Peninsula Papers

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

Papurau Penrhyn

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

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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
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Dear All,

Things are changing so quickly that I worry that anything I write may be out of date before this is printed. I know you are likely to have had times of anxiety in the last couple of weeks. You may well feel as if you are on sinking sands. It is a particular sadness to us clergy that we have had to close the churches for public worship at this time, just when people most need faith, hope and love. I believe it to have been the right move. We are called to love other people as much as we love ourselves and loving people right now means slowing the virus as much as possible so that medical care is available for those who need it.

So, if things are shifting so much, what still remains stable?

The view from my window is the same, or rather it is never quite the same two days together. Today the trees are softening with the first green leaves and the East wind is driving waves into the bay. This place feeds my soul even on the greyest of days and for that I am thankful.

Prayer is the same, or rather there are fewer distractions now to take me away from my pattern of regular prayer. It gives a shape to the day and puts everything in context for me. If you want to be prayed for or prayed with by phone or computer, just get in touch. The church buildings remain open for prayer and you will find resources there to help you.

The good people around us are the same, or rather they are showing at present the qualities that make us proud of our community. If you are feeling lonely or need practical help, there are people more than willing to be there for you. Just get in touch.

God is the same and, as we approach Easter I am profoundly grateful that the God I know through Jesus Christ is the God who suffers with us and for us, the God who brings hope and liberation, who brings good out of evil, who loves and holds us in life and in death.

This Easter will be very strange for us all. We are exploring ways we can be church electronically, but in the meantime, you remain constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless you, this unprecedented Easter and always

With every blessing, Rhiannon, Andrew and Gaynor

Produced by the Church in Wales Parishes of Hasguard with St Ishmaels, St Brides with Marloes, Walwyns Castle, Robeston West and Dale
On Sunday March 8th the Bishop of St. David’s, the Rt. Revd. Joanna Penberthy, presided and preached at a Eucharist Service of Re-dedication after the completion of extensive renovations of this ancient building. The Bishop joined the Revd. Gaynor Ford and the large congregation afterwards for the annual Snowdrop Tea in the church. A big thank you to all who worked hard to make this uplifting and enjoyable occasion so successful. Funds of over £500 were raised for the ongoing maintenance.

MOTHERS’ UNION

We took our place in The World Wide Wave of Prayer with a short service in St Peters Marloes. The wave of prayer circulates the world connecting us with our linked branches in Rwanda, Myanmar, Sudan, Nigeria and here in St Davids Diocese. This is always a reminder of the work the MU does around the world and at home. The importance of women to and in the church was illustrated by Gaynor and her talk on the women in the bible we have just enjoyed. Gaynor took us through some unlikely ladies from both the Old and New Testament, who held significant roles in the story of the early church and in the times before the birth of Christ. The April meeting of MU has been postponed due to the current circumstances. We hope to pick up our programme again in May with a Community Coffee Morning at Marloes Village Hall, raising funds for the Alzheimer’s Association and Christian Aid. If this is going ahead, a notice will be in the next issue of PP with times and date.

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 female! 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!

For any more information contact Harriet 636668, or Bridget 636274.

ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE

You will know by now that church services in Wales have been suspended for the moment. We are not sure when they will resume so please check the notice board outside the church where any changes will be noted as quickly as possible. PP will keep you up to date month by month but changes may happen in between issues!

In these difficult times, you may find you would like to escape somewhere for a few quiet moments reflection. St James is always open during daylight hours and you are more than welcome to come in and spend a few moments away from the pressures of life outside.
Three Cheers!

Here are my pandemic paladins, the top ten people and groups who have put a smile on my face in times when smiling has been in short supply.

In no particular order, they are

The toddler on the news and her mother. The toddler said something indistinct and her mother off-camera said in the weary parent tone of voice that made it so funny, “No Peppa Pig does not have the virus”.

The sofa singers and other online and balcony choirs.

The comic genius who did the video of the conductor washing his hands to classical music. If you have not seen it, you must. I can send it to you.

The Spaniards who all applauded their exhausted health care workers.

The friend who sent us the message, “They told me I would be fine if I went to the supermarket wearing a mask and gloves. They were wrong. It turns out you need to be wearing clothes as well”.

The goldfinch that has taken to perching outside my window.

Whoever it was who created the Spanish coronavirus version of “Where’s Wally?” in which it is very easy to spot Wally alone on a beach.

The aerobics instructor doing classes on a flat roof for his neighbours on their balconies.

Whoever it was photoshopped out the gold from the final scene of The Italian Job and put in a pile of toilet rolls instead.

You, for how you are rallying around, offering each other help, trying to keep each other safe and being generally wonderful.

Three cheers for you all.  

Rhiannon

!!!ALTERNATIVE to CORONA !!!

While we are in lock down - what about trying to design a float which can either be pulled along, pushed along, dragged behind a bicycle, on a boat or in any other manner you might think of which uses people power for propulsion!

St James is having a GALA this year with games, races, floats and the like.

