Peninsula Papers

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

Papurau Penrhyn

OCTOBER 2025 HYDREF

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 Closed for the winter.

MOBILE LIBRARY: 26th September, no dates for October
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,

Autumn and Harvest blessings to you all. I hope our young people are settling down in new schools and with new teachers, that our young adults are safely back at colleges and universities, those of us working in the hospitality industry are getting a rest and that, although the winter storms seem to have begun again, all is safely gathered in.

We (Andrew and Rhiannon) are in the process of getting ready to move out of Dale. Andrew will still have primary pastoral responsibility for Dale, Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West but, as of the 22nd October, St Katharine's is being handed on to someone else. The good (I hope) news is that although we are leaving the Vicarage we are not planning to go far and will still, I hope, be part of the Peninsula community we love so much.

So we are trying to downsize. Having always lived in big, old vicarages it is something I have never had to do seriously before. Now we have to cut down what we own by about a third. It is surprisingly difficult and emotional work given that so much of what we own has been passed on to us by family or friends. It is particularly hard to let go of some of the things my father brought with him when he came to live here.

I have to comfort myself by reminding myself that the harvest of our lives is not the stuff we drag around with us. The harvest of my father's life is my brother, myself, his grandchildren and all the many people his teaching and pastoral care touched all his life long. As the poet Phillip Larkin says "what will survive of us is love".

So what harvest of love do you celebrate this October and warm yourself with as the days grow colder?

With every blessing,

Rhiannon, Andrew, Samuel and Gaynor

At Walwyn's Castle village hall

COMMUNITY COFFEE & CHAT - The 3C's

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

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

Remembrance in Marloes & St. Brides - 80th Anniversary of WW2

VE Day in May was marked by a display of poppies and embroidered details of the Anniversary outside the Clock Tower in Marloes. It was known that many of the service men and woman were not released from Service for many months after this event. This was followed in August with a similar display to mark the end of the War against Japan. However one local man, George Thomas was still a prisoner of the Japanese at this point and did not return home to his family until late in the Autumn. His name was displayed alongside the poppies. George, a Royal Artillery driver had been taken prisoner after the fall of Singapore on February 15th 1942. Very few letters were received but the family had been told he had been moved from Thailand to Indochina. On the 6th September 1945 a letter dated 21st August was received which said he hoped to see them soon. This occurred later in the year. A very difficult experience he had endured.

In October, we will have a display to remember the tragic loss of Sidney Morgan of Marloes. During the War, he had served on the Grenada, a Hull registered trawler, as a Second Engineer, when the boat was operating as a Minesweeper. He had survived the War and returned home to his wife Martha and three children. He returned to work on the trawler, but sadly on the 3rd October 1945 the Grenada struck a mine off the Old Head of Kinsale, and sank with the loss of all but one of the crew. Stanley was 51. His death is commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial, and there is also a tablet at the War Memorial in St. Peter's Churchyard, Marloes. The Remembrance Service this year will be held on the 9th November when we will remember Sidney Morgan, Sidney Phillips and Thomas Benjamin Griffiths from WW2, in addition to those lost in the 1st World War.

Thankfully of the forty plus members (both men and women) of the local Communities of Marloes & St. Brides, that served both at home and abroad in WW2, and were prayed for in local churches, all but those three survived that War.

Yvonne Evans

As far as the Peninsula is concerned it is now WINTER!!!

We have recently had guests and we were completely unable to find anywhere to take them to have a nice lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday so be warned! I do completely understand the economics of this, but it caught me on the hop as it all happened so suddenly after the late summer bank holiday. Thank goodness for the garden centre - at least we managed breakfast there on one morning. We had also planned to have a lovely meal with our guests at Cocos overlooking the bay ..... alas the timing was terrible, the guests arrived the day after their last day of serving food!! Cocos will be much missed.

As far as Peninsula Papers is concerned it is also now winter - we have moved on to the winter circulation list, where we avoid delivering to addresses which are empty in the winter. If you have received this copy then you do not need to do anything! If you have neighbours who have not received it but would like to receive it through the winter then please let us know (email address on the back page.) Bear in mind that each PP costs 33p to print so we can't afford to have it lying on doormats unread! And bear in mind that you can always read PP on the Marloes website (www.marloes.org.uk) - there is a link on the front page - and also on the Dale Website.

