

Peninsula Papers

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



Papurau Penrhyn

JUNE 2025 MEHEFIN

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

DALE BEACH SHOP open everyday from 9:30 am.

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 6th June

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
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SUITE DALE



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Dear All,

This beautiful place we live in has been looking its very best during the warm spell we had in May. We have been feeling so blessed that it gets to be our 'normal'. Each day seems to have brought different flowers at the roadside and in the gardens and the greatest drawback has been the astronomically high pollen count.

I sometimes end up talking to tourists and visitors completely awe-struck by views we locals can take for granted. We bustle past, intent on the next thing we have to do. They stop and stare open mouthed. We even say things like, "yes, it is lovely of course but you should have seen it before..."

It seems to be one of the strangest things we do as human beings. We get so used to things that we stop seeing or hearing or smelling them. Our brains at their most primitive, I suppose, are constantly on the lookout for the new threat or opportunity. To do that, most neuro typical brains give scant attention to the things that are normal to it. As a result, we can over-prize the new and the fresh but ignore the good that is normal for us, taking it completely for granted.

It takes something unusual, like a long stretch of warm settled weather bringing everything into flower all at once, to make us see and prize the normal again.

And the principle does not just hold true for landscape. I have seen it happen too often in relationships between people and in lives of faith. It is the person who has just fallen in love, or just come to faith, who sees what a blessing and a treasure it is. Those who have been loved or known God since their infancy often would never think to put that into words. It takes something unusual, like a bereavement, for those people to recognize the blessing they have had. Sadly, sometimes they recognize it too late in this life.

So this June, I am going to try to consciously see and be grateful for the good things I have, even if the weather turns nasty as soon as exam season ends. Would you like to try as well? Take some time to stare in wonder like a tourist and be thankful,

With every blessing,

Andrew, Rhiannon, Samuel, Gaynor



Roose LMA - Thy Kingdom Come 2025 Theme- The Lords Prayer

Please join us when you can as we pray from Ascension to Pentecost.

If not prayer resources can be found on the Thy Kingdom Come website www.thykingdomcome.global

2nd June 7pm
Walwyns Castle
Meditation

3rd June 10am
Johnson
Outdoor Creation Prayer
followed by refreshments

4th June 10am
St Katharine's and St Peters
Holy Communion

5th June 7- 8pm
Neyland
Prayer and Reflection

Friday 6th June 11 am
Steynton
Prayer and reflection
followed by soup in the Church and
Community Hall

Saturday 7th June 6pm
Church of the Holy
Spirit
Pentecost Vigil

Onyx Ensemble

A quintet from the Royal Northern College Of Music: Chloe Chen (cello), David Harris (violin), Alexandra Harrison (viola), Thomas Judge (double bass), and Asia Movsovic (piano). They played a belter of a fundraiser gig yesterday evening in the Lobster Pot Inn, Marloes – some pure classics, plus very catchy “classic conversions” of Abba, The Beatles... And after a break they were belting out requests. What a wonderful treat for our village, and our visitors!

The raffle raised £203 for Marloes Village Playing Field; the Committee is very grateful for all donated prizes, including 2 tickets for a Dale Sailing seabird spectacular trip.



St Ishmaels 100 Club draw.

1st prize Nancy Pawlett
2nd prize Isabella Thomas
3rd Prize Ann Barkworth

St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2025

7 th June	1 st XI v Pembroke home	2 nd XI v Haverfordwest III away
14 th June	1 st XI v Cresselly II away	2 nd XI v Pembroke II home
21 st June	1 st XI v Johnston home	2 nd XI v Lawrenny II away
28 th June	1 st XI v Llanrhian home	2 nd XI v Llanrhian II away
5 th July	1 st XI v Narberth away	2 nd XI v Narberth II home

Cup competitions

Harrison Allen Bowl	Round 1	29 th May v Hundleton home
Alec Colley Cup	Round 2	18 th June v Burton home
Clive Huxley Cup (Ladies)	Q Final	10 th June v Hook/Whitland

Ladies Softball fixtures (Sundays)

8th June v Llechryd & Pembroke at St Ishmaels
22nd June v Cresselly & Pembroke at Pembroke

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

3rd June v Llangwm away
17th June v Saundersfoot home
24th June v Whitland away

Junior fixtures (6:00 p.m. Start)

Under 13s

4th June v Pembroke Dock home
18th June v Cresselly Doves away
25th June v Haverfordwest home

Under 11s

2nd June v Narberth 10s home
9th June v Pembroke Dock home
16th June v Haverfordwest away
23rd June v Cresselly Doves away

Girls Under 12s

11th June v Whitland home

Under 9s Festival dates (Sunday mornings)

1st June at Llanrhian
8th June at Neyland
22nd June at Herbrandston

Outdoor Training Sessions

THURSDAY EVENINGS FOR ALL

Please look for St Ishmaels cricket club on Facebook for up-to-date information & news.
Pembroke County Cricket Club's website at www.pembrokecountyycc.co.uk provides a great deal of information.

