

Peninsula Papers

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



Papurau Penrhyn

SUMMER 2026 HAF

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

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LOCAL SERVICES

DALE BEACH SHOP Open every day from 10 am

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 10th July

St. Ishmaels Burgage Green Layby - 10.50 am to 11.20 am Dale - Blue Anchor

Way - 11.35am to 12.05am Marloes - Toilets - 12.15 am to 12.45 am

Contact 01437 775243 or 07774 230200 (van) or Pembs CC website for info

MOBILE POST OFFICE:

Tuesday: St Ishmaels 14:00 - 15:00 Dale 15:15 - 16:15

Thursday: St Ishmaels 11:15 - 12:15 Marloes 13:00 - 14:00 Dale 14:15 - 15:15

FOR HIRE

**THE CORONATION HALL AND JUBILEE
SUITE DALE**



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Dear All

Summer is upon us and as I write the sun is shining, the sea is sparkling, the birds are singing etc. We are beginning once again here in the peninsula to welcome holiday makers, those who are returning and those who visiting for the first time. So, our communities are filling up with visitors from far and wide enjoying the beaches the sailing and the countryside. It's good to see and hear and to listen to them as they become part of our lives for a short time every year

In the churches calendar this season is the longest one (approximately 33 weeks) and is called ordinary time. The major Christian festivals such as Christmas and Easter are occasions of focus and celebrations within the church. So, what do we do in between? What do we do on ordinary days whether it's a Sunday or any day of the week. It can feel like we are faced with what seems a long series of not very much to focus on. The ordinary however balances the extraordinary. Our lives need both. The ordinary helps us to understand festival times like Easter and Christmas which helps us to see God too in ordinary times. Sometimes in our busy day to day lives we concentrate on the ordinary and can miss the extraordinary

R S Thomas, a Welsh Anglican priest and poet wrote this poem

The Bright Field

*I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have to possess it. Life is not hurrying
on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory
as your youth once but is the eternity that awaits you.*

He is reflecting on what we all can easily hurry past - the pearls of great price that lie along our way because we don't see them for what they are.

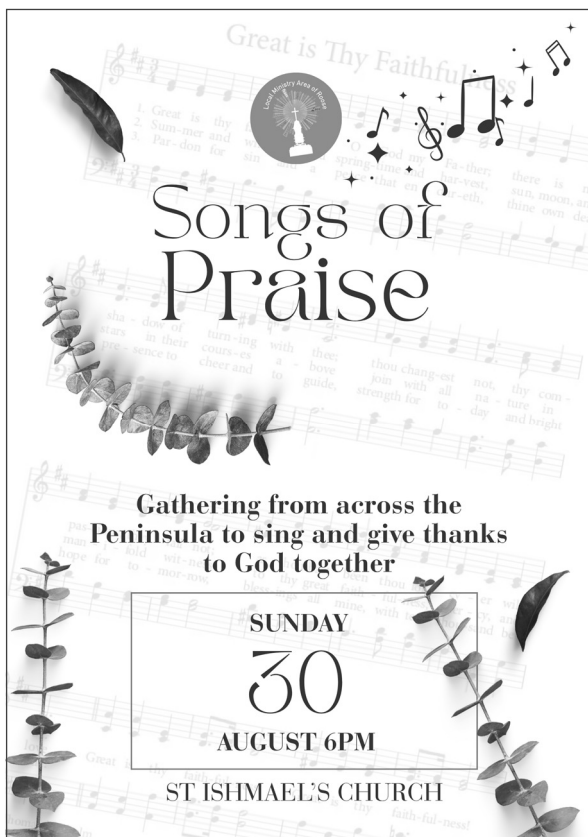
We hope that we in our busy ordinary lives and also the visitors to our county, take time to see and explore the extraordinary, that is the beauty and gifts of nature given to us by God that surround us here in this beautiful part of Pembrokeshire

With our blessings

Gaynor and Samuel

St Brides Churchyard

Entering the Churchyard from the car park and looking to your right, you will notice a series of headstones in a defined area. Although similar in design to the War Graves, these eight graves are linked to the nearby St. Brides Castle. In 1923, The King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association opened a hospital in the castle for children suffering from tuberculosis. Children were treated at the hospital from many parts of South & West Wales. The oldest child who died was 16 years, and the youngest 22 months. It was many years before treatments for TB were developed, and the development of national vaccination programmes. Fresh air was one of the few treatments on offer. It is not known if any of the families involved are now aware of these graves.



Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy sum-mer and fa-don for sit
fa-ther, there is a sun, moon, and stars
that eth-er, there is a throne open day

sha-dow, turn-ing with a-bove thee, thou chang-est
not thy coun-til they are in their cross-es cheer and strength fix to dip

Songs of Praise

Gathering from across the Peninsula to sing and give thanks to God together

SUNDAY
30
AUGUST 6PM

ST ISHMAEL'S CHURCH



Fetes and Carnivals through the summer

Dale Seaport Music Festival Sat 27th June

Dale Summer Sunfest Saturday 25th July

Herbrandston Carnival Saturday 25th July

Tish Carnival Saturday Aug 1st

St Brides and Marloes Fete Thursday Aug 6th

Sunday Aug 23rd Dale Regatta



ST JAMES CHURCH

SUMMER SUNFEST

Stalls, Raffle, Tombola, Games, Teas...& more

SATURDAY 25th JULY

in and around

CORONATION HALL, DALE

from 2.00pm

EVENING EVENT with THE MONARCHS

from 5.30pm

ALL WELCOME

ST JAMES CHURCH, DALE

As the Concert is still in the future as this is written, we just hope the weather was good for the event to be outside and was enjoyed by all who listened to it.

The return of the Dale fete - under a new name "Summer Sunfest" - will be on Saturday 25th July, in and around Coronation hall, Dale from 2.00pm. It will be in two parts with old fashioned games, stalls, teas in the afternoon - plus a tug of war. We throw down the gauntlet for you to make a team and take on all challengers! Teams of 8 for U26 male and female, and U16 are the challenge...with possibly an U10s and Veterans teams if there is enough interest. In the evening we will be having live music courtesy of The Monarchs, with a DJ filling in the gaps We hope the appeal will be for all and an event the whole community can enjoy. What we really need is your support!

We thank you for all your support in the past and hope we can look for your support in the future.

Marloes & St Brides 100 Club - Draw on 15th June

1st Prize	£95	Lorraine Griffiths
2nd Prizes	£45	Marina Titley; Margaret Evans; David Anderson
3rd Prizes	£25	Pat Krelle; Stephen Ford; Hugh Richards

St Ishmaels Church Summer Fete - a view from the organisers

What a wonderful day! The sun shone, the crowds came and joined us in the magnificent grounds of Monk Haven Manor. Special thanks go Jan, Alex and Charlie Mathias for welcoming us into their home and gardens and for their support before, during and after.

All this too could not have been achieved without the tremendous work of Heather Phippen and Christine Llewelin who gathered all the volunteers together, the stall holders, the cake makers, the amazing tea ladies and not forgetting everyone who carried tables, chairs, erected marquees and dismantled it all at the end.

A "Huge Thank You" to everyone

Revd Gaynor Ford, Priest in Charge, St Ishmaels Church



St. Ishmaels Church Fete on 13th June - a view from the sidelines

A wonderful village occasion, a good crowd, perfect settings and radiant June sunshine.

Many thanks are due to Jan and all at Monkhaven Manor, Emma and The Peninsula Songsters for their lovely singing, Mark Burton and Steve Morrell for their talented guitar playing and primarily, all the ladies and gentlemen of St. Ishmaels church and village, for their huge efforts in making such a happy and successful community occasion.

Mike Cottam

Don't forget:
Dale Sea Front, Sunday 28th June
Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band at 2:00 pm then
"Blessing of the Boats" at 5:00 pm

Community Councils

Dale

No meeting in June

Next meeting Wed 15th July

Marloes & St Brides

No meeting in June

Next meeting Tues 7th July

St Ishmaels

No meeting in June

Next meeting Wed 8th July

FOR SALE

2 universal booster seats. Hardly used. £5 each.

