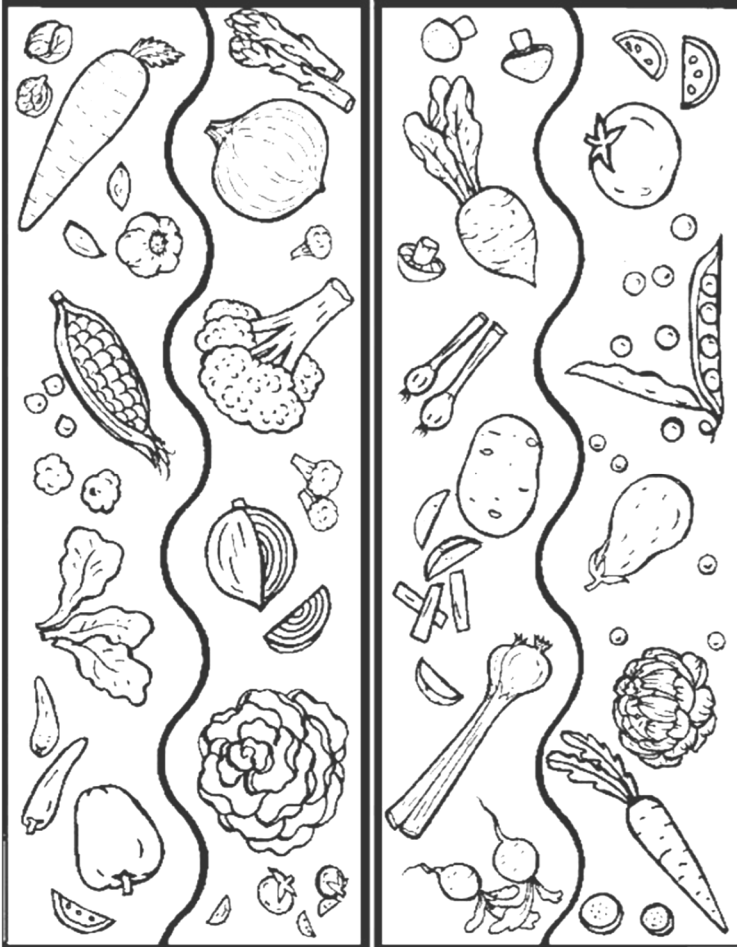


Peninsula Papers

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



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Gwybodaeth a newyddion am gymunedau St Ishmael's, Hasgurd, Robeston West,
Walwyn's Castle, Dale, St Bride's a Marloes.

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Dale, St Brides, Marloes, St Ishmael's, Walwyn's Castle, Robeston West

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LOCAL SERVICES

DALE BEACH SHOP open everyday from 9:30 am.

MOBILE LIBRARY: No published dates yet

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

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**THE CORONATION HALL AND JUBILEE
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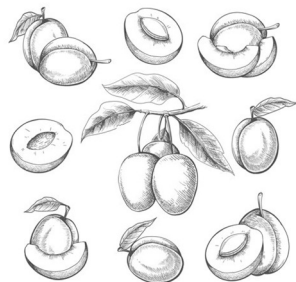
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Jean Rees 01437 929813

Dear All,

Did you have a good Summer? What astounding weather we have had, day after day of warmth and sunshine! Andrew and I (Rhiannon) are just back from our family week away. We spent it near Ledbury, near where Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire meet. The trees there were positively groaning with fruit although the fields were so dry and cracked that they looked burnt. It was a relief, in that sense, to come back to still green Pembrokeshire.

We brought back, among other things, some of the excellent local cider and trays and trays of fruit- plums, damsons and greengages- which I have spent the last few days turning into jams and chutneys and flavoured spirits. The greengages were so sweet this year, they could be eaten raw like plums. The kitchen is now very sticky and over-run with jars full of garnet and green-gold edible treasures.



As a result, I am now in the mood for harvest festivals. Bring on the familiar hymns and the displays of fruit and flowers, the king-size marrows and bronze chrysanthemums! I am looking forward to it all.

