

Peninsula Papers

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



Papurau Penrhyn

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

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LOCAL SERVICES

DALE BEACH SHOP Summer opening soon - hopefully Good Friday!

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 17th April, 15th May, 12th 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 775243 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

FOR HIRE

THE CORONATION HALL AND JUBILEE
SUITE DALE



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Dear All,
Happy Easter to you all,

Are you getting itchy feet? Six and a half centuries ago Chaucer noticed that the arrival of the Spring weather made people want to travel. In that context it meant to go on pilgrimage, like his characters do from London to Canterbury. A few months ago for us it would have meant booking flights to places with guaranteed sunshine. Of course, with this newest war pushing up prices and cutting down destinations, thinking about holidays may just be escapism and too flippant when people are dying and all of us are feeling the pinch.

At times like this, your clergy are likely to remind you that, together, we have already lived through many difficult times and that we believe that God can bring good out of evil, hope out of despair. Have faith. Be kind and generous to each other. Carry on as much as you can.

But even so, for some of us, travel, real or metaphoric, cannot be avoided. Change must come. You are probably aware that Father Andrew has announced his retirement date. It will be the last day of May. Although we are not going far and will, we hope, still be part of the community, we (that is Andrew and Rhiannon) will no longer be parish priests among you. It remains to be seen how we will be asked to help out in retirement, but we are passing responsibility for the care of your souls on to someone else.

Perhaps next month we will have a chance to say how much we have found living and working among you to be a joy and a blessing to us, but for now, we thought just to give you warning of the change. On June 1st we are planning to ease our itchy feet by heading off to Ireland for a month or so where we have three new great-great nieces or nephews on the way.

In the meantime we, along with the other clergy of this Peninsular, continue to send you our love and Easter blessings,

With every blessing,

Rhiannon, Andrew, Samuel and Gaynor



St. Bridget, St. Brides & St. Peter's, Marloes - Church News

Community Coffee Morning - 28th February

There was a good attendance from across the Community area at Marloes Village Hall on Saturday 28th February. The Hall was decorated to celebrate St. David's Day on the Sunday. We are grateful to all those who contributed refreshments, decorated the Hall, served teas and helped with clearing up afterwards. £127.80 was received in donations towards the event both on the day and subsequently.

National Trust officers attended from 10am through to 1pm to facilitate the issuing of 2026 car park permits to those eligible.

Marloes and St. Brides 50 Club

The Spring 50 Club draw was held at the above event. The prize winners were as follows:

First Prize	£100	John Walmsley
Second Prizes	£50	Mary Lewis; Charles Owen; Val Krelle
Third Prizes	£25	Gwen Davies; Yvonne Evans; Linda Owen

Easter Church Services – See list elsewhere.

Easter Sunday - Please note there will be a service at 11am in both St. Bridget and St. Peter's Churches. All are welcome to these services

Church Fete – St. Brides – Please note that this event will be held on Thursday 6th August 2026.

CORONATION HALL, DALE

EASTER EGG HUNT



SUNDAY APRIL 5th
1pm - 2pm

Start at the Hall, Jubilee Suite
Children under 10 accompanied
£1 entry fee
Tea, coffee and squash
available

Name the Rabbit £1 per guess



CORONATION HALL, DALE

The Coronation Hall committee is pleased to announce that the project to replace the frontage of the Hall with an aluminium door and windows has now been completed. Apart from smartening up the appearance of the front of the Hall we now have improved thermal efficiency with a snugly fitting front door which opens both inwards and outwards. This will help enormously when cold easterlies are blowing!

The committee would like to express their grateful thanks to the Community Fund of South Hook LNG whose funding enabled the project to go forward and also to PAVS whose help and advice made it all happen.



Steve Sutcliffe

When Steve Sutcliffe died late last year he left very specific and precise instructions to his wife Anna, which were realised on Saturday March 21st. when Tenby Golf Club was overwhelmed by over 200 of Steve's friends wearing bright colours and smiles, just as Steve had wished.

Steve had a huge impact on many aspects of life in Pembrokeshire, and this was reflected in the range of people who had come along to remember Steve. There were golfers from Tenby (Steve had been an avid and very good golfer – he played for Wales), people from a wide range of environmental and conservation backgrounds, including the Skomer and Ramsey Wardens, the Pembrokeshire Bird Group, the RSPB, the BTO, the Prince's Trust and the Wildlife Trust, as well as friends from the Marloes and Dale communities, friends from Scotland, Nottingham, and from many places all over the UK, and many others who had all experienced Steve's enthusiasm, commitment and laughter, whatever he was doing, which he never did by half.

