

# Peninsula Papers

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



# Papurau Penrhyn

**MAY 2026 MAI**

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

**DALE BEACH SHOP** Open every day from 10 am

**MOBILE LIBRARY:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 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

*Contact 01437 775243 or 07774 230200 (van) or Pembs CC website for info*

**MOBILE POST OFFICE:**

**Tuesday:** St Ishmaels 14:00 - 15:00 Dale 15:15 - 16:15

**Thursday:** St Ishmaels 11:15 - 12:15 Marloes 13:00 - 14:00 Dale 14:15 - 15:15

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## **Dear friends and neighbours,**

This is a goodbye and not a goodbye. Andrew and Rhiannon are stepping back from active frontline vicaring. Andrew retires with a big celebration in Dale on the last Sunday of May at 6pm, as he approaches the age limit for full time ministry. Rhiannon is in the process of being retired on the grounds of ill health. But of course, we are not the only vicars on the peninsula and Samuel, Gaynor and David will carry on, maybe with a new face or two to help. You will not be left vicarless.

It is highly likely that Andrew, at least, will be asked to help out in retirement, but he wants to make a bit of a break to adjust before committing to a new pattern. After nearly thirty years in service he has earned it. So we are planning to spend June in Ireland learning to be laity, or something near it. And, of course, we have chosen to live out our days with you here on the Peninsula and that will still mean worshipping in our churches and being part of our communities, just not with the roles we had before.

Nevertheless it is a break and a change. We came to this area in 1999. We saw in the new millennium with you. As Andrew led prayers of blessing on the slip in Little Haven at midnight, someone called out, "Who is that druid?". Our daughter was born and raised here, went to nursery and school here. I remember many years of school assemblies and Andrew has been a governor for both local primary and secondary schools. We resisted the downgrading of our hospital and I have fond memories of the funniest protest I have ever attended at the Senedd in Cardiff.

Together with you we witnessed the twin towers attack, the War on Terror, too many Iran wars and worldwide conflicts, the death of the Queen, the slow ebbing of traditional religious faith, the rise of the far right and, it seems to me, a general hardening of the nation's heart. We have held all that in prayer and helped deal with the local consequences of global events. We endured the Covid lockdown together, saw the Olympic flame come through Haverfordwest, weathered many storms, enjoyed sunny days and extraordinary dawns and sunsets, and rejoiced daily beauty we are privileged to live with.

It is our great joy to have known generations of local families and been with them in their joys and sorrows. We have watched children we knew as infants come to marriage and have children of their own. We remember so many loved ones who have passed before us into glory. We have seen incredible human courage and kindness in the everyday lives of the people around us. It has been an honour to know you.

We have enjoyed fetes and regattas, flower festivals and theatrical performances, exhibitions, concerts and coffee mornings, parties and fund raisers and all the slow business of building and maintaining community.

Most of all, day by day and week by week, we have held you in prayer, begged God to pour blessing, strength, hope and healing into your lives. We have done our best to hold the hope of a God of mercy and love, alive and active, in the centre of the life of this peninsula and its people and visitors. Even when we have often failed, been inadequate or unreachable or exhausted and just plain human ourselves.

It has been a privilege to serve you and these communities. Please forgive us whatever we have done wrong and left undone and keep on making these communities places of love and welcome.

With our prayers that every blessing you need will come to you and your loved ones,

With every blessing,

Rhiannon and Andrew

## ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE

May brings with it the promise of summer just around the corner.....fingers crossed! Plans are afoot for a Cream Tea in aid of St James Church on the last Bank Holiday Monday 25th May - please see flyer below. In May we are also saying 'Goodbye' to Fr Andrew as he retires as a full time Priest. He will no longer be the Vicar of Dale. However, we may see him from time to time as he fills in at occasional services. There will be a special service taken by Fr Andrew on his last day as a Stipendiary Priest. **The service will be on Sunday 31st May 2026 at 6.00pm in St James Church Dale.** It will be an opportunity to acknowledge this new stage in Fr Andrew's life. Everyone is most welcome to attend and help to mark the occasion.