And with it all, bring on the sense of thankfulness to those who grew and raised and packed and transported and processed it all. Bring on with it the sense of awe and gratitude for the fruitful earth and the God who made us to depend on it and each other. Bring with that a determination that all should share in the feast of creation and a renewed commitment to care for the earth so that other generations will have cause to bless God and one another in the Harvests to come.

God bless you all,

Rhiannon, Andrew, Samuel and Gaynor

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

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



St Ishmaels Church

Results of the 100 club draw:

1st prize Barbara Calpin
2nd prize Anne Barkworth
3rd prize Isabelle Thomas



Teddyfest - We would like to thank all our knitters and dressers who were Liz, Linda, Jane, Marilyn, Jenny P, Anne, Gaynor, Jennifer, Ray, Heather, Wendy, Jan, Pauline and Julie for all the excellent work they did in creating the stories from the Bible. We had visitors from far and wide who marvelled over what was before them as they entered the church. We must have had nearly 100 teddies all dressed and set in place depicting the different stories. Our thanks also goes to everyone involved, whether setting up, making endless cups of tea and cream teas, painting, running the cake and plant stall, baking, making signs and posters and talking to the public. Our thanks to all of you and if we have missed anyone we sincerely apologise. All this effort raised £1600.

Well done everyone.... Heather, Gaynor and Christine.

BOOKS FOR DISPOSAL

When running the book stall at St Brides Fete we often find ourselves left with a lot of good, but heavy items, which we find difficult to store and to carry around. So if you would like any of these below, just contact us (phone number on the back of Peninsula Papers) and come and take them away - a small donation would be appreciated:

- **1001 movies you must see before you die** 2019 edition – good condition
- **The Constance Spry Cookery Book** 2019 edition – very good condition
- 8 x books by **Jasper Fforde**
- 17 x **“Sharpe”** novels by **Bernard Cornwell**
- About 35 CDS (some sets) of **religious music** ranging from Classical (Dvorjak Requiem) to chants. Including music by Margaret Rizza and Teizé
- A number of **Audio CDs** - 7x Terry Pratchett Discworld novels, 6 x Lindsey Davis full cast dramatisations of the “Falco” Roman private eye stories, plus “Pride and Prejudice”, “The Hobbit” and “The 7 pillars of Wisdom”.
- Also **Audio cassettes** of the complete Harry Potter.

An observation about our Furry Friends...
Dogs have Owners; Cats have Staff.



TEDDYFEST



St. Bridget and St. Peter the Fisherman – September News.

Harvest Festivals – There will be Festivals held at both churches in September – see Service List. Contributions for both Festivals will be welcome, and it is hoped that many from the Community will come along to one or both events.

Sale of Cards - Looking for Birthday or other greeting cards, and want to avoid a trip to town, then at St. Peter's Church there is a table near the church organ with cards on display. All cards are 20p each, and contributions can be put in the offertory box near the door.

Internal Baptistry at St. Peter's – Over the summer months, the Baptistry to the right of the Church door is uncovered. Installed in 1874, the tiled pool was designed for baptism by total immersion. It was only used on three occasions before 1900, and not since. There are steps to enter the pool, but no drain for the water. Water to fill the pool was probably obtained from the Church Well which was then near the top of the Glebe Lane – since filled in. Local Residents who may not have seen this unusual feature are welcome to visit in September up to the 26th when the pool will be covered over prior to the Harvest Festival.

Yvonne Evans

St Ishmaels War Memorial

On **Monday 15th September** the secretary of the Dutch War Memorial Committee in Mierlo-Hout near Helmond, together with her father, Harrie Raaijmakers (who is a founder of this group), will visit and view the War Memorial, which 'Tish has very gently twinned with theirs since both are unique, contemporary and special.

Harrie and Sandra will see the new War Memorial at **11.30am** and then go to The Brook for a pint. All very relaxed, but if anybody was around at this time it would be lovely if they could say "Hi" to them. (The 15th Sept is the first anniversary of the Inauguration of the new 'Tish War Memorial).

These Dutch connections are proving rather interesting. Amongst others, a number of brave Dutch fishermen motored over to here as the Germans invaded The Netherlands. Their trawlers became mine sweepers, a very dangerous task indeed. Several lost their lives and are buried in Milford Haven Cemetery. Some of the sailors also married local girls and more work is now underway looking deeper into this whole connection.

