

Peninsula Papers

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



Papurau Penrhyn OCTOBER 2026 HYDREF

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

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LOCAL SERVICES

DALE BEACH SHOP Closed for the winter

MOBILE LIBRARY: No information at time of printing

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

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THE CORONATION HALL AND JUBILEE
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Dear all,

It's Harvest Time! when we acknowledge the great gift of God's creation, time to remind ourselves how lucky so many of us are to have more than we need, time to share our good fortune with others.

Harvest, also the time we traditionally give thanks to God for the fruits of the earth and sea, that we need to sustain us. We do this mainly at our Harvest festival services.

The first modern Harvest festival was reputedly introduced in Cornwall by a Revd Robert Hawker to his parishioners in 1843. This service took place on 1st October and bread made from the first cut of corn was taken at communion.

"Parson Hawker", as he was known to his parishioners, was something of an eccentric, both in his clothes and his habits. He loved bright colours and it seems the only black things he wore were his socks. Other eccentricities attributed to him include dressing up as a mermaid and excommunicating his cat for mousing on Sundays.

The origins of the Harvest however go back centuries

It was a time of **rejoicing** -the people were told to rejoice at the feast and they needed no encouragement. It was not on a particular day but was timed to mark the end of the harvest. When all the corn had been harvested and threshed and when the grapes and the olives had been picked and put through the presses

It was a time of **thanksgiving** - The people expressed their gratitude to God by bringing their sacrifices to worship. They offered animal sacrifices, grain offerings and drink offerings to express their communion with God and their gratitude and their devotion.

It was a time of **sharing** -Harvest was a time when God reminded them of their responsibility to the needy. For ourselves, this is also a time when we remember our responsibility to the poor, of this country and of the world at large .It was a time of **gathering** together when all the people were asked to meet together. It was a strengthening of the bonds between them.

As then and now Harvest Festivals continue to be:

- a time of rejoicing,
- a time of thanksgiving,
- a time of sharing, and
- a time of gathering together.

With our blessings
Gaynor and Samuel

Loss at Marloes Sands

You will no doubt have seen the news at the end of August about the three people who got into difficulty in the sea at Marloes Sands and the two-day rescue effort that ensued after one of them couldn't be rescued. Sadly, as you may also be aware, the teenager lost his life, being found just over a week later. It's hard to comprehend tragedies like this, even if you've experienced loss in your own life, even in similar circumstances, it's hard to get your head around. And, even when we have been through similar things, our own experiences never neatly map onto those of another. In many ways there is nothing I can say here that will make it better, nothing that will change or lessen the heartbreak. A wonderful holiday turned to tragedy in moments, and the lives of many changed forever.

But what I can say is that this family have been held in prayer in our churches from the moment the news first broke, and are still in our prayers week by week. And that as we entrust them to God he truly does understand, and, we pray, draws near in the pain and the heartbreak, holding them in the hollow of his hands. And I can also tell you that the churches of the Peninsula are (almost) always open during daylight hours should you wish to come yourself and find some peace, some time to reflect, some time to pray or lay down your burdens before God. Whether in good times or in bad, for yourself or for another, you are always very welcome. And both myself and Gaynor are always very happy to chat, to pray, or to simply listen, whether in person or on the phone, you only need get in touch.

Tragedies and suffering come at the most unexpected times, and in some ways cannot be avoided, but it is in how we respond that we come through them. It is not by pushing others away or turning inwards, but in allowing them to draw us together, allowing ourselves to be carried by others, that we find the strength to go on.

Rev. Samuel Patterson – Vicar in Marloes

ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE.

This is the season of “mists and mellow fruitfulness”; a time to celebrate the bounty of the earth. We have watched as our farmers and fishermen have brought in the results of all their labour and we now need to show our gratitude for the food they have produced and their hard work, on our behalf, to achieve it. There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St James on Sunday 4th October at 12.00 noon. To help with the celebrations we will be serving cheese and wine after the service.

The Altar Guild has been busy planning events for 2027 to help raise funds to keep St James open. As with everyone else the running costs of the church are constantly increasing - while revenue shrinks. So your support is very much appreciated and needed! A notice of any services held at St James is placed in the notice board on the roadside outside the church. You may be sure of a warm welcome should you wish to join us at any of these services — or all of them!



**ST JAMES CHURCH
HARVEST FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER
at 11.00am**

**Followed by
CHEESE and WINE**

Come and join us as we celebrate the Harvest.



**ALL
WELCOME**

Public consultation re the formation of a Welsh public energy company

This Welsh Government consultation seeks views on proposals to create a single public energy company for Wales.

