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

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

JUNE 2019 MEHEFIN
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**SHOPS:**
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Open: Monday 9-3, Tuesday to Saturday 8:30-5, and Sunday 9-12:30

**MOBILE LIBRARY:**
Next dates: Friday 21st June, 19th July, 16th August, 13th September
St. Ishmaels Burgage Green Layby - 10.50 am to 11.20 am  Dale - Blue Anchor Way - 11.35am to 12.05am  Marloes - Toilets - 12.15 am to 12.45 am
Contact 01437 776126 or 07774 230200 (van)

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

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Dear Friends,

I know if I write to you about the weather, it will probably have changed by the time you read it. But as I write now in May it is gorgeous, long, warm sunny days, the hedgerows and verges jumping into flower, a huge full moon at night, casting a silver-gilt path across Dale Bay. This is the time of year I think our communities look at their best and their best is heart-stoppingly beautiful.

Sometimes it takes a stranger’s wonder to help see it. Many of us are so busy that we barely take it in as we rush from one task to the next. Then you catch the look on the face of someone seeing it for the first time and you stop and look again and marvel.

My father used to tell the story of a friend of his who had no faith. They had been walking somewhere beautiful and the friend told my father that in that moment he envied him his faith, “When you see this,” he said, “you have someone to thank for it.”

This worried my father a little because he also told the story of a naive vicar and a keen gardener. The gardener had taken over a vacant plot that had been all nettles and brambles. With time and a lot of hard work he had made it something fit for the Chelsea Flower Show. The vicar enthused over it, “Isn’t it wonderful what you and God have done together”. The gardener replied drily, “You should have seen it a few years ago when God had it all to himself!”

Our environment is the work of God and of many people. So I thank God for its beauty and I would like to thank too everyone who takes their litter home, cleans up their dog mess, cares for the land and the sea and stops in awe to remind us how blessed this place is,

With our blessings for a joyful Summer

Andrew, Rhiannon and Gaynor

Produced by the Church in Wales Parishes of Hasguard with St Ishmaels, St Brides with Marloes, Walwyns Castle, Robeston West and Dale
MOTHERS’ UNION
Thanks to you all we had a most successful Coffee Morning raising on the morning £250 for Alzheimer's Society, £50 for Christian Aid and £94 for MU projects. Thank you all very much indeed for coming and supporting us.
June is the month of outings and we hope that will happen again this year. Ladies, you will have details of any outing as and when the arrangements are finalised. However, our main efforts will be on getting on with creating Dementia Aware Communities. Please see the separate report on Dementia Friendly Communities in this edition. 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 more information contact Harriet 636668, or Bridget 636274.

St Ishmaels Church Festival
will be held in the church from Monday 22nd July to Friday 26th July
As usual, there will be lots of stalls selling a selection of crafts, plus super cakes and tea.
Why not come along, bring the family and friends and spend a really nice hour or so in our lovely old church?
St. Peter’s Church - June Events
Normal Sunday Services – see the June Services list. Wednesday 5th June 9am - Morning Prayer - An invitation has gone out to the other Churches in the new Roose Local Ministry area to join in this half hour service, as part of “Together in prayer”. Extra services have been arranged to cover the period from Ascension Day to Pentecost.

Patronal Weekend
An Open Afternoon will be held on Saturday June 29th at St. Peter’s Church from 2pm to 4.30pm - to celebrate the Patronal Day for St. Peter the Fisherman. All residents and visitors will be welcome, especially if you have not had a look around the building before. Church Members will be available to show you around and answer any questions. Light refreshments will be provided.

Internal Baptistry – At 4pm we will be opening up this special feature to view. Only used in the 1890’s twice for baptisms - it is unusual to find one in a Church of Wales building. Rev. Gaynor Ford will explain why this feature and the font are near the door, and if we have volunteers, especially children to stand in the Baptistry she will provide a special St. Peter’s blessing.

Gift Day - Donations will be welcome on the day to build up a fund to redecorate the Church internally, to keep the building in a good state of repair for the next ten years. Any donation will be gratefully accepted, and if you are a taxpayer we can provide a form to enable tax to be reclaimed.