Details of all church services are in the centre pages of Peninsula Papers.

The ALTAR GUILD

**St JAMES DALE**

**CREAM TEAS**

With Raffle

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**  
**25th MAY 2.30pm - 5.00 p.m.**  
**CORONATION HALL**  
**DALE**

In aid of the Church                      ALL WELCOME

## All change

There seem to be a lot of changes coming up in the churches on the Peninsula. As well as Fr Andrew retiring, we are also making changes at St Peter the Fisherman's Church in Marloes & St Bridget's in St Brides. The two changes aren't related. From the beginning of June the services at both churches will be changing to the earlier start time of 9.30am. They will still be fortnightly, alternating with each other, but at a new earlier time. This is partly to try to reduce the pace at which I'm running between services on a Sunday, perhaps you've spotted me in the lanes, or been there when I've scooted in at 1 minute before the start of the service. The change is also related to changes of service times with other churches in my care as we seek to move forwards together.

So, from June, don't arrive at 11am, we'll all be gone and getting ready for lunch, instead join us each week at 9.30am. And, if you haven't been to worship with us before, or you haven't in a while, may I take this opportunity to invite you along. You'll find a warm welcome, a place where you can engage with as much or as little as feels comfortable, and space to slow down, reflect and engage with something bigger.

With every blessing,  
Samuel

## St. Peter the Fisherman, Marloes – May 2026

### Churchyard – Plastic Flowers

Earlier this month, plastic flowers were blown out of the Yard and spread down the road to the Stembridge Junction. Criticism was received from the Community Council, as this spoils the village for residents and visitors. People tending graves in the Yard are reminded that Regulations are published by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales yearly, and the current Regulations can be seen inside the Church, behind the door. See also [www.churchinwales.org.uk](http://www.churchinwales.org.uk) Paragraph 17 states that "Save for silk flowers and Remembrance Day poppies, no artificial wreaths or flowers, shrubs ..... shall be placed on or around any grave or area set aside for cremated remains in the churchyard." Please pass this on to relatives/friends who may not live in the Community area.

Birthday/Greetings Cards – Looking for Birthday/Thank you or other greeting cards, and want to avoid a trip to town? There is a range of cards available inside the church, near the church organ, at a discounted rate. Payment can be made into the collection box on the wall to the left of the Church door.

Yvonne Evans – Church Warden – St. Peter's

## Coastlands Local History Group.

I wonder how many people recalled all the sites of Haverfordwest Pat had in her talk! We were given a terrific trawl through the streets of Haverfordwest from a very early drawing through extremely early photos up to modern times - some of which had changed again! Two things which struck home most were - one -the destruction of some very fine old buildings in the name of 'modernising' which have not stood the test of time as the 'new' buildings have since been demolished. The second was the reminder of how vibrant High Street and Bridge Street were 'back in the day' The hustle and bustle of Market day -Tuesday - was most notable. All declined now as the Market has gone. A great treat to recall old names and personnel.

The Old Stables is not officially open yet, but if you should wish to visit please contact us and we can arrange to open up for you if you wish to do any research, check our records or just generally look at some aspect of the archive. We will be opening for the summer season with an exhibition in June - details in the next issue of PP.

Please do look at the piece in this issue about 'Names' - in this case Mullock in particular. There is to be a workshop looking at local names in September so we will be looking for you to come and give us names, particularly those slipping out of common use, so they can be recorded,

As for the 2026 programme, the Group now move on to an outdoor event. Our May 'talk' is "Grave Matters" which will take the form of a walk through St Brides churchyard with Cannon Dr. Rev, Rhiannon Johnson. This is on Wednesday 13th May at the earlier time of **6.30pm**

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)

### **Early April 2026**

I can think of no better description:  
My blackthorn bushes have, this week, been  
Blossom-bombed.

