

The Venue

Letterston's Community Cafe

The cafe has a simple aim; to make a difference in our community. We do this by creating a warm and welcoming ethos. The theme for this project is "Friendship".

A committee oversees the project and the weekly organisation and running of the cafe falls to the two original founders with practical help from willing hands to chat, serve, wash and clear up. We provide appetizing home cooked meals and the community come along to eat drink and be merry!

Financially we have to be self sufficient, and although our menu is extremely reasonable and affordable for all, we are able to pay our rent and buy groceries for the following week as well as essential non consumables.

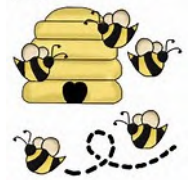
We have raised money for various charities by holding additional Charity Evenings, we are fortunate in finding a range of local musicians who will provide entertainment - free of charge! In our first year we raised £535 in the second £1037 and this year we have already raised £1292. The amounts aren't large but the tickets are within our customers means. A cooked supper is always provided at these events through cafe funds.

As well as just being a cafe it is a meeting place for our local Community Police, customers can bring forward their queries and concerns in an informal environment. Provision has been made each year for events during "Dying Matters Week" e.g. a free solicitors surgery. We are part of the Compassionate Communities Project and provide film shows, advice and speakers. We also host other charities during their awareness weeks. Come along and sample our reasonably priced homemade fare, but most of all - friendship. There's nothing quite like it!

September 2017

THE BUZZ

Buzz...Buzz...



News from Letterston Community

Welcome to the first edition of 'The Buzz' news from Letterston's Community, for the community. This supersedes the first edition of The Venue Letterston Community News which was a pilot from the Community Café to get some positive response from those who visit the café and to explore the way forward in its appeal to all ages and for the whole village especially those who are not connected to a computer, which will keep them abreast of the goings on in and around Letterston.

If you're involved in any way in the community with sport, school, business, clubs, organisations, churches then please submit your articles to communitynew17@gmail.com. If you don't have access to a computer you can contact me, by text or direct on 07480502367. with your news, achievements, forthcoming events, gardening tips, practical helps, history notes, jokes (clean please!) fundraisers, puzzles, etc., something to appeal to all ages

This slim edition includes letters and articles about some of the regular happenings of village life as well as getting out as many dates of forthcoming events. I would welcome a co-editor with the aim to enable those especially not able to connect with village life as fully as they would like, to feel part of a vibrant community

Editor. Jill Gwilt.

September 2017

Dear residents,

Thank you for all the support I have received since I was elected as your county Councillor. It's been a busy few months attending training sessions as part of the 6 months induction programme. Thank you to the staff at Ysgol Ger Y Llan for taking the time to show me around their School, and for allowing me to join their quiz team at the parents and friends curry and quiz night. Delighted that we were the winning team, always a good idea to team up with teachers! I enjoyed a visit to the youth club before they broke up for the summer, great to meet with the staff and young people to hear about their regular activities. I had a great day at the carnival, fantastic to see so many floats and people dressed up. The Chairman of PCC Cllr. Paul Harries and I had the honour of opening the launch of The Preseli Mens Shed, we were both impressed by the set up they have there. I have attended meetings of Letterston Community Council, and regularly visit The Friday Venue for tea and a chance to chat with local residents.

If you have any issues you would like to discuss please contact me on :

Phone : 01437 741438
07878857197

Email :
cllr.michelle.bateman@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Regards
Michelle Bateman



Village Life Savers

Automatic Defibrillator Units, donated to Letterston by The Buffs (RAOB) Cleddau Lodge,

These Units are installed on outside wall of the main entrance to the Memorial Hall and outside wall of St. Giles Church Hall

To help the community maintain order and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Ring your local [Police](#) on **101**
Or [Crimestoppers](#) on **0800 555 111** Calls can be anonymous.
If you would just like an informal chat with any concerns you may have, our Community Police Officers Jude and Naomi are in The Venue Community Café most Friday's to listen.

