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Haf 2017 Summer



New Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected

Former Deputy Mayor, Cllr Bethan Price and incoming new Councillor, Michael Chant were elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively at the AGM of the City Council following last May's Council elections. The Mayor announced that her Consort would be Ian Griffiths and that she was inviting Canon Dorrien Davies to be her Chaplain for the year. Three new members have been elected to the Council, Cllr Michael Chant, Cllr David Griffiths and Cllr Bira Sehmi. See photos on page 2.

Tabernacle Chapel celebrates 200th Anniversary

Tabernacle Chapel celebrated its 200th anniversary of worshipping in Goat Street on 20th April with a well attended afternoon service which was also supported by other churches and chapels in the locality. Among those who attended was the new Bishop of St Davids, the Rt Revd. Joanna Penberthy, who is seen here with the Minister of Tabernacle, the Revd. Wiliam Owen. There was also an enthusiastically supported Gymanfa Ganu at the Chapel in the evening. See page 3 for the full story.



Lifeboat named and new Lifeboat Station opened

St Davids Lifeboat, *Norah Wortley* was dedicated and named, and the new Lifeboat Station was formally opened at a ceremony at Porthstinian in March. A large number of guests including former crew members attended the celebrations, which concluded with the spectacular launching of the Lifeboat. See inside for our full story.



How the Council spends your money for benefit of community

People in St Davids often ask what exactly does the City Council do, where does its money come from and how does it spend it. In an attempt to answer some of these questions, and in the absence of a community meeting this year because of the Council elections, we are taking the opportunity of publishing the report that our Responsible Finance Officer, Paul Evans, would have given had there been a meeting this year but which he instead delivered to the newly elected Council at its first meeting.

St Davids City Council is fortunate to be financially self sufficient, not needing to request a precept from the County Council. This is of course of direct benefit to the council tax payers of the City.

The previous Council embarked on a programme of updates and improvements to the City Hall complex during its lifetime. A disabled toilet unit was built during the financial year 2015/16. In the financial year 2016/17 those improvements were continued in the form of redecoration of the hall, inside and out. Also new fire doors, automatic openers and new stage curtains were purchased to conform to the latest fire regulations. These costs came to £31,000. Also the heating boiler has had to be replaced in the last few months. The Hall complex is now seen as a credit to the City.

The Council is presently pressing on with a scheme to improve the facilities of the Drop In Centre for the Youth Group at the rear of the Hall. The costs of this work will appear in the accounts for 2017/18. Your Council has again this year continued to support the County Council with the costs of running the toilets at Quickwell, the extended library service and the maintenance of the flower beds and troughs all amounting to £4,000. No doubt there will be further requests to assist or take over other services in due course, which we must be prepared for.

Whitesands Car Park is the Council's main source of income, and we saw the benefit of the increased charges agreed in the previous financial year. The car park is managed by Peter Lavin, and once again the Council is grateful to Peter who does a tremendous job of looking after our interests, in all weathers and conditions. Allowing for all outgoings the Car Park produced a net income of £126,000.

Income from the City Hall was marginally down on the previous year. This was due in the main to being closed to bookings whilst the redecoration was being undertaken. The Thursday market stalls continue to be a popular service provided by the City Council, producing a net income of £5,400.

The Memorial Playing Field is well used and appreciated by local children and visitors alike, especially in summer. There is a constant need to keep the equipment safe and up to date. One item was replaced last year at a cost of £3,240 but we did obtain a grant of £775 towards that cost. A suite of fitness equipment was installed at Waun Fawr costing just over £10,000. Again a grant of £1,326 was secured towards those costs.

At St Justinians during the summer period, the City Council together with the Boat Owners provide toilet facilities for the visitors. The Council provides £1,000 with the Boat Owners contributing the remaining two thirds of these costs. The Council's Christmas lighting costs were in line with previous years, approximately £17,000 and are seen to be good value as they attract additional visitors to St Davids over the end of year festivities. Also, the popular Newsletter costs at £4,600 represent a quality record of all the activities and events held here.

The Council's giving to charitable causes and events is governed by strict guidelines. Last year a total of £5,650 was donated including £1,000 to the First Responders and £1,000 to the Cathedral Festival. As far as expenses and overheads are concerned, these are closely monitored at all times. Staff costs increased last year as we employed Jessica Foster on a temporary contract to cover the maternity leave of our Clerk.



New Faces at Council

Left to right
Cllr Michael Chant,
Cllr David Griffiths
and Cllr Bira Sehmi.
A warm welcome to
all three.

Tabernacle Chapel celebrates 200 years



Tabernacle Chapel elders and guests at the anniversary service

Photo Philip Clarke

Celebrating two centuries of worship in Goat Street, Tabernacle Chapel held an anniversary bilingual service on Sunday 20th April.

The bilingual afternoon service was well supported with a congregation of about 120 in number comprising members, friends and clergy including St Davids' recently enthroned Bishop Joanna Penberthy. Cllr Christopher Taylor, the Mayor of the City attended his penultimate final event in office. Readings were read by Mrs Christine Newbery and Mr John Evans, and following a brief historical review by the current minister the Rev Wiliam Owen, the prayer was led by the Rev Maldwyn John, a former member at the chapel. The Rev Haydn Thomas, who had served as minister at Tabernacle from 1961 to 1965 preached the sermon. The organists were Mr John Evans, Mrs Jane James and Mrs Margaret Evans. The Rev Wiliam Owen led the service and the blessing was kindly offered at his request by Bishop Joanna.

A fine tea with a celebratory cake was then enjoyed in the vestry. The evening service took the form of a bilingual Songs of Praise and a large congregation gathered and sang with good heart. They were led by Mrs Jane James and Mrs Margaret Evans, and together with Mr John Evans, they also accompanied the music on the organ. The guest artists included the choir Friends in Harmony directed by Mrs Jane James and accompanied by Mr Julian Harries. The Tabernacle Quartet consisting of Mrs Jane James (soprano), Mrs Margaret Evans (alto), Mr Nigel Barnes (tenor) and Mr Malcolm Gray (bass) sang to the accompaniment of Mr John Evans. The initial devotion and final blessing were presented by the Rev. Wiliam Owen.

The Cause in the St Davids Peninsula dates from about 1739 when Howell Harris, one of the early Methodist leaders visited Dewisland and formed a religious Society at Caerfarchell. A chapel was built there in 1763. A daughter chapel was built in New Street, St Davids in 1785, but was found to be insufficient to serve the growing congregation. Land at Goat Street was then acquired in 1815 and the first Tabernacle was built there and registered as a place of worship on April 20th 1817. In 1874 the chapel was rebuilt and enlarged to a design by the renowned Liverpool based architect Richard Owen. The new chapel was opened on the 2nd of May, 1877, and a Blakett and Howden pipe organ was subsequently installed in 1912.

