Peninsula Papers

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

“Blossom time in Marloes” by Chris Jessop

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Dear Friends,

It cannot nearly be Midsummer already! This year seems to be galloping past.

We are currently in a bit of a daze, recovering from the Ascension Day children's festival at the Cathedral. There were around three hundred and fifty children and their teachers this year, seventy of whom weren't booked in but thought they were. It was wonderful to see the Cathedral so full of young life and many people commented on how well-behaved the children were. For many this was their first time in the Cathedral.

That got me thinking about how important journeys and pilgrimages have been in my spiritual life. They shake me up and make me look at things in a new way. I learn new stories, new ways of making sense of the world. I meet new people and get to know my fellow travellers better and I have a chance to praise God and listen to him in ways that often get squeezed by the sheer busy-ness of normal life.

June 20th is going to be a special day for journeys in these parishes. The Bishop is trying to visit every one of the three hundred or so churches in the diocese before he retires next year and that day he will be with us. It happens to coincide with the St. Ismael’s pilgrimage day about which, I am sure, you can read more in this issue. He is also going to visit the Messy Church in Walwyn’s Castle and there will be an evening service as well. Let’s hope that he and all the other pilgrims and those of us who share that day find their journey brings them closer to God and closer to each other.

With all blessings,
Andrew and Rhiannon

Marloes, St. Brides and Dale Mothers Union

We next meet for our outing on Tuesday 9th June to the Mencap Gardens at Stackpole. If anyone would like to go who has not put their name down please let Harriet know so lifts can be arranged.

A reminder that on Thurs 11th June 2.00pm Steynton MU is celebrating their 50th anniversary with a service and tea, details as to lifts for both events will be circulated.

We also look forward to our summer picnic and raffle on Tuesday 14th July - a busy summer ahead! If anyone wants information about the MU contact Harriet 636668.
St. Ishmael  

Ishmael is also known as Ismael, Ysfael and Osmail, which proves that people have always found spelling Welsh names hard. He lived in the sixth century and succeeded St. David as bishop. Very little is known of his life but he does get a mention in the Latin life of St. Oudoceus (Euddogwy).

According to that, he was one of three sons of a Cornish prince called Budic who had been forced into exile in South West Wales. The family later moved to Brittany, but when the boys had grown up, they chose to return to Wales to become disciples of the three greatest Welsh Saints of the age - David, Dyfrig and Teilo. Teilo consecrated Ishmael bishop and appointed him following David’s death.

There are some problems with this, however, these Latin saints lives were generally written down about five hundred years after the events they remember and they can be very partisan. St Oudoceus’ life is very tied up with Llandaff. He is one of the five saints of the Cathedral along with Peter, Paul, Dyfrig and Teilo. So when you see Dyfrig, Teilo and Euddogwy prominent in a story about a Pembrokeshire saint it starts to ring alarm bells. Particularly when Teilo is consecrating a bishop and sending him to St. Davids instead of David’s community choosing their own successor. It looks like someone was trying to establish a precedent for Llandaff deciding things for St. Davids.

So if you are tempted to mutter that the people in Cardiff think they can dictate to Pembrokeshire, just remember they’ve been trying it for a thousand years or so.

As for Ishmael. He quite likely was from Cornwall via Brittany, been a disciple of the great saints of the previous generation and succeeded David, but he may not have directly succeeded him and Llandaff could have had very little to do with it. 

Rhiannon Johnson
Pilgrimage to St Ishmael’s 20th June 2015

St Ishmael’s Church, Monk Haven will be hosting a Patronal Pilgrimage on 20th June. Pilgrims will meet at the church at 11.30am for refreshments prior to a Pilgrims Blessing which will be followed by a ‘bring your own’ picnic. At 2.00pm there will be a Pilgrims Eucharist followed by tea. Weather and time permitting there will be an opportunity to walk the 600 metres to Monk Haven beach.
If you wish to attend please pre register with Richard Neale (01646 636802) or Heather Phippen (01646 636261

Nepal Fundraiser at Marloes

Last month’s response to the Nepal fundraiser was absolutely fantastic! The evening saw Marloes village hall filled to the brim with faces from all over the county. There was a table overflowing with delicious cakes and the selection of raffle prizes were wonderful. I thoroughly enjoyed giving my talk and hope that it gave more of an insight into the lives of the Nepalese and their fabulous country.

