June meeting has been scheduled for PCNPA to discuss in further detail*

*5. Gary emphasised it is a long term plan (it's not a quick fix)*

*6. Community groups will be consulted at every point of the decision making process (promised)*

*7. Gary recommended a community stakeholder group visit to the site (early Autumn) around apple pressing season for the Cllrs to have a good old look around (and ask questions).*

*Will add to the agenda in July for further discussion 😊 "*

Cllrs not pleased with the responses / lack of action from PCNPA. Cllr CJ to email Yvonne Evans to discuss a joint approach with the Church committee to approaching PCNPA regarding the St Brides Walled Garden.

Cllr SP to take photos of lack of upkeep to buildings to support Cllrs CJ action above.

**Hedge Cutting:** Cllr discussed requirement for hedge cutting across Marloes and St Brides Community Council district (including Glebe lane footpath (please see 4.3). Clerk explain process with PCC through the online portal. Cllrs will take photos / pinpoint problem hedge cutting areas and send to Clerk (who in turn will

report to PCC online portal).

**Pembrokeshire County Council 2nd / Empty Homes Consultation:** Community Councils / second home owners / the communities of Pembrokeshire have been asked by PCC to respond with their views around the 2nd / Empty Homes Consultation. Via an online survey. Cllrs put their views across and decided to ensure a fair and consistent approach that Cllrs would submit their views individually. Voted and approved by all Cllrs during the meeting.

**Hywel Dda Consultation:** Cllr CJ handed out consultation documents to all Cllrs regarding the upcoming Hywel Dda Consultation. Cllr LB will distribute to Coastland school who can send the document out to parents.

**Planning matters / PCNPA Development Control updates:**

**NP/22/0314/FUL:** Philbeach Farm, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3QU. Conversion of redundant RAF wireless building which has been used for agricultural storage but is now in a bad state of repair into holiday let use. Contrary to LDP Policy 7 – likely to be sent to Members under extended delegation for decision or a future Committee meeting

**NP/23/0233/FUL:** Marloes Mere, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3BH. Removal of southern reservoir bunds, relocation of Public Right of Way, implementation of new southern boundary hedgerow & new causeway path at Britton Hide with new tractor gate. Comments added in previous meeting

**NP/23/0300/FUL:** Harveys Cottage, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AZ. Flat roof rear extension to existing dwelling plus alterations to the existing internal layout. Comments added to PCNPA website. Cllrs happy with planning, but would recommend solar panels.

**NP/23/0329/FUL:** North Haven Wardens

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House, Skomer Island, Nr Martins Haven, Marloes, Haverforwest, SA62 3BJ. Small extension to the exterior of the existing building to house a composting toilet. Comments added to PCNPA. Cllrs in full support.

## **AOB and Next Marloes & St Brides Community Council meeting date.**

Cllr CJ to write to PCC and local County Cllr / MP to express dissatisfaction with the new flecsi bus system. Community Cllrs have received a large number of complaints from local residents.

**Next meeting:** Monday September 4th 2023. Marloes Village Hall 19.30

## **St Ishmaels**

Minutes of the business meeting held on 16th August, 2023 in the Sports Club

Before the start of the meeting, Mr. Stoddart attended to offer his services as community councillor. Mr. Stoddart was advised by council that the positions had already been filled by co-option and was politely thanked for his interest. Mr. Stoddart then left.

N.B. Unlike County councillors, Community councillors are voluntary and do not claim expenses.

**John Everett.** Also, before the meeting started, the clerk led a few words of remembrance and prayers for Cllr. John Everett, whose unexpected death had occurred recently. He was a wise and valued colleague, a friend and servant of St Ishmaels for over forty years as a community councillor and his loss is felt deeply in the village and beyond. Our thoughts and prayers are with Janet, Katy and the family.

**Brook Lake.** The clerk reported that, despite several calls to P.C.C. re: cleaning of Brook Lake stream, the work had not yet been done. The council will be asked again and C Cllr. Reg Owen will be contacted about the failure of the P.C.C. to act.