Sunday 30th June – 10.30 am – An Eucharist service will be held to celebrate St Peter’s Patronal. This will be the only service in the four local churches that day, and all are welcome from those communities, as well as any visitors. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

St Ishmaels Church, Monk Haven
Patronal Festival
Saturday 15th June 2pm- 5pm

We invite you to join us as we welcome churches in West Wales dedicated to St Ishmael to share worship, fellowship and refreshments.
Dale
Meeting held on the 13th May 2019
Maintenance/Work Party The Council agreed that the work party went really well. A great job was done by the Councillors and many members of the village Community. All the areas that had been identified had been cleared tidied and mended.
Highways The road markings by the junction of South Street had been painted before the start of the Easter holidays, with an arrow showing the direction of the traffic. We hope that this will ensure drivers no longer go the wrong way down the one way street! The No Entry sign had also been maintained.

The road between Black Rock and Pickleridge had been identified as a hazard/danger, with many students and walkers meeting on-coming traffic. The Council suggested that a site meeting with P.C.C Highways division should be planned to discuss the road safety issues.

General Data Protection Regulations
Councillors were reminded to be aware of the GDPR when receiving information from other parties. Councillor’s names and contact details should be available for members of the Community to contact them,
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however most people will contact the Clerk. Council to review and adopt their own Standing Orders at the next meeting.

Dog Fouling Dogs are to be on a lead from the Dale car park all the way across the front of the grass area by the beach. More Dog Fouling signs need to be placed at Pickleridge, and Dog fouling and lead information sent round to all holiday homes and campsites.

Marloes/Dale Footpath Dale CC were asked to give their comments on the proposed Frog/Gull footpath between Dale and Marloes. All Councillors thought it was a good idea and approved of the signs that would be put in place to help walkers find the correct routes. Rob Smith on behalf of DCC would be walking the route with Chris Jessop from MCC. Reg Owens said that he had been honoured to take part in choosing Frog and Gull images drawn by the local children for the signs.

Car Park Jane Warr will now have the key to the Car park gate. All car parks will have card machines, Reg Owens will enquire as to when this would be happening for Dale.

County Council Matters Reg Owens said that the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Schemes had been moving well month by month, and the Pembrokeshire CC website shows what the different Grants have been used for. Coastlands Schools had been rejected again.

Budget The council is to begin to think about increasing the Budget. The Community Delivery Project was approved by Pembrokeshire CC, this Project is seeking Community support for various non-statutory services which may otherwise be withdrawn e.g. public toilets, public open spaces. Councillors were asked to begin to think about other areas that the Community could take over such as the pontoon, car park grass cutting.

Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant Scheme is also available to the Council on such projects.

Several members of the Community have already approached the Clerk suggesting that the Council could increase the precept to focus on plans for the Village as a whole.

Next meeting of the Dale Community Council will be held on the 8th July 2019 at 7pm, in the Jubilee suite Dale. Residents of Dale Community are welcome to attend and may speak to the Council at the invitation of the Chairman.

Marloes and St Brides

Items under consideration at the May meetings included the following:-

Annual General Meeting – The meeting elected Cllr. Peter Smithies to serve a further year as Chairman, with Cllr. Chris Jessop continuing as Vice Chairman. Cllrs. Louise Beal, William Richards, Brian Johnson and James Kimpton being the other four members of the Council. The Clerk, Mrs. Yvonne Evans was confirmed as the financial officer for the year. Appointments to other bodies were confirmed as last year. Mrs. J. Fussell was re-appointed as the Internal Auditor. The Accounts for 2018/19 were presented by the Clerk and confirmed. The accounts will be brought to the Council meeting in June for approval of the Statement of Assurances ready for Audit by Grant Thornton after July. A notice for public display is to be undertaken by the 16th June.

Planning Matters – National Park has advised that the Council will continue to receive hard copies of applications for the time being. The Council had been invited to attend the Pre-Hearing meeting prior to the Inspector considering the Local Development Plan in July.

