

NEWYDDION DINAS TYDDEWI ST DAVIDS CITY NEWS



Haf 2022 Summer

City Council awarded £28,936 grant for pump track at Waunfawr

St Davids City Council has been successful in its bid for a £28,936 grant for the construction of a new pump track at Waunfawr. The grant has been made by Pembrokeshire County Council from funding raised via the Second Homes tax. The pump track, which will be for the use of bike riders of all ages and in particular riders of mountain bikes, will be situated on the east side of Waunfawr playing field, adjoining the keep fit exercise area and opposite the skate board park both projects initiated by the City Council in the past few years. The track, a complete circuit, will have a series of rollers, banked turns and features for the bikers to 'pump' their way around working up speed as they go. See our artist's impression of what the St Davids track will look like.



Community Award Winners 2022



Huge congratulations to Mr Tom Evans and Mr Ken Broaders who were the very deserving joint recipients of the City Council's 2021 Community Award. The Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Alan York, presented the awards to Ken and Tom at the Rugby Club which was the place that both men spent over a year gutting and re-vamping. The Clubhouse now looks and feels like a much more fresh, modern and welcoming place to be. The refurbishment and installation of a new heating system, treatment room and new toilets has ensured that the Clubhouse will continue

to be an asset for the whole community. The certificates read: 'This certificate is presented by the Mayor and City Council, representing the people of St Davids, who, in nominating you for this award, have expressed the wish that you should be formally recognised for the work that you have undertaken for the community, in particular for your commitment to refurbishment of the St Davids Rugby Football Club. Your dedication and hard work has secured the facilities not only for the next generation of 'Mini' rugby players but for the wider community and is greatly appreciated.' Ken and Tom thanked the Mayor and City Council for the award and added that Mr Sean Ward, Mr Andy Dixon and Mr Rhys 'Loshin' Price had supported them enormously and were always prepared to lend a hand when needed. Da iawn i chi

Letter from the Mayor, Cllr Alan York



Dear Friends,

St Davids is a wonderful place, with a wonderful community spirit, sustained by friendly people at every turn. This has been demonstrated over the last two awful pandemic years, with neighbours helping neighbours, and lots of volunteers helping with Befrienders and the Food Pod, and helping in supporting the vulnerable in myriad other ways.

Covid is now receding, though it may never go away completely.

Community life is starting up again and we are beginning a new era with lots going on. Clubs are re-opening, business will flourish again, and people are walking the streets once more. In addition, Siop y Bobol has re-opened!!

A major event this year will be the Queen's Jubilee in June, and plans are being laid for a big St Davids celebration.

The Dewisland People's Shed has opened with its workshop, and a few people have already tried out the range of tools available for doing those jobs that have waited so long.

Throughout this difficult period city council staff have worked hard to keep things going, with the tolerant patience of community members being very welcome. And the staff have, indeed, succeeded in balancing the City Council's books, keeping a minimum of services going and sustaining the council when all might have been lost. In the midst of this Jess has welcomed Lottie into the world. Congratulations !! Jess is now taking a well-earned rest.

As mayor, I commend all council staff on their achievements during this time. They have done extremely well and I give them all our thanks.

This is my last Mayor's letter, and I thank all the good people who have helped with our reduced community events programme this year, notably the Christmas lights and Father Christmas, the St Davids Day events, the pancake race, the Dragon Parade and the children's rugby cup competition. It has been a great honour and a pleasure to preside over all of this.

Finally, I give you all my very best wishes for the future. St Davids is thriving again.

How we can help Ukraine and refugees from the war

Pembrokeshire is already helping Ukrainian refugees. Did you know that we have refugees here already! Two young children from Ukraine, who arrived with their mum recently, have started at our school just days ago. There will be a need for a lot more help for refugees as time goes on, including accommodation.

But the main immediate need which many of us might be able to help with is funding to help and support the tens of thousands of people fleeing across Europe to escape the war.

We in St Davids can make a donation, big or small, through Lloyds Bank. Just take cash to the bank for the Disaster Emergency Fund (Ukraine). Cheques should be made out to Disasters Emergency Fund (Ukraine) and taken to the bank which will direct them to the right place.