**NEW COUNCILLORS.:** The local coun-

cil elections were in 2022, when no new candidates had offered themselves for election. Subsequently, on the retirement of Cllr. Colin Jenkins, and after a period of three month's advertising to replace him, there had been no formal response. Due also to the unexpected recent death of Cllr John Everett after a period of illness, two residents from the village were then approached, both of whom agreed to be co-opted. Mr. Stuart Carpenter and Mr. Graham Ninnis have been accepted for the vacant posts. It is noted that next public local elections will be in 2027.

**WAR MEMORIAL:** Members of the war memorial sub-committee reported that the quote for extracting the present plaque from the wall of the Memorial Hall was £17,500 and that the builders were not prepared to accept responsibility for the plaque being damaged or broken in the process. The council discussed this and decided that such funds be better spent towards the engraving of a new plaque on the proposed new memorial. Also, after detailed analysis of the engineering problems that would occur by erection of the memorial on the Brookside Green site, with a stream and a main sewer running beneath, the original site on the Burgage Green was agreed, as this is Common Land and would present no foundation problems.

**PLAY PARK:** The clerk had been requested by the Chair of the Play Park Committee that the council sanction the repair of the rotted part of the arch on the park. As the community council had no connection with the running of the park, apart from taking responsibility for the insurance, it was agreed to reassure the Play Park Committee there would be no objection as far as it was concerned.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the sports club.

## LOOK OUT FOR SEPSIS

On 26th March 2021 Hannah Brown, a Cumberland livestock farmer, died just two days after developing Sepsis. Sepsis is a life-threatening condition which arises when the body's response to infection injures its own tissues and organs. If not treated immediately it can lead to organ failure and death. It can be treated with antibiotics and early diagnosis is the key.

Those in the agricultural industry are particularly vulnerable to Sepsis as their work means they are more likely to suffer cuts and bruises which can become infected and lead to Sepsis.

Sepsis can also be caused by injuries from trauma or from illness.

So keep Sepsis in mind if you see any of the symptoms shown on the list to the right.

### **SEEK MEDICAL HELP URGENTLY IF YOU (OR ANOTHER ADULT) DEVELOP ANY OF THESE SIGNS:**

- **Slurred speech or confusion**
- **Extreme shivering or muscle pain**
- **Passing no urine (in a day)**
- **Severe breathlessness**
- **It feels like you're going to die**
- **Skin mottled or discoloured.**

### **A child may have sepsis if he or she:**

- Is breathing very fast
- Has a 'fit' or convulsion
- Looks mottled, bluish, or pale
- Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
- Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
- Feels abnormally cold to touch.

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**If you spot any of these signs, call 999 or go straight to A&E.**

## **The Old Stables Heritage Centre**



### **EXHIBITION**

## **THREE IS THE MAGIC NUMBER**

**22nd June - 8th October  
Thursday - Sunday  
2.00pm - 5.00pm  
Admission Free**

### **This is the last month you can view this exhibition!**

It aims to highlight a number of anniversaries for a diverse number of organisations, institutions, clubs and events which all fall in 2023. Some will be within living memory, some will not. Some have reminders of people today and yesterday, and some will not!

For more information contact Harriet (636668)



