

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 3rd APRIL 2017

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 2016 –17, activities have taken place in furtherance of these aims.

LECTURES AND TALKS:

There have been seven talks on the following topics:- The Tudors by Terry Breverton, St Bridget and the Celtic saints from Father Gildas, David Saunders gave a talk on Skokholm the island dwellers. Terry John discussed the SS Falaba while Simon Hancock gave his new talk on Ghosts and Legends of Pembrokeshire, with Louise Barker finishing off 2016 with an overview of the Archaeology of Skomer. 2017 opened with an exhibition in Marloes Village Hall to compliment the official launch of the Marloes Leaflet, and to complete the talks Anne Eastham giving an insight into prehistoric diet.

VISITS:

A visit was made to The Italian POW Camp at Henllen.

THE OLD STABLES HERITAGE CENTRE;

The lease for The Old Stables Heritage Centre from Dale Castle Estate has been successfully transferred to the Trustees of Coastlands Local History Group (CIO).

Two exhibitions were held during 2016 covering “Saints, Symbols and Holy Places” and “Shipwrecks and Storms”.

1530 visitors came through the doors during the season.

Visits were made by Pembrokeshire Vintage Motor Cycle Club, Fishguard WI and the Echoes of Pembrokeshire Group from PLANED.

The Trustees have responded to a request from a group who wish to set up a Heritage Centre in their town.

Risk Assessments have been undertaken for “Fire” and “Health and Safety” by Mr Derek Lister the appointed Safety Officer for The Old Stables Heritage Centre. Data Protection Procedures, under the Data Protection Act 1998 have been drawn up based on The National Archives procedures. Mrs Margaret Copley who has been appointed Data Protection Officer asks anyone who is lending or giving items to the group to fill in a Permissions Form.

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

It is hoped The Old Stables Heritage Centre will continue to be used by the community, especially those doing their own research. To help facilitate private research, The Centre is open to all every Thursday morning.

CONTACTS WITH OTHER GROUPS:

Invitations were received from The Sunderland Trust, Llangwm History Society, Pembrokeshire Archives, Milford Museum, West Wales Maritime Heritage Society, PLANED Echoes of Pembrokeshire Group, The Havens History Group and The Welsh Historic Gardens Trust to some of their lectures while Pembroke History Society, Monkton History Society and The Havens History Group sent notification of their exhibitions.

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

We are active participants in PLANED Forums in Dale and St Ishmael.

Members have joined visits, tours and workshops organised by PLANED and PAVS. Members have been actively involved with Adding Value to Tourism initiative run by PLANED.

The group is a part of PLANED's Echoes of Pembrokeshire Group.

We have liaised with other groups such as PLANED and Local History Fairs to showcase our area's history.

We try to notify all members of these "extra" activities, by email, where we have an address and by mentioning the events at our meetings.

RESEARCH:

- Thanks to work undertaken by Malcolm Cullen on the history of the Wellington Bomber HX384 and it's Polish Aircrew based at Dale Airfield during 1941-1942, the interpretation panels are in place next to the propeller from the Wellington Bomber HX384 aircraft in The Old Stables Heritage Centre.
- A leaflet for Marloes has been launched. It is hoped to complete the final leaflet in the sequence, that for St Brides in the near future.
- Work is ongoing into the vast task of cataloguing the archive material which in time it is hoped will be available digitally via the Group's website.
- 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 the Arfordir project, run by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and Dyfed Archaeology Trust, monitoring our area for sites which need preserving, or investigating before they completely disappear, and would urge members to become part of the scheme.
- Tracing house and family histories is a form of research we are often asked to undertake. It is very time consuming, though extremely interesting, so we would welcome any assistance and also thank those members who have already helped in this work.

WEBSITE:

We own our domain site. Kevin Rogers has updated and streamlined the website. The events page gives details of forthcoming meetings and activities. We continue to get queries through the site and thank members who have helped to answer these.

INSURANCE:

We continue to use the British Association of Local History Societies' Insurance policy, covering the Coastlands Group for Public Liability and Equipment. We have increased the cover to include visitors to The Old Stables Heritage Centre. 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 cartoons. The Group is still investigating the possibility of creating a mobile display of the Barrack Room Cartoons. A visit to The Hut was made by The Pembrokeshire Vintage Motor Cycle Club.

COMMITTEE:

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

COASTLANDS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (CIO) ACCOUNTS AGM 2017

Accounts 31 December 2016

Income

Bank Balance 1 January 2016	£0.00
Cash in Hand 1 Jan 2016	£0.00
Transfer from Coastlands Local History	£1,948.86
Income from meetings	£424.52
Membership Subs 2016	£365.00
Donations (Heritage Centre)	£1,154.76
Donations (Other)	£79.00
Marloes Book Sales	£15.50
Refund Eaton Evans Morris	£30.00
Henllan Coach Fares	£168.00
Other	

Expenditure

Hall hire	£95.40
Stationary, postage, inks, photocopying	£4.87
Website (Domain + Server)	£7.00
Building Rents + Leases	£160.00
BALH Membership (Insurance)	£65.00
SWALEC	£117.81
Software	£99.00
PAVS Membership	£35.00
Speaker Expenses	£110.00
Heritage Centre Insurance	£122.09
Coach Hire	£260.00
Display Unit	£26.40
Fire and Safety	£38.97
Henllan Church Donation	£50.00

Total Income

£4,185.64

Total expenditure

£1,191.54

Balance

£2,994.10

Independently examined by:-

P.D. Revell

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Date

Feb 22nd 2017