Alternatively we can support St Davids' own appeal being organised by the cathedral using bank transfer to pay money into the account, St Davids Cathedral Churchwardens,

Sort Code 30-93-98, Account number 00830834 and mark it Ukraine Appeal.

Hwyl Fawr from Cllr John George!

To the residents of St. Davids.

As I am not seeking re-election to the City Council, I extend my grateful thanks for your support over the last thirty-eight and a half years as one of your Councillors.

I was elected on to the St. Davids and Cathedral Close Community Council in October 1983 along with Mrs. Glenys James and the late Mr. Jeffrey Davies. During the years I have been honoured to serve you four times as Mayor of our City. I have enjoyed the close working relationship with all the Councillors, Clerks, RFOs and Mr and Mrs Phillips, Caretakers. I will miss the meetings and fellowship of the Councillors. I extend my very best wishes to the new Council.

I will still continue to help the Community as long as I can, Councillor David John Henry George.

DIOLCH YN FAWR I CHI GYD - THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO YOU ALL





Dewisland People's Shed comes to life



People are starting to enjoy our wood and metal workshop in the Scout Hut at Ffynnon Wen. Come and join in the fun or just drop in for a sit down with a tea or coffee and a look.

Of course, as you probably know the Scout Hut was built by our community years ago by public subscription. Many people 'bought bricks' to contribute to the fund raising.

So let's get the Shed going again. It is a community centre in itself, just right for children's parties, art clubs and so on. Come and join the volunteers who are helping to resurrect it or just come and enjoy it.

Regular sessions will be set up soon, and an opening event is coming up.

Open every Tuesday 10am to 12noon.



Tributes paid to late Mr John Beynon



Many tributes have been paid to the late Mr John Beynon formerly of Penlan Farm who died last December. A member of a long established family in the city Mr Beynon farmed at the cathedral farm Penlan for many years. John took an active part in the civic life of St



David's and was several times chairman of the former St David's Community Council, and at the cathedral church he was a Church Warden for many years. He was also immensely involved in many aspects of agriculture throughout the county, and was especially prominent in the promotion of Welsh Black Cattle. In St David's he founded the Tyddewi Herd, which won many prizes both in Pembrokeshire and further afield. John served as both President of the Welsh Black Cattle Society and also, together with his wife Pauline, as a founder of Welsh Black Marketing Ltd. He was immensely proud to have been awarded the Sir Brynner Jones Award, the top prize at the Royal Welsh Show, the Arthur Pritchard Prize at the Fishguard Show and the Idris Davies Memorial Trophy at the Pembrokeshire County Show, of which he also served as President. He was also appointed an Associate and later Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies. John and Pauline hosted the Welsh Black Cattle Society at Penlan and went with the Society to Australia in 2008.

St David's blessed by its bishop on St David's Day

The Bishop of St David's Rt Revd Joanna Penberthy returned to Tyddewi to bless the City on 1st March. The Bishop seen here with the Dean of St David's, her Chaplain and the Mayor, Cllr Alan York gave the traditional Blessing from the top of the Cross in the heart of St David's. The procession had travelled from St Nons to Oriol Y Parc to see the sun on the stone at 12noon. After the Blessing and the singing of the National Anthem, *Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau*, the procession continued to the cathedral where the participants joined in prayers at the Shrine of the Patron Saint.



Pembrokeshire gears up to help Ukrainian refugees Language skills needed



Pembrokeshire County Council and voluntary organisations are teaming up to be ready for the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in our county, under the central co-ordination of the community hub originally set up a few years ago to assist Syrian refugees.

The hub, which has most recently been involved in helping the community cope with the pandemic, is now actively seeking volunteers to help it with its new task, especially people with language skills. Languages in demand could include Ukrainian itself, Russian, Crimean, Tatar, Moldavian, Hungarian, Romanian and Bulgarian, all of which are spoken in Ukraine.

