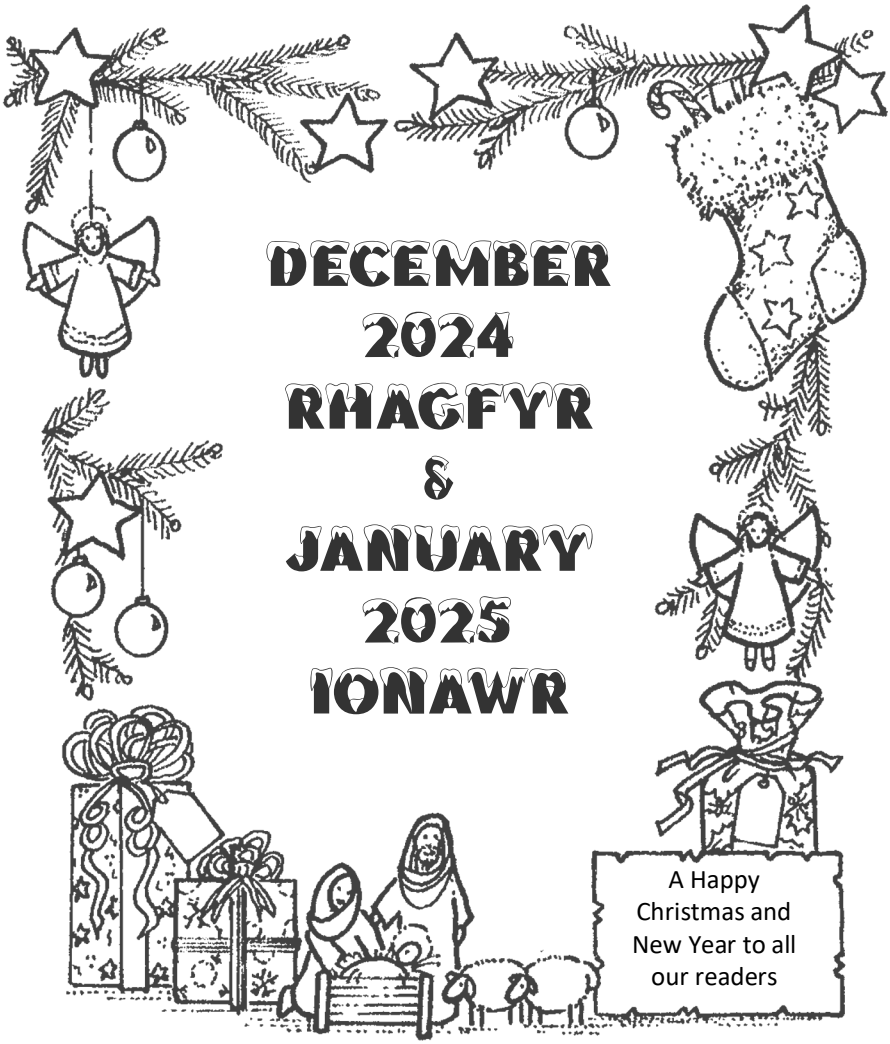
Peninsula Papers

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



Papurau Penrhyn

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 is now closed for the season.

MOBILE LIBRARY:

Next visit December 13th, January 17th, February 14th and March 14th
St. Ishmaels Burgage Green Layby - 10.50 am to 11.20 am Dale - Blue Anchor Way - 11.35am to 12.05am Marloes - Toilets - 12.15 am to 12.45 am
Contact 01437 776126 or 07774 230200 (van) or Pembs CC website for info

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

Tuesday: St Ishmaels 14:00—15:00 Dale 15:15—16:15
Thursday: St Ishmaels 11:15 - 12:15 Marloes 13:00 - 14:00 Dale 14:15—15:15

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Dear All,

Warmest wishes for a rich Advent, a blessed Christmas and joy in 2025 to you all.

A while ago I read a book about how we celebrate our calendar customs in modern Britain (*Stations of the Sun* by Ronald Hutton). The author claimed that whatever we say we are celebrating at Christmas what we do actually celebrate is home and family. Then, he says, at New Year, we celebrate the friends who are the family we make by choice.

I wanted to argue strongly with him that some of us are still celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and the great mystery that God wants to share human life and death and raise it up to glory.