Extending fireguard £5.

Large metal parasol base £2.

New wall trough planter £3.

BOSCH 1600hp garden shredder £15.

BOSCH 7000 pro T electrical hedgetrimmer £20.

PHONE 01646636873

Celebrating Seagrass in Dale

We had a fantastic day on Saturday 13th June celebrating the beautiful seagrass meadow in Dale. The event was hosted by Project Seagrass, Windswept Water Sports, Celtic Deep and the Pembrokeshire Special Area of Conservation and brought together people of all ages and experience levels to explore and celebrate the remarkable seagrass habitat thriving in Dale today. Participants enjoyed paddleboarding, snorkelling, food and community stalls, and the opportunity to discover the story behind one of the UK's most significant seagrass restoration projects.

The seagrass meadows in Dale are now thriving, through the work of initially Project Seagrass, Swansea University and the local community, and with funding from WWF and Sky Ocean Rescue. This was followed by many years of additional work and support from partners, including the Pembrokeshire SAC, alongside the dedication of local volunteers. It was wonderful to share the story of Dale's seagrass restoration journey with both long-standing residents and those new to the area.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day such a success. Special thanks go to Windswept for providing paddleboarding activities, Celtic Deep for leading snorkelling sessions, and Sue Burton from the Pembrokeshire Special Area of Conservation for her continued support and enthusiasm. Thank you also to the Natur am Byth! Project and the Marine Conservation Society for providing funding for the event.

Head to [Dale | Project Seagrass](#) for more information, and we'll share any upcoming opportunities locally.





HM Coastguard

Want to be a
Coastguard
Rescue Officer?

We're recruiting!

gov.uk/coastguard-volunteers



To Search. To Rescue. To Save.

Scan Me!



HM Coastguard Dale

26 May at 15:59 · 🌐

We are recruiting!

If you have ever fancied joining HMCG as a Coastguard Rescue Officer then follow the link below or scan the QR code to get in touch.

www.gov.uk/coastguard-volunteers

St James Church **TUG-OF-WAR**



**Teams of 8 people,
U26 men, U26 women, U16
U10 and Veterans if enough interest.....**

**SATURDAY 25th JULY
CORONATION HALL, DALE from 2.00pm**

Senedd Election Update

The following were elected to serve as Members of the Senedd for the Ceredigion Penfro Constituency:-

Claire Archibald – Reform UK

Paul Davies – Welsh Conservative

Kerry Ferguson – Plaid Cymru

Rt. Hon. Elin Jones – Plaid Cymru*

Paul Marr – Reform UK

Anna Mitchell – Plaid Cymru

Rt. Hon. Elin Jones has been appointed the Cabinet Minister for Finance

The public can contact any of the MSs who represent them to ask questions about issues that are important to them. There's no fixed way of working and ultimately, it's down to the individual to choose who they want to correspond with.

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

This website provides all the information on new members, and what action they are taking in the Senedd. The above information will be added to the information on the local website www.marloes.org.uk - look under Community Activities – Who to ask?

The Welsh Government is responsible for a wide array of devolved public services and policy areas. Key areas of responsibility include:

Health and Social Care: Managing the NHS in Wales and social services.

Education: Overseeing schools, higher education, and skills training.

Economy and Business: Driving economic development, international trade, and providing support for SMEs.

Environment and Agriculture: Managing rural affairs, natural resources, farming, and climate change.

Transport and Planning: Overseeing public transport, motorways/trunk roads, and local land-use planning.

Housing and Local Government: Supporting community services, social housing, and the funding of 22 local councils.

Culture and Language: Promoting and regulating the Welsh language

BOOKS NEEDED!!!

We still sell lots of books at our mammoth book stall at St Brides Fete, but to sell them we need you to donate them!!

Paperbacks of all kinds are very welcome, also children's books.

Unfortunately biographies, hardbacks, recipe books and Reader's Digest condensed books just do not sell so please do not donate them.

Drop any books off in our back porch at Orlandon Kilns before August 6th, or ring 626970 for collection.

