

# Peninsula Papers

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

*Messing about in  
boats*



# Papurau Penrhyn

**JUNE 2026 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 every day from 10 am

**MOBILE LIBRARY:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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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SUITE DALE**



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Dear all,

I wonder how you feel about change? Whilst some rush towards it (the latest tech anyone?) many of us shy away from it.

Locally we wished Andrew & Rhiannon a happy retirement as they stepped back from full time vicar-ing (although they'll still be about). It's a big change to how things have been for many years. And in our country we recently had the Senedd elections which radically re-shaped the political map of Wales, meaning change both in who is in power in the Senedd, but also many of those who are representing us locally. There has been a lot of change. Change in many ways is a reality of life, nothing ever stays static, some changes we celebrate as good, some we see as bad, and some we remain slightly suspicious of as we work out which it will be.

Later this month the church celebrates the life of St Peter (he's Patron Saint of the Church in Marloes) he experienced radical change in his life when one day, working as he did as a fisherman, a travelling preacher and teacher called him to follow him. And in following Jesus his life was radically changed, seeing and doing things he had never imagined, becoming a key figure in the early church. Peter could never have imagined how much his life was about to change when he set aside his nets and went after Jesus.

And in his life I see a reflection of how I have learned to handle change; through it all Jesus went with him. The Bible describes God as 'the same yesterday, today and forever'. In all the changes of life, this truth has been an anchor for me. Whilst everything else changes God remains a steady point in the storms, an anchor to hold onto in good times and bad, the one constant who will not fail.

As we encounter changes, both as communities and as individuals, I invite you not to go it alone. Whether for you God is that anchor, or in reaching out to friends, family and neighbours, I hope that we can support and encourage one another in all the seasons of life and not try to go it alone.

With every blessing,

Samuel & Gaynor



# ST PETER'S CHURCH MARLOES PATRONAL SERVICE

A Eucharist celebrating  
the life of St Peter:  
from fisherman, to  
disciple, to leader  
of the early  
church.



**SUNDAY  
28 JUNE  
9.30AM**



## **Celebrating the life of St Peter the Fisherman**

On Sunday 28th June at 9.30am we'll be celebrating the life and witness of our Patron Saint in St Peter's Church in Marloes. We'll be hearing about how his life was forever changed upon meeting Jesus, singing some wonderful hymns, and taking time to slow down and reflect.

## **Celebrating the life of St Peter's Church in Marloes**

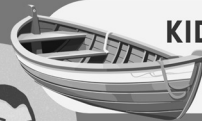
That same afternoon we'll be celebrating the life of our village and village church. With a chance for a catchup over tea, coffee and cake, there will be a Scavenger Hunt around the church for kids, hunting for things related to St Peter (with small prizes for those who complete it). Also you will be able to discover the history of the church and different objects we look after, and to look into your own family history through our registers of Christenings, Weddings, and Burials. It's your church, and we'd love to celebrate with you.

## **ST PETER'S CHURCH OPEN HOUSE SUN 28 JUNE, 2-5PM**

**TEA, COFFEE  
& CAKE**



**KIDS SCAVENGER  
HUNT**



**FAMILY  
HISTORY**



**IT'S YOUR  
CHURCH**



**A SPECIAL TREAT!**  
**Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band**

**Present**  
**SEASIDE SYMPHONY**  
**SUNDAY 28th JUNE**  
**At 2.00pm**



**On the**  
**SEA FRONT, DALE**  
**or if wet in CORONATION HALL, DALE**

**Entrance Free**  
**DONATIONS for ST JAMES CHURCH**

**ST JAMES CHURCH DALE**  
**BLESSING of the BOATS**



**DALE SEA FRONT**  
**SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2026**



**5.00pm**  
**with**

**Carmarthen Symphony Wind Band**

**Collection in aid of St James Church**  
**All Welcome**

**St Ishmaels Church News**

See elsewhere for the poster for the Summer Fete at Monk Haven on 13th June  
If you have any nice bric brac, fancy goods such as scarves handbags or jewellery for our stall please contact Christine Llewelin on 07813 960637 and please keep on baking! Many thanks.