I would like to personally say a huge thank you to all that attended, who made the effort to make many delicious cakes, local businesses and individuals who generously provided raffle prizes and to all who helped on the night. We managed to raise a whopping £1755!

I have been contacted by my friend and school teacher Niva who would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the principal and the other school teachers.

Thank you all very much!

Diana Ford
I arrived. The first thing I did was to eat as much dinner as I could. Dinner over, armed with book and camera, I set out for the cliffs, and my unbounded enthusiasm, coupled with a desire to impress upon the several village boys loitering around, my ability to use the Kodak, led me to take two snaps immediately of Dale Fort and Monkhaven.

Immediately the exposures had been made I discovered that the lens had been focused at six feet instead of something over a mile!

I must admit that this discovery dampened considerably my ardour.

However, I could only hope for the best and make a strong mental resolution that it should not happen again and it never did!

Straight ahead of the bay, known locally as Lynnsway bay, is the entrance to the Haven, commanded by two forts on two opposite headlands known as East Point and West Point respectively.

A mile nearer Lynnsway, off East Point, lays an island called Thorne Island. Perched on the rocky back of this is another blockhouse, now however, fallen into disuse. Local rumour has it that it’s abandonment was due to the fact that it’s foundations of rock was so shaken by the vibrations of the heavy guns sent there, that it became unsafe. To what extent this statement can be relied upon I do not know.

On West Point but not actually on the headland is yet another building known as Dale Fort. It’s name belies it for it is now a small barracks.

Dale itself, visible from Lynnsway cliffs is a miniature village with a very large proportion of yellow coloured buildings. These, naturally look very picturesque with the golden rays of the afternoon sun shining upon them.

Lynnsway Bay, is a very wide and beautiful stretch of sand about half a mile long, is an ideal spot for a quiet read or an enjoyable bathe. When the tide is full only a few crests of rock, the heads of several groups scattered in the sand, are visible.

There are many types of rock and seaweed to be found there together with strange, to me, little amphibious animals. The likes of which I have never seen nearer home, at Barry or Penarth.

There is a lighthouse, known as Great Castle Head Light on the cliffs. It is not a revolving light but stationary, while the light tower itself is not even a little like the stereotyped ones, but is square and inclined to be squat. Other bays are to be found on the other sides of Lynnsway but they are nearly filled by the tide. One contains a cave of gigantic proportions but it is so difficult to access that only the young and hardy are able to reach it. At high tide it is a death trap for the top of its entrance is four feet below high water mark.

This extract is taken from notes written in August 1919. The writer was 18 years old at the time visiting his great aunt in St Ishmaels.

