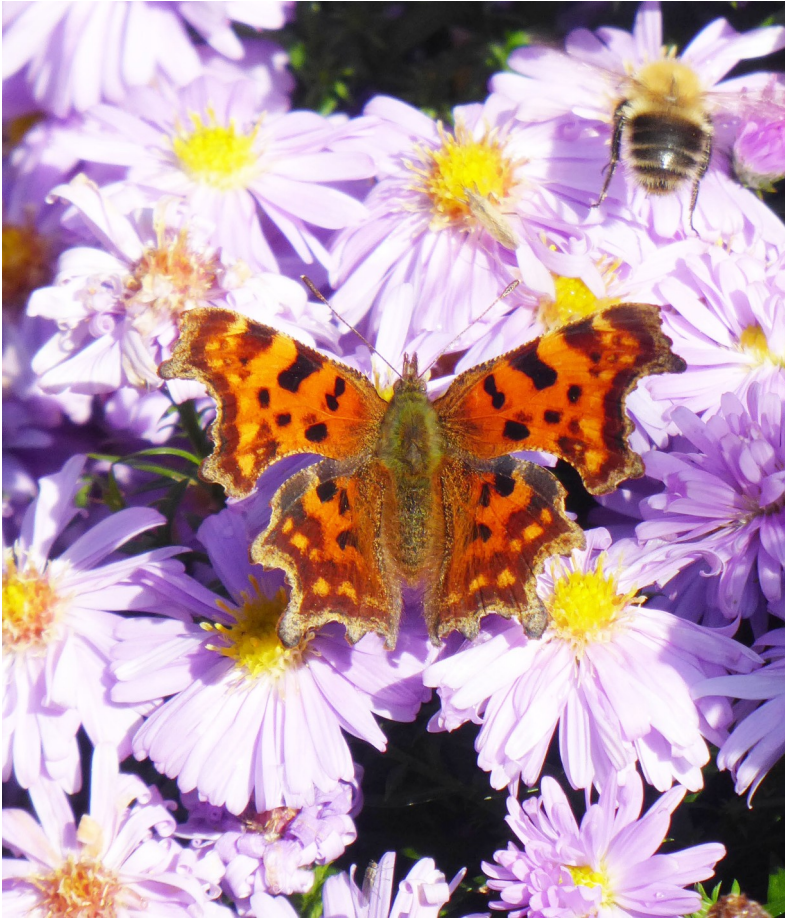


Peninsula Papers

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



Papurau Penrhyn SEPTEMBER 2026 MEDI

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 Open every day from 10 am

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 4th 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 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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Dear all,

Summer is often, for many of us, a time to slow down, to relax, unwind, go away on holiday, or just have a change of routine. That is if you've not already been busy harvesting.

I wonder what you spent your summer doing? This summer I spent early August as I have done for the past few years, with teenagers from across the Diocese on the Annual Youth Pilgrimage to St David's. It's a week of fun, new friendships, food and lots of walking, although this year there was considerably less walking due to the rolling heatwaves. And during it we thought about the contexts we had come from, the courage we need to do what is right and good, the callings we may have to particular roles or ways of life, and the importance of community. All of those things being good for all of us to reflect on in the context of our own lives.

Pilgrimage is often less about the destination (although you tend to pick somewhere important or meaningful) and more about the journey, the people you meet, the time to reflect, and the way you may grow during it. Going on a pilgrimage is meant to change us, reshape us a little for the better.

And all of us have some experience of this in our lives. Sometimes life itself is referred to as one great pilgrimage. And as we journey through life we can all identify that we are no longer exactly the people we once were, for good or for ill, and that in a few years time we will no longer be the people we are today, we all slowly change and grow. And we can either simply allow life to do that, or we can try to actively grow into the people God created us to be.

As we head into the Autumn (and hopefully some cooler weather), we find the usual dates approaching; harvest, remembrance, bonfire night, even Christmas. As we journey through them once again may I encourage us to not simply go through the motions, but to try to engage more fully, to be more present and open to these seasons that they may reshape us, give us new friendships or rekindle old ones, give us courage to do what is right, help us reflect on where we are going, and strengthen our communities and everyone who makes them up.

With every blessing,

Samuel & Gaynor

ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE.

We are enormously grateful to everyone who came and spent money, helped or did both at our events over the Summer with the Concert way back at the beginning of July and the Summer Sunfest at the end of July - they both seem such a long time ago now, but this is the first opportunity to give public thanks to you all! As for everyone, the basic costs associated with keeping the church open and a going concern are constantly increasing, so without the support of the wider community the church is in peril. With support from the community we are able to keep the church open and active. We hope we can look for your support in the future.