The proposed company would

- build on existing Welsh Government-supported energy delivery functions
 - strengthen Wales's ability to deliver renewable and low carbon energy projects
 - help retain more of the value from energy development in Wales for people and communities
- Anyone may take part in this consultation, which is open until 30th November.*

The consultation website is <https://www.gov.wales/formation-consolidated-welsh-public-energy-company>

Phone Tip

This seems to be a common problem with BT users; it might apply to other providers too...
On your phone, do you get the “new message” dial tone although you have no new messages?
Try this:

1. Phone your own number.
2. When you get your answering service, leave a short message and then hang up.
3. Pick up again.
4. Find the message you've just left and, after you have listened to it, delete it and then hang up.
5. When you next pick up, instead of getting the “new message” dial tone, you should be back to normal.

Community Councils

Dale

Village Matters

The Community Council received requests for new benches from members of the community and from a regular holiday visitor, along with a request to support refurbishing an existing bench. Cllrs confirmed that they are not accepting new benches at present, but are happy to advertise in the Peninsula Papers for handyman support to carry out refurbishments. The Clerk will write to the Peninsula Papers regarding the advertisement.

Chair LJ raised issues with rubbish and household waste being disposed of in community and public bins by holidaymakers and second homeowners. The Clerk will write to Pembrokeshire County Council to ask what steps should be taken in relation to fly tipping in public bins.

Following Welsh Water's May 2026 update on the sewage and pumping issues – a new lining as a temporary measure, with the long-term solution being a new pumping system and station in Dale, pumping to Marloes sewage works, planned for completion by 2030 – there are no further updates this month. The Clerk will follow up with Welsh Water ahead of the next meeting, and Cllrs confirmed a reduction in tanker traffic over the spring and summer months.

Parking

Cllr PG received a complaint from a member of the public regarding a blue boat left on the road and footpath in Dale, causing difficulties with parking and with using the road safely, particularly over the summer months.

Chair Cllr LJ will speak with the rowing club directly about moving the boat, to keep the pathway clear for pedestrians and to reduce the likelihood of an accident.

Highways

The Clerk shared Pembrokeshire County Council's consultation on Active Travel. The Community Council has received an invitation to take part in the Active Travel

Network Mapping survey, and Cllrs will input their feedback individually.

Cllr PG raised the length of time taken by the County Council to cut the hedges over the summer, and Cllrs discussed the safety issues created for cars and pedestrians by overgrown hedges.

The Clerk will follow up on purchasing 20mph signs and speed sign repeaters from Pembrokeshire County Council. Niall, a member of the Dale community, will share details of points of contact within the County Council to support the Clerk's enquiries.

Planning

NP/26/0380/FUL – Glenshane, St Annes Head, Dale, Haverfordwest, SA62 3RR: alterations and proposed 1.5 storey extension with associated landscaping. Cllrs will visit the site, review the application and submit comments via the PCNPA portal.

Date for the next meeting

Wednesday 18th November 2026

Marloes and St Brides

September 2026 Community Council Meeting

The Community Council recorded its deepest condolences to the family of the young man who tragically got into difficulties at Marloes Sands. The Community Council also expressed its appreciation to all the emergency services who responded to the incident and went above and beyond in their efforts to locate him.

Community Issues

Open Reach Fibre Broadband

No further updates this month. County Councillor Claire George confirmed that Marloes and St Brides are now covered by broadband, and would be happy to support the Community Council if required. Cllr SP raised the concerns held historically about the impact of the digital switchover on vulnerable residents in the community.

Footpaths and Beach

Chris Jessop shared the positive news that an official National Trust “No Drone Flying” sign is now in place on the Marloes Mere track gate, to minimise disturbance to the birds using the Mere.

Residents Jez Horton and Chris Jessop reported that Sandy Lane and the PCNPA bridle path PP62/I9, between Marloes Sands Road and Marloes Sands beach, remained badly overgrown. The Clerk passed this to PCNPA and PCC, and the path has now been cleared.

Recreation Area / Playing Fields

The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant has been approved and Cllr MH has returned the signed acceptance paperwork. Chair NS chased up the contractor, who unfortunately is no longer able to carry out the playing field fencing project due to personal circumstances; the contractor has passed on details of an alternative contractor.

Village Hall

Cllr CG raised warm home spaces funding and will share the details with the Village Hall committee to support positive use of the hall over the winter months.