We were all glad to have the opportunity to remember Steve and his life, a life lived well.

Thank you to Anna for giving us the opportunity to remember Steve in this way.

Peter Royle

Dale

March 2026 meeting

Village Matters: Welsh Water

Clerk gave an update on Welsh Water (please see screenshot on next page). Clerk to respond to Welsh Waters latest email from Managing Director (December 2025) asking for a comprehensive update and share with Local MPs and CEO of Pembs County Council.

Highways

Cllrs have received several complaints from members of the public due to the lack of streetlight in South Street Junction (bottom end of South Street). The Yacht Club now opening all year round has seen an increased number of people using the road in the evenings (and will increase in the seasonally months). The original streetlights were removed. Clerk to request new streetlights to be installed by Pembs County Council.

Cllrs would like additional 20mph signs added to current poles around the village. Clerk to ask highways costings and next steps.

Hedging cutting has been supported in late February / early March 2026. Councillors to thank the contractor for their quick work.

Clerk shared transport strategy with Cllrs for Pembrokeshire County Council area. Consultation responses can be submitted via the email.

Planning

NP/26/0063/FUL: Bryn Ysgol, Castle Way, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3QZ. Erection of a 9m x 4m x 2.3m Easy build Northern Polytunnel on a level base for non-commercial cultivation of fruit and vegetables.

Cllrs visited the above planning application property. Comments: *No notice of development displayed anywhere. Neighbouring properties not informed. Site isn't overlooked. It's not replacing anything. It's a*

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large construction but on a large plot. Cannot be seen from the road. Very open area would need to well secure against the elements! Councillors would have no objection to the construction. Comments to the above application added to the PCNPA website portal.

Clerk shared the Publication of Local Development Plan 3: Delivery Agreement with Cllrs.

County Council Matters

County Councillor Claire George shared the Keep Warm Keep Well in Pembrokeshire This Winter via email to Cllrs. Cllrs will pass onto the village hall committee.

Correspondence

One Voice Wales training courses shared with Cllrs.

Changing places toilets (larger facility than disabled toilet) is being fundraised in the local community. The public attended the Dale Community Council meeting to make the Community Council aware of the positive progress made towards funding. Public Relam Manager (PCC) Marc Owen visited the group and supports the project.

Cllrs welcomed the Changing places toilets and thanked the public for their hard work. Cllrs wanted to stress their reservations around maintenance funding of the toilets moving forward and request that they have in writing confirmation PCC are taking responsibility of the yearly maintenance costs. Cllrs expressed how difficult it was to have PCC continue funding the Dale toilet block (following budget cuts across the county around public toilets).

Date for the next Community Council meeting

Monday 18th May 2026 at 7pm.

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Marloes & St Brides

March 2026 meeting

Community Issues

Open Reach Fibre Broadband

Community members have been given a phone that does not require internet connection for 8 hours. These phones can be offered by all providers to support vulnerable customers. The community member will share with community council to advertise to the community.

Footpaths and Beach

Beach clean a great success in March 2026. Massive thanks to everyone involved.

Community member CJ confirmed beach footpath clearance and hedge removal (to grow back over the calendar year).

Clerk has chased up dog bin request with Local Authority. PCC have responded and are unable to support.

Recreation Area / Playing Fields / Village Hall

The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant has been submitted. PCC will respond via email in March 2026. Thank you to Chris Jessop for his support in drafting the application. Cllr LB confirmed new leg on climbing frame in the park will be fitted on Sunday 08.03.2026.

Village Hall

County Councillor CG has added Marloes and St Brides Community Council to the “warm homes” distribution list (next round of funding in Summer 2026).

Cllr LB confirmed that Village Hall are looking for grant funding to support renovations and improvement. They have shared a questionnaire with the local community for ideas around fundraising and improvements.

Clock Tower

Following the electricity supplier switch to Utilita, they have introduced standing fees. To not pay standing fees (on such low use) Utilita have arranged a smart pay as you go meter to be installed. Cllrs happy. Installa-

Good afternoon,

Following on from our emails last week, I have spoken to our team who have provided the following update.