Harriet Bishop

Willow Warbler and Great Tits

Those of you with good memories may be able to recall that I wrote about a Willow Warbler feeding Great Tit chicks in the Summer 2022 edition of Peninsula Papers. You may remember the photo shown here.

I recently mentioned this occurrence to the folk at the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) who look after the Garden Birdwatch survey (this is a long running survey where householders report the birds they see in their garden).

They included the story in one of their e-Newsletters which must have then been read by someone at British Birds. This is a serious scientific monthly magazine all about, as you might imagine, British Birds.

So I received an email from British Birds asking if they could publish the story in the Notes section of the magazine. I rewrote the article, changing my chatty PP style to something more serious (not easy, that) and it should now appear in the next edition of British Birds which will be published shortly! I hope they send me a free copy as we no longer subscribe to the magazine, though we did for many years.

The scientific import of all this is that this particular combination of inter-specific feeding - Willow Warbler feeding Great Tits – has never been recorded before. However, you saw it here first!!



Rosemary Royle

Publisher

For as long as PP has been in existence, it has been produced using Microsoft Publisher. This venerable software is very good for producing magazines like PP, with very simple layout options making it very easy to combine text, pictures and posters. And it is very easy to manage the booklet-style of publication. However Microsoft is withdrawing support for Publisher in October this year so all those millions of users which rely on it for parish magazines, club news reports etc are having to find a substitute. Microsoft suggests WORD which is laughable really – it just doesn't have the wide range of facilities that Publisher does and is very clunky in comparison when handling images and text boxes. I have decided to use LibreOffice – the Writer software is like WORD but considerably better, but it is still missing a few key Publisher features. So bear with me while I work out how to make the best use of LibreOffice Writer – I have still not figured out how to do columns for just one part of the document so you will see that the Community Council section is not yet in columns. (I think I may need to use Sections or Frames – more research required!) The default fonts and layouts are different and I have not yet got to grips with Page Styles – again more research required!

So PP may look slightly different but the contents are all still there. The main difference is that it has taken your editor a lot longer to produce it, but I assume it will get easier!

Rosemary Royle

Marloes and St Brides Fete

For yet another year the day was bright and sunny for the Fete at St. Brides Castle; attendance seemed greater than ever as evidenced by the number of cars parked and by the donations made at the gate!

Many thanks to all those who came and supported the event, and of course to all those who manned the stalls, and those who set up in the morning and put everything back in place in the evening, no mean task.

Particular thanks to the management of St. Brides Castle for again hosting the event and supporting it in many ways.

The Fete is a very important part of the finance of the Churches, but equally it has become an important fixture in the life of the community.

In case you wanted to know, the Fete raised just over £5700, representing around 1/3rd of the Church income for the year.

Peter Royle

DIY Solar Electricity now permitted under new rules

New arrangements allowing householders to install plug-in solar PV come into force on August 27th, as explained in this Guardian newspaper article...

<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2026/aug/22/plug-in-solar-cost-panel-cut-bills-balcony>

Dale Webcam

You may be interested to know that there is now a Dale webcam on the Windswept website, so you can see what the weather is doing down there before committing to a kayaking, paddle-boarding or sailing expedition. Here is the address of the link:

<https://www.windsweptwatersports.com/webcam>



The G&T Collective



*An Exhibition and Sale of locally handcrafted items
by Lorraine **G**riffiths & Sue **T**widale and friends*

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 August 2026

at Marloes Village Hall, Marloes
10am til 5pm each day

Artwork and Craftwork including:

- ♦Silk Painted Gifts ♦Assorted Cards
- ♦Jewellery ♦Chalk Paint Furniture ♦Knitted Items
- ♦Macrame ♦Sewn Items ♦Stained Glass

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

Musicians' joke

Q How do you make a bandstand?

A Take away their chairs

Community Councils

Dale

Village Matters

Cllrs discussed correspondence from PERKY regarding the Changing Places Toilet.

Councillors are supportive of the initiative and thanked PERKY for confirming that funding of the capital project, along with ongoing yearly maintenance of the toilet, will be PERKY's responsibility.

