



Litter pick let down... by David Baster

There was a disappointing turnout for the latest village litter pick on 10th April. The 6 people who did turn out should be justly proud and we are all grateful for their achievement in collecting 11 bags of rubbish in 2 hours, over only 1¼ miles of road. Keeping cans and plastic bottles separated for recycling a total of 221 were picked up. Multiply this up to estimate how many there are in the Hayscastle parish and the total is a staggering 4000. Unfortunately unless there are a greater number of participants we are unlikely to achieve keeping even a small proportion of the village litter free and with local authority cutbacks the problem is likely to increase. If you like living in Hayscastle please think about how you may help to keep it clean and tidy for us all to enjoy. Meanwhile thank you to those who do help even in the smallest way.

HAYSCASTLE COMMUNITY FORUM

100+ Club

100+ CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS – We are steadily receiving this year's subs. Anyone who has not yet paid or wishes to join the 100+ Club, please contact your representative or contact Mrs Sarah Lewis, Treasurer on 01348 840410. It costs just £10 per year to become a member with draws taking place 4 times per year with winnings of £60, £40 and £25 respectively.

The next 100+ Club Draw will take place on Thursday 16th July 2015 at the Community Centre. Congratulations to this quarter's winners!

April 2015 Draw Results

1 st	£60	Chris Down	41
2 nd	£40	Thomas Richards	77
3 rd	£25	Gloria Thomas	81



Cawl Evening Success! by Sarah Lewis

Our second Cawl Evening was held at Hayscastle Community Centre on Friday 6th March as a celebration of St. David's Day. The Centre was decorated beautifully and the evening was enjoyed with tasty cawl being served followed by Welsh cakes. We were entertained by our resident young harpist, Nia Lewis. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our event and especially for the donations of raffle prizes, of which contributed to a successful evening. A grand total of £148.49 was raised. This money will go towards to running of the Centre.

Haverfordwest Farmers Market

Every Friday
9.00am-3.00pm
at Riverside Shopping,
Haverfordwest

Visit our website to find out more information on our special event markets

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READATHON by Sarah Lewis

Nia Lewis has recently accepted the challenge of a sponsored read during her spare time. Readathon is a charity to improve the lives of seriously ill children. Nia would like to thank everyone who has sponsored her. A total of £40 was raised as sponsorship during the Cawl Evening. The money raised has been presented to the organiser at Ysgol Dewi Sant, of which Nia is a pupil.



The photographs in this issue have been kindly provided by Sarah Lewis, Cerie Davies and David Baster. For more photographs of Hayscastle in Bloom please visit our Facebook page.

A Very Worthy Winner!
by Cerie Davies

Mr David Baster recently won the **Countryside Champion Award** in association with **Radio Pembrokeshire and Pembrokeshire Agricultural Society**.

Mr Baster and his wife Pam set up and run the very successful Grasshoppers Club at the Community Woodland in Hayscastle. The club is aimed at children aged 4 to 16 years old who take part in a range of activities such as growing vegetables, learning about nature, identifying birds, looking after their very own insect hotel plus much more. They also arrange several trips for the group taking them to places such as Strumble Head to visit the seals. Mr Baster is passionate about nature and it is no surprise that he's also heavily involved with the Hayscastle Environmental Society.

He and his wife Pam, along with other volunteers, look after the Community Woodland at Hayscastle and also look after the flowerbeds in the village, making sure they're blooming marvellous! In between his busy schedule he also finds time to arrange woodland walks and litter picks in the local community.

The nomination for this award came from Evan and Cerie Davies, who were both delighted to hear that Mr Baster had received the prestigious accolade. Pictured is Mr Baster with his award and members of the Grasshoppers Club. Well done Mr Baster!



Saturday 30th May 2015

Hayscastle Community Summer Fete

at the Community Centre and Woodland
Gates open 2pm - 5pm, entry is FREE!

Strawberry Tea and 'Bake Off' Challenge!
The Hedgehog Hospital
Exhibitions by Community groups
Cake stall * Tombola * Bottle Stall
Grand Raffle * Children's Games

* **Best Fancy Dress Bicycle and Rider**
Competition - open to all ages!