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Use this time to design a float and then come the day—whenever it is—you will be ready and able to take part!

ENJOY and KEEP SAFE!
St. Ishmaels Church News

Snowdrop Tea/Bishops Visit – It was very pleasing to have a full Church for this event. Bishop Joanna who came to rededicate the church following its recent renovations was shown around by RichardsNeale, who had supervised this Project. The Bishop in her address during the service congratulated the Community for working together for the benefit of the Church as a building and also for the Community as a whole – both interlinked as they have been for centuries. The congregation and guests enjoyed the tea afterwards. Over £500 was raised by the sale of teas, cakes etc. Thank you for your support.

100 Club – It was planned to hold the first draw at Easter – this may now be delayed. If you are yet to sign up please contact Heather Phippen, Warden, Chris Llewelin or Yvonne Evans. £5 per person.

2020 Potato Challenge – If the weather warms up soon, the potatoes should be planted, and kept in a warm place until all frosts have finished. Mr. Geoffrey Bowen has stood aside this year, so there is an opportunity for a new Potato Growing champion to take his place this year. Will it be you?

Church Festival 2020 – This is planned for Monday July 27th to Friday 31st July inclusive. Why not use the time in the coming weeks to make items for sale - you could have your own table or share with someone else. Items knitted, crocheted, sewn, painted, photographs, cards – all welcome. Hopefully the Festival can go ahead as planned, but if not we will probably hold an event later in the year, so nothing will be wasted. If you are clearing cupboards, lofts, garages then please consider whether you have items you can put aside to sell as bric a brac. The Festival was originally started when the Rev. Dennis Parry was our Minister – that was before 1999! The income each year since has helped greatly in funding our share of the renovation. Thank you for your support.

St. Ishmaels Church – No services will be held for the time being, but the Church will be open during the day. You are welcome to visit at any time, and it is hoped that the peace and solitude in this special place will sustain you, as we all experience the uncertainty of the Coronavirus Emergency.

Although I am unable to have a physical presence in the parish at this time, I am available by telephone and by email. Please do not hesitate to contact me.
Keep safe and keep well, Every blessing
Gaynor( Parish Priest )

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Starting Monday 20th April 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Depending on government advice prevailing at the time I’m hoping to run weekly outdoor Tai Chi sessions in the Dale area.
Full details available nearer the time at https://www.marloes.org.uk/
Contact Simon on simon.rptc@gmail.com for more information

Rising Phoenix Tai Chi
www.shibashi.com
St. Brides & St. Peter’s Churches – April 2020

St. Brides & St. Peter’s – There will be no services in the two churches during April, but both churches will remain open during the day as usual. Please visit if you wish to spend a quiet time away from the ongoing issues caused by the Coronavirus Emergency. Pilgrims, visitors as well as local residents have visited our churches over hundreds of years. Hopefully the prayers that have seeped into the walls of our Churches will sustain us all as we go through the coming weeks and months.

Church Fete – This is planned for Thursday 6th August, and we very much hope that this is one event we do not have to postpone or even cancel. This is the main fund-raising event for both churches, and a must in the social calendar for visitors, local residents, and friends from elsewhere in Pembrokeshire.

If you find yourselves sorting cupboards/lofts etc. in the coming weeks, please consider putting some items away for the Fancy Stall, and if you enjoy knitting, sewing etc. then those items would also be welcome. If you have surplus wool, and unfinished craft items then these can be recycled locally. Why not put a box of books aside for the Book Stall while you are going through your book-shelves – all welcome.

50 Club - Apologies, please note that the next draw due at Easter 2020 will now be delayed until later in the summer.

Moriah Baptist Chapel, Marloes

In light of the advice being given by public authorities, Moriah Baptist Chapel will regretfully be suspending services of worship until after the Easter period, when the decision on when to hold further services will be reviewed.

We apologise to our members and all in our communities, but are doing what we must to heed guidance from Public Health Wales and others to help tackle this difficult situation affecting us all. Should anyone need support during this period, please contact a member of the Diaconate.

The membership and Diaconate of Moriah Baptist Chapel wish you and your loved ones well, and are praying for our communities, our country and our fellow brothers and sisters around the world at this time.

'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear'. (Psalm 46)

The Diaconate

This is a very useful web link to the Royal College of Occupational Therapists where they offer advice on “Staying well when Social Distancing”:

https://www.rcot.co.uk/staying-well-when-social-distancing
DALE

Sea Grass The sea grass planting has now begun, their license to plant had been given. The Council would like to make it known that their position has not changed, as outstanding issues have not been addressed. No insurances, assurances or safeguarding for the bay, the community, or any interested parties have been given, as requested. The Council is now seeking advice in order to obtain protection for the community and users of the bay.

Clerk The Council meeting was attended by a Dale resident who is considering taking on the job of Clerk/RFO.

Maintenance Walk Maintenance walk has been re arranged for the 15th March, meeting at the Coronation hall at 2pm.