County Council & Highway Matters – Noted that the County Council will be erecting new signs at the Mullock junction, and that a Pedestrian warning sign had been erected at Martins Haven. After discussion, the meeting approved a request from house-
holders at the West End of the village to have street light No. 803 905 switched off for a trial period, the experiment to be reviewed in January 2020. However, if health and safety issues occur, the Council would request the light is switched back on immediately.

**Footpaths** – Noted that Dale Community Council were considering the proposal to establish a Frog/Gull footpath that evening. (Since advised that Dale Council supports this project, and Mr. Rob Smith will walk the path with Cllr. Jessop.) Two designs for a Frog and Gull by Coastlands children have been selected by Cllr. Owens. Noted that there will be no cost to the Community Councils, and that National Park will produce a leaflet to highlight the route. Members agreed that this should proceed with Dale C. C.’s support.

**Police Matters** – Clerk to liaise with the local Police Team with regard to planning to prevent potential raves. Council to consider attending a meeting of the Police & Crime Panel. Residents are reminded to report immediately any suspicious activity before, and during the Bank Holiday week to Dyfed Powys Police via the 101 service.

**Rural Wisdom Project** – Clerk to attend the meeting on the 16th May at the St. Ishmaels Sports & Social Club. The meeting is to consider what can make life better for older people in our Communities.

**Dog Fouling – Marloes & St. Brides** - It is hoped that a litter bin will be provided by the National Trust at the lower end of the Runwayskiln Track. Clerk to ask the County Council about collections arrangements. The Clerk will be provided with stickers to mark normal litter bins that dog litter can also be deposited in them. It is hoped, that local residents along with visitors to our area will respect the need to clean up after their dogs both in the village, and on all footpaths, bridleways and byways.

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**National Trust matters** - Mr. Mark Underhill attended the meeting to advise the Council on action with regard to the Marloes Visitor Experience Project. The Project will be undertaken in two phases. He would welcome input from the Community Council at the design and planning stages. Documents to be forwarded to members shortly.

**Financial Payments** – The meeting approved the payment of £232.63 to BHIB for the main Council Insurance; and of £50 to Ezee for the Website Domain Fee.

**Bus Service** – It was noted with concern that the Saturday bus service from Milford Haven to Marloes had ceased. The St. David’s to Marloes Service continues on Saturday, but the link to Milford and onto Haverfordwest is not possible. Complaints regarding the service cut should be sent to the County Council cabinet member Cllr.phil.baker@pembrokeshire.gov.uk, and also to the local County Cllr. Reg Owens. Since the meeting the Clerk has been advised that this service costs £11,000 to operate, and was the least used day of the week.

**Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** – Cllr. Owens has provided the Community Council with a summary of payments made from this grant in 2018/19. The report also advised that for 2019/20, that with the underspend the potential grant figure for the Marloes & St. Brides Community is £14,631. Any group in our area who may wish to apply for funding please contact the Regeneration Team on 01437 775536, or e-mail for advice to enhancing.pembrokeshire@pembrokeshire.gov.uk.

**Mr. Ron Keeble** – The Council noted that Mr. Keeble had died recently after a short illness. The Council wished to acknowledge that Ron, with his late wife Sylvia, had been generous benefactors to the Recreation and Play area in Marloes. Mrs. Evans(Clerk)

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would be attending the funeral service.  

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 10th June 2019, 7.30pm at Marloes Village Hall, when the business meeting will be held. Community residents of Marloes & St. Brides are very welcome to attend, and may speak at the invitation of the Chairman.

St Ishmaels
Note from the Council meeting on 15th April 2019 in the Sports Club
MEMORIAL HALL: The clerk reported that there was greatly increased interest in the sale of the hall with three offers to the agents, both above and below the asking price. Cllr Owens confirmed that, on disposal, community assets must be for best value and/or in best interests of community. After discussion, it was decided that the final deadline should be now set at FRIDAY 14th JUNE.

It was thought by Com. Council that the memorial plaque should be removed on sale to a location yet to be determined (church?) because of future problems of it remaining on a private property.