The hub which is working with PAVS and other agencies is planning to be instrumental in assisting refugees as they move into Pembrokeshire. County Council Chief Executive Will Bramble has said that it is truly heartening to see community groups already working to coordinate a response to the crisis.

Those interested in being involved are urged to contact the hub on 01437 776301 from Monday to Friday, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.



Painting depicting Ukrainian flag and soldiers by Mrs Janette Pearce,

Celebrating Moshoeshoe Day



Pupils from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi, Non Campus, joined up with their opposite numbers in Lesotho by video link on March 11th to celebrate Moshoeshoe Day, Lesotho's national holiday in memory of Lesotho's first King, Moshoeshoe 1 who died on 11th March in 1870.



St Davids and District Day Centre

The Day Centre will return to the Memorial Hall on Monday 9th May with tea and cakes Time 2pm to 4pm. All welcome. Transport available.



Rachel Thomas appointed Head Teacher

Following a stint as Acting Head Teacher at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi, the City News is delighted to confirm that Rachael Thomas has been formally appointed as Head Teacher at the school, in succession to Mr David Haynes.



The Chairman of Governors, The Venerable Paul Mackness, said that he had great pleasure in announcing the appointment. He said that Mrs Thomas' devotion and dedication to the school, its vision and ethos and the place and importance of each child is well known to us all, and that the governors were looking forward to working with her as she continues to lead the school forward with the support of the school's excellent staff and the wider community.

He said that the interview process had been rigorous and robust and that there had been a unanimous recommendation from both the Appointment Panel and the full Governing Body to offer her the post.

New Hours for the Tip

St Davids Recycling & Amenity
Site Opening Hours
1 April - 30th September 2022

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	8.30am - 5.30pm
Thursday	8.30am - 5.30pm
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	8am - 4pm

Diamond Wedding Anniversary



Llongyfarchiadau i Mr John and Mrs Janet Evans of Pen Y Garn who recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They received a card from HM The Queen and a bouquet of flowers from the Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Alan York on behalf of the City Council.

All the 2s for baby number two



Deputy Clerk to the City Council, Jessica Foster and Stephen Rees' second baby daughter arrived in numerical style on 22.2.22. Weighing a healthy 9lb 2oz, Miss Lottie Rose Jacqueline Rees is adored by her big sister Lily-Anne.

April to June Events 2022 at St Davids Cathedral with Tŷ'r Pererin

Family Session Erw Dewi Community Garden *Date: Good Friday 15th April 2-4pm* A time for young families to explore the Easter story. Follow the storyteller around the garden and pause for an activity at each point. The session ends with making an Easter Garden to take home.

Easter Egg Hunt *Date: Mon 18th April available between 11am-1pm & 2-4pm*

How many places is it possible to hide an Easter Egg in the Cathedral? Come and find out! An afternoon of fun for all the family in and around the Cathedral. Pick up a leaflet and begin the hunt. A chocolate surprise available at the end! £1 per child (accompanying adults free)

Art Workshop *Date: Tues 19th & Thurs 21st April available between 11am-4pm*

Join us for an informal all-age workshop in the Cathedral. Use the art exhibition *In the Hands of God*, by Rev'd Diana Hoare, to inspire you to make your own artwork and let this lead you into telling your own story about being in the hands of God.

Cathedrals@Night *Date: 14th May 6pm onwards*

Join cathedral life at night, as across Britain we celebrate these extraordinary buildings. A mix of cultural, heritage and spiritual activities some of which will go on until late – and all of them are free. Art, music, fun and food, library visits, walk the labyrinth and lantern procession and lots and lots of candles.

Jubilee Pilgrimage: *Date: Fri 3rd June 10.30 am-12.30 pm*

Visit the birthplace of St. David, hear stories and reflections linked to the Year of Jubilee and view the ancient ruins as you walk a route from the coast path to the Cathedral. This is a short guided walk (1½ miles) taking the field route to St. Non's Chapel ruins and Well before reaching the Cathedral. Join us at Oriol y Parc Gallery.