Planning The Council agreed for the time limit extension on the land adjacent to the vicarage.

Financial Report. Current bank balance £1,175.57
Business savings account £1,502.70
Precept for 2020/21 had been agreed £4,200.00
Payments due
Audit £299.75
Clerk £125.00
One Voice Wales £49.00

County Council Matters Cll Reg Owens had emailed to say that council tax had been set at 5%. Pembrokeshire council was to have a purge on fly tipping with a reward of £100, to anyone who reports a culprit.

Correspondence A letter had been sent to the Chair, Lyn Jones about the dangerous debris, and disgusting waste left on Dale beach, after some fishermen/clubs competition evenings. Photographs of weights and hooks clearly showed the extent of the problem, hazardous to children adults and animals. Council are to try and get a fishing tackle waste box to be placed near to the starting hut. Fishing clubs are to be contacted on Facebook about the complaint and the unacceptable discarded debris. The letter and photograph to be sent to all fishing clubs in and around Pembrokeshire. Lyn Jones to reply to the letter. Clerk to contact Reg Owens about a beach officer and the blue flag. Clubs to notify the Council when they are to hold a competition on Dale beach.

Date of next meeting.
Date of the next Community Council AGM/Meeting to be held on the 4th May, 2020 at 7pm in the Jubilee suite, Coronation hall, Dale

MARLOES

Items under discussion at the March meeting included the following:-

Planning Matters – NP/19/0576/FUL, Car Park Hut – Members accepted the revisions to the hut design made by the National Trust. Agreed the Clerk write to PCNP with a copy to County Cllr. Owens advising that their objections had been withdrawn. Any retail provision will be discussed and agreed with the Community Council. NP/20/0081/FUL – Shearwater, Marloes – Extension to dwelling, replacement windows and door, plus solar panels on the garage roof - Council members welcomed the inclusion of the solar panels and the sustainability of the proposed alterations and extensions. The Council would also request that one of the planning conditions should require that the use of the studio/garage should be ancillary to the main dwelling, and not used separately. NP/19/0678/S73 – Ty Gwyn, Marloes. This application has been withdrawn at present. NP20/123/GPDO – Slate Mill Farm - Provision of an access track across the farm land. This application was received since the last meeting. Council Members have been consulted and will have to comment before the next Council meeting.

Footpaths – Work on Frankies Lane has again been delayed because of the wet
National Trust Matters – Work on tar-macking the road through the car park had started earlier that day, and could take up to five days. Road closure signs were in place. Further work will be undertaken on the track to Runwayskiln later in the year. The Trust had confirmed that car parking permits would be authorised for this year. Since the meeting, the National Trust had decided to allow free parking while the Coronavirus Emergency is ongoing.

Welsh Water – A letter had been received with regard to the sewage problems in the Glebe Lane in December 2019. The problems have been identified. Routine maintenance will be undertaken annually to avoid future problems, but they requested that the Council ask residents not to flush wet wipes down the toilet. The Clerk to ask for stickers/leaflets to circulate in the village.

Financial Matters – The following payments were approved:-
- Clock Tower Insurance – BHIB Additional Premium - £81.91 – to include Public Liability as well as cover for the Tower and Clock Mechanism. The NFU Policy will not be renewed.
- Wales Audit Office - £233.75 – Clerk had clarified work undertaken by Grant Thornton Auditors.
- Clerk’s Salary 2019/2020 - £600
- One Voice Wales - £64 – Association Membership.
- Smiths of Derby – Service Visit – £304.80p (includes VAT - £50.80p)
- Smiths of Derby - Repair - £78 (includes VAT of £13).

Moss Cottage, Marloes – The Council was pleased to note that earlier that day work had started on clearing the growth in front of this cottage.

Community Works Grant – An application for a grant has been made for the purchase and installation of a Speed Warning Electronic Notice in the village near the Playground & Recreation Area. No financial commitment has been made by the Council at this stage of the process.

County Council Broadband Initiative – The PCC Officers have advised that data has been sent to infrastructure suppliers, and the closing date for responses is the 6th May 2020. All household who have registered an interest to date will receive an e-mail update. Further expressions of interest can be made - please see www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/broadband

Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 6th April* (one week earlier than usual to avoid the Easter Bank Holiday weekend), commencing at 7.30pm in Marloes Village Hall. Community residents of Marloes & St. Brides are very welcome to attend and may speak at the invitation of the Chairman. See www.marloes.org.uk for further Community information; minutes of the Community Council meetings after they are approved, and also previous copies of Peninsula Papers (excluding adverts)
* Please see notice to be displayed on Tuesday 31st March to confirm if the meeting goes ahead in view of the Coronavirus Emergency.