Patrick Edgington

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Dale

The report of the July meeting will be in the next PP

Marloes & St Brides

July 2025 Community Council Meeting

Co-option of new Cllr

Chair Maren Hamre welcomed the application from Nick Skudder and co-opted Cllr NS into the open vacancy for Marloes and St Brides Community Council. Congratulations Nick and welcome aboard.

Community Issues

Open Reach Fibre Broadband

Cllrs discussed broadband progression across the community council. Issues with landline phones discussed. Agenda point to be amended to Digital Switch Over moving forward.

Footpaths and Beach

Cllrs found the three words location for the dog bin (hedgehog, mermaid and scouls (the footpath side of the gate if possible). Clerk to follow up with PCC and National Parks regarding collection.

Cllrs discussed overgrown hedges / footpaths in the community. Cllr PS to liaise with National Parks to support cutting of hedges.

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

Electricity supplier has now switched (Utilita). There is no standing charge with

Utilita and will reduce costs for the Community Council.

Highways

Cllrs discussed the site visit from PCC (Claire Williams) and the response / actions from the Community Council (no response from PCC following visit). Please find embedded in the Community Council minutes (via the website) the outcome to the highways visit.

Chair to draft letter to Dale Sailing to support traffic issues raised under highways (following correspondence from the community regarding speeding).

National Trust

Cllrs discussed the issue of paying for certain vehicles / tariffs at the National Trust car park and the issues around paying via cash / online.

Clerk to report issues to National Trust contact.

St Brides Walled Garden

County Councillor Claire George confirmed Libby from National Parks will be happy to accommodate a site visit over the summer to discuss the next steps around the St Brides Walled Garden.

Cllr SP to send the clerk available dates for the visit (clerk to liaise with County Council CG and Libby to set up a visit).

Village Benches

Clerk has applied for funding through the Democratic Engagement Grant (under £1,000). The grant was unsuccessful. Clerk has applied through coastal cottages/ Visit Pems for £1,000 to support the benches request from the community. The Community Council acknowledged the correspondence received from the Welcome Club and other community groups in Marloes requested an update on the installation of new village benches. The Community Council are working on sourcing ex-

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ternal grant funding to purchase the benches, working closely with PCC.

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.

Correspondence received from the Welcome Club welcoming the extension to bus services in the local area.

Planning matters

PCNPA Development Control updates: All planning comments made PCNPA

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

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

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

NP/25/0273/FUL: Limenaraki, The Green, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AZ Comments added

NP/25/0122/FUL: Philbeach Farm, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3QU Delegated

NP/25/0347/CLE: Land South of Car Park, Martins Haven, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3BJ Delegated

Next meeting: Tuesday 02nd September 2025. Marloes Village Hall 19.30.

St Ishmaels

St. Ishmaels Community Council Minutes of the business meeting held on 23rd July, 2025 in the Sports Club

War Memorial. Richard Jenkins was thanked by the council for establishing the wonderful display of poppies, cornflowers and other flowers around the memorial.

He suggested that this should now be extended along the bank to the public conveniences. This was agreed. Richard was asked if he could supply a quote for connecting electricity to the memorial for floodlighting.

Anti social behaviour. It was reported that one family in the village appear to be responsible for a spate of anti-social behaviour and severe harassment. This seems to be an ongoing problem and councillors advised that anyone affected should contact our C.P.S.O., Adam Thomas of Dyfed-Powys Police and/or ATEB Housing Assoc.

Vice Chairman

Due to the retirement of the previous vice chairman, Colin Jenkins, Cllr Richard Jenkins was asked if he would fulfil the role. He agreed and, in the absence of Moira Hawkins, was asked to sign the minutes of the previous meeting.

Sessions of bus reform community discussions. These are coming to South-west Wales. The clerk agreed to affix posters of these sessions which would affect our community on the notice boards in the village. Much dissatisfaction was expressed by councillors on the Ffleccsi Bus service, it's tardiness irregularity and range. It is still a cause for great concern that, since the loss of a regular bus service through St Ishmaels, the village has to rely on the vagaries of Ffleccsi Bus, whilst Marloes and Herbrandston still have access to regular bus services.