What's on
Buffs
Monthly Fundraising
Quiz Nights

At The Harp Tuesday

17th October

21st November

Doors open 7.00 pm 7.30 start
£5 per table

Reuse Repair Remake



We are proud to announce our next Mending Cafe in Partnership with Span Arts and the Cheerful project at the Queens Hall Narberth on Saturday 11th November 10am to 4pm.

We are looking for volunteers to help with a wide variety of skills from carpentry and electrical to sewing and general DIY. We'll also be looking for people to help with setting up, stewarding and serving teas and coffees.

Please get in touch with us remakerypembrokeshire@gmail.com to find out more and register your interest.

Everyone welcome on the day. Bring something & learn how to fix it or just come & learn a skill! The Mending Cafe will include carpentry, electrical device fixing, sewing & darning plus lots of delicious tea and cakes.

We will also be supporting a few other local events taking place in North Pembrokeshire during September.



On Saturday 23rd September Fishguard and Goodwick world Ocean's Day.

Join in with the beach clean at Goodwick Parrog from 1pm. Then round off your day and warm up at

Theatre Gwaun at 6pm for the free screening of 'Plastic Ocean' a feature length documentary.

Saturday September 30th we will be at Brithdir Mawr's Community Harvest Fair 12pm onwards.

remakerypembrokeshire@gmail.com or phone/text 07979470517 If you would like to volunteer as a mender.

Campaign to End Loneliness project
Friday 29th September 2017
The event will be running from 10am until 3:30pm
The schedule for the day is :
10am Arrival / Network and visiting stands

Mapping of projects in Communities
11am Speakers
12 am lunch / networking
13:30 – 15:30 3 different workshops



St.Giles Church Hall
St. David's Road.
Thursday's 11.00 - 2.00

Helping our community
In times of need.



St. Giles Hall
Enquiries and hall bookings:
 Hall Manager:Margaret
 Murray
[margaret-
 murray415@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret-murray415@btinternet.com)
HALL HIRE CHARGES
 £20 for 1/2 day or
 all evening.
 Regular lets are £15 per ses-
 sion
 shorter lets are
 by discussion with
 Revd. Patricia Rogers

PRESELI MEN'S SHED

Based in Old Station Yard,
 Letterston, Haverfordwest,
 Pembrokeshire SA62 5RY
 Our members are interested in
 woodwork, metalwork , amateur
 radio, craft, weaving, fishing,
 technology and photography.

The Pembrokeshire Remakery -



The Pembrokeshire Remakery
 has been running since June this
 year and we want to thank
 everyone in the community for the
 support we have received so far
 through donations and volunteer
 help. To date we have directly
 saved over 900kg of waste from
 going to land fill by fixing,
 repairing and selling items back
 to the community.

The funds raised are being used
 to purchase well needed tools
 and equipment that we cannot
 always get from donations so we
 can continue this well needed
 project. We also have the support
 of four regular volunteers who
 help out at the cabin fixing and
 repairing bicycles, lawn mowers,
 furniture and home electrical
 equipment.

Our pop up shop is it based in
Old Station Yard, Letterston,
Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire
SA62 5RY and is now open to
the public 10am to 4pm
Tuesday and Thursday so
come along and see what
bargains you can find.

Car Treasure Hunt

Sunday 24th September 2017
 Tenovus
 Start:
 Memorial Hall car park £5/car.
 First car 3pm ('till 4pm)
 Rhian 01348 840474
 All proceeds to
TENOVUS Cancer Care

WALKING FOR FUN GROUP
NEXT WALK
Saturday 30th September

Newgale, Penycwm
 Just under 3 miles
 meeting Outside St Giles Church
 Letterston 9.00 am or 9.30am
 Pebbles Café car park where
 walk starts.
 .Refreshments Pebbles Café
 after walk.
 All Walkers Welcome .
 Further Information:
 Paul Hart 01348-840607

Show: Call Mr Robeson
Saturday 30th September 8pm
Letterston Memorial Hall
Tayo Aluko performing
 Paul Robeson songs including
 'Ol' Man River
 Organised by the Hall Committee
 07875 217699
 Tickets: £8 Adults (£7 advance
 bookings from Todays News Let-
 terston, Naturals Fishguard) 01348
 872282 Schoolchildren £4
 A Night Out production