ST ISHMAELS

“Tish Topics” is a Facebook Public Group where you can find updates on the current situation and information about the Tish Covid-19 Support Group, with all kinds of contacts and telephone numbers. (The full text of the village flyer was obtained too late to include in PP in full)
Unfortunately there is no April Diary as all events and meetings where we come into contact with each other have been cancelled or postponed - this includes WI, Mothers Union, Welcome Club, Wildlife Watch, Tai Chi, Wlawyns Castle Go, King and Country etc. So we are using this space to provide an update on the current situation. Note that we go to print on 24th March so there may well be (and indeed surely will be) changes after that date.

Tesco have made the following announcement: "To ensure our more vulnerable and elderly customers can shop in-store, we will prioritise one hour every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning between 9-10am (except in our Express stores) and ask that you respect this." Of course, you can visit the local village store in Marloes at any time and they will also deliver.

All local restaurants, cafes and pubs are closed but many are offering takeaways (ring to check times and menus) including The Clock House 01646 635800, The Griffin Inn, Dale 01646 636227/07776 125494, Marloes Village Store 01646 636968, Cocos Brasserie at Dale Yacht Club 01646 636362. Menus can be found on their Facebook pages.

St Ishmaels Garden Centre is now closed but are doing deliveries so that you won’t have to go without your tomato and bedding plants! 01646 636343

Dale Yacht club have decided to postpone the start of the dinghy racing season. Members with dinghy parking spaces are still able to make use of them after April 1st. Junior sailing courses were due to start on May 8th but are also likely to be delayed.

The Welsh Blood Service is still functioning and is keen for you to donate blood. There is a useful Question and Answer page here: https://www.welsh-blood.org.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/

“In light of the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 23rd March 2020, The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales is now closing both Skomer and Skokholm islands to overnight and day visitors, including private landings. The islands were due to open to visitors on the 1st of April. The initial shut down will be for the month of April but this will be reviewed regularly with any updates shown as an amendment to this message. The mainland teams, where possible will be continuing to work from home and will respond to emails when they are able. We are unable to answer telephone queries while the office is closed.” Please see https://www.welshwildlife.org/ for further details including transferring bookings to the same time next year.
CHURCH SERVICES

The Bench of Bishops in the Church in Wales have issued guidance in respect of Church Services. In summary the following will be implemented immediately:

All Church Services and other gatherings for public worship should no longer take place. This includes regular Sunday and weekday services. Study groups and other parochial events that gather people together should also not take place.

Baptisms will only take place with no more than ten people present. Weddings will not normally be held unless there are pressing pastoral reasons, in which case no more than ten people may be present.

Funeral services will not be held in Churches, but clergy may continue to take funeral services at the graveside and at crematoria. An opportunity to remember loved ones in Church will be offered at a future date.

The above is only a summary of the contents of an email from the Bishop, sent out today (Tuesday) and if necessary further details should be sought from Gaynor Ford, our Parish Priest.

CRISIS MORNING PRAYERS

The following has been taken from the Diocesan Website https://stdavids.churchinwales.org.uk/

“It may be that households who are isolated together or individuals going to an open church to pray or small groups may wish to have a resource they can use for a Sunday service.

So, each week for the time being, a crisis morning prayer will go up on the Diocesan website. This will have all the readings and a homily incorporated in it, so it can just be printed out or read from a screen. This is an adaptation of the Church in Wales' Daily Prayer 2009

To access these go to https://stdavids.churchinwales.org.uk/ and scroll down the centre column to find “CRISIS MORNING PRAYERS” and click on the links.

There are many resources available online to support daily prayer throughout the week.

The forms of blessing etc. are suitable for a lay person to use. At the end are suggestions for hymns. All the instructions about standing sitting etc. are optional. The traditional form of the Lord’s Prayer is included but feel free to use the version you are most familiar with.”
COASTLANDS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (CIO).

In view of the present circumstances, the talk in April on Dale Fort has been postponed. It is very much hoped that it can be reinstated at a later date. The Old Stables will be closed until further notice and so the exhibitions will remain under lock and key for the foreseeable future. The arrangements for the Group beyond April are still up in the air. We will keep members up to date on any developments as and when they become clear. We will also endeavour to keep our website, and the Marloes and Dale village websites, up to date as to any developments so everyone can keep informed as to what is happening on the local history front.

It may be you will use this time of enforced hibernation to look through papers/photos and the like. Coastlands would be fascinated to see any you feel might be of interest to us. We might ask to take copies, but we never keep the originals as they are personal to the families involved.

So if you are using the time to ‘file’, ‘sort’ or clear rooms, please bear the History Group in mind!

If there are any queries please contact either Harriet (636668) or Yvonne (636251)
Keep safe and we look forward to the time when we can all sit and listen to a talk on local history!

If you would like to know more about the History Group please contact Yvonne (636251) Margaret (636295) or Harriet (636668)

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VE75 CELEBRATIONS - FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020

Due to the current Coronavirus situation, the planned VE75 Day Celebrations, as advertised in the March edition of the Peninsula Papers, will be cancelled.

We do hope however to have an editorial in the May edition of PP to include memories and photographs of VE Day from some of our local residents.

We would like to thank all those who attended the meeting on 11 March and gave their valuable input.

