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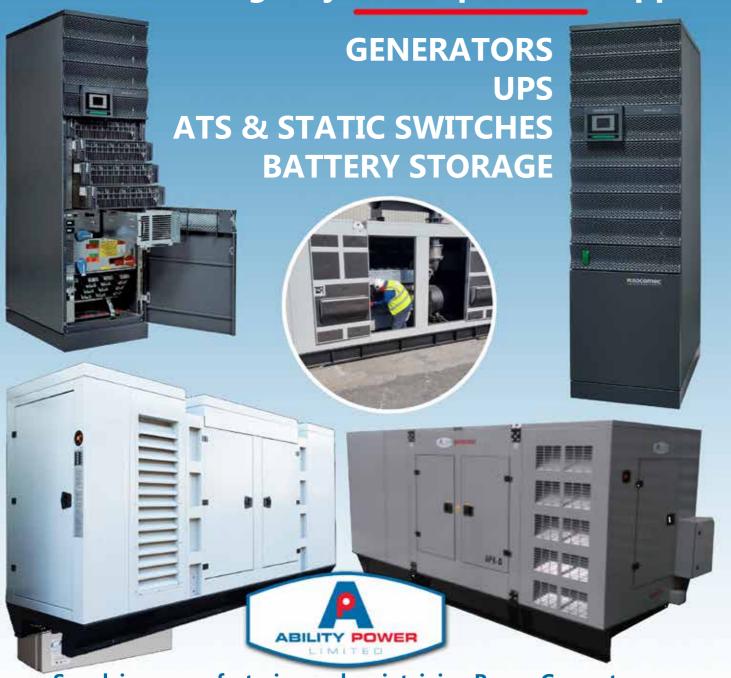


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A Pembrokeshire nursery that received a council grant for a covered play area has been granted retrospective planning permission, after the applicants were unaware required.

to Pembrokeshire County permission for the covered external play area, which was built last year at ABC Pre-School Nursery, Castle High, Haverfordwest.

A supporting statement, submitted via agent Ian Bartlett Planning and Architectural Services, explained:

structure was erected to cover part of the play area, this space was open and its use was weather-dependent. Current guidelines recommend that covered play areas should be provided to meet children's needs.

the timber structure with assistance from Pembrokeshire County Council but was unaware that planning permission was detrimental

children to "play in a safe and secure environment and enjoy experiences in a sheltered therefore granted." space".

concluded: "The proposed development complies with all relevant Local Development Plan policies. Granting permission will enable the nursery to that official approval was meet its childcare obligations and continue enhancing the Victoria Christie applied experience for children using the facility. No adverse issues Council for retrospective have been identified, and the proposal is policy-compliant."

An officer's report, which recommended conditional approval, highlighted the economic benefits of the development:

"The siting of the covered play area has supported the economy by providing work "Children are always for the construction industry supervised. Before the timber and generating income for materials suppliers and distributors."

Ιt also stated: "There are no adverse environmental associated with the covered play area's location. While the pre-school grounds are "The applicant installed adjacent to existing residential properties, the covered play area is situated 11.6 metres from the nearest dwelling.

"As such, there is no impact on the privacy or amenity of The statement added neighbouring properties. The that the covered area allows application complies with the policies of the Pembrokeshire Local Development Plan, some of the messier play and planning permission is

Feel Good **SNIPPETS**

SAM KURTZ VISITS CANOLFAN ELFED



Canolfan Elfed Inclusion Centre in Carmarthen recently hosted Samuel Kurtz, Member of the Senedd for **Carmarthen West and South** Pembrokeshire, to showcase the vital work being done to support children with additional learning needs.

During the visit, Mr Kurtz team met with staff, students, and Rotary Club members working together on the development of a fully accessible outdoor play area. The centre, which supports children Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion, and Carmarthenshire, is seeking £275,000 in community funding for the project, which aims to create a safe, stimulating environment for physical activity, social interaction, and sensory play.

Samuel Kurtz praised the ymlaen/.

centre's impact, saying, "It was a privilege to visit Canolfan Elfed. An inclusive outdoor play area would provide children with opportunities to develop key skills in a supportive environment. I fully support their efforts to secure funding."

Canolfan Elfed's leadership hiahliahted importance of outdoor play for children's well-being and are now appealing for support from local businesses and community fundraising.

Mary Adams of Rotary Club District 1150 added, "The Rotary Club is proud to support this project, as it aligns with our core values of inclusivity and excellence in education."

To support the fundraising, visit their JustGiving page www.qehs.carms.sch.uk/

TENBY STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL RETURNS TO SENTENCITY AND INVENTION SNIPPETS

The Tenby Steampunk Festival has just wrapped up another successful weekend, bringing a wave of eccentricity, creativity, and invention to the streets of Tenby. Held from March 28 to 30, 2025, the festival was bigger and bolder than ever, building on the success of its inaugural event last

Following its first-year triumph, which attracted visitors from across the UK and as far afield as Belgium, the festival gained national attention, with travel publisher Rough Guides describing it as "a fabulous new festival that offers a window into British best seaside towns."

This year's festival chance to enjoy tea with the Time Traveller, inspired by H.G. Wells' The Time Machine. Returning favourites like teapot racing and Tea Duelling delighted visitors once again, with participants engaging in light-hearted but fiercely contested biscuitdipping duels.

engagement officer Anne and Crackwell Street. Draper and a dedicated team of volunteers, continued served as the heart of the celebrate creativity, costume, and community. Steampunk Emporium, a Anne reflected on the event's community art exhibition, success, saying, "The reaction and on-stage performances, this year has been amazing, including the much-loved We've had people come Tea Duelling. A special



even travelled all the way from Belgium! Steampunk enthusiasts truly are the eccentricity in one of the UK's entertainment - the streets came alive with them."

This year, the festival was packed with exciting introduced several exciting highlights, including the new additions. Airship racing from the iconic St Catherine's Island was one of the event's most eye-catching features, drawing large crowds. The ever-popular Peacock Parades took place on both Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm, parading through the town's streets, starting at the De Valence Pavilion and weaving The festival, organised through Upper Frog Street, by Tenby's community Tudor Square, the Harbour,

> The De Valence Pavilion festival, hosting a bustling

screening of Jules Verne's costume, and community, and 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, complete with a custom-written introduction, transported viewers to the steampunk world.

a range of live music Festival's Facebook page.

walks, Scary Games, and a Paranormal Experiment provided a thrilling twist. Festival-goers also had the opportunity to capture a timeless moment in the Victorian photographic parlour, which was open throughout the weekend. The Tenby Steampunk

performances, including the

dynamic steampunk artist

Madam Misfit. For those

looking for a more macabre

experience, Victorian ghost

Festival continues to be a celebration of imagination, 2025's event was proof that this quirky festival is here to stay.

For more information and updates on future events, Church House hosted visit the Tenby Steampunk

MUSICAL TALENTS CELEBRATED



The Pembrokeshire Music Service recently hosted the Primary Valero Music Festival at Ysgol Caer Elen, where pupils showcased their musical talents.

The overall winner was Wolfgang Evans from Ysgol Bro Penfro, who impressed with his piano performance of "Jackson Street Blues" and also won the Open Brass class with a trumpet rendition of "Rondino." Other winners included saxophonist Sheppard

Woodwind), violinist Denisa Rusu (Open Strings), and drummer Ifan Murphy (Open Drums). Saundersfoot CP School's orchestra won the Ensemble category but couldn't perform in the afternoon due to scheduling conflicts.

Philippa Roberts, Head of Pembrokeshire Music Service, congratulated the students for their hard work, while adjudicator Karin Jenkins praised the festival as a fantastic celebration of musical

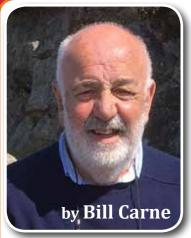


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HELEN WINS COMMONWEALTH GOLD IN SUN CITY



Helen Carrington recently

returned from a visit to Sun

luggage

a coveted

gold medal

as reward

for her

superb performance in the recently-held Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships.

Helen and her husband John also included a deserved holiday after the event as they took the chance to explore other parts of the country but the main focus was the ten days of competition which began for Helen with her acclimatisation work before the day of her main event, which was in the Bench Press discipline of her sport.

WINNING GOLD - AN AMAZING FEELING!

Helen Carrington - full of City, in South Africa, and a new determinationShe was a member item included in her of the team of over 40, the largest-ever Welsh squad to enter the competition and after good precompetition practice sessions in the M1 category for females aged 40-49, weighing up to 84kgs, that at the end of the competition she had achieved a personal best of 82.5 kgs (a new Welsh competition flashed up on the electronic scoreboard in first place and the coveted gold medal was hers!