But the more I thought about it, and about the things I do in Advent, the more I thought he had a point. At this time of year I long to spend time in the kitchen baking and feed friends and family until they burst. I want the house to shine and feel like a warm and cozy home, not a cross between office and storage container with a place you can sleep too. I want to spend time doing family things just for the joy of being together.

Of course there is a danger here. Anytime we idolise anything that does not keep giving us back our freedom as God does, we risk trapping ourself in grief, anger and sorrow. If I want the perfect home and family too much I can get very annoyed with my lovely but imperfect family and friends when they do not see it the way I do. The more I idolise family and friends, the more I grieve the people who cannot be present with us anymore.

Even so, if I remember that the best of homes is an imperfect echo of our true home in heaven, I can enjoy what it is rather than getting angry that I can't make it perfect. If I remember that, because God choses in Jesus to be part of the human family and shows us that we are all children of the same heavenly father, whether we are alive here or at rest with him, this grief is passing and we will be together again. I might even get to think a little about my brothers and sisters I do not know but need help this year and do something for them too.

However you define family, however you celebrate this midwinter, we wish you joy and peace and love, with many blessings,

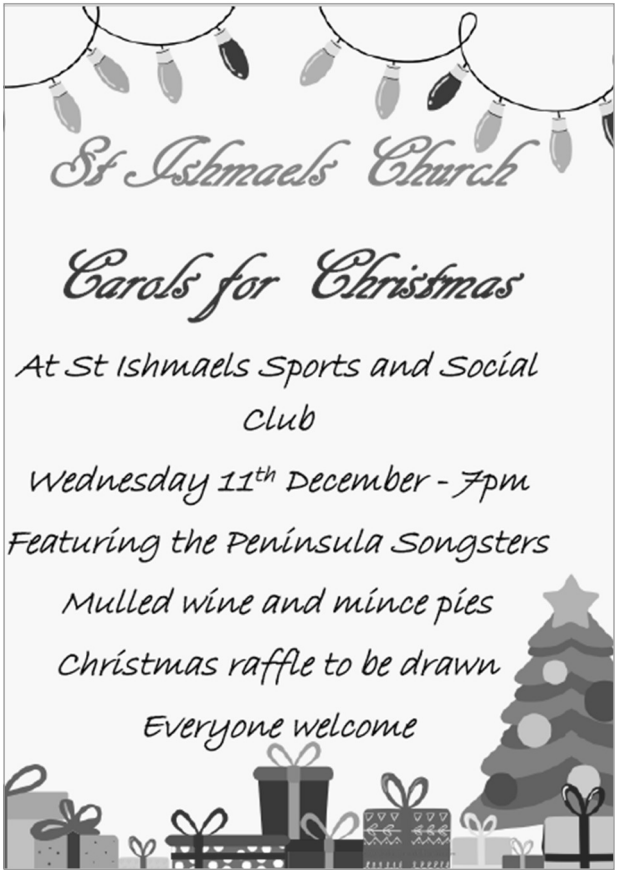
With every blessing,

Andrew, Rhiannon, Samuel, Gaynor

Produced by the Church in Wales Parishes of Hasguard with St Ishmaels,
St Brides with Marloes, Walwyns Castle, Robeston West and Dale

Wreath Workshop

14th December 10am to 1pm
in St Ishmaels church
to make a wreath to hang on your door.
Greenery and sundries supplied with coffee and cake.
Charge £20.
Please contact Heather on 07792 995160 to book a place.



Marloes & St. Brides Churches
Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning

Sat 7th December 10.00 onwards
Marloes Village Hall

St. Peter's & St. Bridget Church Notices

Christmas Services & Sunday Services December & January - see diary list on centre pages.
Christmas Eve Carol Service - St. Bridget - 5pm - Remember to bring a torch!
Christmas Day - St. Peter's, Marloes - 11am - All Welcome
Community Carol Service - The Service will be hosted by St. Peter's Church in conjunction with the members of Moriah Chapel - see separate notice
All residents & visitors are welcome to attend, as well as those from neighbouring parishes. Please note there will be a Bring & Share Tea afterwards in the Village Hall.