A very big 'Thank You' to our very generous supporters.

We are holding a cricket fundraising event on **Saturday 7th June – A Nite at the Races.**

Guaranteed a great night out! Please come & support us.

Yours in sport

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



Dale

Dale Community Council

Items discussed at the last meeting in May included:

AGM

Cllr. Lyn Jones was re-elected Chairman for the 2024/25 year and Cllr. Paul Garnish was re-elected as Vice Chairman. Mrs. Francesca Jones was confirmed to remain as Clerk; however, she explained that she would like to find someone to take on the role of Clerk/RFO sometime within the next year. The Cllrs asked her to consider offloading the role of Responsible Financial Officer to someone else to help lessen the load. It was agreed that this process should begin asap. Accounts 2023/24 – The Clerk presented the Income & Expenditure accounts for last year, and these were approved along with the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement. Mrs Tina Rogers carried out our Internal Audit once more and had presented her report to the Clerk which was read out at the meeting. The Clerk was instructed to complete the Audit documents and send them off asap.

Member Allowances IRPW Report 23/24

All Councillors agreed to waive their right to claim the allowance and signed letters that state this. A nil return will be filled with the IRPW and sent in no later than September 30th.

Parking/Highways

Parking on the double yellow lines outside the Coronation Hall was discussed as a couple of complaints had been received recently. It was also pointed out that people do this opposite the entrance to the Boathouse Staff's carpark. Both areas are used for daily access and parking here obstructs that, especially outside the Coronation Hall because it is the only drop curb allowing access to the Hall and Toilets. It seems both residents and visitors are equal-

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ly as guilty of this, and Cllrs would like to remind people that parking on double yellows is against the law. It was agreed to write to the local businesses who bring customers here for things such as sailing events or events at the hall, to remind their customers of the importance of using the carpark to avoid issues for pedestrians and other businesses.

The dinghy bays have also been targeted as new carparking spots, it is disappointing that this is happening, especially as revenue from the carpark is directly going towards keeping the toilets open. It is also frustrating that the traffic warden does not ticket them, even though they have crossed the double yellow to park there.

Village Matters

Public Toilets – A meeting was held at the beginning of the meeting with representatives from Welsh Water (WW) who presented a short PowerPoint to the Councillors and 15+ members of the community. They explained that the re lining works that have been ongoing for a couple of weeks, have been completed and that on the next 5.9m+ high tide, they hope to see significant improvements of the flooding in the meadow.

The residents were clearly worried about the number of bacteria such as e. coli, that could pose a threat to our clear waters and blue flag status, as well as harming individuals using the sea. It was advised by WW that when we have had heavy rainfall, not to use the sea for leisure activities and that they can always check the online interactive map that tells you when the plant is discharging into the sea.

WW noted that something drastic has to change with the Dale plant and the current proposal to pump back to the Marloes works was not covered in budget funding and so has gone back to the drawing board.

Their new proposal will be known in around 6 months' time, which WWV agreed to report to us and meet again to update.

Dogs

New signage has been erected along the sea front by PCC reminding dog owners that dogs should always be on leads and that certain areas of the beach have restrictions. It was also noted that dog fouling has been seen a lot recently in and around the village, sadly some of those occasions have been locals. Cllrs wish to remind residents that dogs should be on leads at all times and that dog fouling is a fineable offence.

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 dalevil-lagecc@outlook.com or tel: 07807585414.

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

Next Meeting

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

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

Marloes & St Brides Annual General Meeting (AGM) Chair's 2023/24 annual report

Thank you for attending our Annual General Meeting.

It has been another busy and productive year for Marloes and St Brides Community Council. As a group of dedicated volunteers, we remain committed to representing the interests of our residents, enhancing our local environment, and strengthening community ties.

Meetings and Engagement

Over the past year our bi-monthly council meetings have provided essential forums for discussion, decision-making and collaboration. I would like to thank all council members for their time, insight, and continued commitment.