Rosemary

Diary for July and August



JUNE

- Sat 27 1400 - 1900** Music festival raising funds for the “changing places” toilet, Dale Seafront
Sun 28 1400 - 1700 St Peter’s Church Marloes, “Open House”
Sun 28 1400 Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band, Dale Sea Front
Sun 28 1700 Blessing of the Boats, Dale Seafront

JULY

- Sat 4 1030** Moths and Dragonfly morning, Orlandon Kilns - see advert
Tue 7 1930 Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
Wed 8 1900 St Ishmaels Community Council, Sport & Social Club
Wed 15 1900 Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite, Dale
Sat 18 and Sun 19 1030 - 1600 “Marloes Clock Tower Exhibition”, Marloes Clock Tower and Marloes Village Hall
Thu 23 1800 Coronation Hall AGM, Jubilee Suite
Thu 23 1900 Marloes Hall Talks, “Jez Horton: Watching the sea from Wooltack Point”, Marloes Village Hall
Sat 25 1400 Herbrandston Carnival, parade starts 2:00 pm
Sat 25 1400 onwards. Summer Sunfest plus Tug-of-war, Coronation Hall and Dale Sea Front
Tue 28 - 27 Aug 1000 - 1700 Landed in Dale, Art and Craft Exhibition, Coronation Hall, Dale

AUGUST

- Sat 1** St Ishmaels Carnival
Thu 6 1800 St Brides & Marloes Fete, St Brides Castle
Fri 14 100 - 1200 Open Day at the St Brides Pumphouse
Thu 20 1900 Marloes Hall Talks “Kate Lock: Diving in the Skomer Marine Conservation Zone”, Marloes Village Hall
Sun 23 1700 Walwyn’s Castle BBQ on the village green, see advert for details
Sun 23 Dale Regatta, organised by Dale Yacht Club
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



Services for July and August

St Ishmaels

July 12th Holy Communion 11.00am
July 21st LMA visit of Bishop Dorrien - 6pm
July 26th Holy Communion 11am
August 9th Holy Communion - 11am
August 21st Holy Communion - 11am
August 30th Peninsula Songs of Praise - 6pm



Dale

July 5th Holy Communion - 6pm
July 19th Holy Communion - 11am
August 2nd Holy Communion - 6pm
August 16th Holy Communion - 11am

Walwyn's Castle

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, holy Eucharist at 11.15 am

Robeston West

July 19th 11:15 Communion
August 16th 11:15 Communion



Marloes & St Brides

5th July 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
12th July 9.30am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
19th July 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
26th July 9.30am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
2nd August 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
9th August 9.30am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
16th August 9.30am – St Bridget's, St Brides – Holy Communion
23rd August 9.30am – St Peter's, Marloes – Holy Communion
30th August 6pm – St Ishmael's – Songs of Praise

Aeon Sandy Hill Chapel

JULY:

Sunday 5th: Sandy Hill meet with our friends at Thornton Baptist Chapel at 11:00am, please join us.
Sunday 12th, 19th, 26th Communion (12th) All services at 10:30am Refreshments, chat, following. Opportunity to receive personal prayer, into circumstances or healing.
Tuesday 14th Buffet Singing, chat, quiz, blessing, and food. 11:30am - 1:30pm
Wednesday 1st, 15th, 29th Praise and Prayer, Tea, coffee, chat to begin with 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Wednesday 8th, 22nd Bible Study Praise and Prayer, Tea, coffee, chat to begin with 7:00pm - 9:00pm

AUGUST:

Sunday 2nd, 9th, 23rd Communion (2nd) All services at 10:30am Refreshments, chat following Opportunity to receive personal prayer, into circumstances or healing
Sunday 16th: Our friends from Thornton Baptist Chapel join us, please join us. 10:30am

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Aenon Chapel continued:

Tuesday 11th August: Buffet Singing, chat, quiz, blessing, and of course food.

11:30am - 1:30pm

Wednesday 5th, 19th Bible Study Praise and Prayer Tea, coffee and chat to begin with

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday 12th, 26th Praise and Prayer tea, coffee, chat to begin with 7:00pm -

9:00pm

A very warm welcome is extended to all services.