"I can't describe how I felt but when I stood on the podium and the Welsh Flag was hauled up to the top, I sang the National Anthem with gusto, like I had done previously when I was in a Llanelli RFC supporters' choir which sang at The Principality Stadium - and I must admit there were a few tears in my

"I had my leg pulled because of my age but there is no limit to age because there was one other team member who was

SOON BACK IN ACTION -HELPING OTHER WELSH COMPETITORS

Within an hour of having her medal, however, Helen was back in the arena helping to advise other competitors in her role as a British Powerlifting Level Two coach who was assistant coach to the Welsh team on this occasion.

She had gained that qualification a while ago after attending an on-line course over a period of weeks and then attended the assessment sessions in Swindon, so she now enjoys that new development in her powerlifting career.

"It has helped me become even more involved at the wonderful SAW Gym in Haverfordwest, where I train up to four nights a week and try to help others - I try and encourage as many others as possible to get involved and get them to enjoy taking part in physical activity, especially lifting free weights.

ALWAYS READY TO SING THE PRAISES **OF OTHERS**

Chloe Hood"I hope like me they can benefit because in 2022 I made the decision to stop being a life-time couch potato and plucked up courage to go to SAW, where I was immediately

made welcome by the likes of Simon Roach and Chloe Hood and I haven't looked back since.

"During my involvement I have been very lucky to have Chloe giving me every encouragement but she is a natural weight-lifter, rather than a powerlifter so although I have still worked with her every time I have visited the gym until recently, I now have a new coach in Lawrence Farncombe, who I work with remotely as he's based in England. I video all my sessions and send them to him so that we can do a zoom meeting to analyse them every

LOVED POWERLIFTING FROM THE START

"At first my main thought was losing weight and gaining fitness but once I plumped for Powerlifting I decided on competing after The Wales' team had returned from the Commonwealth Championships in New Zealand - and after watching videos of them I decided there and then,

"I want to be there in South Africa in two years' time.

"I really enjoyed the hard work from the start as I learned the differing techniques of the squat, bench press and dead lift - and it is amazing how quickly I got into the swing of things, and even had the confidence to take part in competitions, where I was amazed how supportive every competitor was of their

"I was soon competing for a place in the Welsh squad and after I had been chosen, which was a great thrill in itself, I attended the training sessions at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff, which were naturally increased in frequency before we went off to South Africa.

SOME GREAT HIGHLIGHTS IN 2024

"Whilst there I also competed in the 'Full Power' component of the competition, which means competing in all three disciplines, where the winner of course has the highest total combined weight.

"I was delighted that I

broke the Welsh records for the squat (130kgs) and Bench Press (85kgs) but had a bit of an offday on the Deadlift and just missed out on the Bench bronze medal because although I tied in terms of weight my opponent was marginally lighter than me so she took the medal!"

Of course, winning her gold medal was an absolute highlight, Helen would also nominate the fact that this year has seen her lift for Great Britain in the European Championships in the bench press category, where again she only just missed out on a medal as she came a close fourth

A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR OTHER **WOMEN OF HER AGE!**

But perhaps even more important for Helen is the fact that she so pleased that her sporting interest is helping her deal with the Menopause and highly recommends to others that they try the same way to deal with it, no matter what the activity is, but offering powerlifting as an excellent help because it is physical, good fun and has wonderful camaraderie with other sufferers.

"I know it can't completely get rid of the hot flushes and other symptoms, but as I have just told Mr Carne, women are facing something that the men would find intolerable, and it not only helps me cope but I have lost over 20kgs in weight and that is another factor that has been so beneficial.

lady who competes after she had been diagnosed with breast cancer and her surgeon had recommended that she get involved in such a sport as ours - which she has, and she says it

has been a great help! "All anyone has to do is log on to the SAW website or call up to the gym at the new school any evening and I can categorically assure you of a warm welcome and some great company - and, who knows, one day like me, you yourself and have a gold medal taking pride of place at home!"

STOP PRESS

Since this article has been in the process of completion and checking, Helen has also received wonderful local acclaim at the Sport Pembrokeshire Awards for 2024, where she felt honoured to be nominated in a big class and short-listed in the final three nominees.

when her name was announced as the category winner and she received the beautifullyengraved cut-glass trophy - it really rounded off a wonderful

2024 for her! And PembrokeshireSport.co.uk could only say that it was a pleasure to be in attendance and witness her joy when the result was announced!



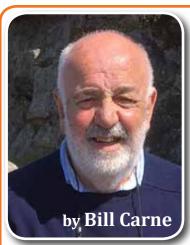


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PHOENIX PLAYS CRICKET WITH A REAL PASSION



Phoenix Phillips - winning trophiesThat Phoenix Phillips should love cricket comes as no surprise because her family is steeped in the game, with dad Christian having been a stalwart player at Kilgetty but is now a regular in Cresselly's first team because he was spending so much time there with his

daughter it made sense to switch clubs since he coaches there and spends much of his spare time that it has made life easier for him and mum Joy, who was also a cricketer in her younger days. Joy is the daughter



and is perhaps better known for his owning of horses like 'To Be Fair', which was a top hurdler and a great favourite with local followers of the equine sport. Joy played ladies' cricket alongside Jennifer Cole, Sharon Lewis, Rhona and Alison Williams, whilst her brothers Andrew and Steve (known to all as Spanner') have played for many years in the village. Older children Dylan

(captain of Kilgetty 2nds) and Isha, very busy these days after giving birth a few months ago to Zarina – and giving Joy and Christian their first grandchild, Christian's grandfather, Joe Dring, was a great character who was hugely respected as a scorer, with Kilgetty and Pembrokeshire.

EARLY START TO SOFT-BALL CRICKET

Phoenix, now 14, went to her first coaching session with Kilgetty Juniors when she was five years old and she was already used to going to the ground because of her dad Christian and she went along with mum Joy

> ON TO HARD-BALL STUFF AT NINE YEARS OF AGE

support him and play

She clearly enjoyed herself

alongside other children on the

with the soft balls they used

and it wasn't much later that

she went to regular sessions

at Cresselly - and by the time

she was six she was playing

in matches where everyone

batted and bowled in pairs so

she quickly adapted to match

Simon Cole, Stefan Jenkins,

Phil Williams; Grant James and

Haydn Shapcott," she told us,

"and I couldn't wait for Sundays

to come around so that we

could play in local festivals

against plenty of other teams.

"My coaches were my dad,

situations.

"And it got even better when we were old enough to start using proper cricket balls at nine and I was in the Cresselly team which won our age-group section and final, with only Mali Cole and me alongside boys who included Harry Broadhurst, Ieuan Prout, Finley Rowlands, Cody James, George Hughes, Jack Mears, Bobby Shapcott and Alfie Morgan."

Another highlight came when Phoenix was invited to attend training with the Welsh Girls' team for her age group at Sophia Gardens, In Cardiff, with other hopefuls from all over Wales - and obviously

impressed because attended other trials/training sessions at Cardiff and Baglan, followed by more weekly training sessions in Neath with coaches Mark Cox, Sara Jenkins, Sara Phillips, Seren Hughes, Kelsey Hughes and Georgia



demanded commitment but at least her parents had the burden eased somewhat when they shared transport with Mari Cole and her dad Simon - and the end product was selection for the squad of 22 to represent Wales against the likes of Devon, Gloucestershire, Cornwall, Warwickshire and Millfield School.

She also played against the West Wales Boys' team that was a year younger and says, "We stuffed them," with a typical chuckle!

Phoenix grabbed 3 for 21 in that match and had a top score of 38 against Devon at Taunton as her best performances at that high level for the season.

THE YOUNGEST PLAYER FOR **CRESSELLY LADIES**

Phoenix PhillipsBack home, Phoenix began to gain more experience by being the youngest player in the Cresselly ladies' team, marking her debut with a couple of wickets - and also playing more recently for them in the indoor league, where she showed how much she is quick to sing the praises she has developed in a match against their counterparts from Llangwm, where she reached 26 before having to retire - and then in her two-over spell with the ball not only bowled a rare maiden over but finished with a 3 for 3 analysis!

"My team mates there are Ffion Ashman, Zoe Minnett, Chrissie Toy, Jess Lewis, Meg Arthur and Lucy Johnson and we are doing well this campaign, as we did in the 2024 season."

AND FINALLY . . .

off her Welsh capPhoenix has also gained selection for the next outdoor campaign with the West Wales Region, not only at under 14 girls' level but with the under 16s as well. Her coaches there are Carl Harding, Dan Field, Rob Seymour, Sara Jenkins and Sara Phillips - and

of the work they are already

She will also play for Cresselly, with boys and girls in the team, when the new season begins soon.

Not content with that little lot, Phoenix helped out last year as scorer for the club's first team whenever Cerys Jenkins was unavailable - and since Cerys will be too busy with her studies and cattle this year it is likely that Phoenix will take over the role, because she and mum Joy will be there anyway, cheering her dad on!

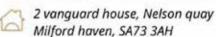
There is no doubt that Phoenix Proudly shows Phoenix Phillips loves her chosen sport and at 14 years old it would be hard to find anyone who is more committed - and we at FeelGood Magazine wish her every success because she is a talented and modest young lady cricketer!