Key Achievements

Some of the highlights of the year include: We have successfully replaced the lighting on the Clock Tower thanks to receiving funding for this.

We have liaised with PCC around traffic issues and supporting resident in logging community issues such as broken streetlights, pot holes etc.

We have reviewed and responded to planning applications, ensuring that local voices were heard in shaping future developments.

We've also identified grants to support us make further improvements in 2025

Finance and Funding

Our clerk will provide a full financial report, but I'd like to thank Brad for diligent stewardship of our resources.

Thanks, and Acknowledgements

I would like to extend my thanks to every council member, our Clerk and all the residents who have supported our work. Special thanks to our resigned member, Chris Jessop for his continued support. It has been an honour to serve as Chair this past year. I look forward to continu-

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ing our work together in the year ahead.

Main Meeting:

Open Reach Fibre Broadband

Cllrs discussed broadband progression across the community council. Issues with landline phones discussed.

Footpaths and Beach

Cllrs discussed the bin in front of the emergency phone at Marloes Sands. Cllr PS to check the usage and need of the bin before reporting to the Council.

Hedgerow removal reported to the County Council (as requested by chair MH). Cllrs discussed the removal would be landowners' responsibility.

Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall

The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant will be applied for by the Community Council with the Playing Field Committee's support regarding the new fencing and local benches. Cllr CJ has sourced a quote on the works for the new fencing. Cllr CJ will follow on quote and additional work required by local working parties before making application to Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant.

Clock Tower

Cllrs discussed brightening the lights on the clock tower in the Autumn and Winter months. Cllr PS will be shortly organising the opening of the clock tower for visitors as we come up to the warmer summer months.

Highways

Cllrs discussed the email / correspondence sent to PCC regarding the one way system and traffic issues in the village of Marloes. Letter available via council minutes. Site visit now organised with PCC highways representatives during Half Term break in May 2025.

Cllr SP emailed across comprehensive breakdown of potholes in the local area. Clerk has forwarded via portal and

emailed highways directly. PCC highways have acknowledged the email.

Cllrs discussed the urgent need to hedge cut now the Skomer traffic is increasing. Skomer is fully booked until September 2025. Clerk to submit request via portal and Cllrs to discuss with highways during the May planned visit.

St Brides Walled Garden

Cllr Claire George replied to the Community Councils follow up email on the progress to St Brides Walled Garden. Email available via council minutes.

Village Benches

Chair MH has contacted PCC to request a bench on the village green / playing field as part of the Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant bid. Clerk has applied for funding through the Democratic Engagement Grant (under £1,000).

Bus Service

Cllrs confirmed the re-appointment of the coastal bus routes (Puffin Shuttle service) is a great success for the local community. The bus routes were re-instated due to the consultation and complaints made by the Community Council.

Planning matters

NP/24/0641/FUL: Land at Lower Hoaten Farm, St Brides, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3BN Delegated

NP/25/0124/LBA: Philbeach Farm, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3QU. Delegated

NP/25/0192/FUL: Gateholm, Marloes, Haverfordwest, SA62 3BE. Refused

NP/25/0162/S73: Elm Tree Cottage, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3BE. Approved with Conditions

NP/25/0144/FUL: Harveys Cottage, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AZ Delegated

Next meeting: Tuesday 1st July 2025.
Marloes Village Hall 19.30

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 21st May, 2025 in the Sports Club

MINUTES OF 2024 A.G.M. on 19th June were read and approved

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chair Moira and the Clerk agreed to serve for a further year. Agreed.

2024 – 2025 ACCOUNTS: The clerk presented the year's balance sheet to be sent to Audit Wales. It showed a busy financial year with a healthy balance at the bank at its end.

BUDGET 2025 – 2026: This was set in line with the council's income from Precept for the coming year.

DATE OF 2026 AGM: Wednesday, 20th May

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, 21st May, 2025 in the Sports Club

MATTERS ARISING.

Flecsi Bus Service. General dissatisfaction was again expressed by many councillors on the operation of the service. It was felt that the service is often late in arrival and journeys are lengthy with the need to pick up other villages, as and when that occurs. Since the cancellation of the regular bus service to Milford, St Ishmaels feel especially left out of coverage by bus, as even the Puffin Shuttle terminates in Marloes. C. Cllr. Claire

George was questioned about this service and asked to investigate further.

War Memorial Signpost at Bicton

Junction. The clerk reported a cost from PCC Highways of some £500 for the erection of signposts. Following clarification by Highways to the clerk of whether this will cover the cost of the three signs requested, rather than just one, he was asked to

order signs.