Council Tax Premiums Pembrokeshire County Council are seeking community views on the Council Tax Premiums that apply for second and long-term empty homes in the county. Those wishing to take part in these consultations can apply through the Internet at <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk> or by

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calling 01437 764551 or emailing revenue.services@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Minor Works Grants

The P.C.C. Minor Works Fund offers an opportunity for local councils to submit schemes for transport-related highway schemes which are smaller in nature but require prioritisation to complete the works in a timely manner. It was suggested that a painted section of the roadside from Coastlands school to the sports field be established to help with the safety of children and others down the narrow stretch.

Defibrillators

The community council have been asked if they're willing to take over the stewardship of the defibrillators which are situated around the village. The clerk was asked to consult with Mr. Malcolm Smith-Gosling on the operation and costs of doing so.

War Memorial

Councillors were reminded that on the 15th of September, there will be a short ceremony and reception for two members of Merlo-Hout Liberation Memorial Committee in Holland, who are visiting St. Ishmaels with the express intention of seeing our memorial and establishing a link through it with the Dutch town. Discussion then ranged around the design of the information board, as suggested by Patrick Edgington, chair of the Action

Group, as well as the scope and construction of the event.

Notice Board

It was decided to purchase a third community notice board, to replace the old wooden one on the school wall, in the same size and style of the two existing ones on Brookside Green and Burgage Green.

Community Warm Hubs

Disappointment was expressed at the meeting the no sort of organised lunch club seems to exist for our Senior Citizens, in the same vein as the Welcome Club in Marloes or as similar other ones in many Pembrokeshire villages. The clerk volunteered to investigate this.

Date of Next Meeting 10th September 2025


Two art festivals for your diary:

North Pembrokeshire Open Studios 23rd August - 6th September.

www.npopenstudios.co.uk

Art Out West (South Pembrokeshire)

11th-14th September. Don't think it has a website; on FB it is ArtOutWest



**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.

Diary for September



AUGUST

Wed 27 1900 Marloes Village Hall Talk, “Bringing in the Big Ships”, Mark Johnson Milford Haven Pilot

SEPTEMBER

Tue 2 1930 Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall

Wed 10 St Ishmaels Community Council, S & S Club

Wed 17 1930 Coastlands History Group “The Cawdors of Stackpole” by Gareth Mills, St Ishmaels S&S Club

Sat 27 1100 Apple Day at St Brides, St Brides Orchard

Sun 28 0900 Half-marathon and 10k starting and finishing at Dale

OCTOBER

Sat 4 1030 Apple Juicing at Walwyns Castle

Wed 8 1900 Marloes Village Hall Talk: “The Tides” by Steve Morrell

Thu 9 1930 St James Walwyns Castle, Musical Evening, see advert

All through summer: Exhibition in The Old Stables Heritage Centre, Dale
Thursday - Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00p,

The Bad Salad of William Archibald Spooner

Why do I always watch my birds?
I know that statement sounds absurd
but today I reached an all-time toe
when I received a blushing crow.

It's wetting gorse – and here's the crunch:
my conversation packs a lunch.
I'm not sure when all this began
but I think I need a plaster man

to help me when my stouth gets muck.
I should sit, perhaps, and bead a rook,
fight a liar, or flick some powers.
No, I think I'll go and shake a tower.

Brian Bilston

Services for September

St Ishmaels

Sunday 14th Sept 11am Communion.

Sunday 28th Sept 11am Communion



Dale, Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West

7th	6.00pm	Eucharist, St James Dale
14th	11.15am	Eucharist St James the Great Walwyns Castle.
21st	11.15am	Eucharist St Andrew Robeston West.
	6.00pm	Eucharist St James Dale.
28th	11.15am	Eucharist St James the Great Walwyns Castle.

Marloes & St Brides

7th Sept 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

14th Sept 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

21st Sept 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – **Harvest Thanksgiving** with Communion

28th Sept 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – **Harvest Thanksgiving** with Communion

Dale Changing Places Toilet Project Launches

The local PERKY Charity has set its sights on securing a Changing Places Toilet in Dale. These facilities are critical in providing those with profound learning disabilities as well as those with severely limited mobility safe and secure facilities to use. Without these facilities, those needing them are severely limited in getting out and about or at risk hygienically as well as put through the indignity of changing on a toilet floor or at the beach or car park.

