

# NEWYDDION DINAS TYDDEWI ST DAVIDS CITY NEWS

Gaeaf 2022 Winter



## St Davids students spend an amazing week in Lesotho

Ten Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi students have just returned from an amazing week with opposite numbers at their twinned school in Lesotho. The group, which was led by Caroline Blair and two other staff members, spent their half term in an action packed week at Mahloenyeng High School in Matsieng, the community which is linked with St Davids.



During their time at the school the St Davids students worked collaboratively with ten students from Mahloenyeng School and two of their teachers, really getting to know each other, and in particular studying sustainable development goals. But it was not all academic work. The group also visited Prince Seiso at the Royal Palaces, trained with members of the Lesotho Rugby Academy, visited Thaba Bosiu cultural village and visited the magnificent Malesunyane Falls in Semankong, one of the highest waterfalls in the Southern Hemisphere. They also spent time at the only plastic recycling facility in Lesotho, Pheha Plastic, where they learned about how a group of people are responding to the growing problem of plastic waste in Lesotho. The final day

started with a trek up the mountain to visit dinosaur footprints, estimated to be over 200 million years old, and culminated in a farewell celebration with their new friends from Mahloenyeng, where they were joined by the Chair and Director of Dolen Cymru, to whom they spoke at length about their experiences in Lesotho.

An incredible visit was topped off by bumping into some of the South African rugby team, who happened to be at the airport at the same time as the St Davids group, a fortuitous end to an amazing trip.

The students said that they all felt so fortunate to have been welcomed into the wonderful, vibrant school community of Mahloenyeng and to make so many wonderful friends. "Saying goodbye to our friends was extremely difficult, however we will be hosting a reciprocal visit for some of the staff and students in June. At present we only have enough funding to bring two teachers and two pupils to St Davids. We are hoping to raise funds to bring over several more students. We would love to extend the same welcome to as many of our friends from Lesotho as we can."

Funding for the visit came from Taith Wales and the ten students from Year 11 were selected following a rigorous selection process. Also involved with the visit was Litsitso Motseremeli who met the group at the border. The group stayed initially at the Durham Diocese hostel in Maseru and then at Morija Guest House near Matsieng.

## Christmas Lights Competition

Independent judging of houses and businesses in St Davids that have been decorated festively will take place on **Friday 16th December**. Winners will be personally notified by the Mayor of St Davids and the results will be made available thereafter.



# Letter from the Mayor, Cllr Richard Thornton



Hi all,

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the City Council newsletter.

It has been a privilege to serve as your mayor. Since the commencement of my term in May, Simon Mann has joined us as Council Clerk and I hope it is the start of a successful career.

The City celebrated Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11's Platinum Jubilee. We lit a beacon and had a celebration buffet in the hall. Sadly seven months later we mourned her death.



At the beginning of August, I took part in the judging of the sand church competition at Whitesands beach. Some amazing ideas and constructions in the limited time, with the tide having the last say on the day's event.

At the end of August, the weather was good to us and I took part in the procession and the judging at the carnival. Judging was not easy as there were so many good entries. It was uplifting to see the local participation in the carnival after the pandemic.

Many of our community organisations are meeting again and some new organisations are starting to meet. Our community spirit will win the day. The council's 'Drop in Centre' for coffee and chat is very popular and all are very welcome to share a cuppa with fellow citizens and councillors.

November saw the return of Jess the deputy clerk at the completion of her maternity leave.

I hope you had an enjoyable summer.

Putting our best foot forward, only you can judge if we are getting back to normal life in the City.

Wishing you all A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Please take care and stay safe and warm this winter. *Richard*



*Former Mayor, Cllr Alan York and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Frank John together with incoming Mayor, Cllr Richard Thornton and new Deputy Mayor, Cllr Emma Evans.*

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## SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Wednesday 7th December 2022**

at 11.45am in the City Hall

Residents wishing to book a place at the lunch

**MUST** obtain a ticket from Siop Y Bobol.

Book now to avoid disappointment.

*Only senior citizens (over 65s)  
resident in St Davids may apply.*

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## COMMUNITY AWARD 2022

The Council asks for your nominations for any member of the community whose work or service you feel is due for recognition.

Forms available from the Clerk via e-mail  
[clerk@stdavids.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stdavids.gov.uk) or from the Council Office  
and need to be returned to the Clerk  
by 3.00pm on

**Monday 5th December 2022**

Clerk to the Council, City Hall, High Street, St Davids,  
Pembrokeshire SA62 6SD Tel. 01437 721137



## Golden Weddings



Des and Nesta Thomas of Fachelich celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday 7th October.

The Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Richard Thornton presented the couple with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of St Davids City Council.



Congratulations to Ceri and Elaine Morgan of Maes Yr Hedydd, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Cllr Richard Thornton, Mayor of St Davids, presented the couple with a bouquet on behalf of the City Council.

Please contact the Clerk if you know of any couple that may be celebrating a Golden or Diamond Wedding Anniversary - [clerk@stdavids.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stdavids.gov.uk).

## Wreaths laid on Remembrance Day



Wreaths were laid on Remembrance Sunday by the Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, Miss Sara Edwards, the Mayor, Councillor Richard Thornton, Lieutenant Colonel Chris Moody, Commanding Officer 14th Signal Regiment (EW) and representatives of community organisations from St Davids.

The service was led by the Dean of the Cathedral, Dr Sarah Rowland Jones and Sub Dean, Canon Leigh Richardson.

Also taking part were the 948 Squadron ATC band and St Davids Cathedral Choir.



*Photo by Flight Lieutenant Philip Walker RAF College Cranwell*



## Eisteddfod Tyddewi 2023



Bydd yr Eisteddfod flynyddol yn cael ei chynnal yn Neuadd y Ddinas, Tyddewi ar Ddydd Mawrth, 28 Chwefror 2023. Mae'r amserlenni cystadlu ar gael gan aelodau'r pwyllgor ac amryw siopau. Os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau, cysylltwch â'r Cydlynnydd, Glenys James ar 01437 720447, os gwelwch yn dda.

The annual Eisteddfod will be held at St Davids City Hall on Tuesday, 28th February 2023. Competition schedules are available from committee members and various shops. If you have any queries, please contact the Co-ordinator, Glenys James, on 01437 720447.

## All change for former Clerk



After 11 years working for the City Council, April 2022 saw the former Clerk, Miss Heidi Gray leave to work in the Cardio Respiratory Department in Withybush General Hospital. Heidi said “working as Clerk in the City where I was born and raised was an absolute privilege. I was lucky enough to work for some wonderful Council members and alongside truly dedicated staff (both in the City Council and other organisations) that worked harder than anyone would ever know. I miss it enormously and Tyddewi remains the City that I love where many of the people that I love still live so my connection will never be broken. I can’t articulate a sufficient thank you to everyone that has helped me over the years. Chris, Paul, Jess, John and Jacqui were the dream team and some of the memories will make me smile forever. Diolch pawb a pob lwc”.

## New Caretaker at City Hall

Keith Simcox began his duties as Hall Manager in June 2022. Keith was originally from Wolverhampton in the West Midlands, where he had worked for the Local Authority for 20 years. In Wolverhampton Borough ( now City ) Council, Keith worked in Homeless Services and then transferred to Strategy and Housing Need where he facilitated the development of Social/ Affordable housing with local developers and housing associations on local authority land.

Keith moved to Solva in 1999 for family reasons. He worked in education and then Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services as the Health and Social Care Planning Facilitator. In 2005 he moved to St Davids and eventually worked as a support Worker with adults with learning disabilities for St Davids Care in the Community. After eight years he decided to take early retirement. When Keith heard about the post of Hall Manager he decided to apply for the post and much to his surprise (according to Keith) was successful and so re-entered the world of work.

Keith said he really enjoys the work and appreciates how welcoming, kind and helpful everyone has been, particularly his predecessors John and Jacqui for teaching him the ropes in such a patient and supportive manner.



## John and Jacqui retire after 40 years service



John and Jacqui Phillips have retired after caring for the City Hall and Memorial Hall for 40 years. To mark the occasion a presentation was made to the couple by the Mayor, Cllr Richard Thornton and Deputy, Cllr Emma Evans.

The Mayor paid tribute to them for their commitment and amazing level of service to the Council and the community.





# St Davids Carnival has a successful come back

St Davids Carnival had a successful return with lots of fabulous floats and an amazing



dressing up walking parade. The Carnival Committee are overwhelmed with the community effort this year and thank everyone for their involvement.



Carnival Queen  
Tilly Morgan

The Float winners were:  
First - The conservative Party, Second - The commonwealth Games (pictured above), Third - The Marvels



Carnival King  
Eli Guy

Thank you to the Penknife Club for stewarding the event. Thank you to the judges - Mayor, Cllr Richard Thornton, Headteacher Rachael Thomas, and Canon Leigh Richardson.

We are looking forward to next years carnival on the 28th August 2023 for which we have lots more exciting plans.