Pembrokeshire Enhancing Fund. C. Cllr. Claire advised the meeting that the fund was now open for applications but that less funding was available. She urged any applications for the two tranches of available support be applied for in good time.

Notice Board. As the existing board by the school was in a very bad state, it was agreed to purchase a new board to replace this board that will complement the other two boards, and for it to be affixed in the same position. The school regretted that it is not able to help in its funding.

War Memorial. It was noted as a source of pride that the St Ishmaels' memorial had been chosen to compete in heats for a prestigious national competition of civic sculpture that is being held in Cardiff on Thursday, 22nd June. Annabel Thomas, Cllr. Richard Jenkins and sculptor Howard Bowcott will be in attendance.

Moss coverage of Lindsay Road. It was reported that this had now been cleared.

A.O.B. Clarification about the recent announcement of selected 20 MPH signs returning to 30 MPH is sought. C.Cllr. Claire to investigate and report.

Date of Next Meeting: 16th July in the Sport's Club.



Diary for June



MAY

Mon 26 1430 - 1700 Dale WI Cream Teas, Dale Coronation Hall

Sat 31 1000 - 1400 "A Taste of Wellbeing", Walwyn's Castle Village Hall

JUNE

Thu 5 1900 Marloes Village Hall Talk, "Not just Puffins! A Pembrokeshire bird calendar" by Rosemary Royle

Mon 9 1930 Coastlands History Group, "Life of a Milford Haven Pilot" by Capt. John Peam, Dale Coronation Hall

Thu 19 1400 Exhibition opens in The Old Stables Heritage Centre (see advert)

Sun 22 1030 Defibrillator Training, Dale Coronation Hall, all welcome

JULY

Tue 1 1930 Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall

Sat 5 1030 "Dragonflies, Moths and Coffee", Orlandon Kilns (see advert)

Mon 7 1900 Dale Community Council meeting, Jubilee Suite

Wed 16 St Ishmaels Community Council, Sport & Social Club

Thu 31 1900 Marloes Village Hall Talk - "Whales and Dolphins"

AUGUST

Thu 7 1800 St Brides Fete, St Brides Castle

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



"MADPADS (Marloes & Dale Public Access Defibrillator scheme) are holding a familiarisation session in the use of defibrillator equipment at the Coronation Hall in Dale on Sunday 22nd June at 10.30am.

All are welcome. The session will be run by ex paramedic Tony Wall and will include an opportunity to handle the equipment itself. Teas and coffees will be provided".

Services for June



St Ishmaels

8th June 11am communion

22nd June 11am communion

Dale, Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West

1st 6.00pm Eucharist St James Dale.

8th 11.15am Eucharist St James the Great Walwyns Castle.

15th 11.15am Eucharist St Andrew Robeston West

6.00pm Eucharist St James Dale

22nd 11.15am Eucharist St James the Great Walwyns Castle

Marloes & St Brides

1st June – 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

8th June – 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

15th June – 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

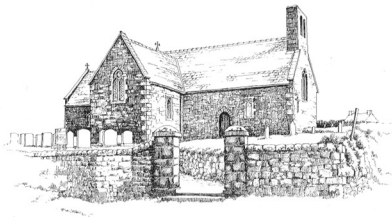
22nd June – 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

29th June – 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Feast of St Peter Communion (see separate notice)

6th July – 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

Aenon Baptist Chapel Sandy Hill

for details of services contact ruth.sandyhillnews@gmail.com



*St Peter's Church,
Marloes*

St Brides Fete 6 pm Thursday Aug 7th

Our traditional country Fete will be held at St. Brides Castle (courtesy of HPB) on Thursday August 7th; gates open 6 pm.

Offers of help, books, and anything else very welcome; please contact Peter Royle (636970) or Yvonne (636251). All proceeds support St. Brides and St Peter's Churches.

MARLOES VILLAGE HALL SUMMER TALKS

Not just Puffins! A Peninsula bird calendar

Rosemary Royle Thursday June 5th 7pm

Whales & Dolphins

Sea Trust Wales Thursday July 31st 7pm



Bringing in the Big Ships

Mark Johnson, Milford Haven pilot

Wednesday August 27th 7pm

DALE YACHT CLUB

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65 + *years*

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6.30 PM, SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2025

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Bookings & payment by 1 September 2025

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daleyachtclub.org/events

Coastlands Local History Group

It was extremely poignant hearing voices from the past describe their experiences of WW2. at the May talk. Wendy Mamara who had helped us with our Oral History Project used the voices to allow a glimpse into life during WW2. Family members of those who spoke were able to listen once more to the familiar voices, and in some cases learn more about their relatives. There was a small display of life in Marloes at the time to accompany the talk. This will now go on to form part of our Summer Exhibition "WW2 Remembered" which will open on 19th June in The Old Stables - more details of this exhibition are elsewhere in this copy!