Rosemary Royle

Peninsula Papers Prize Draw Winners: Sept 2025

1St Prize £100
Margaret Evans
2nd Prize £30
Judith Wilkinson
3rd. Prize £20
Dilys Powell

Marloes and St Brides 50 Club Prize Draw winners September 2025

1St Prize £95
Jean Davies
2nd prizes£45
Gina Smithies; Stephen Mathias; June Bishton
3rd prizes £25
Rachel Evans; Val Krelle; Lorraine Griffiths

Dale Community Council

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (Part time approx. 3 hrs per week)

Dale Community Council is seeking an organised person with an enthusiasm for supporting the community of Dale in the role as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. The postholder is responsible for documenting meetings, coordinating agreed actions and the timely reporting of financial information. Knowledge of local government administration at a community level would be an advantage, however the successful application will be supported by an experienced and friendly team. Hours of work are flexible however the role will involve attending meetings at Dale Coronation Hall. The Council meet every other month, usually on a Monday. The salary is based on the nationally agreed pay scales for part time clerks and based on the level of experience of the success candidate. Please apply in writing to the email address below.

For further information, please contact any of the Councillors or the current Clerk: dalevillagecc@outlook.com Mobile: 07807585414.

Dale

Dale Community Council

Items discussed at the last meetings in July and September included:

Parking/Highways

The traffic warden is still attending the village during the morning which is of no use to the village. The double yellows are still not being ticketed and the areas outside Richmond House and the Yacht Club are always ignored. The Clerk was asked chase Marc Owen in PCC again for the parking figures from the last couple of years.

The hedges from the Gann to the top of the village as asked. PCC did along the fort road and all the signs around the village a few days later.

The Dinghy bays from the gate into the meadow, down to Spinnaker Reach are being abused by cars parking in the empty ones. Every bay has been paid for and DYC can't help that not all are being occupied by boats. DYC are aware of the issue and that new posts are to be put in by next season which should help to deter people.

Village Matters

The overflow drain flap that was damaged has been repaired and put back, funded by PCC. But, this was done before DCC had chance to accept future responsibility. Therefore, it is still unclear who exactly owns it. DJ noted that it was put back on back to front but that he and LJ have since switched it round. The gap is now much smaller, but it could do with a rubber seal to prevent water continuing to go up the pipe.

PCSO Adam Thomas attended the meeting to hear the Councillors concerns for the village. The frustrations with parking on double yellow lines and footpaths was the main concern, however the police cannot do much about this. Adam said that perhaps he could assist the traffic warden next season sometimes, wardens sometimes avoid areas where they are more likely to be harassed/abused. He explained that Dale receives hardly any complaints via the reporting feature on Dyfed Powys Police's website and so it is not an area that he will be sent to attend often. He encouraged locals to report issues they have as the more complaints they receive, the more likely they will be able to attend the village more often.

Adam said he would like to attend future events in the village to build a relationship with locals and to make sure he has a presence here.

The seagrass boards that were put up in collaboration with PCC are in a poor state. It was agreed that the one by the slipway be taken down and that we focus efforts on using the one by the starting hut. Notices can now be posted here instead of on the starting hut.

West Dale steps are in a poor state – Clerk to report to National Parks.

Road to the Gann – PG noted that he witnessed a near miss once again with a pedestrian and a car on this stretch of the road. It is unclear how it can be made better but it was agreed to contact National Parks again about it as it is the Coastal Path.

Financial Payments

£100.00 Peninsula Papers
£250.00 Cemetery Grant
£100.00 Coronation Hall
£20 – to cover wreath order including delivery and a further £55 as a donation MADPADS £100.00

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for ***Monday 10th November*** *commencing at 7pm in the Coronation Hall, Jubilee Suite, Dale.*

Marloes & St Brides

Tuesday 02nd September 2025

Digital Switch Over

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

Cllrs discussed the back-up battery options for power outage linked to issues with landline phones / internet access being needed.

Footpaths and Beach

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

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. Chris Jessop has sourced a quote on the works for the new fencing. Chris Jessop will follow on quote and additional work required by local working parties before making application to Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant.

Community Council will offer support where needed.

Tuesday 16th September the next meeting of the village hall. County Councillor CG discussed warm spaces grant through PLANED.

Clock Tower

Electricity supplier has now switched (Utilita). There is no standing charge with Utilita and will reduce costs for the Community Council. Clerk to chase up BG to close the account and refund the money. Cllrs discussed key cutting for clock tower (Chair MH organising). The lock is decommissioned. Cutting 3 x keys to support any future issues.

Highways

Cllrs discussed the site visit from PCC (Claire Williams) and the response / actions from the Community Council (response attached from Community Council).