Cathedrals Cycle Pilgrimage: *Date: Monday 6th June*

This year, at the beginning of Cycle Week, Wales joins the Cathedrals Cycle route. This route begins in St Davids and connects our historic cathedrals. The relay ride will transport a specially commissioned baton around the whole route passing along to different groups of cyclists at each cathedral, with a group returning 10 days later (weather permitting) having cycled to every Church in Wales Cathedral. Find out how you can join in this amazing pilgrimage.

Pilgrimage Day: *Date: Friday 10th June 11am-3pm*

For hundreds of years pilgrims have been making their way to this holy place. Spend a day to gain a new perspective on life as you walk a guided pilgrimage (4 miles). Or you can take a reflective walk around the Cathedral. The Labyrinth will also be available for use. The afternoon will culminate in a pilgrimage service at 3.00pm.

Meeting point: Inside the main doors of the Cathedral.

For more information or to book a place, contact Janet Ingram, Tŷ'r Pererin, Quickwell Hill, St. Davids

Tel: 01437 729151 Email: education@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Eglwys Gadeiriol Tyddewi St Davids Cathedral

PALM SUNDAY - 10 APRIL

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.15 am Procession of Palms from Cross Square followed by Choral Eucharist
6.00 pm Passiontide Devotion
Palm crosses will be distributed at all services

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK - 11 APRIL

8.00 am Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist
6.00 pm Choral Evensong
9.00 pm Candlelit Compline

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - 12 APRIL

8.00 am Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist
11.00 am Chrism Eucharist
6.00 pm Via Crucis - A devotion for Passiontide with prayers and organ music

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - 13 APRIL

8.00 am Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist
10.00 am Holy Eucharist & Reading of the Passion
6.00 pm Choral Evensong
9.00 pm Candlelit Compline

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 14 APRIL

8.00 am Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist
7.00 pm Choral Eucharist of the Last Supper with *Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Altar & Watch of the Passion*— to 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY - 15 APRIL

8.00 am Morning Prayer, Litany and Ante-Communion
10.00 am Family Service - Building the Easter Garden
12 noon The Way of the Cross: A walk of witness through the City (from Cross Square)
The Last Hour
2.00 pm Choral Evensong with *Lamentations of Jeremiah* by Tallis
6.00 pm Good Friday - Meditation in music and readings
7.30 pm

EASTER EVE - 16 APRIL

8.00 am Morning Prayer, Litany and Ante-Communion
7.00 pm The Service of Light and Easter Vigil

EASTER DAY - 17 APRIL

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
9.30 yb Cymun Pasg gweinyddir gan Esgob Wyn Evans
11.15 am Festal Eucharist of Easter Day
6.00 pm Choral Evensong

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New Dean's Verger at Cathedral



A new Dean's Verger has been appointed at the cathedral following the retirement of Mrs Jenny Kitchell.

Mr Chris Crooks who currently holds an equivalent post at Canterbury Cathedral will take up his new role in

St Davids in late May, in time for the Cathedral Festival which is due to return after a two year absence. Mr Crooks, who has enjoyed a considerable experience in the running of cathedrals has worked as a verger at Wells and Llandaff cathedrals and as head verger at Salisbury and Portsmouth Cathedrals, hails originally from Skewen in the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot.

The Dean of St Davids Dr Sarah Rowland Jones said that she is delighted that Chris Crooks would be returning to Wales bringing his great wealth of experience to the service of the cathedral. 'I am sure he will be able to contribute significantly and prepare in 2023 to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the decree of Pope Callixtus that two pilgrimages to St Davids are equal to one to Rome.'

Chris Crooks, who is married to Debbie, said that it was a huge joy to be joining the team at St Davids and to build on the good work of his predecessors. He added that it would be a very special privilege to live within the community and

Simon Pearce appointed to top job



Simon Pearce has been appointed Organist and Master of the Choristers at the Cathedral following a rigorous selection process. Simon, who was formally assistant organist, has been Assistant Director of Music at St Davids since 1998, playing for many TV and radio broadcasts, as well as other high profile events.