The carnival committee

- Teresa James (Chair)
- Vicky Pacheco
- Nicola Guy
- Lucinda Rees
- Keeley Rose-Watson
- Rhys Loshin Price



# New Councillors at St Davids City Council



**John Jeremy**



**Becky Lloyd**



**Rhys Price**



**Neil Walsh**

**Caroline Plant is also a new Councillor this year!**

## St Davids Diners and Tea-Dewi

Two new groups have been formed, after COVID, from what was The Memory Cafe that used to meet monthly in the Discovery Room at Oriel y Parc.

One of them, the St Davids Diners now meet for lunch on the first Wednesday of every month at 12.30pm, often going to The Grove. Other venues have been The Cross Hotel and Something's Cooking in Letterston.

The Tea-Dewi meets on the third Wednesday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm at the St Davids Rugby Club. This is a new venture where people can enjoy a cuppa and chat with a piece of cake for £2. It is a relaxed event open to anyone, especially those with dementia, depression, fatigue and any other condition that affects the brain.

There can be music - for example for our first meeting at the Club, in October, we invited Don MacGreggor who played his guitar and sang. Song sheets were provided and all joined in. In November Ian Meopham from The Parks gave us a slide show and talk about the whole of the Pembrokeshire Coastal Park.

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 14th December at 1.00pm at the Rugby Club, joining the St David's Diners. We are still awaiting menu and price.

For more information please contact Helen Williamson, mobile 07791 052419.

## Solva and St Davids Macular Society Support Group

Our voluntary group will be moving to a venue at St Davids in January, having previously held meetings at the Football Clubhouse, Solva. Our next meeting, however, will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November at the Clubhouse 2.00pm - 4.00 pm

We hope to hold monthly meetings over the winter months and will endeavour to help anyone with visual concerns.

Our meetings, as well as maintaining a warm and friendly atmosphere with refreshments, have included speakers from Macular Society Wales, RNIB and professional eye specialists, helping members with visual aids, labelling items for easy reading and independence. We have also discussed transport options, statutory and other services.

By creating awareness and accessibility we hope to make a difference. We have set up a regular phone calling service offering friendly emotional and signposting support.

Come and share your stories, tap into the skills of the above and help to sustain well-being for everyone who has concerns about eye conditions.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the group or would like to receive information please contact the following:

Sandra Young 01437 721450  
Margaret Hughes 0788157856  
**supported by Solva Care**

## TYF Adventure Club

Giving young local residents aged 8 - 16 years old the opportunity to learn new skills and gain confidence along the St Davids coastline, becoming independent adventures.

The winter edition of the TYF Adventure Club will include the following activities Night walks, Campfire cookouts, Hot choc and star gazing, Rock pooling, Surfing, Beach games, Coasteering, Kayaking, Bushcraft, Team building and Nature Connection.

For more information head to [www.tyf.com/pages/adventure-club](http://www.tyf.com/pages/adventure-club) or reach out to [play@tyf.com](mailto:play@tyf.com) or call 01437 721 611







# Fire and Rescue Services save situation in summer blazes

St Davids City Council and all the community have thanked St Davids Fire and Rescue, and the firefighters from all around the County from as far away as Milford Haven, for their tremendous work in dealing with the fires that threatened St Davids at the end of August. The St Davids firefighters were also involved in assisting with fires at Newgale, Nolton Haven and a Coastal Island.



## Awards presented to St Davids Firefighters



Crew manager Tim Foster received his Thirty Year Long Service Badge in October 2022 at the Western Division Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue service Medal Ceremony at St Brides Spa Hotel, Saundersfoot.

Fire Fighter Richie Davies received his Twenty Year Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. It was presented to him at St Davids Fire and Rescue Station.

Fire Fighter Stacey Davies received her Queen's Platinum Jubilee coin for her service at St Davids Fire and Rescue Station since joining early in 2020 and completing her training.





**St Davids Christmas Tree Lighting**  
**Saturday 3rd December**  
**5.15 pm on the Cross Square**

Come and see the Christmas lights being switched on. Join in with the Christmas carols!

Visit Father Christmas in his grotto in the Memorial Hall at 5.45pm

**Merry Christmas**  
**Nadolig Llawen**

St Davids  
 Festival of  
 Christmas Trees  
 & Wreaths  
 2022  
 St Davids  
 City Hall

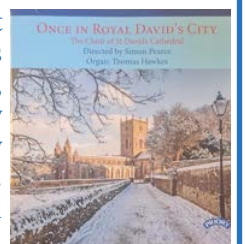
**Vote for your favourite  
 Christmas tree & wreath**  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> &  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**10.00am - 5.00pm**  
**& Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**10.00am - 2.30pm**

Christmas tree winners & Christmas wreath winner will be announced at the lighting ceremony, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 5.15pm at the Cross Square, St Davids

### Tabernacl Chapel Christmas Services

Our Christian worship community at Tabernacl will celebrate this Christmas with two seasonal services. On Sunday, December the 18th at 10.30 am, we will have a Christmas Carol Service. At 6.00am in the morning on Christmas Day, we shall celebrate our unique Plygain Service. Despite the three year gap due to the Pandemic, we shall resume our traditional service which has been held each Christmas for generations in our City. Welcome! Come and join us at Tabernacl during this Christmas! Wiliam Owen (Minister at Tabernacl) .