The talk in June will be by Capt. John Pearn who was a Milford Haven Pilot for many years, receiving the MNM - Merchant Navy Medal for his Meritorious Service. It should be most interesting and give us a greater understanding of the work Pilots do. We watch them coming and going but I suspect few really understand what the job entails - now is the chance to put this right!

As already mentioned the summer exhibition will be opening on Thursday 19th June and will run Thursday-Sunday 2-5.00pm until the beginning of October. If you have any new material which you think might be of interest please do make contact. We only take copies -we do not keep personal items.

If you wish to renew your membership and have not yet done so, you can do this at the next meeting or contact us on one of the numbers below.

If you would like to become a member please contact us. It costs just £5.00 per person a year

If you need any further clarification please contact Harriet (636668) or Yvonne (636251)

The Old Stables Heritage Centre



The Heritage Centre EXHIBITION

"WW2 Remembered"

19th June - 5th October
Thurs - Sun
2:00pm - 5:00pm

contact Harriet (636668) or Yvonne (636251)

Church Fête at St Bride's Castle Thursday August 7th, 6pm

PICTURE RAFFLE

The prizes are original paintings by Marloes artists Deborah Rees and Christopher Jessop. By kind permission of Claire and Charlie, during June the prize paintings will go on display at Runwayskilm (Marloes Sands), and the Café will be selling raffle tickets from then until Fête day.



Summer Surf, Musselwick Sands Oil on panel 12" x 24" © Christopher Jessop



WW2 REMEMBERED

AN EXHIBITION

19th June - 5th October 2025

THE OLD STABLES HERITAGE CENTRE
SOUTH STREET, DALE.
SA62 3RE

THURS- SUN
2.00 pm—5.00 pm

ADMISSION FREE.

For Sale.

2 Graco Slimfit all-in-one car seats. Barely used and have all the bits from new born to high back booster. £50 each.

For Sale. 2- step caravan step in good condition. £15

annbarkworth@btinternet.com



Dale WI

On Tuesday 20th May, the members of the W.I. had their annual outing – and what an outing it was! Nineteen people, composed of both members and friends, set out at 08.15 in a very comfortable bus for a Lifestyle Day at **Cegin Gareth** (Gareth's Kitchen), a cookery school in Lampeter. It was a day advertised as a feast of food, flowers and laughter and it certainly lived up to expectations. Without doubt Gareth is a skilled cook and flower arranger but he is also a born entertainer. It was non stop laughter all along the way.

On arrival we were greeted with tea, coffee, home-made Welsh cakes and biscuits. This was followed by a two hour cookery demonstration which involved cooking lunch and afternoon tea for all of us. Gareth gave us lots of interesting cookery tips and made simple ingredients into fabulous food. We then proceeded to go and eat this delicious lunch which was served with home-made elderflower cordial, salads and boiled new potatoes.

The afternoon session was a flower arranging demonstration. Gareth produced four different arrangements. In my view the best one was called '**My Garden in the Month of May**'. The main flower in this display was one of my favourites called Sweet William. At the end of the day the displays were all raffled and I was lucky enough to win one called '**Tulips for the Lounge**'. It all ended with a delicious afternoon tea most of which had been cooked during the morning demonstration.

Potential new members are welcome to contact me on 07854 854838. Gail Smith



Lampeter Ladies



Behind the Scenes at Peninsula Papers

It is the end of the month, and Peninsula Papers appears on your doorstep!

What does it take to achieve this? Here is a brief look at the printing process and the people who do it each issue.

The printing is now carried out on the printer at St Katherines and St Peters Church Hall in Milford Haven, with a mutually beneficial financial arrangement.

Rosemary produces the master copy around the 22nd of the month. Prior to this Richard Neale checks availability with the members of the print rota, the availability of the Hall at St. Kath's. in Milford Haven with Andrew Johnson, and then puts together the rota for the chosen day.

Peter liaises with Judith and Hamish, the key holders of the Hall, picks up supplies of paper from Edwards during the week and then we are ready to go.