Clock Tower

Cllr LB shared photographs of the Clock Tower door, as agreed at the last meeting (photographs available from the Clerk). Community member Yvonne Evans reported that the Clock Tower open days over the summer were a success, with a good number of visitors through the doors.

Highways

Cllr MH received a quote for the virtual footpath in the village and has asked for it to be added to the minor works fund for future development in Pembrokeshire. Cllr NS also sourced a comparison quotation from a local authority contractor (GWL) for the virtual footpath, quoted at £650 per 110 metres including a dashed thermoplastic line, in contrast to the PCC pricing. The Clerk holds a copy of the quotation.

Cllr NS has filled in the pothole at Mullock Bridge, and also raised further potholes across Marloes and St Brides.

Community member Yvonne Evans raised the late cutting of the grass verges and the fire risk associated with excess heat. The County Council cut the verges on 26 August 2026. Residents expressed concern at the lack of response from PCC, having sent several emails without reply; the Community Council confirmed that it has contacted PCC and received a response setting out the grass verge cutting schedule.

There are no further updates on speed reduction measures in the village. Cllr CG will liaise with the new cabinet member for highways to discuss speed reduction measures in the village.

St Brides Walled Garden

The Community Council has submitted ideas on how the space at St Brides Walled Garden could be used in the future.

Cllr CG confirmed that there is little money or funding available for new projects at the St Brides Walled Garden site, and will update the Community Council on any further news from National Parks. A tender has been issued for window renovation to the Walled Garden buildings.

Village Benches

A resident has kindly purchased a memorial bench in memory of her parents. Cllr PS has assembled the bench, and the Council is currently identifying a suitable location within the village before it is installed.

Bus Service

Cllrs noted that the Puffin bus service has been well used over the summer months. Cllr CG raised a possible meeting with PCC transport regarding the Fflecsi bus service and how the service could be improved for residents. No further updates on the school bus discussion with County Councillor Claire George.

Gaylane Terrace

An update on Gaylane Terrace has been received from PCC’s Head of Housing. The Community Council Chair responded to the email via County Councillor Claire George, and no response has been received from PCC to date.

Cllr CG advised that PCC would like to hold a further resident and community council meeting to update the community on the latest position regarding Gaylane Terrace.

Village Shop

Members of the public joined the meeting to discuss the steering group for the Marloes Community Owned Shop, and the steering group gave a presentation to the Community Council on the proposed Marloes Community Hub and Shop (the presentation is available on request from the Clerk or from the steering group directly).

County Councillor CG suggested the closed community / PCC toilet block as a possible option, and recommended early consultation with PCNPA on future planning considerations.

The Community Council discussed the proposals and asked questions, and will bring them back to the November 2026 meeting for further discussion.

Planning matters

NP/26/0336/FUL – Garland Stone, Glebe Lane, Marloes, Haverfordwest, SA62 3AY: installation of a new vertical boiler flue to the principal elevation. The Community Council was unable to comment on this application due to the number of Cllrs in attendance at the meeting.

Any Other Business

The community expressed dissatisfaction regarding the local police presence in Marloes and St Brides. The Clerk will log the concerns with the local PCSO contact via email.

Cllr NS requested that a discussion on the possible provision of lifeguards at Marloes Sands be added as an agenda item for the November meeting, under Community Issues – Footpaths and Beach.

Next meeting: Tuesday 03rd November 2026
Marloes Village Hall 19.30.

St. Ishmaels

Meeting held on 16th September, 2026 in the Sports Club

MATTERS ARISING:

Donation to Tish Carnival The clerk gave a cheque of £50 towards next year's carnival to Claire Shiel

Trees on North Hall Estate: The Clerk to investigate issues around the trimming of the TPO trees.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN

The clerk read out a letter from Richard Jenkins, Chairman of the Community Council, that declared his resignation from council. The Clerk chaired the meeting *per positum*.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Due to the above resignation and the amount of apologies received for the September meeting, it was decided to defer much of the necessary discussion concerning the chairman's resignation, together with the need to co-opt any candidates to bring the councillor complement to the statutory six members, to the meeting in November next. It was noted that the next quinquennial Welsh Community Council Elections will be held in May of 2027.

RESIGNATION OF CLERK.

The Community Council Clerk, Revd Mike Cottam had previously written to councillors, outlining his intention of standing down as clerk in the New Year. After recently having celebrated his eightieth birthday and, after nearly ten eventful years in the post, Revd Cottam felt it was now due time to retire. The implications of this and recruitment of new clerical provision will be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting. Wednesday, November 18th at 7.00 p.m. in the Sports Club

Another “groaner” from Paul the Milkman...

