



Well done Jasmine, welcome home!

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Jasmine receives a hero's welcome

St Davids' first Olympian Jasmine Joyce received a hero's welcome when she returned to her home city from Rio. The twenty year old, who had performed so brilliantly in the GB Women's Rugby Sevens in the Deodoro Stadium was greeted with a large banner spanning New Street on the way to her family home, and was officially welcomed back at a reception at St Davids Rugby Club hosted by the club and St Davids City Council, with large crowds thronging the city streets to see her when she joined the mayor in an open car in the annual carnival procession through St Davids the following day.

She also told us that she is especially proud of the fact that she is the first Welsh rugby player ever to have taken part in the Olympics at the very moment when rugby first became an Olympic sport.

In fact she is so inspired by her time in the Games that she is now dreaming of a the possibility of representing Team GB again at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, and she is very determined to develop her playing potential and experience to this end over the next four years. As she returns to Cardiff Met University this autumn she will not only be concentrating on her studies, but to continuing the development of her rugby career with both Welsh 7s and 15s, and she also plans to join Bristol Ladies RFC to develop her skills.

There was standing room only at the Welcoming Reception at St Davids Rugby Club hosted by Chairman Colin Reynolds who told Jasmine that everybody in St Davids was so proud of her achievements and all that she had done to represent the sport and her community, presenting her with a commemorative plaque carved by Malcolm Gray. The Mayor, Cllr Chris Taylor, said that on behalf of the City Council, he was also very privileged to welcome Jasmine back to St Davids, congratulating her on her flair and skill as a player. He also made a presentation to her of a city shield and a city council scarf.

Also there to welcome her were family members, her parents Jason and Bethan and Granddad Ted who had travelled to Rio to be there for the competition, former Wales International Gerald Davies, her former junior coach Carwyn Richards, her former PE teachers Rachael Thomas and Neil Davies, Ysgol Dewi Sant Headteacher David Haynes and other staff members and County Councillor David Lloyd. Rachael Thomas told the guests that she was so proud of Jasmine's achievements at Ysgol Dewi Sant where she had been an inspiration to everybody in the school. Bill Preece made a presentation on behalf of the St Davids Penknife Club.
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Chairman Colin Reynolds presents Jasmine with a plaque. Jasmine, who won the hearts of viewers around the world with her sparkling performances during the tournament, told St Davids City News that while, along with her team mates, she had been desperately disappointed by the final outcome in the play off against Canada she still came away from Rio tremendously proud of having taken part in the competition.

Minister approves school reorganisation proposals
Cabinet Minister for Education Kirsty Williams AM has approved the proposals for reorganising education provision on the St Davids peninsula.
See page 12 for details.



Letter from the Mayor, Cllr Chris Taylor

I would like to start this letter by sending my congratulations on behalf of the whole community to Jasmine Joyce for becoming the first Olympian from St Davids, and for her outstanding performance on the rugby field in Rio. Our front page is totally devoted to the story, which was such a fantastic inspiration to us all. Her enthusiasm, speed, and sheer grit in dealing with her opponents during the tournament was quite staggering, and will surely be long remembered in the annals of our city. Welcome home Jasmine, and we wish you all the very best in the future.

Since my last letter I have myself spent quite a long while being a fairly inactive mayor, following a still unexplained fall outside my bookshop on The Pebbles at the end of June, in which I broke my left hip. This involved a just over two weeks long stay in Withybush Hospital for corrective surgery, and some five weeks recuperation at home while the hip healed, and it has only really been possible to properly resume my duties as mayor following being signed off by my surgeon during the last week of August.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all my fellow councillors and our council staff for all that they did to keep everything running smoothly while I was indisposed, and in particular I would like to thank my deputy Cllr Bethan Price for standing in for me by both chairing several of our council meetings and representing the council and the community at a number of civic events both in St Davids and elsewhere in the county.

One thing I did learn very dramatically as a result of the fall is what a very effective team we already have in St Davids in our new Co-responders unit. They came to my help extremely quickly after my fall, and looked after me in an exemplary way. So it is a case of a very big thank you to them, especially Tim Foster and Steve Bramley who helped me on the day. My thanks also to our clerk for initially contacting them after my fall.

Indeed it is becoming very clear that since the formation of the Co-responders they have been doing everything that we, as a community, expected of them, and probably a great deal more as well. They have already assisted a substantial number of people in trouble when they needed help. This is an amazing achievement, and it has all happened in a very short space of time. The people of St Davids and the surrounding area have also been extremely generous in their support for the new unit, and I would like to acknowledge this and express my thanks to all concerned.

The City Council has now met with the younger members of our community who petitioned us for the provision of a skate board park in St Davids, and we are now taking initial steps to see if we can turn their dream into a reality, both by the selection of a suitable site for the facility and also the acquisition of appropriate equipment.

The council has also recently acquired and will shortly install a wide range of outdoor keep-fit equipment on its Waun Fawr field adjoining St Davids Rugby Club. This will be available for the use of all, and the council hopes that the new equipment will prove popular and be well used. Access is via the rugby club site, and then City Council is extremely grateful to the club for all the assistance that it has given in helping to establish this new facility.

It would not be appropriate to close this letter without congratulating the RNLI and all its fund-raisers on its near completion of our new lifeboat station. Once again, the story is told in fuller detail on another page in this publication. With the commissioning of the new station the need to resolve the future of the old slipway and the provision of facilities for our boat owners will become even more urgent. It is hoped that these long standing issues will soon all be concluded.

St Davids' oldest resident celebrates her 100th birthday!

St Davids' oldest resident, Mrs Mary Teresa Jawetz (nee Beynon), known to most people as 'Terry', recently celebrated her 100th birthday at the same farm on which she was born! Mrs Jawetz was born at Lower Harglodd Farm, St Davids, which is now The Bug Farm, and enjoyed an afternoon tea birthday party in the Grub Kitchen at The Bug Farm.



On the day of her actual birthday, she was surrounded by her family, including brother John Beynon and sister Joyce Wright. John gave an overview of Terry's life, which included snippets about her time as a scientist in Aberystwyth and Bristol, her life at Cwt Mawr (Llangeitho) and her time living in Nigeria. After the death of her husband, agricultural economist Dr



Michael Jawetz, she moved back to her childhood home of St Davids. A wonderful birthday cake, featuring her hobby of knitting, was made by Terry's great niece, Heather McLeod. Mrs Jawetz invited friends from across the UK to visit her for a morning of Prosecco, tea and cake at which where she was visited by the Dean of St Davids, Canon

Dorrien and the Mayor of St Davids who presented her with flowers. She was also thrilled to receive an official birthday card from HM The Queen.

