Peninsula Papers

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

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Marloes Village Store: and Post Office 01646 636968
Open: 8-5 Monday, 8-5 Tuesday to Saturday, and 9-1 Sundays.
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Mon-Fri 8:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat 8:00-12:30, Sun 9:00 am-11:30 am
Post Office: Mon-Sat 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

MOBILE LIBRARY:
Next dates: Friday 9th June.
St. Ishmaels Burgage Green Layby - 10.50 am to 11.20 am  Dale - Blue Anchor Way - 11.35am to 12.05am  Marloes - Toilets - 12.15 am to 12.45 am
Contact 01437 776126 or 07774 230200  (van)

MOBILE POST OFFICE:
Tuesday:  St Ishmaels 14:00—15:00  Dale 15:15—16:15
Thursday:  St Ishmaels 13:00—14:00  Dale 14:15—15:15

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Dear All,

As I sit to write this I am looking at a hall filling up with boxes ready for the Children’s Festival in the Cathedral. It used to be the Sunday school Ascension Day outing but has progressed on to include many of the Junior schools in the North of the county and involves some 350 children.

I am also doing the final preparations for the Rogation Ride this weekend and preparing the books for two weddings. So a quiet no pressure situation, as normal!

I keep thinking that Christ had it right. He when the pressure got too much would just go off on his own to pray quietly. This does not mean that he always got that quiet space as the people followed him wherever he went. There are several stories that said he crossed the Lake (Galilee) but the crowds rushed round to catch him up.

Now as the season really gets underway with the Half term then we all have to show to each other the care and patience that is so easy to forget when things get chaotic.

May you all have a wonderful summer and do not forget to keep an eye on Peninsular Papers to see what other exciting things are coming up.

Rhiannon and Andrew P J

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**MARLOES MOTHERS’ UNION**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**WEDNESDAY 31st MAY**

10.00 - 12.00

**MARLOES VILLAGE HALL**

To Raise Funds for MU Projects at home and abroad.

ALL WELCOME
St Ishmaels Church News

Many thanks to all those who supported our Cream Tea in whatever capacity. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and a very relaxed affair. We raised £165.

It’s our St Ishmael Patronal on Thursday 15th June and we shall be marking this with an Evensong at 6.00pm.

Anyone who wishes to exhibit at our Festival in July or who would like to help during the opening hours please contact Yvonne Evans.

Please like our Facebook page.

Richard Neale

West Roose Ministry Area
Pastoral Team

Within our communities we are aware that there are people who need pastoral support.

Our aim is to provide a ministry of caring so that no member of our congregations and community need feel alone, we intend to establish a pastoral support group to
• visit the ill at home or in the hospital,
• visit Rickeston Care Home,
• maintain contact with those unable to attend church due to illness or disability,
• support friends and family involved in caring.

There are a variety of ways to achieve these aims, and we will pick only those we can easily manage and do them well, we will start slow and grow.

If you are interested in being involved in this work please contact me Gaynor Ford email gaynorford2846@btinternet.com Tel:01646693452 and a meeting will be held at Walwyns Castle Hall on 12th June at 7pm to talk about how we can move this initiative forward.

Gaynor Ford
BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

The Blessing of the Boats service is when all of us who venture out onto the water can have a chance to ask God to look out for us. It is also a time when we ask His blessing on all who rely on the Sea for a living. If we stop and think how much of the things we take for granted are shipped across the world, from fridges to coffee beans, from cars to bananas and everything else in between, not forgetting the fish that is harvested and the oil and gas that is brought here from far away.

This year’s service will be centred round the story of Brendan the Navigator who set off from Ireland in a Curragh. That is basically a large basket with cow hides covering the outside. From his story, it is almost certain that he got as far as Greenland if not all the way to America. He and his crew had some wonderful but very scary adventures on the way including riding for a while on the back of a whale or maybe it was an iceberg.

As we bless the boats in the Haven we pray that they will not be treated so badly by the elements as he was but if we are that we will come safely to the shore. We also remember the Lifeboat and the Coastguard who risk their lives to save those who get into trouble around our coast.