We are continuing to develop solution options and outline design/costing, and work towards our outline options viability assessment is ongoing. We hope to have an outline solution agreed in May, which will allow us to move onto detailed design.

I can also confirm that we have completed our retiring work.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Rebecca

Rebecca Jones

Community Engagement Manager – South West

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water

tion of new meter scheduled for 14.04.2026.

Cllr MH updated Cllrs on door issues at the clock tower (swollen and rotten). Cllrs will wait for dry weather and assess.

Highways

Cllrs discussed ongoing potholes issues from previous meeting minutes. Councillors and Clerk will report to Pembs CC individually.

Transport Strategy shared with Cllrs and consultation open.

Cllr MH is in the process of organising a site visit with Pembs CC (Will Davies) to discuss the ongoing speed issues in Marloes and St Brides. Supported site visit regarding the minor works fund. Dates and times to be organised.

Member of the public updated the community council on a crash-damaged road sign at Tavernputt. Clerk has reported on the PCC portal to support.

National Trust

National Trust Parking Permit Scheme (car parking permits) held on 28.02.2026 in the village hall was a success and supported by the local community around a coffee morning. Positive feedback received from the community and National Trust.

Cllr PS discussed the proposed reduction in parking wardens at Marloes Sands over the Summer period in 2026.

St Brides Walled Garden

No further updates. Cllr SP to email Gary for an update.

Village Benches

The Community Council has a resident wanting to sponsor and pay for a bench in the memory of her parents. The bench has been ordered and arrived. Cllr PS to assemble and place in the village (location to be confirmed).

Bus Service

Cllrs confirmed the re-appointment of the coastal bus routes (Puffin Shuttle Service)

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is a great success for the local community. County Councillor Claire George looking to arrange a visit to the Fflecsi bus services in the local area and how to manage it to support local travel / transport access.

No updates on the school bus discussion with County Councillor Claire George.

Welsh Water (community proposal)

Proposal to Welsh Water reviewed and rejected (short term). Welsh Water will revisit when they have reviewed their companies next steps around the land.

Correspondence and Councillors Updates

Welsh Water (sewage): Welsh water updated the Marloes and Dale areas on the sewage works progress and next steps.

Transport Strategy: Shared with councillors to support comments towards the consultation.

Marloes Toilets: Update from County Councillor Claire George.

Senedd Election: Update on the upcoming Senedd election.

Mobile Library: The mobile library is on hold until a new vehicle is supported. *Update - the service is now running again.*

Fly tipping: Fly tipping issue outside of the toilet block. Pembs CC supported and cleared rubbish within 24 hours. Clerk has thanked the local authority.

Minor works fund (Will's visit): Discussed in highways agenda item above.

Planning matters

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

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

NP/25/0685/FUL: 1-2, West End, Marloes, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3BE Delegated

Local Development Plan (LDP 3): Cllrs shared the latest LDP 3 correspondence. Candidate site submissions are the next steps for the Community Council and members of the public (Clerk to share documentation with Cllrs). County Cllr CG to share prices to support proposals for the LDP3.

Next meeting: Tuesday 05rd May 2026
Marloes Village Hall 19.00.

St Ishmaels

Meeting held on 21st January, 2026

MATTERS ARISING:

Hedge on the Lindsway path. It was noted that the hedge had not yet been cut back by the National Parks. Clerk to contact PCNP

Middlekins Road. It was reported that trees were fallen across this right of way. Clerk to establish the legal responsibility for the maintenance of this ancient thoroughfare.

WAR MEMORIAL

Information Board, Patrick Edgington attended and showed the council the impressive new stainless steel English language version of the information board that had been made for the memorial. The Council to arrange the siting and construction of a suitable plinth, together with provision for an eventual similar Welsh language version of the board for the same site, once translation and manufacture had been established. Grant funding would be investigated. It was discussed that the 20 MPH sign obscured view of the memorial when entering the village from Bicton and, to avoid this, repositioning of the sign by PCC Highways is to be pursued.

Mr. Edgington also reported that:-

(a) PCNP's Coast to Coast magazine for

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2027 would feature the memorial.

(b) The prestigious Prees Thomas Civic Award had given a "Highly Commended" rating to the memorial.

(c) a Wikipedia site was being arranged.

PADEL TENNIS

The establishment of a new Padel Tennis court is being pursued by the Sports and Social Club and it will pursue an available 50% grant aiding for the final establishment of a pitch.