For more information, please find us on Facebook,

and leave a message, or email sandyhillchapel@gmail.com

Thanks, Phil Brewer

Walwyns Castle FAMILY BBQ Sunday August 23rd 2026

On Walwyn's castle village green 5.00pm.



Food served from 5.30pm

Choice of BBQ foods provided.

Plus Raffle

Bring your own chairs, rugs, drinks,
nibbles, salads.

We look forward to seeing you.

Hosted by Walwyns Castle Village Hall

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

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



MARLOES VILLAGE HALL SUMMER TALKS

Thursday July 23rd 7pm

Jez Horton: *Watching the sea from Wooltack Point*

Jez has for several years been a volunteer watchkeeper at NCI Wooltack Point, the former Coastguard lookout on the Deer Park at Martin's Haven. He has a new presentation about local wrecks and mishaps; the range of vessels, large and small, seen from the Station; and some insights into the damage wrecks do to birdlife. Some surprising sightings of wildlife on land, too!

Thursday August 20th 7 pm

Kate Lock: *Diving in the Skomer Marine Conservation Zone*

Kate manages the research work carried out by NRW's Skomer MCZ team. As well as explaining the underwater monitoring projects (some of longest running in the UK) which are vital to our understanding of how marine life responds to changing conditions, she will take us on a diver's tour of this fascinating and important treasury of marine ecology.

All are welcome. Suitable for all ages – under 16s please bring an adult

Admission free, but contributions to the upkeep of the Hall are welcome: please bring cash!

Brilliant talks to help highlight World Ocean Day.

Local diver, Dave Kennard from Neptune's Army of Rubbish Cleaners (NARC) and Mat Westfield, Wales Strandings Officer from the Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme (CSIP) came to Marloes Village Hall on 6th June to talk about their work.

Dave explained how NARC, a local charity run entirely by volunteers, has been cleaning up rubbish for over 20 years. Everything from a kitchen sink through to supermarket trollies, cars, lost fishing gear and angling litter (including line, hooks and weights). Volunteers (even non-divers) are welcome as are sources of funding. Tips on reducing angling gear loss can be found on their website. www.narcdiving.org.uk

Mat explained how to report dead strandings. If you find any dead cetacean (whale, dolphin, porpoise), seal or turtle, call the National Strandings Line: 0800 6520333. Photos are really important (including something for scale like a person or a shoe - anything!) as these can help identification and also help Mat decide whether the animal is in a good enough state for examination. Also important is an accurate location of the find.

Mat then looks into the cause of death and works with researchers including those who can analyse cetacean ear bones to determine what frequency of sound the animal was experiencing just prior to death. Human impacts on marine animals include sound, ingestion of plastic, build up of toxic chemical pollutants and boat strikes. If you find a live stranded marine mammal contact the RSPCA immediately: 0300 1234 999 or Welsh Marine Life Rescue (WMLR): 01646 692943 or British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR): 01865 765546.



Open day at the St Brides Pump House

Friday 14 August 10am to noon

Come and see the Victorian engine running.

Open to all. Free admission.

Come to the St Brides car park and follow the signs.

Dragonflies, Moths and Coffee Saturday July 4th

We did this last year and it was good fun, so it's time for another go.

Do you fancy a leisurely hour or so watching dragonflies in the sunshine? Or having a look at what flew into the moth trap the previous night? Or pottering around the garden? All with a cup of coffee and maybe a home-made biscuit or two??

If you do then join us at Orlandon Kilns on Saturday July 4th at 10:30 (backup date Sunday July 5th).

There is parking for quite a few cars but sharing would be good.



The weather needs to be warm and sunny for dragonflies and warm the previous night for moths so if it looks dodgy then ring me (Rosemary) on 636970 in the morning to see if we are going ahead. If you email me to let me know you are coming I will email to let you know if we have to cancel or postpone.



Open to anyone interested in natural history.