The donations received at the service this year will be given to Practical Action who work with small communities to bring safe water within the rural villages of the third world and to improve the sanitation so that the water that is available is not contaminated. Please support them in this worthy cause.

ST JAMES CHURCH DALE

BLESSING of the BOATS

DALE SEA FRONT

Sunday 11th June 2017

6.00pm

Bring your boats to the pontoon to be blessed.
Collection in aid of Practical Action

Followed by Bring and Share Supper.

All Welcome
MOTHERS’ UNION.

We move away from meetings this month and look forward to our outing to The Welsh Love Spoon workshop in Kilgetty. It is usual to have a meal before hand so all in all a good day out to look forward to.

Unfortunately the deadline for PP does not allow us to report on our Coffee Morning held on 31st May in Marloes Village Hall. It is hoped to comment in next month’s issue.

We reconvene for meetings in September and we will notify all members as to the details of the first meeting of the autumn season in the September issue of PP.

Mothers’ Union is a non-denominational group and welcomes all, and despite the name you do not have to be a mother or even a woman! If you feel like popping in to see how we operate please do. We normally meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Marloes Village Hall at 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

ST. ISHMAELS COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY

A vacancy exists for a part-time clerk for the above local Community Council with effect from 1st September 2017

For details of hours/salary please contact Clerk: Lynda Thomas Tel: 01646 636 298 or email: ke-nothomas@btinternet.com

DALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY FOR CLERK

Applications to fill the role of Clerk to Dale Community Council are invited from residents and others. Applications should be made to Hugh Bishop (01646 636 668 or bishophc@btinternet.com) or to any Community Councillor before 7.30 pm on 30th June, 2017.

The role, which now attracts payment of about £500 per year provides an excellent opportunity to become involved in the life and times of the village of Dale and to seek solutions to the issues raised by residents and others. For further details of the role, and to discuss the way in which you would like to help please be in touch. Hugh Bishop 01646 636 668

Marloes & St. Brides Community Council Vacancy

Written applications are invited to fill one vacancy on Marloes & St. Brides Community Council. The closing date for applications is 7.30pm on Monday 12th June 2017. It is intended that the vacancy will be filled by co-option at the Council meeting that evening, after considering any written applications received.

Further information can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council.

The Good Councillor’s guide can be accessed via www.wales.gov.uk

See also the County Council website - www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/elections

Applications can be sent to the Clerk, Mrs. Yvonne Evans, or handed to a Council member – see details in the May Issue of Peninsula Papers.
Dale Community Council – among items discussed:

**Election, May, 2017** – the Community Councillors who were successful at the recent elections were Messrs P Garnish, L Jones, P Morgan, M Reynolds, A Truelove and Mrs J Warr.

**Replacement Clerk** – the Community Council continues to seek a replacement Clerk and invites applications for this important and valued role, which now attracts payment of about £500.00 per year. Applicants should contact one of the Community Councillors or Hugh Bishop (636 668), who will be happy to provide details.

**Sewerage stinks** – there have been no reports of incidents since DCWW completed their upgrade works in 2016, but DCWW report that they continue to monitor their site and, if there are any problems, they welcome reports from members of the public to their 24 hour contact centre (0800 085 3968). Such reports should be made as soon as possible after the problem is detected.

**Parking issues** – the County Council Car Parks Officers have undertaken works to trim the trees, the hedges and the grass banks, but the issue of congestion by trailers and inconsiderate parkers and the issue of overnight camping remain under discussion. Residents who observe such abuse of the car park are encouraged to report it to the County Council (phone 01437 775414 – email photograph reports may be made to Marc.Owen@pembrokeshire.gov.uk). The County Council has responded to the County Council emphasising that the Dale pontoon is well used and a valuable asset to the county, while the outer pontoon is a valuable resource since it provides a valued place of refuge for yachts coming into the Haven. The County Council is asking whether the Community Council and/or local businesses are prepared to contribute towards the costs of the County Council pontoon network. The Community Council has responded that its resources depend entirely on the Annual Precept (£1,800.00) received from the County Council and these are not sufficient to make any meaningful contribution towards the cost of the pontoon network.