Jasmine's welcome



On Carnival Day Jasmine joined the Mayor for the carnival procession in which they were taken round St Davids from Oriel y Parc to the Rugby Club in an open Saab car owned and driven by Steve Laughton of the Coach House. At the carnival field Jasmine joined Lady St Davids, Cannon Dorrien Davies, the Mayor and community award winner Paul Edy in judging the individual entries, before taking the opportunity of meeting many hundreds of friends and admirers on the field.

Jasmine has told *St Davids City News* that she has been overwhelmed by the all support that she has received from the very moment that she was first selected for the GB squad by head coach Simon Middleton. 'It has been quite fantastic and I am really grateful for all the messages that I have received,' she said. She also stressed how grateful she was to her parents, and in particular for their pro-active support in travelling out to Rio to be there for the tournament.

Jasmine has also paid tribute to the other members of the GB squad with whom she developed strong friendships both during the training weeks before Rio and at the competition itself. 'It was a wonderful time, and even though we didn't come away with a medal, I shall always have amazing memories of being a member of the squad and of being an Olympian at the Rio games,' she said.



The Joyce family in Rio. Jasmine with mum Bethan, dad Jason and granddad Ted who supported her during the Games.

Another busy summer for Menevia WI



Serving teas at the refreshment stall at the Treginnis annual fete.

Menevia WI has had a very busy summer, starting in May with Mrs Janet Roberts giving a talk on Our Changing Climate. The graphs, tables and photographs she used to illustrate her talk demonstrated how quickly our climate is changing and the need to take action. In June Menevia member Sue Clark gave a talk entitled 15 Days in China about her recent visit to the amazing country and included lots of her photos.

July was the month for the annual outing to the Gower. Menevia set off early in the morning, along with the other Pembrokeshire WIs for the Gower Heritage Centre for a tour around the peninsula, for a walk and lunch at Worms Head and for afternoon cream tea and a tour around the centre. Although there was no meeting in August members were busy preparing the Carnival float *Ladies Day at Ffos Las*.

In May the gardening group visited Penlan Uchaf, in the Gwaun Valley, after morning coffee and cake they went on to Moorland Cottage Plants, Brynberian, followed by fish and chips at Letterston. In July we went to Scolton Manor to see the WI Craft Fair as well as the garden. After lunch the group then went on to Treffgarne Hall NGS Open Garden. In August the group visited Porthiddy Farm West, Abereiddi followed by afternoon tea at the Bug Farm.

The walking group has also been out and about this summer. After visiting Penrallt Garden Centre in Moylegrove they walked down to Ceibwr Bay. In May nine members plus two dogs walked to St Davids Head and visited the archeological dig at Whitesands for a conducted tour where they were lucky enough to witness three skeletons being unearthed.

The Craft group has also been busy. In May, Mavis Tierney, a tutor at Denman WI College, demonstrated Painting a Silk Scarf. In July, Julie Evans demonstrated gold work embroidery, skills that she had acquired at Denman. Five Menevia members stayed at the college for four days, along with other Pembrokeshire WI members, learning new craft skills.

Menevia members have also supported other community activities during the summer. In addition to baking and making tea and coffee at various fund raising events they have also taken on responsibility for planting and maintaining the four troughs in the Cross Square.

Menevia WI meet at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall on the second Thursday in the month. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in taking part in these activities, call in and see us or ring the Secretary Julie Kirby on 01437 729 375.

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 10am - 1pm.
All welcome, no appointments necessary.

**Please contact the Clerk if you know of
any couple that may be celebrating their
Golden Wedding Anniversary.**
clerk@stdavids.gov.uk 01437 721 137

Bishop Wyn to retire



Bishop Wyn Evans is to stand down as Bishop of St Davids at the end of September, after eight years in the post, and following fourteen previous years as Dean of the Cathedral. *Picture Phillip Clarke.*

Bishop Wyn, pictured above his wife Diane, has told *St Davids City News* that he is sad to be retiring, but that as he has now reached the formal retirement age of 70 he has little choice, unlike one of his 19th century predecessors as dean, Dean Allen, who took up the post at the age of 76, retiring only in his 93rd year!

Bishop Wyn, who was elected bishop as the 127th successor to St David in September 2008, told us that one of the things he is very proud of is to have visited all 330 churches in the diocese during his time in office, a journey which came full cycle very appropriately just a few weeks ago at Llandeloy, the parish where he was born and where his late father was the vicar. "This has been a fantastic journey, and also a great personal journey for myself," he said.

Wyn has also told us that he is extremely proud of his involvement with the Millennium restoration projects at the cathedral, which included the re-roofing of Porth y Twr, the restoration of the cathedral's west front, the re-leading of the presbytery roof, the rebuilding of the cathedral organ, the restoration of the cloisters, the creation of the refectory, the creation of the new song school under the refectory and finally the new treasury on the site of the former choir room. "I think the treasury might be the finest part of my legacy, helping to ensure that the cathedral's treasures can be properly displayed for all time," he said.

Long before becoming dean, Wyn was a minor canon at the cathedral from 1972 - 1975, and later was diocesan archivist whilst serving in the parish of Llanfalteg. It was during this time that he published a history of the cathedral to coincide with the 800th anniversary of the commencement of the present building by Bishop Peter de Leia. He has also edited the definitive title *St David of Wales, Cult Church and Nation*. As dean Wyn was always a very strong supporter of the cathedral's music department, 'the voice of the cathedral' as he has always put it, and he was also a very pro active president of the cathedral festival.

Now, as he contemplates retirement, he hopes that he may be able to give a little more time to his passion for further researching into the history of the building, and also the people who have served it, especially some of the remarkable characters who inhabited the cathedral close in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. He also hopes that he and his wife Diane will now have the opportunity of spending a little more time together, and also travelling to destinations they have never had time to visit.

Bishop Wyn will lay down his pastoral staff, together with the diocesan mitre, on the high altar during evensong at the cathedral on Tuesday 4th October .

Llanrhian complete four year stint in top division

The Llanrhian First XI saw their four year stint in the top division of Pembrokeshire cricket ended after a difficult year where the squad struggled with injuries and player unavailability.

Having been promoted to the top flight in 2012, the side defied all odds to stay up in 2013, 2014, and 2015, becoming the first Llanrhian side in history to survive more than one season in Division 1.

However, the loss of key bowler Dominic Wright for much of the summer was compounded by an early season injury to another pivotal player in Matthew Bennett which contributed to a tough start that saw defeats to Narberth, St Ishmaels, Johnston and Whitland.

There were then promising signs against the likes of Cresselly, Neyland, Lawrenny, Carew and Haverfordwest but the side failed to convert good positions into wins. Sadly, the inevitable relegation was confirmed in August, but all was not lost with youngsters like Karl Davies and Ryan John gaining First XI experience, while Sam Kurtz joined the ranks from Crymych and fitted in well.