A historical exhibition was organised by Mrs Gwenan Owen and displayed by her together with a catalogue booklet in the chapel vestry. A more detailed historical booklet was prepared by the Rev Wiliam Owen and is currently available for sale.

We wish to thank Mr Matthew James who produced the poster, programme, and cover for the historical booklet and who also baked and iced the celebratory cake, all to a matching design. Messrs Matthew James, John George and Malcolm Gray served as ushers. We are also indebted to our team of elders and to all who contributed to the success of the anniversary events.

New City Council elected

The following were elected to serve on the City Council at the recent local council elections. The new council has been elected for a term of five years.

Malcolm Gray	(559 votes)
Bethan Price	(548 votes)
Mike Chant	(492 votes) *
Emma Evans	(489 votes)
David Halse	(463 votes)
Frank John	(453 votes)
David Griffiths	(365 votes) *
John Lloyd	(351 votes)
John George	(332 votes)
Bira Sehmi	(324 votes) *
Shan Williams	(322 votes)
Richard Thornton	(298 votes)

* elected for the first time to council - all the other councillors were re-elected.

Standing down from the council after many years service were former councillors Glenys James, David Chant and Chris Taylor.

Each of them had served as mayor, Glenys James four times, David Chant once and Chris Taylor twice.

The new Council has expressed its thanks to them for their contributions to the Council.

Unsuccessful candidates in the election were:

Luke Phillips	(219 votes)
John McEvoy	(197 votes)
Louise Tarbuck	(133 votes)

Cllr Bethan Price has been elected by her fellow councillors to serve as mayor from 2017 - 2018, and Cllr Mike Chant has been elected deputy mayor.

Retirement of Dr Ferguson

Dr Margaret Ferguson has retired from St Davids surgery after more than five years service with the practice. Friends, colleagues and patients joined her for a farewell tea and cakes at the surgery on her last day with the practice on 18th May. The community send its thanks and best wishes to Dr Ferguson for the future.

Former Coxswain carves commemorative plaque



Former Coxswain Malcolm Gray carved a special slate to celebrate the occasion which was unveiled by former RNLI Operations Director Michael Vlasto.

The St Davids crew are already using the more spacious and comfortable new boathouse which also has space to accommodate the smaller D-class lifeboat. Its facilities include a drying room for kit and better provision for crew training and maintenance equipment. There is better access to the station, which is important for the delivery of equipment, and more importantly, for the evacuation of casualties brought in by the lifeboat.

The new lifeboat station is open to visitors weekdays from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. We are still recruiting volunteers to assist in our souvenir shop. So, if you can spare an hour or two, please contact the boathouse on 01437 720 215 or on email st-davids@rnli.org.uk.

Miniature trains arrive in St Davids

A small 'hobby' business has moved to St David's. Parliamentary Trains specialises in 1:43 scale model kits of the trains that ran in the first few decades of the British railway system. The trains of this period tended to be made up of a mixed bag of carriages and wagons of different shapes and sizes - a far cry from the monotony of some later periods. You might like to visit their website www.parlytrains.co.uk





New Lifeboat Station opened



Lifeboat Operations Manager, Captain James Wilcox accepting the Lifeboat

St Davids' new lifeboat was named and the new lifeboat station at Porthstinian was officially opened on 14th March. It had been hoped that RNLI President HRH the Duke of Kent would be present to carry out the ceremony, but ill health meant that in the event he was unable to attend, and the honours fell to the members of the crew, the local committee and to the benefactors who underwrote the cost of the new Tamar class lifeboat, the *Norah Wortley*.

Leading the welcome to the large number of guests and visiting dignitaries was Lifeboat Station Chair Roy Thomas who opened the proceedings by inviting the Very Revd Jonathan Lean, assisted by Canon Dorrien Davies and the Revd Wiliam Owen to dedicate the new lifeboat and to conduct the blessing of the new boathouse.

Representing the donor, Linda Grafton handed the lifeboat over to the RNLI and it was formally accepted on behalf of the Institute by RNLI Operations Director George Rawlinson, and on behalf of the crew by Captain James Wilcox, Lifeboat Operations Manager. Former RNLI Operations Director Michael Vlasto, who had been much involved with the construction of the boathouse, then declared it formally opened, also unveiling a plaque which had been carved by former coxswain Malcolm Gray. Linda Grafton then named the *Norah Wortley*, with mechanic Mike Phillips pouring champagne over the bow of the lifeboat which was positioned at the top of the slipway.

Also taking part in the well attended ceremony and providing music for the occasion were Goodwick Brass Band and Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir, with dozens of present and past crew members on hand to celebrate the day. The proceedings were brought to a close with a vote of thanks by long serving St Davids Lifeboat Station President Dr George Middleton, followed by the spectacular launching of the lifeboat down the new slipway with Coxswain David John at the helm.

In a nod to the past and there to welcome the *Norah Wortley* the former St Davids Lifeboat, the Watson class *Joseph Soar*, which was named by the late Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent in 1964, was moored off the station, as was the present Angle lifeboat, Tamar class *Mark Mason* and former Angle lifeboat Watson class *Richard Vernon*.

Speaking after the ceremony Captain Wilcox, who is standing down as Operations Manager, said 'It was a great day all our volunteers had been looking forward to for years, and it was a great honour to accept the lifeboat on behalf of the St Davids RNLI. The thanks of everyone connected to St Davids RNLI go out to Diana Symon and all the other donors who made this day possible. Their generosity and the support of the local community means that our volunteers will be able to save lives at sea and off the coast of St Davids for many more years to come.' Captain Wilcox is being succeeded as Lifeboat Operations Manager by Mr John Williams.

The new Tamar class lifeboat was funded by the generosity of Diana Symon of Newton Abbot, Devon, who died in 2010. Her legacy, as well as her donations from her charitable trust, funded the 25 knot new lifeboat, which is named in memory of her mother Norah Wortley-Talbot. Mrs Symon's grandparents were owners of the Blue Funnel shipping line based in Liverpool, and were part of a nautical family. Mrs Symon and her sister Phoebe spent much of their early lives sailing with the Blue Funnel Line, and in later life Diana Symon and her husband enjoyed sailing their own yacht.

Funding for the new lifeboat station project was contributed to by a number of generous donations as well as a huge boost of £214,000 from the local community fund raising appeal which was fronted by former Welsh football and rugby internationals Ian Walsh and Gerald Davies.

Friends of Treginnis

Summer fete 2017



Summer is coming and we are once again holding our Annual Summer Fete at Treginnis on Saturday 22nd July with the kind permission of Dan Jones, Manager. We will have all the usual fun and games you have come to expect. The bouncy castle and slide, children's games, and Pembrokeshire Birds of Prey are back again, as well as the Penknife Club with the pig roast and beef-burgers, and the beer tent. Mark will be back with his 'Have a go at Archery' stand which has been so successful over the past couple of years.