Winners of the 100 club: 1st Margaret Williams, 2nd Richard Neale. 3rd Tei Taller

## ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE.

We are most grateful to all of you who came and supported the Cream Teas on Bank Holiday Monday. The deadline for this issue is before the event so I am taking a punt we had support!

Fr Andrew's last service as Vicar of Dale was on Sunday 31st May. We wish Fr Andrew and Rhiannon all the best as they start their 'retirement'. However, we know it is not a complete farewell as we shall be seeing Fr Andrew from time to time., as he helps out with taking some services

The parish now looks forward to a new era with Rev Gaynor Ford returning to us as Priest in Charge. Many of you will know Rev Gaynor as she has been part of the team looking after Dale in the past. The Parish can be sure it continues in good hands and can look to the future with confidence.

On the more domestic front we look forward to a summer of events.... On Sunday 28th June we have two events. In the afternoon Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band will be providing a light concert on Dale Sea Front, weather permitting, (in hall if wet), which will be a miscellany of songs and tunes, light numbers, sentimental favourites and modern hits, light classics and tunes to make you hum along! This starts at 2.00pm so come along, bring a chair, sit in the sun and enjoy! It is a free event—but donations for St James Church would be much welcome.

This is followed by Sea Sunday, or Blessing the Boats whichever you prefer will be on Sunday 28th June at 5.00 pm. More details will be on Facebook and notices around the villages. Another old favourite is back in the dairy—the Fete—or Summer Sunfest held this year on Saturday 25th July,. It is hoped it will be in two parts with old fashioned games, stalls, teas in the afternoon - plus a tug of war. We throw down the gauntlet for you to make a team and take on all challengers! In the evening we are hoping to run an event of which more details will be in next months issue of PP

We thank you for all your support in the past and hope we can look for your support in the future.

### **Summer Coastal Bus Services return to Pembrokeshire**

Pembrokeshire's much-loved coastal buses are gearing up for another summer of scenic journeys, with three key services returning from Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The services are:

- Puffin Shuttle (Service 400 - Richards Bros) linking St David's and Marloes, this route takes in Broad Haven, Little Haven, St Brides, Marloes and Martins Haven - the gateway to boat trips for Skomer Island.
- Strumble Shuttle (Service 404 - Richards Bros) running the spectacular coast road between St Davids and Fishguard, with stops at Aberiddy (home of the Blue Lagoon), Porthgain, and Strumble Head.
- The Coastal Cruiser (Service 387/388 - Pembrokeshire County Council) around the Angle Peninsula will also switch to its summer timetable.

All three services will operate daily from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 27<sup>th</sup>.

# Community Councils

## Dale

Notes from the May meeting

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

Clerk gave an update on Welsh Water (for the full response from Welsh Water please contact the Clerk).

Cllrs discussed the potential issues around the blue flag beaches due to the spills relating to Welsh Water. Tenby north beach has recently lost their blue flag status. County Cllr CG will follow up with the blue flag status.

### **Village Matters: Welsh Water**

Welsh Water visited the community council and gave councillors an update of the next steps and actions taken in relation to the sewage and pumping issues (related to the tanker issues).

Welsh Water gave an overview presentation (available on request from the clerk). The summary of the presentation was a new lining had been implemented to support the surge of sea water (temporary solution). Long term solution is to create a new pumping system and station in Dale to pump the sewage / water up to Marloe's sewage works. The project is planned to be completed by 2030.

Cllr PG has asked Welsh Water to support the issues with the field flooding. Welsh Water will follow up and try to support as much as possible. The issue is road surface water, which is the responsibility of the County Council not Welsh Water. The Cllrs are worried that the fields that are flooding are used to support overflow car parking / events.

Cllr PM bought up to the community council a boating event that would like to be held in the village. The issue is that the event would need space for 60 boats, the cars and people. Unfortunately, due to the overflow field flooding, there is no room to support the 60 boats. Cllr PM will feedback

to the yacht club.

Cllr PG recommended to plan the event (space needed and permission) before confirming the event. Cllrs discussed the activities calendar.