Article supplied by John Goodwin and written by his late father-in-law J.D.Edwards
DALE
Dale Community Council – AGM and meeting 11th May, 2015:
Among items discussed at these meetings:
Annual General Meeting – at the Annual General Meeting Mr L Jones was reappointed as Chairman, Mr P Morgan was reappointed as Deputy Chairman and Mr H Bishop was reappointed as Clerk.
The Chairman’s report of the activities of the Council – highlighting the continued attention to the issues of sewerage stinks, the floodgates, the one-way system, beach / pontoon issues and parking – was noted.
The meeting received and approved a Financial Report (which has been examined and approved by the Internal Auditor) showing that total funds at 31st March, 2015 were £1,094.45 (2014 - £1,136.94) a deficit on the year of £42.49 (2014 – surplus £553.12). In response to this deficit the Community Council has applied for and received an increase in the Annual Precept to £1,650.00 (2014 - £1,500.00).
Sewerage plant issues – investigations by Dwr Cymru Welsh Water continue, and there have been signs of increased activity by them in recent weeks. Mr Paul Davies AM has, once again, taken this matter up with the relevant Minister at Cardiff on our behalf and the Minister has agreed to review the situation with DCWW. Mr Davies AM has agreed to let us know if / when he receives a report of that discussion.
Sewerage incidents – while the DCWW investigations are continuing, residents (and others) are urged to report ALL incidents (large and small) so that we and DCWW can compare the actual experience of residents etc with the data from the DCWW survey equipment. These reports should be made to DCWW (phone 0800 085 3968) and (if possible) to the Clerk (phone 636 668).
Floodgate issues – the work of installing the new gates has been completed and it seems that this time the work has been done properly. It is hoped that they will be officially handed over by Natural Resources Wales soon.
Grass cutting in Dale – the continued unsatisfactory standard of grass cutting by the County Council contractors has been reported to the County Council who have agreed to supervise the next cuts and to report on steps taken to improve the situation. It seems likely, however, that, with the reduction in the number of cuts, it is unreasonable to expect that the contractor will maintain the grass to the standard achieved in the past and it will be necessary to review available options.
One way system abuse – it was noted that the County Council has indicated that it will put in improved road markings at the exit from the car park to deter people from driving the wrong way past Brook Cottage. Work on putting down these markings is expected to take place towards the middle or end of June, 2015. Residents are still urged to report all incidents of abuse of the one-way system - either to the Police (the 101 service) or to the Clerk (636 668)
Raves / “spontaneous events” – residents are asked to be alert to signs of unusual activities in the area and to report suspicions (preferably with details of date / time / place / vehicle numbers) to the police (101 service) or the Clerk (636 668).
The next meeting of the Community Council will take place on Monday, 8th June, 2015 at the Jubilee Suite at 1900hrs – members of the community are encouraged to attend and, with the permission of the Chairman, may address the meeting.
Community Councils

ST ISHMAELS
No meeting in May.
Next meeting Monday 1st June 1900
Memorial Hall

MARLOES & ST BRIDES
Items under discussion at the May meeting included the following:-
Annual General Meeting – The Chairman, Cllr. Louise Beal, and the Vice Chairman, Cllr. Sandra Burnett were re-elected to a second term of office. Appointments to the external bodies were all as last year:- Marloes Village Hall – Cllr. Sue Twidale. Community Recreation Area – Cllr. L. Beal Skomer Marine Reserve Advisory Comm. - Cllr. Peter Smithies & the Clerk. St. Brides Aid in Sickness grants – Cllr. William Richards. Mrs. Yvonne Evans (Clerk) was confirmed as the Financial Officer. The Income & Expenditure accounts for 2014/15 were presented by the Clerk and approved. Papers to be submitted to the Internal auditor prior to the External audit.
Planning Matters – Noted that a response reference the Glebe Lane passing bay is expected shortly. A Certificate for Lawful Use is to be submitted by the agent for Slate Mill. Form D consent was received in respect of an amendment to the curtilage of Kittiwake Cottage, Marloes.
NP/15/0210/FUL – Change of use from Village store to a village store, cafe, deli and takeaway together with the relocation of front boundary to create additional parking. To the rear a new external seating area will be provided in association with the proposed cafe. This application was considered at the meeting, and it was noted that the applicant, Mr. P. Lucas is proposing to diversify from the business being solely a shop. The Council value the retention of the shop, and the need for the business to be sustainable all year. Observations were raised with regard to the extent of the rear area to be used, the hours of use for that area, and the need to minimise any possible litter issues from the proposed takeaway.
Highway Matters – It was agreed that the Council meet Mr. Ben Blake, County Highways to discuss the possibilities of a 20mph in the village, also to ask for a toilet sign on the side of the building in Marloes. Cllr. Owens advised that his tour with an officer to look at various highway matters across the area will take place shortly.
Skomer Marine Conservation Zone – The Council was pleased to receive a copy of the Annual Report for 2014. Cllrs Beal and Jessop had attended the meeting in April, and reported on the presentations and issues raised. All agreed that it was essential to continue the work of the Marine Zone, and noted that their research data covers nearly 40 years.
Financial Matters – The payment of the first precept for 2015/16 was received - £684. AON will be writing shortly with details of the Council insurance premium for this year. Zurich had also asked to quote for this service. Agreed that Cllr. Richards is to negotiate a price within last years fee, as no additional cover is required.
Skomer Visits – Advance notice has been given by Dale Sailing Company and the Wildlife Trust of dates in July for visits from the Community to the Island. Clerk to obtain further information on the procedure for the days, and further details will be given in the Council report next month.
Hywel Dda Health Board – Posters will be displayed with regard to a “Let’s Talk Health” evening to be held on the 29th June from 6.30-8.30pm at Pembrokeshire Archives (Prendergast), Haverfordwest. For further information contact Hyweldda.engagement@wales.nhs.uk or ring