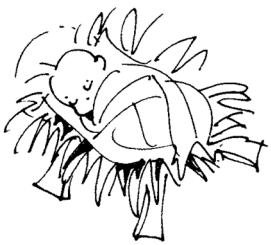
Christmas Coffee Morning - See separate notice. This event is held to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of the churchyards in Marloes & St. Brides. The upkeep costs in excess of £1500 per year. It is hoped that all residents (and visitors/holiday home owners) will support the efforts to keep these areas tidy and safe to visit and tend graves, and in the case of St. Bridget's, to walk through, as a public footpath passes through the Churchyard.

The grass cutting at both St. Peter's and at St. Bridget's is undertaken by Mr. Mark Gainfort. He is thanked for the great care exercised in keeping the churchyards in excellent condition during the year, often beset by difficult weather conditions.

Christmas Cards/ Birthday Greetings/Gift Tags etc. - Please note that this year, to the right hand side of the door of of St. Peter's Church we have a range of cards and other items for sale. Donations received will be for the benefit of the upkeep of both St. Peter's, Marloes & St. Bridget, St. Brides.

Saint Ishmaels Church

Family Crib Service



11.00 am
Sunday 22nd December

Please join us in our Christmas celebrations. Everyone welcome

Community Carol Service
Sunday 15th December at 1.30pm
St. Peter's Church, Marloes

Refreshments to follow at Marloes Village Hall
with a
Bring & Share Tea
The Hall will be open for contributions to be
dropped off before the Service.
All residents & visitors are warmly welcome to
attend as well as anyone from surrounding villages.
The Collection at the Service will be given to a local Charity.

ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE

CAROLS & MULLED WINE

Wednesday 18th December
at 6.00pm

Come and sing carols

Finish with MULLED WINE and MINCE PIES!

ALL WELCOME

THE ANNUAL Marloes Sands
MIDWINTER BEACH CLEAN

New Year's Eve
Tues 31st DECEMBER
Meet Car Park 09:30
All come at own risk Under 18s accompanied please

Dale

Items discussed at the last meeting included:
Planning - No new applications have received recently. It was noted that the old WI plot is now looking an awful mess with the heras fencing still in place and the weeds are now overtaking. Still no word from planning as to whether the appeal on the condition has been overturned.
Village Matters –
i. Litter Bins - The litter bins over the summer have once again been abused by holiday and second home owners, some have been witnessed. This still seems to be an issue in the village with these properties failing to pay for the correct waste collections. It was noted whilst on the subject, that the village has once again been quieter than last year and the litter issues around the busy weeks and bank holiday haven't been an issue. For example, extra bin bags haven't been hung on the bins as much this year.
ii) Flooding at Cemetery - The flooding that happened last year behind the cemetery wall has still not been addressed. It was agreed that MR and DJ take a look at what can be done asap to prevent this happening again this winter – since the meeting this has now been addressed and the blockages have been cleared.
Parking - Parking around the village this year has been notably better. The stones placed along the new road have stopped most cars from parking here. The occasional cars have been parking inside the dinghy bays which is frustrating. The Clerk was asked to get the figures for parking for the last 2 years as has been done in the past. The Meadow has been used this year for a lot more sailing events than in previous years. It was noted that the village loses revenue because these vehicles are not paying to park in the carpark. It was noted that the meadow should really be used for trailers only when these events are on as the car park is not to be used for trailers.
Many loose curb stones along the new road – Clerk to report.
Please see dalevillage.co.uk for further Community information.

Marloes & St Brides

Broadway / Voneus / Open Reach Fibre Broadband Cllrs discussed recent issues with proposed overhead poles for OpenReach fibre. Cllr CJ drafted letter to County Councillor, Pembrokeshire County Council, Open Reach and Welsh Water.
Footpaths and Beach Land owner happy with location of the potential dog waste bin and the possibility of PCC collecting waste. Clerk has followed up with PCC to support collection / emptying of bins.
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 now 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.
Cllr LB to follow up on suitable benches for the Welsh Water Community Fund grant. The Welsh Water Community Fund grant will support new benches to be placed on the clock green and the beacon field (land owners happy).
Clock Tower Marloes St Brides Community Council is pleased to report that the installation of the new LED clock face lighting is complete. The unit has been tested, commissioned, and the clock keepers have been familiarised with it; it is now in daily