There is also the increasingly popular Dog Show. This will be at 1.00 pm and again at 3.30 pm, with Mike Plant doing the honours. Once again the ladies of Menevia WI will be looking after the teas, coffees, sandwiches and cakes, which you will be able to enjoy while sitting in the newly refurbished Walled Garden which now has some great seating.

There will be lots of music during the day to entertain you with the Pembrokeshire Ukulele Pirates, The Goodwick Community Brass Band and the Glynneath Male Voice Choir.

As well as the free bus provided by Richards Bros, we will also have the service of Bws y Bobol from 1.00 pm for a few hours. This is being paid for by The Good Neighbours Group Ty-Ddewi, for which we are extremely grateful, as it will help with the congestion during the busy afternoon. Both of these buses will be running from the Cross Square and back to Treginnis, starting at 12 noon.



The fete will be opened by the Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Bethan Price, at 2.00 pm with the gates opening to the public from 12 noon.

We look forward to seeing you all at Treginnis.



Bench Ice Cream Parlour

Gareth and Katy James and their three children Danny, nine, Jay, eight and Leon, three are delighted to have taken over the Bench Ice Cream Parlour. Gareth, who has been St Davids' milkman and Katy who has been a childminder for many years are very excited about their new career changes as are their children, who are the chief ice cream tasters.

Katy and Gareth would like to thank Gianni and Jo for all their help and support throughout the changeover and also their wonderful team of staff.

The Bench is conveniently situated right at the heart of St Davids and is open daily during the season. A warm welcome is extended to all.

The new family team at the Bench

David Haynes confirmed as new Headteacher



David Haynes is to take up the role of being the first Headteacher of the new Voluntary Aided School serving the St Davids peninsula. Mr Haynes, currently the Headteacher of Ysgol Dewi Sant, has been appointed to lead the new school following national advertising and a rigorous selection procedure. The process was conducted by the temporary governing body supported by the Local Authority and Diocese of St Davids. The appointments committee was unanimous in making its decision and the appointment of Mr Haynes was ratified by the temporary governing body at its meeting on Friday 9th June. The new school will open in September 2018 with pupils aged three to sixteen.

Youth Club returns to renovated Drop In Centre



St Davids Youth Club have returned to their newly renovated Drop In Centre. The centre has been completely rebuilt with greatly improved facilities, these include the removal of a partition wall giving greatly increased space, a new kitchenette, and a new toilet. The project which included replacement of the roof and ceilings has been carried out by local contractor Nick Price and colleagues, and to the designs of architect Wes Spees. A sofa and arm chairs have been given by Mike and Liz Hodson. Youth Club members said they were delighted by the improved facilities and as a mark of appreciation presented the Mayor and Councillors with a bouquet of flowers. Included in the photograph are members of the Club, Youth leaders, the contractors, the Mayor and City Councillors.

The City Council are going to open the renovated centre on Wednesday mornings from 10.00 am to 12 noon for anyone who would like to drop in for a chat and a coffee. This will start from Wednesday 5th July onwards.



Siop Y Bobol supports Memory Café



Some of the volunteers from Siop Y Bobol and the St Davids Memory Café recently got together to celebrate Siop Y Bobol's very successful St David's Day fundraising activity consisting of a delicious Welsh Tea Day and Cymanfa Ganu (traditional singing). St Davids Memory Café was presented with a cheque for £270. Pictured is Nan George of Siop Y Bobol presenting the cheque to Annie Halliwell of the Memory Café.

St Davids Memory Café meets in the Discovery Room Oriol y Parc and is a relaxed, welcoming monthly event offering free of charge membership to anyone living with dementia related memory challenges and their carers. There are refreshments, optional entertainments and information.

To find out more contact Annie Halliwell 01437 720 713.

The meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 4th October.

Podiatry Service for Pensioners

The Well Being Centre in Nun Street now hosts the recently re-introduced Nail Clipping Service for pensioners in the St Davids area.

The sessions are held on the first Friday of every month commencing at 9.00 am, and are arranged by Tanya Rice of Foot Focus.

Appointments are recommended by telephoning 07891 482 357 but casual callers to the Well Being Centre are also welcomed.

It is hoped to build up the service to complete a full day's work each month, to make the service viable. The cost is £15 and at present is being subsidised by the City Council, which underwrites the operational costs.

Bench given in memory of Richard Evans



Family members, Christine Newbury, Cynthia Evans and Elaine Morgan donated the new bench at Waun Fawr, overlooking Penberry and Carn Llidi in memory of Richard Evans, Cynthia's late husband, who maintained the city benches at the Memorial Garden for many years. Atgofion Melys.

Edge Festival

The third Edge Festival will take place in Solva on 11/12/13 August and preparations are proceeding apace. The Festival includes all the best of the north Pembrokeshire peninsular and more.



There will be sport, music, food and literature. The Swim to the Edge has now, after three years, become a fixture on the calendar of open water swimmers. It involves swimming from Solva harbour to Greenscar and back.

The event is organised by Man-up of St Davids and will see over 200 swimmers take part. Porthmawr Lifesavers will again provide safety cover. We will also introduce for the first time this year an opportunity to take part in standup boarding with tuition from TYF.

The highlight of the music programme takes place on Saturday night when Andy Fairweather Low with his nine-piece soul band take to the stage. Andy originally found fame as the lead singer of Amen Corner but he has gone on to a career that included playing with George Harrison and most of the great names in contemporary music.

He currently turns out regularly to play in Eric Clapton's band. Many regard Andy Fairweather Low as the greatest guitarist Wales has ever produced. Local musicians like Lucy Jones will also be featured.

There will be demonstrations on cooking and the preparation of shell fish by Mikey Phillips of Something Fishy. Last year Andy Holcroft demonstrated cooking with bugs and it is hoped that Andy can join us again this year.

We have hugely talented poets and writers that include Eloise Williams who will lead a children's workshop and Samantha Rhydderch, one of the leading poets in Britain. this year we have an all-women programme of writers.

We are very keen to build on our relationship with St Davids and are hoping that the citizens of St Davids will come along to support the festival. It is an entirely voluntary enterprise with all profits going into community projects.

We are keen to receive applications for grant support from St Davids, so if you have a community project that needs funding please let us know.

Golden Wedding Anniversary



The Mayor of St Davids, Councillor Bethan Price presented a bouquet of flowers to Pauline and Alan York to mark their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

Thanks and farewell

After eighteen and a half years living in this beautiful city we are moving to Abergavenny to be near our family. We have loved living here and enjoyed running Alandale Guest House and being made so welcome by the local community. The many friends made during our time here we will never forget. The support and kindness of so many when Gloria was ill last year was overwhelming and so typical of the people of St Davids. We will be returning from time to time and look forward to seeing familiar faces. In the meantime we send our warmest wishes.