**Financial report – 31st March, 2017** – the annual accounts of the Community Council for the financial year ended 31st March, 2017 have been prepared and agreed by the Community Council and by the Internal Auditor. The balance in the Community Council bank accounts stands at £1,747.28 (2016 - £1,526.07) a surplus of income over expenditure of £311.35 (2016 - £341.48).

The next meetings of Dale Community Council is scheduled to take place at the Jubilee Suite, Dale in July, 2017. Notice of the meeting will be displayed in the Coronation Hall notice board and at the Starters’ Hut. Residents are encouraged to attend meetings of Dale Community Council and, with the permission of the Chairman, may address the meeting.
Marloes and St Brides

Items under discussion at the May AGM & Business Meetings:-

**Annual General Meeting** – Declarations of Acceptance of Office were completed by the four elected Councillors at the start of the meeting. Cllr. Peter Smithies was appointed Chairman, and Cllr. Chris Jessop Vice-Chairman. Former Cllr. Sandra Burnett was present, and her kind offer to arrange the process for change of bank signatories was accepted. Cllr. Smithies expressed the thanks of the Council to both Sandra Burnett and Sue Twidale for their contribution to the work of the Council over recent years, and in particular for serving as Chair and Vice Chair in the last year of the Council. It was pleasing to note that in the last year the Village Post office had reopened as part of the Village Shop run by Paul and Stephanie Lucas, and also that after many years of planning the new housing complex – Town Meadow had been completed. The Council will need to revisit the Village Action Plan to decide what other matters need to be pursued in the future. Appointments to other mainly local organisations were agreed.

**Accounts 2016/17** – The Clerk presented the accounts for preceding year to the Council, and they were accepted. Mrs. Evans was confirmed as Financial Officer for the year, but the Council will consider again whether another person could undertake this role. The meeting then concluded and the business meeting followed.

**County Council Matters** – County Cllr. Owens had apologised for not attending – he had however forwarded contact details to discuss the problems with hedge-cutting. Cllr. Smithies will speak to Mr. Emrys Llewelyn to urge cutting earlier than normal. The Clerk had e-mailed Mr. Ben Blake, Highways to ask if it would be possible to apply for a grant towards the provision of a 20mph speed limit in Marloes Village. Responses on other matters awaited.

**Pension / Auto Enrolment** – Former Cllr. Burnett had followed the procedure on this matter. The Clerk had written confirming that she would not require a pension, and this information had been passed to Government Gateway. The Clerk advised that this would last for three years, and then another declaration would need to be made.

**Beacon Lighting, November 2018 Anniversary** – Cllr. Jessop advised that the owners of the Beacon Field were happy for a Beacon to be lit on that day. Registration procedure to be undertaken, so that all necessary advice on insurance etc. can be received.

**Council Vacancy** – Mrs. Evans read out the application received from Mr. Brian Johnson, Glebe Lane, Marloes. The Council was pleased to accept this application, and Mr. Johnson who was present was advised his term of office will start at the June meeting. Clerk to advertise the remaining vacancy in the June issue of Peninsula Papers.

**Spontaneous Events** – Dyfed Powys Police are continuing to ask residents to be vigilant about any suspicious activity in the local area - vehicles in unusual places, people checking fields & buildings. Any concerns are to be phoned immediately via 101 so that action can be taken as soon as possible by the police.

**Planning Matters** - NP/16/0633/FUL – Square Farm, Marloes - Members noted that the planning consent advised that “the development hereby approved shall only be used for purposes incidental to the residential use of the dwelling known as 1, Square Farm, and at no time be used as a self contained residential unit or tourist accommodation of any kind.”

NP/17/0049/FUL – Wood Cottage, St.
Brides – It was noted that the amendment referred to the parking provision for Wood Cottage. Council members were aware that previously parking has been available in the lay-by on the opposite side of the road, and the plan received confirmed that arrangement.

Crabhall Barn Development (proposed) – noted that a site meeting of the owner and National Park will be held shortly. Place Plans are not being considered by the National Park, although their introduction is favoured by Welsh Government. Cllr. Jessop to contact Planning Aid Wales for advice.