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Marloes Clock Tower
The Community Council was pleased to accept the offer from Mr. & Mrs. Judge, Goose Cottage, Marloes of an annual donation of £100 which the Council will use towards the annual maintenance of the Clock mechanism. Mr. & Mrs. Judge have visited Marloes for many years, and wished to support the Community as a thank you for the enjoyment they have received from their long standing association with the area. A letter of thanks will be sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Council.

Pembrokeshire Lure Fishing Festival 26th – 28th June
As part of this angling festival weekend (see advert elsewhere in PP) there is a charity raffle which will raise money for the Wales Air Ambulance and Dale Play Area. Any local businesses that wish to donate a raffle prize in return for advertising on the main website can contact myself.

It could be a voucher for a pub lunch, discount voucher, product or service, maybe anything to do with accommodation, something like that.

The festival isn’t simply a bunch of local fishermen, we have currently 23 pre-entered online of which only 2 are from the immediate area, the furthest entrant I know of is from Kent. The idea for this being trying to rescue something from the former Fish Week weekend.

I’ve done this with no finance, so all help is great help. Thanks
James Lemon info@lurepembrokeshire.co.uk 07428 162600 01646 636923

Coronation Hall Management Committee
All residents of the parish of Dale are invited to attend the AGM that is to be held on Wednesday 3rd June at 7:30pm in the Jubilee Suite.

Nominations (proposed and seconded) are invited from any resident of Dale who is willing to serve on the Committee. Nominations should be sent to Rosemary Mecklenburgh rosemary.meck@gmail.com or brought to the meeting.

Please attend – the Coronation Hall is your Village Hall and your resource.
JUNE

Mon 1 1900 St Ishmaels Community Council, Memorial Hall
Tue 2 1900 Peninsula Community Choir first session, Marloes Village Hall
Thu 4 “Walking though History” exhibition opens at the Heritage Centre, Dale. To 8th August
Mon 8 1900 Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite, Dale
Tue 9 Mothers Union visit to the Mencap Gardens, Stackpole
Sun 14 1800 Songs of Praise, Dale Sea Front with Goodwick Brass Band
Sat 20 1400 - 1700 Antique Event along the format of the Antiques Road Show, Coronation Hall, Dale including Cream Teas, stalls and exhibits
Sat 13 1000 Wildlife Watch Group, meet Dale Sea Front
Sat 13 1400 - 16:30 “Push the Boat Out” - try sailing cruisers and day-boats with Dale Yacht Club
Fri 26 - Sun 28 Pembrokeshire Lure Fishing Festival - see advert
Sat 27 1000 Dragonflies and Moths at Orlandon Kilns
Sat 27 Milford Fish Festival

JULY

Sat 4 Guided Tours of Dale Airfield 10.00am and 2.00pm contact 636668
Sat 4 National Trust Big Beach Picnic at Marloes Sands
Sat 4 Pirate Day at Dale
Sat 4 1000 - 1230 Push the Boat Out - try dinghy taster sessions and hire watersports equipment at very reduced prices with West Wales Watersports.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH ORGANISATION TO INFORM THE EDITORS OF EVENTS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE DIARY.

Wildlife Walk across Castlemartin Range

I am organising a walk across Castlemartin Range with the Wildlife Trust on Sunday June 14th. We will be enjoying the many aspects of the wildlife on the Range including birds, plants, insects, and hopefully the rare Marsh Fritillary butterfly. The walk is open to anyone with an interest in wildlife.