Rob and Gloria Pugh.

St Davids Library

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Tuesday and Thursday 10am-5pm

(closed for lunch 1-2pm)

Saturday 10am-12pm

Tel: 01437 721 170

E-Mail: stdavids@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Please contact the Clerk if you know of any couple that may be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

clerk@stdavids.gov.uk

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New Music & Arts Festival for St Davids

St Davids Music & Art festival is a new event which is being held in St Davids from 14th – 16th July 2017 with the aim of promoting music, art and culture in our beautiful city. This non-profit event seeks not only to promote the massive amount of talent we have here but also to raise the profile of this unique location and bring more trade to local businesses. This being our first year we are taking baby steps allowing the festival to grow in an organic way which fits the local community. We currently have limited funding from advertising in our programme and anyone wishing to contribute please email: stdavidsfestival@hotmail.com

We will be producing a full colour A5 programme for the event with advertising space for anyone who wishes to support the festival whether you are a business, organisation or individual. All monies raised will go towards printing and advertising, performers, website construction and general running costs. All committee members are volunteers giving freely of their time and all with a passion to bring a vibrant annual event to the St Davids calendar. As the festival grows we also aim to raise funds for charities.

The programme will be free to the public and made available throughout St Davids in the run up to the festival and we will also be promoting it through social media, local press, local radio and various other media. It is our hope that this Festival eventually becomes a major event on the Welsh calendar but in a way that fits with our small community. We also plan to organise future events outside the normal holiday season thereby extending the busy trading season which we are sure will benefit everyone.

We are holding a special concert in Tabernacle Chapel to open the festival on Friday 14th July at 7.30 pm with local bi-lingual singer-songwriters Lowri Evans and Lee Mason who have featured extensively on Welsh television, Radio Two's Bob Harris show and have toured across the globe, they will be supported by local harpist/singer songwriter Jess Ward (Tickets available at Oriol Y Parc, The Sound Cafe and online at www.brownpapertickets.com). There will also be a unique acoustic event taking place on Ramsey Island on Sunday 16th from noon till 3.30 pm (bookings available through Thousand Islands Expeditions) Other music venues include The Sound Cafe, The Bishops, Oriol Y Parc with all day Music in the City Hall on Sunday 16th to close the festival.

Aside from the musical events there will be a number of exhibitions, buskers and art workshops from local artists at Oriol Y Parc plus art workshops and exhibition at the Ebenezer Chapel on Quickwell Hill run by Ben Lloyd and Care in the Community. Included in the programme is an Art Tour map of the galleries in St Davids.

Please come along to support culture in St Davids.

For further information please visit us on Facebook (St Davids music and Arts festival)

ST. DAVID'S MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL
Present
**LOWRI EVANS
& LEE MASON**
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Jess Ward
**AT THE TABERNACLE ST DAVID'S
FRIDAY 14TH JULY 2017 7:30PM**
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Oriol Y Parc or www.brownpapertickets.com

'Father of Council' - a tribute



St Davids and St Davids City Council have been mourning and celebrating the death and life of former city councillor and 'Father of the Council' Mr Peter Davies who has died at the age of 86. Cllr Davies was a councillor for 45 years from 1958, serving as a parish councillor, then as a community councillor, holding the role of chairman many times, and then as a City Councillor when St Davids was officially made a City in 1995. He became Mayor the following year, 1996 with his wife Mrs Sylvia Davies becoming Mayoress, before finally retiring from the council in 2003.

A very successful local businessman, Peter Davies played a very prominent role in the life of our community, in particular with the British Legion in which he was responsible for the hugely successful Poppy Appeal which he presided over for many years. He was also Church Warden at the Cathedral for eight years. He was also a keen sports fan, occasional snooker player, and a loyal member of Llanrhian Cricket Club in his younger days.

One of eight children of Gwyn and Irene Davies, Peter Davies was born at the Fold, now the Sound Café, in 1930, and was brought up and educated in St Davids. In 1950 he was called up for National Service and served in the Royal Artillery as a gunner. He married Sylvia in 1953, and, after an apprenticeship as a butcher in Swansea, returned to St Davids to join his father Gwyn's butchery business at what is now 'Loshin's Emporium' in the High Street before relocation to the present address at 2 High Street next to Cross Square.



'Peter's Bucher's Shop' as everybody knew it was his pride and joy, and he was always keen to innovate and follow new ideas, not only with new cuts of meat and sausage flavours, but also with his mobile shop in which he personally called at homes throughout the communities of St Davids and Solva. Joined later by Dawn and then Rob in running the business, he also provided employment for many local youngsters over the years.

On the occasion of the Royal Maundy Service at the Cathedral Peter was particularly delighted to be granted permission to present H.M. The Queen with a whole Welsh lamb, the thank you letter for which was framed and still hangs in the family home. As a former Mayor he and Sylvia were invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, and he was also very proud to have been presented to Prince Charles and Princess Diana on their official visit to St Davids.

Peter was devoted to his family, children and grandchildren to whom our condolences are extended.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED FOR RVS

We are looking for new volunteers in the St David's area to drive for country cars. If anyone is interested they should ring Chris or Simon on 01646 699108. A DBS check is required and mileage is paid @45p per mile.

BWS Y BOBOL - ST DAVIDS COMMUNITY BUS

Drivers and companions are required every

Monday and Thursday from 1.00 - 5.00 pm

For further detail please contact Lynette Boorman

01437 729 346 or 07531 310 056

Financial support from the City Council is available for training



St Patrick's Day lunch for Co-Responders

A St Patrick's Day Lunch was held at Bwthyn Y Bwyd Café on Saturday 18th March, organised by Mary, James and Barbara in support of the St Davids Fire and Rescue Station Co-Responder Unit. The event raised £400 and the proceeds are being put towards purchasing the new vehicle and emergency first aid equipment required by the unit in order to provide a service to both the residents and visitors to St Davids and surrounding area. The Co-Responders have expressed their many thanks on behalf of the Fire and Rescue Service for everybody's hard work and the very generous contribution raised at the St Patrick's Day lunch.

Joint effort from emergency services



St Davids Fire and Rescue crew heading to Ramsey Island on the St Davids lifeboat for a full fire inspection, in a recent joint exercise by the two emergency services.



Christian Aid Week

We raised £2,555 this year during Christian Aid Week, a fantastic total from our small community. Thank you so much to the City Council for providing the stall on the market free of charge.

Les Owen Recognised for commitment to Fire And Rescue Service



Watch Manager Les Owen was recently presented the Lifetime Achievement Award and a Service Medal for his dedication and service to the Fire Service. The presentation of the award was made by Temporary Assistant Chief Officer Roger Thomas at St Davids Fire Station.