St Davids Cathedral Choir has just released a new recording of hymns and carols for the Christmas season, including favourite pieces by Rutter, Walford Davies, and a new carol by Alan Llewellyn Thomas. Available on line, in the cathedral shops and other local outlets.



### TYF Christmas Makers Market Friday 9th December

Come and join us for some festivities at our Booking Office on the 9th of December from 5.00 pm onwards. There will be locally made artisan products such as art, flowers, pottery, jewellery, homeware, accessories, woodwork and clothing. There will be an option of staying a bit longer for some Mulled wine and a scrumptious veggie Christmas meal.

**JOIN US FOR THE  
 19TH ST DAVIDS  
 NEW YEARS DAY  
 SWIM**  
**AT WHITESANDS BAY**

Registration from  
**11.00am**  
 (£5 minimum donation with free wristband)  
**SWIM AT 12PM**

**100% of all donations raised will go to the RNLI,  
 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club and local charities.**

To avoid delays advance registration and Wristbands can be obtained in advance for a minimum of £5 from The Station, Charity Shop, New Street St Davids.

**REG NUMBER 1187151**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE WATER IS ALWAYS LIKELY TO BE COLD AND IN THE WINTER MONTHS EXTREMELY COLD.





# Christmas Events at St Davids Cathedral



## SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER *Advent Sunday*

- 9.30yb Cymun Y Plwyf
- 10.30am Christingle Service
- 6.00pm The Advent Procession

## SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

- 10.00am Christmas Fayre opens
- 1.00pm Carol Singing with St Davids Cathedral Singers
- 2.00pm Carol Singing with the St Davids Community Choir  
*Retiring collection much appreciated*

## SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

- 11.15am Choral Eucharist
- 4.00pm Choral Evensong

## SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

- 7.30pm Concert: Côr Dyfed: Carols by Candlelight  
*Tickets from: 'TicketSource', Tel: 0333 666 3366, and on sale at the door*

## SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

- 11.15am Choral Eucharist
- 4.00pm Choral Vespers with Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols'  
Sung by the Cathedral Choristers

## FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

- 7.30pm 'Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas with Vox Angelica' In The Refectory  
*Tickets from [geraldinedavies76@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinedavies76@gmail.com)*

## SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER

- 4.00pm Angel Trail launch beginning from Ty'r Pererin  
*The trail will stay open until January 6*

## SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

- 9.30yb Cymun Y Plwyf
- 10.30am Scratch Nativity
- 4.00pm Choral Evensong

## MONDAY 19 DECEMBER

- 6.00pm For Those we Hold Dear and Memory Tree dedication

## TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

- 4.00pm Choral Evensong by Candlelight with Choral Scholars

## THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

- 7.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols (doors open 5:45pm)  
*Retiring collection much appreciated*

## SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER *Christmas Eve*

- 4.00pm Carols around the Crib for all the family
- 11.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas

## SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER *Christmas Day*

- 8.00am Christmas Eucharist
- 10.30am Family Christmas Choral Eucharist

## MONDAY 2 JANUARY

- 2.15pm Concert: John S. Davies Singers New Year's Concert  
*Tickets from: St Davids Bookshop Tel: 01437 720480, Tel: 01994 419366 & on sale at the door*

## SUNDAY 15 JANUARY

- 6.00pm The Epiphany Procession with Carols

## SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

- 6.00pm The Candlemas Vespers & Procession



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ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL

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St Davids Cathedral *Advent & Christmas 2022*

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## Seasonal Events at Ty'r Pererin

### Angel Trail Launch Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Explore the Christmas story through the eyes of the angels. Explore the interactive trail around the Cathedral Close with music, refreshments, twinkly lights, crafts and stalls. Begins at Ty'r Pererin, Quickwell Hill and finishes in the candlelit cathedral. Cathedral shop open. Outdoor Trail remains open until Epiphany, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### Follow the Star Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December during cathedral visiting hours

Nativity Treasure Hunt for all the family. Collect your treasure hunt from the shop or welcome desk. Travel around the Cathedral to retell the Christmas story. Angels, shepherds and wise men are hidden 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. Collect a reminder of the story for your own Christmas tree from the shop when you have completed your visit.