Financial Matters - Members noted that the first precept payment of £941 had been paid into the bank account. Mrs. Royle had paid £35 to EZEE for the Website Hosting fee for 2017/18 – only £5 more than previously, and the repayment to Mrs. Royle was agreed.

Hall Notice Board - Noted that this was in need of urgent repair. Cllr. Smithies to speak to Mr. Wells as to the cost of a replacement. (Since the meeting Mr. Sam Gillespie has carried out repairs so the Notice Board is now safe to use.)

Car Park Permits – See details in April newsletter - Permits from last year can be used if the vehicle number has not been changed.

Skomer Visits – See details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 12th June at Marloes Village Hall. Local electors of Marloes & St. Brides are welcome to attend and may address the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman.
June 2017 Diary

Mon 29 1430 - 1730 Dale WI Cream Teas and Stalls, Coronation Hall., Dale
Wed 31 1000 - 1200 Marloes Mother’s Union Coffee Morning, Marloes Village Hall

JUNE
Thu 1 1100 Exhibition at The Old Stables Heritage Centre “The History of the Area in 100 Objects”, to 25th June, Thurs - Sun, 11 am - 5 pm, admission free
Wed 7 1500 - 1600 Police Surgery at The Boathouse Café
Thu 8 1830 Dale Forum/PAVS meeting, Dale Coronation Hall
Sat 10 1030 - 1300 St Ishmaels S&S Club Potato Challenge weigh-in + stalls and raffle
Sat 10 1400-1600 Dale Fort Wildlife Watch - Bug Hunt
Sun 11 1800 “Blessing of the Boats”, Dale seafront
Mon 12 1900 St Ishmaels Community Council, Memorial Hall
Mon 12 1930 Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
Wed 14 1830 Defibrillator familiarisation session, Dale Coronation Hall
Sat 17 0900 - 1800 Windsurf & SUP Festival, Dale
Sun 18 0900 - 1800 Windsurf & SUP Festival, Dale
Sun 18 1530 Picnic in the Park, Marloes Recreation Area

JULY
Sat 1 1400 - 1800 Dale Village Open Gardens
Sun 2 1400 - 1800 Dale Village Open Gardens
Sat 8 1030 Dragonfly and Moth morning, Orlandon Kilns (see advert)

It is the responsibility of each organisation to inform the editor of events for inclusion in the diary.
Please note the next Peninsula Papers covers both July and August.

The Wreck of the Albion
Friday August 4th, Marloes Village Hall, 7.30 pm.
By popular demand, a second presentation of Chris Jessop’s illustrated talk, The Wreck of the Albion.
Organised by Coastlands Local History Group; non-members of any age very welcome.
Wednesday Service - All, from across the parishes, are welcome to attend the short half-hour service of Morning Prayer held at 9am on Wednesday mornings except during school holidays. The service includes a short period for quiet reflection, and is usually led by Father Andrew. If you have not been to a Church service for a while, this simple service may provide an opportunity to restart your Christian journey.
Coastlands Local History Group

We are now out and about for our travels. In May we will have visited Llangwm Museum and The Llangum Tapestry, however I write this before the actual trip so can give no details—you will need to ask a member who went for more information!

We are now fully into the Exhibition season at The Old Stables Heritage Centre. We will be holding 2 very different exhibitions this year so do try and come along and see what we are doing - may be you will find out something of our area you did not know! If you have any items which you think might be of interest please do bring them along for us all to enjoy.

We will be back indoors in September for a talk on boat building –more details nearer the time.

Non members are more than welcome at any talk, however many of our trips are members only so you may need to join! You can become a member by contacting Derek (636274). If you would like to know more about the History group, please be in touch Yvonne (636251), Margaret (636295) or Harriet (636668)

At Last!

A familiarisation session will be held by the ambulance service to learn about our defibrillators and remind about basic resuscitation. This is free and open to all, young and old.

At Dale Coronation Hall

**Wednesday June 14th at 6.30 pm.**

Do make an effort to come, we now have 8 defibrillators installed in the area and it is vital that everyone feels comfortable with using one in that moment when it really matters!

Remember these are **Public Access Defibrillators** and so easy for us all to use.