Les joined the Retained Fire Service in 1970, where he served at St Davids for a year before transferring into Wholetime in April 1971. He embarked on a 14 week training course at Greater Manchester, then heading off to Liverpool for his BA course, before arriving in Haverfordwest, where he would loyally serve for the next 37 years and 7 months, bar a 3 month hiatus, when he chose to peruse a very short career in potato harvesting, the attraction being the improved wages, but the lure of public

service was too strong and so he returned. Les rose to the rank of Sub Officer, before finally retiring in October 2008 from the Wholetime Service but continued to serve within the retained service at St Davids and is now the Watch Manger.

In his career Les has attended many of the major incidents within the County including the Amoco tank fire, Texaco Refinery incident, the Pointsman ship Fire and also the Sea Empress Oil spill to name just a few, along with many other lesser incidents.

Watch Manager Jack Dudley, Station Liaison Officer for Pembrokeshire County Command said, "Les' dedication and professionalism is there for all to see. From ensuring that the Station is at a 100% availability and fully compliant with skills matrix to leading the way, along with his colleagues, in securing the Co-Responder for the City and surrounding area. He has also successfully passed his Firefighter fitness test after over 47 years' service. He's an example to us all."

Former Mayor presents cheque to Co-Responders



The former Mayor of St Davids recently presented a cheque for £1,000 to the St Davids Co-Repsonders, part of the proceeds of the Mayor's Charity Ball held last March.

Seen in the photograph are former Mayor of St Davids, Christopher Taylor, Mr Mydrian Harries, Head of Corporate Risk Department of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, and St Davids Fire and Rescue Crew, Watch Manager Jack Dudley, Crew Manager Tim Foster, Nigel Allen, Norman Price Snr, Steve Bramley, Richie Davies and Norman Price.

The former Mayor has also presented a cheque for £1,000 to the Ysgol Dewi Sant Music and PE fund, and another cheque for £500 to the school's support group for the St Davids Matsieng Lesotho link.

Photographs on this page – Tracey Foster



Oriel Y Parc Summer Fayre

Sunday 6th August 2017 10am-4pm at Oriel y Parc Courtyard

Stalls from local artists, crafts makers and producers, as well as face painting, live music and more available on the day.

St David's Day Celebrations



City Council St Davids Day Dinner Presentations

Cllr Malcolm Gray presented the new Bishop of St Davids, Bishop Joanna with a personal gift, a carved slate plaque of St David.

The Mayor presented Cllr John Lloyd with a certificate and City Council shield to mark his over 25 years of service to the Council. Cllr Lloyd was re-elected to the Council in the recent elections.



Myla-Rose welcoming guests to the St Davids Eisteddfod.



Winners of Cawl Competition

The winners of the Cawl Competition were presented with their certificates by the Mayor, Cllr Chris Taylor.

- 1st The Sound Café
- 2nd Grub Kitchen
- 3rd Bwthyn Y Bwyd

The proceeds raised by the event were given to the St Davids Sea Scouts.



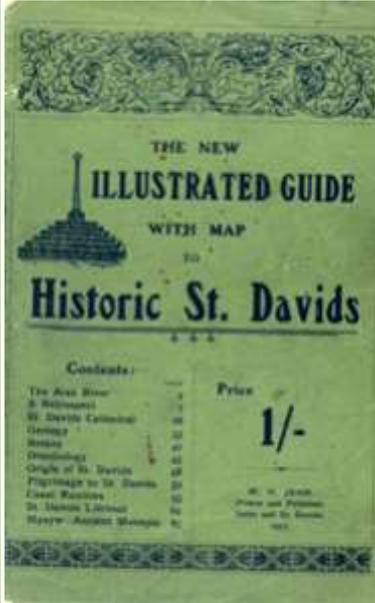


Bishop's Blessing on Cross Square
Eva Jones at Cathedral Service on St Davids Day
Lesotho First Secretary, Peter Potjo Potjo, visits new Lifeboat station
Ysgol Bro Dewi enjoying all the fun of the Dragon Parade



St Davids a Century Ago

Advertisements from a 1917 Guidebook;



First published in 1915 (with a revised and enlarged Second Edition of 1923) the “*Twr-y-felin*” *History and Guide to St. David’s* by Henry Evans is by far the best account of the area in the early years of the 20th Century. Much less well known is *The New Illustrated Guide to St. Davids* published and printed by W.H. John of Solva in 1917. Like its rival it contains articles on Geology, Botany and Ornithology as well as on the Cathedral, Pilgrimage, Coast Rambles and the Lifeboat.

Today, perhaps most fascinating of all, are the adverts at the back of the book. W.H. John was the original publisher of the *Dewsland & Kemes Guardian*.

There are a handful of advertisements, including Commerce House, from Haverfordwest and a few such as Lewis, Cash Stores, and G.H. Lloyd M.P.S., Pharmacist, from Solva. In Middle Mill was the Welsh Flannel and Cloth Factory and in Croesgoch the Artramont Arms with a garage which sold petrol.

The majority of the advertisers come from St Davids. In New Street was James Tossell (Baker and Provision Merchant); the New Street Grocery was run by S.H. Richards. There were three butchers; Spackman (in High St.), John Griffiths on Cross Square and Thomas Griffiths in Old Shop. In Goat Street, lived Mrs. A. Smith (Baker and Confectioner) while in Catherine St. was Jones (Grocer and Provision Merchant) who also provided stockings knitted to order.

At Fossil House were B. and A. Griffiths (Grocers and General Drapers and Manufacturers of Welsh Flannel) On the Square was S. Nicholas (Ladies’ and Gent’s Tailors) *sic*. Norman Lewis, also of Cross Square, advertised similarly. Other advertisers include; J.P. Williams, High St. (Boot and Shoe Dealer), John Eynon (Watchmaker and Jeweller) and James Llewellyn of High St. (Hairdresser) – he also had a donkey for hire. Eleazer James of Priskilly Terrace ran boating and fishing trips.

The Fancy Repository on Cross Square would have appealed to visitors; its proprietors, M.J. and A.C. Owen, were specialists in real photographs and pictorial postcards. At Gwalia was W.D. Williams (Bookseller and Newsagent); in Nun St. W.E. Jones (Ironmonger and Motor Agent). Elsewhere we find L. Rees Owen (Auctioneer and Valuer) and E.G. Thomas of Cloister Hall (Contractor and Builder). The Estate Agency, Cross Sq., sold Building Sites and Bungalows.

Three hotels were advertised; City Hotel, proprietress M.C. Arnold; Prospect Hotel, E.G. Jones and Grove Hotel, which advertised Fishing and Shooting. Over a dozen establishments advertised ‘Apartments’ including Mrs. D. Edwards at Belle Vue, New St., Mrs. Parry at Trevithan House; Mrs John at Bryn-y-don; the Misses Cornock at Glasfryn; Mrs. Anne Bowen at Brynglas, High St.; Mrs. J. Morgan at Allt-yr-Avon, and Mrs. Fred Morgan at Ivy House.