Our expert guide will be Bob Haycock, a leading Pembrokeshire naturalist.

The walk covers approximately 6 miles and starts at 10.00am. We walk at a very gentle pace, more stopped than moving. No dogs or persons under 18 are allowed on the range. The number of places are limited. There is no charge.

I may be able to offer transport for up to 4 people.

We shall be repeating the walk on Sunday July 19th.

For more information, and to book your place, contact Peter Royle 01646 636970, pdroyle@orlandon.co.uk
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Wednesdays at Marloes 9am Short Morning Prayer (except school holiday weeks)
**Dragonflies, Moths and Coffee Saturday June 27th**

We did this a few years ago and it was good fun so we thought we'd try again.

Do you fancy a leisurely hour or so watching dragonflies in the sunshine? Or having a look at what flew into the moth trap the previous night? And maybe do a bit of pond-dipping? All with a cup of coffee and maybe a home-made biscuit or two??

If you do then join us at Orlandon Kilns on Saturday June 27th at 11:00 am.

There is parking for quite a few cars but sharing would be good. Ring Jane Warr 636784 if you are coming from Dale.

The weather needs to be warm and sunny for dragonflies so if it looks dodgy then ring me (Rosemary) on 636970 in the morning to see if we are going ahead.

Open to anyone interested in natural history, Donations appreciated.

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**Self-help patchwork and quilting group**

We would like to set up a self help group, meeting in the Jubilee suite Dale. Anyone who has an interest in patchwork and quilting is very welcome to join us, from complete novices to those who have dabbled a little and would like to know more, to those who are skilled and experienced in the craft.

The idea is to learn from each other, give support , pool ideas and skills.

If we have enough interest, we can arrange a get together and discuss how to move forward with this project.
If you are interested please contact Mary 636348 or Carol 636447
Coastlands Local History Group

We were a small but appreciative audience for Ted Goddard's talk on the Early Years of Pembroke Dock. Mr Goddard once again gave very detailed and interesting insights into the reasons behind the development of Pembroke Dock into one of Britain's foremost Navel Dockyards. This talk was followed by a very well attended trip to The Garrison Chapel, Pembroke Dock, which houses both the Town history and the Sunderland Flying Boat Trust. Our Guide, Derek started with a history of the building, then moved onto the Sunderland Flying Boat. It was also possible to get a fascinating glimpse into the last 100 years of the town.

This month we are holding our own Antique event following the format of the Antiques Road Show. It will be run by Peter Francis Auctioneers from Carmarthen. Some of you may have seen Nigel Hodson, a partner in the company, on television as he has auctioned items for Flog It. The Antiques event will be on Sat 20th June 2.00pm - 5.00pm in The Coronation Hall. Why not come along with the family heirlooms and find out if the family story is true, or just come for the cream tea! There will also be stalls and exhibits to wander round.

On Sat 4th July, we are organising trips round Dale Airfield. Malcolm Cullen has agreed to guide the tours. The tour will also look in at Dale Camp and the WW2 Cartoons. The tour will run at either 10.00am or 2.00pm, please state your preference and we will endeavour to fit you in to that slot, but places are limited. If you would like to join us please let the secretary know (Harriet 636668).

Harriet Bishop

The Old Stables Heritage Centre

EXHIBITION

“Walking through History”
4th June - 8th August
Thursday - Sunday
11.00am - 5.00pm
Admission Free

This exhibition will concentrate on highlighting the history to be found beside the Coast Path as it passes through our area. It will hope to illustrate some aspects which no longer exist, while explaining those which are but are not readily identifiable for what they are.

We would still like to receive, look at, any items which you feel may add to this exhibition from your own family archives. Bring them along to The Old Stables Heritage Centre, we would be most appreciative!
**Peninsula Community Choir**

**singing for pleasure**

Want to sing? Ever thought of joining a choir? Then why not join our community choir?