# Diary for September



## SEPTEMBER

**To 8th Oct:** The Old Stables exhibition "Three is the magic number" Thur - Sun 2:00 - 5:00pm

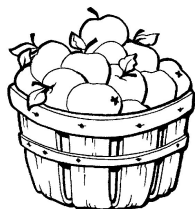
- Sat 2 1100** St Madoc of Ferns, Haroldston, CADW Open Day, see advert  
**Sun 3 1100** St Madoc of Ferns, Haroldston, CADW Open Day, see advert  
**Mon 4 1930** Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall  
**Thu 7 1000 - 1100** New Tai Chi Class starts Walwyn's Castle Village Hall, also on 14th, 21st, 28th  
**Tue 12 1900** Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite  
**Sat 16 1845** St Ishmaels Cricket Club Presentation Evening, St Ishmaels S&S Club  
**Wed 20 1900** MVH Summer Talks: "Seals" by Kate Lock  
**Sun 24 0900** Dale 10k and Half-marathon  
**Wed 27 1930** Coastlands History Group "The Friendly Invasion" by Gareth Mills, St Ishmaels S&SC.  
**Fri 29 1000 - 1200** MacMillan Coffee Morning, Marloes Village Hall  
**Sat 30 1000** St Brides Apple Day, The Old Orchard, St Brides

## OCTOBER

- Thu 5 1930** Musical Evening, St James Church, Walwyn's Castle, see advert  
**Sat 7 1430** Hog Roast, Live Music, Corn Dolly competition - Coronation Hall Dale  
**Sat 7 1000 - 1500** Walwyn's Castle Apple Juicing Event, see advert  
**Mon 9 1930** "Filkins Drift" at Sandy Haven Chapel, see advert opposite.  
**Wed 11** St Ishmaels Community Council, Sports Club

### Apple Day at St Brides Orchard

**Saturday 30 September,**  
**10am-3pm**



**FREE. No need to book. Children must be supervised by an adult.**

Come and join us for a seasonal celebration of apples at St Brides Orchard! A unique opportunity to visit the heritage orchard for a family day out. Get involved in hands-on activities, or take a self-guided trail and explore the different varieties of trees grown in the orchard. Chat with National Park Rangers to learn more about apples and how they benefit wildlife.

## CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

### St. Bridget, St. Brides & St. Peter the Fisherman, Marloes

Sunday 3rd September	11am	St Peter's, Marloes
Sunday 10th September	11am	St. Bridget, St. Brides
Sunday 17th September	11am	St. Peter's, Marloes
Sunday 24th September	11am	St. Bridget, St. Brides - Harvest Festival
Sunday 1st October	11am	St. Peter's, Marloes - Harvest Festival

### St Ishmaels

10th September - Holy Communion 11am

24th September - Holy Communion 11am

### St James Dale

3<sup>rd</sup> 6.00pm

17<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Evensong

### Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West

10<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Walwyns Castle with Church Committee.

17<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Robeston West

24<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Walwyns Castle



### Aenon Sandy Hill Chapel

3rd 10:30am All Age Worship & Communion

10th 10:30am All Age Worship

17th 10:30am All Age Worship

24th 2:30pm afternoon HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE followed by Refreshments.

Stay for free Tea & Cake after every Sunday Service.

Midweek:

Tuesdays - Morning Community Coffee Morning, 10:30am-12noon. All welcome

Wednesdays - Prayer/River of Life Groups meet in homes. Contact for details. 0777 484 5497.

Special Events:

Thurs 21st Sept 2pm **HYMNSPIRATION!** Singing familiar Sankey Hymns & Traditional Hymns with a short talk followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Fri 29th Sept 7:30pm: **BREATHE** Worship Night. With prayer for healing or needs. All welcome.

**FILKINS DRIFT - Live in Concert:** we are excited to announce the folk duo Filkins Drift are playing at Sandy Hill Chapel on **MON 9th OCTOBER**

**7:30pm** as part of their tour on foot around the Wales Coast Path. Filkins Drift are a duo whose music and talent is rising across the UK folk scene. Tickets £5 for Filkins Drift chosen charity Live Music Now. **SEATING IS LIMITED AND MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE** by following the link on our Facebook page @Sandy Hill Baptist Chapel. For more info contact Jon 0777 484 5497. Thank you!



At Walwyn's Castle village hall

## **COMMUNITY COFFEE & CHAT - The 3C's**

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



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

Hot and Cold refreshments available.

Check out the  
Walwyn's Castle Village Hall  
face book page for more  
information, or  
Tel: 07496001932.