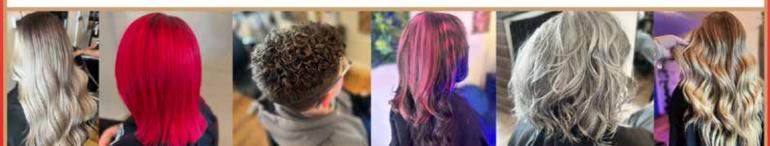












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KLAVA-CHEESECAKE

Want the best Spanish dishes for a small plates feast?

A slow-roast marinated lamb shoulder is the perfect dish for a special occasion or a family feast. This recipe combines fragrant spices, a rich yogurt marinade, and tender slowcooked lamb, resulting in a dish full of deep, complex flavours. While the recipe requires some planning ahead, the end result is absolutely worth the effort. Here's how to prepare it:

Start TWO DAYS before cooking by patting the lamb dry with kitchen paper. Place it on a board with the meatiest side facing down. Feel along the length of the joint to locate the bone. Using a small, sharp knife, carefully cut down to the bone. At the narrower end of the leg, the bone is below a thin layer of fat, but at the thicker end, you'll need to cut about 4-5cm into the meat. Work carefully to cut the meat away from the bone, making sure to minimise waste. When you reach the joint in the middle, cut around it to release. You can discard the bone, or save it for making stock.

parts of the meat a few times. Transfer the lamb to a large container or food bag, then rub juice and sea salt, ensuring it's spices with yogurt. Spread this evenly coated. Cover or seal the container and place it in the over the lamb, making sure it's the package into a roasting tin



fridge to marinate for 24 hours. If completely covered. Poke the bay possible, turn the meat 2-3 times during the marinating process to the lamb to the fridge for another ensure even flavour distribution.

Day 2: Toasting the Spices The next day, toast the cumin and coriander seeds, cinnamon stick, and peppercorns in a dry frying pan over medium heat for 2 minutes, or until they become pop. Remove from the heat and grind finely, in batches, using Next, slash into the thickest a pestle and mortar or a spice

Marinating Pour away any excess liquid from the meat all over with lemon the lamb, then mix the ground spiced yogurt mixture evenly

leaves into the meat, then return 24 hours to marinate.

On the third day, remove the lamb from the fridge about an hour before you're ready to cook. Preheat the oven to gas 21/2 (160°C, fan 140°C). Arrange two pieces of baking paper, longer fragrant and the seeds begin to and wider than the lamb, over two similarly-sized pieces of foil in a cross shape. Roll and reshape the lamb roughly, then secure it with kitchen string in 3-4 places along its length

Place the lamb in the centre of the baking paper cross, then fold the paper and foil around it, scrunching the edges to seal. Lift

INGREDIENTS

- larger)
- 3 lemons, juiced

- 1 small cinnamon stick
- 1 tsp black peppercorns
- style natural yogurt

and roast for 4 hours 30 minutes, or until the lamb is very tender.

Browning Increase the oven temperature to gas 7 (220°C, fan 200°C). Unwrap the lamb parcel, scrunching the paper and foil edges to the sides of the tin. Baste the lamb with any juices in the tin, then return it to the oven and roast for another 20 minutes, or until the lamb is nicely

Once the lamb has finished roasting, cover it loosely with foil and leave it to rest for 25-30 minutes. Shred the lamb into large pieces, spooning over the pan juices. Serve the tender, flavourpacked lamb with your choice of sides and enjoy the incredible depth of flavour from the spices and yogurt marinade.

- 2.5kg leg of lamb (or
- 2 tsp sea salt flakes
- 1 tbsp cumin seeds
- 1 tbsp coriander seeds
- 150g full-fat Greek-
- 8 bay leaves

Middle Eastern spin on the ensure it fits flat. Repeat with 8 **classic baked cheesecake with** more sheets, buttering each one a tempting Baklava topping. While this recipe takes a bit of time, it's absolutely worth flush with the top of the tin, the effort and will certainly impress at any celebration, whether it's Easter, Christmas, or any special occasion.

Preheat the oven to gas mark 4, 180°C (fan 160°C). Place a deep 22-23cm round springform or loose-bottomed the tin. tin on a baking sheet.

50g of butter. Unroll the filo Place the pistachios in a food sheets carefully and cover them processor and pulse a few times with a clean, slightly damp tea to chop them coarsely. Measure pistachios on top. towel to prevent them from 150g of the pistachio mixture drying out. Brush one side of into a small bowl and stir in a filo sheet with the melted the melted butter and 3 tbsp butter and use it to line the tin, of sugar. Spread the pistachio the last 3 sheets of filo with buttered-side down, pressing mixture into the base of the the melted butter and scrunch

as you go, until the tin is evenly lined. Trim the excess pastry then brush the top of the pastry with a final coating of butter. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until golden and crisp, but check after 10 minutes to ensure the pastry is not burning or overcooking in any hot spots. If needed, rotate

Prepare the pistachio base:

We've put a delicious the edges into the corners to pastry case, pressing it down lightly with the bottom of a jar to compact it.

Prepare the cheesecake filling: Beat the cream cheese with an electric whisk for about 2 minutes until smooth. Gradually whisk in 100g caster sugar and 75g honey, followed by the flour and salt. Continue whisking, then add the vanilla extract, orange zest, eggs, and egg yolk, followed by the soured cream. Mix until smooth.

Assemble the cheesecake: Prepare the filo base: Melt Melt another 50g of butter. Pour the filling into the pastry case, spreading it evenly. Sprinkle half of the remaining

> Add the filo topping: Melt the final 25g of butter and any leftover melted butter. Brush

INGREDIENTS

- 125g unsalted butter
- 250g pack filo pastry (12
- 200g shelled pistachios
- 100g golden caster sugar, plus 3 tbsp
- 600g full-fat soft cheese
- 150g clear honey
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 large orange, zested and
- 2 eggs, plus 1 yolk
- 150g soured cream

them roughly before placing them on top of the cheesecake to cover the filling. Bake for 15 minutes, then reduce the oven temperature to gas mark 21/2, 160°C (fan 140°C), and bake for a further 45 minutes, or until the filling is set and lightly golden. Let the cheesecake cool to room temperature, then refrigerate it overnight to set.

Prepare the honey-orange syrup: In a small saucepan, combine the remaining 75g of honey and orange juice. Bring it to a simmer over medium heat and bubble for about 1 minute. Remove from the heat and leave to cool to room temperature.

Carefully release the cheesecake from the tin and transfer it to a serving plate. Drizzle the honey-orange syrup over the top and scatter the remaining chopped pistachios. Slice into wedges with a serrated knife and enjoy!

This pistachio and honey cheesecake is the perfect combination of crunchy filo pastry, creamy filling, and a sweet citrusy syrup, making it a show-stopping dessert that's sure to delight your guests.







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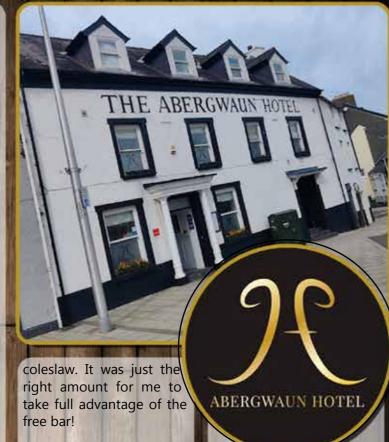
We decided to take the plunge and give it a go. There are a few venues around the county that offer this experience, but the one that caught my eye and tempted my taste buds the most was JT at The Abergwaun Hotel in Fishguard. I've eaten here many times and have never been disappointed; if anything, they keep raising the bar.

What's Included in the Offer?

For £35, you can choose from a selection of light lunches, including a steak and chips option. You can also opt for a club sandwich, chicken milanese, a burger, or, if you prefer something lighter to leave room for the drinks, a Caesar salad.

Being a hungry and thirsty bear, I opted for the minute steak and fries, cooked to perfection (rare), and seasoned fries that were a delight, served with a small side of





The Drinks

For liquid hydration, we started with a prosecco to warm up. I then moved on to a few cool ciders, Aspall to be exact. After a few of those, I transitioned to cocktails. The Espresso Martini and Pornstar Martini, made to order, were exquisite and really hit the spot.

The Experience

The food and cocktails are a true credit to JT's.

Everything has that finer detail that you don't get at an ordinary pub or average restaurant—they're really at the high end of what Pembrokeshire has to offering.

The service is excellent,

too. I think people, including myself, might assume it could be a bit slow since you've already paid, but that certainly wasn't the case. We had our own waiter, Aaron, who was attentive and super fast with drink refills, ensuring we never went without.

Conclusion

All in all, this is a great experience whether you're enjoying lunch as a couple or with a group of friends. Well done again, JT! FeelGood definitely recommends your bottomless brunch offering.

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A recent visit to the site of the new Haverfordwest public transport interchange highlighted the significant role apprentices and skilled workers are playing in the development of this major infrastructure project.