A member of the public attended the meeting to discuss a complaint made to the police and PCC regarding the speeding in Marloes Village. A community meeting was held with the police (attended by Cllr NS). No follow up from the Police to date. County Councillor CG meeting with local PCSO Thursday 04.09.2025 to discuss the speeding. Claire made the council aware of a minor repairs grant from PCC for road repairs (please message Cllr CG with any requests). County Councillor to ask PCC for a speeding awareness sign to support the village.

St Brides Walled Garden

County Councillor Claire George confirmed Libby from National Parks will be happy to accommodate a site visit over the summer to discuss the next steps around the St Brides Walled Garden. Date confirmed for 03.09.2025 at 6pm.

Cllr LB received a concern from a member of the public regarding the use of the national park car parks. Use of car park from external companies and campervans. Cllrs to bring up the issues at the scheduled meeting.

Village Benches

Clerk has applied for funding through the Democratic Engagement Grant (under £1,000). The grant was unsuccessful. Clerk has applied through coastal cottages / visit Pembs for £1,000 to support the benches request from the community. No response to date.

A member of the public spoke about wanting to sponsor and pay for a bench in the memory of her parents. Community Council are happy to support. Community

Council discussed different styles of benches, the potential placement of the benches and current benches managed by the community council. Community Councils will take this forward and source benches.
Cllrs discussed funding options (including Enhancing Pembrokeshire and Welsh Water Grant).
Cllrs discussed renovated bench next to the toilet block. Thank you to Cllr PS.

Bus Service

Cllrs confirmed the re-appointment of the coastal bus routes (puffin shuttle service) is a great success for the local community. The bus routes were re-instated due to the consultation and complaints made by the Community Council.
Correspondence received from the Welcome Club welcoming the extension to bus services in the local area. Consultation documents (online) shared with the Welcome Club.
A member of the public and the Welcome Club joined the community council meeting to discuss the need for a bus route in Marloes and St Brides (having difficulties contacting PCC to discuss bus routes). The community council agreed and will put forward via the consultation.
Cllr County Councillor CG confirmed consultation active, no changes to Pembrokeshire bus routes.
Cllrs discussed the issues with the current Fflecsi bus service.

Planning matters

PCNPA Development Control updates: All planning comments made to PCNPA

NP/25/0124/LBA: Philbeach Farm, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3QU. Delegated
NP/25/0122/FUL: Philbeach Farm, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3QU Delegated
NP/25/0273/FUL: Limenaraki, The Green, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AZ Approved with conditions
NP/25/0347/CLE: Land South of Car Park, Martins Haven, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3BJ Approved with Conditions
NP/25/0469/LBA / NP/25/0468/FUL: Cranford, St. Brides, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AJ. Installation of air source heat pump / Installation of heat pump Delegate

Next meeting: Tuesday 04th November 2025. Marloes Village Hall 19.30.

St Ishmaels

Minutes of the business meeting held on 10th September, 2025 in the Sports Club

MATTERS ARISING

Vice Chair. Cllr Richard Jenkins agreed to accept the post of vice Chairman.
Fflecsi Bus. Barbara Hanson asked if the public convenience building was a designated drop off/ pickup location for the Fflecsi Bus service. There was general discussion then about the continuing difficulties experienced by residents, concerning the timeliness and efficiency of the service. The clerk reported on his meeting in the Torch Theatre with staff from Transport for Wales, saying that there seemed to be little concern, and certainly no plans, for anything approaching a regular bus service for St. Ishmaels. He was dismayed to be asked where indeed St. Ishmaels was, as it was apparent from their displayed big map of future transport plans in the county which had no indication even of our village's existence! The clerk made plain the feelings of our com-

munity about the continuing unsatisfactory transport service by means of Fflecsi Bus.

Trimming of the footpath. The clerk was asked to contact PCNP about the state of the greenery obstructing the footpath to the cliff and Lindsway Bay. Following his call to the Parks, they agreed to send a team to cut the hedge back.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Following the Clerk's contact with Mr. Malcolm Smith-Gosling, the latter agreed to attend the next council meeting to explain what was involved with servicing the units.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

The clerk reported on discussions with Barclay's bank, concerning the possible setting up of internet handling of the council's bank accounts, which the bank had been encouraging. After assessment of the procedures involved with the change, it was decided to leave things as they are, with cheques being signed and countersigned before payment.

PLANNING

NP/25/0463/FUL Installation of Heat Pump, 3 Grove Road

No Objections.

NP/25/0495/FUL Installation of roof photo voltaic panels and external wall insulation, 3-6 Allendale Drive

No Objections.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 19th November, 2025, at 7.00 pm in the Sports Club

Community Councils

Walwyn's Castle

September 2025 Walwyns Castle Community Council Meeting;

Audit; Full documents have been submitted to Audit Wales for the previous financial year.