Thank you to the Community groups for supporting this event.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Mary's Hayscastle **St Lawrence Welsh Hook**

Newton Noddfa Chapel

At 11.30am
2nd and 4th Sundays
every month

At 11.30am
1st & 3rd Sundays
every month

The Quarterly 13th Sunday is normally shared by Hayscastle, Welsh Hook, Roch and Nolton parishes.

24/5/15 10.30: United Service, Solva (Rev. A. Jenkins)
31/5/15 10.30: Newton (Rev. William Owen)

1/6/15 3.45: Cymundeb – Newton (Rev. A. Jenkins)
14/6/15 10.30: Newton (Mr. Emyr Phillips)
21/6/15 2.00: Communion – Newton (Rev. A. Jenkins)
28/6/15 10.30: Newton (Rev. A. Jenkins)

12/7/15 2.00: Newton (Rev. A. Jenkins)
19/7/15 10.30: Cymundeb – Newton (Rev. A. Jenkins)

Environmental Society

There was a positive outcome at the February meeting to the continued running of the HES. Idris Thomas was elected Chairman, Bob Griffiths Treasurer and the secretarial roles being shared by Sian Phillips, Margaret Crennal and Kathy Joules.

The nest boxes in the woods at the Gignog were cleaned out and re-erected in mid January whilst those in the Community Woodland were similarly dealt with by the Grasshoppers.

A grant from Keep Wales Tidy enabled us to purchase the materials to construct 9 barn owl nesting boxes. The PCNP invited us to make them at their Cilrhedyn Woodland Centre in late January where as well as assisting us and making us very welcome several members were given a conducted tour of the surrounding woodland by Ian Meopham (PCNP Ranger). Thanks to the kind permission

of local farmers the completed boxes were erected during February on land along the Brandy Brook Valley. These will be monitored and recorded by HES members.

Two mornings have been spent on routine maintenance in the Community Woodland since the last newsletter. Anybody may join in. If you use the woodland please consider coming along to help.

Dr. Sarah Beynon gave a very interesting, informative and entertaining presentation at our April meeting. We were introduced to the work and plans she is carrying out near her farm in St. David's with particular emphasis on the role of dung beetles. It is hoped to have a site visit later in the year.

The next meeting will be on 3rd June at 7.30 in the Community Centre.

Grasshoppers Club

Attendance has dropped off since Christmas with only 3 - 5 coming to some meetings. Colder weather and indoor meeting may have had an effect. There was a good turnout, however, when it came to the field trip to Plumstone Forestry to see the evening arrival of the starlings. This was delayed until early March in the vain hope it would be slightly warmer than last year but there was still a cold wind blowing. The birds performed well as usual and for the keen sighted there were buzzards and sparrow hawks to see plus the possible sighting of a goshawk. The children found tree climbing useful to help keep warm.

At an earlier meeting the nest boxes in the Community Woodland were cleaned out and re-erected. There was great excitement when live wood mice were found in one box – they were left undisturbed and the box returned to its original position.

All the raised vegetable beds have been cleaned out and prepared for the summer with potatoes, onions and carrots already in and awaiting warmth and rain.

All the Grasshoppers and their helpers would like to thank the Community Council for their generous donation to help the club to continue. Club members will have a stall at the Community Fête where the progress of their vegetables can be seen.

TO BOOK THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR YOUR EVENT...

Please contact James and Laura Slater (Key holders and Booking Clerks)
on 07527 219115 or 07837 500482.