Tom Huddington from Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum gave a presentation to the community council. Tom delivered a PowerPoint presentation on climate change in Pembrokeshire (the key risk to the impact of climate change). The presentation is available via the clerk.

The overview of the presentation was to give councillors and members of the public the issues of climate change that will impact the Dale community. Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum will support the community council with a practical climate adaptation toolkit.

Councillors discussed the next steps for Dale around climate change, and the support Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum can give the council. The community council have recommended giving a update and presentation to the WI (women's institution).

### **Highways and Parking**

Cllrs have received several complaints from members of the public concerning the lack of streetlight in South Street Junction (bottom end of South Street). The Yacht Club now opening all year round has seen an increased number of people using the road in the evenings (and this will increase in the summer season). The original streetlights were removed. Clerk has requested new streetlights to be installed by Pembrokeshire County Council. Highways have passed the request to street care, no response to date. *ongoing action*

Cllrs would like additional 20mph signs added to current poles around the village. *Clerk to ask highways costings and next steps.*

Pembrokeshire County Council Parking Wardens / Officers to start the process of supporting parking issues from 01.03.2026 (following end of the winter free parking). Clerk received a generic response from PCC con-

firmed the parking wardens are supported on a set routing structure.

Clerk to request data on previous year parking fines issued in Dale.

### **County Council Matters**

County Councillor CG discussed the PCNPA second homes/holiday lets planning permission processes. Claire George would like the community councillors to think about a potential new / proactive approach to support the purchasing of second homes / holiday lets. County Councillor CG discussed the link to the PCNPA development plan.

Eisteddfod is being hosted in Pembrokeshire in August 2026. County Councillor CG asked if community councillors had any ideas of support to represent Dale and its community in the Eisteddfod celebrations (for example, any local businesses that would like to be showcased).

County Councillor will be walking with the PCSO next week. Cllrs would like the speeding and drink driving to be supported by the local Police.

Changing places toilets – County Cllr CG is supporting and still working with the fundraising group. New updates will be filtered down once further progress has happened. Cllrs again re-iterated the importance of the County Council taking future responsibility for the financing of the changing places toilets.

### **Date for the next meeting**

*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026*

## **Marloes & St Brides**

### **May 2026 Meeting**

**Open Reach Fibre Broadband** No further updates this month.

**Footpaths and Beach** Cllr LB confirmed the success of the race across the footpath on Saturday 02.05.2026. Cllr MH raised the issue of the refuse bin being placed in front of the emergency phone at

Marloes Sands. Cllrs recommended that a sign be placed on the phone to remind refuse collectors not to obstruct it, in case of emergencies.

**Recreation Area / Playing Fields** The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant has been approved. Cllr MH has sent off the signed acceptance paperwork, and Chair NS will now chase up the contractor to progress the works.

**Village Hall** Cllr LB (representative of the Village Hall) confirmed that funding has been applied to install a handrail. The Village Hall committee has also discussed cracking in the walls at the rear of the building, and a contractor will be asked to assess and provide costings.

**Clock Tower** Following the electricity supplier switch to Utilita, standing fees have been introduced. To avoid these charges on such low usage, Utilita have arranged for a smart pay-as-you-go meter to be installed. Cllrs are happy with this outcome. Installation of the new meter is now scheduled for 28.05.2026. Payments are on hold and a complaint remains in place with Utilita until the meter has been installed. Cllr MH reported ongoing issues with opening the clock tower door due to recent wet weather. Cllr NS recommended that a local carpenter be approached to assess and resolve the issue.

**Highways** Cllr MH conducted a site visit with Pems CC (Will Davies) to discuss the ongoing speed issues in Marloes and St Brides. A number of traffic calming measures were recommended by Will Davies, including the concept of a “virtual pavement” (similar to those used in supermarkets). Will Davies will add Marloes and St Brides Community Council to the minor works waiting list (likely to be supported in 2027/28). Other funding options, including private business sponsorship, will also be explored (Cllr NS will approach businesses for support). Will

# Community Councils

Davies will also look at possible signage for the park / playing field area to support the speeding issue and to reduce the risk of accidents involving children crossing the road by the park. Cllr MH confirmed that 2 bulbs have gone in the village speedometer. The Clerk will follow up the logged repair under the sign's warranty. Cllrs discussed potholes throughout the village, which have been reported on the Pems CC portal. The Clerk will follow up.