### Cathedral Explorer Bags available 27<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January

Everything you need to write, draw, record, explore, pray and create. **Each bag contains:** An explorer passport; set of postcards to colour; pencil; votive candle; tracing paper and some toys especially for you! **£5 per bag.**

For more information or to book a place,  
contact Janet Ingram, Ty'r Pererin, Quickwell Hill, St Davids  
Tel: 01437 729151 E-mail: [education@stdavids cathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@stdavids cathedral.org.uk)



## New Clerk for St Davids City Council

The new Clerk for St Davids City Council, Simon Mann took up his position at the beginning of the new Council year. Simon is seen here in the picture with the Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Richard Thornton who was also beginning his new year of office following the recent Council elections. Simon lives locally in Trefin and is a former student of Ysgol Dewi Sant.



## Menevia WI enjoys a very active year

**Menevia WI has been very active this year. Members have enjoyed a number of speakers including a talk from a police dog handler accompanied by her dogs and a wonderful talk from a Concorde cabin crew member, as well as a fun night of indoor Curling in the City Hall. To celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we dressed in our best attire and enjoyed a delicious cream tea at Crug Glas.**

In June we attempted to emulate the can-can after a fascinating talk by a professional dancer from the Moulin Rouge in Paris. In July there was a visit to the Dyfed Shire Horse Centre with a delicious meal.

In September some members travelled around Ramsey Island on an evening shearwater watching trip while the rest of us kept our feet firmly on the ground and were delighted to hear Malcolm Gray's illustrated talk about Ramsey. In September members helped provide a two course meal for over 30 pensioners at the St Davids Luncheon Club.

In October our own Clare Dow gave a fascinating illustrated talk about the time she spent volunteering in Ghana, working with local Queen Mothers to help get justice for local communities from the large gold mining companies.

Menevia's Craft group has been busy all year practicing different crafts, including knitting forest animals for display at Scolton Manor, English Paper Piecing patchwork and decorating Fabergé eggs taught by Julie Evans.

There was an appearance at the Torch Theatre by members of Menevia's drama group, performing a sketch written by Mary Edey as part of Pembrokeshire Federation WI's "Anything Goes" evening. Thinking caps are on for next March's performance.

During the summer, members of the Garden Group planted flowers in the four troughs on the Cross Square and faithfully took turns to water and look after the wonderful display of flowers which were still going strong well into November. There was a garden outing to an NGS Garden at Pont Trecynny in August and more garden outings are planned for next year.

Many enjoyable walks have been organised throughout the year which always include stopping for coffee and cakes. We are looking forward to our annual Christmas dinner at the Cross Hotel on December 14th. In 2023 we have a wide variety of speakers booked including a food demonstration and belly dancing (!) starting in January with an illustrated talk from Julian Cremona about Madagascar.

Menevia WI meets most months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 in the City Hall. Whether you are new to St Davids or been living here a while it's an ideal way to make new friends and have some fun, one new member recently said 'Joining the WI has completely changed my life, I've made lots of new friends by participating in many of the activities so come along give it a go, you have nothing to lose but gain new friends. You are very welcome to come along as a visitor first to see if it's for you.' Please contact the President Eleri Davies on 07791903221 to find out more.





# St Davids Peninsula Natural Environment



**OUR FIRST AWARD!** This summer we were also blown away to be announced as Runners-Up in a UK award for our work to protect and enhance the natural environment. We were honoured to hear that we had been nominated by both PCNPA and also by the Friends of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park for the Park Protectors Award 2022 organised by the Campaign for National Parks. This meant a huge amount to our team and a representative attended the official ceremony at the Houses of Parliament in London.

**\*\*NEW WINTER ENERGY PROJECT\*\*** Hot off the press, we have just had confirmation of funding to create a small Home Energy Advice Team to specifically help residents on the St Davids Peninsula this winter with advice about energy bills, energy saving tips, signposting financial support etc. We'll be promoting this service over the next few weeks through community councils and local groups and clubs. If you run a group and want us to give a talk about Home Energy Advice, email [hello@ecodewi.org.uk](mailto:hello@ecodewi.org.uk)

**BEACH CLEANS** - join us as we try to keep our local beaches and marine environment free of litter. Our next clean is at Porthlysgi on Sun 11 Dec at 2pm. Everyone is welcome and equipment is provided. For more info get in touch with Katy by emailing [beachcleans@ecodewi.org.uk](mailto:beachcleans@ecodewi.org.uk)