Marloes & St Brides Village Hall Committee
The Woodland Trust offer of free trees for schools and communities.

“Trees are the ultimate carbon capture and storage machines” (Woodland Trust).

An application for free trees by the Marloes and St Brides village hall committee has been successful. Next November we will receive 420 saplings suitable for this area to be planted by the public on communal land in and around Marloes in an effort to help combat climate change.

Caroline Walmsley (Chair).

Seagrass has been planted!

Seagrass Ocean Rescue have now undertaken the first major seagrass restoration project in the UK off Dale by planting approximately 1.5 hectares of seagrass during 25th February – 3rd March. Swansea University will monitor the growth of the seeds and infill with further seeds as required later this year to hopefully produce a 2-hectare meadow within the agreed site below extreme low water mark just to the north of the moorings. This area is currently marked with temporary floats. The plan is to site marker buoys, marking out the seagrass area, as well as some visitor moorings to provide a facility for visiting boat users. The details of how these will be maintained and managed will be discussed with the Dale Seagrass Stakeholder Group.

There has been media coverage of the project recently, but the shortened resulting articles didn’t include everything that the seagrass team tried to put across to the public. The team would like to thank everyone who has given their time and energy to make this happen. Particular thanks to Coastlands School who contributed such enthusiastic support and pandered to the desires of multiple film crews during the last days of planting!

Due to illness within the seagrass team, the public meeting on 12th March had to unfortunately be postponed. This was a huge disappointment to the team as we were keen to share the success of planting with all. Obviously due to current restrictions with Covid-19 we are not able to set a date yet but will keep everyone informed.

If anyone has any observations regarding the planted seagrass, or queries in the meantime please contact Richard directly on r.k.f.unsworth@swansea.ac.uk or phone 07795 311166.

For information on the project see: https://www.pembrokeshirecoastalforum.org.uk/seagrassoceanrescue/ or call Jetske on 07748 740347.

Some limericks for you:

Archimedes, that well-known truth-seeker,  There was an enchanting young bride
jumped out of his bath with “Eureka!”  Who ate many green apples and died.
He ran half a mile  The apples fermented
wearing only a smile  inside the lamented
and became the very first streaker.  and made cider inside her inside.
Covid-19

Working together to support Marloes & St Brides

Hi there, neighbour. Are you unable to leave your home because of Covid 19/Coronavirus? We’re here for you.

We are a group of local residents who have come together during a time where some people are finding it hard to access the help they need.

We would like to support the community that we live in and ensure that nobody is left isolated or without support. We don’t ask for anything in return, we just believe in helping each other in a time of difficulty.

We are your local neighbours and not a professional body. We can only offer help within reason, and in ways we can also stay safe and all stay safe. If you need medical advice, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service at 111.nhs.uk/covid-19, or if you have no internet access, call NHS 111 from your phone. In a medical emergency, dial 999.

NEED SUPPORT?
If you would like to speak to us, or want to ask for help, please text or WhatsApp or ring Gina Smithies 07887527152 or ring 01646636269, ring Yvonne Evans (Clerk to the Community Council) 01646636251 or Peter & Rosemary Royle 01646636970 and let’s see how we can help.

GIVE SUPPORT
If you would like to support the community and join in, we can add you to the WhatsApp organising group to coordinate support. Please text 07887527152 to join the group.

HOW CAN WE HELP?
Arranging deliveries; pick up shopping & medications; a friendly phone call; posting mail; urgent supplies; helping topping up of domestic fuel.

MARLOES VILLAGE STORE
Paul and Steff will deliver supplies to your doorstep ring 01646636968 or email paul1960@talktalk.net to arrange.

Visit www.marloes.org.uk for local updates and information or to post relevant information.

Even if you are self isolating you are not alone.

Dale Community Council

Coronavirus

If any member of the community should unfortunately contract the virus and wish to self-isolate at home. Please contact a member of the community council as we may be able to offer help with collecting shopping, medication or any other support.

Lyn Jones Chair.
Coronation Hall, Dale

A cleaner is required for the Coronation Hall Dale

2 hours a week

anyone who interested please contact the Secretary at

e-mail: roseybanbury@hotmail.com

Please note that there is a new booking secretary for Marloes Village Hall:

Emma Truelove 07896719409
mvhbookings@hotmail.com

The Old Stables Heritage Centre

The Old Stables Heritage Centre will be closed until further notice.

If you have any queries please contact
Harriet 636668 or Yvonne 636251.

PENINSULA PAPERS AND GENERAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

In the light of the current coronavirus situation, it is possible that we may have difficulties printing and/or distributing Peninsula Papers in the coming months. If that becomes the case, then Peninsula Papers will be available in full, including the adverts, in the following places:

- on the Marloes website (a link on the front page - www.marloes.org.uk and also on the Peninsula Papers page http://www.marloes.org.uk/page7.html)
- on the Dale website http://www.dalevillage.co.uk/info/peninsula-papers/

It is already available in those places, but without adverts.