Geraint Morris led the batting stakes with three half centuries, and there will be plenty for the side to be positive about as they look to rebuild in Division 2 next season.



RV Jones was top run scorer for the club in 2016. Picture Fraser Watson



Luke Jones bowling for the First XI Picture Fraser Watson

helping them throughout the season.

The Second XI meanwhile, secured remarkable back to back promotions, and will now play in Division 3 next season having finished second in the table for the second consecutive campaign.

They started the season with wins over Narberth 2nds and Pembroke 2nds, and built on those results to be second at the midway point behind leaders Johnston 2nds.

And although it was the latter who ran away with the league title, Tony Kitchell's side secured promotion as early as August 6th with a big win over Carew 3rds.

The seemingly ageless RV Jones was the backbone of the side's success, scoring the bulk of the runs from his position as opener and was instrumental in the Second XI getting promoted, while his son Ben made a welcome return to the fold scoring a magical century at home to Hundleton.

Kitchell himself continued to take vital wickets with the ball, as did youngster Tom Clarke, who promises to be one of the stars of the Llanrhian future. His highlights included a five wicket haul on the opening day.

Off the field, there was plenty more for the club to celebrate.

The annual Porthgain World Cup proved another roaring success, with visitors again flocking from afar in their fancy dress costumes to play on the hallowed turf outside The Sloop. There were successful friendly T20 matches with St Davids RFC and Brawdy, while the club played host to the local Primary School Cricket Festival which unearthed some talent for the future. The Club would like to all players, committee members, supporters, sponsors and Sloop bar staff for

Twenty one years of fun, friendship and fundraising for St Davids Penknife Club



The Club recently organised a fund raising adventure day for Riding For The Disabled. Based at Treginnis Farm for City Children, the event took in a ride of five miles through the surrounding countryside, pathways and farmland thanks to permission of local farmers and ended back at Treginnis. The event raised £1200. On the same evening, the Club organised a party to welcome back the riders and celebrate 21 years of fundraising for local causes, amounting to over £170,000. Entertainment was provided by very talented local musicians Tony Harper, Brian Mirza, Rosie Rees, Charlie Young, Mike Chant and compered by Bob Jones.

Life membership for Jasmine



St Davids Olympian Jasmine Joyce was presented with honorary life membership of the club together with a special commemorative penknife by Secretary Bill Preece at the recent welcoming reception for her held at St Davids Rugby Club.

St Davids Library Summer Reading Challenge



As part of the 100th Anniversary celebrations, the theme of this year's Big Friendly Read summer challenge was works by the author Roald Dahl. Pictured above is one of the successful contestants Charlie Gray-Thomas who was presented with his gold medal by St Davids librarian Zoe

St Davids Library Volunteers

As you may be aware, in addition to the usual opening hours of the library, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm, we have been opening on Saturday mornings with the help of our team of volunteers.

This initially took place from 23rd July to 3rd September. As word has spread the library has been getting busier during our opening times of 10am to 12 noon.

The library will continue to open on Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon from now until the 29th October. We will review the situation later in the year. So, please use the services and support our volunteers!

If this volunteer role appeals to you, please contact george.edwards@pembrokeshire.gov.uk or telephone

The deadline for our next issue will be 12 noon Monday 7th November 2016.

Matthew James' chilli jam wins national award

St Davids based Matthew James' Scotch Bonnet Chilli Jam has been awarded a one star award in the prestigious Great Taste Awards competition for 2016, the nationally respected accreditation scheme for artisan and speciality food producers. The jam is one of a range of handmade food specialities marketed under the Grocery Box brand which is owned by Matthew.

Judges for the scheme described Matthew's jam as 'a bright and lively chilli jam, well set, good heat and balanced with sweetness' and they said that they were 'pleasantly surprised to find the well judged chilli level, definitely present but not broad shouldered - a good job with a beautiful appearance to the chilli.'

Great Taste is recognised as a stamp of excellence among consumers and retailers alike, with judging by over 500 of the most demanding palates, belonging to food critics, TV chefs, cooks, restaurateurs and producers, and also buyers from top London stores such as Harrods, Selfridges, Fortnum and Mason, Harvey Nichols and also Waitrose.

Grocery Box was founded in 2014 by St Davids designer and architect Matthew James, who following nine years working in London decided to return to his home city to run a family business. The creation of Grocery Box follows a long tradition of family entrepreneurs. His great, great grandfather, David Evans, built the original Twr y Felin Hotel, also owning the City Stores and Bakery on the High Street, and Matthew's grandparents John and Eunice Smith ran the Old Shop at 16 Nun Street for some 30 years as a grocery store, the inspiration for Matthew's naming his business the Grocery Box.

St Davids provided the perfect setting for Matthew to create his unique brands, starting with an abundance of products from the family farm, which lead to the first batch of chutney, and then with the encouragement of friends, an ever expanding range, including relishes, marmalades, gluten free cakes, Christmas specials including gluten free mince pies and Christmas cakes, Welsh cakes, Easter Brownies and shortbread moustaches.

Matthew says that he has been overwhelmed by the response from the public, both locally and from visitors who have also discovered the delights of the Grocery Box. Grocery Box products are available at a number of local outlets, including The Veg Patch, St Davids Food and Wine, the Caerfai Farm Shop, Vincent Davies Home Stores and a number of tea rooms and coffee houses. They can also be supplied directly to customers via the facebook page, and all enquiries should be directed via info@grocery-box.co.uk



Boat Owners Association continues to seek solution to operating from St Justinians



The Porthstinian Boatowners Association is continuing in its efforts to find a way forward for operating from St Justinian's after the present RNLI boat house is closed.

In a statement to *St Davids City News* the secretary of the association Miss Ann Humble has told us that the association would like to reassure other businesses and those working with boats that the PBA is actively seeking an agreement from the Crown Estate and the RNLI to access the necessary parts of the old station while it is still in place, and until such time as a final demolition has to take place.

The association acknowledges that, despite all efforts to retain the Grade II listed building, including approaches to the National Museum of Wales from the City Council, the RNLI and themselves for the structure to be added to the national maritime collection, delisting and demolition is the most likely outcome.

However the association, which already has an agreement with the Crown Estate over moorings at Porthstinian, also recognises that this will offer an exciting opportunity for the creation of a new purpose built embarkation point, subject to all the necessary planning consents, and the successful outcome of all the ongoing discussions involving other interested parties, including the RNLI, RSPB Cymru, the Crown Estate, the City Council and the National Park Authority.

Miss Humble said that while she appreciated that many would be saddened by the loss of the existing boathouse, this would offer a once in a century opportunity for those using St Justinian's regularly and for those whose livelihoods depended on access to the water at this point.

