

COASTLANDS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (CIO)
Dale, Marloes, St Brides, St Ishmaels

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – MARCH 2024.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES:

To advance the education of the public in the history, heritage and culture of Dale, Marloes, St Brides and St Ishmael and the surrounding areas through research, compiling of records, publication of books and leaflets, arranging lectures, meetings, events, exhibitions and by the establishment of an archive containing information, artefacts and photographs and the provision and maintenance of a Heritage Centre; and by such other charitable means as the Trustees shall think fit..

Again during 2023 –24, activities have taken place in furtherance of these aims.

LECTURES AND TALKS, SPECIAL EVENTS, VISITS:

2023 saw a full programme back in place, starting with a talk by Dr Julian Whitewright explaining the work of The Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments Wales, using examples from our area. A complete change of direction followed with a talk by Barry John MBE on his ancestor Gwen John and her travels to France, David Llewellyn challenged the popular perceptions of WW1, while Mike Garlick took us back to Roman times, 2023 closed with Vicky Tomlinson illustrating both the natural and human history of Castlemartin. 2024 opened with John Evans highlighting the Pioneering Aviators of Pembrokeshire followed by Simon Moffett giving an insiders view of the Sea Empress Disaster. The 50th anniversary of the Dona Marika going aground was marked in St Ishmaels Sports Club with an exhibition which included new material provided by local residents and visitors. Members were taken on a tour of Nevern Castle and Church, guided by Dr Steve Morrell. One talk had to be postponed due to a severe storm and now appears in the 2024 programme.

THE OLD STABLES HERITAGE CENTRE;

Coastlands Local History Group renewed it's lease on The Old Stables Heritage Centre from Dale Castle Estate. this is for a further 10 years.

Risk Assessments have been undertaken for "Fire" and "Health and Safety" by Dr Steve Morrell the appointed Safety Officer for The Old Stables Heritage Centre.

Mrs Harriet Bishop, the appointed Data Protection Officer for the group, continues to supervise adherence to the Group's Data Protection Procedures.

Policies held by the group are on Safeguarding, Child Protection, Welsh Language and Equal Opportunities.

All policy documents are available for scrutiny in The Old Stables Heritage Centre.

The Old Stables Heritage Centre will continue to be used by the community, especially those doing their own research.

The Old Stables Heritage Centre was open in 2023 with an Exhibition "Three is the Magic Number" to mark all events whose anniversaries fell in 2023 such as The Dona Marika, Marloes Chapel, a cricket match on Skokholm, Kensington Hospital and the Centenary of dedication of the War Memorials in Dale and Marloes, and the building of the Memorial Hall in St Ishmaels.

CONTACT WITH OTHER GROUPS:

Members attended the PCNP/Dyfed Archaeology Trust Archaeology Day at Pembrokeshire College.

Members have joined visits, tours and workshops organised by PLANED and PAVS.

We have liaised with other groups such as PLANED and Dyfed Archaeology to showcase our area's history.

Whilst the CHERISH project has closed in its original format, the group continue to work with RCAHMW as it moves to cover and monitor vulnerable sites.

We are participants in The Community Forum in Dale.

RESEARCH:

- The majority of the archive material is now recorded online. It is hoped, in time, it will be available to the wider community via the Group's website.
- Mrs Pam Haines has finalised her book on the history of Kete from RAF Kete through RNADC Kete via HMS Goldcrest 2 to HMS Harrier. It is due to be launched in April 2024

- Work continues on the Dyfed Archaeology Trust Local Sites Survey, in which members are asked to visit sites listed on the database to check if the information given is up to date and correct. We are also asked to notify Cambria Archaeology of any other sites we know of which are not listed on the database.
- We participate in projects, run by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, Dyfed Archaeology Trust and The Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments Wales, as they come up, monitoring our area for sites which need preserving, or investigating before they completely disappear, and would urge members to become part of the scheme.
- The Group has drawn the attention of RCAHMW to the old jetty in Dale. Dr Julian Whitewright, RCAHMW, has photographed the remains of the jetty. It is hoped an online 3D model of what remains can be devised.

WEBSITE:

We own our domain site. Kevin Rogers has updated and streamlined the website. We continue to get queries through the site and thank members who have helped to answer these. The Group now have a Face Book page.

INSURANCE:

We continue to use the British Association of Local History Societies' Insurance policy, covering the Coastlands Local History Group (CIO) for Public Liability and Equipment. We have increased the cover to include visitors to The Old Stables Heritage Centre, and our assets. Members are reminded that they should cover themselves for Personal Accidents.

AIRCRAFT CARTOONS, DALE CAMP:

The group continues to rent the premises on Dale Camp containing the Barrack Room Cartoons.

COMMITTEE:

The Trustees have met eight times during the year to plan the programme, take administrative decisions, co-ordinate research work and ensure that records are preserved.

A sub-committee of 3 Trustees and Mrs Haines was formed to co-ordinate the work needed to compile the book on HMS Harrier.

Members are advised by email as to any items the committee may become aware of which might be of interest to them or to impact on them.

COASTLAND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2023

	£
Opening Balances	
Cash	
Bank	8830.89
TOTAL	8830.89
INCOME	
Memberships subs	455.00
Meetings donations	300.70
Donations at Old Stables	257.87
Sales at Old Stables	30.00
TOTAL INCOME	1043.57
EXPENDITURE	
Premises	875.60
Insurance	219.20
Website	69.12
Records archiving	1516.00
Subscriptions	135.00
Hall Hire (Note 1)	200.00
Capital items (note 2)	749.88
Book ISBN Costs	91.00
Sum Up Charges	0.51
Printing	5.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3861.31
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-2817.74
Calculated Closing Balances	6013.15
Actual Closing Balances	
Bank Statement	6013.15
Petty Cash	0.00
TOTAL	6013.15

Independently Examined:

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Date

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