The G&T Collective



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



ST BRIDES & MARLOES

SUMMER FETE

6PM THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST 2026

COCONUT SHY	CAKE STALL
LUCKY DIP	RAFFLES
WHACK-A-RAT	LOCAL PRODUCE
HOT FOOD	SKITTLES
TEAS AND COFFEES	BOOK STALL
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA	PAINTINGS

ST BRIDES CASTLE

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF BOTH MARLOES
AND ST BRIDES CHURCHES

Dale WI

Over the past month members of Dale WI have had two social outings. The first was a lunch at the Seed Restaurant in Pembrokeshire College and the second was a visit to Cinnamon Grove Farm to taste the delicious gin they make from the wonderfully pure water they are lucky enough to have in their well. The whole experience, including the welcome and snacks provided, was wonderful.

The 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.

Julian Cremona's Talk on Plankton

On June 4th, a fascinated audience at Marloes Village Hall was treated to an excellent talk by local marine biologist, Julian Cremona. Julian is the retired director of The Field Studies Council's Dale Fort Field Centre.

Julian began by explaining the term plankton. It originates from the Greek *planktos* which means *wanderer*. Planktonic creatures wander about the oceans at the behest of tides and currents. They have limited powers of swimming. Most of them are very small and require a microscope to see properly but some are huge, there are planktonic jelly fish the size of dustbins.

About half the photosynthesis that takes place on earth is done by plant-like phytoplankton. That means that half the oxygen produced on earth (as far as we know) is produced by these creatures as a bi-product. This and their huge productivity gives rise to the massive diversity of life we find in the world's oceans. Every crispy cod ball or any kind of fish product you ever ate ultimately owes its existence to the photosynthetic work of phytoplankton. Limestone, which we use for building, cement, concrete, fertilizer and more derives from phytoplankton. Marine plankton are a fundamental part of the planet's climate system. Life on earth might be possible without them but it would be very different to life as we know it.

Julian illustrated his talk with a series of his brilliant photographs. I've been teaching students about plankton for 40 years and these are among the best images I've ever seen. He explained briefly the relatively new technique of photographic stacking which enables the production of sharp clear images of very small things. We were taken on a trip through examples of the many kinds of plankton, starting with bacteria and fungi through plant-like phytoplankton ultimately to more complex animals with nerve cords (like our spinal cord).

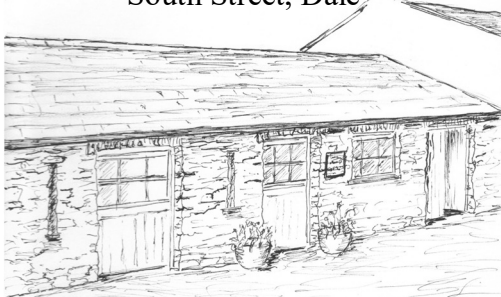
Julian runs a website reporting on his regular local sampling and has just published an excellent book based on this work. I subscribe to the website and so should you. The address is:

<https://www.planktonmilfordhaven.org>

Steve Morrell

The Old Stables Heritage Centre

South Street, Dale



EXHIBITION

**“A Walk through Time”
Thurs 18th June - Sun 27th Sept**

**2.00pm - 5.00pm
Contact Harriet 636668 or Yvonne
636251**

Dale Rowing Club - the Cleddau Marathon Row

On Saturday 13th June Dale rowing club hosted the start of the Cleddau River Marathon Row. This was a 22 mile race from Dale to Haverfordwest organised by Llangwm and Solva rowing clubs. 25 boats took part in the race and it was quite a spectacle. I'm told that it was a long time since such a race has taken place from Dale. Well this one was quite a success with rowers coming from as far away as Conwy and Aberyswyth in Wales and yet more crossing the Severn Bridge from England. However, the majority of teams were local including teams from Fishguard, Llanion, Llangwm and Pembroke. The first boat to cross the line completed the race in 2hours 59 minutes. Finishing boats were welcomed by the Mayor as part of the Haverfordwest River Festival,

Dale rowing club entered a team of 5 in a Celtic longboat. This was the first race that any of the team had rowed in and despite very little practice as a team they crossed the line in 11th place with a time of 3 hours and 39 minutes.. The rowers were Jason Jones, Chris Cannell, James Farley and Angus McConchie. The cox was Caroline Jones. It was only the second time that Caroline had ever been a cox. The team didn't get a prize but had an honourable mention in dispatches as they had only completed 8 hours of training and most of that did not include all of the crew. According to Jason 'the race was exciting and tiring at the end, but the crew worked well together. It was an excellent experience'.