With the success of Windswept in providing access to the water for clients with these types of disabilities this project seems like both a worthy cause and very relevant for Dale and the wider community. The facility would be available for use by anyone that needs it, so that might include those who live here and holidaymakers lacking facilities at home. Modern technology allows key code access via a QR code or similar. These types of changing place facility include height adjustable changing benches, ceiling hoist, slip resistant flooring and space for two carers to help the user by providing a toilet which has transfer space either side.

A site for the facility has been found close to the existing public toilets. There is much work to do of course but the key elements will be securing full planning permission and raising between £80k to £100k to build it. PERKY intend the facility to be open for use in the summer of 2027.

If you would like to know more or get involved, please see our recently developed Facebook page @Dale Changing Places Toilet we'd love to hear from you (and get some likes!)

'Lets make everybody welcome' is a motto used by groups campaigning for provision of these facilities, you can find out more at <https://www.changing-places.org/>



Dale WI

On Tuesday 15th July the WI in Dale held their President's lunch in the Coronation Hall. Our President, Ellie Morgan, baked a magnificent salmon with the remainder of members contributing a starter, a variety of main dishes, salads and puddings. The food was exceptional and enjoyed by all. The whole event can only be described as being great fun. Food related gatherings are something we do really well and always prove popular with members.

Before the group broke up for August there were, however, a few more events to organise within the local community before the summer break could commence. There was the chocolate tombola which the WI ran at Coastlands School Summer Fair on 16th July. It was both a huge success with the children and a sellout. There was also a post cricket match afternoon tea to arrange and set up for a game played in St. Ishmaels on Saturday 19th July at the sports club. The local second XI team were playing Burton and they won by 9 wickets. Some WI members gathered during the afternoon to make sandwiches and lay out all the goodies baked by members. I don't think there was much food left to take home afterwards.

The WI are delighted to support events within the community. The local group has members from most of the surrounding area including St. Brides, Marloes, St. Ishmaels, Dale and some more rural parts of the community. If anyone is interested in joining please feel free to contact me on 07854 854838. Gail Smith

DALE YACHT CLUB COMMODORE'S SAPPHIRE BALL & LAYING UP SUPPER

Celebrating 
 **65** + *years*

PLEASE JOIN US

6.30 PM, SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2025

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WELCOME DRINK ♦ 3 COURSE MEAL

LIVE MUSIC ♦ DANCING ♦ FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Tickets £55 per person - Tables of 10-12 - Black Tie

Young person discount (age 16-21 yrs) £40 per person

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by 15 September**

daleyachtclub.org/events

Coastlands Local History Group.

After a wonderful summer we now settle back to the autumn programme of talks.

Our first talk is by Gareth Mills an old friend of the History group. Gareth will be talking on the Cawdors of Stackpole. This will be in St Ishmaels Sports Club at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th September. It should be a most interesting talk and we look forward to seeing many of you there. All talks are open to non members - you just pay more to attend!

The exhibition reflecting life and time in WW2 is open all this month. The exhibition is in The Old Stables Heritage Centre, South Street Dale every Thursday - Sunday 2-5pm. during September. The exhibition looks at life in and around our area from both civilian and military perspectives.

We will soon be starting work on the 2026 programme. If anyone had ideas as to talks, visits, workshops they think would be of interest to members of the group please let us know so we can try and arrange it.

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 information please contact Harriet (636668) or Yvonne (636251)

Solar Power - an update from Nicholas Cawley

I have an update for my piece in the Peninsula Papers in the June issue.

I can report that our best performance of the solar system this year was a generation of 46KWH and an export back to the grid of 37 KWH in one day at the end of April. That was because it was full sun from sunrise to sunset. I am convinced that if it wasn't for the early morning fog and low cloud around the longest day in June we could have exceeded 50KWH and possibly as high as 60KWH or at least some where in between and and export back to the grid in excess of 40KWH.