Website; Clerk advised further work will be actioned on the development of the website, as we are now not merging with other community councils.

Donation; Cllrs agreed to give a donation of £150 each to the three churches in our parish Robeston West, Walwyns Castle, and Sandy Hill this donation is to be used to support the upkeep of the church yards.

Second Homes; Cllrs raised they believed there should be an % of the second home council tax premium coming back into the community, this is to be investigated into further.

Bus Shelter; The bus shelter project to erect a bus shelter at Walwyns Castle Village Hall is in progress the application is currently with National Parks to confirm the outline planning permission; upon confirmation we can look to obtain quotes for erecting the bus shelter.

Highways; The outstanding resurfacing of the road at Gordy Hall has been completed prior to the Summer Holidays. The road conditions between Cotts Farm and Hasguard are deteriorating - this will be raised with PCC.

The next meeting *will be held on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7:30 at Walwyns Castle Village Hall*

Diary for October

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Thu 2 - Sat 4 Exhibition in The Old Stables Heritage Centre, Dale, 2.00-5.00
Sat 4 1000 - 1500 Apple Juicing at Walwyns Castle
Sun 5 1800 St James Dale, Harvest Festival
Tue 7 1800 onwards Yoga classes start at Walwyn's Castle Village Hall
Wed 8 1900 Marloes Village Hall Talk: "The Tides" by Steve Morrell
Thu 9 1900 Social and Film evening, Dale Coronation Hall
Thu 9 1930 St James Walwyns Castle, Musical Evening, see advert
Fri 10 1700 - 1900 Dale Seagrass Peoject Community Meeting, Coronation Hall, Dale
Sun 12 1100 St Ishmaels Harvest and Family Service
Sun 12 1115 St James the Great Walwyn's Castle, Harvest Eucharist
Sat 18 1830 Autumn Celebration, Bring & Share Supper and Board Games, Dale Coronation Hall
Mon 20 1930 Coastlands History Group, The Museums of Wales by Hywel John, Marloes Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 1830 Tish Club Firework Extravaganza, S&S Club, St Ishmaels
Tue 4 1930 Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
Wed 5 1800 Bonfire on the Beach**,** Dale Seafront
Fri 7 History evening at Walwyn's Castle Village Hall
Mon 10 1900 Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite
Wed 12 1930 Walwyn's Castle Community Council, WC Village Hall
Sat 15 1400 Autumn Pudding Party, Marloes Village Hall
Nov 19 1900 St Ishmaels Community Council, Sports Club
Wed 261900 Marloes Village Hall Talk: "Skokholm Island, season by season" by Lisa Morgan

ADVANCE NOTICE - MIDWINTER BEACH CLEAN
Community of Marloes & St Brides annual Midwinter Beach Clean
New Year's Eve, Wednesday December 31st
Set off from Marloes Sands car park at 0900
All come at own risk
U18s must be accompanied by an adult

Services for October

St Ishmaels

12th October 11am Harvest and Family service
26th October 11am communion

Dale, Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West

5th October - 6.00pm St James Dale, Harvest Festival
12th |October - 11.15 St James the Great Walwyns Castle Harvest Eucharist.
19th October - 11.15 St Andrew Robeston West, Eucharist
6.00 pm St James Dale, Eucharist.
26th October 11.15 St James the Great Walwyns Castle, Eucharist and C C.

Marloes & St Brides

5th Oct – 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
12th Oct – 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
19th Oct – 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
26th Oct – 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
2nd Nov – 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – All Saints Day Communion

ADVANCE NOTICES

CHRISTMAS BINGO IN HERBRANDSTON

St. Mary's Church Christmas Bingo
At Herbrandston Hub
Thursday 4th December
Eyes Down 7.00
All Welcome

Herbrandston Sports Hub Christmas Bingo
Thursday 11th December
Eyes Down 7.00
All Welcome

Coastlands Local History Group.