The St Davids of a century ago was very different in many ways from the city of the present, but the Tourist Trade was obviously beginning to develop significantly.

Les Owen completes Pembrokeshire Dawn Walk



Les Owen recently completed the 26 mile Pembrokeshire Dawn walk for Macmillan Cancer Care in 7 hours and 40 minutes. “It was tough going especially when the sun started belting down when out on the coast path” he said. “I enjoyed it thoroughly, especially knowing that the sponsor money raised is going to a very important cause, I’m sure that my poor feet will recover soon and the stiffness will be gone”.



St Davids' Eisteddfod 2017



The eighth consecutive Eisteddfod at St Davids was held this year on the 28th of February at the City Hall. As usual, it was the culmination of a year's planning by the Eisteddfod Committee under the leadership of our Co-ordinator, Glenys James. A good response was received to this year's theme, Coastlines and this was reflected in the large number of home competition entries in the literary and art classes.

Due to a change in our funding, the Eisteddfod was opened this year to all age groups. This allowed younger competitors to enter the competitions. A harpist from Ysgol Dewi Sant who competed in the musical instrument solo competition was warmly welcomed. We are grateful for the support of the school in allowing her to attend the eisteddfod during school hours. The event was featured on the *Cymdeithas Eisteddfodau Cymru* website and this drew competitors from other parts of Wales and beyond, especially in the Welsh literary competitions.

This year was also marked by the commission of an Eisteddfod Chair, to be used in the various ceremonies. It was crafted in oak and Welsh slate by Messrs Geraint Richards and Malcolm Gray respectively. Mr Geraint Richards also produced a miniature Chair to be kept by the winner of the most points in all the competitions. The cost of the commission was sponsored by Mrs Jane James of Trefaner, Siop y Bobol and the Tŵr y Felin Hotel. We are grateful to the three sponsors for their support and to the craftsmen for their excellent workmanship.

In comparison with other Eisteddfodau, our Festival has some unique features. As mentioned above the Chair is awarded as a *Victor Ludorum* prize. Secondly, the Art and Craft section is strongly supported by the 50+ age group, a feature rarely seen in other Eisteddfodau who usually relegate such competitions to youth and child competitors. The quality of the Art and Craft displays was much admired by members of other eisteddfod committees throughout Wales. Thirdly, ours is a bilingual event which reflects the linguistic character of our community in Dewisland.

The usual team of adjudicators supported us once again this year, with the exception of Mr David Price who retired after seven years' service. We are grateful to him for his careful work throughout the years and also for crafting the annual miniature chairs for our main competition. His place was taken this year by Mr Geraint Richards and Mr Alun Ifans. Mr Huw George compered the event as usual and the accompanist this year was Mr Julian Harries. The *Friends in Harmony Choir* led by Mrs Jane James gave the event a special gloss.

The main prizes were won by the following. The cup for the hymn solo (donated by John and Glenys James) was jointly won by Jane James and Wiliam Owen. *The Thomas James, Ysgeiflog, Memorial Prize* was won by the *Merched Mari* folk dance group. The rolling pin for the cookery was won by Iris James and the Art and Craft Shield (donated by Capel Uchaf, Solfach) by Pearl Kaill. Pearl Kaill also won the miniature Chair for the most points gained in the Eisteddfod. Many commented on the excellent quality of the displays and the stage events. "It was like a concert" was a common reflection of the festival.

We are indebted to the Eisteddfod Committee, stewards, doorkeepers, caterers and all who helped in various ways to make this a special day which brought the creativity and community spirit of Dewisland and beyond to the fore.

Dick Venables takes to the road again



Dick Venables, the 85 year old cyclist from Stafford who last year raised over £13,000 for the Pratigya Children's Shelter in India, by cycling from Stafford to St Davids is to take to the road again riding in the reverse direction from St Davids to Stafford. He hopes to set out from Cross Square in St Davids on Thursday 6th July. Dick and his grandson who cycled with him, have recently visited the children's refuge which in particular provides safety for young girls who are at risk of being forced into sexual exploitation in the Southern Indian state of Telangana. The girls asked them to pass on their thanks to everyone for all their support and donations which have helped to secure their future.

St Davids Local Producers Market

Come and support your small local producers at the Thursday Market on Cross Square.

We are open from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm weekly from 1st March until the end of October and then in the Memorial Hall until Christmas.

Our stalls include -

- artisan soaps, candles, hand and foot creams and bath bombs
- joints, steaks, mince and burgers
- sweet and savoury baked goods, vegetables in season, preserves, eggs, knitted goods and assorted craft items. Celebration cakes to order
- local honey
- a wide range of soft alpaca wool products from their own herd
- local handmade fudge in several varieties.
- handmade jewellery
- local cheese
- eclectic crafts
- sea glass jewellery
- handmade accessories with a vintage feel
- farm meats, cooked burgers and bacon rolls
- wood fired pizzas to order
- delightful pictures and greetings cards



Solva Community Cinema: Film Showings, July - Sept 2017

July 6th: The Accountant (15) action thriller about an accountant who freelances as an assassin.

August 3rd: La la land (12) Musical comedy about the relationship between a jazz musician and an aspiring playwright.

September 7th: Jackie (15) Drama about Jacqueline "Jackie" Kennedy in the days following the assassination of her husband, John F. Kennedy.

Doors open from 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm
Tickets £5.00 for adults / £3.50 for under 16's
(Annual membership - £5/person – gives 20% discount on the ticket price).

Refreshments available

Solva Community Cinema is a non-profit community project. Income from ticket sales aims to cover the cost of the film licence, hall hire and other related costs as well as investment in technical equipment. Solva Memorial Hall, 39 High Street, Upper Solva, SA62 6TE



Cawsom Gyfarfod Blynyddol llwyddiannus iawn yn Festri Seion ar 12fed Ebrill gyda tua naw o aelodau'n bresennol. Trafodwyd unrhyw faterion ffurfiol megis ymddiheuriadau a chofnodion y llynedd cyn symud ymlaen a'r agenda. Etholwyd Elaine Morgan yn Llywydd am y flwyddyn i ddod ac 'roedd yn bleser i ethol ein haelod ieuengaf, Gwenno Thomas i'r swydd o Is-Lywydd. 'Roedd pawb yn awyddus i'r swyddogion eraill i gadw eu swyddi a chytunont hwy i wneud hynny. Cynigwyd nifer o ddigwyddiadau a siaradwyr gwadd amrywiol i ddod i'n cyfarfodydd gan olygu dyfodol hwylus i'n cangen. Cafwyd sawl syniad hefyd am leoliad y daith flynyddol ym Mis Mehefin ac fe fydd hyn yn cael ei drafod a'i gadarnhau yn y cyfarfod nesaf. Cyhoeddwyd dyddiad a lleoliad y penwythnos breswyl ac mae rhai o'r aelodau yn awyddus am dderbyn ragor o fanylion. Fe fwynhasom disied a bisgedi yn ystod y trafod ac estynnwyd gair o ddiolch i bawb am eu cyfraniad llon ar hyd y flwyddyn i sicrhau llwyddiant ein cangen eleni eto.