DEFIBRILLATORS

It was noted that Lisa Morgan and Jenny Pawlett had volunteered to now be responsible for, and to monitor, the defibs, henceforth. Thanks were expressed by Councillors to Malcolm Smith- Gosling and Kenny for all their work for the machines in the village.

RESIGNATION

Cllr Ken Everett, after a long and respected career as a councillor, tendered his resignation in a letter to the council, to take effect at the AGM. This was accepted by all councillors present with thanks for his notable career, albeit with sadness.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To enable more time for the minutes to be drafted, approved and sent to Peninsula Papers by the 21st of each monthly print date, it was decided to bring future meetings forward from the present third Wednesday in the month, to the second bi-monthly Wednesday. Therefore the 2026 AGM will be on WEDNESDAY, 13th MAY



Diary for April



- Fri 3** Good Friday, services at St Ishmaels, Dale
Sun 5 Easter Sunday, services at all the churches
Sun 5 1300 - 1400 Easter Egg Hunt, start at the Jubilee Suite, Dale
Tue 14 1400 Friends of the National Park “The wreck of the paddle-steamer Albion” by Chris Jessop, Marloes Village Hall, open to all
Sat 18 1900 Beetle Drive, Coronation Hall, Dale
Wed 22 1930 Coastlands History Group, “Haverfordwest - then and now” by Pat Swales Barker, Marloes Village Hall

MAY

- Sun 3 1430 - 1730** Dale WI and M&DPads Cream Teas, Dale Coronation Hall
Tue 5 1900 Marloes and St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
Sat 9 1100 - 1300 Walwyn’s Castle Spring Plant Sale
Wed 13 1900 St Ishmaels Community Council and AGM, Sports and Social Club
Mon 18 1900 Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite

JUNE

- Thu 4 1900** Marloes Hall Talks, “Plankton” by Julian Cremona
Sat 13 St Ishmaels Church Fete
Sat 27 1400 - 1900 Music festival raising funds for the “changing places” toilet, Dale Seafront



Tai Chi Classes

@SouthernWindsTaiChi

Walwyn’s Castle Village Hall

Thursdays 10:00 – 11:00 am from 30th April

Broad Haven Village Hall

Thursdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm from 30th April

Open to All - Beginners and visitors welcome at any class

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

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



Services for April



St Ishmaels

3rd April Good Friday last hour 2pm to 3pm
5th April Easter Day 11am communion with an easter egg hunt afterwards
12th April 11am communion
26th April 11am communion.

Dale, Walwyn's Castle and Robeston West

3rd April - Good Friday - 11.00am March of witness from Dale Village Hall to Church
4th April - Easter Saturday - 6.00pm Bringing in the Light and Eucharist - St James the Great, Walwyns Castle.
5th April - Easter Day - 11.15am Eucharist, St Andrew, Robeston West.
6.00pm Eucharist, St James, Dale.
12th April - 11.15am Morning Prayer, St James the Great, Walwyns Castle.
19th April - 11.15am Eucharist, St Andrew, Robeston West.
6.00pm Evensong and dedication of Ciborium in memory of Billy Bevan
St James, Dale.
26th April - 11.15 Eucharist, St James the Great, Walwyns Castle.

Marloes & St Brides

5th April 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Easter Sunday Communion
11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Easter Sunday Communion
12th April 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
19th April 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
26th April 11am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
3rd May 11am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

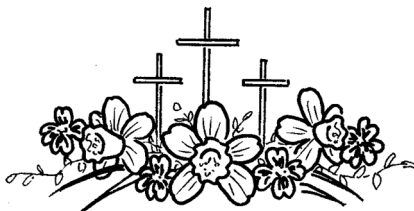
Sandy Haven Chapel

5th April Easter
12th April
19th April: Our friends from Thornton Baptist Chapel will be joining us.
26th April: We have a visiting speaker, Ruth Busisa from LifePoint Church Pembs, she is going to mention the Love Your Neighbour Charity, that go to Kenya to carry out building projects.
All Sunday services start at 10:30am.

Tuesday 14th April:

Tuesday Buffet: singing, chat, possible quiz, lunch, well-being morning/afternoon.
Starting at 11:30am - 13:30pm

All the above events are Open To All, you would be very welcome!!