We are a 'warm space hall'.



### **The annual Pembrokeshire Half Marathon & 10k**

will take place in Dale on  
Sunday 24th September  
starting and finishing in  
Dale. All information is on  
the web-site:

[www.pembstri.org.uk/  
events/pembrokeshire-half-  
marathon-10km/](http://www.pembstri.org.uk/events/pembrokeshire-half-marathon-10km/)

## **COMMUNITY APPLE JUICING DAY**

Walwyn's Castle Village Hall  
Saturday October 7th  
10am - 3pm

Bring along washed, unbruised  
apples and some bottles (glass or  
plastic, well washed) and we'll  
turn them into juice for just 60p  
litre.

## **St James the Great church, Walwyn's Castle**

Presents a

## **'Musical Evening'**

Thursday October 5th, 7.30 pm

Featuring :-

**Neyland Ladies choir,  
Harpist - Isabel Harries  
Soloist - Clive Edwards**

Followed by light refreshments in the village hall,  
plus raffle

Tickets/ entry £10.00.

Contact 07787734586 or 07464481286

All proceeds to church renovations

A cash only evening.

## **Coastlands Local History Group.**

Despite the not too wonderful summer we have just had, members have still managed to enjoyed a trip to Nevern Castle and Church, relived the extraordinary events surrounding the grounding of the Dona Marika and some have even ventured into The Old Stables to view other anniversaries falling this year. There is a report of the Dona Marika anniversary to be found separately in this issue. After all that it is now time to resume the 2023 programme which we hope can help lighten winter evenings!.

In September Gareth Mills is coming to give his talk "The Friendly Invasion" focusing on GI Brides. There were Americans stationed in the area, some billeted in St Ishmaels so this is relevant to us down here. The date for his talk has been changed from the one in the programme to **WED 27th SEPT** at St Ishmaels Sports Club at 7.30pm.

In October we have a home grown talk as one of our members Mike Garlick will be talking about The Romans - more on this in the next issue.

The exhibition in The Old Stables "Three is the magic number" is entering it's last month, so if you have not come along already you still have time. The cricket match on Skokholm has proved to be of great interest to both locals and visitors alike!

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

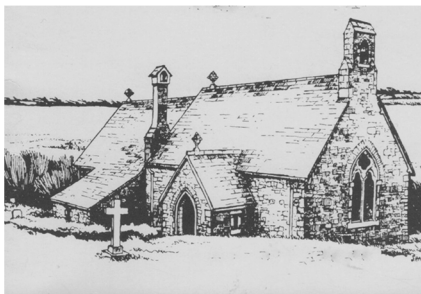
## **CADW Open Doors at St Madoc's Church, Haroldston West**

The St Madoc of Ferns Community Group are very excited to participate in the CADW Open Doors initiative 2023. We will be opening St Madocs, Haroldston West on Saturday and Sunday 02-03 September between 11:00 and 16:00.

Please visit us at the church (limited parking) or for the full experience, join our guided walk starting at 11:00 from the YHA Broad Haven through Haroldston Woods to the Church and returning via a 14<sup>th</sup> Century farmhouse to Broad Haven by 15:00 (available on both days). We are grateful to Rosemary and Peter Royle for volunteering to provide a wildlife commentary through the woods up to the church.

Please see the CADW website at <https://cadw.gov.wales/open-doors-st-madoc-ferns-church-haroldston-west> or email [info@stmadocofferns.wales](mailto:info@stmadocofferns.wales) for more details. It's a great opportunity to go inside the church, closed since July 2022, and hear more about the history.

We hope to see you there.



## St Ishmael's Mousefest

Peter: "Who would want to go and look at a load of knitted mice?" Rosemary: "Well me for a start". So we went and it was fabulous!! Dioramas portrayed life events such as a christening, wedding, school and a football match plus harvest time, Witzend Farm, a crib scene and not forgetting the garden centre! And all with knitted mice, not to mention knitted props such as hens, sheep, goats, carrots, potatoes, pumpkins and even tomatoes!