If anyone suggests to you that we live in a back water where nothing happens and nobody of any consequence lives— they should have been at the talk given by Gareth Mills last month! They would have learnt Pembrokeshire was at the heart of life—both Nationally and locally. The Cawdors—those we all learnt about through Shakespeare - via marriage came to hold vast acres of land in Pembrokeshire, Cardiganshire and Carmarthenshire. The main focus of their interest was Stackpole Court, a fabulous mansion they built with over a hundred rooms, and then embellished such that it was fit for Royalty the great and the good of the land to come and visit. The family initially ran the Estate well, however, London beckoned, and eventually the family's main interests moved to London, with devastating effects on The Stackpole Estate. The estate, after a couple of centuries of splendour began to fall into disrepair. When requests by the Family to rebuild the house in a smaller fashion were repeatedly turned down - the Mansion was razed to the ground. It was a fascinating talk and one much appreciated by those who attended despite the appalling weather! We now move onto a more home grown speaker. Hywel John is known to many of you as he has a house in the area. He is coming to speak about the Museums of Wales. It should be a fascinating talk and well worth turning out for. The talk will be in Marloes Village Hall on Monday 20th October at 7.30pm

The Exhibition in The Heritage Centre has a final weekend of opening in October 2-4th Oct, 2-5pm. During the winter months The Heritage Centre will be open every Monday morning 10-12 for anyone who wants to drop in and do some research or just to look at the archive if you wish. If anyone wishes to visit outside a Monday contact us to arrange a time.

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

If you would like to become a member please contact us. It costs just £5.00 per person a year.

If you need any further information please contact Harriet (636668) or Yvonne (636251)

Thursday
Social & Film Evenings
2025 Autumn Season
Doors open 7 pm
Films start 7.30 pm
Coronation Hall, Dale

All welcome Admission and Refreshments free. Donations of refreshments to share and towards running costs are always gratefully received.

Oct 9 **1973 American film involving 2 grifters plotting to con a mob boss. One of the stars has recently died.**

Social and Film evenings will also be held on October 23, November 6 and 20 and December 4 and 18 when we will have a Christmas special!

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

Dale Seagrass Project Community Meeting: 10th October 5-7pm

Project Seagrass would like to invite you to the community meeting being hosted in the Jubilee Suite at the Coronation Hall on Friday 10th October 2025 from 5-7pm.

The team will be attending to provide updates on the various aspects project, how the seagrass is doing and to discuss plans for the future. We will start the session with refreshments, followed by a presentation, and a question-and-answer session to wrap up the evening. We would greatly appreciate your input as well as the opportunity to thank you in person for your continued support! Everyone is welcome and we hope you can make it!

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Dutch visitors at St Ishmaels

"On Monday 15th September St. Ishmaels welcomed two Dutch visitors who came to see the new War Memorial. Harrie and his daughter Sandra Raaijmakers, are the secretary and treasurer of their monument committee in the small Dutch town of Mierlo-Hout near Helmond and Eindhoven, close to the German border in south eastern Netherlands.

Their town was liberated by the British in September 1944 and during the 3 days of battle 669 of our young soldiers were killed. The town has never forgotten us and the sacrifice made. Their memorial is contemporary and unique like the St. Ishmaels one, so it seemed a lovely idea to suggest a very gentle pairing. Well! During preparations for their visit we seem to have opened up several other links, not least the Dutch trawler men who motored over as they were invaded by the Germans, and converted the fishing boats into mine sweepers. Some of them were killed conducting this dangerous job and are buried in Milford Haven Cemetery, along with many other Dutch servicemen.

Dutch naval airmen who arrived in Pembrokeshire in May 1940 flying small seaplanes were used to establish a Royal Air Force squadron in Pembroke Dock. More military Dutchmen who had escaped, some 1,460 of them, were accommodated in a tented camp in Haverfordwest. In January 1941, the Dutch forces were named the "Koninklijke Nederlands Brigade Prinses Irene" (Princess Irene Brigade). While they would later move to Wolverhampton for further training, the formation of the Brigade began in Pembrokeshire. Some members went on to train as commandos.

The Dutch naval airmen based in Pembrokeshire played an important role in protecting Allied shipping from German U-boat attacks. The Milford Haven Waterway was a major convoy assembly port and was protected by the RAF station at Pembroke Dock. RAF Coastal Command, which the Dutch squadrons were part of, was instrumental in this effort".

L-R: Maxine Edgington; Harrie and Sandra Raaijmakers; Revd Mike Cottam (Clerk to the St. Ishmaels Community Council); Patrick Edgington MBE (Chairman of the War Memorial Action Group). Annabel Thomas was unavoidably unable to be present during this part of their visit.

"Apple Juicing" at Walwyns Castle

Saturday October 4th, from 10.00am–15.00pm

Bring your apples along, plus containers for the juice.

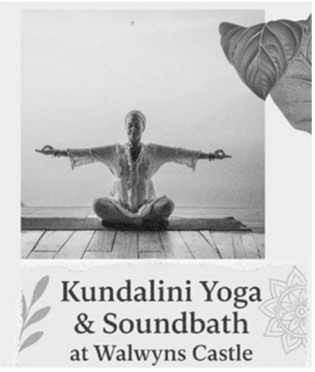
Craft activities, make a natural Autumn wreath, plus a pop-up café in the village hall.