However, we will do our best to bring you a real paper version on the mat every month! And I hope you enjoy this April edition in which we have tried to insert some little light-hearted items amongst the gloom.

The Marloes Website has some new pages devoted to Community Information as described below which you may find useful. These Community Information pages have been set up, in conjunction with Marloes Community Council, to provide a source of information on the situation in the Coastlands area, in respect of the impact of Coronavirus.

We will develop these pages as the need arises; so far we have pages covering the following:

- Good Neighbour Services
- Local Services, Businesses and Events
- Pubs, Restaurants and Cafes
- Church and Chapel

LOST: Ladies right hand brown real sheepskin glove. I am so sad as it belonged to my mother. Reward. Judy Courie 01646 636427
League fixtures
26th April (Sun) 1st XI v Whitland away 2nd XI v Laugharne home
2nd May 1st XI v Carew home 2nd XI v Narberth II away

Cup competitions
Harrison Allen Bowl Round 1 (11-15 May) BYE
Harrison Allen Bowl Round 2 (25-29 May) v Lawrenny home
Duggie Morris Cup Round 1 (18-22 May) v Carew away
Alec Colley Cup Round 1 (15-19 June) v Haverfordwest away

Training (Outdoors as soon as weather permits)
Seniors 6th & 20th April 7 - 8:30p.m. Neyland Community Centre & outdoors on Thursday evenings.
Juniors Under 9s 5:30 – 6:30 Thursday evenings & Under 11s & Under 13s 6:00 – 8:00 Friday evenings.

Do you fancy playing cricket for us this season? We are always looking for local talent to come and enjoy a game. We are renowned for our excellent teas & you can be assured of a warm welcome.
If interested please get in touch.

Dear friends & supporters of St Ishmaels Cricket Club
Would you like to sponsor us this year?
£15 would provide a match ball
£30 would pay the Umpire's fee &
£25 would go a long way to sponsoring a cricket tea.
Any sponsorship would be most gratefully accepted.
A very big 'Thank You' to those generous supporters who helped us last season.

Yours in sport, Wendy Bradshaw, Sec. St Ishmaels C.C.
(01646636446 / 07974678329 / w.bradshaw1@btinternet.com)

DADS Show “It’s About Time” postponed until November
On Wednesday 11th March the DADS committee and the cast of the DADS Adults play decided, regrettfully but unanimously, that it was best to postpone this production until autumn when, everyone hopes, things will be back to normal. New dates have been agreed with Mrs Groves at Coastlands School, and bookings made with the kind assistance of Mrs Wendy Kehoe. They are: Thursday 12th November  Friday 13th November  Saturday 14th November

This long postponement is of course a great disappointment for all concerned: everybody had been working so hard towards the performance, and performing amazing balancing acts with a great many other commitments. Nevertheless, we are sure this is the right decision; so, here’s to some truly sparkling performances in the week after bonfire night! Meanwhile, look after yourselves and do keep healthy, everyone.

Chris Jessop  Anne Meeke
More limericks to cheer you up in these trying times (I particularly like this first one Ed):

A crafty young bard named McMahon,
whose poetry never would scan,
once said, with a pause,
“It’s probably because
I’m always trying to cram as many extra syllables into the last line as I possibly can.”

A canny young fisher named Fisher
Once fished from the edge of a fissure.
A fish with a grin
Pulled the fisherman in ---
Now they’re fishing the fissure for Fisher.

News from the Trustees of
PERKY (Peninsula Enterprise Resource KittY)
This is the Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was formed from the Dale Play Area Association.
We have made seven grants over the past year.

1. Subsidising the Coastlands School Class 3 Summer Activity Day - Kayaking and Raft Building with WWWS. The Boat House Café supplemented this by serving up a fantastic free lunch for all the children. It was said to have been the “best trip ever”.
2. A grant to WWAG to support larger families taking part in Sailing.
3. Providing a float to the Coastlands School Headteacher for her to use at her discretion to support children in taking part in out of school activities that they would otherwise be unable to enjoy.
4. A grant to Dale Winter Warmers to supplement fund-raising efforts by the Committee to match fund the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant. This was used to pay for activities.
5. Subsidising surfing lessons for a group of youngsters over the summer holidays. This was very popular, with children really enjoying themselves and parents particularly commenting how good it had been for confidence building.
6. Supporting a local sports club to subsidise training for 2 local youngsters who had been picked for the national squad.
7. Supporting the Coastlands School fund raising efforts for their Disneyland Trip by giving a grant to help ensure that all those wishing to take part in this “once in a lifetime” experience were able to do so.

As can be seen, grants from PERKY are available to support a broad variety of events and activities or the purchase of equipment. On receipt of a simple to complete application form we aim to make a decision about your request within 4 weeks, usually much sooner.