We were tested yesterday the first of August with a power cut from 1230pm to just prior to 2pm. I can report the our system worked well and that we had lighting, TV and a kettle for a tea or coffee. We would also have been able to prepare a hot meal if we had wanted. This would have meant that if the cut had been in the darkness of winter our batteries would have run the house for more than two days if weather was poor. But we may have had to alternate between the kettle, cooker and heating system as we wouldn't be able to run all three at the same time.

I hope this information is helpful for anyone thinking of going down this road and if anyone would like to see the system then give me a call.

Nicholas Cawley at Marloes tel 07882109376.



Moth Morning at Orlandon Kilns

On July 4th I did a "Moth Morning" in my garden (as advertised in PP!). 6 interested locals turned up for a look at the contents of the moth trap together with coffee and homemade biscuits. The star moths were undoubtedly two fresh and huge Privet Hawk Moths (see below for a picture) which behaved very well and showed us their pink stripes. Buff-tip, Swallowtail Moth, Peppered Moth and Elephant Hawk-moth were also popular. People are always amazed that these huge colourful things are flying around at night. They are also flabbergasted when I tell

them how many species I have recorded in the garden (621) though I explain that my garden may be a bit unusual as it surrounded by lots of different habitats – reedbed, marsh, stream, wet woodland, grassy fields and hedgerows while coastal habitats like salt marsh and clifftop grassland are close by. The garden itself also has good habitats – orchard, pond, shrubs etc.



one was most intrigued to find out that this wasp-like insect was actually a moth!

We will do it again next year!



Planning for an event like this is a bit tricky – you need a morning with decent weather – no rain, not too much wind – and the night before needs to be relatively good for mothing. I had to bring this event forward by one day as the forecast was poor for the original day, which affected the number of people who could come.

The final touch to the event was a visit to the lure by a Lunar Hornet Moth - every-



“Apple Juicing” at Walwys Castle

Saturday October 4th,
from 10.30am

Bring your apples along,
plus containers for the
juice

Refreshments, teas/ coffees and seasonal goodies, served in the hall



Supported by Cwm Arian.

There is a small charge for the juicing

Apple Day at St Brides

Saturday 27th September

11am-3pm

Free event, no booking required

Free parking

The St Brides Heritage Orchard will open to the public for the annual Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Apple Day event.

There will be plenty going on, including apple pressing, family activities, a self-guided history tour, an apple trail and more. Rangers will be on hand to talk about the heritage orchard and the ancient apple trees found in it.

You may just want to have a leisurely stroll around the orchard and soak up the atmosphere, or bring a rug and have a picnic in the walled garden.



Small electrical items now accepted in kerbside recycling collections

Pembrokeshire residents can now recycle small electrical goods as part of their weekly kerbside recycling service.

This initiative aims to reduce the amount of electrical waste going into black bags and instead ensure it is properly recycled.

From now on, household items such as kettles, hair dryers, small toasters, irons, and other similar-sized handheld electricals can be placed loose on top of your recycling containers for collection on your usual recycling day.

The accepted items include:

- Handheld kitchen appliances, kettles and toasters (4 slice max) and small coffee machines
- Hairdryers and hair straighteners
- Handheld power tools
- Radios
- Irons

Extension leads, power cables and battery chargers

The expanded service also includes e-cigarettes and vapes (with batteries removed). These should be placed in a clear plastic bag and set on top of your containers, following the same process used for household batteries.

Additionally, the range of household batteries accepted for recycling has been extended. Residents can now include:

- Rechargeable batteries from laptops, mobile phones and power tools
- Lithium button batteries

Standard batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, DD, 9v)

Please note: Larger electrical items — such as TVs, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, fridges, freezers, air fryers, and car batteries — are not included in this kerbside collection. These can be recycled at your nearest Waste and Recycling Centre.

For more information, visit: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling-centres>

Together, we can reduce waste and protect the environment by recycling electricals responsibly.

Research has shown that most of us have unwanted electricals we want to get rid of. On average there are at least 30 electricals hidden away in drawers in UK homes, a total of 880 million items across the UK - with a simple repair many could be donated or sold to people who could put them to good use.