The Clerk will also follow up on hedge cutting prior to the summer season.

**Village Benches** A resident has kindly purchased a memorial bench in memory of her parents. Cllr PS has assembled the bench, and the Council is currently identifying a suitable location within the village before it is installed.

**Bus Service** Cllrs discussed the Puffin bus service, which begins at the end of May, and the seasonal increase in traffic in the area (along with the speeding issues that come with higher volumes of traffic). The Clerk will follow up with Dale Community Council regarding local bus routes and improving public transport services for local people.

No updates on the school bus discussion with County Councillor Claire George.

**Gaylane Terrace** The Clerk has followed up with Head of Housing Gaynor Toft and County Councillor Claire George. No further response to the Community Council's emails has been received to date.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 07<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Marloes Village Hall 19.30.

## St Ishmaels

**MATTERS ARISING:** *Hedge on the Lindsway path.* The clerk reported that he had been told by PCNP that the cutting back of the

hedge was programmed. He said that he would impress on the Footpath Officer the need for urgency.

*Middlekins Road.* Following investigation by the clerk it was claimed that no responsibility for upkeep of the path by PCNP or PCC existed.

*Play Park Gate.* The clerk to ask PCNP to repair the gate.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:

- \* There was a re-organisation of the county's schools being undertaken.

- \* Licensing of coastering companies was now going to be mandatory.

- \* The county's Flexi Bus for the community service was considered to be unreliable and unsatisfactory by community councillors. Their opinions were related to Claire George. She relayed information on the alternative Community Car service. PACTO (Pembrokeshire Community Transport) Tel No: 01437 701123. admin@pacto.org.uk.

- \* Much disquiet was aired by the Councillors concerning the substantially increased wait times to the PCC Call Centre.

**SEWAGE.** Following the extensive work recently undertaken by Welsh Water and 'Drainforce' in the village, the clerk has been informed that the foul water drain system has now been lined throughout. Hopefully this will prevent rainwater ingress and cure a long-standing problem.

**PADEL TENNIS** Funding is being sought by the Sports Club for the establishment of facilities for the sport.

**WAR MEMORIAL** The new information board will be installed after a decision on the exact siting is made and work started on a plinth.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 8th July, 2026

# Diary for June



## MAY

- Sat 30 1430 - 1730** Dale Pirate Day, see poster elsewhere  
**Sat 30 1900** Rodeo Bull, DJ and Bar, Dale Coronation Hall  
**Sun 31 1800** St James Church Dale, Father Andrew's last service before retirement

## JUNE

- Thu 4 1900** Marloes Hall Talks, "Plankton" by Julian Cremona  
**Sat 13 1000** onwards The Cleddau Marathon Row, starting from Dale beach  
**Sat 13 1030** onwards Seagrass Celebration Day, Dale  
**Sat 13 1400** St Ishmaels Church Fete, Monk Haven Manor  
**Sat 13 1430 - 1630** Herbrandston Strawberry Teas, Community & Church Hall, Herbrandston  
**Wed 17 1930** Coastlands History Group "Isaac Davies, the Hawaiian Chief from Hubberston" by Terry John, Dale Coronation Hall  
**Thu 18 1400 - 1700, Thu - Sun, Exhibition "A Walk through Time" opens in The Old Stables Heritage Centre, South St, Dale**  
**Sat 27 1400 - 1900** Music festival raising funds for the "changing places" toilet, Dale Seafront  
**Sun 28 1400 - 1700** St Peter's Church Marloes, "Open House"  
**Sun 28 1400** Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band, Dale Sea Front  
**Sun 28 1700** Blessing of the Boats, Dale Seafront

## JULY

- Sat 4 1030** Moths and Dragonfly morning, Orlandon Kilns - see advert  
**Tue 7 1930** Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall  
**Wed 8 1900** St Ishmaels Community Council, Sport & Social Club  
**Wed 15 1900** Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite, Dale  
**Sat 25 1400** Herbrandston Carnival, parade starts 2:00 pm  
**Sat 25 1400** onwards. Summer Sunfest, Dale Sea Front