Lesotho Link Group

The St Davids Matsieng Lesotho, Support Group will hold an open meeting at the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday 27th September starting at 6.0pm. Among items to be discussed will be plans for the establishment of a rugby academy in Matsieng. All will be very welcome.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award report by Angharad Price

After an interview process with Fishguard Goodwick Rotary Club I was chosen to be sponsored to do the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. This involved a week at Storey Arms outdoor centre in the Brecon Beacons with 40 other 17 year olds also sponsored by their local rotary group to participate. During the week I participated in canoeing, caving, hiking and river gorge walking. We were split into groups and each person had to learn one of the activities and then teach it to the rest of their group throughout the week. The activities were designed to be both mentally and physically challenging with a strong focus on developing leadership and teamwork skills.



It was an amazing opportunity and I have gained a lot from the experience. It was not only fun but it also helped me to overcome fears-especially caving, and pick up new hobbies. I am certain that many of the skills I gained will be transferred into school, university and even work. It was such a worthwhile experience; I built strong friendships with many of the people there and have made some fantastic memories!



News from St Davids Surgery



Earlier this summer we were delighted to welcome Karen Raymond to our Reception team. Karen will be learning the ropes over the next few months alongside Yvonne, Kim, Jackie and Claire.

If you are eligible for an NHS flu jab please phone us to book your appointment 01437 720 303 from late September. If you're older or you have certain chronic conditions it can lead to serious complications. If you're in one of these at-risk groups the most effective way to protect you, and your family, is to have a flu jab. Eligible groups include all those over 65 and certain at-risk groups including those with diabetes and heart disease.

On Wednesday 28th September between 10am and midday the Surgery will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning. All patients are very welcome. At the same event our GPs and Practice Nurses will be holding a walk-in flu clinic for eligible patients. No appointment necessary: you don't need to book ahead -just walk-in and one of our GPs or Practice Nurses will see you quickly for your flu jab. Coffee, cakes, fund-raising - and your flu jab out of the way!

Congratulations to Practice Nurse Nia Woodcock for passing her Diploma in Asthma Care via the Open University in association with Education for Health, Warwick. This is the gold standard qualification for asthma nursing. If you have asthma or COPD you will be seeing Nia for your routine reviews.

Last summer we introduced online ordering of repeat prescriptions, known as My Health Online. It's a secure NHS Wales service which means you can order your medication 24/7 from your computer at home or even on the move on your smartphone. You can register by downloading an application from the Surgery website www.stdvids.gpsurgery.net or pick-up a form from Reception. Another new service for 2016 is SMS text reminders of appointments. Ask at reception and we can check that the mobile number we have for you is up to date and you can register for the new service for this autumn. It's a convenient reminder for patients and we hope it will help reduce the number of missed appointments.

2016 has been an especially busy year at the Surgery for visitors to the area which puts extra pressure on local services, the Surgery included. This means we are extra busy most days during the season and waits for Routine appointments with a GP can get longer. We have been trialling a new service this summer using an Advanced Paramedic Practitioner to bolster our capacity. Our thanks to Simon and his team at the Chemist for the excellent service they provide for patients and visitors. Their expertise, knowledge and care are a real support. We would also like to acknowledge the important work being done by the Co-Responder service. Maintaining services for locals and visitors alike over the summer in our area is a team effort.

In 2014 the Surgery was awarded the Investors in Carers Bronze Award. Later this year our Carers Lead, Kim Phillips, will be steering the practice through the process for the Silver Award. Carers are often 'hidden' and we may not know you are a Carer unless you tell us. If we know about your caring commitments and the impact it has on your life we can signpost you to our services more easily. For more details please phone or call-in to see Kim.

From September building work will be starting at the front of the Surgery to replace the damaged render. There will be scaffolding, skips, vans and workmen out the front. It will be business as usual. However for safety reasons we will be closing access via the parking area to the front. We ask that patients use the pedestrian access to the side and the disabled bays street parking. Some of the work will be taking place at weekends to minimise disruption to patients. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience and thank you for your support for this essential maintenance.

Merched Y Wawr Cangen Bro Dde



Yn ystod y flwyddyn olaf mae'r Gangen wedi bod yn ffodus iawn i gael nifer o siaradwyr gwâdd difyr i'n hannerch yn ogystal ag ymweliadau i fannau diddorol. Yn eu plith 'roedd Hedydd Hughes yn sôn am ddylanwad ei chynefin ar ei bywyd a'i gwaith dros yr iaith Gymraeg. Rob Evans ddaeth i'n diddori ym Mis Tachwedd gyda'I luniau hyfryd yn cyfleu harddwch daearyddol ein gwlad. Pythefnos yn ddiweddarach aeth nifer o aelodau i Gegin Gareth yn Llanbed i'w weld yn paratoi bwydydd blasus a chreu trefniadau blodau a phlanhigion hyfryd ar gyfer Y Nadolig. Bu rhai o'r aelodau hefyd yn adfywio coeden Nadolig trist i'w harddangos yng Ngŵyl flynyddol y ddinas. Daeth Janet Harries atom hefyd i gynnig ei syniadau hithau am fwydydd gwahanol i'w creu dros gyfnod y dathliadau. Hanes manwl a brwdfrydig o Gastell Henllys oedd testun Martin Roberts ym Mis Ionawr yn codi awydd arnom i ymweld a'r gaer. Cawsom noson hwylus arall y mis canlynol pan ddaeth Gini Batt a'i gwr a nifer o'I hanifeiliaid anwes anghyffredin i'r cyfarfod gan gynnwys madfallod symudliw prydfferth. Pleser arbennig oedd ymweld a Chapel y Methodistiaid yn Nhrefin ym Mis Mawrth i glywed hanes personol Gwennan Owen ac ychwanegiad o hanes y capel gan ei gŵr y Parchedig Wiliam Owen. Aeth nifer o'r aelodau i westy'r Cambrian yn Solfach i fwynhau gwledd o fwyd i ddathlu gŵyl ein nawddsant, Dewi. Cynhalwyd Pwyllgor Blynyddol llwyddiannus iawn ym Mis Ebrill pan drafodwyd amryw o faterion megis ethol swyddogion, syniadau am siaradwyr a lleoliad y gwibdaith flynyddol. Bu'r arlunydd lleol Sarah Williams y mis dilynol yn son wrthym am ei darluniau unigryw sy'n ceisio dehongli hanes ardal ei mebyd a'i chariad ac edmygedd tuag at ei chynefin.

St Davids Royal British Legion needs your help

We are looking for new members to join the St Davids Branch of the Royal British Legion. If you are able to help and interested in joining, please contact Mary-Anne Abley for more information on 07580 589 842. The Remembrance Sunday parade will take place on the Cross Square at 10.45 on Sunday 13th November followed by the Remembrance Service at the Cathedral at 11.15am.