Knitters from all over the peninsula took part, and other helpers constructed the dioramas and painted the backdrops. And each display had a short and pithy poem. And then there were the cream teas, produce stall and plant stall – a truly lovely event. Here are some photos:



### ST ISHMAELS MOUSE FEST

*Croeso! Welcome! To see you ... nice  
May we present our village mice  
At work or play throughout the year  
They're well stitched up - so never fear*

*A mouse-fest? Surely not you'll say  
Why the 'squeak' such creatures pray?  
Well, these aren't any mice you see  
These are TISH MICE believe you me!*

*Folks are called FROGS if they're born in Dale  
And GULLS from Marloes are known to hail  
St Brides are CRUGLINS (or winkles to you)  
St Ishmaels are field MICE through and through*

*Our busy knitters had such fun  
We're on the verge of over-run  
And now you're trapped ... stay for tea, please  
Did someone mention nibbles and cheese?*



## **Dona Marika 50th Anniversary**

The 50th anniversary of the grounding of the Dona Marika was marked with a display of photographs and other memorabilia at St. Ishmaels Sports & Social Club. The display was centred around the ship's bell which was given to the community of St Ishmaels in March 1974. Coastlands Local History Group was pleased to welcome Mrs. Hazel Fraser on Friday afternoon. Her late husband Gordon Fraser had been one partner of the Hedley Fraser Group who with the Milford Dry Dock Company, the Alexandria Towing Company, Swansea and others had secured the removal of the ship on the 13th November 1973. Mrs. Fraser was accompanied by two members of her family, and also by Mrs. Georgina Llewellyn. The two families have continued a friendship which started at the time of the grounding. The picture above shows Mrs. Hazel Fraser, Mrs. Georgina Llewellyn and Mr. Philip Edwards who lived in the village at the time, and is a committee member of the History Group. There was a good response over the weekend, and more information has come forward on the grounding, the people involved, and local information on the evacuation of the crew from the boat and villagers who had to leave home very quickly. The Bell carries the name of Thorsorn (Thor's Eagle) - the original name of the Norwegian vessel with 1954 as the year of origin. The display (but not the Bell), is now on show at the Heritage Centre, South Street, Dale for the rest of the summer. The History Group is grateful to St. Ishmaels Sports & Social Club for hosting the event.

More pictures and memories would be welcome. Please contact Yvonne Evans, 636251. It is planned that in the New Year an illustrated talk will be given on this event.



## **Mobile Library - Special Plea**

The next visit in the Marloes/ Dale & St. Ishmaels villages will be on Friday 15th September - see times and contact details elsewhere in the magazine. Looking for a new pastime for the Autumn/Winter. You can join the Library Service on the day, and there is a wide choice of books both fiction and non-fiction available in English and Welsh. You can also use the main libraries as well if that would suit you. You can research a new hobby or interest. Is there a neighbour you could provide help to meet the Van so they can use the service themselves? Every user helps to maintain the village service, if only for one or two books.





## THE POETRY BOX TRAIL

Inspired by *Geiriau Diflanedig – The Lost Words* exhibition, which is on display at Oriel y Parc Gallery and Visitor Centre in St Davids, the trail is one of the activities being organised by the National Park Authority to encourage people to enjoy a few moments in the Pembrokeshire Coast's great outdoors.

Oriel y Parc Manager, Rachel Perkins said:

"Both our Pathways volunteers and the team here have taken great care to make and decorate the nine poetry boxes, with some wonderful designs to catch the eye of those who are enjoying time out in the National Park.