The clerk reported that, from his investigation with the Charities Commission, the Community Council was not a registered charity so the sale would be therefore unencumbered in that respect.

PLANNING MATTERS: Garden Centre  
C. Cllr Owens reported that, concerning the first decision not to grant planning to the development proposed, the planning officers had been over-ruled by the planning committee of PCNP. Cllr. Owens said that, if the Community Council would support the current development plans, he also would support the Com. Council in their decision. It was felt strongly that the development would allow employment and improve the local tourist economy. Discussion concerning the perceived illogicality of planning decisions then ensued – with reference especially to the recent decision by PCNP on the Furzy location in the village.

The clerk was instructed to write a letter to PCNP Planners of its (Com C’s) strong opinion that the development be allowed to proceed.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: The clerk reported that, as the Com. Council was not a registered charity (see above), no relief from the recently applied business rates would be allowed. He also reported that he was seeking clarification of the very high rates assessment of St. Ishmaels toilets from the Government Valuation Office and that PCC are lobbying the Welsh Office to have public conveniences exempt from rating. Stephen Crabb had already been similarly lobbied at a recent plenary session with the Com. Council at the sports club. If the Com. Council were wanting to take ownership of the conveniences by a Transfer of Assets, not only would they be then responsible for maintenance and cleaning but also business rates would still be applicable.

DOG FOULING: This had been seen to have again increased recently, especially in Stuart’s Lane. The clerk confirmed this and had devised a strongly worded notice for each end of the footpath. It was however remarked that – sadly – notices did not seem to make any impression on irresponsible dog owners. Cllr. Owens reported that enforcement officers from Liverpool had been engaged but that their rather “thuggish” handling of the public in some instances were not helping. The clerk would still erect notices reminding owners of dogs that enforcement officers were now at large and fines would ensue.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 10th June at 2.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall
MAY
Sun 26 - Fri 31 1030 - 1700 Exhibition of Paintings by Deborah Rees, Marloes Village Hall
Mon 27 1430-1730 Dale WI Cream Teas, Dale Coronation Hall
Mon 27 1400-1600 St Brides Pumphouse working demonstration

JUNE
Sat 1 2030 Dead Men Walking and The Emerald Aces at the Lobster Pot, Marloes. Donations for Marloes Play Area.
Mon 3 1900 Tai Chi Class, Coronation Hall, Dale. All levels welcome.
Mon 10 1400 St Ishmaels Community Council, Memorial Hall
Mon 10 1800 Dale Community Forum Public Meeting, “Recycling in Pembrokeshire”, Dale Coronation Hall
Mon 10 1900 Tai Chi Class, Coronation Hall, Dale. All levels welcome
Mon 10 1930 Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
Sat 15 1400 St Ishmaels Patronal Festival
Mon 17 1900 Tai Chi Class, Coronation Hall, Dale. All levels welcome
Fri 21 Midsummer Tapas Evening, St Ishmaels Garden Centre
Sat 22 1200 onwards Garden Fete and village defibrillator fundraising day, The Brook Inn, St Ishmaels
Mon 24 1900 Tai Chi Class, Coronation Hall, Dale. All levels welcome
Wed 26 1900 Walwyn’s Castle Village Hall Open Social Evening, see advert
Sat 29 1300-1700 Dale Pirate Day (see advert for details)
Sat 29 1400-1600 St Brides Pumphouse working demonstration
Sat 29 1400-1630 St Peter’s Marloes Patronal Festival Open Afternoon
Sun 30 1000 Howies Spud Run start/finish Marloes Sands Car Park
Sun 30 1400 Concert by the Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band, on the sea front at Dale (or Coronation Hall if wet)

JULY
Sat 6 1500 Walwyn’s Castle WWI themed Jamboree Tea Party
Mon 8 1900 Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite, Dale

Until 7th July, The Old Stables Heritage Centre exhibition “The Harrier Years – RADAR at Kete”, Thursday - Sunday 11-5.00

Please also see the adverts for The Brook, The Griffin and the Sports & Social Club for the many other events which are too numerous to mention above.