### **Fetes and Carnivals through the summer**

**Dale Pirate Day Sat 30th May**  
**St Ishmaels Church Fete, Monkhaven Sat 13th June**  
**Dale Seafront Music Festival Sat 27th June**  
**Dale Summer Sunfest Saturday 25th July**  
**Herbrandston Carnival Saturday 25th July**  
**Fish Carnival Saturday Aug 1st**  
**St Brides and Marloes Fete Thursday Aug 6th**

# Services for June



## St Ishmaels

14th June 11am communion

28th June 11am communion

## Dale

June 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm Holy Communion

June 21<sup>st</sup> 11am Holy Communion

## Walwyn's Castle

14th June 11:15 Eucharist St James the Great

28th June 11:15 Eucharist St James the Great

## Robeston West

21st June 11:15 Holy Communion

## Marloes & St Brides

7<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

14<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> June 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

28<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – St Peters, Marloes – St Peter's Day Communion

2:00pm - 5:00pm St Peters Marloes, Open House

## Aeon Sandy Hill Chapel

Sunday 7th June: Our friends from Thornton Baptist Chapel join us for worship at 10:30am.

Sunday 14th June: At Chapel 10:30am

Sunday 21st June: Fathers Day at Chapel at 10:30am

Sunday 28th June: At Chapel 10:30am

We have refreshments and chat after every Sunday morning meeting, with an opportunity to be prayed for, for healing or any situations people may be going through.

Weekdays:

Monthly on a Tuesday:

Tuesday Buffet on 16th June. Singing, blessing, chat, quiz, and of course food.

11:30 am - 1:30pm. (This changes to Soup - er Tuesday, later on in the year )

Every other Wednesday:

3rd & 17th this month. Praise And Prayer 7:00pm for refreshments and chat, main meeting to start at 7:30pm

A very warm welcome is open for all meetings.

## Dale WI

At their recent Cream Teas in the Coronation Hall, Dale WI made £810. £760 went towards the local defibrillator scheme with the remainder covering the cost of the hall.

The WI usually meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the winter and 7pm in the Summer in the Coronation Hall, Dale. Please contact Gail Smith on 07854854838 for further information.

## MARLOES SHOP

As everyone may know, the Marloes Village Shop has been marketed for sale. This is potentially a fantastic opportunity for the community to have a permanent hub and shop in the village, using the grants and funds available for this type of purchase.

We are looking for community members who would be interested in getting involved with perhaps a level of knowledge in this area.

If you feel that you would be able to contribute and join a feasibility study and/or working group, please contact us at [phoenixhummingbird@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixhummingbird@gmail.com)

Martin Nash

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
*A Charity Concert Fundraising For*  
*Dale Changing Places Toilet*  
**SATURDAY 27 JUNE**  
**DALE SEA FRONT / CORONATION HALL**



14:30 Music for Fun Group  
15:40 Cleddau Flutes  
17:00 Malva Ukrainian Band  
18:50 The Varifocals Folk Band

**Entrance Free**  
YOUR donations, all gratefully received, will mean that disabled people can enjoy all that our wonderful Dale Bay and Beach have to offer.



The logo is circular with 'Dale' at the top. Inside the circle, there is an icon of a person in a wheelchair and another person standing next to a toilet. Below the icon, it says 'Changing Places Toilet Facility'.

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At Walwyn's Castle village hall  
**COMMUNITY COFFEE**  
**& CHAT - The 3C's**

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





DALE PIRATE DAY'S FIRST

# RODEO

DJ · RODEO BULL · BAR

MAY 30TH - 7:00 PM

LIVE DJ SET FROM PEMBROKESHIRE  
FAVOURITE DJ DOWSEY

FREE ENTRY

COWBOY ATTIRE OPTIONAL

📍 DALE CORONATION HALL

On Sunday, before making his last announcement the vicar took a deep breath and held it well: assured of the congregation's full attention, 'The good news for this church is that all the money we need for re-hanging the bells and over-hauling the clock is there, ready and waiting; the bad news for you is, it's in your bank accounts.'