**Marloes Community Hall**

**Tuesdays @ 7pm**

Starting June 2nd

Contact Emma Halls (01646 636932) for more info

**All ages and abilities welcome**  
£4 per session including refreshments

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**SOME OTHER LOCAL EVENTS FOR THE DIARY:**

**JULY 4TH** - The National Trust are running a **“Big Beach Picnic”** at Marloes Sands starting at midday to include surf-taster sessions and rockpooling.

**JUNE 27TH** - **Milford Fish Festival**. This family-focussed fish-themed event will give you the opportunity to learn how to prepare and cook fish with our filleting and chef demonstrations, enjoy fishy feasts from our caterers while soaking up the atmosphere at our music stage, find out about the Milford Fish Docks developments for fishermen, put our local eateries to the test in our chowder trail and enjoy activities from boat tours to pavement painting and lots more.

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**35 Years of Service and Still Going!**

Marloes & St. Brides Community Council would like to congratulate Mrs Yvonne Evans on the 35th Anniversary of being Clerk to the Community Council, which I am sure you will agree is a lifetime of work for the benefit of our community. Over the years Yvonne has amassed a wealth of local knowledge which we are very grateful for at our monthly meetings! So on behalf of the Community Council Members, past and present, I would like to thank Yvonne for her hard work and dedication. We hope to have our Clerk for many more years to come!

Louise Beal  
Chair Marloes & St. Brides Community Council.
This time the Dale Fort Wildlife Watch Group went down to the Gann, on a beautifully sunny Saturday, to do some seine netting. Seine netting involves a large net being dragged along Gann Estuary to scoop up any creatures lurking below. A few brave volunteers dragged one end of the net from within the water while everyone else pulls along shore. The net was dragged along for a few metres before being hoisted on to shore. Then it was all hands on deck! Everyone worked together to get all the fish, crabs, shrimps and other invertebrates into buckets, with the crabs kept separate so they didn’t eat everything else! Then we all had the chance to identify what we had found, which was an interesting mix of species.

After a few successful goes with the net, all the creatures were released back into the Estuary.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday 13th June between 10-12am, meet in Dale Village.

Dale Fort Watch Group is run by Field Studies Council staff and volunteers from Dale Fort Field Centre. For more information about the group, visit the Dale Fort Watch Group webpage - www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/watchgroups/dale-fort. To book a place, contact Dale Fort Field Centre on 01646 636 205 or email Catherine on catherine.df@field-studies-council.org or Helen on ea.df@field-studies-council.org.

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**PP Small Ads:**

**Accommodation wanted:**
Retired person with 2 small dogs looking for 2 bedroom long term let on the ‘Peninsula’ for 24 months approx.
Phone 01646 636802.

**For Sale:**
Galvanised trailer 4ft 6” x 3ft 6”
£75 Phone 01646 636256

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**Community Fundraising Day & Beach Party**

**Suggested date: Monday 31st August**

We are looking for people to help and get involved.

Open to all groups in the peninsula as a chance to raise funds for everyone with a community get together and bonfire on Dale beach in the evening.

Anyone interested in helping organise please contact the Boat House Café, The Moorings (DYC), West Wales or the Griffin.
League fixtures

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Cup competitions

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Reschedule of cancelled “Push the Boat Out” activities

Another chance to try sailing, windsurfing, stand-up paddle-boards or canoeing in the safe waters of Dale Bay.

Dale Yacht Club:- Saturday 13th June 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Try sailing cruisers and dayboats; they will be available with their skippers to take individuals and small groups for a tour of the bay.

West Wales Watersports:- Saturday 4th July 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. All equipment hire – windsurfers, canoes, stand-up paddle-boards, dinghies available at very reduced prices. Sailing and windsurfing taster sessions also available.

For more info contact:-

Dale Yacht Club - John on 01646 636463 or Peter on 01646 636970.
West Wales Watersports – Sam on 01646 636642
Coastlands Local History Group
Antiques Event
Following the format of The Antiques Road Show with Peter Francis Auctioneers from Carmarthen

Saturday 20th June
2.00pm-5.00pm
Coronation Hall, Dale

including Cream Teas, Stalls, Exhibits…
bring the family heirlooms and have them appraised!!