Warm welcome for minister's support for schools reorganisation

Cabinet Secretary for Education Kirsty Williams's decision to approve proposals for educational reorganisation in the St Davids peninsula have been warmly welcomed by those who took part in the many deliberations over the past few months.

County Councillor David Lloyd who called the first public meeting after closure proposals for Ysgol Dewi Sant were first announced some two years ago, said learning of the minister's decision had been a very emotional moment. The outcome, he said, was a tribute to community action at its very highest, and that everybody could feel very proud of what they had achieved. The challenge was now to make the new school one of the very best in Wales.

The headteacher of Ysgol Dewi Sant, David Haynes, said that it had been a long hard road for all involved and that at the outset he would never have predicted the ministerial confirmation of approval for the plans. He said that it had been a fantastic achievement for everyone concerned, and he paid a special tribute to Cllr David Lloyd for his outstanding commitment. He also praised the governors of Ysgol Dewi Sant, the Schools for the Future Group, the Bishop of St Davids and the Dean and Chapter, the City Council, and the wider community who had campaigned for the school.

He also thanked the staff and students at Ysgol Dewi Sant for their professionalism and commitment in working so hard to improve standards at a most difficult time as had been identified by Estyn.

St Davids Diocesan Director of Education Canon Brian Witt, who was closely involved in all of the negotiations, told *St Davids City News* that the diocese was extremely pleased with the minister's decision to approve the 3 - 16 VA scheme for the St Davids area, and he said that he was looking forward to working with the existing schools in this exciting project.

Schools for the Future Group chairman Paul Howe told us that he was delighted by the outcome, and he congratulated the Education Secretary on her decision to support the 3 - 16 school on the peninsula. He said that he would like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work.

Exam results 2016, report by Headteacher David Haynes

GCSE - YDS is pleased to report that 62% of all students achieved five grades or more at A* - C including English and Maths. Students achieving Science at grades A* - C has increased to 96.8% this year, whilst English has increased to 79.4%. The A* - C pass rate in Mathematics is 69.8% which is identical to the pass rate achieved by last years' students. Of all entries, 98.4% of students achieved five or more passes at A*-G or equivalent, whilst 90.4% achieved five or more passes at A* - C or equivalent. Of all entries, 23% were graded A*-A.

I would like to congratulate all students and their families on their achievements and would like to wish them well for their future studies in the sixth form, at college or their work place. These results would not be achieved without the dedication of the outstanding staff and governors of the school and I would like to offer my thanks to them.

A Levels - There were a number of stand out performances with Sarah Jenkins gaining 8A*, 3As and the Welsh Baccalaureate, Jack McMullan with 9A*, 2As and the Welsh Baccalaureate, Ben Syrett with 5A*, 5As, 2Bs and the Welsh Baccalaureate, and Ewan Miles with 10A*, 2As and the Welsh Baccalaureate.

I am pleased to report that nearly all students have already secured their first choice university places with 19% of all entries, excluding the Welsh Baccalaureate achieving A* - A. Over half of all entries achieving the top grades of A* - B is 52% with 77% at A* - C. With the inclusion of the Welsh Baccalaureate, the A* - C total increases to 81% with 96% of all entries achieving A* - E grades.

The school would like to congratulate all students with notable achievements including: Ellie Bennett with 2 x A*, 1 x A and 1 x B, Hannah Daniels with 4 x A, Alex Laiman 2 x A* and 3 x B, Kitty Nash 3 x A and 1 x B, Meg Griffiths with 2 x A* and 2 x B and our Head Girl Emily Beacroft with 2 x A*, 2 x B and 1 x C.

AS outcomes were excellent with 39% achieving A grades, 78% achieving A - C and 95% at A - E.

Nativity Treasure Hunt 22nd, 23rd, & 27th-30th December

Available daily for all the family to enjoy. Travel around the cathedral to retell the Christmas story. Angels, shepherds and wise men hide in secret places. Read the map and follow the stars to find your way. Once you have all the clues you can light your own Christmas peace candle and visit the crib. Take away a reminder of the story for your own Christmas tree. For more information please contact Janet Ingram.
Email: education@stdavidscathedral.org.uk
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Porthclais Harbour news

The summer of 2016 saw another busy season at Porthclais Harbour with many organised events including the children's fun day, annual charity harbour party and fishing competition

The ever popular fun day was made possible by T Y F and the National Trust, running various activities including kayaking, rock climbing, crabbing and rock pooling throughout the day. Pembroekshire Coastal National Park Authority also contributed and the continued support of Siop y Bobl made the whole day possible.



The charity harbour party raised a staggering £3880 to be split between, Help for Heroes and Diabetes UK.

The party was organised by Graeme Houston with help from St Davids Penknife Club, Ysgol Dewi Sant and Mrs Jill Rowley. The evening started with an invasion of pirates from Port Talbot, who captured the Harbour Secretary, Mr David Davies but who, after negotiations, were allowed into the function. The Musical entertainment was excellent with performances by Honey Fungus, Tony Kitchell's Big Band, Slung Together, Brian Mirza and Tansy Benson.



The fishing competition once again saw many young and old participating, with well over 30 rods in the competition. The sea conditions were not conducive to excellent fishing but a good time was had by all. The prizes were again this year donated by Masterline and the Harbour Authority is extremely grateful to Malcolm for his continued support. A donation by an anonymous donor has enabled the Authority to purchase a defibrillator which is now



located on the wall of the Harbour Masters Hut.



New term sees changes at the top

Ysgol Dewi Sant are delighted to announce the new Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl for the academic year 2016/17.

Pictured from left to right are:

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| Deputy Head Girl | - | Ellen Raymond |
| Deputy Head Boy | - | Huw Wilson |
| Head Girl | - | Hannah Morris |
| Head Boy | - | Sam Bramley |
| Headteacher | - | Mr David Haynes |

Long serving treasurer moves on

Irene Valentine, who for over thirty years has been treasurer of the St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association, is moving away from St Davids to be closer to her family. To mark her retirement the association recently organised a special surprise dinner for her at the Saffron Restaurant, Irene's favourite eating establishment in St Davids. Eighteen members attended the event at which the presentation of a farewell gift was made. The chairman of the association, Doug Malein thanked Irene for all her hard work over so many years, and especially for her diligence in ensuring that everybody paid for their membership and advertisements every year. Joining in Doug's tribute, secretary Rona Liggitt said that everybody in the association wished Irene every happiness in the future.