**MINI MEADOWS** - want to get involved and help support wildflowers across the peninsula? Well why not turn some of your garden, field or land into a wildflower meadow or habitat supporting local biodiversity. So far over 60 of our special Blue Hearts made of recycled wood have been handed out to participants as well as some free wildflower seed. Get in touch for more details by emailing Jeremy at [jeremy@ecodewi.org.uk](mailto:jeremy@ecodewi.org.uk)

**MAES GLASFRYN** - we are really excited to be working with Malcolm Gray and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) on a fantastic new initiative to create a haven for wildlife and a community orchard in the centre of St Davids on Glasfryn Road. Join us for the first event on Saturday 10th December from 10am to plant trees and hear more about the big plan! Everyone is welcome and if you don't feel like planting trees perhaps you can help with refreshments? Get in touch by emailing [hello@ecodewi.org.uk](mailto:hello@ecodewi.org.uk)

**PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITIES** - we want to help the communities of St Davids, Solva and Llanrhian get their Plastic Free Communities accreditation from Surfers Against Sewage by reducing the amount of Single Use Plastic used in our community, shops and organisations. We encourage all groups and clubs, businesses and residents who want to know more to get in touch. We started initial discussions this summer and will be kickstarting the project properly in January 2023. Volunteers to join a steering group to lead this project would be brilliant.

**GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 2022** - once again EcoDewi organised the St Davids Peninsula Great Big Green Week in late September and we were really pleased to see so many local businesses and organisations get involved. Of particular highlight was the Wear Green to School Day which took place at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi (Dewi, Non and Aidan campuses), Ysgol Gymunedol Croesgoch and also Roch Community School. Climate Cymru visited us in St Davids mid-week and were able to give presentations at both Dewi Campus and Non Campus about the climate and biodiversity crisis. We also ran a group discussion about community energy, kindly hosted by Oriel y Parc, with City and peninsula community councillors attending as well as representatives of PAVS, PLANED, Cwm Arian, Transition Bro Gwaun, Solva Care, XR St Davids. Dates for 2023 are 10th - 18th June.

Finally, we'd like to thank all the organisations that have supported us with grant funding in 2022 including the Sustainable Development Fund / PCNPA, St Davids City Council, the Edge Festival, Port of Milford Haven, Localgiving's Magic Little Grant, PAVS, as well as everyone who has so kindly made a donation. Without this support we couldn't deliver all these projects. As always you can find out more about how to volunteer, sign up to our mailing list or donate at <https://ecodewi.org.uk/get-involved>.

Join us for some community  
**TREE PLANTING**

The first stage of a new project  
creating a wildlife & community  
space on Glasfryn Road, St Davids

**JOIN US ON:**  
**SAT 10 DEC**  
10AM UNTIL 3PM  
(or until you need to go!)

Maes Glasfryn,  
Glasfryn Road  
(opposite Ty Glasfryn)

Please bring a spade if you can!

**ECO|Dewi** For more info email:  
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Pembrokeshire Coast National Park



## New County Councillor's Letter



Hello to you all. Firstly, I would like to introduce myself to all who do not know me. My name is Bethan Thomas Price and I am the new County Cllr for St Davids. During my election campaign, my main aim was "Putting the people of St Davids First", something that I have always done on the City Council for the last 25 years. It is an honour to have won the election and to represent the people of St Davids in County Hall. Since being elected in May, I have been very busy with meetings/seminars and meeting the people of St Davids in person. I have been inundated with requests to support people with their housing situation.

Before being elected I had not realised how serious the housing situation is in Pembrokeshire, especially St Davids. It is so lovely to see the new houses at the ATEB housing estate "Swn Y Mor" all occupied. I attended a family event/fun day at the estate and everyone was given energy advice etc from ATEB whilst enjoying themselves. A few concerns were brought to my attention regarding the lack of Street lights on the Glasfryn Road which I think is going to become seriously dangerous to walk during the winter months. The reply I have had from PCC is "in order to ascertain whether the Glasfryn meets our Council's agreed policy on the provision of new street lighting we will now investigate the number of recorded personal injury night time accidents and traffic flows". As County Councillor I will fight for extra street lights on the Glasfryn Road.

There is also concern regarding the speed of the traffic driving through the Swn Y Mor estate. Pembrokeshire County Council has recently held a series of road shows regarding the change in tenancy laws arising from the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 which comes into effect in December 2022. For more information please visit: <https://gov.wales/housing-law-changing-renting-homes>.

We are now into the winter months and with the energy crisis upon us Pembrokeshire County Council have launched a Warm Spaces Campaign to support people across Pembrokeshire during the cost of living crisis. Please go to their website [www.connectpembrokeshire.org.uk](http://www.connectpembrokeshire.org.uk) which has lots of useful information and an interactive map of warm welcome spaces across Pembrokeshire. Here in St Davids we have a few on which you can find information in this newsletter.