Q: What do you call a magician who has lost his magic?

A: Ian

Coastlands Local History Group.

It was quite fascinating what emerged during the workshop looking at “Names” run by PCNP and Dr James January-McCann. Old maps came out with handwritten field names, maps showing boundaries of farms and the like with names of tracks and paths as well as buildings. In Marloes in the 1780s for example there was path shown as “The Danish Way” which appears to link the coast to possibly Marloes Mere. It now just needs electronics to transpose it onto a modern map to see exactly where it went - leaving us to puzzle out why ‘Danish’? This was just one small example - I am not saying any more as we hope Dr January-McCann is coming next year to give a talk on the workshop and will be able to explain much, much more!

October sees the return of Dr Julian Whitewright of the Royal Commission of Ancient and Historic Monuments Wales to update us on the work of RCAHMW. The talk will be in St Ishmaels Sports Club — see the dairy section for times and dates. In November we are going back to the Oral History Archive. Wendy Mamara is putting together a talk using reminiscences from Oral History as to life and times in our area for previous generations. There will be more on this in next month’s issue

The exhibition season in Old Stables Heritage Centre is now at an end. However, The Centre will be open to anyone who wants to come and see the exhibition or to do research on the local history - just contact us to let us know when you would like to come.

The 2027 programme is in the process of being put together - if anyone has ideas as to speakers or visits they would suggest we follow up on please do get in touch to let us know.

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 Old Stables Heritage Centre

South Street, Dale.

OPEN by APPOINTMENT

Arrangements can be made if a group or individual wishes to visit.

Contact Harriet 636668 or Yvonne
636251

Diary for October



SEPTEMBER

Sun	27	0930	St Peter's Marloes, Harvest Festival
Sun	27	1115	Walwyn's Castle Holy Communion and Harvest Festival
Sun	27	0900	Pembrokeshire Half Marathon and 10K, Dale seafront

OCTOBER

Thu	1	1900	Social & film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall, see advert
Sun	4	0930	St Bridget's, St Brides Harvest Festival
Sun	4	1100	St James, Dale Harvest Festival
Sun	4	1000 – 1500	Apple Juicing at Walwyn's Castle Village Hall
Fri	9	1900	Walwyn's Castle Wine Tasting, Village Hall
Sat	10	1930	Pub Quiz, Lobster Pot, in aid of Marloes recreation area
Wed	14	1930	"Ongoing archaeological work of RCAHMW" a talk by Dr Julian Whitewright, St Ishmaels Sports Centre
Thu	15	1900	Social & Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall, see advert
Wed	21	1900	Marloes Village Hall Talk: "People's Emergency Briefing" – film plus discussion
Thu	22	1830	"Our Changing Coast", Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum, Coronation Hall, Dale
Thu	29	1900	Social & Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall, see advert

NOVEMBER

Tue	3	1930	Marloes and St Brides Community Council meeting, Marloes Village Hall
Sat	7	1830	Firework Display, St Ishmaels S&S Club
Wed	18	1900	St Ishmaels Community Council meeting, S&S Club
Wed	18	1900	Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite

VERY ADVANCE NOTICE

Marloes Sands Midwinter Beach Clean

Tuesday 29th December, meet Marloes Sands car park at 2pm.

All come at own risk U18s accompanied please

Services for October

St Ishmaels

Sunday 11th October 11am communion

Sunday 25th October 11am communion

Dale

Sunday 4th October - 11am Harvest Festival

Sunday 18th October -11am Holy Communion

Walwyn's Castle

Sunday September 27th , Harvest Festival service with communion.

Sunday October 11th Holy Eucharist

Sunday October 25th Holy Eucharist

All services 11.15 am

Robeston West

Sunday 18th October 11:00 Harvest Festival

Marloes & St Brides

4th Oct – 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Harvest Festival

11th Oct – 9.30am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

18th Oct – 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

25th Oct – 9.30am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

Aenon Sandy Hill Chapel

Sunday 4th October:

We have our Harvest Festival, all proceeds will go to The Mission To Seafarers.

Our friends from Thornton Baptist Chapel will be joining us, and the speaker will be Hannah Sayers.

Sundays: 11th, 18th, 25th All at Sandy Hill.

The Sunday services start at 10:30am, with an opportunity to pray for healing or a situation. tea, coffee and chat follow after the meeting.