Hayscastle Community Diary of Events 2015

5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	MAY	5.00-6.15pm	Rainbows	Community Centre
5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th		7.30-9.30pm	BrawdyHayscastle YFC	Community Centre
6		7.30pm	Environmental Society	Community Centre
7 th , 14 th , 21 st		6.00-7.15pm	Brownies	Community Centre
11 th , 25 th		4.30-6.00pm	Grasshoppers	Community Centre
11		7.30pm	Community Council Meeting	Community Centre
14		7.30pm	WI Meeting	Community Centre
30		2.00-5.00pm	Hayscastle Summer Fête	Community Centre
31		8.00pm	Quiz Night	The Cross Inn
1	JUNE	2.00pm	Over 55s Meeting	Community Centre
2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th		5.00-6.15pm	Rainbows	Community Centre
2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th		7.30-9.30pm	BrawdyHayscastle YFC	Community Centre
3		7.30pm	Environment Group Meeting	Community Centre
4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th		6.00-7.15pm	Brownies	Community Centre
8		7.30pm	Community Council Meeting	Community Centre
8 th , 22 nd		4.30-6.00pm	Grasshoppers	Community Centre
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7 th , 14 th		7.30-9.30pm	BrawdyHayscastle YFC	Community Centre
13		7.30pm	Community Council Meeting	Community Centre
16		7.30pm	WI Meeting	Community Centre
16		7.30pm	Community Forum Meeting	Community Centre
26		8.00pm	Quiz Night	The Cross Inn
30		<p>*** Closing date for newsletter articles *** If you have any articles you would like included in the next edition of the newsletter please contact Rachel via www.hayscastle.com or 01348 841178.</p>		

BrawdyHayscastle YFC

Over the last three months the YFC members have been very busy taking part in a variety of competitions. After a month of practising we took to the stage at Ysgol Bro Gwaun to perform our entry in the County Pantomime competition. With swashbuckling pirates, a buxom dame and the hero getting the girl there were plenty of boos and cheers and lots of fun. We are very grateful to all who helped with the production.

The county pub quiz was supported by Nerys and Mary and then it was the Call my Bluff and Young Farmer of the Year competitions. Congratulations to Carys, Adam and Jason who won Call my Bluff and went on to represent Pembrokeshire at Wales level. Adam did the club proud by becoming runner up for Junior Young Farmer with Nerys also entering the Senior section. At the Wales public speaking last month Ellen Raymond was in the winning junior team and Rhys Jones in the intermediate team who were second. Unfortunately the Indoor games team was beaten in the second round by South Pems.

On Easter Saturday a number of members competed at the Field Day in stock judging, fencing, tractor handling, nature trail and Farm Factor.

From now on we will be preparing for this year's Rally on 23rd May and hopefully all members will be taking part in some competition. It is very hard for some to spare the time when they also have their school exams. Besides all the practising there have been other activities including pancake making, a meal at Something's Cooking and a Youth Forum disco at Martletwy. On 2nd April a very successful Bingo was held at the Cross Inn, Hayscastle. Thank you to all who supported it, to Wayne and Angela for the use of the pub, and to master caller John Evans. We would like to thank Hayscastle Community Council for their generous donation. After the Rally and school exams we look forward to the sports day and outdoor activities in the summer.

Hayscastle WI

We have had a busy spring with good attendance at our meetings. We all enjoyed a lovely evening with Dani O'Conner, who has set up her own mobile massage and beauty business. As a result we are planning to hold an Afternoon Tea and Pampering Day in October, to raise money for Rural Women's Day. In April our guest speaker was Angela Brown who runs her own pottery workshop in Llandeloy, and we all had a go at making our very own pottery piece! In May we will welcome Mrs. Rhian Taylor to give a talk on her hobby of fishing. We will also hold a Bring and Buy sale on the night. At the end of April we attended the Dewisland Group Spring Meeting, where the guest speaker was the Commanding Officer of the 14th Signal Regiment at Brawdy.

Following the February Resolution Selection Meeting it has been agreed by the NFWI Board that Failing to Care - Assessment of Need in Long-Term Care will be taken to the 2015 Annual Meeting in London.

We are pleased that Mary is able to go on the Federation holidays this year, one to North Wales and a second to the Lake District in early summer; we look forward to hearing about her travels. County events we hope to support include Cocktails and Canapés in the 1920s, a Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a Tea Dance and an outing to a Solar Panel site and Egg Farm.

2015 is the centenary year of the WI in this country and many events have been organised to mark this very special occasion, including a collaboration with Blaenafon Cheddar Company to create a special edition of cheese displaying the WI Centenary logo. NFWI have been granted a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the 2nd June in the presence of HRH the Duchess of Cornwall. Kathryn and Kathy will be attending on behalf of Hayscastle WI and are very much looking forward to the experience.