DALE CHANGING PLACES TOILET UPDATE

PERKY CIO has been in discussions with DYC and PCC. Following on from DYC agreeing to give up 3% of its tender park, negotiations have started with PCC about PERKY taking on a lease for siting the CPT. A recent meeting with PCC Public Realm Manager, Marc Owen, confirmed that PCC is very positive about the CPT which will make Dale a welcoming place for all, including those with profound and multiple disabilities. With the lease issue on the way to being sorted out, the PERKY CPT Sub-Committee is looking at grant applications, the issues of planning, obtaining quotations for the build, and local fund-raising events.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 27th June

2.30 – 7pm

Dale Seafront

Music Festival

Fund-raising for Dale Changing Places Toilet

Featuring

Music For Fun Wind Band

Cleddau Flutes

Malva 7 Piece Band



At Walwyn's Castle village hall

**COMMUNITY COFFEE
& CHAT - The 3C's**

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



Coastlands Local History Group

We have quite a bit to catch up on! In February, the work of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park was outlined by Tomos Jones PCNPA's archaeologist he covered all the recent work done in and around our area. Tomos also informed us there will be archaeological digs going on in Pembrokeshire during the summer to which members of the community are invited to join in. If you are interested look at the PCNP's website for information as to digs to which you can attend. As it happened there was another project - not archaeology - but more on the social side of things to which Tomos alluded - the need to preserve and record old names of buildings, geological features, seascape items. This fitted in neatly with the March talk given by Dr James January-McCann. Dr January-McCann is running a project, with PCNP, looking at old place names with a view to recording them digitally and in time placing them on maps for their preservation. The project will be coming to St Ishmaels in September and we would urge anyone who is aware of the old names of fields, headlands, coves, houses and the like to come along and give the information to Dr January-McCann and Tomos Jones so we can preserve them. Dr January-McCann was keen to stress that whilst the project is called Welsh Names, it does not mean only those in the Welsh language - it means any names in Wales - English, Norse, Flemish, French or any other language. It is important to record them before they are lost forever. This should be a fascinating project and one which members, and the wider community can become involved. April brings Pat Swales-Barker back to us to talk about "Haverfordwest – then and now". Pat will show us all the 'old' bustling town of the past and the modern day face of Haverfordwest - a good time to check all our memories. We could have some surprises! The talk will be in Marloes Village Hall on Wed 2nd April at 7.30pm.

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

The Friends of the National Park

present an afternoon talk by Chris Jessop:

THE WRECK OF THE PADDLESTEAMER ALBION, 18th April 1837

Marloes Village Hall Tuesday 14th April 2026 2 pm

This talk is open to all: membership of FOTNP is not required. Suggested door donation £3

U16s accompanied, please. Enquiries: events@fpcnp.org.uk

Coastlands School Juniors' Winter Show: PANTO PANDEMONIUM

Dale Coronation Hall Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th January

Congratulations to Coastlands School Juniors for this production. It had to be delayed from the Autumn term, and you might think that this would have resulted in a loss of momentum – not a bit of it! As soon as rehearsals started on the Dale stage on the Tuesday morning, the cast's joint determination to make this a great entertainment was obvious; and they quickly got the hang of curtain cues and lighting marks.

In each of the three well attended performances the children spoke strongly, related well to each other, and where the script called for it engaged with the audience almost to the extent of cheeking them – in true pantomime style. Every song was special, with some wonderful solo verses confidently delivered under the spotlights; while the choruses from the floor came full of passion, and some delightfully harmonised.

A school show write-up does not normally single out individuals for praise, fearing accusations of favouritism; however this time that rule must be broken. Emily Thomas in the lead rôle as the Wicked Witch delivered an exceptional performance, convincing all that every time she trod the boards she had truly become that awful but also hilarious character. Mind you, she is not the only Coastlands student to watch out for in future High School and Youth Theatre productions: this school's tradition of developing acting talent is strong as ever.

Last but not least, praise for the teachers and teaching assistants. The rehearsing, coaching, and general logistics planning all paid off – and there wasn't even a single pair of wet feet when, on Wednesday, the pupils ate their lunches in the sunshine and then played on the beach! Mrs Davies deserves special mention for not only directing the show with great patience but also running the sound desk – such a demanding responsibility, with a production of this sort. Also, Barbara Jones who retired at Christmas after many years on the Coastlands staff: good to see her in Thursday evening's audience.

As ever, it was a pleasure to help put on this production in Dale's great little theatre.