Tuesdays: Soup-er Tuesday starts again every other week, this month: 6th & 20th

Various soup and other food, singing, chat, sometimes comedy corner, quiz, blessing 11:30am - 13:30pm

Wednesdays: Praise and Prayer: 7th, 21st

Bible Study, Praise and Prayer: 14th & 28th

All dates on Wednesday, we start at 7:00pm for tea, coffee and chat, then start the meeting at & 7:30pm.

A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join us for any of these meetings/events.

Please find us on Facebook and send us message, and also on email at

sandyhillchapel@gmail.com



SUDDIO AFALAU APPLE JUICING

**Trowch eich cynhaeaf yn sudd
blasus yn nigwyddiadau
gwasgu afalau lleol Cwm Arian.**

Nid oes angen archebu — dewch
draw! Dewch â DIGON o boteli eich
hun i fynd â sudd adref. 60c/litr.

**Turn your harvest into delicious
juice at Cwm Arian's local apple
pressing events.**

No booking needed — just turn up!
Bring PLENTY of your own bottles to
take juice home. 60p/litre.



**Sganiwch am ragor o wybodaeth
Scan for more information**

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10.00
15.00

HYDREF / OCTOBER CASTELL GWALCHMAI WALWYN'S CASTLE

**With cafe,
quiz &
children's craft**
Gyda caffï, cwis
a crefft i blant



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CWM ARIAN

🍏 🍏 'Apple Juicing' at Walwyn's Castle Village Hall. 🍏 🍏

Sunday October 4th, 2026, 10am until 3pm.

We are pleased to be working with Cwm Arian again this year, to bring the
apple juicing equipment and service to Walwyn's Castle.

Bring along your apples, and don't forget containers to fill with the juice.

(Please note there is a small charge per litre of juice for the service)

Coffee/tea/ soup served in the hall, throughout the day, along with homemade
bakes and cakes.



**Thursday
Social & Film Evenings
2027 Autumn Season
Doors open 7 pm
Films start 7.30 pm
Coronation Hall, Dale**

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

- Oct 1 1955 "neo-western" starring Spencer Tracey as a one-armed stranger arriving in a small desert town and uncovering a secret that has corrupted the community.
- Oct 15 1988 biopic starring Sigourney Weaver as Dian Fossey who studied primates in the Congo and Rwanda.
- Oct 29 1974 parody of horror films directed by Mel Brooks and starring Gene Wilder.

There will also be a Social and Film Evenings on 12 & 26 Nov and 10 Dec with a special Christmas event on 17 Dec.

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

**At Walwyn's Castle village hall
COMMUNITY COFFEE
& CHAT - The 3C's**

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



Our Changing Coast - Coastlands Peninsula

Join Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum (PCF) on **Thursday 22nd October, 6.30pm–8pm at Coronation Hall, Dale** for an evening exploring the past, present and future of our coastline - open to all.

Local geologist Sid Howells will give a talk on "**Our Changing Coast: Past, Present and Future**", followed by a PCF facilitated discussion on the coastal challenges and opportunities facing the Coastlands Peninsula.

Confirmed attendees include the Marine SAC Officer, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, and Natural Resources Wales, with further stakeholders to be confirmed.

The event is free. Please help us to plan by booking your place via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-changing-coast-coastlands-peninsula-tickets-1998486105740> *NB Booking welcomed but not essential - you can just turn up on the night. U16's must be accompanied.*

This event is part of coastal coordinator work funded by Welsh Government through PCF, and your input will help shape future coastal planning for the area. All are welcome - this is a chance to learn more about the coast, ask questions, and have your say.

PUB QUIZ!

To support Marloes recreation area

Saturday Oct 10th 2026 19:30 start

Teams: Max 6

£2 per person

+ Raffle

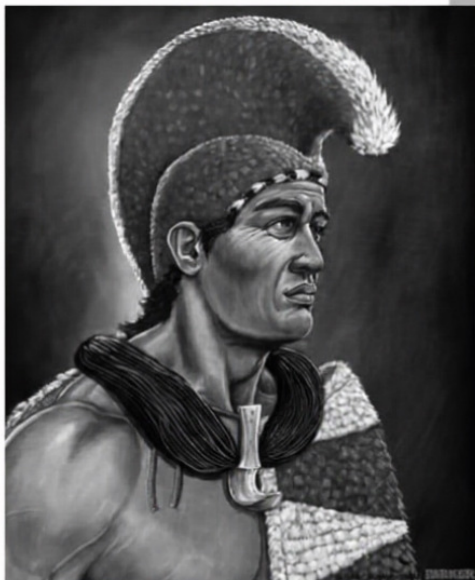


Call Lobster pot if you wish to eat beforehand:

Or book a table call Sarah 07983 806764

www.lobsterpotmarloes.co.uk

Isaac Davies the Hawaiian Chief from Pembrokeshire



Presented By Historian
Terry John

At Walwyns Castle Village Hall
Friday 6th November at 7pm

The remarkable story of how
a Pembrokeshire seaman
became an Hawaiian Chief

Followed by a choice of
seasonal soups, cheese and
breads. Bring your own tipple

All welcome, no booking required

A donation towards
refreshments appreciated

Marloes Village Hall Wednesday October 21st 7 pm

A screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film

**(a compilation of short lectures by experts on Climate Change and its
consequences)**

together with a discussion session

Event co-ordinators Sue Burton & Alice Horn

ALL WELCOME RECOMMENDED MINIMUM AGE 16

Free admission Contributions to Hall upkeep invited - please bring cash

St Ishmaels Sport and Social Club

Saturday 7 November 2026 at 18:30

Up in Smoke Firework display

Slades Shack will be open with some delicious food and
Conroy's Amusement's will be here too.

HP DESKJET 2130 PRINTER

Free to anyone who can fix the black ink which is currently not working – the nozzle is probably blocked/dried out? It is a simple USB connected printed and hardly used. The scanner still works. Phone 01646 636970.

THE UGLY APPLES

There were some ugly apples
Upon a roadside bough:
The travellers all passed them by –
And so, my friend, didst thou.

But when I came upon them,
And spied those cracked and shark-like skins
Shot through with grubby ruby tints,
I thought, “There might be gold within”.

And so I reached and picked a fruit:
Errant Adam, this time, not Eve.
And when I bit – what wondrous juice,
Such a sweetness edged, you'd scarce believe!

Now I grow those ugly apples,
For a graft I came and took;
And I share them with Blind Nancy,
Who has no care for how they look.

CJ

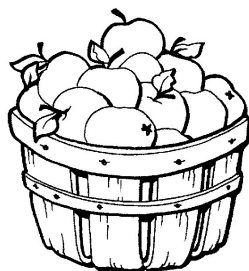


Table Rock

I wait..... as I have waited for centuries....

Imperceptible at first, against the hissing white noise, and then.... I feel them;

Footsteps stitching their patterns across the sand

over tide-washed prints of yesterday's forever memories.

The first of the day - the pick of the bay.

Faintly at first, then closer.... they flock like pilgrims drawn to a quiet shrine.

They touch my brow and pirouette, the familiar plea: "Can we join you?"

Of course..... I offer what I can,

An air of brooding calm, a silent scene,

the voiceless stoical leading role for the most halcyon of days.

A bivouac built around my frame for today's temporary Touareg adventurers.

Sounds of the ages echo around the towering metamorphic arena.

The screaming the digging the running the splashing the swimming – then the shivering, damp- towelled-touch.

The familiar feeling of delicate fingers tracing my rugged feldspar shoulder pips.

I forever keep the tales the waves forget.

Memories of Kings and Queens and Viking landings.

Whales, sprats, and battle groups... spills and bombs and two-hundred-year storms.

Hide stretched o'er ribs, lumber rafts, iron clads, vessels of glass.

The reluctant Pegasus the grumbling Sunderland drones through my stone bones.

Eastern greats and Lazarets, lanterns swung on donkey-patched headlands.

The Cackling wrecker as the ship guts spill, the sea swallows those that dared to float.

Brief visitors to my long.....my long patient watch.

Blinding baking summer sun; stumbling, mumbling sea-haars;

Autumn's clockwork removal of my comforting, cossetting, pampering sands.

Exposed for battle, winter storms lash and smash the unmoving heart of the shifting shore.

An epoch of calm moonlit tides, surrounded by ephemeral sparkling scintillans.

Celestial reflections on earth ring my sturdy form, a bejewelled monolith.

The Swooping Peregrine with liver eyes cuts the calm with a deadly scything grace.

Burnished back tickled by Admirals and Tortoiseshells in a way the sea has never mastered.

Continued overleaf

And then- a blink so quick- the cist cliff tops sneaking, stealing, skulking shadow calls time.
Like uncertain baggage-laden birds testing the wind, the clumsy ballet back across the scattered rocks.
The last over-shouldered breathless gorse-pricked peek...today's forever memories engraved.
No one knows that final time, 105 reasons, each cliff-step a dagger to my old stone heart.
My old friends gaze atop through tide-washed eyes, if only age and time were kind.
So when you next descend, offer a 'good day' old friend, to this salt-weathered sentimental sentinel.
But do not fret.... again, we'll meet, as grains between the cosmic feet of shooting stars or nebulae, and reminisce once more, of Linsway bay...