Visit
The Venue

Letterston's
Community Café
St. Giles Church Hall
St. David's Road Letterston
Open Every Friday
8.30 am - 12 noon
Breakfasts
Kid's menu
Drinks & Cakes
Savouries

Letterston Memorial Hall
 Station Road, Letterston.
GENERAL ENQUIRIES
AND BOOKINGS:
 Babs is the only person able to
 take Bookings and she prefers contact
 by **telephone** but if you do use the email
 here, please include your phone number
 so she can ring back.
 Please telephone Babs on
01348 872282 / 840604
(Mob 07875 217699)
 or email
info@LetterstonMemorialHall.co.uk
 To report **web-site problems**/comments
 please email the webmaster
 on: web@LetterstonMemorialHall.co.uk

More dates of local events and regular activities in the Memorial & Church Hall

WEDNESDAYS

Letterston Luncheon Club for Senior Citizens

12.30 TO 1.45PM

£5.50 3 course lunch

Enquiries to

Contact Chair: Maureen Morgan

01348 840748

or Sec: Jill Gwilt 01348 840874

3-4pm

'Dance for health' Fun Dance Class!

55+

£3.50

For people moderately fit and healthy.

Just come along and join in; all welcome!

Contact Cate Lovett 0788 784 0407 (9-5 weekdays)

7-9pm

[Youth Club](#) age 10+ Info: Liz Griffiths on 01437 776635

ALLIOUAGANA SINGERS

Sunday 8th October

2017 2.30pm

Caribbean/Gospel Music

Organised by the Hall Committee

Tickets:

£8 Adults (£7 advance from Today's News Letterston, Naturals Fishguard) 07875 217699

An Arts Council of Wales 'Night Out' production

PANTO

Friday 29th December 2017 7pm

Professional Touring theatre company.

Organised by the Hall Committee



At St. Giles Saturday 25th November

EXHIBITION - Memorial Hall

13th – 15th October 2017

Another chance to view our old photos of Letterston and local area

Have you any we can copy and add to our collection?

Antique Valuations by

John Harvey, valuer at Sotheby's.

Further details announced at a later date. Info: 07875 217699

FESTIVE FOOD & FLOWERS

Thursday 16th November

2017 7pm Memorial Hall

Organised by TENOVUS £7.50

Rhian 01348 840474

All proceeds to TENOVUS Cancer Care

RAISE THE ROOF SINGING FOR FUN FOR WAA Sunday 10th December 2017

2.30pm

[In Aid of Wales Air Ambulance](#)

07742 576031

POULTRY BINGO

Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th

December 2017 8.30pm

Organised by Letterston Buffs

St. Giles Hall Women Together

Coffee, Cake & Food for the Soul

7. for 7.30. Thursday 12th October

Those who inspire us

Thursday 9th November

Experiences in Uganda

Thursday 14th December

Joy of Christmas

Contact: Sheila 840086. Pat 841115

Jean:840903

St Giles Church Letterston

Revd Patricia Rogers, St Giles Parish Office, St David's Road,
Letterston, Haverfordwest, SA62 5SL

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parishoffice@stgileslet.plus.com



I was asked recently if the church has any relevance to our local community in this modern age. My response was an immediate 'Yes of course – while there are people there is church'. I think the question was aimed more at keeping an historic building that, while it has been painted and newly carpeted – it is still an old stone building that is difficult to keep warm and cosy.

Yes the building is important to those who are 'hatched, matched and dispatched'. Those who have been baptised, married or their funeral held in church hold the place close to their hearts as a recent post on our Facebook page shows. The building is also important to the faithful who have worshipped there for generations but church is much more than the building.

Church is the gathering of people who love the Lord and wish to serve others, those who worship our God together in song, who wish to pray with others, who want to come to be with others who love and care for them. The church is the gathering of those volunteers who provide the wonderful food at the Community Café. The church is those who love and support the most vulnerable through Pembrokeshire Foodbank. Church is the small and dedicated team who keep the grounds looking tidy and welcoming and work tirelessly behind the scenes in so many ways. The church is those people who visit others at home or in hospital. If you have any need or question please don't hesitate to contact me and find out more about who we are and what we do.