Irene pictured at this year's Sand Church competition



Dick Venables welcomed back to St Davids

Eighty four year old Dick Venables was recently welcomed back to St Davids at the completion of his epic 216 miles cycle ride for charity, an effort which raised a magnificent £10, 275 for the Dalit Freedom Network which protects vulnerable women and children in India.



Dick, who had started his ride in Stafford with a send off by local MP Jeremy LeFroy, was welcomed on Cross Square by the Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Chris Taylor, members of Dick's family and lots of local wishers. Also arriving with him was his grandson Marcus Janes who had accompanied him on the journey, cycling 40 miles each day of the ride.

The money which was raised will go to the Pratigya Children's Shelter in the southern Indian state of Talangana, which provides a safe place for young girls who are at risk of being forced into sex slavery.

Dick has been involved with the charity for quite a long while following personal visits to Talangana over the years. The director of the charity told us that they were very grateful to

Dick, and said that the money raised would enable them expand the shelter sufficiently to give care to another 100 girls who would otherwise be severely exploited or abused.

Dick also made the ride in memory of his late wife Caty who had spent so many happy years with him in Pembrokeshire.

Local volunteers take on troughs

Several volunteers from St Davids have successfully taken on responsibility for the planting and care of the flower troughs on Cross Square and in the High Street. The move follows on from the initiative of former mayor Cllr Frank John in involving members of the local community in looking after the floral decoration of our city.

Due to budget cuts affecting Pembrokeshire County Council, St Davids City Council has undertaken responsibility for financing the flowers in the Memorial Garden, and members of Menevia WI have planted and are maintaining the troughs surrounding the Cross. Mrs Eluned Phillips has undertaken responsibility for the troughs outside the City Hall, and Mrs Valerie Davies is looking after the flowers outside Lloyds Bank.

The ladies say they are delighted to be involved with the project, and have also expressed their thanks to Belmont House and the Cross Hotel for allowing access to much needed water when looking after the troughs.



Seen in our picture above are (left to right) Sue Preece, Chris Williams, Maureen Owen, Julie Kirby, Cllr Frank John, Sheilah Tobin and Nanette Billeau.

Pictured opposite is Eluned Phillips with the former Mayor, Cllr Frank John.

St Davids Under 5s Playgroup sponsored walk



Members of St Davids Playgroup recently completed a sponsored walk from the Scout Hut to the Memorial Playingfield raising £197.44 for their funds.

The Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Scout Hut and new members are always welcome.

£1 to play and 20p for tea or coffee.

First launch at new St Davids RNLI lifeboat station



The first launch of St Davids RNLI's Tamar class lifeboat from the new station. Pic Lyndon Lomax
It was a historic day for the station and its volunteers on Thursday 21 July as the Tamar class lifeboat Norah Wortley launched down the slipway from the new station at St Justinians for the first time. The lifeboat, which has been saving lives at sea from a temporary mooring in the Ramsey Sound while the new boathouse build has been progressing, entered her new home to launch five times during the day of slipway trials testing.

The trials mark a significant milestone for the construction of the new St Davids RNLI Lifeboat Station and involved RNLI volunteers from St Davids and representatives from the RNLI's operations department. The trials saw the Tamar class lifeboat launched and recovered at various tide levels to test the newly built slipway, as well as the winching and launching equipment.

Dai John, St Davids RNLI Coxswain, said: 'This was a proud day for the station and the trials proved to be a great success. Seeing the lifeboat launch down the newly built slipway for the first time was a huge thrill for everyone connected with the station. 'The community has been hugely supportive in the project - raising over £214,000 towards the costs during the fundraising appeal - so it was great to see people here to see the first launch.

'Most of the structural aspects of the new station are now complete and the build team are putting the finishing touches to the building. It is hoped the new lifeboat station will be fully operational in the autumn and we are all really excited to move in.'

As well as the new slipway for the Tamar-class lifeboat, the new boathouse will have additional space to accommodate the smaller D-class inshore lifeboat. It will also include state of the art facilities for the volunteer crew, including a drying room for kit and better provision for training and equipment maintenance.

There will be better access to the new station which is important for the delivery of equipment and, more importantly, for the evacuation of any casualties brought in by the lifeboat.

Cathedral Choir Tour 2016 *by Chorister Megan Rees*



On Friday the 22nd of July, St Davids Cathedral Choir embarked on a five-day trip to Normandy, France. The tour was fantastic, in a country which gave a stunning backdrop for our musical experience. The tour began with an early start of 5:00am where we got on the bus in St Davids. I was excited and eager to experience the French culture. Although the first day was mainly spent travelling, this contributed to the sense of adventure. Our base for the duration of our stay was in a wonderful hotel in Caen centre. As a choir, we rehearsed and performed in some of the most stunning cathedral buildings in France. On the first night we performed in a beautiful cathedral, Eglise Saints-Foy in Conches-en Ouches, which sat at the heart of a small French town. We were greeted with the warmest of welcomes and I was feeling a mixture of joy and also anticipation for our first performance in France. The concert was a huge success. Our next venue, Eglise St Germain in Argentan was the largest of the three cathedrals where we performed. The vast open space and beautiful decoration in such a grand building was truly breath-taking, such an incredible setting for our second performance. The positive feedback and response from the French people gave me a sense of togetherness by being part of the choir, going

into our last performance. The setting for our final concert was a small cathedral, Eglise Saint Patrice in Bayeux, where we were all feeling a mixture of emotions as we performed for the last time in France together. The audience and venue made me feel a sense of community as we shared our music.

Whilst in France we were also able to experience French life, by exploring French towns, restaurants and bakeries, which gave us an insight into their cuisine and culture. We were also fortunate enough to visit the Bayeux tapestry, an embroidered cloth of great historic significance.

Our 2016 tour was an amazing experience, my first trip with St Davids Cathedral Choir. What made it even better was that I had the privilege to experience it with some great people and sing some incredible music. The tour would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many people including Oliver Waterer, Heidi Tims and Simon Pearce, to name only a few. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved and made the whole journey something I will never forget.



Annual Cathedral ball race

The race took place on 25th August when 1000 balls were released from the top of the 39 Steps and prizes given to the first three to reach the south door of the Cathedral. All the balls were sold and a number of donations were gratefully received. A large number of people came to cheer the balls on and the winner this year, with ball number 860 and a prize of £100, was young Joshua Williams, a visitor to the City. Second prize of £50 went to Seren James and third at £25 to Martin Rees from Llandovery. Following the race many came to the cloisters to enjoy a pork roll and drinks from a licensed bar.

Official Launch of Dr Beynon's Bug Farm



It was a glorious day in St Davids for the launch of Dr Beynon's Bug Farm also known as The Bug Farm, a brand new research and education centre and visitor attraction all about bugs and sustainable agriculture. The new venture, with scientific research at its heart has been recognised internationally for innovation, entrepreneurship, business and conservation, with recent awards including the FSB Worldpay award for the best start-up business in the UK and the Plantlife International best meadow maker of the year for Wales.