We would be very keen to support the Community at this difficult time so please come up with ideas which perhaps need a bit of finance to get off the ground and contact one of the Trustees - John Bramley, Sean and Wendy Kehoe, or Rosemary Mecklenburgh or email the Secretary on rosemary.meck@gmail.com.
Marloes and Dale Public Access Defibrillation Scheme

What if you are faced with an emergency in these uncertain times? In the event of a possible cardiac arrest, do follow the usual procedures but be aware of possible infection and use precautions below:-

* Call for help, dial 999, fetch your nearest defibrillator. Talk to the casualty but **DO NOT** LISTEN OR FEEL FOR BREATHING BY PLACING YOUR EAR OR CHEEK CLOSE TO THE PERSON’S MOUTH.

* Follow the Defibrillator instructions which are very clear, **BUT DO NOT** PERFORM RESCUE BREATHS OR ATTEMPT MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSCITATION.

* Continue with HANDS ONLY cardiac compressions until the ambulance arrives.

* After contact with the casualty, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water at the earliest opportunity. (Or use Alcohol hand gel).

* After performing CPR seek advice from **NHS 111**.

M&DPADS News Update
We held a very successful fund raising event at Coco’s Brasserie at the beginning of March, back in normal time! Thank you to Shelley and Chris for hosting this and to all who supported us. We raised £470 which will go towards replacing our older defibrillators which, after 7 years in service are out of date.

We had planned to hold familiarisation sessions in Dale during the Easter break, but this is no longer possible due to the coronavirus outbreak. If anyone feels that they need a reminder about emergency procedures, please do not hesitate to contact a committee member. You will find their phone number inside the cabinet of your nearest Defibrillator.

Ellie Morgan

"Right of Way"....or perhaps an insight into the fun crustaceans have in our waters??

The lobster and the crab one day
Proposed a friendly race.
Agreed upon the time were they,
Agreed upon the place.

The start and finish lines were where
The two thought they should be.
The crayfish with a clock was there
To act as referee.

And though the rule-book then was read,
Not all was clarified;
For as the lobster forward sped
The crab went to the side.

*By Jeffrey Kris*
A silver lining?

As COVID-19 puts modern life on hold, environmentally, there may be some good news to come out of the mass disruption.

Although our climate emergency has been overshadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the knock-on effects of halted travel and industry emissions may be of great benefit to our environment.

With less travel comes less emissions and even only a few days into the crisis this was clear to see. The lock down of China's Hubei province lead to increased air quality, with the average number of "good quality air days" increasing by 21.5% in February (compared to the same period last year) according to China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment.

Satellite images released by NASA and the European Space Agency also showed dramatic reductions in nitrogen dioxide ($\text{NO}_2$) emissions in major Chinese cities between January and February. The visible cloud of toxic gas usually seen hanging over industrial powerhouses has almost disappeared. These chemicals are released by vehicles, power plants and industrial facilities.

A similar pattern has been seen in carbon dioxide ($\text{CO}_2$) emissions which were down by at least 25% for February and March according to the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA), an air pollution research organization.

As the world's biggest polluter, China contributes 30% of the world's CO$_2$ emissions each year. This huge drop in emissions is estimated to be equivalent to 200 million tons of carbon dioxide - more than half the entire annual emissions output of the UK.

A fall in oil and steel production, and a 70% reduction in domestic flights, have all contributed to the fall in emissions so far, according to the CREA. As the rest of the world follows suit with reduced travel, business closures and strategic lockdowns the environmental impact could be hugely positive.

In Venice less canal traffic has also had a profound effect. As business in Italy was put on hold, and residents quarantined, the canals of Venice were cleared of the usual boat traffic, allowing Italians to see dolphins, fish and swans sitting in the still water. This is the first-time dolphins have been seen in Venice in almost 60 years!

Lets all hope for more positive stories like this in the coming weeks and months. We at Dale Fort wish you all the best, and hope you are keeping safe and healthy.

Fiona Day
THE GARDEN CENTRE TABBY

I'm the Garden Centre tabby: perhaps you've seen me there,
Busy preening my fine dark coat as I sit in the comfiest chair.
Perhaps you believe that that's my job, do you possibly think that I'm an
Employee here at the Centre, paid to keep it warm for Simon…?
Oh wretched human, if you guessed that, you are extremely daft;
And how I wish, ah how I wish that we pussy cats could laugh!
Let me tell you now, and tell you straight, and tell you all with glee:
I am the Boss at the Garden Centre: Simon warms that chair for me!

I try to never miss a shift: I'd have to be very ill
To not turn up at opening time to watch them ring the till.
From that chair I know what's going on, all round that busy place –
Although you couldn't tell it, for I wear an inscrutable face.
I have a rather good view of the shop, and of folk parking cars;
For deducing what's up in the polytunnels, I use my very sharp ears.
As for how things are going in the café, I can tell even with eyes closed:
There isn't one scent of food or drink that get past this here nose!