On being appointed

Simon said, 'This appointment is a huge honour and privilege. The Cathedral Choir and Choral Foundation have a well-deserved reputation for excellence and I look forward to building on the hard work and success of my predecessors.'

'St Davids Cathedral is a spiritually inspiring and beautiful place in which to make music, and has such special connections with the city, local community and school as well as across Pembrokeshire and beyond. I am extremely proud to live and work here.'

The Dean of St. Davids, The Very Revd Dr Sarah Rowland Jones, said 'It has been a pleasure to enjoy the excellence of Simon's playing and conducting over the years. We are delighted he will now become our Organist and Master of Choristers.'

St Davids Day Window Competition Winners 2022



The winners of the competition were the National Trust Shop and for the second year running, Shan Price of Haul Y Bore, Caerfai Road. The Mayor, Cllr Alan York presented the winners with certificates and his congratulations!



Miss Ella James celebrates her 105th birthday



Miss Ella James was born in Ty Isaf, Ysgeifiog on the 8th of March 1917. She was the elder of her twin brother Eddie. Mr and Mrs James had eight children, four boys and four girls. Ella's father, Thomas James was the local clog maker and his workshop and tools are on display in St Fagan's Folk Museum near Cardiff.

Miss James worked at home in her younger days and then joined the staff of Carnhedryn school as the cook and caretaker. Six of her brothers and sisters have passed away but her younger sister Mona who is 91 lives in Chichester.

Miss James is a member of Caerfarchell chapel and was the organist for many years. Her interests have included reading Welsh autobiographies and listening to Welsh choirs. Her memory is fantastic and she enjoys reminiscing about her upbringing and the changes that have happened in her lifetime.



She celebrated her birthday at home with her close neighbours David and Catherine Davies, Joy Beynon and a few others. The postman delivered a card from the Queen in the morning and the

Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Alan York presented her with flowers. Her nephew Huw and his wife visited from Cardiff and she received cards and flowers from so many people.

Dr Middleton celebrates his 100th Birthday

Dr George Middleton, MBE, has celebrated his 100th Birthday. The birthday party was held at his home in January and attended by a large number of his family and friends and was presented with a congratulatory certificate by the Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Alan York. Dr Middleton has devoted his life to public service in so many ways. In St Davids firstly as a doctor, but also as a very active member of our community. For many years a councillor on the former St Davids Parish Council he served on several occasions as chairman. He was also Chairman of the PCNPA and has latterly been an active member of the Friends of the National Park. In his early years in the city he was much involved with the St Davids Red Cross Society and its cadets. But undoubtedly his greatest commitments have been to life saving at sea. Firstly to the RNLI, of which he is a life governor, and the St Davids lifeboat station of which he still serves as president, and also as a founder member of the Porth Mawr Surf Life Saving Club. He has also worked closely with the St Davids Coastguard unit and has been immensely involved with the work of the Air Sea rescue helicopters of the Royal Navy and the RAF at Brawdy, pioneering many new ideas and practices, which led to him becoming medical adviser to the St Davids lifeboat crew. Over the years he has also been much involved with the cathedral where until very recently he worked as a voluntary guide, and he remains President of the Friends of St Davids Cathedral. He is also an enthusiastic member of the Cathedral Men's Society. A founder member of the St Davids Historical Society, he has himself written and published books on the history of St Davids and also the lifeboat station.



LOCAL ELECTIONS
 THURSDAY 5th MAY
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 NEW CITY COUNCIL
 AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR



Tribute to NHS at Cathedral Festival

A tribute to the NHS for all that they have done to look after us during the pandemic will take centre stage at the Cathedral Festival as it returns after its two year's silence. The concert which will feature the NHS Choir will take the form of a family prom at the Bishop's Palace organised in conjunction with Cadw. The festival will also be offering special tickets for festival events to all NHS workers in Pembrokeshire.

The Festival running from 27th May - 5th June will be returning in style with a scintillating programme of classical music celebrating the platinum jubilee of its Royal Patron, HM The Queen.