Ymunodd ugain o aelodau'r Gangen â tua dau gant a hanner o aelodau'r rhanbarth Ddydd Sadwrn 22ain o Ebrill i fwynhau Cinio Llywydd y De yng Ngwesty Crug Glâs i 'Ddathlu'r Aur'. Cafwyd gwledd o ginio blasus a ddilynwyd gan atgofion diddorol gan sawl cyn-lywydd cenedlaethol y Mudiad ac adloniant doniol iawn gan Siân a Siân o'r gogledd i gloi prynhawn arbennig a phleserus.

Cawsom noson hyfryd Nos Fercher 10fed Mai yn ymweld â Melin Wlân Tregwynt. Bu Louise yn ein tywys o amgylch y ffatri tra'n esbonio'r gweithrediad o'r dechreuad gyda'r gwlan yn cael ei wehyddu a'i drawsnewid i'r nwyddau gorfenedig delfrydol a welwyd yn y siop. 'Roedd yn ddiddorol iawn i ddysgu am hanes y teulu a'i ffatri sydd wedi bod mor bwysig i'r ardal am dros ddau can mlynedd yn cyflogi gweithwyr lleol wrth greu nwyddau o safon uchel sy'n cael eu dosbarthu i bedwar ban y byd. Mwynhasom bryd blasus ac amser i grwydro o amgylch y siop i werthfawrogi'r pethau hyfryd ar werth yno. Cawsom gyfle hefyd i gael llun yr aelodau yn dal bag Merched y Wawr a roddwyd iddynt yn anrheg i Ddathlu'r Aur, sef hanner canmlwyddiant sefydlu'r mudiad yn Y Parc ger Y Bala ym Mai 1967.

St Davids and Solva Art Group Summer Exhibition



The St Davids and Solva Art Group's Summer Exhibition will open at lunchtime on Wednesday 2nd August in the City Hall. This vibrant group of about 25 local artists exhibits their original paintings and sketches biennially in St Davids, taking inspiration from the coastal scenery and amazing light. Paintings may be purchased by cash or card and are priced to suit all pockets. The exhibition will be open daily from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm until Thursday 17th August when it closes at 3.00 pm. Entry is free and we look forward to seeing you there.

The group aims to distribute any profits from this exhibition to local good causes. If you are involved in one of these, please contact Maggie Humble . Email: davidandmaggieh@talktalk.net



A letter from our re-elected County Councillor, David Lloyd

As reported in the Spring edition of the St. Davids City News the St. Davids Peninsula Community Land Trust and Premier Inn entered into a pre-planning process with the National Park in January 2017 for the development of 87 units of housing and a 60 bedroom hotel. The housing comprised 50 homes for rent, 17 homes for affordable purchase (shared equity) and 20 homes for sale on the open market, the profit from which would provide match funding for the proposed new swimming pool. Following a prolonged series of meetings, which also involved the Pembrokeshire Housing Association, the proposal was refined to a total of 73 homes, 38 for rent, 10 for affordable purchase and 25 for open market sale.

The homes for rent will be allocated according to a local letting policy agreed between the Housing Association and the County Council, which ensures that people with local connections to the five communities of St Davids, Llanrhian, Mathry, Brawdy and Solva will have priority. This policy was successfully applied to the new homes that have been recently built in Roch, Camrose and Marloes, all of which were allocated to local people.

With regard to the homes for affordable purchase these will also be offered in the first instance to local people at a fixed price. In the event of an affordable home being resold the owner would only be allowed to sell it back to the Community Land Trust. The selling price would be calculated by adding a percentage to the purchase price related to the increase in the average wage over the period of ownership. In this way the affordable homes would be available to local people in perpetuity.

To reach this stage members of the CLT have put in hundreds of hours of work in attending countless local meetings and conferences in Birmingham, Cardiff and Bristol involving the cooperative housing movement, Welsh Government and other community land trusts. Beyond the time that they have put in members of the CLT have also met all their own expenses and paid for vital professional fees out of their own pockets. Key partners, LA Architects, Brighton, have also worked on the project at no charge from the very beginning in 2009 when the St Davids swimming pool was closed. The principal, Mike Lawless, is a Pembrokeshire boy who heard about the campaign to replace the pool and offered to help. To date his firm's contribution amounts to £65,000 in unbilled fees, without which the project would never have got off the ground.

All attempts, however, to obtain funding to take the project forward to planning, bar a grant of £4,000 from the National CLT Network, failed. Hoped for grants and loans from Planed, Pembrokeshire County Council and Welsh Government never materialised. The project was effectively on stop. It was only when Premier Inn arrived on the scene in early 2016 when they swiftly obtained an option agreement to purchase land from the owners of the land on Glasfryn Lane that the situation changed. The CLT had no means of influencing this agreement, but it did as a result find itself in a position to receive financial help from Premier Inn. Premier Inn offered to meet all necessary site investigation costs relating to the CLT's housing development as well as pay for the CLT's planning application, a total of £100,000, enabling the CLT to at last proceed to making a planning application. The CLT Board took a pragmatic decision to accept this help, which is now the subject of such controversy in the community.

NOPI, the anti-Premier Inn campaign, is demanding that the CLT withdraw all cooperation with Premier Inn and in particular, its proposal to proceed with a joint planning application to the National Park planned for July 2017. Without a joint planning application with Premier Inn, however, the landowner would not sell the land to the CLT.

The consequences of the CLT not proceeding with a joint application with Premier Inn would be (i) No funding for the swimming pool, which would mean it would never be built; (ii) No affordable housing for purchase for local people; (iii) A reduction in homes for rent for local people from 38 to as few as 20; (iv) The loss of homes for local people in which to raise families to replace those lost to second homes and holiday homes, which in turn would put continued pressure on the viability of Ysgol Dewi Sant; (v) The loss of 20 all-year-round jobs that would have partly addressed the 50 jobs lost in recent years at St Davids Assemblies; (vi) The loss of 63 bedrooms which would have replaced the 55 hotel rooms lost following the closure in recent years of Whitesands Bay Hotel, St Nons Hotel, Glan y Mor and the change of status of Twr y Felin hotel. I sincerely hope that this dire outcome can be avoided. With the support of local people I am confident that it can.