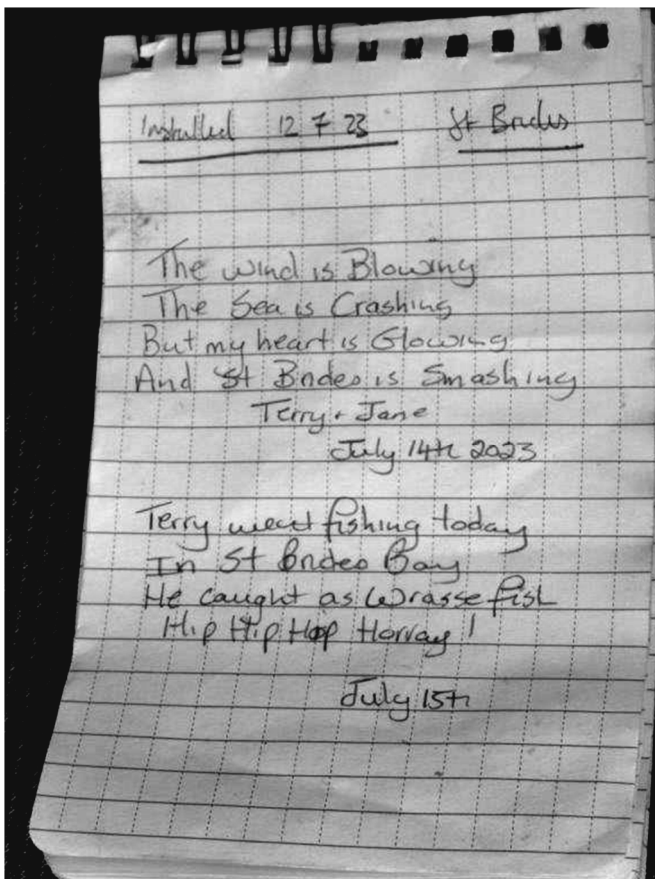
"People are invited to open the box, take out the notepad, read what others have written and write down a few lines about the moments they've had connecting with nature.

"They then pop it back in the box so the next person can enjoy their literary creations, whether it's an acrostic spell song like you see in *The Lost Words* or just a few lines describing what you've seen or heard."

The poetry boxes can be found at Castell Henllys, Sychpant, Strumble Head, Oriel y Parc, St Davids Airfield, Haroldston Chins, St Brides, Carew Castle and Skrinkle Haven.



A box similar to the poetry box at St Brides and one of the offerings. There are about 40 entries so far, some of them in French!



## **Dale WI**

Our final meeting before our Summer break was our Presidents Supper which was held at the home of Mary Lewis, our President. It was a bring and share meal and we dined royally starting with prawn cocktail then followed with a selection of salads and Coronation Chicken, Salmon and Ham. This was followed by the most delicious desserts. It was a really enjoyable meal.

Our next meeting is on the 5th September at 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Suite and is a Business Meeting. On the 26th September Lisa Morgan from the Wildlife Trust for West Wales is giving us a talk at 7.30pm.

(VERY) ADVANCE NOTICE

### **MARLOES SANDS MIDWINTER BEACH CLEAN**

**New Year's Eve, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Depart car park at 2 pm**

### **MARLOES VILLAGE HALL SUMMER TALKS**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7 pm**

**Seals** Kate Lock, Skomer Marine Conservation Zone

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



**"It is never too late to be what you might have been."**

**— George Eliot**

### **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 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 7 PM**

# You are invited to a Macmillan Coffee Morning



*Hosted by Lorraine Griffiths*  
**at Marloes Village Hall**  
**on Friday 29 September 2023**  
**from 10.00 - 12.00**



*Let's do whatever it takes to support  
people living with cancer.*

## Tai Chi at Walwyn's Castle Village Hall

A new Tai Chi class will be starting at Walwyn's Castle Village Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The class will run from 10 – 11am for four weeks. If there's enough interest then I'll look to run further classes throughout the winter.

Tai Chi is suitable for all ages and abilities. The class will be learning a short sequence of slow flowing movements with co-ordinated breathing that can help improve flexibility, balance and relaxation. The sequence also has the advantage of being simple to learn, making it easy for anyone to join in whatever their ability.