CJ



# Community Councils

Dale

Marloes & St Brides

St Ishmaels

No minutes from any of the local CCs this month

Peninsula Papers Supporters Club  
Draw

1st £100 Rita Orr

2nd £30 Heather Jenkins

3rd £20 Rosemary Mecklenburgh

## HOME ECONOMICS: SAVING ENERGY IN THE KITCHEN

A highly recommended read: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/energy\\_saving\\_tips](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/energy_saving_tips). While it is headlined “**How much could you save by not using your oven?**”, it covers much more than this. Meanwhile, on the subject of ovens, how about this for a handy tip from this webpage...?

### Baked potato

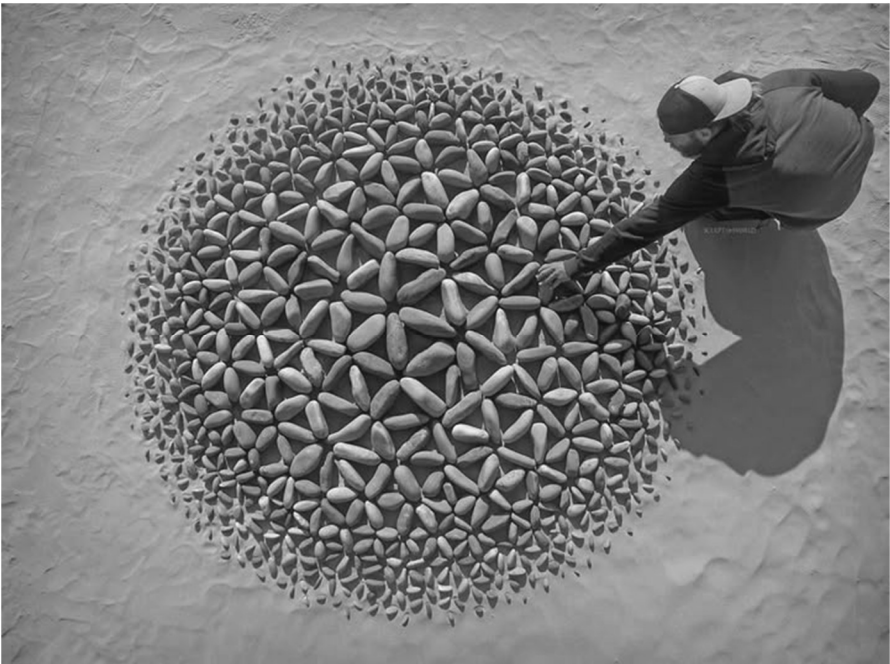
Cooking one baked potato in the oven (120 minutes) = 6.07kWh (assume oven on for 2hours including warmup time)

Cooking one baked potato in the microwave (10 minutes) = 0.14 kWh

At a typical electricity cost of 25 pence per kWh unit, this means

Baked potato in electric oven: energy cost £1.52

Baked potato in microwave: energy cost 3.5p



Jon Foreman beach art at Freshwater West (Google jon foreman sculpttheworld)



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



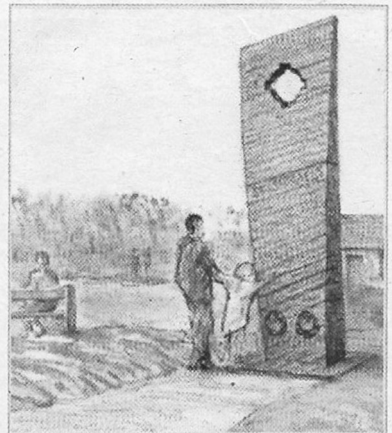
On the right is a copy of a little article on page 39 of the just published 2026 edition of the NP “Coast to Coast” newspaper.