Once again the festival will feature some of the world's top instrumentalists, soloists, choirs, ensembles and orchestras, including in this special year violin virtuoso Rachel Podger with vocal ensemble VOCES8, Canadian superstar pianist Stewart Goodyear, chart topping saxophonist Jess Gillam, the Early Music group Florilegium, Wales' leading professional folk band Ar Log, Alis Huws Harpist to HRH The Prince of Wales, the Morrision Orpheus Male Voice Choir, the British Sinfonietta, and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in a concert to be recorded for BBC Radio 3

As always the festival will create a platform for young people from this peninsula with the traditional children's opening concert.

Florilegium will give an all Bach Concert recalling the festival's earlier traditions, and our cathedral choirs will perform a Platinum Jubilee concert of Royal music with the British Sinfonietta, while Vox Angelica, the Vicars Choral and Choral Scholars will give a candlelit performance of *A Song for the Commonwealth*.

Other events will include workshops for young musicians, the winning Dyfed Young Musician of the Year, a family Queen's Castle sand castle competition, music and theatre workshops and talks by eminent speakers including the journalist and architectural historian Simon Jenkins on his book *Europe's 100 Best Cathedrals*.

A festival of firsts - Ar Log will premier a suite of songs composed by Paul Maelor with lyrics by poet Grahame Davies, and the BBC concert will see a first performance of *Landsker* by local composer Alex Mills. There will also be exhibitions featuring Thomas Tomkins, treasures from the cathedral library and Royal visits to St Davids.

Tickets are available now from the Cathedral Bookshop.

Tyddewi pupils celebrate World Book Day



Pictured here are Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA pupils celebrating World Book Day. Children in Early Years, Foundation and Development phases dressed up in school as their favourite story character and took part on lots of different activities. On the Dewi campus, pupils decorated their form room doors to celebrate books and reading. Pupils in Years 6-9 stopped what they were doing to 'Drop It and Be Ready' for 10 minutes every lesson. All pupils up to Year 7 had the opportunity to visit St Davids Bookshop during the week to exchange their Book Tokens for a world book day title.

Siop Y Bobol wedi ail AGOR!



The siop is now open from 11am to 2pm from Monday to Saturday. Please note that they are unable to receive donations at present, but do call in for a bargain. They would love to welcome you once more.

Cymdeithas Hanesyddol Tyddewi a Phebidiog St Davids and Dewisland Historical Society

Noddwr: Y Gwir Barchedig J Wyn Evans
Patron: The Right Reverend J Wyn Evans

Noddwyr Sylfaenol: Peter Davies a Peter Marks
Founder Patrons: Peter Davies and Peter Marks

The year was one of tremendous upheaval and of turmoil. Because of lockdown we did not meet in the City Hall until September. However, we were well supplied with virtual talks, mainly from our committee, but also from other members of the Society. Sadly we have lost two members who gave us talks in the past, John Beynon and Richard Hellon who have died.

In January, we were delighted to read a piece on St Mary's College from some writings of Kay Halliwell, wife of Canon Halliwell. These notes were discovered by her son Tom and annotated by him. Further historical notes were added by Sally Martyn

In February, Paul Edey provided us with an extract from 'Sunday at Home', a monthly tract 'suitable reading for families' which was in print from 1854 to 1940. This article was about St Davids Cathedral but the description of St Davids itself is not alluring. You are told that you will pass through 'the decayed streets of the obscure hamlet' on the way to the Cathedral.

In March, the virtual talk comprised notes by Mike Marshman on the Poor Law. He gave us a brief overview of the history of poor relief prior to 1834 when the Poor Law Amendment act was passed which made it more difficult to obtain aid and put people into workhouses rather than leaving them in their own homes in their parish. After 1834, St Davids was one of 63 parishes in the Haverfordwest Poor Law Union and many people were sent to Haverfordwest Workhouse.

In April, Gerry Martyn provided an article on 'A Mining Disaster' at Treginnis Copper Mine on 2nd May 1883, when a workman, John Reynolds, fell 15 feet to the bottom of the shaft when he was being winched up. An inquest followed on May 24th and was reported in the *Tenby Observer*. Evidence was taken from several people and the final verdict was that it was an accident, and no-one was to blame. A private charge of manslaughter was brought by Reynolds' widow and brother on June 15th but this was dismissed.