Official ribbon cutting was an intentionally collaborative affair to showcase the venture's commitment to working together to deliver change. Those chosen to cut the ribbon were the people and organisations that have been pivotal in

the development of Dr Sarah Beynon's passion for her venture and the set-up of The Bug Farm.

Cutting the ribbon were Dr Sarah Beynon (founder of Dr Beynon's Bug Farm), Mr John Beynon and Mrs Pauline Beynon (Sarah's parents), Mr Andy Holcroft (Sarah's partner and founder of Grub Kitchen restaurant at The Bug Farm), Mr Darren Mann (Head of Life at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History), Professor Owen Lewis (University of Oxford), Cllr Christopher Taylor (the Mayor of St Davids, representing the community), Dr Luke Tilley (Head of Outreach at the Royal Entomological Society), Professor Peter Smithers (Royal Entomological Society), Cllr Mike James (Chairman of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA), representing the PCNPA, and in particular, the Sustainable development Fund) and M. G. Leonard (author of *Beetle Boy*). The Bug Farm has also received support from many other sources, including Visit Wales Tourism Investment Support Scheme, UnLtd, Refreshing North Pembrokeshire and Pembrokeshire Lottery.

The Launch was supported by the Royal Entomological Society and was their National Insect Week 2016 core event from Wales. National Insect Week, which encourages people of all ages to learn more about insects, is a biannual event and, this year, ran from 20th to 26th June.

Local St Davids schools, Ysgol Bro Dewi and Ysgol Dewi Sant were also part of the event: During the launch, Ysgol Bro Dewi pupils were treated to a *Beetle Boy* book reading by M. G. Leonard, the author of this sensational new children's book, and a bug hunt run by the Royal Entomological Society. Ysgol Dewi Sant Year 10 Bug Farm Welsh Baccalaureate projects were also on display during the launch, with the school represented on the day by Mrs Deborah John.

Jenny Stevens brought along her very visual *Beetles and Bees* display, with launch guests having the opportunity to wear giant insect head puppets and interview each other to find out more about their lives in the undergrowth! Guests were able to wander across The Bug Farm in the sunshine, exploring the attractions including the Tropical Bug Zoo, Bug Museum, Bug Art Gallery, Walled Garden, Bug Farm Trail and Bug Barn Indoor Play Barn. Many also enjoyed an afternoon tea in onsite Grub Kitchen café and restaurant run by Sarah's partner, top, local chef, Andy Holcroft. Grub Kitchen recently won the 'Best use of Pembrokeshire produce in a catering outlet' at the 2016 Pembrokeshire County Show.

Sarah thanked all involved in making The Bug Farm a success, including her 'Auntie Terry' (Mrs Teresa Jawetz), the only surviving one of her father's siblings who was born at the farm and helped to keep the farm in the family. Mrs Jawetz celebrated her 100th birthday at The Bug Farm in August this year. She also thanked her inspirational late grandmother, Dorothy Beckwith, who was a huge influence on her love of learning and doing everything in life to the best of one's ability! Sarah also stressed that The Bug Farm is now as true team venture and, without the support of the fabulous Bug Farm Team, pictured right, would not be achieving what it is today.



The Nash Cathedral Restoration and the Pugin Drawings

by Peter B.S.



Cross Square, St. David's in late Eighteenth Century showing original column on Market Cross, Old Cross (rebuilt 1766) extreme right. *Watercolour Pugin c 1795*

Davies The cathedral as it exists today is largely the product of Gilbert Scott's Victorian Restoration. However, by the late eighteenth century, the building was already in a state of disrepair. The eastern chapels were largely unroofed, there were serious cracks in the Tower and the West Front was only supported by enormous timbers.

At this point it was decided to call upon the (then relatively unknown) architect John Nash to draw up plans for the preservation of the building. He engaged the much better known A C Pugin to provide a dozen or so large drawings detailing the existing church and the alterations required.

The drawings were over the years split up and largely forgotten. In the early years of the 21st Century they were reunited at Haverfordwest Library. Here the entire collection was photographed digitally by the National Library of Wales. The St. David's & Dewisland Historical Society, who were involved in the scheme, obtained a copy on disc of the collection, which included a couple of Pugin watercolours. Full sized prints were made; these have been displayed by the Society on a number of occasions.



Cathedral from Merrivale Bridge showing Nash Chapter House (formerly Grammar School) *Watercolour - Pugin c 1795*

Appeal for memorial benches

St Davids City Council receives many requests from members of the public who would like to place memorial plaques on the benches in St Davids. Sadly, 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



ST DAVIDS RFC

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St Davids Memory Café

The Discovery Room
Oriel y Parc, St Davids SA62 6NW



Memory Café Dates 2016

Wednesday 7th September 2016
Wednesday 5th October 2016
Wednesday 2nd November 2016
Wednesday 7th December 2016

The Café will be held in The Discovery Room at Oriel y Parc,
2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.



St Davids Community Forum
Website: www.stdavidsforum.org.uk



Notice of Annual General Meeting 2015 - 2016.

Tuesday 27th September 2016
at 7:00 p.m. in The Memorial Hall, St Davids

- ◆ Are you interested in helping to shape your community?
- ◆ Do you have ideas for improvement of current community facilities?
- ◆ Any thoughts regarding introducing new ideas for members of the St Davids Community?
- ◆ Do you have any information on St Davids activities that would be of interest to a wider audience?

If the answer to any of these is 'Yes', as residents of St Davids, you are invited to attend the forthcoming A.G.M. of the Forum. The Forum Constitution can be found on the Forum website.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the last meeting, and matters arising
4. Chair's Report for the year
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Memory Café update
7. 'A Sense of Place' leaflet update
8. Election of Officers
9. Continuation of Insurance Policies and extension to Management Liability Insurance.
10. A.O.B. and questions
11. Date of next meeting

The Day Centre continues to meet every Monday. Since leaving the Red Cross building we now meet at the Memorial Hall. We have various activities and outings during the year. The lunches will now be on Mondays with activities continuing into the afternoon. Lunch is served from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm with activities running from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. If you would like to join, please contact Kay on 01437 720 066, or Rebecca on 07890 629 014.



Report from County Councillor David Lloyd

Reorganisation of secondary education in Pembrokeshire

In early July I made it known to the Leader that I was prepared to help broker a way forward in the development of a model of secondary education in the county that could gain the full support of Council and the wider community. I had in mind simply canvassing support for a whole county approach rather than the piecemeal one that had been pursued by the Authority for the past number of years, originally embarked upon by a former Director of Education.