Chris Jessop & Steve Morrell (Technical Crew)

COULD YOUR SOLAR PV SYSTEM EARN YOU MORE?

Plenty of houses on the Peninsula now have solar PV. Hopefully they will all be using as much as possible of the green energy generated within the property; but there are inevitably times when there is a surplus, and electricity feeds onto the grid.

If you have solar PV (or indeed a wind turbine!), how much are you being paid for that exported power?

If you were an “earlier adopter” and you receive FIT payments, it is estimated that your property uses half the annual energy generation, and half goes to the grid. On top of the payment given you for producing green electricity, you probably only get a very small extra payment (maybe 3 pence) for each kWh assumed to be exported. Provided that you have a smart meter which can measure exported power, you could ask for that export component to be removed from your FIT payments, and you could then arrange a separate

export contract with a different energy company. You could then be paid up to 15 pence per kWh* – but N.B. this payment would no longer be based on an arbitrary half-and-half estimate, but strictly on the actual amount of electricity exported.

If you have a more recent PV installation which does not qualify for FIT payments – you might not be getting anything at all for your exported electricity! Again, provided that you have a smart meter which can measure exported power, you can arrange a separate export contract, probably with a different energy company from the one currently supplying you. You could then be paid up to 15 pence* per kWh for the actual export amount.

** This should be achievable without too much shopping around, and indeed some energy companies might offer an even better rate; meanwhile, others are far less generous!*

(VERY) ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR 2026 DIARIES

ST ISHMAELS CHURCH FETE 13th JUNE 2026

BIG EVENT!!

At MONK HAVEN MANOR, ST ISHMAELS

Watch out for posters and social media from New Year onwards



DALE WI and
M&DPADS (Public Defibs)
Are holding a
CREAM TEA + STALLS
BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY
3rd MAY 2026
CORONATION HALL, DALE,
2.30-5.30pm
ALL WELCOME

Community of Marloes & St Brides Annual Beach Clean for Saint David, Marloes Sands

Many thanks to all those volunteers who came to help on Sunday March 1st. We were a small team; working well together, we gathered the equivalent of 20 red sacks in under 2 hours. Luckily the weather was much better than forecast, so it was dry underfoot: no slithering about on the high tideline cobbles! As usual, by weight the majority of the haul was fishing-related plastic; unlike the midwinter beach clean, we found no large net pieces or lengths of rope worthy of recycling. It was as ever great to have quad bike haulage courtesy of Trehill Farm to get all the sacks and “lumpy items” up the lane to the car park.

Alas, such is life: neighbours have just told me that 24 hours later, there was as much plastic rubbish on Marloes Sands as there had been before the beach clean.
Chris Jessop



HOME ECONOMICS

1. Sharpen your lawnmower blade now, and all season you should enjoy faster cutting, lower energy consumption, and fewer stalls.
2. While the weather is still cool, defrost the freezer: you'll save electricity all summer. And you might find some food you'd forgotten about!
3. Of course you hang out the washing when possible; but it has been a gloomy winter, so – when did you last clean the tumble dryer filter?

Ah, that wise child from Dale who couldn't understand all the fuss over a recent sporting event: "If you want to see the Winter Limpets, just walk down the beach at low tide – and there they are!"

ADVANCE NOTICE

Marloes Village Hall Thurs June 4th 7pm

MARINE PLANKTON: ESSENTIAL TO LIFE ON EARTH

Illustrated talk by Julian Cremona, to coincide with the publication of his book

Seashore Plankton – a practical guide to Biology & Identification

Copies of the book will be on sale.

Spring Plant Sale

at
Walwyns Castle
Village Hall
and Green

on

Saturday May 9th - 11am until 1pm

A wide choice of plants for your borders and planters

Plus a mix of vegetable plants and perennials

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake with friends



**All proceeds towards
Walwyn's Castle
village activities**

Mary has just come home from primary school.

Mum: "How was school today, dear?"

Mary: "We had our first RE lesson today, and what I learnt was A-MAZ-ING!"

Mum: "Tell me more."

Mary: "Well, Christianity isn't the oldest religion; and before Christianity, millions of people worshipped my best friend."

Mum: "Um, did Mrs Davies really tell you that?"

Mary: "She did, SHE DID! She said that before Christianity, there was Judyism."



Cleaner Needed

Cleaner required for holiday house in Marloes rented throughout the year.