In May, Helen Silverstone wrote about the non-conformist chapels in St Davids. She wrote about the growth nationally of non-conformism and then gave brief histories of Ebeneser, Seion and Tabernacl. Many of our members may have recognized their younger selves in the photos of the congregations.

In June, Sally Martyn wrote about the stone heads carved on the outside of the Cathedral. These are thought to be based on local people whom the masons would have seen every day. There are about 100 of these heads including remnants of carving blocks where heads once resided. Most are found on each side of windows and the ones on the south side of the cathedral are in better repair than those on the north side.

In July, Paul Edey shared with us a 'Memorial relating to the Cathedral Church of St Davids and the country adjacent as it was in the latter end of Queen Elizabeth's Reign'. Paul showed us what the spelling of the manuscript was like at the time and then the whole in modern English. Sally Martyn kept us up to date on the archaeological dig at St Patrick's Chapel.

In August, Gerry Martyn wrote about the Very Revd. James Allen, Dean from 1878 to 1895. Dean Allen is best remembered for his building programme both at the Cathedral, to which he contributed his personal money and in various parishes in Pembrokeshire. He was well-known for his charitable works both in Pembrokeshire and more widely. He became Dean when he was 76 and died in 1897 aged 95.

We were delighted in **September** to return to talks in the City Hall when Bishop Wyn Evans spoke to us about another Dean, Dean Lewellin and showed us his walking stick upon which were noted all the posts he held, some simultaneously and some consecutively. **In October**, the Archdeacon of Carmarthen, the Venerable Dorrien Davies, spoke to us about the role of an archdeacon and, also, raised the question of the difficulties facing the Church in Wales today. **In November**, Luke Jenkins, one of the archaeologists on the Whitesands dig, brought us up to date on the various excavations there have been at the site up to the present day.

In December, we were unable to hold our usual Christmas dinner, so we decided to send out a Christmas mailing instead. The centre piece of this was an article by Rev Wiliam Owen of Tabernacl chapel about the Christmas Day Plygain service. There was also a Christmas quiz and a short piece on the history of some popular carols.

We have now re-started our face-to-face talks in the City Hall. From April onwards we shall be opening our talks to non members and will start with a dip into the Society's photographic archive with a talk by Paul Edey. We look forward to seeing you.

Arddangosfa Eisteddfod Tyddewi 2022



Bu'n rhaid canslo Eisteddfod Tyddewi eleni oherwydd cyfyngiadau Covid, ond penderfynwyd cynnal Arddangosfa o nifer o eitemau a gyflwynwyd ar gyfer cystadlaethau ers yr Eisteddfod gyntaf, a gynhaliwyd yn 2010. Cynhaliwyd yr Arddangosfa yn Neuadd y Ddinas, Tyddewi ar 28 Chwefror a 1 Mawrth 2022.

Daeth nifer o gystadleuwyr blaenorol ag eitemau, gan gynnwys ffotograffau, peintio, brodwaith, collage, gwau, crosio, gwaith coed, modelau, cardiau cyfarch, a wyau a cherrig llyfn wedi'u haddurno. Daethpwyd ag eitemau coginio ffres a jamiau hefyd i ddangos yr amrywiaeth o eitemau a gyflwynwyd yn y dosbarthiadau hynny.

Roedd doliau wedi'u gwau a'u gwisgo mewn gwisgoedd Cymreig yn darlunio'r dyluniadau o wahanol siroedd Cymru yn cael eu harddangos. Hefyd, oedd eitemau o'r cystadlaethau llenyddol, enghreifftiau o'r cadeiriau pren bychain a gyflwynwyd i enillwyr y nifer fwyaf o bwyntiau yn yr Eisteddfod, a ffotograffau o ddyddiau'r Eisteddfod yn cael eu harddangos.

Mwynhaodd ymwelwyr â'r Neuadd weld yr eitemau ac roeddent yn gwerthfawrogi gwaith a sgil y cystadleuwyr a oedd wedi cynhyrchu'r eitemau.