**DALE  
SEAGRASS  
CELEBRATION  
DAY  
SEE BELOW**

**Join us for a day on and by the water in Dale to mark the progress of the seagrass restoration project and recognise the work of everyone in the community who has contributed over the years. All are welcome.**

- Guided snorkelling and paddleboarding sessions exploring the seagrass meadow and the marine life it supports
- An update from the project team on how the seagrass is doing in the bay, along with information on current work and ways to get involved
- Explore seagrass meadows with a VR experience, and contribute to our 'meadow of hope' art piece (no artistic skills required!)

Food to share, offering a chance to eat, talk, and learn more about the project  
No experience is needed and all equipment will be provided.

**Location:** Dale Beach (Windswept Watersports and Dale Coronation Hall)

**Date:** 13th June 2026

**Time:** 10:30am–3pm

More info and get tickets here at [www.tickettailor.com](http://www.tickettailor.com) Use code LOCALHERO to sign up for tickets.



# SUMMER FETE

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
2pm start

ST ISHMAELS CHURCH  
IN THE GROUNDS OF MONK HAVEN  
MANOR

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

GRAND RAFFLE  
CAKE STALL  
BRIC A BRAC  
PLANT STALL  
REFRESHMENTS  
GAMES AND  
ACTIVITIES  
AND LOTS MORE

## What's in a Name? – Hoaten.

The AI overview is that “Hoaten is a historic agricultural area and hamlet in Pembrokeshire, Wales”. There is no apparent origin of the name – perhaps derived from the name of a person. In a Tithe Schedule dated the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1839, all the Hoaten properties are in St. Ishmaels. Community boundary changes in more recent times mean that Upper, Middle and Lower (also styled as Little) Hoaten are in the Community Area of Marloes & St. Brides, with Great Hoaten and Hoaten Mill remaining in St. Ishmaels.

Upper Hoaten has previously been named as Tavern Putt, now the name of the crossroads. A field nearby is named Putt, and there are suggestions that stock being taken to market may have been housed here overnight. Lower Hoaten Farm is one of the two major milking farms in St. Brides.

Great Hoaten is more widely known as Anchor Hoaten, and the image of the house with the large anchor in front is widely featured. It is no longer thought that the anchor may date from the time of the Spanish Armada, and research is ongoing to try and establish which vessel may have been the source of the anchor. Hoaten Mill is now a private residence.

Mullock Bridge Update – Responses from a former lorry driver at the nearby Dale Sand & Gravel Quarry, and also from members of the Brand family who lived at School House, Dale both suggest that it was 1963 that the “new road” was opened. There was also a recollection that the school bus drivers were dared to drive the wrong way, and occasionally this did happen!

### **Dragonflies, Moths and Coffee Saturday July 4th**

*We did this last year 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? 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 4th at 10:30 (backup date Sunday July 5th).

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.

## Coastlands Local History Group.

We were treated to a wide ranging, diverse and fascinating talk on all things funereal by Rev Canon Dr Rhiannon Johnson. The weather vetoed a walk and talk so the backup plan of an illustrated talk in the church was the format. Rhiannon covered the 'evolution' of burials and memorials to the dead over the years using some of the grave stones and memorials in St Brides Church as illustrations, and Fr Andrew was able to take a group down to the beach to show a cist grave under the lime kiln. Despite what appeared to be a somewhat gloomy topic, the talk was fascinating and much enjoyed by those who attended.

The Old Stables officially opens in June. There will be an exhibition in place until the end of September. This year we are highlighting the history you walk through as you travel along the Pembrokeshire Coast Path as it passes through our area. The Exhibition will be open every Thursday - Sunday 2.00pm - 5.00pm from 18th June. Do pop in and have a look it might just surprise you as to the amount of history you walk through on a daily basis!

We will also have an exhibition in Marloes in July looking at the restoration and re-opening of Marloes Clock Tower. This will be over the weekend of 18th & 19th July - more details in next month's PP.