On a positive note, during the summer I invited Stephen Bengier the Highways Development Control Officer for a walk around St Davids. We spent nearly three hours walking around St Davids and made him aware of all our concerns, I am having a follow up meeting in December with Stephen Bengier and also Darren Thomas who is head of Infrastructure. I also had the honour of a walk around St Davids with the Chief Executive of Pembrokeshire County Council Mr Will Bramble, I emphasised a lot of the concerns of the residents in St Davids.

I am so excited regarding the works that are now taking place on the toilets at Whitesands. This project was awarded funding from the Welsh Government as part of the Brilliant Basics Fund to improve visitor experience across Wales. The installation of the Changing Places Toilet will be Pembrokeshire's first beach-side facility.

I recently held an open surgery where the residents of St Davids dropped in to see me for a chat and voiced their concerns. I know some residents don't like to phone or e-mail so this surgery proved ideal but I am available all the time on the numbers below to address concerns of the residents. I ensure that everyone's concerns are listened to and communicate these in Council meetings. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support since I was elected in May and I would like to wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Kind Wishes,

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**Siop Y Bobol**  
**Opening Times**  
**Monday - Saturday**  
**10.00am - 1.00pm**

**St Davids Library**  
**Opening Times**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**10.00am - 5.00pm**  
**(Closed 1.00pm - 2.00pm)**





# Cathedral House opens its doors



It has been such a joy to finally open the doors of Cathedral House. We have a beautiful range of unique gifts all made by local artists and makers. Our café is serving a locally sourced menu, teas and coffees and freshly made cakes.

St David founded his community on the banks of the Alun in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and his church became the centre for community, education and

commerce. Today in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Cathedral House seeks to carry out this tradition to be a community hub in the heart of the city remembering David's last words to us: Be joyful, keep the faith, do the little things.

Laura Davies - Rheolydd Siop/Retail Manager

## Celebrating shapes, money and numbers at Aidan Campus



The boys and girls on Aidan campus have had an extremely busy few weeks where they have been learning about shapes, money, numbers, Joseph and our sounds and letters.



### DEWISLAND PEOPLE'S SHED at the Scout Hut

Located in the Scout Hut, in Ffynnon Wen, the SHED is open every Tuesday, 10.00 am to 12 noon, for anyone and everyone who might want to come.

See our fully equipped wood/metal workshop.

Come to do that job you haven't got the tools for at home. It's all free!

Drop in and have a cup of coffee or tea, or just look around.

There is a good space here, also, for your club or group, on any day, for any activity, from model making to sewing, knitting, I.T., or a card game.

The SHED is a real community asset.

Come and see! For more details ring 07946418439.



# Awards for Members



St Davids City Council has paid heartfelt thanks to three long serving members. At the last meeting of the outgoing Council the then Mayor, Cllr Alan York thanked Councillors John George, John Lloyd and Bethan Price for their hard work and dedication in serving the community. Cllr Price had served for 25 years and Cllrs George and Lloyd had been members since 1983 and 1997 respectively.

# Time for Tourism and Trade Association membership renewals



It is time for St Davids Tourism and Trade Association members to renew their annual membership subscriptions for 2023 and for new members to join and sign up.



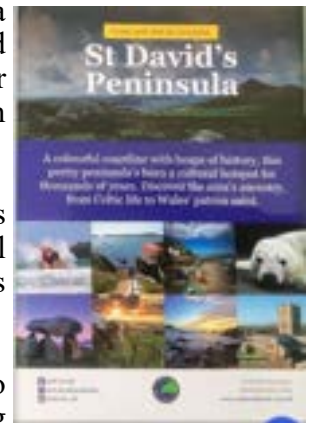
The just completed season has been a challenging one, during which members have found increasing business strains, including lack of staff, lower visitor spend, rising costs and business taxes.

Today, more than ever it is important for local businesses to work together to promote the area, ensure we are a popular destination and above all good value for money and sustainability in the face of climate change.

Our committee comprises tourism experts from all aspects with over 50 years knowledge of local tourism.

We analyse trends to optimise our advertising strategies, reaching around a quarter of a million people each year, through brochures (distributed in the city, the county, neighbouring counties, along M4 service stations, in ferry terminals, Cardiff airport) and a poster & brochure campaign in London and through social media campaigns and our website.

We are now renewing membership advertising spaces for the 2023 brochure. To join us pop into Basalt & Dune on Maes Dyfed for an application pack or e-mail [secretary@stdavidsinfo.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stdavidsinfo.org.uk).