use.
The new unit built by Universal Fibre Optics in Scotland uses LED technology; offering a range of colours it is far more energy efficient; furthermore by adjusting the lighting level we can achieve extra savings.
The Community Council is very grateful to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Sustainable Development Fund, without whose grant this project would not have been possible.
Highways A member of the public joined the Community Council meeting to discuss a One Way system within the village of Marloes to support the busy summer period and reduce car accidents. Cllr CJ would draw up a proposal for PCC highways and County Cllr Claire George.
Planning matters NP/23/0647/FUL: Gateholm, Marloes, Haverfordwest, SA62 3BE *Delegated*
NP/24/0060/FUL: Pearson Farm, St. Brides, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3BN Withdrawn
NP/24/0277/FUL: Winterton Farm, North Lane, Dale, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AS *Refused*
NP/24/0284/S73: Anchor Cottage, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AZ *Approved with conditions*
Next meeting: *Thursday 16 January 2025. Marloes Village Hall 19.30*

Walwyns Castle

Bus Shelter – A member of the public asked if the Community Council would fund a bus shelter for the children in the village. Cllr Truswell spoke to the Village Hall Trustees prior to meeting and they would welcome the addition but would want clarification on insurance, liability and maintenance. The Chair had sample and rough costings to show. Cllr Truswell may know of a second-hand bus shelter that could be appropriate. The Clerk to contact PCC regarding the need for planning permission.
Website – Sample of the new website was shared and approved for publication once text complete (before next meeting). The new site will be on Google Sites which is easy to find, simple to use and free of charge. PCC would like the website to have a .gov domain name but the Clerk added that with the Council possibly merging by 2027 it may not be warranted so all agreed to hold off for now.
Highways – Work had commenced on Gordy Hall but came to a quick halt. PCC have confirmed that it will commence in a few months but the delay is due to a slip in schedule by Dwr Cymru.
The Clerk has reported the increase in flooding at the foot of Croppal Hill (going from Syke Mill up to the Church). PCC have confirmed they will check drainage and clean as necessary.
The Clerk to report a tree on the corner of Ratford Bridge, Dale Road that needs addressing as it restricts visibility.
Planning matters
24/0697/PA - Replacement dwelling near White Hart Cottage – no objections

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Cleaner Wanted

Cleaner/housekeeper required for Marloes holiday cottage - rented throughout the year.

Most changeovers on weekdays and can be done between 10am and 4pm.

Good hourly rate for right person.

Contact marloesholidaylet@gmail.com

TYPING IN MITTENS
(As seen in the Victoria Bookshop on Friday morning, 22nd November)

Ir isn'y very east, to spwll thd wofds all tight
Whem yup typr in mottwns, buy it qas do colf lasr noght
Thst thos shop Id srill vloomibg fteezinh, thoygh elebrn o'ckock had gine –
I'm vloodu surw the cwntrak heatinf boulet has gine wrpng!

Perhaps they meant to write …...

It isn't very easy, to spell the words all right
When you type in mittens, but it was so cold last night
That this shop is still blooming freezing though eleven o'clock has gone –
I'm bloody sure the central heating boiler has gone wrong!

Thursday
Social & Film Evenings
2024 Autumn Season
Doors open 7 pm
Films start 7.30 pm
Coronation Hall, Dale

All welcome Admission free Refreshments
Donations for running costs gratefully received

Dec 5 – Alan Bennett satire of post-war Britain, starring Maggie Smith (1984).
January 9 – Francois Truffaut's Oscar-winning film on how not to make a movie. (1973)
January 23 – A British Muslim boy grows up with the help of Bruce Springsteen's music. (2019)
and then on **February 6 & 20, and March 6 & 20**

To join our e-mailing list and receive titles and descriptions of the films a week in advance, contact rosemary.meck@gmail.com

Diary for December and January

NOVEMBER

Sat 30 1000 - 1300 Coastlands School Christmas Fair at the school
Sat 30 and Sun 1st "Nativitifest" at Tiers Cross URC