Supported by Cwm Arian. There is a small charge (60p a litre) for the juicing.

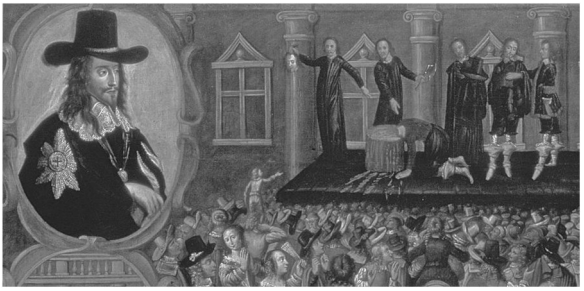
Yoga classes at Walwyn's Castle Village Hall, starting Tuesday October 7th .

Yoga class 6-7 pm , Sound Bath 7.30 pm . Yoga £10.00 per drop-in class or £90.00 for a 10 week block . Sound bath, £15.00 per 1 hour session.

Join Geet Fateh, for Kundalini Yoga and Sound Healing in Walwyn's Castle Village Hall. Whether brand new to yoga or experienced, all are welcome . A space to reset, recharge and reconnect.



History evening at Walwyn's Castle village hall November 7th .



Who were the Pembrokeshire Gentlemen who signed King Charles 1st death warrant in 1649 ? Find out more about "The Pembrokeshire Regicides."

Join us on Friday November 7th, at Walwyn's Castle Village Hall for an illustrated talk by leading historian Terry John, recounting the lives and fates for these prominent Pembrokeshire gentlemen .

Report on Marloes Village Hall talk, Wednesday August 27th:

Bringing in the Big Ships

It was a record attendance for this presentation by Mark Johnson, one of the Port Of Milford Haven pilots. His lively manner engaged the audience from the start, with numerous questions proving how fascinated everyone was. Because Mark shared his own experiences as he narrated the videos, some of which he had shot himself, that gave them extra meaning.

It is important that everyone realises just what is involved, how real the risks, getting the oil and gas ships – and others – in and out of the Haven; and to appreciate just how big some ships are, and to understand what efforts go into pilot and tug crew training, and anticipating the unexpected.

On behalf of everyone there – thank you again, Mark; and hopefully we will spare a thought for all out there on the "oggin", whenever we drink from the complimentary POMH mugs you kindly gave us! *CJ*

Marloes Village Hall Evening Talks this Autumn

The Tides

Dr Stephen Morrell, Dale Fort lecturer
Wednesday October 8th 7pm

Skokholm Island, Season by Season

Lisa Morgan, Head of Islands and Marine Conservation
Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales
Wednesday November 26th 7pm

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

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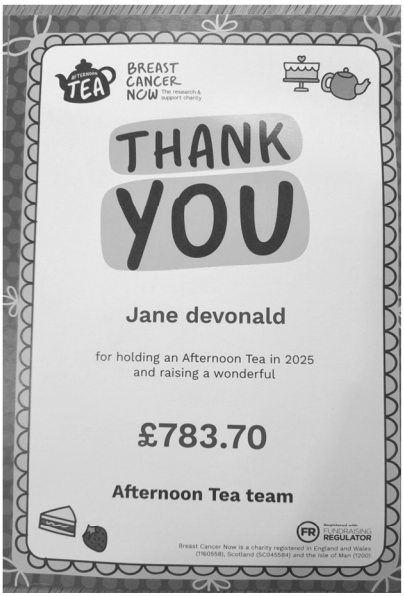

Dale WI

Each month the WI in Dale has two meetings. One is a business meeting with some fun activity organised for the end of the meeting. The second meeting usually involves a social activity. For our Social Meeting in September, the members of the WI headed off one Tuesday morning in the general direction of Kilgetty to visit a **Lovespoon** workshop run by the Thomas Family. I must admit I was expecting to learn how to chisel away and make my own spoon but no that was not the plan for the morning. Health and Safety won't allow people (especially women!) to use chisels unless previously trained. So instead we witnessed a traditional lovespoon hand carving demonstration given by Dai, the son of the founder while his Dad kept busy in the background.

As Dai chiselled away we learned about the history of the lovespoon in Wales. He also showed us how a lovespoon can tell a story using some of their fantastic designs to do so. He spoke with passion about how this small family run business keeps ahead of the mass market by both designing and hand carving bespoke lovespoons to order. These beautifully carved items hold special meaning for the recipients and I can fully understand their appeal. The order book is full until 2026 at present and we wish their business the very best for the future. This visit was followed by an exceptional lunch in the garden centre in St. Florence.