Joyce Watson MS, who represents Mid and West Wales in the Senedd, toured the construction site on Friday, March 21, where she met with workers and learned about the opportunities the scheme is creating for local people.

As Chair of the Senedd crossparty group on construction and co-chair of the cross-party group on apprenticeships, Mrs Watson was briefed on the project's progress by Dean Williams, Kier Construction's project manager, and Sheila Holmes, engagement adviser for the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB).

Mrs Watson commented after the visit: "The Haverfordwest public transport interchange will transform the town's infrastructure and provide a boost to the local economy. With about a year left of work, it's already providing highquality job opportunities, and I was thrilled to meet the talented apprentices working on-site."

One of the apprentices Mrs Watson met was Matthew Thomas, a local trainee working on the project. She said, "It was a pleasure to meet Matthew, and I believe he has a bright future ahead of him."

Dean Williams from Kier Construction said: "It was great to welcome Joyce Watson MS to our Haverfordwest public transport interchange project. This scheme, commissioned by Pembrokeshire County Council, will deliver a modern transport hub for the local community, improving connectivity and accessibility for residents and visitors alike."

CITB's Sheila Holmes added: "We are proud to support Kier Construction in developing their supply chain for this infrastructure project. By investing in local skills, we're helping to meet future demands for skilled workers in the sector, which is crucial for the regional economy."

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With more than 5,500 people on housing waiting lists in Pembrokeshire, their work has never been more important. Homelessness can happen to anyone, whether due to job loss, illness, relationship breakdown, or domestic violence.

You can make a real difference! Join PATH by donating or volunteering and be part of the solution. Contact their Haverfordwest office at 01437 765335 to find out how you can help. Together, we can tackle homelessness and create lasting change in our community.





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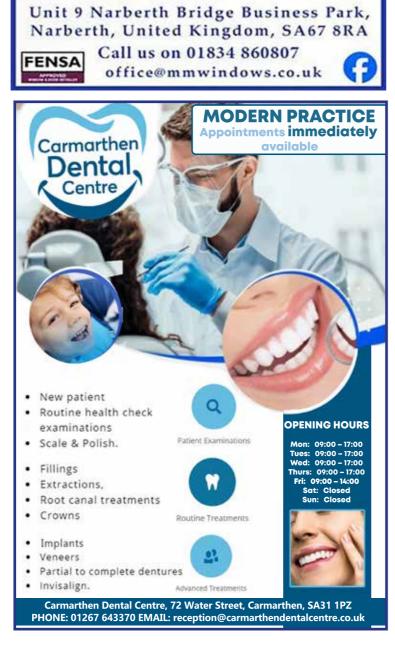


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Nestled on the outskirts of Fishguard, Tregroes Caravan, Camping & Glamping Park has become a beloved getaway for campers, glampers, and food lovers alike. What began as a leap of faith for owners Colin and Samantha Hancock and their two sons, Jacob and Joshua, has grown into a thriving retreat, complete with stylish accommodation and the ever-popular Tregroes Pantry. In this interview, we chat with Colin and Samantha about their journeyfrom taking over the site in 2017 to transforming it into a must-visit destination for holidaymakers and

HOW DID YOUR JOURNEY AT TREGROES BEGIN?

We bought Tregroes in June 2017. The campsite was right next to our house, and we figured an opportunity like this wouldn't come around again—so we decided to go for it! Our original plan was to lease the site out until we could retire from our main jobs. However, after running it for the remainder of that season, it became clear that our positive reviews were as much about us and our boys as they were about the campsite itself. That feedback made us rethink everything—we started to build the kind of place we'd love to visit ourselves. Thankfully, others do too!

HAS TREGROES CHANGED SINCE YOU **TOOK OVER? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?**

Yes, it's changed massively! When we bought the site, it needed some serious TLC. The grass was long, hedges were overgrown, and everything looked a bit tired. Our first August Bank Holiday was a real eye-opener—a lot of lessons learned that weekend!

That winter, we began transforming the site. We reconstructed the roadways, planted new hedges and trees, and clearly defined each pitch-making them a generous 10m x 10m to give guests a sense of space and

We've worked hard to keep the site green and natural while upgrading key features like the electrics and the toilet block. We also transitioned from Mongolian yurts to brandnew, spacious geodomes that are absolutely brilliant. And we introduced our own website and booking platform, which makes it easier than ever for guests to plan their stay directly with us—no middlemen, no extra fees.

How did Tregroes Pantry come about?

Tregroes Pantry Restaurant & Venue was born in 2020—though not exactly by design! It started after we went on a North Pembrokeshire bus tour (which was fabulous, by the way) and stopped at a busy little eatery. That sparked a lightbulb moment: why not offer something similar right here?

The old clubhouse was crying out for a new lease of life, so we gave it one. Tregroes

Pantry became a warm, welcoming spot for both guests and locals to enjoy delicious homemade meals in a laid-back setting. Since then, our kitchen and menu have grown, and we now host everything from intimate dinners to larger parties and weddings.

WHAT DO YOU OFFER **ALTOGETHER AT TREGROES?**

Tregroes is a four-star campsite on the edge of Fishquard and Goodwick, offering around 30 spacious pitches for tents, touring caravans, and motorhomes. We also offer fantastic glamping options, with seven fully equipped units-including cosy pods and roomy geodomes.

Each unit is designed to provide a stylish retreat with plenty of creature comforts, without losing the outdoor adventure feel. We're proudly dog-friendly, too—there's lots of space to explore, and coastal walks nearby make it a perfect stay for guests with fourlegged companions.

A highlight for many is Tregroes Pantry, which has even been recognised by The Times as one of the top "foodie campsites" in the UK.

WHAT DO YOU OFFER AT TREGROES PANTRY?

Tregroes Pantry serves up hearty, homemade food alongside warm hospitality and a welcoming atmosphere. With rustic charm and a cosy interior, it's the kind of place where you can kick back and let someone else handle the cooking (and the washing up).

From Welsh breakfasts to indulgent Sunday roasts and themed dining evenings, our menu is designed with comfort and quality in mind. The licensed bar ensures your glass stays full, and our team has built a reputation for friendly, attentive service.

You don't need to be staying on-site to enjoy a meal here—locals are always welcome. Whether it's a midweek dinner, weekend feast, or special occasion, the Pantry is the place to be. We also host weddings, dinner parties, and private events, all tailored to your vision with beautifully prepared food and great vibes.

WHAT CAN YOU OFFER PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO PITCH A TENT?

Tregroes is a dream for campers whether you're arriving with a tent, caravan, or motorhome. We offer spacious grass and hardstanding pitches, with optional electric hook-ups. Each pitch includes a picnic table and optional fire pit, perfect for cooking under

Our facilities include free hot showers, modern washrooms, a covered washing-up area stocked with complimentary washing-up liquid, and free Wi-Fi. It's everything you need to enjoy the outdoors—without sacrificing comfort.

Plus, Fishguard and Goodwick are just a short walk or cycle away, offering independent shops, cafés, restaurants, and pubs. It's a great base for exploring the Pembrokeshire Coast Path and all the natural beauty nearby.

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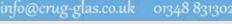




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You'll also have electricity, Wi-Fi, and dedicated parking right by your accommodation. And if you don't feel like cooking? A short stroll takes you straight to the Pantry for a tasty, freshly cooked meal.

Glamping at Tregroes gives you the best of both worlds-outdoor living with none of the hassle. Just turn up, unpack, and unwind.

WEDDINGS AT TREGROES —TELL US MORE!

Tregroes offers a charming, exclusive wedding experience. Couples can book out the entire glamping site and function room, complete with fairy-lit banquet tables and even a visit from our resident alpacas.

The celebration can begin the night before with a relaxed welcome meal, pizza night, or marshmallow roasting around the fire. On the big day, a bespoke menu is served in our rustic dining room for an intimate, unforgettable reception.

Samantha provides full wedding coordination to ensure everything is tailored to your vision. After the party, the newlyweds retreat to the "Seren" Dome, while guests

can stay in geodomes, pods, or their own campers—so everyone can relax without worrying about getting home.

WHO IS THE TEAM BEHIND TREGROES AND WHAT ARE THEIR ROLES?

We have a dedicated and hardworking team at Tregroes, each bringing their own skills (and sense of humour) to keep things running smoothly!

Colin & Samantha Hancock – The owners and driving force behind Tregroes. Colin is chief problem solver, fixer of all things, and general man-with-a-toolbox, but he also proudly considers himself Tregroes Pantry's No.1 washer-upper—often found up to his elbows in suds or pulling pints behind the bar! Samantha is the mastermind behind operations, guest experience, and wedding coordination, making sure everything runs like clockwork. Together, they ensure everything from campsite improvements to delicious meals at the Pantry is top-notch.

The Kitchen Team – These talented chefs and kitchen wizards keep the Tregroes Pantry running, serving up everything from hearty breakfasts to indulgent Sunday roasts. They handle the heat so you can sit back and enjoy a fantastic meal!