DECEMBER

Sun 1 1200 - 1700 Christmas Fayre, The Hub, Herbrandston
Sun 1 1800 Advent Celebration with Roose LMA, St Katharine & St Peter's Church, Milford Haven
Wed 4 1900 Marloes Village Hall Talk, "Updating Sherlock Holmes: Forensic DNA Analysis" by Huw Turk
Thu 5 1800 Christmas Bingo Night, The Hub, Herbrandston
Thu 5 1900 Social and Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall
Fri 6 1930 Pub Quiz at the Lobster Pot for Marloes Recreation Area
Sat 7 1000 Marloes & St Brides Churches Christmas Fayre, Marloes Village Hall
Sat 7 1000 "Create Resin Jewellery" Workshop, Walwyn's Castle Village Hall, see advert
Sat 7 1630 Dale Christmas Party - children 4:40pm, everyone - 7:00pm see advert, Dale Coronation Hall
Wed 11 1900 Carols for Christmas, Sports Club, St Ishmaels
Sat 14 1000 Wreath workshop St Ishmaels Church, see advert
Sat 14 1300 - 1800 Musical Extravaganza at the Lobster Pot in aid of MADPADs
Sun 15 1330 Community Carol Service, St Peters, Marloes
Wed 18 1800 Carols, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, St James Dale
Mon 23 1800 Carols round the tree, Walwyn's Castle
Tue 24 1700 Candlelit Carol Service, St Brides
Tue 31 0930 Midwinter Beach Clean, meet Marloes Sands car park

JANUARY

Wed 8 1930 Walwyns Castle Community Council meeting
Jan 9 1900 Social and Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall
Thu 16 1930 Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
Thu 23 1900 Social and Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall
Mon 27 1930 "Historic Pembrokeshire Shipwrecks" a talk by Simon Hancock, Marloes Village Hall, at 7.30pm (Coastlands History Group)

Services for December & January

St Ishmaels

8th December 11am communion
22nd December 11am communion and crib service, a time for children
25th December 10am communion
12th January 11am communion
26th January 11am communion

Diary note

11th December Carols for Christmas at the Sports Club at 7pm

St Brides & Marloes

1st Dec – 11am St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
8th Dec – 11am St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
15th Dec – 11am St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
1.30pm St Peter's, Marloes – Community Carol Service
22nd Dec – 11am St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
24th Dec – 5pm St Bridget's, St Brides – Candlelit Carol Service
25th Dec – 11am St Peter's, Marloes – Christmas Holy Communion
5th Jan – 11am St Bridget's, St Brides – Epiphany Holy Communion
12th Jan – 11am St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
19th Jan – 11am St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
26th Jan – 11am St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
2nd Feb – 11am St Bridget's, St Brides – St Bridget's Day Holy Communion

Dale, Walwyn's Castle & Robeston West

1st December - 11.15 am Eucharist, St James Dale.
6pm LMA Advent Service, St Katharine and St Peter, Milford Haven.
8th December - 11.00 am Eucharist, St James the Great Walwyns Castle
15th December - 11.00am Eucharist, St Andrew Robeston West.
18th December (Wednesday) - 6pm Carols and Mince pies, St James Dale.
22nd December - 11.00am Eucharist with Carols, Walwyns Castle.
23rd December - 6.00pm Carols round the tree, Walwyns Castle
24th December - 4.00pm Crib Service, Memorial Gardens Milford Haven.
9.00pm First Mass of Christmas, (8.45 for Mince pies and mulled wine)
St James the Great Walwyns Castle
11.30pm Midnight Mass, St Katharine and St Peter Milford Haven
25th December - 9.30am Christmas Mass, St James Dale
11.00am Christmas Mass, St Andrew Robeston West.
5th January - 11.00am Eucharist, St James Dale
12th January - 11.00am Eucharist St James the Great Walwyns Castle
19th January - 11.00am Eucharist , St Andrew Robeston West
6.00pm Evensong, St James Dale.

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Aenon Baptist Church Sandy Hill

Sun 1st Dec 10:30am Advent all age worship, Revd Jon Brewer
Sun 8th Dec 10:30am Advent all age worship, Revd Jon Brewer
Sun 15th Dec 10:30am CAROLS AND MINCE PIES and SWEET TREATS. With Special guests! And ….
6pm Shine Your Light Carol Singing around 'TISH village, come and join in!
Sun 22nd Dec 10:30am All Age Worship around the Nativity. Revd Jon Brewer
Sun 29th Dec 10:30am Worship & Word
Christmas Hymnspiration 2pm Wednesday 18th December.
Chapel Christmas Meal Thurs 19th Dec (prebooked).
Every Tues 10:30-12 Tea & Toast
Every Weds 7pm Rivers of Life Prayer and Bible Study.
January 2025:
Sun 5th Jan 2025 and all Sunday services in January are at 10:30am. Please our notice-board or fb page for more info of January 2025 activities.
We thank you for your support this year, and wish you a Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Dale WI

Our AGM passed off uneventfully in November and by the time this is printed we will have had a pre Christmas Gonk making session with a local expert. Plans will be in full swing for our annual Christmas Party in December. It takes the form of a bring and share meal and is always great fun and very sociable.