Welsh Water visited the community council in May 2026 to update councillors on the next steps and actions taken in relation to the sewage and pumping issues linked to tanker traffic. The summary of their presentation (available on request from the Clerk) was that a new lining has been implemented as a temporary measure to manage seawater surges, while the long-term solution is a new pumping system and station in Dale to pump sewage/water up to Marloes sewage works, with the project planned for completion by 2030.

Tanker traffic has reduced in recent weeks, potentially linked to the good weather. The Clerk will follow up with Welsh Water for an update ahead of the September meeting, and Cllrs will continue to monitor the situation over the coming months.

Parking

Cllrs discussed parking pressures in the village, with the tourist season and warm weather bringing increased traffic, and highlighted areas of illegal parking.

The Community Council received correspondence from a concerned member of the public regarding boat trailers parking on the beach. Cllrs confirmed that the beach/grass area concerned is not a Community-owned asset.

Cllrs discussed a steady decline in car parking income over the last five years, alongside a possible decline in visitor numbers compared with the previous three years.

Highways

Cllrs discussed grass verges not being cut by Pembrokeshire County Council. The Clerk will follow up with PCC via the online portal, highlighting the importance of this work given higher traffic volumes as the village heads into the summer season.

Planning

NP/21/0313 – 16 South Street, Dale: removal of rear lean-to roof and extension of the first floor with a new duo-pitch roof, together with general refurbishment. Councillors reviewed the amended plans, which reduce the proposed extension ridge line height by approximately 300mm. The Community Council's original concerns regarding reduced natural light and overlooking windows remain, and Councillors are now aligned with the PCNPA case officer's original reasoning for refusal.

NP/26/0328 – Land adjacent to Dale Boat Yard: siting of an ancillary sauna and support cabin adjoining the existing water sports/tourism use, with associated landscaping. Cllrs will submit comments ahead of the deadline of 24 July 2026.

County Council Matters

A meeting has been arranged between PERKY and Pembrokeshire County Council's Head of Property for 30th July, to help move the Changing Places Toilet project forward.

Following the One Voice Wales Pembrokeshire Area Committee meeting, a range of resources are available to the Council, including a £500 grant with a simple 300-word application; further details will be shared by County Councillor Claire George.

Correspondence

One Voice Wales training courses shared with Cllrs.

A member of the public has requested a commemorative bench. Cllrs will check on the space and bases available in the village, and the Clerk will respond to the resident.

Date for the next Community Council meeting

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Marloes and St Brides

Footpaths and Beach

Chris Jessop shared a beach update with the Community Council (details available from the Clerk).

The Community Council has reported overgrown paths in Sandy Lane and along the PCNPA bridle path PP62/19, between Marloes Sands Road and Marloes Sands beach, to PCNPA.

Cllr LB also raised the overgrown path at Frankie's Lane. The Clerk will refer this to PCNPA and PCC for support in clearing the pathway.

Recreation Area / Playing Fields

The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant has been approved and the signed acceptance paperwork submitted. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances the original contractor is no longer able to carry out the playing field fencing project, though they have passed on details of an alternative contractor. The Clerk will follow up on quotes for the fencing.

Village Hall

Chris Jessop shared details of the Village Hall's summer events programme with the Community Council (details available from the Clerk).

Clock Tower

Following the electricity supplier switch to Utilita, standing fees were introduced. To avoid these charges on such low usage, Utilita arranged for a smart pay-as-you-go meter to be installed; this was completed in June 2026, after a long wait and several cancelled appointments. Utilita has since kindly cleared the outstanding balance on the account, and the Community Council will now pay only for usage via the pre-paid meter, which Cllr MH has topped up.

Yvonne Evans joined the meeting to discuss access to the ground floor of the Clock Tower as part of an event being organised by the Coastlands Local History Group, marking 20 years since the tower's major refurbishment and reopening by the Community Council. The exhibition will take place on 18th and 19th July 2026 (10am to 4pm); the Clerk will liaise with Cllr MH to support the event.

Cllr LB raised the need to repair the tower's rotten door; the Clerk will bring this back for discussion and approval of the repair.

Highways

The two bulbs reported out in the village speedometer were repaired under warranty in June.

Pembrokeshire County Council has confirmed that Marloes and St Brides is in the allocated hedge-cutting work plan for Summer 2026. The Clerk will ask PCC to schedule the cutting for a Monday, when the Skomer boats do not run.

Cllr NS also reported a pothole at the junction near Mullock Bridge; the Clerk will log this on the PCC portal.

National Trust

A member of the public reported, via Chair NS, that they had misplaced their parking permit badge following a National Trust parking permit day. The Clerk passed on National Trust's point of contact to help resolve this.