## Project Seagrass

Last month volunteers and Project Seagrass staff came together to help plant seagrass and strengthen the restoration area, building on a training session earlier in the year to successfully plant out hundreds of seagrass transplants in the bay. Building on this momentum, Lilly May Fishing and Celtic Deep will be collaborating over the summer to trial innovative seagrass-friendly lobster pots, alongside surveying the surrounding seagrass and gathering valuable biodiversity data. Looking ahead, plans are underway for a Seagrass Celebration Day on 13th June with Windswept and Celtic Deep - featuring snorkelling and paddling opportunities to experience the seagrass firsthand, followed by a BBQ to thank everyone for their continued support and to celebrate just how well the seagrass is thriving - tickets will be available soon! Please email [flo@projectseagrass.org](mailto:flo@projectseagrass.org) for any more info or questions.



A man goes to his GP complaining of various aches and pains; asked about his line of work, “I’m a geologist.”  
“Ah, yes: all that yomping across the landscape in any weather, collecting rock samples.”  
“Actually, Doctor, no: these days it’s office-based analysis of satellite data, sitting at the computer all day.”  
“Then your condition is easily explained by your sedimentary lifestyle.”



### Cofeb Ryfel Llanisan-yn-Rhos

Mae Cofeb Ryfel Llanisan-yn-Rhos, gan yr artist llwyddiannus Howard Bowcott, yn 3.8m o uchder ac wedi'i gwneud o dywodfaen coch gyda darnau o lechi o Gymru wedi'u mewnosod. Mae'n anrhydeddu 12 o bobl ifanc, leol a fu farw yn y Rhyfeloedd Byd, tra bo sieliâu clai a fodelwyd gan Ysgol Gynradd Coastlands yn cysylltu'r genhedlaeth bresennol â'r dyfodol y collasant eu bywydau drosto.

Wedi'i chomisiynu gan Gyngor Cymuned Llanisan-yn-Rhos, mae'r cofeb yn ffrwyth pum mlynedd o gydweithio cymunedol, sy'n cyfuno cofio â gobaith.

### St Ishmael's War Memorial

The St Ishmaels War Memorial, by award-winning artist Howard Bowcott, stands 3.8m tall in red sandstone with Welsh slate insets. It honours 12 local young people who died in the World Wars, while clay shells modelled by Coastlands Primary School pupils link today's generation with the future they gave their lives for.

Commissioned by St Ishmaels Community Council, the memorial is the result of five years of community collaboration, blending remembrance with hope.

# Diary for May

## MAY

- Sun 3 1430 - 1730** Dale WI and M&DPads Cream Teas, Dale Coronation Hall
- Tue 5 1900** Marloes and St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
- Sat 9 1100 - 1300** Walwyn's Castle Spring Plant Sale
- Wed 13 1830** Coastlands History Group, "Grave Matters" a walk through St Brides Churchyard with Cannon Dr. Rev. Rhiannon Johnson
- Wed 13 1900** St Ishmaels Community Council and AGM, Sports and Social Club
- Mon 18 1900** Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite
- Fri 22 - Fri 29 10:30 - 1700** Deborah Rees art exhibition, Marloes Village Hall
- Sun 25 1430 - 1700** Cream Teas, Coronation Hall Dale, in aid of St James Church
- 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** Seagrass Celebration Day, Dale, details to follow
- Sat 13 1400** St Ishmaels Church Fete, Monk Haven Manor
- Sat 27 1400 - 1900** Music festival raising funds for the "changing places" toilet, Dale Seafront

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

***Dale WI & M&DPads Cream Teas Sun 3rd May***

***Dale Pirate Day Sat 30th May***

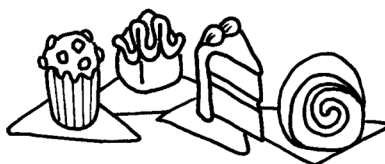
***St Ishmaels Church Fete, Monkhaven Sat 13th June***

***Dale Seafront Music Festival Sat 27th June***

***Fish Carnival Sat Aug 1st***

***St Brides and Marloes Fete Thur Aug 6th***

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



# Services for May



## St Ishmaels

10th May communion 11am

24th May communion 11am

## Dale, Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West

3<sup>rd</sup> May 6.00pm Eucharist, St James Dale.