Summer dates for your diary:
Tish Carnival 20th July St Ishmaels Church Festival 22nd - 26th July
Dale Fete 26th July Marloes & St Brides Fete 1st August
Dale Regatta August 11th Pembs Half-marathon &10k 29th Sept
Wednesday Service - All, from across the parishes, are welcome to attend the short half hour service of Morning Prayer held in Marloes at 9am on Wednesday mornings except during school holidays. The service includes a short period for quiet reflection, and is usually led by Father Andrew. If you have not been to a Church service for a while, this simple service may provide an opportunity to restart your Christian journey.

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During the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost the will be events going on in all the churches of the Local Ministry Area: see separate sheet in the churches for details.
In the Peninsular Churches there will be prayer resources so please look out for them.
Volunteering Opportunities at Dale Fort
Are you interested in wildlife and nature? Would you like to help us collect valuable information to support understanding of the natural environment?

We are currently looking for some help with the following activities:

- Moth trapping & recording
- Butterfly surveying
- Reptile surveying
- Inputting biodiversity data gathered by students on to iRecord (citizen science database)

We can offer a warm reception, tea/coffee and cake.
For more information please contact Catherine; c.gillatt@field-studies-council.org, 01646 636205

Two running events in the Peninsula this summer:
Sunday 30th June - Howies Spud Run, start & finish at Marloes Sands car park / Runwayskiln (10am start)
Sunday 29th September - Pembrokeshire Half Marathon & 10k, Dale (9am start)
COASTLANDS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

A small, select and very knowledgeable group gathered to hear Keith Johnson extend our knowledge about the history of Cricket in Pembrokeshire at St Ishmaels Sports Club. It was very appropriate to have the junior team playing that night - a sure sign cricket is in good heart in our part of the world.

The June event has had to be postponed as Fr. Gildas cannot now come and talk to us. We are hoping to rearrange it next year as we know many of you like to come to his talks - they always challenge preconceptions! In view of this there has been an alternative event arranged for Monday 24th June which will be circulated to all members - if you want to know what it is and come along you will have to join up! Derek Lister (636274) will be very happy to take a £5.00 off you - the cost of a single membership. We also have a trip planned to Pembroke Castle in July which is also only open to members - so another incentive to join the group!

The 5 Communities Group, of which we are a part, has now appointed 2 professional archivists who will be coming to help all the groups start on the process of digitising their archives. We have an extensive archive which needs to be digitised so - if anyone would like to help with this project we would love to hear from you. It would not require a regular commitment, just a commitment for a few hours every now and then to place details (already collated) onto an Excel spreadsheet - it can be done at home or at The Heritage Centre whichever you prefer. If you think this is something you might be able to help with but would like to know more please contact Margaret or Yvonne. Likewise, if you want any further details as to what the History Group does please contact Yvonne 636251 or Margaret 636295 or any of the other trustees.

Dale Winter Warmers will be starting in September/October 2019.

We will welcome any Peninsula residents at our get-togethers. Please fill in the questionnaire inserted in this edition of PP and return as suggested. Please tick anything you can offer and anything you would like to access or feel is needed here on the Peninsula.

We are being supported by PAVS Community Connectors and the Rural Wisdom Programme.
Seasonal Job Share Opportunities

We are looking for a reliable and flexible local workforce to join our small & friendly potato harvest team this summer.

If you would like any part-time or regular work contact Peter 07899844410 or Gina 07887527152 or gina@trehillfarm.co.uk

St. Brides and Marloes Summer Fete - Thursday 1st August 2019

Volunteers for the Fancy/Craft Stall, and to help otherwise on the day of the Fete will be very welcome. Please continue to put items aside for the Fancy Stall – see suggestions last month. The Book Stall will also be looking for contributions, and we will advise in the July issue where to deliver donations for both stalls. Posters are now on display to remind you what stalls and entertainment will be on offer this year. If you can help this year, then please get in touch with Hilary 636 741.

Knitted Angel Appeal – We have about thirty gift bags left after the Christmas Appeal, so please can we have some more knitted angels to be prepared ready for the Church Fetes and to keep some for new residents. Completed angels can be given to either Rev. Gaynor Ford or Yvonne (636251), who can also provide the pattern if you have not knitted any previously.