Peter and Harriet (who usually does the first shift) arrive around 8.30 am, set up the print run, set the printer for 761 copies, produce a proof copy to check, and then we are off. Peter picks up any other consumables from Edwards that we may need during the day and then leaves the team to it.

Each member of the print team does a shift of 2 or 2½ hours, with Peter finishing it off and closing down, finishing between 6.30 and 7.30pm usually.

The finished copies are taken by members of the print team to the respective main distributors (more about them in a later edition) during the course of the day so they are ready for distribution from the following day.

Our thanks to:

Richard Neale for organizing the print rota

The Print Team: Harriet Bishop, Rosamund Aubrey, June Bishton, Richard Neale and Peter Royle and our newest recruits Leigh and David Lloyd, and Steve Morrell

A special thanks to Rosamund for her contributions over many magazines and who will shortly be leaving the area.


Fr. Andrew Johnson and the Church Committee of St Katherines and St Peters

Judith and Hamish Ferguson for their help with access to the hall outside normal hours

Oh, and Peter for his various contributions!

Rosemary Royle: Editor Peninsula Papers and the PP Management Team

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Gwybodaeth a newyddion am gymunedau St Ishmaels, Haeguard, Robeston West, Walwyn's Castle, Dale, St Brides a Marloes.

The Brook Inn

A True Hidden Gem,
Tucked Away In
Pembrokeshire



Nestled in the charming village of St Ishmaels, The Brook Inn is a historic pub and restaurant that's been welcoming locals and visitors for hundreds of years. Set within the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, we're perfectly positioned for those exploring the stunning nearby beaches, including Monk Haven Beach, Lindsay Bay, and Sandy Haven, or even slightly further afield such as Skomer Island or Marloes Sands. Whether you're stopping by after a coastal walk or seeking a cozy spot for a meal, we've got something for everyone.

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Marloes Village Hall talk report - Steve Morrell

On 29th of April, James Bull, Professor of Biosciences at Swansea University gave a talk on *The life of Grey Seals*. Professor Bull's research interests include spatial connectivity in population dynamics and the population-level consequences of movement, as well as disease ecology.

Studying spatial connectivity and population dynamics in a species that spends a lot of its time out at sea and frequently underneath it brings with it many difficulties. Professor Bull explained some of these difficulties. Until quite recently, the only way of tracking a seal was by marking it in some way. This allows you to determine where the animal is at the times you see it. What happens in between those times is a complete mystery. Attempts had been made to follow individuals by photographic recognition of the unique patterns on their fur. This was also fraught with difficulties. Photographs of the same thing taken from different angles and in different light conditions can look very different. A Citizen Science Project based on photography of Atlantic grey seals had been abandoned because it required so much time to observe thousands of photographs. It was suggested that Artificial Intelligence might help in such a project.

More recently individuals had been tracked by glueing a device similar to a mobile phone to the back of the seal's neck. This was very expensive and the devices did not last very long in the sea but it produced much more precise detail of the horizontal movements of individual seals. The latest thing in seal tracking is much smaller and is fitted with three dimensional accelerometers (like a mobile phone). It therefore can yield information about horizontal and vertical movements.

Globally, Atlantic grey seals are a rare species. About a third of the world's population live off the British coasts. Our local population is one of the most southerly breeding colonies. They are known to swim long distances to forage and such trips can last up to 30 days. Telemetry data suggests that most foraging occurs within 100km of a haul-out site, but this species is known to forage several hundred kilometres offshore. Professor Bull and his colleagues have determined that a sea temperature increase of 2°C advances the pupping season by about a week.

The talk was very well illustrated with some excellent video and attended by an enthusiastic local audience.



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However storm Darragh and two days without power made me reconsider, but on talking to people who had solar power but couldn't access it during that period I thought right I will make some enquiries myself and find out if power could be accessed at those times when nothing from the grid. So rather than listen to any sales nonsense I phoned around with my own ideas. I contacted one Company and told them that my roof faced South East to North West and said I wanted 16 panels to saddle my roof 8 one side and 8 the other, I wanted two batteries to store more than 10kw and my chief requirement was it has to provide power in event of a power cut from the grid.

Expecting an answer of I'm sorry we can't do that I got yes certainly we can do that the system will provide domestic consumption first then charge the batteries before exporting to the grid. So a sales person called a few days later and explained how it works, informed me that if I had two batteries I could have another one free and took my order.

On the 8th of January 4 weeks later the system was supplied and fitted the same day. I now have a system that if conditions are perfect can supply almost 8kwh per side and the batteries can store in excess of 20kwh.