Another member of Dale Rowing Club, Brian Thomas age 83 years, did not enter the race but rowed the same course single handed in a small single handed Rana dingy. His time of 7 hours was not as fast as the racers but was, none the less, quite a row.

If anyone is interested in joining Dale Rowing Club, especially if interested in competitive rowing, please contact dalerowing@yahoo.com



Coastlands Local History Group.

The starting point for our last talk was a plaque on the main Island of Hawaii remembering Isaac Davies who was murdered in 1810, and understood to hail from Milford Haven. An address in a letter from his sister Sarah had placed Isaac's mother at Hubberston Ferry, and after studying Church records, a possible place of birth as Pembroke. After painstaking and ongoing research by Mr. John, we were treated to a swashbuckling tale of sea voyages, the fallout of the American Civil war, capture by the Spanish, seal fur trading, treachery and a near death experience which resulted in Isaac Davies becoming the confidante of Kamehameha the Great, the conqueror and first ruler of the Kingdom of Hawaii. He was poisoned by chiefs jealous of his position. There are many on the Islands who now claim descent from Isaac Davies, who had married into the ruling family. Terry John is still undertaking research into this saga.

The Old Stables is now open for the Summer Season. The exhibition is in place until the end of September. This year we are highlighting the history you walk through as you travel along the Pembrokeshire Coast Path as it passes through our area. The Exhibition will be open every Thursday - Sunday 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Do pop in and have a look it might just surprise you as to the amount of history you walk through on a daily basis!

We also have an exhibition in Marloes in July looking at the restoration and re-opening of Marloes Clock Tower. This will be over the weekend of 18th & 19th July 10.30am - 4.00pm each day. Clare Deacon will be on hand to talk us through the works required and there will be an exhibition in Marloes Village on both days.

As we have already mentioned there is to be a workshop on 'Names' in September. There is a move to record names - of places, geological features, houses and the like as they fall out of use. It is hoped to record as many as possible so the historical record will be 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.

We do hope the sun will shine on us this year and look forward to a great summer for locals and visitors alike. We are back with the programme in September

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)

HERBRANDSTON CARNIVAL SATURDAY 25th JULY 2026

Milford Haven Town Band
Side stalls, teas, raffle, hot dogs,
bouncy castle & lots more.
Assemble at old school 1.30
Parade starts 2.00 to Village
Green
A FUN DAY FOR ALL

An entomologist who has applied for a position at the Natural History Museum is offered a week's paid trial, to see how they get on. Come the Friday a delighted Head of Department calls them into her office and says, "Congratulations - we're very happy to offer you a permanent position, because you did so well with that insect classification task... Or, as the HR people would put it, you boxed all the ticks."

St Ishmaels Cricket Club 2026

4th July 1st XI v Carew home 2nd XI v Hook II away
11th July 1st XI v Saundersfoot away 2nd XI v Crymych home
18th July 1st XI v Burton home 2nd XI v Carew III away
25th July 1st XI v Lawrenny home 2nd XI v Neyland II away
1st Aug 1st XI v Herbrandston away 2nd XI v Herbrandston II home
8th Aug 1st XI v Whitland home 2nd XI v Lawrenny II away
15th Aug 1st XI v Cresselly away 2nd XI v Llechryd II home
22nd Aug 1st XI v Neyland away 2nd XI v Haverfordwest III home

Cup competitions

Harrison Allen Bowl Quarter Final 1st July v Carew away
Alec Colley Cup 2nd Round 22nd June v Haverfordwest home

Ladies Softball fixtures (Sundays)

28th June v Pembroke (11:00 hrs) & Llechryd (15:00 hrs) at Home
5th July v Llanrhian (13:00 hrs) & Llechryd (15:00 hrs) at Llechryd
19th July Friendly fixture at Narberth

Ladies Hardball fixtures Division 1 (6:00 p.m. Start)