If you think you can repair rather than recycle your items visit the [repair directory](#) for recommendations.

Please also note that there are now facilities at Winsle for the recycling of hard plastic - such things as children's toys, plastic trays and boxes, and plant pots and seed trays. A good excuse for a thorough clear-out of the shed or garage!!

ST BRIDES FETE

The morning of August 7th dawned gloomy with the threat of rain, and the preparation for the Fete took place under grey skeys.

But, of course, by 5.30 all was dry and almost sunny, and as usual the first early arrivals turned up for the Fete while the finishing touches were still being made to the stalls.

A regular stream of cars came up the Castle driveway and the lovely gardens soon filled up with kind folk, eager to divest their purses and wallets. The grounds filled to the sounds of skittles falling, queries of "how much for five books", "just what I was looking for" and "haven't seen you in ages, well not since last year's Fete".

At the end of the day the Fete raised over £5500, a major contribution to the costs of keeping St. Peters (Marloes) and St. Brides Churches running. It was also a great social occasion, with children, parents, grandparents, and possibly great grandparents enjoying their day.

The Fete could not happen without the help of many people, in fact over 40 of them, so many thanks to all who contributed their time and effort to making the Fete a great success. Thanks also to HPB, manager Paul and his staff for allowing us the use of the grounds and donating a large number of paintings etc for sale, and the use of tables and chairs. Thanks to Marloes Village Hall for the use of tables and chairs.

Above all, thanks to all those who came along, enjoyed themselves, and spent their money at the Fete.

Yvonne Evans and Peter Royle

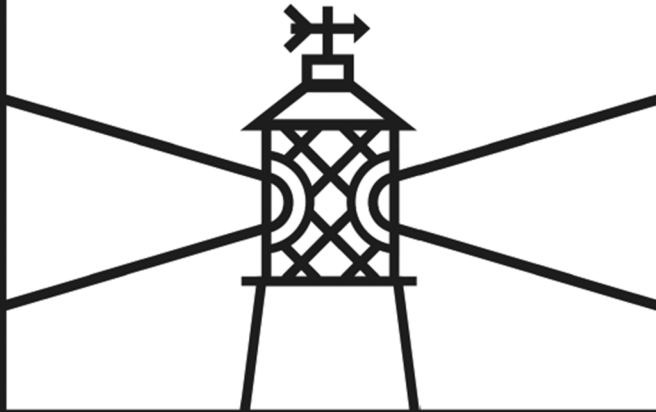


SUNDAY 28TH SEPT 2025 9:00AM

**PEMBROKESHIRE
HALF
MARATHON
& 10K**

ROAD RUNNING EVENT

DALE, PEMBROKESHIRE



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The Old Stables Heritage Centre



**The Heritage Centre
South Street, Dale**

EXHIBITION

“WW2 Remembered”

19th June - 5th October

contact Harriet (636668) or Yvonne (636251)

Marloes Village Hall Evening Talks this Autumn

The Tides

Dr Stephen Morrell, Dale Fort lecturer

Wednesday October 8th 7pm

Skokholm Island, Season by Season

Lisa Morgan, Head of Islands and Marine Conservation

Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales

Wednesday November 26th 7pm

Free entry; we invite donations (cash please) to our Hall upkeep fund.
No membership necessary: all are welcome. U16s please bring an adult.

Marloes Village Hall talk Thursday July 31st:

Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises

This talk would have been given by Nadia Tomsa of Sea Trust Wales, a charity based at the Ocean Lab in Goodwick; unfortunately Nadia was indisposed and her colleagues Rebecca Herbert and James Shelton kindly stepped in at short notice.

The evening was a great success with a very good turnout and, importantly, children whose parents said afterwards that it had really stoked their enthusiasm for marine wildlife: certainly, many questions were asked at the display table. We learnt much: for example, seals are in fact better breath-holders than dolphins; and, as for Nature being red in tooth and claw – the Bottlenose Dolphin is, to be succinct, not at all nice. James showed us many drone videos: the overhead view is excellent for seeing how marine mammals interact; and, when the water is clear enough, you can follow them submerged far better than you ever could from the shore.