Village Benches

A resident has kindly purchased a memorial bench in memory of her parents. Cllr PS has assembled the bench, and the resident has confirmed she is happy for it to be placed at the corner opposite the church, on the pavement near Anne's bungalow, before the beginning of August.

Bus Service

Cllrs noted that the Puffin bus service started running in May/June 2026. No further updates on the school bus discussion with County Councillor Claire George.

Gaylane Terrace

No further updates from County Councillor Claire George, although she has followed up with PCC's Head of Housing for an update. Cllr LB also raised the issue of overgrown hedges and whether these could be maintained by the County Council. The Community Council will follow up with Cllr George for an update for residents.

Planning matters

NP/26/0256/FUL – Gateholm, Marloes: two-storey rear extension and single-storey front extension, with demolition of the existing garage and a new timber shed. The Community Council voted to support this application, considering it a reasonable and proportionate improvement to a family home that would better suit a family with teenage children, improve the property's appearance and energy efficiency, and is consistent with similar approvals elsewhere in the area.

NP/26/0093/FUL – Eastfield Farm, St Brides: replacement front porch with single-storey side and rear extensions.

Next meeting: Tuesday 1st September 2026 Marloes Village Hall 19.30.

Senedd Plaid Cymru Ministers

Rhun ap Iorwerth
Sioned Williams

First Minister of Wales
Deputy First Minister
Cabinet Minister for Social Justice & Equality
Cabinet Minister for Health And Care
Cabinet Minister for Education & Welsh Language
Chief Whip & Cabinet Minister for Culture & Sport
Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience & Sustainability
Cabinet Minister for Local Govt., Housing & Planning
Cabinet Minister for Finance
Cabinet Minister for Enterprise, Connectivity & Energy
Cabinet Minister for Government Effectiveness and the

Mabon ap Gwynfor
Anna Brychan
Helen Fychan
Llyr Gruffydd
Sian Gwenllian
Elin Jones (Rt. Hon.)
Adam Price
Dafydd Iwan
Constitution
Cefin Campbell
Nerys Evans
Mark Hooper
Delyth Jewell
Woman's Health

Deputy Minister for Skills & Tertiary Education
Deputy Minister for Public & Preventative Health
Deputy Minister for Transport
Deputy Minister for Social Care, Mental Health &

The Senedd website has the contact details for each of the Senedd Members for the area. You may find this link useful – <https://senedd.wales/find-a-member-of-the-senedd/?constituency=ceredigion%20penfro>

Seagrass Update

Pembrokeshire Freediving Club joined Project Seagrass on 11th August to undertake reproductivity surveys of the Frenchman's Bay seagrass meadow in Dale. These are surveys to investigate the health and reproductive potential of the seagrass meadow. Results are now being analysed. If the reproductive potential is good, a very small percentage of seeds (fewer than 2%) could be gathered next spring to plant out in the restoration area and potentially other areas in Pembrokeshire. Thank you also to Windswept for providing Project Seagrass staff with paddleboards for this survey. For any questions about this work or the seagrass project in general please email feedback@projectseagrass.org



Right: Survey volunteers

Marloes Village Hall Summer Talk

Diving in the Skomer Marine Conservation Zone

Kate Lock of Natural Resources Wales

Kate directs the SMCZ marine biology researchers whose long term monitoring programmes are crucial to our understanding of how life under water reacts to changing conditions. Whilst she did give us some fascinating information on the effects of winter sea temperature trends, her talk on August 20th was for the most part a picturesque “undersea ramble” through the waters which surround Skomer and the Deer Park.

Kate provided a broad picture of the many wonderful and precious types of sea creature which are our near neighbours, did we but know it; her excellent photos showed the remarkable colours and diverse forms – and she explained the variety of survival strategies different creatures rely on. Her relating so many personal experiences of diving the area, telling us what marine life is like down below around landmarks familiar to us, made the evening extra special.

MARLOES VILLAGE HALL TALKS

Marloes Village Hall Wednesday Sept 23rd 7 pm

A talk by Dr Arne Vogler:

Offshore wind power – the challenges & opportunities

Free entry; donations to our hall invited (cash please)

All are welcome U16s must be accompanied

Marloes Village Hall Wednesday October 21st 7 pm

*****Provisional – To Be Confirmed*****

***A screening of the People's Emergency Briefing –
plus a discussion session***

We hope to have details confirmed in time for October's Peninsula Papers.