We have since purchased an EV3 which I can charge overnight from my batteries at either 7p per kwh from the grid or at no cost from my batteries.

On the 15th of March my system produced over 25kwh of which we used 9kwh and some to top up the batteries. So around 10kwh was exported to the grid. Virtually no power was consumed that day from the grid.

In the event of a power cut the lights will stay on and I have plugs to connect my heating Internet and TV.

Adrian Cawley 07882109376 If you would like to see it please call.

Old lawyers don't die – they just lose their appeal.

Teaching yourself how to Speak Pirate...? Here's a useful tip: concentrate on your ARRRRtication.



Another Marloes Hoopoe

Long term residents of Marloes will know that from time to time a Hoopoe spends a few days in the village, attracting birdwatchers from near and far. This year, a Hoopoe was around the village from 5th – 9th April. Although it spent time in private gardens it often fed on the small patch of grass by the car parking area in front of the church, in full view of passing motorists.



Photo by Dave Astins

So what is a bird which generally lives around the Mediterranean doing here?? Well it is what is called a “spring overshoot”. The birds migrate north from Africa where they spend the winter and somehow forget to stop, finishing up in the UK and northern France. They often stay for several days, feeding well, then disappear – hopefully to fly back south again.

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Lockley Lodge and Skomer Island.

Chrissy and Gary Eade arrived at Lockley Lodge 14 years ago, and have become integral to this gateway to Skomer Island. This interview records some of their experiences (edited by Ria Burton for experience and towards silver DoE).

“We had never heard of Skomer or Skokholm until we started. Our first visit took our breath away and left us very emotional and wanting to help. Unlike other colonies in the world, Skomer Puffins are thriving, which shows how precious the Island is and the importance of research. All the revenue from Lockley Lodge supports the Islands and wildlife reserves managed by The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales.

At first, technology at Lockley Lodge felt like being in the dark ages, in a nice way. Visitors used cash, the internet was patchy at best. The visitors would queue from 6am for tickets. This meant visitors stayed locally and enabled us to fill local hotels and B&B's.

In 2020, Covid forced many changes. Cash disappeared. We moved to an online booking system with Dragon WiFi providing an internet connection for card machines. We had no idea how it was going to work and it was a frightening time. However, Skomer visitors haven't changed. They still come from all over the world. But visitors now stay further away and will travel up to 6 hours to be on their boat. Visitor numbers are controlled, Skomer sets a daily maximum.

Skomer attracts wildlife lovers and these are our favourite visitors. April brings keen bird watchers but we don't land many visitors as the Puffins are intermittent. May and June, our busiest period, bring photographers and people who just want to see a Puffin. The photographers proudly show us their best shots. It is amazing to see the magic that Skomer can inject into visitors. We see marriage proposals most years, with couples returning displaying their rings, it is very moving. We slowdown in July as the seabirds start to make their way out to sea.

August is about the seals and their pups.

A cuddly Puffin is still our biggest seller although Seal souvenirs are also popular. We get called the Puffin shop, which makes us smile. We sell clothing too, and a surprise seller is a Puffin Christmas tree bauble. Now we stock a range of binoculars. Gary is on hand to advise and they make a big difference to experiencing the wildlife.

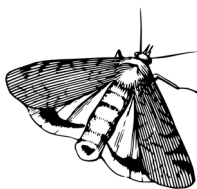
We do a lot that people don't realise. We check in the visitors, control the flow of people to the jetty, and check for open food bags. It is essential that bags are sealed to keep the Islands rat free. A rat on Skomer would be devastating for the ground-nesting Puffins and Manx Shearwaters. Our most hated question - is there a McDonald's on Skomer!!! Seriously! An increasing worry is the use of drones. They are not allowed on the island as they scare the birds off the ledges causing precious eggs to be lost.

I will always remember Sir David Attenborough words to me, after filming the Shearwaters, that the views hadn't changed since 1945, and it meant a lot to him, long may it last.”

Dragonflies, Moths and Coffee Saturday July 5th

We last did this in 2015 and it was good fun, so it's time for another go.

Do you fancy a leisurely hour or so watching dragonflies in the sunshine?



Or having a look at what flew into the moth trap the previous night? And maybe do a bit of pond-dipping? Or pottering around the garden? All with a cup of coffee and maybe a home-made biscuit or two??

If you do then join us at Orlandon Kilns on Saturday July 5th at 10:30 (backup date Sunday July 6th).

There is parking for quite a few cars but sharing would be good.