If Pembrokeshire whale sightings keep increasing, hopefully Sea Trust might come back some time in the future to give us an update!

ADVANCE NOTICE

Community of Marloes & St Brides annual Midwinter Beach Clean

New Year's Eve, Wednesday December 31st

Set off from Marloes Sands car park at 0900

All come at own risk

U18s must be accompanied by an adult

St James the Great church,
Walwyn's Castle

Presents a

'Musical Evening'

Thursday October 9th, 7.30 pm

Featuring :-

*Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir
and*

Flute performance - Duo Daugleddau

Followed by
refreshments in the village hall, plus raffle

Tickets / entry £12.50.

Contact 07787734586 or 07464481286

All proceeds to church renovations

A cash only evening.



Tai Chi Classes

Walwyn's Castle Village Hall

Thursdays 10:00 – 11:00 am from 9th October

Broad Haven Village Hall

Thursdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm from 9th October

Open to All - Beginners and visitors welcome at any class

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

Contact southern.winds.tc@gmail.com for more information



Birds and Ants

On 10th July, whilst sitting in the garden in the evening sampling a pleasant Sauvignon Blanc, we were alerted to some small bird activity in the vicinity of a small paved area next to a buddleia. After watching for a while we realised that a juvenile Great Tit was actively “anting” – picking up an ant from the paving and stuffing it under its wing. It did this for about 10 minutes. It was the first time we had seen a tit doing this – usually it is Blackbirds (actually, at the moment, one particular Blackbird) and Great Spotted Woodpeckers. We are used to seeing this activity in our garden but there is very little actually known about it.



It is widely thought to be due to the bird deriving some benefit from the formic acid emitted by the ants such as reducing avian parasites in the feathers. However there is no proof of this, and the amounts of formic acid would be so low (these are very small black ants) that it is difficult to believe that it would have much effect. And why was only one bird doing it? Maybe it just feels nice? Or another theory is that the birds are removing the formic acid from the ant in order to eat it – this seems ludicrous as birds are usually happy to eat ants, formic acid and all. Or maybe the chemicals in the ant fluids supplement the oils from the birds' preen gland.

An interesting experiment in America with Blue Jays seemed to prove that the activity is instinctive. Some young Blue Jays which had never seen an ant were presented with either normal ants or ones that had their formic acid dispensers removed. The jays presented with formic-acid-less ants just gobbled them up. The ones presented with ants complete with formic acid, immediately started to “ant” with them. Which explains why a Great Tit only 6 weeks out of the nest was able to do it.

There is also something called “passive anting” where a bird allows ants to run over its plumage, and while doing so often adopts a strange pose, leaning over with one wing out, rump feathers splayed, with its necked kinked and beak open. They look really odd, as if they are in a trance. We see Blackbirds doing this often – but not always where there are ants – they often seem to be just sunbathing. Again this may help with feather maintenance.



So all a bit of a mystery!

Immediately after the “anting” episode we realised that there were flying ants emerging from the paving. They were immediately gobbled up by Chiffchaffs, Great Tits and Blue Tits, followed by a Robin and a Blackbird. Those that escaped flew upward into the gape of the ever-hungry Swallows!

But as mentioned above we regularly see birds eating ants, not just the flying sort. We have a Great Spotted Woodpecker who flies into the garden, straight to the paving through the middle of the lawn, where he proceeds to Hoover up ants for many minutes at a time.

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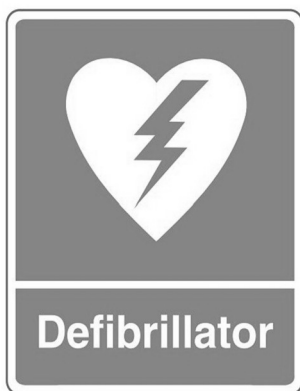
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△ St Ishmaels: △ Memorial Hall
- △ Children's Play Park △ Monk Haven Church
△ Sandy Hill Chapel △ Sandy Haven slip
Walwyns Castle: △ Village Hall

ALL RECYCLING: Every FRIDAY from 6:30am (check locally for actual times).

ALL RECYCLING PLUS GREY/BLACK BAGS on these dates:
September 5th and 26th