As we have already mentioned there is to be a workshop on 'Names' in September. There is a move to record names - of places, geological features, houses and the like as they fall out of use. It is hoped to record as many as possible so the historical record will be correct. Please think about names you recall from the past which are now not being used so often as it would be good to have them recorded for posterity.

Our last talk of this half of the year is given by Terry John, an old favourite of ours who will look at "Isaac Davies, the Hawaiian Chief from Hubberston". That is not a sentence I ever thought to write! This talk is in Dale on 17th June at the usual time of 7.30pm.

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)

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**Marloes Village Hall Thurs June 4th 7pm**

## **MARINE PLANKTON: ESSENTIAL TO LIFE ON EARTH**

Illustrated talk by Julian Cremona, to coincide with the publication of his book

### ***Seashore Plankton – a practical guide to Biology & Identification***

Copies of the book will be on sale.

*Free admission – contribution to Hall upkeep appreciated (please bring cash)*

*All Welcome U16s accompanied, please*

## **The Cleddau River Marathon Row**

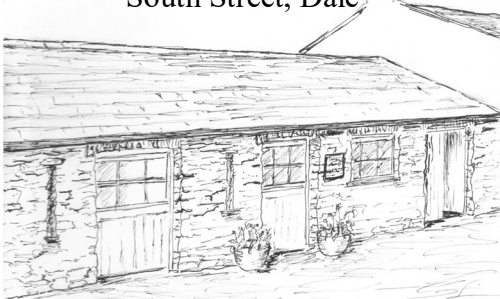
On Saturday 13th June Dale Rowing Club is hosting the start of this 22 mile row up the estuary and on up the river to Haverfordwest. Organised by Llangwm Rowing Club, the row is part of the Haverfordwest River Festival and attracts Celtic long-boats and sea-going yoles from all along the Welsh coast.

The boats will leave Dale beach at 2.30pm but Dale Rowing Club will be offering refreshments such as tea/coffee & cake, bacon rolls, soup and quiche from 10am, with proceeds going to DRC boat maintenance.

Why not come along to see the start of this endurance row and take the chance to talk to DRC members if you are interested in longboat rowing in the peninsula?

## **The Old Stables Heritage Centre**

South Street, Dale



## **EXHIBITION**

**“A Walk through Time”**

**Thurs 18th June - Sun 27th Sept**

**2.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Free Admission**

Arrangements can be made if anyone or any group wishes to visit. outside these times

Contact Harriet 636668 or Yvonne 636251

## St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2026

6 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Whitland away	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Lawrenny II home
13 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Cresselly home	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Llechryd II away
20 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Neyland home	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Haverfordwest III away
27 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Narberth away	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Narberth II home
4 <sup>th</sup> July 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Carew home	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Hook II away

### Cup competitions

Harrison Allen Bowl	Round 1	28 <sup>th</sup> May v Kilgetty away
	Round 2	4 <sup>th</sup> June v Laugharne away (if successful in Round 1)
Clive Huxley Cup - Ladies	Q Final	9 <sup>th</sup> June v Whitland home (if successful in Round 1)

### Ladies Softball fixtures (Sundays)

28<sup>th</sup> June v Pembroke (11:00 hrs) & Llechryd (15:00 hrs) at Home

### Ladies Hardball fixtures Division 1 (6:00 p.m. Start)

2<sup>nd</sup> June v Haverfordwest away

16<sup>th</sup> June v Burton home

23<sup>rd</sup> June v Cresselly away

30<sup>th</sup> June v Hook home

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

#### Under 15s

2<sup>nd</sup> June v Haverfordwest home

8<sup>th</sup> June v Pembroke away

15<sup>th</sup> June v Llechryd away

22<sup>nd</sup> June v Llanrhian away

#### Under 13s

3<sup>rd</sup> June v Whitland home away

10<sup>th</sup> June v Narberth home

17<sup>th</sup> June v Neyland away

24<sup>th</sup> June v Hook home

1<sup>st</sup> July v Cre Maroons away



#### Under 11s

1<sup>st</sup> June v Haverfordwest away

8<sup>th</sup> June v Neyland away

15<sup>th</sup> June v Hook home

2<sup>nd</sup> June c P Dock home

#### Girls Under 12s

3<sup>rd</sup> June v Haverfordwest away

10<sup>th</sup> June v Narberth away

17<sup>th</sup> June v Whitland home

1<sup>st</sup> July v Lamphey away

#### Under 9s Festival dates (Sunday mornings)

31<sup>st</sup> May at St Ishmaels [HOSTING]