If you come to the Garden Centre, and you don't catch sight of me –
That doesn't mean I'm not around, and that rodents can frolic free
All up and down the apple trees, all through the pretty pots:
If they tried that trick, very soon I'd lick their flavour from my chops!
No – I'm like the captain of a ship, my rounds I have to do
In order unpredictable, to avoid the chance of a complacent crew;
So next time you come this Tish way, pray behave here all the while –
For, rest assured: on silent paws I shall watch as you cruise the aisles!

Chris Jessop
Beach clean for Saint David, Marloes Sands, Sunday 1\textsuperscript{st} March

The weather leading up to this event did not bode well: that may have put some folk off; also, the car park rebuild being in full swing didn’t help. Anyway the sky cleared nicely, those who turned up were very keen, and all worked hard. In the end our total haul, including a fair amount of gatherings from prior to that afternoon, was 52 sacks’ worth. As usual, the most common items were fishermen’s net mendings, those annoying and very time-consuming short pieces of plastic twine; we estimated that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total haul weight was trawling & pot fishing rope and trawl net - one huge piece of the latter required a stupendous effort to get it from the far end of the beach. Thanks, as ever, to Trehill Farm for quad bike haulage.

Postscript: at the time of writing this report, 18\textsuperscript{th} March, Marloes Sands is polluted with plastic worse than ever; as usual, trawl waste predominates.

Wildlife Watch – Mammal Detectives – 07/03/2020

Four adults and four children joined the Wildlife Watch group with members of staff from FSC Dale Fort to look for evidence of foxes, badgers, bank voles and squirrels around the fort. The session began with a presentation about the mammals we may expect to find traces of or see live if we are lucky! We then went to the scrub area to demonstrate and set Longworth traps which have regularly caught bank voles and field mice here. These are humane catch and release traps and in addition a footprint tunnel was set up the previous night. While waiting for the traps to spring, the group headed back to the classroom for a footprint matching card game involving mammals, birds and other animals. Armed with footprint and dropping field guides, a walk to the field to find mammal evidence produced many excited finds of fox, rabbit and sheep poo! Finally after some night footage of nocturnal mammals we set out to empty the Longworth traps but no captures this time!

Wildlife Watch events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.
It’s easy to forget recent history but you may remember that we have just suffered an extremely wet and windy autumn, winter and spring. “Marloes Muser” has some thoughts on this.

**SIGN OF THE TIMES**

What have we done to the weather? It never rains but it pours
Gales which could knock a man over, better off staying indoors

Streams become rivers become torrents, filthy water everywhere
Which bursts into streets and houses causing chaos and despair

What have we done to the ocean? On the surface all stillness and calm
But under the waves where dolphins play the sea creatures are coming to harm

We see it on the shoreline, colourful shiny pieces of eight
And nets and string and various things to which only mankind relates

I am happy that I have exceeded three score years and ten
But my children, grandchildren and those to come
What will happen to them?

*The Marloes Muser*

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**The G&T Collective**

*An Exhibition and Sale of locally handcrafted items by Lorraine Griffiths & Sue Twidale and friends*

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*Pop in for a peek, breeze in for a browse or just come along to chill and chat!*

**G&T COLLECTIVE POSTPONED TILL LATE SUMMER (HOPEFULLY)**
Golden Plovers

Golden Plovers in winter are a bird which usually passes unnoticed by the general public. They form flocks of anything from 50 to 2000 birds and they feed on mudflats (often high up in estuaries) or on agricultural fields where they are hard to spot being brown birds on a brown background. There are up to 5,000 Golden Plovers in Pembrokeshire in the winter (this winter’s peak was 4250 in November) but this year has been unusual as they have been reported regularly from places which they do not normally frequent.

There has been a very large flock around the Mabes Gate/Bicton area at St Ishmaels (see left), and as is often the case, they have been associating with Lapwings. Being tucked away in fields behind hedges they were only visible when they took flight, which they did when spooked by a harrier or a peregrine. Now Lapwings are easy to identify in flight – nothing else has those rounded floppy wings and black and white plumage. But Golden Plover are not so striking. They are basically pale golden brown on top (though quite speckly if seen up close) and pale underneath with distinctly whitish underwings. Their wings are sharply pointed, unlike Lapwings. They are an intermediate size – smaller than a Lapwing, Curlew or Whimbrel and much bigger than a Dunlin. In fact they are more-or-less Redshank sized though a somewhat different shape – shorter legs and more dumpy body. You can often see Lapwings and Golden Plover in flight together and then the difference is very obvious.

Golden Plover flocks have recently been reported further down the peninsula in the Marloes and St Brides area. They are always in flocks – you never see a single Golden Plover - and have been feeding on recently ploughed fields. If you are lucky enough to find a flock on the ground at this time of the year you may be able to spot birds moulting into their summer plumage. A Golden Plover in summer plumage is truly a wonderful sight! The back is golden and spangled, the underparts are smart black and there is a white border between the two. However, to see birds in full breeding plumage you will need to go north - their UK breeding stronghold is in the uplands of Scotland and northern England, though there are apparently still a few pairs hanging on in the Welsh uplands.

Rosemary Royle
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