CORONATION HALL, DALE

FAMILY FUN FEST

FRI. Sept.18th 6.30pm



Fun includes a Beetle Drive, best beetle costume, kids crafty stuff and lots of other games. Entrance free.

Bring your own drinks, pizzas available, raffle.

Donations to Hall maintenance

Courtesy of Paul our Milkman...

As one bee said to his thousands of colleagues when together they set off from the hive on a hot day, "S'warm!"

A hamburger introduces his lady companion to a group of friends: "Meet Patty!"

Diary for September



AUGUST

- Sat 29 1000 - 1700** “The G&T Collective”, Craft Exhibition, Marloes Village Hall
- Sun 30 1000 - 1700** “The G&T Collective”, Marloes Village Hall
- Sun 30 1800** “Songs of Praise”, St Ishmaels Church

SEPTEMBER

- Tue 01 1930** Marloes & St Brides Community Council Meeting, Marloes Village Hall
- Sun 13 1100** St Ishmaels Church, Holy Communion and Harvest Festival
- Wed 16 1300 - 1900** History Group, Welsh Names Workshop, St Ishmaels Sport Centre
- Wed 16 1900** Dale Community Council Meeting
- Fri 18 1830** Family Fun Fest – beetle drive etc. Coronation Hall Dale.
- Wed 23 1900** Marloes Village Hall Talk: “Offshore Wind Power – the challenge and opportunities” Dr Arne Vogler
- 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

- Sun 4 0930** St Bridget’s, St Brides Harvest Festival
- Sun 4 1000 - 1500** Apple Juicing at Walwyn’s Castle Village Hall
- Fri 9 1900** Walwyn’s Castle Wine Tasting, Village Hall
- Wed 21 1900** Marloes Village Hall Talk: “People’s Emergency Briefing” – film plus discussion (to be confirmed)
- Thu 22 1830** “Our Changing Coast”, Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum, Coronation Hall, Dale

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 September

St Ishmaels

13th September 11.00am Holy Communion,

27th September 11.00am Harvest Festival



Dale

St James Dale 6th September 6pm Holy Communion

20th September 11.00am Holy Communion

Walwyn's Castle

September 13th Holy Communion - 11.15am

September 27th Harvest Festival service - 11.15am with Holy Communion

Robeston West

Sept 20th 11:15 Communion

Marloes & St Brides

6th Sept – 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

13th Sept – 9.30am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion

20th Sept – 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion

27th Sept – 9.30am – St Peter's, Marloes – Harvest Festival

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

Aenon Sandy Hill Chapel

Sundays: 6th , 13th and 27th starting at 10:30am

All at Sandy Hill, with Worship and Word,

An opportunity for prayer for healing, or a situation someone may be going through.

Refreshments and fellowship following.

A visiting speaker on 27th, Rev. Jenny Gough.

20th: Sandy Hill meet with our friends at Thornton Baptist Chapel, Thornton at 11:00am

Tuesday: 8th: Tuesday Buffet 11:30 – 13:30

This includes, singing, chat, blessing, quiz, laughter, and of course food!

Wednesday: 2nd, 16th and 30th: Bible Study, Praise and Prayer

Tea / Coffee and chat at 7:00pm Meeting to start at 7:30pm

9th and 23rd: Praise and Prayer Tea / Coffee and chat at 7:00pm Meeting to start at 7:30pm

Phil - Deacon and Leader



Coastlands Local History Group.

The exhibition in Marloes in July looking at the restoration and re-opening of Marloes Clock Tower highlighted an interest held by many for their local history. We are grateful to Clare Deacon who was on hand to talk us through the works required and solutions found.

As we have already mentioned there is to be a workshop on 'Names' in September. There is a move to record names used previously but which may now be falling out of use. These names can be of places, geological features, houses and the like, which the project would like to record before they fade from memory. It is hoped to record as many as possible so the historical record will be maintained and correct. Please think about names you recall from the past which are now not being used so often as it would be good to have them recorded for posterity. This workshop is on Wednesday 16th September 1.00pm - 7.00pm in St Ishmaels Sports Club. Anyone who remembers old names for cottages, houses, fields and the like please do come along and register them so they can be kept on record and not be lost forever!

September is the last month of the exhibition "A Walk through History". It will be open in The Old Stables Heritage Centre. It is open Thursday – Sunday 2.00-5.00pm. After September it will be open by appointment only. The Heritage Centre is also open to anyone who wants to do research on the local history - just contact us to let us know when you would like to come.