I had no presumption of taking over the role of Cabinet Member for Education. A week later, however, the Leader approached me to ask whether I would be prepared to do so. There was no mention of my joining the Independent Plus Group and I remain an unaffiliated member. On the understanding that I would be free to promote a whole county approach I said I would.

My belief in a whole county approach began during my participation in the work of the 'A' Level Centre Working Group along with representatives of Ysgol Bro Gwaun, Ysgol Dewi Sant and Pembrokeshire College. As the meetings progressed it dawned on both me and the Chair of Governors of Ysgol Bro Gwaun, Eifion Griffiths, that the proposed A Level Centre made no sense without the involvement of every secondary school in Pembrokeshire.

We concluded that were all the secondary schools in Pembrokeshire to collaborate in the shaping of the A Level Centre it would be possible to create an educational model which would be capable of meeting all the complex challenges of securing excellence in outcomes for learners at both key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 as presented by falling school numbers and ever reducing sixth form funding.

A new pan-Pembrokeshire A Level Committee could be created to shape and deliver all post 16 education in the county in the most financially efficient way, maximising subject offers at each school consistent with local demand and viability, with the proposed A Level Centre providing the wider subject offer. One of the Committee's key tasks would be to embrace e-learning, researching best practice across the UK with a view to delivering a single coherent model in all schools to avoid piecemeal development by individual schools. A further task would be to introduce a staff development programme, something which we have pioneered at Ysgol Dewi Sant.

This approach would guarantee an equity of offer for all students across Pembrokeshire, which was lacking in the proposal rejected by Council at the 12th May EGM. What, of course, finally emerges as the chosen model will be the outcome of a further statutory consultation process. I am optimistic, however, that by engaging in an honest and open debate, which I am committed to, we could coalesce around these ideas and at last move forward to honour our responsibilities to our children.

St. Davids Peninsula Community Land Trust

Progress continues to be made slowly but surely on the Glasfryn Road project. On the 29th July 2016 a Client meeting was held in St. Davids comprising directors of the CLT, the architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, officers of Pembrokeshire County Council, Pembrokeshire Housing Association and the Wales Co-operative Centre. Its purpose was to formally define the development brief for the project with a view to contracting with the architects, LA Architects, Brighton, to prepare and submit a Pre-Planning application to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority by December 2016. It is anticipated that the brief will be available in September.

The brief will include a general layout of the site, indicating the density of housing, the positioning of the houses, with particular regard to the location of the houses for rent, the affordable houses for purchase and the open market housing, and details of the design and fabrication of the houses. The mix of housing currently proposed for the houses for rent are: 1 bed/2 person – 30 units; 2 bed/4 person – 14 units; 3 bed/5 person – 13 units; 4 bed/6 person – 2 units; 5 bed/7 person – 1 unit.

The funding for the professional fees to undertake the pre-planning process has been secured from Pembrokeshire County Council. The Authority recently resolved to levy a 50% premium on the council tax of second homes in the county. On an amendment of mine it was also resolved to ring fence half of the annual sum raised by the levy, some £1.7 million, to support the creation of affordable housing in the county. The CLT has since made a successful approach to the Authority for the financing of the professional fees and other necessary disbursements relating to the pre-planning application.

As soon as the development brief has been finalised and a Form of Appointment for the architects and their consultants has been signed a public meeting will be held in the City Hall.

St Davids Peninsula Carnival 2016

Pictures Fraser Watson, Western Telegraph



Best adult float: Ladies at Ffos Las (St Davids WI).



Carnival Queen Rhian Goodson with her attendants Phoebe Guy, Ciaran Wills and Alana



Best adult & child float: Wimbledon



Pictured left are the some of Best dressed adult females:
 1; Wimbledon strawberry (Julie Rose); 2, Drooping daffodils; 3 prize went to Jockey (Nanette Billeau).

Pictured right is Best small float:
 Carriage of a Princess (Caerwen Wills).



The committee is always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested give Keeley Rose a ring on 07807 863 658 or via St Davids Peninsula Carnival's facebook page.



Winner of the **Best dressed 5 and under:** 1, Cruella Deville (Aloha Evans);



The glamorous Pink Ladies setting off on the procession.



Pictured above: **Rose Queen** Libby Bland and her attendants are Alanna Harris, Lola Prinsloo Thomas and Charlie Wills.
Right: **Best Family Group** Pirates of St Davids.



Other Results:

- Best dressed 5 and under:** 2, Pirate Girl (Annalea Thomas); 3, Andy Murray (Elliot Twitchen).
- Best dressed 6-10:** 1, Oliver Twist (Owain Morris); 2, Rio Carnival Girl (Maddie Guy); 3, Oompa Loompa (Jay Thomas).
- Best dressed: 11-15:** 1, Willy Wonker (Gracie Bland); 2, Ballerina (Molly Jenkins); 3, Pink Lady (Faye Clift)
- Best adult male:** Obi-wan Kenobi (Fraser Horspool).
- Best family group:** 2, World of Roald Dahl; 3, Guess who?

New letter box for the lazy



The Mayor and Les Phillips welcome the new letter box

Dr George Middleton should be happy. In his book *The Streets of St Davids* published in 1977 he said 'In the wall of the Cocyn Rownd there is a letter box - a convenient one for the lazy, for letters can be posted without getting out of the car!' Sadly for the lazy the old box

was decommissioned a few months by Royal Mail 'for health and safety reasons' on the grounds that it was not safe for postal personnel to stop their vans alongside the box to empty it. Now after a successful campaign for a replacement initiated by Mr Leslie Phillips and Dr Middleton through the City Council, a new box has been set up on the other side of the



Dr Middleton at the new post box

road but more easily and safely accessible from the pavement, both for customers and Royal Mail drivers. Nobody now has to actually walk in the road to get to the box. The old box was a mid 20th century box with our present Queen's Royal Crown on it, but it is understood that this box may have replaced an older Victorian predecessor. The origin of the Cocyn Rownd has never been satisfactorily explained, but it is probable that it was a very early roundabout which stage coaches, possibly and appropriately carrying mails, would have used in the past as they arrived at the

3 legged walkers raise £2000 for St Davids Co-Responders



During the summer holidays, Mrs Nicola Davies and Mrs Helen Carter raised £2000 by climbing Pen Y Fan in the Brecon Beacons while tied together at their ankles. The three legged sponsored walk was in aid of St Davids Co-Responders unit who have put the funds towards a new defibrillator. Nicola and Helen would like to thank everyone that sponsored them.

New member co-opted to City Council



Former City Councillor Richard Thornton was co-opted back on to the Council at its September meeting. The Mayor, Cllr Christopher Taylor thanked all of the candidates for their applications and hoped that they would still consider standing in the elections in May next year.