Most changeovers on weekdays, and limited to Fridays throughout the summer school holidays.

Good hourly rate for right person and, if preferred, fixed price in summer months.

Contact marloesholidaylet@gmail.com



The Old Stables Heritage Centre
South Street, Dale.

APRIL

Open by appointment

Arrangements can be made if anyone or any group wishes to visit.

Contact Harriet 636668 or Yvonne 636251

Dale WI

DALE WI.

The life of the WI is varied if nothing else. Since the last issue of PP the WI has visited Milford Haven Coastguard to discover how the organisation runs and how it helps to keep us all safe at sea. There was a tour of the OPs Room which enabled the group to see this all in real time. The information held on the 4 screens in front of each Coastguard was bewildering and highlighted the various threads of information being received which need to be assessed and action decided upon. As so often happens the following month, in a change to the programme there was a talk about the RNLI who work closely with the Coastguard in many instances. Jan Mathias stepped in and gave us the history of the RNLI - Milford Haven in particular as explained by her family connections.

The WI is not all 'good' works, we are often found letting our hair down. There are opportunities to go to a Fashion Show, a WI revue "Anything Goes" and have the opportunity to travel to the Hay Book Festival. To name but a few.

It is one of the delights of the WI, that there is always something to broaden our outlook. The most recent talk, thanks to a trip made by one of our members, allowed us to travel down the Amazon, the Rio Negro and the Rio Blanco in Brazil. Armchair travel allows you to discover the flora and fauna of a region, delight in a rare sighting of a bird - the Harpy Eagle and the Capuchin Bird in this instance. An added bonus is enjoying life on the river while glimpsing some really delicious looking food!

To look forward to this month is a talk on Life as a Postie while arranging, in conjunction with M&DPADS, for a Cream Tea on Sunday 3rd May - see separate poster.

The WI covers many different topics, experiences and skills throughout the year. These are not always a first choice of interest to everyone, but by coming to all the meetings, you are often surprised and delighted at what you hear or learn, whilst discovering previously unknown interests and talents. It is part of the WI Charter to challenge ourselves by exploring new ideas. So the challenge is put to you, dear reader, come and find out more about us.

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the winter and 7.30pm in the summer in Dale Coronation Hall. Please contact Gail on 07854 854838 for any further information.

Dead Badgers on public roads.

People are asked to report a dead badger as soon as possible via the website www.bfd.wales.

The e-mail address is badger@bfd.wales

Telephone no. 0808 1695110

Have you ever heard or seen a Nightjar?

If you have lived in Pembrokeshire all your life it is very unlikely that you have, unless you have made a special effort to do so. They are mostly distributed in the south of England and the midlands, and in north Wales where their favoured habitat of lowland heath is available.



They are almost impossible to see during the daytime – their camouflage is extraordinary and almost perfectly matches the bracken, twiggy ground on which they lay their eggs. The only way to “see” them is to “hear” them – their regular churring song at dusk is quite unlike anything else (except an outboard engine!) We have been lucky during our lives in that we have twice lived where nightjars were regularly breeding – once on the Berkshire Heaths near Newbury and once on Cannock Chase, where our temporary accommodation in a holiday chalet, immediately after getting married, was within walking distance of churring nightjars.

So why I am writing this in a Pembrokeshire newsletter? Well, because Nightjars have recently returned to breed in Pembrokeshire. There are perhaps 3 current sites and one site this year had 3 singing males and a juvenile was observed. This is excellent news – it is good to have this charismatic bird breeding in the area again. Here is some more information from the RSPB about nightjars:

Are Nightjars endangered?

Nightjars were once much more common and widespread than today. The loss of open woodland and heathland to forestry, agriculture and development caused numbers to dramatically fall by 51% across the UK between 1972 and 1992. But more recently numbers have begun to recover. This is partly because of successful conservation efforts to restore lowland heath but also the felling of commercial forests which has produced large areas of suitable open habitat.

Nightjar myths

The Nightjar is known by many names – the Fern Owl, the Wheeler, the Night-churr and the Dor-Hawk. But the oddest is surely the Goatsucker. Long ago it was thought Nightjars would drink milk directly from goats, poisoning them so their udders wasted away and they went blind. The myth was once common in many countries all over Europe, not just in the UK.

The truth is less dramatic. Nightjars were probably coming close to the livestock because they were hunting the many insects close by.

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