10<sup>th</sup> May 11.15am Eucharist, St James the Great Walwyns Castle.

14<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day. 6.00pm Outdoor Eucharist, Herbrandston Hall

17<sup>th</sup> May 11.15am Eucharist, St Andrew, Robeston West.

24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost. 11.15am Eucharist, St James the Great Walwyns Castle

31<sup>st</sup> Trinity Sunday 6.00pm Eucharist, St James Dale.

Fr Andrew's last Sunday before retirement.

## Marloes & St Brides

3<sup>rd</sup> May – 11am St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

10<sup>th</sup> May – 11am St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> May – 11am St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

24<sup>th</sup> May – 11am St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion



## Follow, 2025

Created at Sandy Haven

“Found a couple of nice sticks and had to make a double bridge. Something about working in water, particularly still water that I find really satisfying and additional layer of calm. Even in current times, we can still build bridges”

Jon Foreman



# Dale Beach Shop

Open everyday from 10.00am

Find us on Dale beachfront

◆ We accept cash and card

◆ Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

We proudly stock the following:

- ◆ Local produce
- ◆ Ice - cream
- ◆ Groceries
- ◆ Toys
- ◆ Handmade gifts
- ◆ Buckets, spades, crabbing gear
- ◆ Handmade gifts
- ◆ Beach shoes + hats
- ◆ Logs and kindling
- ◆ Sun cream
- ◆ Toiletries
- ◆ Second hand books  
- proceeds to local de- fib group

## SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

2.30 – 7pm

Dale Seafront

### Music Festival

Fund-raising for Dale Changing Places Toilet

### Featuring

Music For Fun Wind Band

Cleddau Flutes

Malva 7 Piece Band



At Walwyn's Castle village hall

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

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



## DALE WI.


April highlighted two very different elements of WI life. On the one hand Dale WI took on the catering for the annual Skomer Marine Zone meeting in Marloes. This event has been catered for by the WI over a number of years as part of our community engagement. On another front, members of Dale WI showcased their craft skills as entrants in The Rose Bowl, a county wide WI competition which results in the winner going forward to the National Competition held at The Royal Welsh Show later in the year. The theme this year was "Circles, Rings and all things Round", which the artistic members of Dale WI embraced with gusto. The photograph shows the entry submitted. Dale WI continued its great tradition of winning one of the craft elements – this time the Floral Art work. In black and white it is difficult to fully appreciate the component parts such as the button tree which was commended for its recycling and colours. The floral arrangement was a confection of mainly garden plants.

We usually meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the winter and 7.30pm in the summer in Coronation Hall, Dale. Please contact Gail on 07854 854838 for any further information.





# 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



# CASTLEMARTIN RANGE UPDATE

The Army will be using Castlemartin Training Area for a large-scale exercise from Tuesday 26 May to Friday 19 June 26.

This is a critical exercise which will train our troops ahead of future operational deployments as well as any potential future operational requirements in the UK or overseas.

Firing will take place between these times:

- Monday: 8am – 6pm and 8pm – 3am
- Tuesday: 8am – 6pm and 8pm – 3am
- Wednesday: 8am – 6pm and 8pm – 3am
- Thursday: 8am – 6pm and 8pm – 3am
- Friday: 8am – 6pm

These hours are the earliest and latest times for firing, not all days will start or finish at these times. There will be no live firing at the weekends or Bank Holiday, but vehicles will still be moving around.

Keep up to date with firing times via your local newspaper or at [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK)

We are grateful for your continued support.

Just Google “Castlemartin Firing Times” for up to date information.