So that everyone can enjoy the benefits that regular exercise and social contact can bring there won't be a fixed fee for the classes. Instead people can donate whatever they think is appropriate or affordable with no obligation to give anything. If you'd like to join the class, or just give it a try, please come along on any Thursday Morning, all you need are comfortable clothes and soft shoes or trainers.

If you have any questions then you can email me at [simon.rptc@gmail.com](mailto:simon.rptc@gmail.com) or phone me on 07752 897583



## Tai Chi Classes – Dale & Walwyn's Castle



Dale Walled Garden Every Monday 6:30-7:30 pm

Walwyn's Castle Village Hall Thursday 10-11 am from 7<sup>th</sup> September

Beginners and visitors welcome at any class

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

Email [simon.rptc@gmail.com](mailto:simon.rptc@gmail.com) for more information



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## Ray Howard-Jones

*Celebrating the life of Ray Howard-Jones, who lived right beside the Marloes Deer Park. What a character: I only met her once, in my late teens - when she took off all her clothes in order to, successfully, drive me off "her" beach. I only learned years later that this was a standard tactic of hers for guaranteeing solitude when she went for a swim!*

*I don't know what decided me on the acrostic form, but I think it works.*

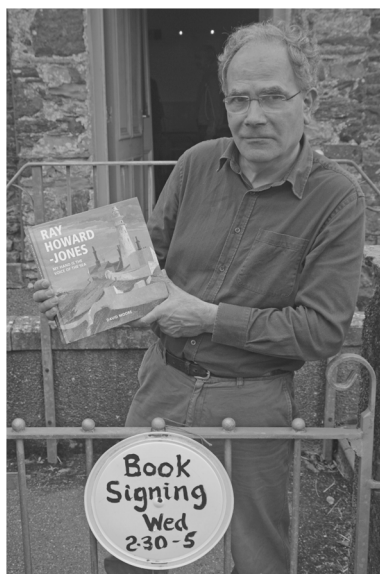
Recorder, land-ranging interpreter of moods of sea and sky;  
Artist in oils and more; creator of mosaics.  
Youth to old age, a life of visual exploration.

How they struggled, back then, to understand you:  
Ownership of beaches you claimed, as if Oceanic Royalty;  
Wore nothing in the water - nor on the shore, to the great alarm of some!  
Artist reporter of the war, you were, but many knew that not;  
Roughed it in peacetime, too, you did, out on the island:  
Days and weeks and months, none of the current comforts.

Joy of the wild, seeking Nature's colours and God's compositions:  
Oppression and opposition of society left on the staid mainland.  
Now we better understand you in retrospect, as is the way with many creatives:  
Evidence uncovered, memories dredged, works tracked down like rare fauna...  
Seeing down time's telescope we wonder at what you achieved, RH-J.

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On August 23<sup>rd</sup> Brecon author David Moore gave us a fascinating talk in Marloes Village Hall on Ray Howard-Jones.. He first screened a 1973 film by Roger Worsley which showed this Slade trained artist, then aged 70, working on location – not just along our Peninsula coast, but out on Skomer and even Grassholm. He then delivered a richly illustrated account of Ray's long productive and varied career; from being commissioned as a War Artist to producing ambitious mosaics: remarkable, considering how much illness and injury the lady suffered during her life. All who had memories of Ray said how well David had captured her character! That afternoon David signed copies of his just published illustrated biography of RH-J, *My Hand Is The Voice Of The Sea*: published by Bird Eye / Graffeg ISBN 978 180 258 1881, available from the Victoria Bookshop in Haverfordwest.



# St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2023

That's another season done & dusted! A comfortable one for our 1<sup>st</sup> XI & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Teams with a lot of new signings for the seconds. Our Ladies section remains very strong & they continue to thrive in the Pembrokeshire Ladies Cricket Association League.