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St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2026

That's another season done & dusted! A poor season for our 1st XI who sadly have been demoted to Division 2. In contrast the 2nd XI have had an excellent season, bringing on the youngsters & narrowly missing promotion. Likewise, our Ladies, coached by Jonny Lewis, remain in Division 1 of the Pembrokeshire Ladies League.

Our Junior sections continue to thrive. We have in excess of 30 youngsters in our Under 9s & thanks to our coaches Craig Robertson, Ed Partridge, Phil Cockburn & Lenny Rees, Tish has been well represented in every Sunday festival. Our Girls Under 12s, coached by Lauren Sutton, reached the semi-final of this competition: A wonderful achievement for such a young side. Ollie Rees did a grand job of coaching our Under 11s, they improved week by week. We look forward to see what these youngsters will do next season. Our Under 13s coached by Peter Bradshaw & Kirk Trimby, won their league, getting to the final in August but sadly lost to the Cresselly Doves. However, they gave a great account of themselves & gave their all against a very accomplished side.

The Under 15s, coached by Peter & Kirk, also had a good season finishing mid table. An exceptionally young side, with the majority having 2 more years in this competition. The future is looking very bright for all our young cricketers.

Our facilities at the Sports Club continue to improve; the installation of a new astroturf wicket has enabled us to fulfil many fixtures which would otherwise have been impossible. Our grateful thanks to the Community Council for their financial assistance with the setting up of new trustees, a new lease & registering the Playing Fields (Cricket field) with the Land Registry. We have been proud to host some very prestigious fixtures this season, thanks to the excellent facilities our club has to offer.

We had a very well attended presentation evening on the 19th September with awards galore: A fabulous buffet, catered by Sam of Slades Shack & great music with DJ Darren Lewis. (Full report on our Facebook page)

Thank you to all our very generous supporters again this season; we couldn't survive without you. We are all so very grateful for your continued help & support.

Wendy Bradshaw (07974678329)
Sec. St Ishmaels C.C.



Update from PERKY – DALE CHANGING PLACES TOILET PROJECT

We have had a very productive meeting with the Head of Property Services in PCC. She confirmed that PCC would be very happy to grant PERKY a lease for the CPT. Also present was our local County Councillor, Claire George, who has been extremely helpful in getting us this far.

We were told that PCC would be unable to offer any financial support for at least 5 years. Thanks to huge fundraising efforts and many very generous donations PERKY now has sufficient funds to cover running costs over the next 4 years. We will continue fund-raising to cover these costs.

Our questionnaire to all the Dale organisations, businesses and holiday home owners received 11 responses. All were 100% supportive of the project. The members of another organisation have expressed the opinion that it would “be a project hard not to support”.

We realise information about CPTs in general and our project in particular is not widely known. PERKY’s aim is to provide a facility for several distinct groups:-

6. Families with a disabled member who cannot even go on a day-trip unless there is a CPT nearby.
7. Disabled people who need to change in privacy after swimming, or any other watersport.
8. Disabled people taking part in organised watersports activities.
9. Carers of disabled people who cannot be left alone whilst their carer goes to the toilet.
10. Residents awaiting adaptations to their bathrooms could use the facility for showering.

CPTs are registered on a nationwide database so disabled people can plan their holidays, visits and journeys. For this reason Dale CPT must be available at all times. There are many different options for allowing/controlling entry. We will pick the one that suits our facility and location best.

In order to be known as a CPT these facilities have to comply with detailed government guidelines as regards size, equipment, heating, maintenance, cleaning, safety etc. all of which PERKY is committed to following.

CPTs must be inspected on a daily basis and cleaned if necessary. We have a realistic quotation for this service.

If you would like to know more about CPTs visit <https://www.changing-places.org/>

Concern has been expressed about the viability of the project if the pontoon were to go. It is true that those who are hoisted onto a craft (a small minority of the projected users) would, like boat owners, most of Dale residents, and holiday makers to the area, sorely miss the pontoon. However on April 4 2023 the Port of Milford Haven, in collaboration with PCC, officially committed to funding the upkeep of six pontoons, including Dale, for another decade.

If you would like to know more just ask one of us.

John B., Leigh, Karen, Jim, Wendy, John R., Ian, Rosemary

I have often wondered how to describe the weather we have down here in the Marloes Peninsula. However, on reading the MHPA 5-year plan for leisure activities on the Haven, I came across this, which seems to describe it exactly.