**DALE WI and**  
**M&DPADS (Public Defibs)**  
Are holding a  
**CREAM TEA + STALLS**  
**BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY**  
**3rd MAY 2026**  
**CORONATION HALL, DALE,**  
**2.30-5.30pm**  
**ALL WELCOME**

## Looking and not seeing

So you, the crew of Artemis 2  
After all that money spent, fuel burnt,  
The megatons of self-congratulation,  
Sent us many versions of that view:  
The far side of our cement grey moon.  
About which many previous automatic probes  
Would have yawned and said,  
“Yes, pretty good – but nothing new.”  
And never, not once, did you mention  
The STARS.

*CJ*

### What's in a name? - Mullock

In the dictionary, in Australia, it means mining waste or refuse. Another historical reference refers to “a mill on a hook of land”, and up to the mid 1920’s Mullock Mill had stood for hundreds of years just inside the St. Brides/Marloes boundary with St. Ishmaels. Sadly no remains left now, and no photograph has been found to date. Mullock has been used as a surname and a Christian name. Today there are nine properties with the name, spread across Marloes/St. Ishmaels Communities. Would this qualify as a hamlet? Two of these properties have formerly housed the local policeman. Upper Mullock was the home of the Warren Davies family before they moved to the newly built Trewarren House in the 1840’s.

Mullock Bridge has its own well known history, with the old arch being used by Rhys ap Thomas to fulfil an oath that Henry Tudor “would only pass over his bellie” However the “new” Mullock Bridge roadway – the one we use today has its own history. It was constructed in the early years of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War to enable the large Queen Mary transporters to take the machinery to what was to become the Dale Airfield. Two gangs of workmen worked from each side, but on meeting in the middle, the angle of the bridge parapet meant they still could not cross, so a crossing was made from the St. Brides junction across the fields and stream and out the other side. The “new roadway” was only used for military purposes during the War, and up to 1947 when the base was closed. From 1947 onwards, the road was closed off with barriers, with only occasional use by large vehicles with permission. Some time in the 1960’s, the road was opened to allow two way traffic together with the old road. It was not until the early 1990’s that the “new road” was improved to allow two way traffic itself, and the old road and bridge pedestrianised. Does anyone remember what date in the 1960’s the “new road” was opened?

See the Coastlands Local History Group article in April which highlighted an event in St. Ishmaels in September to record local names of any origin. Do you have a name to record or explore further?

Yvonne Evans 636251

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**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.

**Spring Plant Sale**  
at  
**Walwyns Castle**  
**Village Hall**  
**and Green**

on

**Saturday May 9th - 11am until 1pm**

A wide choice of plants for your borders and planters

Plus a mix of vegetable plants and perennials

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake with friends



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All proceeds towards  
Walwyn's Castle  
village activities

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**The Old Stables Heritage Centre**

South Street, Dale.

**MAY**

**Open by appointment**

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

Contact Harriet 636668 or Yvonne  
636251

# St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2026

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Carew away	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Hook II home
9 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Saundersfoot home	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Crymych away
16 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Burton away	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Carew III home
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Lawrenny away	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Neyland II home
30 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Herbrandston home	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Herbrandston II away
6 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Whitland away	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Lawrenny II home

## Cup competitions

Harrison Allen Bowl	Round 1	28 <sup>th</sup> May v Kilgetty away
Duggie Morris Cup	Round 1	12 <sup>th</sup> May v Herbrandston home*
*If successful Quarter Final 20 <sup>th</sup> May v Whitland/Hook home		
Clive Huxley Cup - Ladies	Round 1	19 <sup>th</sup> May v Pembroke away

## Ladies Softball fixtures (Sundays)

10<sup>th</sup> May v Llanrhian (13:00 hrs) & Pembroke (15:00 hrs) at Pembroke CC

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

5<sup>th</sup> May v Cresselly home 12<sup>th</sup> May v Hook away 26<sup>th</sup> May v Pembroke Dock home