Organised by M&DPADS
DRAGONFLY AND MOTH MORNING

On Saturday July 8th we will run another "Dragonflies. Moths and Coffee" event at Orlandon Kilns. We'll meet at 10:30 to look at the moths captured overnight then as the morning warms up, hopefully a few dragonflies will put in an appearance. Coffee and biscuits will be supplied.

Moths and dragonflies (not to mention humans looking at them!) need good weather – dry and not too much wind - if in any doubt phone Rosemary on 01646 636970 to confirm.

(If you’re not really into creepy crawlies then just come and have a coffee and sit in the garden!)

Donations will be welcome – proceeds to Butterfly Conservation.

ADVANCE NOTICE DALE FUN WEEKEND

RNLI - Saturday 26th August
Educational Fund Raising Fete
Dale Play Area Pirate Races - Sunday 27th August
Soapbox Derby Wacky Races
(get designing!)
Raft Race and Bottle Boat Race
Marloes & St Brides Village Hall Committee invite you to a

**Picnic in the Park**

on Sunday 18th June at 3:30pm

as part of the Great Get Together weekend in memory of Jo Cox.

Bring your picnic tea, chairs, rugs and games to the Marloes play area (village hall if wet).

**DALE W.I.**

One of the frustrations of writing pieces for PP is when as sometimes happens, the deadline comes too early to put a report of an event….this is the case this month with Dale WI Cream teas! Never mind, it will allow me to extol the virtues of the WI which are many, and encourage ladies out there to come and try us out for size. Earlier in the month many of you who live in Dale may have been puzzled by pairs/groups of ladies wandering the streets with clip boards looking gormless – worry not – all is well or not as the case may be! We were trying to crack a fiendish Treasure Hunt set by one of our members which showed glaring gaps in our observation skills and for those of us who live in Dale significant gaps in our knowledge of our own village! We have come to the break in our formal meetings this month, and look forward to our outing and the President’s supper. We are going to visit The Royal Mint and then a slap up meal somewhere on the way home – not too sure where yet but it will as always have….fabulous food!

See what you are missing, come and join us in the autumn and you never know what you will be up to or where you will be going next year.

For more information contact Mary Lewis (63430) or Ann Barkworth (636873).

**Herbrandston Camera**

Have you noticed the new camera just at the entrance to Herbrandston as you come from Dale? The info. from Peter Absolon is as follows:

“The mysterious camera was set up by the D.V.L.A. It is a number plate recognition system to catch motorists who have no road tax, insurance or MOT so beware”

During the summer there is a Police surgery at Dale in the Boathouse Cafe every 1st Wednesday of the month from 3-4 pm
St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2017

League fixtures
3rd June 1st XI v Neyland away 2nd XI v Kilgetty II home
10th June 1st XI v Lawrenny home 2nd XI v Crymych away
17th June 1st XI v Haverfordwest home 2nd XI v Burton II away
24th June 1st XI v Whitland away 2nd XI v Hundleton home
1st July 1st XI v Johnston home 2nd XI v Saundersfoot II away

Cup competitions
Harrison Allen Bowl Round 2 Wed 24th May v Johnston away (If successful here we go into the Quarter Finals)
Alec Colley Cup Round 2 Thurs 15th June v Pembroke Dock home

Yours in sport, Wendy Bradshaw (Tel. 636446), Sec. St Ishmaels C.C.

Lloyds Bank in Milford (not)
Those of you inconvenienced by the closure of Lloyds Bank in Milford might like to know that there is now a mobile service 3 days a week. The van will be parked in the car park adjacent to Unit G (the Paul Sartori shop) in the Havens Head Retail Park and will be open at the following times:

- Mondays 13:15 – 14:15
- Wednesday 12:45 – 14:15
- Friday 12:45 – 14:15

(We have tried it and it all seems fine, once you’ve found the van! RR)

The Wildlife Trust
South and West Wales
De a Gorllewin Cymru

Marloes and St Brides Residents’ Free Day Trip to Skomer
The Community Council, in partnership with The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales and Dale Sailing has organised a special trip for each resident household to visit Skomer this year. If you wish to visit the island the dates and times are set as:

- Sunday 16th July-50 seats. Friday 21st July-50 seats. Sunday 23rd July-24 seats

Boat departure 10:30 prompt

The visits will last around 4-5 hours, enabling you to enjoy the island and have a picnic. To book your FREE tickets for one of the above trips please contact Dale Sailing by phoning the booking line on 01646 603123. You will need to provide your name and address and contact number at the time of booking; in case of adverse conditions causing a cancellation. If, however, you need to cancel after making your booking please contact the Dale Sailing booking office to let them know not to expect you on the day.
Marloes Welcome Club.

Are you over 60? Do you like the company of others? Would you enjoy group lunches? Why not join our Club? We meet every Wednesday afternoon usually over lunch at various venues otherwise it’s in Marloes Village Hall.

We have a full programme of lunch venues, trips out, quizzes and talks.

The Club has recently benefitted from a generous donation given by Valero Energy Ltd., thanks to Messrs Stephen Thornton and William James of the Public Affairs Department at Valero Refinery. This donation will help ensure that the Club will continue to support our elderly residents in the local communities with weekly meetings.

Chair Mrs V. Parsons (Tel 636380). Treasurer Mrs. J. Llewellyn (Tel 636365). Secretary Mr. M. Cullen Tel 636257).
Quarto’s “Folk & Food” gig, Dale Coronation Hall, 19th May

What a superb treat this was for all who attended! The format was simple: a truly excellent two-part folk concert plus a delicious two course meal in the interval, all for £10.

Quarto are a Pembrokeshire based band; unsurprisingly, they’re a four-piece. All are highly skilled musicians: between them they play whistle, percussion, keyboards, guitars (twice), mandolin, mandola, fiddle, and accordion. They are also excellent harmonising singers. The programme was varied: we had many well-penned own compositions, quite a few old folk favourites, and surprises such as a really mellow Leonard Cohen number. The band’s PA system conveys every nuance, delivers each syllable sung so clearly: especially effective during the quieter numbers.

If you didn’t come, you missed a great evening - much credit due, it has to be said, to the Mecklenburghs for the home-cooked food (Rosemary) and the bar (John). Here’s hoping Quarto will return - and if they do, make sure you book early!

Chris Jessop

The Old Stables Heritage Centre

EXHIBITION

“The History of the Area in 100 Objects”

1st June - 25th June 2017
Thursday - Sunday
11.00am - 5.00pm
Admission Free

This exhibition will use items from the history group’s archive and from people’s private collections to illustrate the rich history of our area. These tools which unlock the history will often be items recognised by you all, but some may be not so well known. We look forward to welcoming you all, visitor and local alike, to come, view and learn about the history right on our own doorstep.

Some of you may not even be aware of items locked away in your attics/ sheds which maybe of great significance in telling the story of our area. So please look through attics and sheds, (a great chance for a clear out!) and if you have any photos, books or ‘things’ which might relate to this exhibition- and that covers almost anything - please do bring them along, we would love to see them.

For more information contact Margaret (636295) or Harriet (636668)
Dale Village Open Gardens  
(with crafts)

A rare chance to discover some of Dale's beautiful gardens!

1st & 2nd July  
Open 2pm to 6pm

Tickets obtainable from Gardens and Coronation Hall on the day

Money raised will go towards St James Church Roof Fund

Guide dogs

Local Community Groups with regular meetings

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Coastlands pupil Izzy Scale wins the Haverfordwest Farmers Market Logo Competition. Jorja Parry, another pupil at the school received a runners up prize.

Coastlands pupils in Class 2 worked with local author and poet Chris Jessop to produce this poem.