The weather needs to be warm and sunny for dragonflies and warm the previous night for moths so if it looks dodgy then ring me (Rosemary) on 636970 in the morning to see if we are going ahead. If you email me to let me know you are coming I will email to let you know if we have to cancel or postpone.

Open to anyone interested in natural history.

NEVER THE SAME BEACH TWICE

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said that one cannot step into the same river twice: it's never the same river, and you won't be the same person. Similarly one cannot visit the same beach twice, because each tide changes things. The late May sand levels at Musselwick (Marloes) have been very high because of offshore winds; furthermore swimmers are finding it shingly underfoot, even rocky in places.

Lumpy Beach Syndrome has been reported here before: from Yvonne Evans' archives comes a Western Mail front page article of June 11th 1984 headed *Riddle of vanishing holiday sands baffles the experts*. The photo shows Steve Marsden, then proprietor of Marloes Post Office (which was in The Square) surrounded by stones, his backdrop that unmistakeable black cliff. The Mail had consulted Prof D Q Bowen (Aberystwyth University) about the situation – which was however different 41 years ago, for then the general Musselwick beach level was very low and there were reports of “lost sand” from locations all across Wales and England.

Normality will probably return with a weather change; but, it's well to be reminded that Nature is good at surprises. While summer visitors struggle to picture No Beach Syndrome, we year-round beach explorers have witnessed on different occasions Musselwick, Albion, Marloes, and West Dale completely scoured to the bedrock – and then, sometimes only a day later, everything back as before!

CJ

Micro-moths (*a rather obscure topic I'm afraid and no room for pictures!*)

As the name implies, micro-moths are small moths. In particular they are a set of moth families where most of the member are small, being mostly less than 10mm in length (nose to wingtip). Some are very small – the tiniest of them all is 3.5 mm long – but quite a few are a decent size, for example like a small butterfly.

You will probably only be familiar with these moths if you have come across the larvae as pests – think Pea Moth, Plum Fruit Moth, Codling Moth, and dare I say it – Clothes Moth, though the latter is becoming quite rare as its larva's favourite food – perhaps an old, grubby, woollen gardening jumper left in the bottom of a wardrobe, is becoming quite rare. More man-made fibres, and cleaner more insect-proof houses are taking their toll. There are also some micro moths that you may be aware of which are not pests – Many-plumed Moth and Common Plume (T shaped) come to lighted windows and China-mark moths hover around ponds in the evening laying their eggs, as their offspring feed on pond plants under water.

Although these species familiar to humans have English names, most micro-moths are known by their two-part Latin names which can be very long and hard to pronounce. And quite a lot of the moths are rather brown and hard to identify. What is more there are 896 species out there for ardent moth-ers to try and identify. All these things are felt to be rather daunting to a novice moth enthusiast so the latest version of the Micro-moth ID book includes English names for all the moths. It does not replace names which are already in common use but dreams up new ones, mostly quite sensible, for all the others.

So just picking some of the longest Latin names I could find, from the moths I have seen, as examples:

a moth previously known as *Phyllonorycter quercifoliella* was an easy name for experienced moth folk – the phyllonorycters are a big family of leaf miners with pretty little adults, and this one, as the Latin name implies, feeds on oak. So it is now Common Oak leaf-miner – fair enough I suppose.

Oidaematophorus lithodactyla is a tricky one – however fond you are of long Latin names it is difficult to know how to pronounce it! Maybe Dusky Plume is easier.

Semioscopis steinkellneriana is now known as Black-marked Diviner. Easier to remember maybe, but Mr Steinkellner is now committed to oblivion!

And lastly *Endothenia quadrimaculana* is now known as Marsh Marble – a reasonable name actually, as the larva feeds on Marsh Woundwort, but the Latin reference to the 4 blotches is lost – in fact probably just as well as it really has two big blotches and several smaller ones!

The jury is out on the new names. Died in the wool older moth-ers who are thoroughly familiar with the Latin names, and who probably learnt Latin at school, like the Latin names and find the new names confusing. New moth-ers automatically use the new English names without any qualms. I think I fall somewhere in the first camp!

Rosemary Royle

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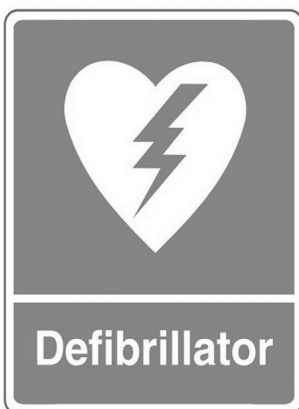
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