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

### Under 15s

18<sup>th</sup> May v Narberth home  
25<sup>th</sup> May v Cresselly home

### Under 13s

6<sup>th</sup> May v Pem Dock away  
13<sup>th</sup> May v Laugharne away  
20<sup>th</sup> May v Lamphey away  
27<sup>th</sup> May v Cresselly home

### Under 11s

12<sup>th</sup> May v Narberth away

### Girls Under 12s

#### (Sunday mornings)

13<sup>th</sup> May v Cresselly home  
20<sup>th</sup> May v Whitland home

### Under 9s Festival dates

10<sup>th</sup> May at Haverfordwest  
15<sup>th</sup> May at Herbrandston (Friday)  
31<sup>st</sup> May at St Ishmaels [HOSTING]



## 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.

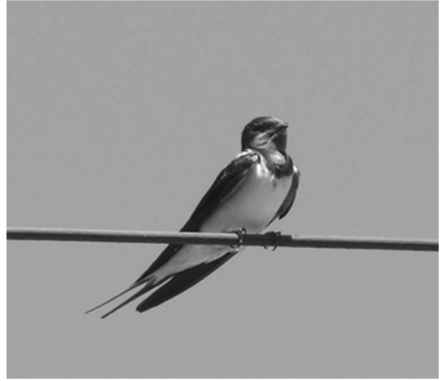
This site [www.pembrokeshiresport.co.uk](http://www.pembrokeshiresport.co.uk) provides excellent coverage of Pembrokeshire cricket.

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

## Swallows – what will this year bring??

I have written about swallows 3 times before (May 2006, Sept 2017 and Sept 2022) but they seem to be a popular subject so here I go again!

As I write this in late March we have seen a few swallows whizzing through over the marsh but I am not expecting our “regular” swallows till about 17<sup>th</sup> April. I really look forward to seeing them (the early ones will probably be ones which nested last year) but my delight is tinged with trepidation. Being involved with swallow breeding is like East Enders and very stressful – who is going to nest where and with whom and what will happen to the odd one out? (We had 5 swallows last year – this involved a huge amount of flying around and screeching and very little progress on nests.) Will the youngsters survive hot weather up under the asbestos roof? Will the nest collapse? Will the adults get used to us in the pumphouse or will they continue to screech blue murder every time we go in? And will they nest in sensible places where we can put cardboard underneath to catch the copious droppings from up to 6 youngsters?



In an effort to keep part of the pumphouse swallow free and therefore also free of their droppings, Peter built a shed-within-the shed. (This also gave him a more compact area in which to work and provided extra storage.) The swallow-free part worked for a while until he left the door open for a couple of days. They were certainly fast workers – within those two days a beautiful mud nest had been constructed in a convenient corner so we had to leave the door open for that year. The door stays closed now though – however a wren built a nest and produced a brood in the old swallow nest – he could get under the gap under the door!

Several friends and acquaintances on the peninsula have tried to make their sheds or garages both swallow and people friendly by building a contained loft space with swallow access, which keeps the swallows out of the main building. This seems like a good idea but it can take the birds a while to use them – I think they really like a big space to fly around in but beggars can't be choosers. I know at least one of these lofts is now regularly used. And my theory about “big space to fly around in” is ruined by the enthusiasm and speed with which swallows will build nests in bird hides. Leave the hatches open for 24 hours and they will have taken up residence. Indeed we have experienced Welcome Swallows in Australia taking up residence in our camper van, happily twittering on the curtain wires within hours of parking (admittedly they did not have much choice – the only other option was the small corrugated-iron building containing the long-drop toilet which had no suitable ledges).

So what will the swallow saga bring this year? We wait with trepidation!

Rosemary Royle

*Postscript: By April 12th there were four swallows flying around - some confidently zooming through the window into the pumphouse, others not so sure. April 12th is actually pretty early for them. There may well be more to come! (Now five swallows 26/4)*

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