The following day, Wednesday 17th September, some of our members were up and about early preparing for a visit to Dale of a county wide group of WI members. A visit to the History Exhibition '**WW2 REMEMBERED**' in the old stables heritage centre was followed by a walk around the site of HMS Harrier at Kete near St. Anne's Head. The heritage centre visit went well. I then accompanied the group up to Kete to offer possibly useful local knowledge to the event. The walk organisers had done a good job of reconnoitering the area. However, this did not allow for the weather. A south westerly was blowing but there was barely a hint of wind down by the Old Stables. I was able to prewarn them of the force 7 winds that would greet them as we got up to Kete car park. A couple of ladies decided to drop out but 12 of us still did this lovely bracing and thankfully short walk around Kete. Everyone really enjoyed blowing the cobwebs out and luckily the rain held off until near the end of the walk. Unfortunately nobody saw the beautiful views of Skokholm, Grassholm or Skomer but we did see lots of churning sea down below us. Most of the participants said thy would be back on a fine day to enjoy the beautiful views around the Dale Peninsula.

If you are a novice walker wanting to try a short circular walk on the coast path this walk around Kete is just perfect. There is plenty of free car parking, two excellent paths leading down to the coast and a very safe and fairly flat walk along the sea stretch with lovely views. The short road stretch has little traffic. The entrance to the path at both ends of the walk is signposted. There were cattle in one field who ignored us.

Our next Social Meeting is on Tuesday 21st October at 19.30hrs in Dale Coronation Hall. It will be an **OPEN MEETING,** free for all to attend. The talk will be given by a team of three people from Welsh Water / Dwr Cymru. There will be ample time for questions concerning local issues. If anyone is interested in joining the WI please feel free to contact me on 07854 854838. Gail Smith

Dale WI Open Meeting

Talk by Welsh Water followed by time for questions

Presentation by Jenny Grubb, Environmental Advisor and Stake Holder Lead (Wales), and her team

Questions welcome on the night or submitted ahead of time to N.Hunt53@gmail.com

Date Tuesday 21st October

Time 19:30 Start

Place Coronation Hall, Dale

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

St. Ishmaels Public Enquiry 1951/2

A chance reading of the NFU Pembrokeshire County Branch Year Book 1952 led to me finding a fascinating item concerning St. Ishmaels.
Included in the report from their Parliamentary Committee was the following:-
"The second Public Enquiry concerned the proposal of the Air Ministry to establish a bombing range in Lindsway Bay, near Milford Haven. The Union (NFU) presented evidence at the Enquiry opposing the plans of the Air Ministry, principally on grounds of actual danger, of disturbance to livestock, and of disturbance to farm workers and their families living in the area. At the time of going to press the result of the Enquiry was not known."

Does anyone have any information on this proposal? Did the Parish Council make representations on behalf of the Village? Please contact Yvonne Evans (01646 636251) if you have any information on this item.

St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2025

That's another season done & dusted! A very good season for both our 1st XI & 2nd XI Teams. The 1st XI were Division 2 winners & so promoted to Division 1 next season. Likewise, our Ladies had a wonderful season, coached by Jonny Lewis, gaining promotion to battle away in Division 1 of the Pembrokeshire Ladies League next year. The 2nd XI are comfortably placed third in Division 4.

Our Junior sections continue to thrive. We have in excess of 30 youngsters in our Under 9s; Tei Tallett being our main coach. She has brought them on enormously & we will be looking for volunteers to help with these youngsters next year if we are to sustain such high numbers. Our Girls Under12s, coached by Lauren Sutton, have had an enjoyable & successful season, winning the majority of their games in this their first year in the league. Our Under 11s, coached by Peter Bradshaw & Kirk Trimby, won their league, getting to the final in August but sadly lost again to the Cresselly Doves. However, a great achievement & they retain the Runners Up Cup for a second year.

The Under 13s, coached by Peter Bradshaw, also had a good season finishing fourth in their league. Next year we will field an Under 15s side, albeit a very young side, but the youngsters are so keen that Peter & our coaches are looking forward to the challenge.

It's been a wonderful season with all our new acquisitions too: A robotic mower, thanks to Upson Machinery, installation of a much-needed astroturf strip, helped by a 50% grant from Sport Wales & some specialist machinery thanks to the Welsh Football Association.

The future of St Ishmaels Cricket Club is looking very good indeed.

We had a very well attended presentation evening on the 13th September with awards galore: A fabulous buffet, catered by Sam of Slades Shack & great music with DJ Darren Lewis.