The Front of House Crew - The friendly faces who greet guests, serve up drinks at the licensed bar, and keep everything flowing smoothly at the Pantry. Among them is Jacob Hancock, Colin and Samantha's eldest son, who, when not

busy at university, can be found shaking up cocktails and keeping the drinks flowingbecause nothing says relaxing holiday like a well-mixed tipple!

The Campsite Maintenance Team – The unsung heroes who mow, fix, clean, and keep the whole place looking fantastic. From maintaining the geodomes and pitches to making sure the showers are hot and the electrics are working, they're the backbone of the site. Joshua Hancock, the younger of the Hancock boys, is an integral part of this team, always on hand to tackle the neverending to-do list and keep everything in top shape.

Housekeeping Team - The wonderful people who ensure that the glamping pods and geodomes are spotless, beds are made, and everything is fresh and welcoming for new arrivals.

It's a tight-knit team that works hard to make sure every guest, whether staying at the campsite or just popping in for a meal, has a brilliant experience at Tregroes!

SO, IN A FEW WORDS **—WHAT IS TREGROES?**

Tregroes is a welcoming campsite, glamping retreat, and restaurant on the edge of Fishguard, Pembrokeshire. We offer spacious pitches, cosy glamping options, and delicious homemade food-all with a laid-back vibe and access to the best of the coast and countryside.

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JUST FOR FUN WHAT WOULD BE YOUR **IDEAL 3 COURSE MEAL?**

Colin's ideal three-course meal kicks off with crispy duck and hoisin sauce. For the main event, it's a perfectly cooked steak smothered in a rich port and Stilton sauce—because if you're going to do steak, do it right! And to finish? Ice cream with a generous splash of Barti Ddu rum—a sweet, boozy treat that rounds things off in true Pembrokeshire style!

Samantha, on the other hand, starts with king prawns. For the main, it's a perfectly cooked steak with port and Stilton saucegreat minds think alike! And for dessert, classic crème brûlée. All finished off with a Tia Maria

And, of course, Colin enjoys all of this as a home-cooked meal by Samantha!

HOW DO PEOPLE GET IN TOUCH?

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TWO WORLD RECORDS AFTER COMPLETING **GRUELLING 3,200 MILE ATLANTIC ROW**

Pembrokeshire women have made history by two new world records after completing gruelling 3,200-mile Atlantic row.

Janine Williams, 70, has become the oldest woman to ever complete the challenging row, while Sophie Pierce, 32, is the first person to finish the row with Cystic Fibrosis. Joining them on the 53-day journey were Miyah Perriam and Polly Zipperlen.

The incredible challenge began in Lanzarote on February 1 and came to an end early on Thursday, March 27, when their boat, The Spirit of Bluestone, reached the shores of Antiqua. Awaiting their arrival were family members and loved ones, celebrating their momentous achievement.



The women successfully completed the 3,200 nautical mile journey in 53 days, 12 hours, and one minute, pushing their physical and mental limits every step of the way. They endured the harshest of conditions, including waves reaching up to 4.5 metres in height, with their tiny ten-metre boat battling the relentless ocean. Their diet consisted solely of air-dried meals, and their toilet was a bucket.

the discomfort of their foulweather gear, everyday tasks like brushing their hair and teeth became nearimpossible.

But their determination and grit proved unshakable. Their achievement is not only a testament to their resilience but also a historic moment for Pembrokeshire. Their journey inspired countless others, showing that with unwavering perseverance, even the toughest challenges can be conquered.

Despite the hardships, the women's efforts have resulted in setting two new world records, making their place in history all the more significant. Their incredible achievement is a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when boundaries are pushed and With broken sleep due to limits are exceeded.

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Poppit Sands, Newport Sands, Whitesands, Newgale, Nolton Haven, and Broad Haven.

National These dedicated professionals don't just save lives in the water—they provide first aid, issue safety advice, and help prevent accidents before they happen.

In 2023 alone, RNLI of Wales' most stunning lifeguards in West Wales responded to 753 incidents, Recruitment is now open assisting over 1,148 people for North Pembrokeshire, and saving seven lives. Last where lifeguards will patrol summer saw them rescuing swimmers from rip currents, saving children drifting offshore, and performing

lifesaving CPR.

Successful applicants will receive world-class training, competitive pay, and flexible working options.

"Being a beach lifeguard is a rewarding challenge," said Stuart Penfold, Lead Lifequard Supervisor for North Pembrokeshire. "You get to work outdoors, develop incredible skills, and most importantly, make a real difference."

Lifeguard Experience

"Lifequarding changes lives including your own. Whether you're a student looking for a summer job or someone seeking a long-term career in lifesaving, this role offers invaluable experience."

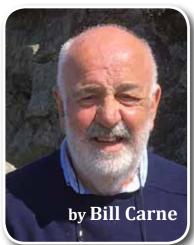
Manager Lee Fisher added:

Applicants must be 16 or older and meet the required fitness levels. To apply, visit the RNLI website and take the first step toward an unforgettable summer.





SEAGULLS BEAT THE VIKINGS IN MEMORABLE MATCH





Referee: Gary Wilkes, who had a good game with his sensitive use of the whistle!

long-awaited This friendly fixture between Fishguard & Goodwick and The Pembrokeshire Vikings finally came to fruition as they met at The Moors in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd, most of whom were cheering on The Vikings, despite being regular supporters of The Seagulls.

The match was organised by The Seagulls' team manager for the day in Steve Rowe



Fishguard & Goodwick **Pembrokeshire Vikings**

and Gethin James, the new alongside his son against his coach of the Vikings, and was sponsored by Mark George, Micro Digger Hire, and Sarah Sinnott Hair.

LOVELY LINK BETWEEN THE **TEAMS – AND A GREAT FAMILY FINISH**

There was a lovely link between the teams because Luca Morrillo is one of the most important supporters of The Vikings, not least for his ability to raise their morale, but also because he is the regular team mascot and showed his ability to play her alongside his father Andrew, who was a tough as teak prop for many years with Fishquard but on occasion was playing this

former team-mates.

And the loudest cheer of the match came in the closing seconds when The Vikings went on the attack and gained good possession from a line out which allowed scrum half Shaun Treadwell to find Luca with a perfectly-timed pass, before the Vikings' skipper cleverly used his wheelchair to evade the clutches of the home defence and sped to the corner to claim the touch-

Then came the icing on the Morrillo family cake as Andrew showed he wasn't just a big old prop by casually lining up the touch-line conversion and sending it unerringly between the posts!

LEGENDS LEADING THE WAY FOR THE SEAGULLS

It nicely rounded off an entertaining tussle where The Seagulls were able to include genuine 'Legends' like skipper Romeo Colella and his lieutenant, Randall Williams, with former hooker Graham Williams showing that all that running around at Iron Man and other extreme sport events has never excited him as much as this did!

Gerwyn Reynolds, the PC49 of Fishguard & Goodwick RFC, showed he can still handle the close exchanges and the George twins also featured, although no-one knows who scored the try brace credited to them because of their still being almost identical, even in early middle age!

Gez Mathias and Mark James also got their names on the scoresheet and there were

cameos from younger players like Ed Rathbone, Ritchie Hunter, and Alun George.

SENEDD SAM APPEARS FOR FISHGUARD

special appearance, fresh from sitting around chatting all day at The Senedd in Cardiff, was the area's assembly member in Sam Kurtz, who serves the region so well and who allegedly landed one conversion from his position at outside half but certainly wasn't a new Phil Bennett or Barry John!

For The Vikings, new coach Gethin Bateman continued to show his good form on the pitch, as he has done since the early Viking days, with his teenage daughter Megan also deserving a mention as the only female on view.

SKIPPER LUCA LEADS BY EXAMPLE

Luca had been elected captain for the day and certainly led by example, as did Dafydd Cole, who was his Of special interest was usual effervescent self and not the fact that also making a only scored a good try but was the popular choice as postmatch Man of the Match - well done Daf!.

> Other Vikings to catch the eye were Ben Couceiro, Paul Clayton, John-Joe McDonagh, Graham and Jack Elliott, Dave Roberts and Kyron Owens although the whole squad were stars in their own right for playing against such an experienced team.

Both teams deserve every credit and there is no doubt a return match will be in the pipeline after such a great afternoon here at The Moors



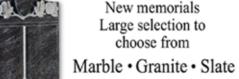
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"What a great game, well done to all those who took part!"

YORK WELSH

Sam Kurtz looks sharp, with some real old-timers beside him! Gethin Bateman

Fishguard & Goodwick: Carl Williams; Dan Harries; Ben Jones; Ed Rathbone; Alun George; Graham Williams; Ifan Evans; Randall Williams; Ritchie Hunter; Mark James; Mark George; Gez Mathias; Ioan Jones; Romeo Colella (Capt); Sam Kurtz; Gerwyn Davies; Ross Griffiths; Matthew George.