DALE COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC MEETING
MONDAY 10th JUNE AT 6 PM IN THE CORONATION HALL

Cris Tomos
County Councillor and Cabinet Member for the Environment
WILL BE GIVING A TALK AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON RECYCLING IN PEMBROKESHIRE

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND WHEREVER YOU LIVE

TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE DALE FORUM AGM FOR DALE RESIDENTS WHO ARE ALL MEMBERS OF THE FORUM
PLEASE COME AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS ABOUT THE DALE ACTION PLAN AND WHAT THE FORUM SHOULD BE DOING FOR DALE!

The Forum Management Committee, which is comprised of one rep. elected by individual residents and one rep. of each Dale organisation that is a member of the Forum, is then tasked with carrying out the wishes of the members for the following year. The Management Committee will be formed and Officers elected at the AGM.
SAVE THE DATE!!!

ST ISHMAEELS SUMMER CARNIVAL

Saturday 20th July 2019
Depart from North Hall 2pm
Walkers and floats welcome. Judging to take place at North Hall at 1:30pm

Carnival King, Queen, Prince and Princess
Back by popular demand - Samba Doc
Community Stalls, Music and Entertainment to be held at the Sports Field
Pembrokeshire Fire Spinners
Fair rides, inflatables and games
Delicious food and refreshing drinks

SIGN UP TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FURTHER UPDATES – ST ISHMAEELS CARNIVAL

LIVE MUSIC
AT THE LOBSTER POT
DEAD MEN WALKING
IN SESSION WITH THE- EMERALD ACES
SAT - 1ST JUNE 8:30PM

Donations collected for Marloes Play Area

Can anyone use old plastic flower pots and plant-trays, all sizes??
01646 636784.

Foxgloves and primroses, anyone?

Does anyone have any self-seeded foxgloves and uncultivated primroses (i.e. not primulas) going spare, please? We are tidying up two areas of Marloes village verge and some native wildflowers adding colour would be welcome; also, no doubt the bees of Marloes would approve!
Malcolm Cullen 636257  Chris Jessop 636789
Dale WI

Members are looking forward to Dr. David Llewellyn Davies talk on Early Pembrokeshire Gardens at the meeting on the 21st May – highlights next month. Earlier in the month, members discussed the two resolutions that will be presented at the National Federation Annual Meeting at Bournemouth next month. A delegate from Milford Haven WI will represent our Institute, and decide on the evidence presented whether “A call against the decline in local bus services” or “Don’t fear the smear” should be the national campaign in 2019/20. Bus services are topical locally at present with the cancellation of the Milford Haven/Marloes service on Saturdays. This year’s resolution on Plastic Waste is an ongoing effort by WIs across England & Wales to keep the messages of “Reduce – Reuse – Recycle” to the fore. Beeswax wraps are being promoted as an alternative to plastic food wraps. Please collect any plastic you find on our local beaches.

On May 27th WI members will be holding their annual fundraising event – Cream Teas at Dale Hall. This year the WI has invited Coastlands PTA members to help on the day, with a portion of the proceeds going towards the fund raising for the outdoor equipment at the School.

On the 4th June the usual Business/Social meeting will be held when plans for the visit to Glyn Bach Gardens, near Efailwen in Pembrokeshire will be finalised. A meal at Little Haven is planned on the way home.

From April onwards, there is a reduced membership subscription for anyone joining WI who has not been a member anywhere in the last 10 years. If you would like further information on what WI membership can offer you please contact Yvonne Evans on 01646 636251, or come along to the Cream Tea and talk to present members. Our programme statement for this year is that “We are a motley crew who are good company and always looking for inspiration from new members”
St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2019

League fixtures
1st June 1st XI v Carew home  2nd XI v Carew III away
8th June 1st XI v Whitland away  2nd XI v Neyland II home
15th June 1st XI v Lawrenny away  2nd XI v Llanrhian II home
22nd June 1st XI v Burton home  2nd XI v Burton II away
29th June 1st XI v Saundersfoot home  2nd XI v Saundersfoot II away
6th July 1st XI v Llangwm away  2nd XI v Crymych home