Dale Play Area - Update

Over the past few months we have been working with local landscape architect Greg White to draw up final plans to submit for planning. With his considerable experience and skill Greg has brought some great ideas to the design. Most recently he designed Barrowland Park in Glasgow as part of the city’s 2014 Cultural Programme. We have been so fortunate to have his professional support. The plans are now complete and our planning application has been submitted along with the necessary site surveys and assessments. Having consulted with the planning officers throughout the process we are hopeful for a positive outcome and will be exhibiting copies of the plans at our next fundraiser event on the 4th July.

Now that we are registered charity we can begin the process of applying for funding. Pirate Day on Saturday 4th July will help us raise funds to support the construction phase - please show your support on the day and if anyone is able to volunteer some time on the day please contact Rosemary Mecklenburg on 636 463. Find us on Facebook to keep up to date with progress.

Nia Marshall, Chair - Dale Play Area Association
BEWARE! Pirates!

Dale Pirate Day
Saturday 4th July
2.30pm - 6.30pm

Shiver me timbers! Dale will become a pirate haven with fun for all the family!

Bouncy Castle ~ Pirate Boat Competition
Fancy Dress Competition (pirate theme)
Treasure Hunt ~ Stalls ~ Raffle ~ Face Painting
Pork Rolls & Hot Dogs ~ Raft Racing
Teas & Coffee ~ Cake Stall ~ Seafood Paella

Aaarrgghh!

Raising funds for Dale Play Area – registered charity 1159904
Sponsored by: West Wales Watersports ~ Boathouse Café
Griffin Inn ~ Dale Yacht Club

Party on into the night with live music,
adult fancy dress & rum specials at The Griffin
All donations to DPA!
Blackthorn

I was brought up in Wiltshire and spent some time living in west Berkshire. I have always felt drawn to the open downland of these places, and always loved the beautiful hedges that can be found there. Hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, buckthorn, privet, crabapple, dogwood, elderberry and viburnums provide the framework and these support brambles, old man’s beard and roses. In autumn the feast of fruits and berries is dazzling especially when draped with the jewels of black and white bryony. Unfortunately we do not have hedges like this in Pembrokeshire (there are compensations - Berkshire is very short of puffins and choughs!). What we have, for better or worse, is Blackthorn.

Blackthorn is a hard plant to like. It has large hard spines which can inflict a painful wound which has a tendency to go septic. It produces suckers everywhere and especially where you don’t want them. Even its often bountiful fruit is mouth-puckeringly sour. But let me try and make a case for it!

In April, the hedges are a-froth with blackthorn blossom well before any leaves have emerged providing the first welcome sign that spring is on its way. Some bushes are so densely clothed with flowers that you cannot see the stems at all - really just as good as any cherry or hawthorn. The season lasts for quite a long time as Blackthorn bushes are extremely variable and come into flower over a fortnight or so, providing pollen and nectar at a critical period. On the downside, however, the flowers are at their best when the weather is notoriously fickle and often very cold giving rise to the term “Blackthorn Winter” – a really nasty cold snap lest you begin to think that Spring had actually arrived!

And then the sloes – well of course they are the primary ingredient of sloe gin, adding an astringent bite to an otherwise rather sweet liqueur. And I have found another use for them. I used to make a jam called “Hedgerow Jam” – this is a mixture of crabapples, elderberries, blackberries, hazelnuts and sloes. This made a really interesting jam and the sloes were essential in order that it did not taste bland. However in true character they did not give away their fruit lightly as the flesh is very reluctant to part from the stone – you either had to precook them for ages and then rub them through a sieve, or put up with having stones in the jam or (labour of love) pare the flesh off the raw sloes before cooking (not so bad if the sloes are quite big). In Pembrokeshire I make a reduced version without the elderberries and hazelnuts.

And, of course, I almost forgot, Blackthorn is the sole foodplant of the Black Hairstreak and Brown Hairstreak butterflies - but more about that next month!

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