Pembrokeshire Vikings: Kyron Owens; John Joe McDonagh; Andrew Morrillo (Vice-Capt); Luca Morrillo (Capt); Ben Couciero; James Tyler; Graham Elliott; Gethin Bateman; Shaun Treadwell; Jack Elliott; Lucas Lewis; Joe Lewis; Paul Clayton; Josh Price; Dave Roberts; Ross Price; Dafydd Cowl; Megan Bateman; Logan James.

WELSH FARMLAND BIRDS SHOW RECOVERY

Breeding Bird Survey has shown promising results for several bird species of conservation concern.

Conducted between April Connect and RSPB Cymru. species across farms in the Farming Connect Our Farms species per farm.

The project connected birds, generating valuable data to help farmers understand biodiversity on their land. These findings contribute to UKwide biodiversity monitoring and highlight the vital role of

and Cuckoo. Their presence Wales."

A recent survey of Welsh underscores the importance farms participating in the of agricultural landscapes in maintaining biodiversity across

survey provide insights into species distribution and abundance, and July 2024, the survey was a equipping farmers with the collaboration between Farming knowledge to adapt their practices to safeguard these It recorded 49 different bird birds and encourage greater biodiversity. The data will also contribute to broader research Network, with an average of 29 on wildlife populations in agricultural environments.

Lynfa Davies, Farming volunteers with farmers to Connect Biodiversity Officer, monitor and survey farmland highlighted the significance of farming practices in wildlife conservation:

"With approximately 90% of Wales consisting of farmland, farming plays a crucial role in the future of many UK wildlife farmland in supporting wildlife. species. The results of this Significantly, eight species survey are encouraging and recorded in the survey are show the positive impact of classified as farmland birds collaboration between farmers of conservation concern in and volunteers. We hope this the UK: House Martin, House information inspires farmers Sparrow, Spotted Flycatcher, to create additional habitats Grey Partridge, Mistle Thrush, as they engage with the new Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit, Sustainable Farming Scheme in



Farmland Wildlife (VMFW) Project Team at RSPB Cymru also emphasized the importance of these surveys for

farmers to understand the taking action for wildlife." state of biodiversity in their wildlife face challenges from climate change and evolving agricultural practices. Wildlife surveys empower farmers by

providing knowledge of species presence, reasons for their presence, and how they can be encouraged to thrive.

"Surveys also help projects both farmers and conservation like VMFW assess what resources are needed to inspire "It is a crucial time for and inform farmers about

For more information about landscape, as both farms and the Breeding Bird Survey and other Farming Connect services, visit businesswales.gov.wales/ farmingconnect.









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Dyfed-Powys Community Support Officers (PCSOs) 8042 and 8020 joined forces with staff from McDonald's and Year 5 and 6 pupils from Cosheston VC School for a community litter pick in Pembroke Dock.

The pupils, equipped with gloves and litter-picking tools, collected an impressive seven bags of rubbish throughout the area. As they worked, they also kept a detailed log of the types of litter they found, which will help to inform future environmental initiatives and community efforts.

PCSOs, who are uniformed civilian members of the police force, work alongside regular officers to engage with the community, providing support and building relationships. The involvement of the PCSOs in the litter pick not only helped with the task but also promoted positive engagement between the local police force and the young participants. Their presence in the event helped to foster strong community ties, creating a sense of shared responsibility and encouraging mutual respect.

The aim of the event was twofold: it sought to raise awareness about the importance of keeping the local environment clean while also instilling a sense of pride in the community among the children. Through such initiatives, young people are encouraged to recognise the value of caring for their surroundings and taking an active role in maintaining a cleaner, greener Pembroke Dock.

The event also served as a reminder to members of the public about the importance of disposing of waste responsibly. With more and more communities working together to tackle littering, it's crucial that individuals play their part by using bins and being mindful of their environmental

This successful collaboration between local schools, the police, and businesses such as McDonald's demonstrates the power of community action and the positive results that can be achieved when everyone works together for a common cause. The pupils involved were not only able to contribute to a cleaner environment but also gained a greater understanding of the importance of maintaining and protecting the spaces they live in.

We encourage everyone to take inspiration from this initiative, to continue fostering a sense of pride in our communities, and to always dispose of waste responsibly.

DAD DISCOVERS A MILLION



A routine trip to the car for a half-eaten bag of crisps turned into a life-changing moment for one West Wales family when dad Darren Burfitt discovered a forgotten EuroMillions ticket worth £1 million.

Darren, 44, a greenkeeper at Langland Bay Golf Club in Swansea, had kept a handful of lottery tickets in the central console of his grey Citroën DS4 a place he thought was safe but hadn't checked in months.

"I kept meaning to scan them, but just never got around to it," Darren said. "That Sunday morning, my son asked for some crisps, and I remembered there was a bag in the car. While I was there, I grabbed the tickets and scanned them on the app."

£3.60 win, but a crumpled one wouldn't scan at all.

"It was so scrunched up I had to manually check it against the results," he explained. "When I saw the date and matching Millionaire Maker code, I couldn't believe it. I just kept checking it over and over."

It then dawned on him: the winning ticket had been sitting in his unlocked car for four months.

"My car is basically a shed on wheels, held together with mud," Darren laughed. "I never

lock it — there's nothing of value in there. I dread to think what could have happened!" His wife Gemma, 34, a teaching assistant, was away overnight at the time. "When I called her, my voice was shaking. She thought something terrible had happened to the kids. When I finally blurted out that we'd won £1 million, she just wouldn't believe me."

The couple, who have a fouryear-old son and a six-year-old daughter, are now planning to buy their first home. Darren also hopes to swap the unreliable Citroën for a family pick-up truck.

"I've always dreamt of seeing the Ashes in Australia," he added. "But first up is a truck that can get us out on even more adventures." Gemma added: "It still doesn't

One ticket returned a modest feel real. I keep pinching myself. We've always loved our family caravan holidays, but this changes everything. It gives us real security for our future — and for the kids'

Darren bought the winning EuroMillions ticket at Morrisons Daily in Penllergaer on the way to a caravan break. The winning draw took place on October 18, 2024, and the ticket matched the Millionaire Maker code JDDF38095, securing the £1 million prize.

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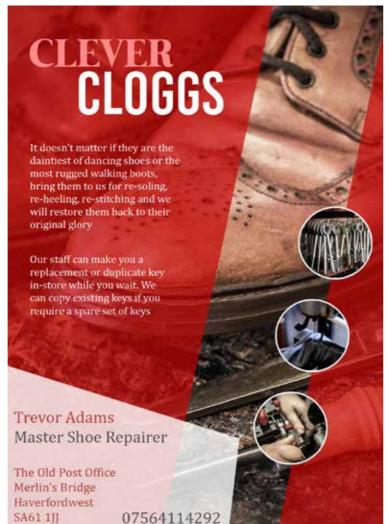
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THE POWER OF PRIVATE TUITION: AN INTERVIEW WITH A DEDICATED TUTOR

With increasing pressure on students to perform well academically, many parents are turning to private tuition to give their children the best possible support. But what does private tutoring really involve, and how can it make a difference? We sat down with John Vaughan from Tuition Matters, an experienced tutor with over a decade in the field, to discuss his passion for education, the impact of oneto-one learning, and why he believes private tuition is an essential service.

FeelGood: Private tuition is becoming increasingly popular. Why do you think that is?

John Vaughan: Parents are always striving to provide the best education possible for their children. Unfortunately, the school system has limitations, and classroom teaching doesn't always allow for enough one-toone support. Private tuition helps bridge that gap, ensuring students get the focused attention they need to succeed.

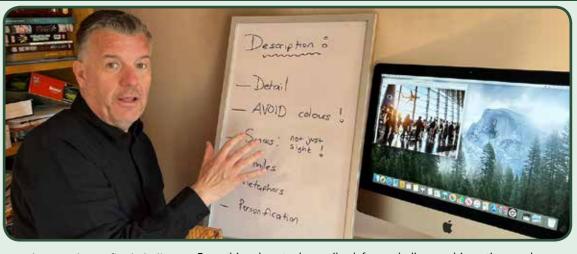
FeelGood: What inspired you to become a tutor?

John Vaughan: I had been teaching in schools for years but found myself frustrated by the lack of individual support available to students. Resources are stretched, and the focus is often on the broader group rather than each student's specific needs. Tutoring gave me the opportunity to make a real difference by tailoring my teaching to each student's unique challenges.

FeelGood: What impact have you seen private tuition have on students?

John Vaughan: The results have been incredible. When students are engaged and put in the effort, success is almost guaranteed. I've helped students improve their grades dramatically, whether for SATs, the 11+, entry exams, or GCSEs. The ability to focus on the areas where they struggle most really contributes to them achieving those crucial grade improvements.

FeelGood: How do you make your services accessible to as many families as possible?



John Vaughan: I firmly believe tutoring is an essential service, so I keep my prices as low as possible. Private schooling can cost up to £5,000 a term, and even then, students are in classes of around ten. In contrast, my bespoke service costs around £650 per term for both Maths and English tuition—half that for just one subject. Even state schooling isn't entirely free when you consider council tax contributions.

FeelGood: Have you had any particularly challenging cases?