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)

"PLACE NAMES"

A workshop with PCNP and

Dr James January-McCann

WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

1.00pm—7.00pm

ST ISHMAELS SPORTS CLUB.



*Another beautiful creation from Jon Foreman at Freshwater
West*

The Old Stables Heritage Centre
South Street Dale



EXHIBITION
“A Walk through Time”

Thurs —Sun
2.00pm—5.00pm
Free Admission

Arrangements can be made if anyone or
any group wishes to visit, outside these
times

Contact Harriet 636668 or Yvonne 636251

International magazine features local author

Congratulations to marine biologist Julian Cremona: New Scientist of 1st August 2026 features superb underwater photographs and microscope shots of his in the frontispiece and the centre pages.

This is to coincide with the launch of his book *Seashore Plankton* (£30.00, Pelagic Publishing ISBN 9781784276195, you can order it from the Victoria Bookshop in Haverfordwest).

In case you weren't aware: by registering for PressReader through Pembrokeshire Libraries, you can read New Scientist online – and many other magazines, plus daily newspapers too.



In aid of the British Heart Foundation

SATURDAY 19th September 7pm - 10pm

Haverfordwest Cricket Club,
Dale Road, Haverfordwest, SA61 1HZ
Mexican menu / food available on the night

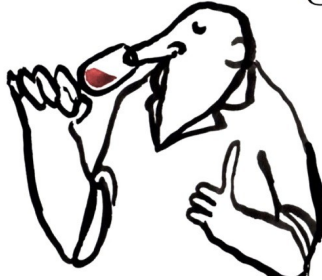


Tickets £10. Contact 07968 345310 to book in advance
Raffle & Prize for best Mexican fancy dress costume!



Vane Steering: this means a yacht has a wind-operated mechanism to keep it on a steady course. When the skipper has a mirror positioned so they can admire themselves while at the helm – *Vain Steering*.

Wine Tasting



Walwyn's Castle Village Hall

Friday 9th October 2026 7pm

An evening of Autumn and Winter wine tasting, led by founder of Blas ar Fwd Fine Wines - Deiniol ap Dafydd. Includes a tasting of 7 carefully selected world wines accompanied by an informal supper - £40 per person. As the nights draw in with cosy fireside evenings, comforting foods and festive gatherings are even better with a good wine.

To book your place, please contact Jean on 07973871646 or Kate on 07946001932.

With thanks to our supporters Capestone Organic & Blas as Fwyd.

Raffle on the night.

Proceeds towards the reroofing of St James the Great Church, Walwyn's Castle.

🍏🍏 '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.

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.



Johanna Paxton Mobile Therapies

Following the great response, I'm continuing to offer a special local rate for mobile Massage & Reiki throughout September for:

Dale • Marloes • St Brides • St Ishmaels

Reiki – A gentle, energy-based therapy that promotes relaxation, reduces stress, and supports overall balance and well-being. 60 min · £40

Back, Neck & Shoulders Massage – Relieves tension, eases muscle aches and leaves you feeling relaxed and rejuvenated. 50 min · £40

Email Johanna - jo@johannapaxton.com for booking and info.

Ladies only, unless booking as a couple.

An Illustrated Poetry Book from Slatemill Cottage

My brother, David Lewis, lived and cared for our mother, Elinor, at Slatemill Cottage from 2019-2022. During this time he enjoyed lending his artistic skills to the Dale Amateur Dramatic Society (DADs). David was a gifted artist who studied Fine Art at Dartington College, Totnes and was well known for his work in Denmark where he lived for over 30 years.

As someone who has always enjoyed writing poetry and with David back home again, a plan emerged between us.....David and I would put together a book of his pictorial response to 20 of my poems.

In the last year of his life we spent many happy hours working on this project in his Studio at Slatemill before, very sadly, David died suddenly at age 62.

In the last six months I have managed to pull the work together using David's final draft illustrations and now our book "Pembrokeshire Poems" has been published.

If you are interested in a copy they are for sale at Runwayskiln, Marloes or you can email me at Nickyjwhitfield@gmail.com

They are £10 each with all profits going to the British Heart Foundation.

Nicky Whitfield



SUNDAY 27TH SEPT 2026 9:00AM

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Dale WI

Some of you might wonder what on earth the women of the area do at a WI meeting. Well every now and again one of our members prepares a quiz which we have reproduced here:

Answers can be found on another page.