No silverware this year except Runners Up Cup for our Under 13s, coached by Jonny Lewis, who have had an amazing season winning all their games to reach the Under 13s County Final where they sadly lost to Kilgetty U13s.

Our Under 11s, coached by Peter Bradshaw, have improved with every game & will provide the backbone of next year's Under 13s squad.

Our Under 9s, coached by Lauren Sutton, have enjoyed a fabulous summer of cricket having attended every available Festival. All these youngsters are our future; long may they continue to enjoy the game.

We are delighted to have been able to use the much-improved changing room facilities, it has made such a difference! Next year we are looking to acquire an electronic score board – watch this space!

Thank you to all the fabulous Ladies who have provided superb Teas & to everyone who sponsored the cricket section this season. We just couldn't survive without your generous support. We are all so very grateful.

Yours in sport

Wendy Bradshaw (01646636446 / 07974678329) Sec. St Ishmaels C.C.



St Ishmaels Cricket Club Presentation Evening  
(Ladies will be joining us this year)

At St Ishmaels Sports & Social Club Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6:45p.m.  
A Pig Roast / Vegetarian option available with music to end the evening

A postscript to my history talk *The Wreck Of The Albion* on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July. The following afternoon I went down to Marloes Sands and, as usual, followed up my swim with some beachcombing. I had told my audience that English oak timbers from *Albion* (and possibly her near sister paddle steamer *Queen* which sank off Skokholm) show up from time to time; and I had emphasised that they could be distinguished by the pegged construction – well, what should I come across at the Churchill end of the beach but this beautiful specimen...?

CJ

To see the pictures of the Hoverflies opposite in colour in their full glory, have a look at PP on the Marloes website. There is a link on the front page. Or go to the Wildlife Notes Archive under The Natural Environment tab and read it (and all the others!) there.



## Hoverflies

I recently had an email from a colleague who had found an exciting insect on the buddleias at St Brides car park. It turned out to be a Hornet Hoverfly, which is the largest hoverfly in the UK. It has only just recently reached Pembrokeshire, having spread from the south east of England. This was exciting news so the next day when I went into the conservatory to be faced with a large cross and buzzing stripy creature at least I knew what it was! We have since seen up to 2 in the garden feeding on mint flowers. They are impressive beasts as befits their name, about 2 cms long and quite broad, with a yellow face, huge brown eyes, a chestnut thorax and black and yellow striped body. The Latin name is *Volucella zonaria*. From this picture you can tell it is a hoverfly from the way it parks its wings in a delta shape.



The Hornet Hoverfly has a close relative, *Volucella pellucens*, or Pied Hoverfly, which we also found in the garden on the same flowers as its larger cousin. This one looks a bit like a bumble bee and is black with a broad white stripe.



Most hoverflies are much smaller and slighter creatures – in fact they often have very slim bodies which makes them seem quite insubstantial. One of the most well-known is the Marmalade Hoverfly, so-named because of its orange coloration which of course you can't see in this picture. There are many similar hoverflies, often striped in black, white or yellow and they can be easily seen on summer garden flowers such as buddleia, mint, marjoram and all sorts of daisies as they feed on nectar and pollen. It is fun to try and identify them though unfortunately there always seem to be many similar species!



Very few hoverflies have common English names but the one pictured on the left, which can be found in and around ponds and wet places, is nick-named "The Footballer" due to its striped jersey!



Like other flies, hoverflies go through all stages of insect life: egg-larva-pupa-adult. The larvae of hoverflies are remarkably diverse for just one family of flies. Some have adapted to aquatic life in extremely dirty water (including stagnant), eating all kinds of decaying materials. In order to breathe they developed a long pipe at the rear end of the body, which they stick into the air. Examples include the rat-tailed maggots (about 40 species). Other larvae hunt for plant lice or aphids. Some live in decaying wood, or sap runs on live trees (33 species). Over one third of hoverflies have larvae that eat aphids (over 110 species) – they can provide a useful degree of aphid control.

Rosemary Royle

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