John Vaughan: Yes, I am currently tutoring a college student who is working towards his GCSE English but cannot read or write independently.

Everything has to be scribed for him. In school, he didn't receive the support he needed, so I had to develop unique methods from scratch to help him progress.

FeelGood: That sounds like an incredible effort. Have you received any feedback from

John Vaughan: Absolutely. His mother recently shared some kind words about our work together:

"Giving my son a realistic prospect of passing his GCSE English, boosting his confidence immensely to work on a oneto-one basis with someone who believes in his inherent ability and sees the talent he has, despite the

challenges his autism and severe dyslexia pose. John definitely goes over and above his contact hours to provide the advice and support we need."

FeelGood: That's truly inspiring. What do you find most rewarding about tutoring?

John Vaughan: Knowing that I'm making a real difference in students' lives. Even though I dedicate a lot of extra time to planning and assessing, it's incredibly fulfilling to see students grow in confidence and achieve their goals. The value it provides to both parents and pupils is something I'm very proud of.



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MARISA ABELA SHINES IN DARK BIOPIC

Sam Taylor-Johnson, is a biographical film that chronicles the life and career of the late British singersongwriter Amy Winehouse.

Known for her raw talent and deeply personal lyrics, Winehouse remains an enduring musical icon, and the film attempts to capture her essence, from her early days in Camden to global stardom and personal struggles.

Marisa Abela delivers a commendable performance in the titular role, capturing Winehouse's distinctive mannerisms, voice, and the vulnerability that made her such a compelling artist. Her portrayal has been widely praised, with Abela conveys Winehouse's with remarkable sensitivity. The film's visual style and nostalgic nods to the singer's London roots



audiences in the world that shaped her music.

However, the film has received mixed reviews regarding tenderness and youthful spirit to Winehouse's complex life. into her artistry or personal moral standpoint and execution, realities of fame, addiction, and

while Sight and Sound argued that while it aims to celebrate Winehouse's musical genius, it falls short of its aspirations its narrative depth and approach by not delving deeply enough The Evening Standard criticised struggles. Some have felt that the film for being a poor piece the film sanitises aspects of her of filmmaking, questioning its story, avoiding the more painful

contributed to her tragic demise.

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On the other hand, some reviewers have found merit in the film's portrayal. Film Ireland Magazine described "Back to Black" as a soulful and sensitive portrait, brimming with energy and affection for its subject. The film does succeed in showcasing moments of joy and the profound passion Winehouse had for music, offering glimpses into her artistry beyond the headlines.

In summary, Back to Black presents a heartfelt homage to Amy Winehouse, anchored Marisa Abela's strong performance. Yet, while it captures her essence in parts, it struggles to provide a truly comprehensive exploration of the singer's multifaceted life and legacy, leaving some viewers yearning for a deeper, more unfiltered portrayal of the artist

THE BLIMS RETURN TO THE QUEENS HALL Music fans are in for a treat this to be a powerful and emotional night, filled

Welsh folk-rock band, make their highly anticipated return to the stage.

will perform live at The Queen's Hall, bringing their signature blend of heartfelt lyrics, infectious melodies, and energetic performances to audiences once again.

A Band with a Story

The Blims have long been known for their distinctive sound, crafting original songs that reflect real-life experiences from both home and abroad. Their music resonates with fans through its authenticity and emotional depth, making them a standout act in the folk-rock scene.

However, the band's journey has not been without hardship. Following the heartbreaking loss of their brother and bandmate, Jenx, The Blims took a hiatus from performing. Now, with renewed passion and dedication, they are ready to hit the road again, embracing their love of live music and sharing it with their fans.

This upcoming performance promises

summer as The Blims, the beloved with both nostalgia and excitement for the future. As The Blims return to doing what they do best—playing live—their fans can On Saturday, July 12, 2025, The Blims expect a show that celebrates resilience, passion, and the power of music to bring people together.

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Thanks to donations, Hywel Dda Health Charities, the official charity of Hywel Dda University Health Board. has been able to fund sensory

items worth over £800 for patients with dementia or Alzheimer's who attend the Emergency Department (ED) at Withybush Hospital.

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The items include books and jigsaws which help reduce anxiety and reassure patients with dementia or Alzheimer's.

Josephine Dyer, Senior Nurse Manager, said: "We're very grateful that charitable funds have enabled us to purchase the sensory items for

"It can be very distressing for patients with dementia or Alzheimer's to be removed from their home environment and placed into a clinical space. To try and reverse these anxious effects, it is essential to try and make their care environment as comfortable donation we receive." and familiar as possible.

"Sensory stimulation can provide several benefits including relaxation, mood improvement, and promotion of positive uk

feelings. The sensory items also provide engagement which can be calming, prompt special memories and this can lead to improved mood and contentment whilst in the ED at Withybush."

Nicola Llewelyn, Head of Hywel Dda Health Charities, the official charity of Hywel Dda University Health Board, said: "The support of our local communities enables us to provide services over and above what the NHS can provide in the three counties of Hywel Dda and we are extremely grateful for every

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boxing club coach's life was saved after he collapsed during a children's sparring session in south-east London.

Actor and boxing coach Jon McKenna collapsed during a youth session at Double Jab Boxing Club in New Cross on 25 February.

Within seconds, the club's founder, Patrick Harris, leapt way I can."

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This is the moment a into the ring and began performing CPR.

Once medics arrived, the actor was taken to hospital and he plans to return to the ring soon having made a full The 77-year-old said:

"There is no way I can repay him for saving my life, he will always be my friend and I will always stand up for Pat in any idea she was getting.

> her 36 years of service had left an "indelible mark".

Gill Green was presented with her certificate by the Duke of Bedford, who lives at Woburn Abbey

Now known as the Freewoman of Woburn, a Wednesday Club, which Mrs Green, chair of the Woburn Heritage Centre, said the whole occasion was "fantastic".

"I had no idea that it was Woburn. going to happen.

"I'm so honoured to be the first. I hope there will be more in the future, as I can think of some other people in the village that are just as eligible and worthy as I am.

"At nearly 87, I think it's nearly time to retire.

"I'm gradually shedding a few jobs, but I will always keep my association with the Heritage Centre, because we have a fantastic team of volunteers who man it."

Simon James, from the council, said for several

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A village has bestowed its highest accolade for the first time ever - to honour a "selfless and extraordinary" volunteer.

Woburn Parish Council, in Bedfordshire, said awarding Gill Green, 86, the freedom of the parish recognised the "exceptional service and outstanding contributions she had made to the community".

Mrs Green said it was a "fantastic honour" she had no of the Woburn Heritage

The Duke of Bedford, who edited made the presentation, said

months there had been

discussions about who to give the award to and Mrs Green was voted for "unanimously".

She has lived in the the village since 1988 and began volunteering in 1989.

"Gill really is a remarkable lady, she is selfless," he said.

Mrs Green's son, John Green, daughter Imogen Allen and son-in-law, James Allen, were at the ceremony.

As well as being chairman Centre, she has produced, distributed and "News around Woburn", was involved in the Oyster Festival, runs Woburn Open Gardens, supported the local branch of the Royal British Legion, helped start Woburn in Bloom, is president of the village hall and set up provides a social meeting

She is also co-ordinating and writing a new history of

Andrew, the 15th Duke of Bedford, said Mrs Green "embodies the very heart and soul of our community".

"Her dedication, passion, and leadership have left an indelible mark on Woburn.

"Gill has been a driving force behind so many of the initiatives that make our village a vibrant and welcoming place."

He said her work had "strengthened the bonds of our community" and she was a "true pillar of Woburn and a beacon of community spirit".

BUTCHER REUNITES BOY 3, WITH ELEPHANT

The mother of a threeyear-old boy who has been reunited with his toy elephant which had been sitting in the window of a butcher's shop has trumpeted the power of community for its swift return.

Catherine Wilson, an independent property expert, retrieved the grey toy from M Moen & Sons in Clapham, south London, on Wednesday following an online tip-off 24 hours after Elephant had been reported missing at bedtime by her tearful son.

The 42-year-old told BBC London: "This situation would never happen anywhere else - it's testament to Clapham and the people here."

Matt Smith, head butcher - but to no avail. at M Moen & Sons for 14 years, said: "When social media works, it works."

The call went out on Tuesday for any sightings of of the butcher's, Garry Moen,



Elephant, who according to and placed in the window of Mrs Wilson is her son's "pride his store. and joy".

sighting of the four-legged fluffy toy, with whom her son is "obsessed", Mrs Wilson's husband trawled the streets near their home late at night calms him when he's upset.

Unbeknown to Wilsons, Elephant had already been spotted on a zebra crossing by the owner

Mrs Wilson, who like Following a reported her son was in tears about Elephant's disappearance, told BBC London: "I felt like a bit of an idiot to be so upset about this but it instantly

"I never thought I'd see the him again: if you lose it, it's the worst thing in the world. He went to bed in tears, it was awful."