Science and Nature

1. **Bats are blind.** True or False
2. **Goldfish only have a memory span of three seconds.** True or False
3. **Octopuses have three hearts.** True or False
4. **Bananas are technically classified as berries.** True or False
5. **Sharks are older than trees.** True or False

Geography and History

6. **The Eiffel Tower grows taller in the summer.** True or False
7. **The Great Wall of China is visible from space with the Naked eye.** True or False
8. **Lightning never strikes the same place twice.** True or False
9. **Scotland's national animal is a unicorn.** True or False
10. **The Pacific Ocean is larger than the moon.** True or False

Fun and Pop Culture

11. **The black box in an air plane is black.** True or False
12. **Fortune cookies were invented in China.** True or False
13. **People in Japan often eat Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas dinner.** True or False
14. **In the English language, no word rhymes with orange.** True or False



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AN AUGUST MEMORY

Under Milky Way, catching meteors,
Quietly down to a hushing shore.
Then, beckoned by that gentle tide,
Into phosphorescence with eyes so wide.

This wonderful priceless summer night:
Such a display of Nature's lights!
These still-hot cliffs, the ocean's peace:
This beach, we whisper, could be in Greece.

Now back up that warm-breathed lane, where
Honeysuckle has drowsed the air;
Thus, under yet more blazing streaks,
Home before the dawn can break.

Who, by entering our dreams,
Gently summoned us by name
To stealthily pace the sleeping lane,
And swim the starry sea again...?

The ancient spirits, we thank them all:
Our primal longings known so well.
Strong our hope that, next the chance,
Under the Plough again we'll swim and dance.

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What a splendid way to spend a sunny Sunday in June! First a delicious ham, egg and chips sitting outside in the sunshine watching the interesting goings-on on Dale seafront. Then a concert of foot-tapping and hum-along music from the Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band framed by the beautiful backdrop of Dale Bay sparkling in the sunshine – most enjoyable. And an ice cream from the shop in the interval!

Rosemary Royle



More musical entertainment on June 27th during the Music Festival to raise funds for the “Changing Places” toilet.

The origin of the article below is rather lost in the mists of time, but I copied it from Victoria Tomlinson's Freshwater West newsletter! Rosemary

As many of our readers fall into the 'silver surfers' bracket the item below will no doubt raise some wry smiles. It recognises the revolution from an analogue world to a digital one that many of us have experienced. In this technological revolution, out went wind up watches, dials on house phones, visits to the reference library, TVs without remote controls and in came the 21st century.....

There is a generation alive today that many people quietly overlook. They call them 'the elderly'.

They may offer them a seat on a bus or speak a little louder in their presence or assume that they no longer have all their marbles.

However, if you look a little closer you'll realise that, in their way, they are each a living miracle.

These are people who grew up without screens (often not even a TV). They played outside when the sun was up and came home when the street lights lit up as that was the only cue they had in the days before mobile phones.

They wrote letters by hand (often with a fountain pen) and then had to wait days or weeks for a reply. They fell in love to the sound of Singles and LPs spinning on record players. Their children grew up in the chaos of the 1970's or perhaps the ambitious years of the 1980's. Their careers progressed through handshakes and patience rather than with LinkedIn profiles and algorithms.

Then the world changed around them without any consultation or warning.

Computers arrived. E-mails and the Internet. Mobile phones then Smartphones. Then streaming, messaging, video calls and AI with chatbots. Machines that once filled a room now sit in their pockets, lighter than a paperback novel. And they adapted to it all. They are the generation which experienced a fully analogue childhood and a fully digital adulthood, a technological change unique to them. Those born before them were too late to experience the change and those born after them arrived in a world with multiple screens already waiting. This particular generation also lived through polio scares, Cold War tensions, the Space Race and economic crashes. Like others they also coped with a global pandemic which reminded us that we all have to be resilient.

Yet despite all the changes they witnessed, they still know what it feels like to sit at a table with a friend/partner and just talk, with no device to distract them. They remember the taste of a tomato picked from the garden. They remember the sound of the sea without needing to record it. They remember enjoying a view without having to take a selfie. They can enjoy silence without having to schedule it.

This isn't a weakness. This is a wisdom we need today. So, the next time you see an 'elderly'

person, take a moment to appreciate who they are. This is someone who walked from the age of handwritten letters to the age of Artificial Intelligence. They are not relics or footnotes but are the last witnesses to a world that no longer exists and that no algorithm can replicate.