## ST DAVIDS YOUTH CLUB

# EVERY TUESDAY

**6:30PM - 8:30PM**

St Davids City Hall  
Ages 11+



Pembrokeshire Youth  
Ieuenctid Sir Benfro

Contact Ashlie Day on 07818012254  
[Ashlie.day@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Ashlie.day@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

# SING

ST DAVIDS COMMUNITY CHOIR

## Join St Davids Community Choir!

Everyone is welcome, there are no auditions. If you enjoy good music and good company please come and join us! We meet most Wednesday evenings at Ty'r Pererin from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - performance at Christmas Fayre.



# A great year for Surf Lifesavers



2022 has been a great year at the beach for Porthmawr SLSC. Firstly we'd like to say a massive thank you to all those who support us, sponsors, fundraisers, parent helpers and volunteers in many guises. Without the help that you all bring we wouldn't be able to do what we do and keep our membership costs so low. 2022 also had a cause for sombre reflection with the passing of one of founding members and President Dr George Middleton. We all owe a debt of gratitude to this great man.

We've seen membership grow again in 2022 to over 200, the biggest the club has ever had. We've nearly 80 nippers in this number of an equal male/female ratio so the future looks really bright for Porthmawr. We attended a couple of competitions with the nippers and juniors in 2022 and put in strong performances with medals in abundance. We also hosted the Welsh Open Champs at Whitesands for Youth/Seniors and Masters and managed medals in many events, most notably Gold and Silver by Finn Iles and Matthew Brown in the Men's Open 1km beach run. There's even a rumour that next year the seniors might actually train.

We are currently in winter mode, with training for ages and abilities in Fishguard Pool all the way through to the Easter break when we will aim to get back to the beach. If you are interested in joining the club in 2023 please either email [porthmawrsurf@gmail.com](mailto:porthmawrsurf@gmail.com) or keep an eye on our Facebook page for further information. Again thanks to each and every one of you for making what we do possible.



## Shalom House News



Shalom House supports the people of Pembrokeshire, providing holistic, accessible, personalised care for those who have been diagnosed with cancer and other life limiting illnesses, such as MND, Parkinson's and COPD. We are here to support people through a difficult time and to help provide a better quality of life. You can self-refer for any of our services, just give us a call.

Our yearly Christmas Raffle has been launched. We have some amazing prizes including a night at Twr y Felin Hotel, a beautiful throw from Melin Tregwent and tickets for Falcon Boats, Folly Farm, Heatherton and so much more. Please Scan the QR code (Top left corner) to go straight to the raffle page.

We held our Quiz in Clwb in St Davids which was very busy. Our next quiz is a Christmas quiz on **20<sup>th</sup> December** at St Davids Rugby Club at 7pm, food and drink is available. Our January quiz will be in The Ship Inn in Solva.

Shalom House has been lucky enough to receive an Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant to offer 5 sessions of our overnight respite care in the coming year. We welcome Attendees arriving Monday lunchtime and leaving on Friday lunchtime The respite period is as essential to the patient as it is to their carers, providing a break from social isolation for those who live alone, an opportunity to gain strength and reassurance from others in similar situations.

We are looking for volunteers for our St Davids Shop. If you can spare a few hours please let us know. We would appreciate any local businesses support, and you could do this by simply having a donation box by your till. If you would like to support us by having one of our donation boxes in your shop, café or local business please email [samwilsoncroft@shalomst Davids.org](mailto:samwilsoncroft@shalomst Davids.org) or call 01437 721344 – we can drop off and collect.

# New Rugby Club mural revealed by Jasmine Joyce



'A new wall mural by Welsh artist Ben Rmer was officially unveiled by Jasmine Joyce on Thursday 17th November at St Davids Rugby Club to highlight the club at the heart of the community. In particular it celebrates the achievement of double Olympian and Welsh International Jasmine Joyce who started her rugby playing at the club. At the other end of the art work is a great image of the longest serving member of the club committee Mr John James who played his first senior game for the club in 1956 at the age of 13 and whose last game was in about 2000. The mural has been sponsored by The Principality Building Society in recognition of Jasmine's continued link with the community game here in St Davids and in particular with the development of the new women's team, who are about to play their first competitive match.

## Shhh! For Pudsey!



1st St Davids Rainbows did their bit for Children in Need. The girls decided to raise money for Pudsey by holding a sponsored silence. The girls all managed to stay quiet for a whole half an hour - a challenge for this lovely bunch of chatty girls. The leaders managed it too!!

For more information about St Davids Cathedral Community Garden please e-mail: [hello@dewisacre.org.uk](mailto:hello@dewisacre.org.uk)

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