Many of our readers will have attended the interesting open meeting in October at the Coronation Hall. Geoff Williams, local resident and retired journalist gave a presentation about many of the stories he covered in the past. The most moving item for me was a tape of Gareth Bowen reporting on the 1966 Aberfan coal slurry disaster for the BBC. Geoff also gave insights into how journalism has changed over the years. Technology, especially the use of laptops and mobile phones. has changed to face of the profession beyond belief. Can you imagine a very young journalist turning up on the door steps of grieving parents to gather information about the death and planned funeral of a recently deceased son. That was still happening in the 1960's.

The national body of the WI continues to supply an extensive range of crafting, exercise and general interest classes on their new on line WI Learning Hub. These are free to members and I am a regular participant at the Yoga and Pilates classes. Potential new members are welcome to contact me on 07854 854838. We meet twice monthly in Dale Coronation Hall.

Gail Smith

Coastlands Local History Group.

We completed our 2024 programme with a fascinating talk by Ken Murphy on The Pembrokeshire Chariot Burial. It was astonishing to hear of a dig which produced evidence of the earliest known chariot burial - which came about almost by accident! The talk produced some fascinating detail and the tantalising prospect of more work to be undertaken— some of it in our area. Watch this space—chariots may pop up all over the place!

As we reflect on the year drawing to a close it is worth noting the ground covered by The History Group. Members have been up in the air with the pioneering aviators of Pembrokeshire, remembered the Sea Empress going aground while discovering hidden glories of Haverfordwest. GI Brides and the impact of US servicemen in our midst came next followed by an introduction to stained glass in general St Bridget's Church windows in particular. Lime kilns were examined and a reminder of the CHERISH project followed to be concluded by last months talk on the chariot burial. A guided visit to Penrhos cottage plus an extra visit to the Pop up Haverfordwest Town Museum were also on offer to members. To add to the activities of the group, there was the launch of "HARRIER—Out of the Blue" a book written by Mrs Pam Haines, one of our members, describing the military history up at Kete. All of which provides good value for the membership fee of £5.00 a year!

We are working on the 2025 programme which will be available at our opening meeting in January. Simon Hancock will be coming to talk to us on Historic Pembrokeshire Shipwrecks on 27th January 2025 in Marloes Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This talk will look not at the archaeology but at the stories behind the shipwrecks so differing from recent talks in the area. Members will be contacted prior to this with a reminder to renew membership. This can be done at the meeting or before the meeting. Membership remains at £5.00 per year or a one off £50 for life membership.

Over the winter period, The Old Stables Heritage Centre will be open every Monday 10-12 (except 23rd and 30th December 2024) should anyone wish to come in for their own research, or to look at any of the archive material kept there.

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

Printing Peninsula Papers

I just thought we ought to update our readers on the current situation with printing PP. Halfway through the print run for October the printer completely stopped working – it would not even switch on. The engineer was called – he was unable to fix it. The only suggestion was to replace the entire system board – a very expensive undertaking. We looked at all the options and we decided that the next print run would be carried out on the printer at St Katherine's church in Milford, organised with the aid of Andrew Johnson, who is the vicar there and who is chair of the PP Management Committee. This worked well for the November issue and so we have decided that for the moment we will continue with this method of printing which works out quite satisfactorily in a financial sense for both PP and for St Katherines.

An Advent Celebration with Roose LMA

Sunday 1st December
6pm
St Katharine & St Peter's Church
Milford Haven

Guest Preacher - Bishop John Saxbee
Followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

February PP closing date

The closing date for the next, February edition, of Peninsula Papers is 29th January. This is much later than the usual 21st and is determined by holidays. This means that the February edition will be late arriving on your doormats, though we will try and get the on-line version on the Marloes website as soon as we can. If you have events at the beginning of February which you wish to advertise then you should think about alternative ways of promoting them.