7th July v Pembroke Dock away
14th July v Haverfordwest home
21st July v Burton away

Junior fixtures (6:00 p.m. Start)

Under 15s **Under 13s**
29th June v Cresselly home 1st July v Cre Maroons away
12th July v Whitland home

Under 11s 6th July v Haverfordwest away 20th July v P Dock home

Girls Under 12s

1st July v Lamphey away

Under 9s Festival dates (Sunday mornings)

5th July at Neyland
12th July at Haverfordwest - Grand Festival
24th July at TBC (Friday)



Outdoor Training Sessions

THURSDAY EVENINGS FOR ALL EXCEPT THE GIRLS U 12s & LADIES SOFTBALL WHICH WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

We shall be holding our Junior Presentation Evening on Friday 21st August & the Seniors - Ladies & Gents on Saturday 19th September.

Yours in sport Wendy Bradshaw (07974678329)
Sec. St Ishmaels C.C. & Club Safeguarding Officer



The Dale Boat in the Cleddau Marathon rowing race on June 13th

Crows

Since living here at Orlandon Kilns we have been used to living with a pair of Crows somewhere in the vicinity. We would see them having dogfights with the local Buzzards when the Buzzards dared to fly over their territory. We would regularly see them sitting at the top of a tree proclaiming their territory and cawing raucously and loudly - "Caww! Caww! Caww!" And see them sitting on or near their nest in an isolated tree in a hedge-line about 200 yards away.



Every so often, one Crow would land on one of the two tall pine trees in our garden and survey the area – they love to perch up high and look around, and the top of these trees provides an excellent view. We always wondered if they might one day nest in one of these pine trees and this year it happened. Out of the corner of our eye we began to notice furtive Crow visits into the top of the left hand pine tree – they would always fly in from the far side and were completely silent. We could not see a nest – it appeared to be high up and the needles were too dense but the behaviour indicated that it was there. For several weeks we saw regular silent and unobtrusive visits. We then went away for a week or so. When we returned – no Crows. Well, the nest may have failed or juveniles may have fledged – but there is no sign of any Crows at all at the moment. Where are they?

But how to identify a Crow (or Carrion Crow to give it its full name)? Well, the saying “a crow in a crowd is a rook and a rook on its own is a crow” is a useful guide, as Crows usually hang around as a pair or a family group, whereas Rooks can often be seen in very large flocks feeding in fields. But if the food source is good then a few Crows may join the Rooks, along with Jackdaws and Starlings. And after storms on the beach at the Gann you can often see big numbers of Crows feeding on whatever has been washed up from the seabed. So better to look at the plumage – Crows are all black and have black beaks whereas Rooks have very pointy pale grey beaks, with a pale grey area of skin as the base of the bill. (But not juvenile Rooks, who look quite a lot like Crows!) Crows are neatly plumaged and smooth whereas Rooks have shaggy feathers at the top of their legs that look like baggy shorts! They also look different in flight – rooks have splayed wingtips while the Carrion Crow has solid, rounded wingtips.



Where this description of Crows falls down is with the Hooded Crow. Currently considered the same species as the Carrion Crow, this looks quite different with a black head, wings and tail, but a grey body. In the British Isles they only live in some parts of Scotland and in Ireland, but can sometimes be seen in other places, including Pembrokeshire where the occasional bird can be seen from time to time. Every year there is usually a bird around somewhere - most recently at Kensington near St Brides on 13th May. It is probably an Irish immigrant!

Rosemary Royle

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△ Marloes Sands (WCs)
- △ Martins Haven △ Deer Park NCI Watch Hut
△ Pearson Farm main gate
△ St Brides Haven (WCs)
- St Ishmaels: △ Brook Inn △ Burgage Green
- △ Children's Play Park △ Monk Haven Church
△ Sandy Hill Chapel △ Sandy Haven slip
- Walwyns Castle: △ Village Hall

ALL RECYCLING: Every FRIDAY from 6:30am (check locally for actual times).

ALL RECYCLING PLUS GREY/BLACK BAGS on these dates:
26th June, 17th July, 7th and 28th August