Dyddiad yr Eisteddfod nesaf yn Nhyddewi yw dydd Mawrth, 28 Chwefror 2023. Bydd rhaglen 2023 fel y cynlluniwyd ar gyfer 2022 a'r thema yw 'Gwyliau'. Bydd ar gael gan y Pwyllgor ac amryw o allfeydd manwerthu. Mae rhagor o fanylion ar gael gan Glenys James, Cydlynnydd yr Eisteddfod, ar 01437 720447.



St Davids Eisteddfod Exhibition 2022

This year's St Davids Eisteddfod had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions, and it was decided to hold an Exhibition of items submitted for competitions since the first Eisteddfod, held in 2010. The Exhibition was held at The City Hall, St David's on 28 February and 1 March 2022.

Many previous competitors brought items, including photographs, paintings, embroidery, collage, knitting, crochet, woodwork, models, greeting cards, and decorated eggs and pebbles. Freshly baked cookery items and jams were also brought along to show the range of items submitted in those classes.

Knitted dolls dressed in Welsh costumes depicting the designs from various Welsh counties were on display, along with items from the literary competitions, examples of the small wooden chairs presented to the winners of the most points in the Eisteddfod, and photographs of Eisteddfod days.

Visitors to the Hall enjoyed viewing the items and they appreciated the work and skill of the competitors that had produced the items. The date for the next St David's Eisteddfod is Tuesday, 28 February 2023. The 2023 programme will be as planned for 2022 and the theme is 'Holidays'. It will be available from the Committee and various retail outlets. Further details are available from Glenys James, the Eisteddfod Co-ordinator, on 01437 720447.



ST DAVIDS YOUTH CLUB IS BACK!

We've changed our times to every Tuesday 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (term time only) at St Davids City Hall. If you're 11+ and want to get involved get in contact with Chris or Eil on 07717 345 935 or 07824 509 275. For an insight into what we do check out our Facebook and Instagram @solvastdavids

News from Eco Dewi



EcoDewi has been exceptionally busy as we continue to support the St Davids Peninsula communities with environmental and sustainability projects that benefit both community and nature.

We continue to work with TYF on the Repair Café and are very excited to announce a new partnership with the wonderful team at Mamgu for a repair café and clothes swap evening on Friday 29th April in Solva; keep an eye on our social media channels for timings.

Sustainable tourism has been on the agenda recently as we work with a group of St Davids based businesses and organisations, keen to ensure that tourism benefits all elements of our local community and that we are thinking more about the impact on the environment and our future generations.

Beach cleans have continued across the peninsula coastline and EcoDewi has recently taken the Newgale Beach Wombles group 'under our wing' to ensure their continued existence. As always, we welcome your input as to where needs cleaning and how we can help ensure our marine environment is protected.



Dewi's Acre / Erw Dewi community garden continues to blossom, with volunteers joining us from across the peninsula. We are excited to be working with St Davids Care and Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Non Campus as we make this a truly community focussed garden. On 16th March we were officially awarded a Community Management Award by Social Farms & Gardens which is great recognition of the hard work of all the volunteers. Everyone is welcome to get involved, in whatever way they feel comfortable, and weekly volunteering sessions alternate between Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays with all dates advertised on the Dewi's Acre Facebook page.

Wildlife conservation & climate change action goes on with tree planting at Waun Fawr in St Davids and also at Roch Community School. We really hope to work with Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Aidan Campus to

support their planting ambitions this year too. In addition, in April we will be relaunching the Mini Meadows campaign, helping residents and organisations create mini meadows and rewild areas of their land and are really excited to be collaborating with The Bug Farm on their Pollinating the Peninsula project. If you want to know more and get one of our coveted recycled wood blue hearts, then get in contact.



As always, you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, sign up to our mailing list via our website at ecodewi.org.uk or just drop an email to jeremy@ecodewi.org.uk. Get involved and help us try to tackle climate change and the biodiversity crisis at a local level across the peninsula.

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