And if you are part of this generation, if you recognise these words, please note – while you may be growing older you are living history and that makes you a pretty remarkable human being.

Answers to WI quiz

1. False. Bats can actually see quite well and also use echolocation to navigate.
2. False. Goldfish can actually remember things for months.
3. True. Two pump blood to the gills, while the third pumps it to the rest of the body.
4. True. Botanically speaking, they meet all the criteria to be a berry.
5. True. Sharks have been around for over 400 million years, while trees only evolved about 350 million years ago.
6. True. Because the tower is made of iron, the heat causes the metal to expand, making it grow up to 15 cm taller in hot weather.
7. False. It is too narrow and blends in with the surrounding terrain.
8. False. Tall structures and peaks get struck repeatedly.
9. True. It has been a symbol of Scottish heraldry for centuries.
10. True. The Pacific Ocean covers about 63.8 million square miles, while the moon's surface area is about 14.6 million square miles.
11. False. Flight data and cockpit voice recorders are actually painted bright orange to make them easier to locate after a crash.
12. False. They were actually invented in the United States (either California or Los Angeles) in the early 20th century.
13. True. A wildly successful marketing campaign in the 1970s made "KFC" a Japanese holiday staple.
14. True. While there are a few niche or compound words (like sporange or blorange), there are no standard English words that rhyme with it.

Dale WI usually meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the winter and 7pm in the Summer in the Coronation Hall, Dale. Please contact Gail Smith on 07854854838 for further information. Activities include talks, craft sessions, outings and bring-and-share meals such as our much-enjoyed July Summer President's lunch and our much-anticipated Christmas Party for December.

When a new presenter joined BBC Gardeners' Question Time, listeners were quickly complaining about his style: when presented with a problem, they said, he would give one piece of advice and then immediately contradict himself.

Approached by the press, a BBC spokesperson said that the person in question had been called in to discuss matters and – "We hope that we shan't get any more non-secateurs."

NEVER LOOK AT THE SUN!

Useful advice regarding the recent eclipse, which some people will insist also applies to newspapers.

THE SPOTTED FLYCATCHER

I wrote the note below in October 2006, almost 20 years ago but it all still holds true:

“At this time of year it is pleasant to look back at the balmy days of summer, and no bird is more characteristic of a summer day than the Spotted Flycatcher. This is a small brown bird, rather undistinguished at first sight. However this little bird, with its brown back and wings, pale breast with faint streaking, large black eye and serious looking black bill – has real character. First of all, although about the size and colour of a female Chaffinch when perched, you can tell it's a flycatcher because of its characteristic upright stance. Also, it will be perched in a spot with a good view all round – a telephone wire, a dead branch half-way up a tree or a on a fencepost – casting its beady eye around for some unsuspecting insect. When it spots one, the reason for the bird's name becomes obvious. It takes to the wing - the wings are characteristically long and triangular – and then after a few skilful aerobatics there is an audible “snap” as the insect meets its doom. In late summer, when there are so many insects around, life is very easy for a flycatcher, which explains why they choose to breed quite late in the season.

We have been lucky enough to have a pair of Spotted Flycatchers nesting in our garden this year. We noticed a pair in the area last year at the beginning of June but they moved on after a few days – maybe there was no suitable nest site we thought. So at the end of May this year up went a suitable box – open fronted, with a good view out and some shelter from the weather with an overhanging roof. The flycatchers arrived in June and didn't seem to be taking much interest. After a few weeks Peter climbed up the ladder to check the box. Much to our delight there was a nest – Peter described it as “just like a bagel made of moss”. We didn't look in the box again, to avoid disturbing the birds, but could tell when the eggs hatched as we would see both adults flycatching then taking their offerings back to the nest, though usually via a circuitous and hidden route. The adult birds would vigorously chase off any other birds which came too close to the nest – innocent Chiffchaffs attempting to forage in the nearby blackthorn bushes would be treated to some vigorous aerobatics!

The youngsters fledged on 20th July and are now hopefully somewhere around the Mediterranean on their way to Africa.”

And, after a period of years during which Spotted Flycatchers seemed suddenly harder to see, they are back again and have again nested in the garden! This time in a climbing rose on the front of the house and as far as we can tell they successfully raised 4 chicks. And this year we have seen Spotted Flycatchers in other places too – for example at St Brides Church, and there was a pair feeding young in a nest in the ivy of the back wall of Monkhaven Manor.



Here is one of the pair from our garden who perched regularly on a rose bush just outside the study window:

Rosemary Royle

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