7<sup>th</sup> June at Llechryd

14<sup>th</sup> June at Carew

21<sup>st</sup> June at Pembroke Dock

### Outdoor Training Sessions

THURSDAY EVENINGS FOR ALL EXCEPT THE GIRLS U 12s & LADIES SOFTBALL WHICH WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

Please look for St Ishmaels cricket club on Facebook & Tish Topics for up-to-date information & news.

Pembroke County Cricket Club's website at [www.pembrokeshirecc.co.uk](http://www.pembrokeshirecc.co.uk) provides a great deal of information.

This site [www.pembrokeshiresport.co.uk](http://www.pembrokeshiresport.co.uk) provides excellent coverage of Pembrokeshire cricket.

Yours in sport

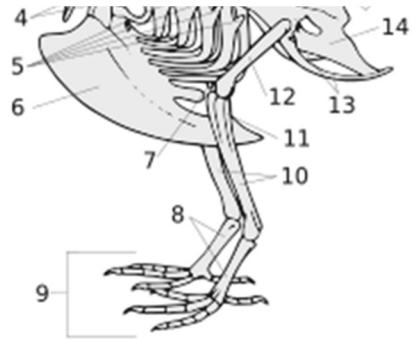
Wendy Bradshaw (07974678329)

Sec. St Ishmaels C.C. & Club Safeguarding Officer

## There is more to a bird's leg than meets the eye

Have you ever wondered why a bird's knee seems to bend the wrong way??

There is a simple answer – it's not a knee it's an ankle. The leg on a bird works very much like our legs, working from the top down. There is a thigh (femur), then a knee (patella). However, the thigh is quite short and usually covered in feathers and out of sight. So the first limb that you can see is the one below the knee which is equivalent to our shin. You then get to the ankle, which bends the same way as our ankle, but then it gets different. The long bone on a bird's leg between the ankle and the feet is a fused and extended tarsus, called a tarsometatarsus – the equivalent on humans runs along the top of the foot. The feet are attached to the bottom of this tarsus. On many birds, such as waders and herons, this extended tarsus is very long. It thus allows birds to exploit habitats such as water edges and swamps. In bird such as Stilts the long "legs" are taken to an extreme!

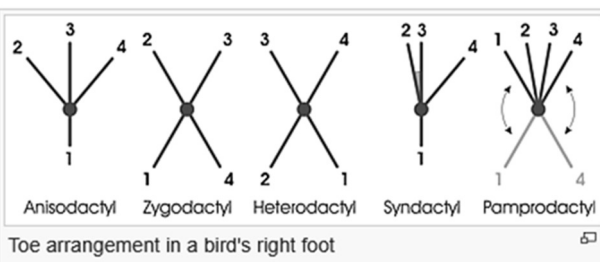


- 7. patella
- 8. tarsometatarsus
- 9. digits
- 10. tibia (tibiotarsus)
- 11. fibula (tibiotarsus)
- 12. femur

Birds can "sit down" on their ankles – this is how they sit when they are brooding chicks. Young birds also often adopt this position in the nest. Some birds can also "sit down" on their knees – I have picture of a Lesser Rhea with it's long legs stretched out behind it - it must be sitting on its knees!

So now we need to think about feet! Bird's feet are amazingly varied - they usually have four toes but many species have less – Ostriches have two and many birds do not have the "back" toe (e.g. Sanderling) or sometimes it is reduced to a small claw.

Black-winged Stilt



Here is a diagram showing some of the many toe arrangements on a bird's foot. Woodpeckers are Zygodactyl – two forward and two back - as it is a good arrangement for climbing up and down trees. Parrots also have two forwards and two back (Heterodactyl) but they are differently arranged! The most common arrangement for

perching birds is Anisodactyl – this format allows them to grip branches, and indeed they can keep that grip going even when asleep.

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