Thank you to all our very generous supporters again this season; we just couldn't survive without you. We are all so very grateful.

Yours in sport

Wendy Bradshaw (07974678329)

Sec. St Ishmaels C.C.

Will everyone please be sure to make a wish every time they see those big ships steaming in and out of Fishguard Harbour and Pembroke Port? You know how important it is to believe in ferries!

Scientific proof that birthdays are good for you: the more you have, the longer you live!

September Update on Dale Changing Places Toilet (CPT) Project from the PERKY Trustees

This update from the PERKY Trustees is primarily to draw your attention to a questionnaire about the CPT which we urge you to complete online by copying the link below.

PERKY threw its weight behind this project earlier this year. However, prior to that a small group was working hard to "make everybody welcome" by proposing that Dale, with its fantastic natural resources, had its own CPT. In January 2022 this group contacted Dale Community Council about siting a CPT near the public toilets in Dale and received a very positive response. In 2023 two questionnaires were posted on Facebook. The responses to the first showed how much participation in water-sports was valued and appreciated by disabled people and the responses to the second demonstrated the overwhelming approval and enthusiasm of local people for the planned CPT in Dale.

Now, with the fantastic support of a group of local people, we are moving forward. PERKY values your views about this project. Given the length of time since the previous consultation, we urge you, even if you completed a previous questionnaire, to copy the link below which will lead you to a short, updated questionnaire to fill in online. We will also be posting it on the village Facebook pages.

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St James the Great church,
Walwyn's Castle

Presents a

'Musical Evening'

Thursday October 9th, 7.30 pm

Featuring :-

Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir

and

Flute performance - Duo Daugleddau

Followed by
refreshments in the village hall, plus raffle

Tickets / entry £12.50.
Contact 07787734586 or 07464481286
All proceeds to church renovations
A cash only evening.

Tai Chi Classes

Walwyn's Castle Village Hall

Thursdays 10:00 – 11:00 am from 23rd October

Broad Haven Village Hall

Thursdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm from 23rd October

Open to All - Beginners and visitors welcome at any class
Classes are free but a donation to offset costs would be appreciated
Contact southern.winds.tc@gmail.com for more information

Oak Tree Galls

A couple of weeks ago Peter drew my attention to the ground underneath our young oak trees. It was covered in round brown objects 15 - 20 mm across, most of which had been broken open. I immediately assumed they were Oak Apples – but apparently not - they are **Oak Marble Galls**. According to Wikipedia, mature galls are sometimes broken open by voles or woodpeckers in order to reveal the tasty morsels inside. Because plant galls, of all kinds and shapes are simply "*abnormal outgrowths of plant tissues. They can be caused by various parasites, from fungi and bacteria to insects and mites"* so they often have something tasty inside.

In the case of Marble Galls, the culprit is the Marble Gall Wasp *Andricus kollari***.** It has a complex lifestyle, as do most gall wasps, with a sexual and an asexual generation. Each marble gall is home to a female wasp, which emerges then searches for a Turkey Oak where she lays eggs. These hatch and produce small galls between the bud scales. From these galls hatch both males and females which mate, then the females look for a sessile or pedunculate oak to lay their eggs in a bud, which then produce the next crop of Marble Galls. I'm pretty sure there are Turkey Oaks at St Brides Castle - in fact I think our book stall at the fete shelters under a large specimen!

The true **Oak Apple** gall is a larger object (20 – 40 mm diameter) with a reddish tinge – usually solitary whereas Marble galls are often in clusters. It is again caused by a wasp *Biorhiza pallida*. We don't seem to have these on our oak trees. However, we have definitely hosted the galls of *Andricus foecundatrix* – I had never seen them before and had to look them up. They are called **Artichoke Galls**, for good reason – they resemble a Globe Artichoke flower and they develop from a leaf bud. The sexual generation of this wasp develops on oak catkins. Apparently they favour young oak trees.

Another common oak gall is the **Knopper Gall –** this found its way to the UK in the 1960s. This gall is essentially a highly distorted ridged and spiked acorn and can severely affect the acorn crop on an affected tree. At one time it was thought that these galls would be a real problem for the oak population in the UK but they in fact seem to be very periodic. In years when they are very common, the Jays have to look elsewhere for their winter stores of food!

When researching this article I came across a new word – inquiline. These are insects which live harmlessly in the gall taking advantage of a warm and cosy home. Of course, the actual wasp larva and even the inquilines can be parasitised and even the parasites can be parasitised …… It's a tough life out there!

Rosemary Royle

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△ Pearson Farm main gate
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