Welcome to Lucy and Lila



Congratulations to Gary and Heidi on the birth of their twin daughters, Lucy and Lila, sisters to Charlie and Ashton. Seen with the happy parents when the twins arrived is Heidi's sister, Gillian. Heidi and Gary are over the moon with their news.



caerhys organic community agriculture



COCA is in its seventh season of growing and sharing organic vegetables with its local members.

This year, with two polly tunnels as well as the field, there is more than enough work for Caz Miles and the two European Voluntary Service workers, Lea and Verena, sowing, planting and weeding. In these next couple of weeks about 12,000 Leeks will be planted as well as hundreds of various cabbages for the winter, for example.

We are sharing the produce between 56 member families now, spread throughout the St Davids Peninsular, as well as Goodwick and Haverfordwest. A membership survey showed that most people were happy with COCA produce, but we can always do better. The ebb and flow of seasonal produce through the year hits a low point in late Spring, when basically only a few leaf crops, like Chard and salads can be picked. But

French Beans will be on stream by mid-June and the Tomatoes are already setting small fruit, and in the field the many crops are coming on fine.

The variety of veg to be harvested steadily increases through the summer into autumn and early winter. The picture (left) shows the variety typical of an August week's harvest.

Checking our COCA records we can see that some crops, such as Sweet Corn, are short lived maybe just three weeks, while others are picked and picked for months. Leeks for nearly six months, Swiss Chard and Sprouting Broccoli for over four months, and various salads, ranging from spicy Oriental Greens through to mixed Lettuce types are picked through eleven months of the year.

We recently counted the variety and found that COCA grows 32 different vegetables! Obviously not all are very abundant, and some we have struck off our list as not worth growing here, peppers for example. But from Cucumbers to Kale, Tomatoes to Turnips, COCA is producing literally *tons* of organic fresh food for this community.

With uncertainty about the cost of imported fresh vegetables after Brexit, groups like COCA are well placed to use their expertise to fill the gap, and keep us locally well supplied into the future.

To join or to learn more check the web site : www.coca-csa.org or contact caz@coca-csa.org to arrange a visit.

Appeal for memorial benches

St Davids City Council receives many requests from the public who would like to place memorial plaques on the benches in St Davids. The Council is unable to meet all of these requests. However, the Council would be pleased to receive donations of new memorial benches for the playing fields in St Davids. If you would like to donate a bench to the City in memory of a loved one, please contact the Clerk on 0147 721 137 or clerk@stdavids.gov.uk

Volunteers continue good work maintaining the troughs



Members of Menevia WI who are continuing to assist in maintaining the troughs on Cross Square.

Pictured left to right:
Julie Kirby, Maureen Owen,
Nanette Billeau, Liz Hodson,
Annie Haig, Sue Preece,
Chris Williams.

Eluned Philips and Val Davies are maintaining the troughs outside the City Hall and the whole project is being supervised on behalf of the community by Cllr Frank John.

Premier Inn

Probably one of the most debated issues in St Davids at the moment is the proposal to bring a Premier Inn hotel to St Davids.

The City Council is well aware of the proposal, and indeed several councillors individually and the council as a whole have been in the receipt of both verbal and written representations, both for and against, with respect to the proposal. However, to date, the council has received no formal notification of the proposed application, and in accordance with its standing orders and protocols has not yet formally discussed the proposal, and nor has it made any official comment on the issue.

Only if and when the City Council receives notice of the application from the planning authority, the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, will it, as a statutory consultee for all planning applications in the parish, be in an official position to have a debate on, and to vote on the proposal, and to then convey that decision to the National Park.

All City Councillors will have a full opportunity to comment on, and to vote on, the application at an appropriate city council meeting, but the final decision on the application will be taken by the National Park planning authority. The National Park may take note of, but it is not obliged to follow, whatever decision may be taken by the 'lesser' authority, in this case the City Council.

Members of the public may also make representations to the National Park Authority as well as to the City Council before the application is finally considered.

Star of the show



Canon Dorrien, seen here as the High Lord of the Admiralty, was the undoubted star of the show at the performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's Opera HMS Pinafore during the recent St Davids Cathedral Festival. The show, which included audience participation for all, was one of the highlights of this year's very successful festival.

As part of their work with the local community, St Davids based adventure provider TYF and the National Trust Coastal Ranger are excited to run their annual adventures for Porthclais Harbour offering free adventures to the community of St Davids during the Porthclais Fun Day on Friday 28th July.

They will be offering the following free taster sessions, to introduce you to the exciting adventures you can have from Porthclais. This year you can **book ahead** by calling the TYF booking office on 01437 721 611 before the day - then any spare spaces on the day are first come first serve!

- All activities are weather dependent, so check with the TYF booking office the day before, or on the morning if in doubt.
- Please bring any medication like epi-pens or asthma inhalers to your activity.
- Minimum age for all the taster adventures is 6 years old.
- All adventures start from the grass next to the slip, so please check in 15 mins before your session time.
- For Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) and Kayaking you'll need a swimsuit & towel.
- For the Ranger Led Walks wear suitable clothing for the weather & sturdy footwear. For Rock Climbing wear suitable warm clothing and flexible trainers.



10.00-11.00	Stand Up Paddleboarding or Kayaking (choose 1)	13.00-14.00	Rock Climbing
		13.30-14.30	Ranger led Walk - bug hunt or butterfly count
11.00-12.00	Stand Up Paddleboarding or Kayaking (choose 1)	14.00-15.00	Rock Climbing
		15.00-16.00	Rock Climbing
12.00-13.00	Break	15.00-16.00	Ranger led Walk - bug hunt or butterfly count

Festivities continue with a Music Evening from 5pm at Porthclais Harbour. Live Music, Food and Bar. All welcome! All proceeds to charity.



Junior Football medal winners

The 2016/17 season provided a successful return to junior football for Solva AFC with the Under 10s enjoying a brilliant debut season under the management duo of Gareth Thomas and Matthew Roberts. The end of season presentation took place at The Bench Ice Cream Parlour in St Davids, with each player receiving a medal and ice cream to celebrate their contribution to the team. Most Improved: Reegan Devonald, Most consistent: Harrison Richards, Top scorer: Montie Lavin, Outstanding achievement: Danny Thomas and Joe Roulston, Player of the year: Lucas Price. The team was set up with funding from Sport Wales.



All on board for the naming and opening



All of the RNLI crew and station volunteers at the naming of the *Norah Wortley* and opening of the new Lifeboat Station at Porthstinian. See our inside pages for full story.

Citizens Advice Bureau

The Citizens Advice Bureau will be running a monthly outreach in St Davids Memorial Hall on the first Tuesday of each month, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. All welcome, no appointments necessary.

The deadline for our next issue will be Friday 1st September 2017!

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