Dates for your Diary from 'Pirate Day'

Dale Christmas Party Saturday 7th December. This event is free!!

Children's Christmas Party 4.30-6pm
(Games, Hotdogs and Music. Please let one of the committee know if you are bringing children so we can cater for everyone)

The main event with great music from

Honey Fungus

Doors open at 7.00pm

Bring your own food and drink to enjoy.

If anyone is able to help decorate the hall on Thursday 5th December 5- 6pm that would be appreciated.

Future events: Friday 11th April – Easter Bingo
Saturday May 24th 2025 – Pirate Day

PUB QUIZ!

To support Marloes recreation area

Friday December 06th 19.30 (for 20.00 start)

Teams: Max 6

£2 per person

+ Raffle

Call Lobster pot if you wish to eat beforehand:

Or book a table call Sarah 07983 806764

www.lobsterpotmarloes.co.uk

URGENT: OPENREACH ROADWORKS 16.12.2024 ONWARDS

Pembrokeshire County Council originally advised a proposal for total daytime closures of the B4327 at Mullock Bridge during the third week of December. After concerted correspondence from Dale, Marloes & St Brides, and St Ishmaels Community Councils, PCC has now advertised that from Monday 16th December for up to 5 days between 9.30am to 15.30pm there will be traffic control on behalf of OpenReach to allow for Telecom infrastructure works. The section of B4327 road to be affected is, west to east, from Mullock Junction (the Marloes turning) across Mullock Bridge, and up as far as Upper Mullock Farm on the C3001 Milford Haven road. Temporary lights will be used control the movement of traffic to and from Marloes and Dale, plus there may be periods of "no flow" as required for safe working by OpenReach staff.

ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR TRAVELLING TO MILFORD AND HAVERFORDWEST, PARTICULARLY FOR CRUCIAL APPOINTMENTS; WARN EXPECTED VISITORS; DELIVERIES TO THE PENINSULA MAY BE DELAYED.

Creative Resin Jewellery Workshop
at Walwyn's Castle village hall

Saturday December 7th, 10am - 1pm.

Enjoy a morning with
Ann Stephens,
designing and making your own
jewellery pieces.

£20.00 per person,
includes all materials
and
mulled wine.

Minimum age
10yrs.

To book your place, call 07973 871646
or email wcvh.rosewood@outlook.com
All welcome

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

At Walwyn's Castle village hall

COMMUNITY COFFEE
& CHAT - The 3C's

Marloes Village Clock: installation of new SDF-funded clock face lighting unit

Marloes & St Brides Community Council is pleased to report that the installation of the new LED clock face lighting is complete. The unit has been tested, commissioned, and the clock keepers have been familiarised with it; it is now in daily use.

The old unit based on halide technology, which gave white light only, had failed; in any case it had been little used in recent years because of its high running costs.

The new unit built by Universal Fibre Optics in Scotland uses LED technology; offering a range of colours it is far more energy efficient; furthermore by adjusting the lighting level we can achieve extra savings.

The old unit consumed 160 watts; at 25% output, which is quite adequate for everyday purposes, the new unit only uses 30 watts. Thus winter & spring operation of 4 hours a day for 180 days will only use 21.6 kWh units, equivalent to 3.5 kg of CO_2 per annum assuming average UK grid electricity carbon intensity.

The clock face was red lit for the Remembrance weekend; the lighting has now been reset to white.

The Community Council is very grateful to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Sustainable Development Fund, without whose grant this project would not have been possible.

Maren Hamre
Chair, Marloes & St Brides Community Council

***"The Light shines* on in the *darkness, and the darkness did not* understand it or overpower it or appropriate it"**
This is a quote from the St. John's Gospel, Chapter 1 Verse 5. In the King James Version the verse ends with "and the darkness comprehended it not" I am sure that many sermons have been written interpreting verse this over the years.

My reflection in this last week, has concerned the extinguishing of the street light at the Mullock Bridge junction - probably one of many lights switched off/removed to help balance the County Council budget, and reduce light pollution. On a personal note, after seeing that light in the darkness over the many, many years, it provided a comforting presence, and one I will miss. I am not sure if the light on the cattle shed at Frobisher will provide the same effect.