Cup competitions
We have been knocked out of the Duggie Morris Cup competition.
Harrison Allen Bowl Round 2  21st May v Cresselly away
Alec Colley Cup Round 1  14th June v Whitland home

On Sunday 19th May St Ishmaels Cricket Club successfully hosted its first Senior County Game. The Pembrokeshire side scored 353 for 3 wickets in 40 overs comprehensively beating the Wales Over 50s side who were bowled out for 119.
The weather was kind to us and the St Ishmaels Sports & Social Club looked splendid in its new colours. A huge thank you to all the Tish Men who worked so hard in getting the Club looking so good. The wicket and outfield was perfection thanks to the efforts of Mel Williams & his crew.
Finally a massive thank you to our wonderful Tish Ladies who contributed to the outstanding Teas and for all the help given throughout the afternoon.

Many thanks Yours in sport, Wendy Bradshaw (636446 / 07974678329)

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The Sports Club has recently received a well-needed exterior make-over including a change of colour, and a very big THANK YOU goes to all who gave up their spare time to help with the painting etc.

On May 13th a well-attended talk was hosted by Mr Keith Johnson entitled, “The History of Pembrokeshire Cricket” and on May 16th a meeting with lunch was held by the Rural Wisdom Project entitled ”A Vision for Change”. The Sports Club would like to thank both of the above groups for choosing the club as the venue for their talks. Thanks also to Mrs Karen Hawkins for providing the refreshments.

On Sunday, May 19th, a cricket match was held at the club between Wales’ over 50s against a combined Pembrokeshire team. Our club groundsmen had the cricket field looking immaculate as usual and many thanks to them. Also a thank you to Mr David Lewis for providing an all day BBQ.

The European Cup Final; Liverpool V Tottenham on Saturday June 1st on BT Sports will be shown at the Sports Club. Kick off is at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come and watch with us.

Tickets are on sale for the “Manic-Phonics” who are appearing at the Sports Club on Carnival Night, Saturday July 20th. For more information contact the Sports Club or visit our website.

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**EXHIBITION**

“**The Harrier Years – RADAR at Kete**”

25th April - 7th July 2019
Open Thursday - Sunday 11-5.00
Admission Free.

This exhibition has just a few more weeks to run! So if you want to know about the military history at Kete - with some surprises - come along in June or you will have missed it!

If you wish to visit The Heritage Centre at any other time please contact Margaret 636295.
Dementia Friendly Communities
Dementia Awareness is all important when looking at achieving becoming Dementia Friendly Communities. Dementia, either vascular or Alzheimer's is an illness which is not always immediately obvious to the outsider, so the problems needing to be tackled by those involved are often unseen. The importance of appreciating and understanding when someone has dementia, especially early onset dementia is paramount to achieving our aim. This is the area we would like to work on. We have looking at ways to provide ideas and strategies for those of you who meet the public on a daily basis, the aim of which is to understand the needs of the suffers and to support both the carers and those affected. There are some very simple and easy steps all who welcome dementia sufferers into their businesses can take - none of them are expensive and many are free. Patience and understanding are the most essential elements to it all. There is now a plan in place to help spread ideas and initiatives to identify those who need a bit of extra care and attention, and strategies as to how best to help them have an enjoyable experience when in our communities. To make it easier, each village will have its own dedicated dementia volunteer. Dale will be under the care of Anne Meeke, St Ishmaels will be the province of Heather Phippin while Marloes and St Brides will come under Gaynor Ford and Harriet Bishop. No-one is expecting the process to be instantly done and dusted, but at the same time, the importance of keeping Dementia Awareness at the forefront of our minds is paramount With this in mind we are working on a few ideas which will involve the wider community - watch this space!
If you would like to register your support please be in touch with one of us as we start working towards making our communities safer and better places for those who live here and those who visit and have dementia.
Gaynor (693452), Anne (636716), Heather (636261), Harriet (636668)