**Life Overflowing**

If it is spring, flowers popping like popcorn and for spring
And lambs are being born, and birds' eggs are hatching nicely
Then as the days get longer, summer is getting closer
Or if you think of summer, you'd go back in the future
But I can't see the bursting flowers on the trees in spring
Perhaps we could see the leaves growing on the trees, it's spring
Well I was walking and I saw such beautiful flowers
When I was walking across the beach I saw red roses
So the sun is shining high, and we should go to the beach
Because the flowers are nice I think that we should smell some
Don't come back winter, we like summer, the summer is hot
For caterpillars that crawl and butterflies that fly high ...
While I walk along the path on the green freshly cut grass
You, you my child: springtime has sprung in this, my wonderland!
St Ishmaels Sports Club
POTATO CHALLENGE 2017
All proceeds to go to The Welsh Air Ambulance and The Paul Sartori Foundation
Return your potato crop in the pot on June 10th between 1030 and 1300. There
will be teas, coffee and a raffle, plus cake and plant stalls.

We will also be selling seeds for The Longest Runner Bean and The Biggest Sun-
flower contests at 5 seeds for £1.00.

Come along, join in the fun and get those green fingers working

PRIZES: Largest adult potato crop: Meal for two at The Brook Inn, kindly
donated by Sally and Johnny. Largest children’s potato crop: £15 Argos
voucher, donated by St Ishmaels Sports Club.
If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle it would be appreciated.

ONE FOR YOUR DIARY:
August Bank Holiday soul nights at the sports club
Disco music on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th. Camping available from Friday 25th to
Monday 28th August. £5.00 per night, showers available. Food available in the club-
house. For more information phone the sports club on 01646 636444

May Mammal Trapping Madness!
At the last meeting we were learning about small mammals and the habitats in which they live. The ses-
sion also highlighted the importance of their physical adaptations, which enable them to survive in the wild. Those who attended learned how to mammal trap in a safe and considerate way without harming the animals. We were lucky to get a close up view of a field vole, which all the chil-
dren were excited to see. He was then released safely back into the environ-
ment.

Join us next month at the Fort on Saturday 10th June 2pm-4pm if you would like to learn about minibeasts! We will be going on a bug hunt using sweep nets to see what we can find in the fields surrounding Dale Fort. Hope to see you there!

For more information about the group or next month’s activity, visit the Dale Fort Wildlife Watch page on www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/watchgroups/dale-fort or ring on 01646 636 205 or email Emma/Holly on ea.df@field-studies-council.org.
The Ring Ouzel

A few weeks ago I happened to mention to a friend that we had seen a Ring Ouzel in the garden. They had never heard of a Ring Ouzel so I thought this would be a good opportunity to explain what it is.

First of all, what is an Ouzel? Well, ouzel (or ousel) is the old English name for the blackbird, as in this little poem from Midsummer Night’s Dream:

The ousel-cock, so black of hue
With orange-tawny bill
The throstle with his not so true
The wren with little quill
The finch, the sparrow and the lark
The plain-song cuckoo grey
Whose note full many a man doth mark,
And dares not answer nay.

A Ring Ouzel is our upland form of Blackbird. The male looks very like a Blackbird but has a very distinct white crescent on its breast, hence the “ring” in the name. It also has silvery feathers in its wings which makes it look quite pale in flight. The female is a browner version of the male. (Note that a few white feathers on the breast do not turn a Blackbird into a Ring Ouzel – it is just a leucistic Blackbird!)

One of things which makes the Ring Ouzel so different from a Blackbird is the fact that it lives and breeds only on high ground – a typical spot would be a small steep valley on a mountainside with a stream tumbling down the hillside and a few rowan trees to perch on and sing from. They are very timid and flighty and hard to see on their breeding grounds.

So what was one doing in our back garden? Well, Ring Ouzels are migratory, and every spring a few birds pass through our area and are seen primarily around the coastal headlands. The spring of 2016 was particularly notable as a flock of 9 birds stayed for several days around St Justinians – a more typical sighting is of a single distant bird sitting on a fence or feeding on the grass, which quickly moves on.

The bird in our garden was a female (which are less often seen) and she was feeding on the lawn. She had probably walked in from the field which immediately borders the lawn, as they like to be in very open situations. Unfortunately she was very quickly seen off by the resident Blackbird.

Ring Ouzels are not doing well in the uplands – there are many reasons for this but one interesting reason is that Blackbirds are moving uphill. Blackbirds are doing very well in the lowlands and in order to find new territories they are spreading up the hills, where they out-compete the more timid Ring Ouzels.

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