That light at the junction has shown the way for visitors arriving late in the evening before sat navs and mobile phones were available to find their way; was shining there the night of the rave when the solitary police car "escorted" the ravers to their intended destination; it shone when ambulances summoned by families for a loved one taken ill in the night as it made its quick journey down, and you could only hope all would be well in the morning. You knew when the light went out that a new day had dawned, and it was time to move. It will be the turn of BT to make changes over the coming weeks - yet more telegraph poles carrying super fast fibre cables here there and everywhere.

C'est la vie - that's life.

Yvonne Evans

Joke:
One night, a tortoise unwisely decides to take a short cut down a dark alley: he is mugged by a gang of snails. Later, when the police ask him to describe exactly what happened, 'I can't tell you – it was all over so fast!'

Marloes Village Hall Autumn Talk

Updating Sherlock Holmes: Forensic DNA analysis

Presented by Huw Turk
Wednesday December 4th

7pm start No membership requirements: visitors are welcome to attend U16s accompanied please
Free entry, cash donations for Hall upkeep invited

The Old Stables Heritage Centre

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Monday 10 - 12
each week

Except 23rd and 30th Dec 2024

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Brent Geese

When wandering along Pickleridge during the winter you may notice a small flock of black and white geese either on the water or grazing on the grass. These are Brent Geese and most years there is a flock around the Cleddau which migrates between the Gann and the waters of Angle Bay. These birds are the "pale bellied" form of Brent Geese, the subspecies known as "*hrota"*. They first arrived here in the mid 1990s and because a number of birds have colour rings on their legs, we now know a great deal about where they come from.

Our Pale-bellied Brents are from the ECHA (East Canadian High Arctic) flyway population. They breed very far north in Canada, and overwinter mainly in Ireland, although some birds, like ours, also go to western and southern Britain, the Channel Islands and France (mainly Normandy). They stay for a considerable period in spring and autumn in Iceland and have a hazardous trip over the Greenland Icecap in between Iceland and their breeding areas.

Those birds with rings have mostly been ringed at Strangford Lough in Ireland by the Irish Brent Goose Research Group, who have also carried out ringing expeditions in Iceland and Canada. Because the rings are colourful and visible (one coloured ring on each leg, each with a single capital letter on it) there are many reports of these birds which is how we now know a lot about their long journeys each year.

So what does a Pale-bellied Brent Goose look like? It is a small goose, no larger than a Mallard, with a greyish brown body and a completely black neck and head apart from the white barred neck patch. This patch is much reduced in juveniles. In the picture below, the Pale-bellied individual is on the right – it does indeed have a pale belly which contrasts sharply with the dark neck.

On the left, is a Dark-bellied Brent Goose *ss bernicla*. These birds form large flocks in the winter in south and east England. They breed in completely different locations from the Light-bellied birds, predominantly in northern Russia and they do not usually mix in winter. So it is not usual to see both types of bird in the same photograph, but odd stragglers of each sort tend to get mixed up with big flocks of the others. And we do indeed get the occasional Dark-bellied bird in Pembrokeshire.

Rosemary Royle

Tai Chi Classes

Walwyn's Castle Village Hall

Thursdays 10:00 – 11:00 am from 6th February

Broad Haven Village Hall

Thursdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm from 6th February

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Classes are free but a donation to offset costs would be appreciated
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Marloes and Dale Public Access Defibrillator Scheme

Musical Extravaganza at the Lobster Pot on the 14th December
1:00 pm until 6:00 pm

In support of the above scheme, local musicians will play their music.

Free entry. Donations for the upkeep of the defibrillators invited.

PCC NOW RECYCLING HARD PLASTICS

Beachcombers / beach cleaners please note!

The Winsel facility now has a skip for hard plastics. This is good if you have e.g. old garden furniture to dispose of; furthermore it is great news for any of us who collect and bring home from the shore net floats and broken fish boxes etc. Now, we have a much better alternative to putting these out in red sacks on grey sack kerb collection days: red sacks go to landfill so, if you can, please take all hard beach plastic finds to Winsel and they will then be recycled – reducing the consumption of virgin plastic and thus crude oil too.

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