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Coronation Hall and Seafront

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(e.g. – Sea Shanties, Hornpipes or Pennywhistles)
Face Painting, Pony Rides, Crafts, Raffle, Stalls, Crabbing Competition
Bouncy Castle and Wipe-out Sweeper
ALL-AT-SEA TREASURE HUNT & WALK THE PLANK
Live Music & Fishy Food

Fund Raising for Dale’s Atlantic Dragon
and his chosen charity – The MS Society

CHURCH-ENGLISH DICTIONARY, Musings from Experience, by Mikki Wozavik, supplied by Mike Cottam

CHANCEL
(1) expression of some scepticism: as in “chancel be a fine thing. “ (2) Churchy verb used to denote indefinite postponement as in...“I’m afraid I’ve had to chancel the PCC meeting next Tuesday”

CHRISTMAS
The church festival when there continues to be no room at the Inn – especially during “happy hour”

CHRISTINGLE
Moving Christmas service with two classic symbolic movements. “The Annual Burning of the Children’s Hands and Programmes” and “the Irredeemable Staining of the Church Carpet with Wax”. It is enormously popular with adults who are not church cleaners.

CURATE
Like the deputy manager of your local bank. Only really comes into its own when the manager is on holiday or sick. Curacy is quite a stressful profession with lots of responsibility but not necessarily any authority. Very pressured, leading to loss of hair...known as the “Curate’s Egg.”
Introducing a new wildlife correspondent this month:

Peninsula predators - who preys on whom?

When I pulled a piece of wind blown material out of my garden pond there was a leech attached. This isn’t surprising as leeches used to be collected from Marloes Mere for medicinal use. Women would roll up their skirts, wade into the muddy water and wait for leeches to attach to their legs for which they were paid a penny per leech. They could ill afford the blood loss.

There are lots of toads in my garden, and more grass snakes of all sizes than I’ve seen anywhere else, but no frogs. Grass snakes do eat toads, as do herons and crows, all unaffected by toad toxin, while otters and other small carnivores don’t eat the toad’s skin where the toxin is released. Grass snakes also release an evil-smelling fluid to deter predators, which include herons, hedgehogs and weasels – and my hens.

When I first saw my hens eating toadlets I assumed the toxin developed when they were older, but no, toad tadpoles are poisonous to fish so out-compete frog tadpoles which aren’t. My hens also eat adult toads. I’ve seen them digging and only realised they were targeting a toad when one runs off with it in her beak, pursued by the others. They don’t need to hunt, but they’re rare breeds and haven’t lost their natural instincts; they scuttle for cover when they hear blackbird alarm calls.

Dragonflies were busy last summer laying eggs in the pond only made in 2016. Dragonfly nymphs are ferocious predators; their prey includes insect larvae, crustaceans, worms, snails, leeches, frog, toad and newt tadpoles and small fish. Dragonflies are amazing predators with a 95% success rate. They ambush insect prey and are able to reach speeds of 50 km/h, dive, fly backward, upside down, and pivot 360 degrees. They in turn are predated by wagtails, hobbies and amphibians.

Yes, nature is red in tooth and claw. Predators prey on smaller predators and herbivores, shaping the structure and diversity of the wider ecosystem, keeping it in balance. We shouldn’t discriminate between ‘good’ predators, e.g. thrushes and ‘bad’ predators e.g. magpies; that’s how nature functions. I reluctantly put the leech back.

Rosamund Aubrey

PS There is no need to panic when finding a leech in your pond – these are not the large medicinal leeches which can grow up to 90mm long, but one of a number of smaller leech species, growing up to about an inch long. Medicinal leeches, which used to be harvested from Marloes Mere, are now thought to be extinct there. Ed.
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- St Ann’s Head (Old Light)
- Marloes (WCs)
- Marloes Sands (WCs)
- Martins Haven
- Pearson Farm main gate
- St Brides Haven (WCs)
- St Ishmaels: Memorial Hall
- Children’s Play Park
- Monk Haven Church
- Walwyn’s Castle Village Hall
- Tiers Cross – Stoddart Tyres

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