Treasurer's Report – 9th April 2015

A steady income is being received from hire of the Centre, totalling £1827.75 for the year ending 31st March 2015. We have again this year provided complimentary hire to the Community Council for the Remembrance service tea and for their Christmas party. The Community Centre is being hired privately for birthday parties. This year we have made a saving of £233.83 for insurance for the Centre by comparing companies. An increase in charges was proposed (effective from 1st May 2015) to help pay for the inflating costs for electricity, consumables, stair lift service, PAT testing, fire safety inspections and the forthcoming cleaning labour costs plus the ongoing cost of the lottery licence and insurance. The following was proposed and unanimously agreed:
Birthday parties £22 for 3 hours (£20) Outside community hire £11 (£10) Community groups hire £7 (£6) NB: the current charges are stated in brackets.

*** VOTE OF THANKS ***

After many years of service to our community Mr David Widdows is standing down from his key role in the management of the Community Centre. Mr Widdows has been a formidable and passionate campaigner for the development of the Community Centre and was instrumental in securing funding for the wonderful amenities we are all able to enjoy today. Thank you David.

1st Hayscastle Rainbows

We have a very healthy 14 Rainbows in our unit. In March, we attended the Guiding County Fun Day at Folly Farm. Many Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from all around Pembrokeshire attended. We had so much fun with some Rainbows meeting the lions and penguins for the first time!

We finished the term with a Mother/Daughter Pamper Evening, with edible face masks, hand massage and manicures, drinks and nibbles. In the summer term, we shall be completing our 'bugs life challenge badge'. As always, there will be fun in the kitchen, craft activities and adventures outside in the woodland. We would like to thank Hayscastle Community Centre for their kind donation; this will be used to buy unit tabards for the girls to wear to future events in the county.

Any girls aged 5-7 years interested in joining Rainbows, please contact
Shan Dixon on 07837 139977.

1st Hayscastle Brownies

During the winter term the Brownies have enjoyed completing the Cupcake Challenge and receiving their gorgeous woven badge, made by a Guiding pack in Norwich. We held a cake sale and a toy swap party to raise a few pounds for our unit. Our trip for this term was enjoyed in Pets at Home where the Brownies and leaders enjoyed learning about the care of rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs. We enjoyed holding and feeding them. We have just completed the Artist badge, where we had lots of fun learning about the primary colours using various techniques, using rice, pasta, lentils and straw to make a collage. We also made Mothers day cards and decorated a glass tea light candle.

Leaders Davina and Sarah are hanging up their boots while we welcome a new Brown Owl, Victoria McAndrew into the pack, who is already settling in well as leader.

Our meetings are held weekly at Hayscastle Community Centre on Thursday evenings 6-7.15pm during the school term only. We welcome all girls 7 – 10 years old to join in the fun and meet new friends. For more information, please contact Victoria McAndrew on 07549 391369.

Hayscastle Community Council

During the last few months HCC have given donations to several organisations, within the village and beyond. These have included CRUSE Bereavement Care, Paul Sartori, BrawdyHayscastle YFC, Grasshoppers, the Rainbows and Brownies. We hope that the new road signs and road markings outside the Community Centre will be installed in the next few weeks which the Community Council have paid money towards. It is hoped that motorists will then slow down while passing the Centre.

Community Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Hayscastle Community Centre at 7.30pm, and are always open for any member of the public to attend. If you have any issues or concerns you wish to raise within our community, please feel free to contact any of the Community Councillors or the Clerk.

Cllr Nicola Savage (Chair)	01348 840627	Cllr Dorian Griffiths	01348 840150
Cllr Andrew Phillips (Vice)	01348 840284	Cllr Kathryn Wilkins	01348 840358
Cllr Thomas Richards	01348 840623	Mr Lee Wilkins (Clerk)	01348 840358
Cllr David Raster	07875 227508		

At the 2015 Community Forum AGM, the outgoing Chairman Elizabeth Morris was thanked for all her hard work over the past year, and Kathryn Wilkins was elected Chairman for the coming year. Wendy Phillips and Sarah Lewis remain in post as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.