APPENDIX 5: Weather

West Wales has a climate that is affected primarily by the wide expanse of the Atlantic Ocean. The temperatures do not vary greatly from one season to another due to the temperature of the water, lowering summer temperatures and raising winter temperatures.

On the whole Wales is cloudier than England because of the hilly nature of the terrain and the proximity to the Atlantic. However coastal areas of Pembrokeshire average in excess of 1700 hours of sunshine per year, a figure that is similar to the bright areas on the south coast of England. Dale has been recorded as the sunniest place in Wales with average annual sunshine of over 1800 hours. It has also been recorded as one of the windiest, with wind speed topping 100mph.

Annual rainfall throughout the Pembrokeshire County varies greatly; as distance increases inland so does the amount of rainfall. Annual rainfall at Haverfordwest is greater than the rainfall in coastal towns. However, it is still approximately 25cm less than in Mynydd Preseli, less than 10 miles away. The annual rainfall in Milford Haven is approximately 108 to 111 cm (42 to 43.5 inches). The number of thunderstorms on the west coast of Wales is significantly lower than in the rest of the UK. Many areas in the UK experience 15 to 20 thunderstorms per year. In Cardiff the number reduces to an average of 11 and in Pembrokeshire the average is around 8.

Local topography has a very close relationship with windspeed. Over land, the roughness of the ground causes a decrease in the mean wind speed. Similarly, major towns and cities reduce the overall wind speed. However, local funnelling may occur. The western peninsulas of Pembrokeshire have a very limited ability to reduce the speed of the wind and hence experience in excess of 30 days of gales per year. This figure is much higher than other Welsh coastal areas which achieve around 15 days of gales and inland areas are reduced further to 5 days or fewer.

For recreational users of the Waterway weather information can be obtained from links on the Port website www.mhpa.co.uk.

Hang on tight, everyone!

Peninsula Papers readers have probably noticed that tankers these days aren't fitted with lifeboats suspended from davits (as seen in the film "Titanic", for example). Instead they have a stubby looking orange boat with a solid top, held steeply angled in a frame at the ship's stern. So – if it comes to abandoning ship, are these stern-mounted craft steadily lowered to the water, same as in the old days ...? Try a web search for video content, using the term *free fall lifeboat*.

WANTED: A handyman to touch up / paint a community memorial bench (contacting dalecommunitycouncil@gmail.com if interested in the work).

The Hummingbird Hawk-moth

It has been a really good year for Hummingbird Hawk-moths. Many people who have never seen one before have seen one this year. We have had one or more in our garden throughout most of August and September feeding on buddleia, verben bonariensis, fuschia, ceratostigma, phlox and valerian. There is nothing in the surrounding countryside for them as they like tubular flowers and the only things in flower “out there” are fleabane and ragwort. So gardens are a real haven for them.



Picture by Howard Burt

They feed by hovering in front of a flower and inserting their long proboscis into the flower. If you look carefully you can see a pale-coloured tongue popping out from the end of the proboscis. I have always wondered how they can accurately control such a long proboscis as it presumably is too narrow to have muscles. Apparently, while hovering, the moth can make very fine adjustments to its position and guide the proboscis accurately into the flower to reach the nectar. They can also coil the proboscis up into a resting position.

Hummingbird Hawk-moths are quite small for a Hawk-moth - about one inch long with a 1.7 inch wingspan - but easy to identify. When they are hovering the bright orange hindwings show clearly, as do the black and white patterns on the rear end. However, caution is required as not all hovering moths are Hummingbird Hawk-moths – another common hover-feeding moth is the Silver Y. It looks mostly dull brown in flight and the key identifying feature is indeed the pale Y mark in the centre of the forewing.

Many other moths hover-feed during the night but these are obviously harder to see. An expedition in June 2015 to the “red valerian wall” in Dale to see a reported Bordered Straw moth did indeed find the moth, plus many others either hovering or crawling on the flowers. Perhaps the most impressive hoverer is the Convolvulus Hawk-moth – a really big beast which loves to feed on Nicotiana. With its 3½ inch wingspan it is an amazing sight when hovering. Unfortunately this only happens in the pitch dark!



Barred Straw hovering

Incidentally the smallest actual hummingbird, the Bee Hummingbird, which is the smallest bird in the world, and indeed the smallest warm-blooded animal, is about 2.2 inches long and weighs only 2 grams, so it is quite a log bigger than the Hummingbird Hawk-moth. Confusion is also unlikely as the Bee Humming-bird lives only in Cuba!

Rosemary Royle

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