But in a dramatic turn of

events, a woman who had seen Mrs Wilson's appeal on Instagram spotted the toy in the window of the butcher's on The Pavement, close to Clapham Common station, and messaged her.

Mr Smith - who described Mrs Wilson as "over the moon" about finding her son's toy - told BBC London he came to realise he and Elephant had become the talk of the town.

"I've just served a customer who said he's seen me all over social media." he said.

"It's close-knit а community round here."

Mrs Wilson added: "For me, I'm all about community and this is one of the reasons why we wanted to move home from New York.

"I've lived in this area a long time. I'm so committed and love this area. I live, sleep and breathe Clapham."



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REWILDING THE CURRICULUM

A GCSE in natural history has been given the go-ahead by the UK government, paving the way for children to "understand and protect the nature on their doorstep and beyond".

new GCSEs to be introduced in over a decade, was confirmed in parliament last week (21 March), by education minister Catherine McKinnell. Nature lovers have been campaigning for it for more than a decade, but despite a curriculum being drawn up some it." time back, progress had slowed.

Environmentalist Colwell spearheaded the drive, working on it since 2011. Speaking at a seminar in 2021, she said a GCSE in natural history would "reconnect our young people with the natural world around them. Not just because it's fascinating, not just because it has benefits for mental health,

but because we'll need these young people to create a world we can all live in, a vibrant and healthy planet.

In an interview with the Guardian last week, following the announcement, Colwell added: The qualification, which is "To start to create a society set to become one of the first that knows and understands the natural world is the biggest step forward we can take. David Attenborough said we need to fall in love with the Earth again. This is one way of helping the next generation do that because it will show them the wonder of

> The course will be designed to be delivered "as effectively" in city centres as it can be in the countryside, said OCR - the UK exam board of Cambridge University Press & Assessment – which will assess the qualification.

Students will develop a "rigorous understanding" of the natural world, from their own local wildlife, environment and



ecosystem to "critical global challenges such as climate biodiversity sustainability," OCR added.

The government is set to consult on the GCSE's subject content later this year. Colwell told the Guardian that criteria drafted under the previous UK government would need to be revised to ensure the GCSE gave young people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland fieldwork opportunities to learn

about the wildlife in their local neighbourhoods.

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The campaign for the qualification has been backed over the years by the likes of Bear Grylls, Chris Packham and Floella Benjamin, as well as institutions like the Eden Project and Natural History Museum.

The governmental review group is expected to publish a report on the proposed subject content in the autumn.

64 YEAR SESSION STILL GOING STRONG!

Every month is an opportunity for Kim Bright, David Day, Brian Wells, John **Collins and Michael Stephens** to meet up for a pint at The Old Swanne Inn, in Evesham.

It is an event in the calendar they have all looked forward to for the past 64 years with some travelling from as far as South Africa to make the monthly "lads' night".

The "lads" first met at Prince Henry's School in Evesham in 1953 and when they left in 1960 they got together for a farewell pint, but did not want to say goodbye.

Instead they arranged to have a regular pub gathering on the first Tuesday of every

The group, all now aged in their 80s, said they felt like a "band of brothers".

"We talk about all sorts of stuff, reminiscence. I never thought for one minute, we'd still be here doing it all these years later," Mr Stephens said.

"I feel that perhaps we

still putting the world to rights! would be letting the others down if we didn't turn up."

Mr Day described himself as a newcomer to the group, only joining the monthly drinks 22 years ago after living in London before retiring in Evesham.

He said as soon as he joined, familiar faces and nostalgia took him back to his boyhood days.

"When I returned after a long gap of 40 years, it was just like we've been drinking the night before," he said.

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"It didn't take very long to pick up again on what everybody had been up to and feel comfortable chatting to people about it."

They first met at school in Evesham in 1953 and are

Mr Wells travels from Cheltenham with fellow school mate Mr Collins every month and said: "It's just nice to see the familiar faces and chew the

"I'm not a very chatty person as a rule, I just enjoy listening to this lot rabbiting

The group said despite technology offering various ways to communicate and stay connected, nothing beat the moments and memories created when they met up in

Mr Wells encouraged young people to meet up more.

"More often than not, they're just talking individually on their phones to their phone group chat, rather than face to face."

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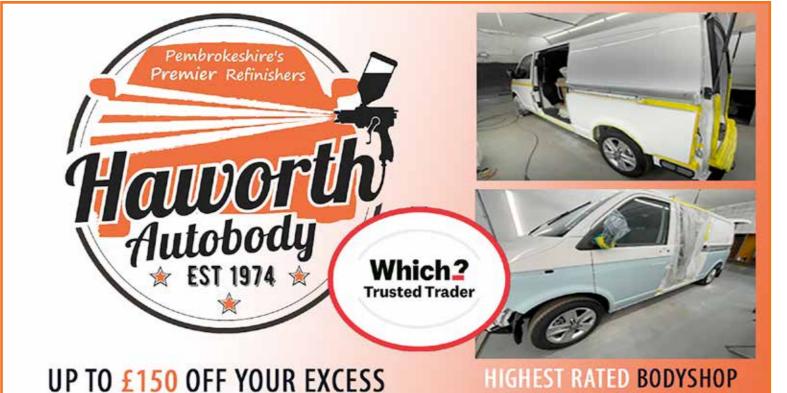
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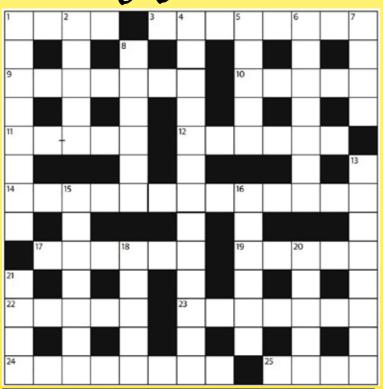
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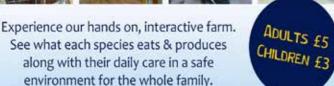






















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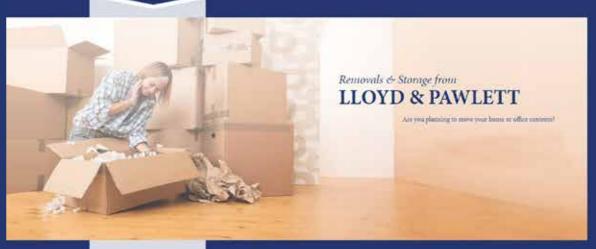
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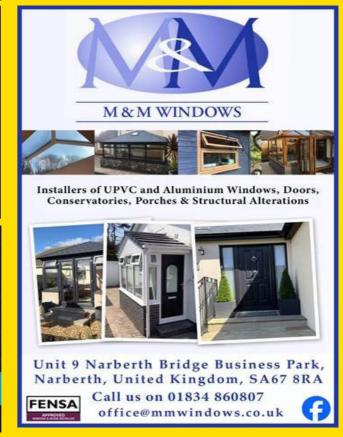


















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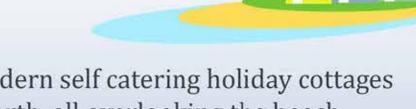


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HYWEL DDA TEAM WINS THREE AWARDS

Hywel Dda University awards to the winners. Health Board's Maternity and Neonatal Risk and Governance Team has won three awards at the 2025 UK MUM (Maternity expectant mothers.

The team, who attended London on Thursday, 13 March, already knew they had won two awards in the Workforce category – the Promoting Collaboration Team Working award and the Achieving Excellence Through Service Improvements award

However, they were surprised on the night to much to us." learn they had also won the prestigious National Award as the overall winners of the Workforce category, triumphing over strong competition from across the UK.

Representing Hywel Dda at the ceremony were members Cerian Llewellyn (Interim Head of Midwifery), Dr Tipswalo (Obstetrics Gynaecology Consultant), Dr Mathew Pickup (Consultant Paediatrician), Angela Morgan (Midwife), Bethan Osmundsen (Senior Nurse Manager, Acute Paediatrics), and Leah Andrew (Senior Nurse).

The Baby Lifeline Awards celebrate outstanding maternity and neonatal care, recognising the work of midwives, obstetricians, neonatal doctors and nurses, anaesthetists, GPs, and paramedics who help deliver babies safely and care for mothers and birthing people.

A prestigious judging panel selected one winner from each of four categories for the Workforce Award, announced at the ceremony in the historic Palace of Westminster on the evening across the UK, aiming to of 13 March.

Professor the Lord Darzi of professionals by providing Denham, who opened the evening with an address. Linda Bassett, star of Call the Midwife and a patron impacting thousands of of Baby Lifeline, was also in attendance to present the

The ceremony was attended by senior leaders from NHS England, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Unit Marvels) Awards™ in Royal College of Midwives, recognition of their role the Nursing and Midwifery in improving safety for Council, NHS Resolution, and other distinguished guests.

Dana Scott, Director of a special gala evening in Midwifery at Hywel Dda University Health Board, said: "Winning these awards is fantastic recognition of our team's collective efforts. Knowing that our work to make childbirth a safe and positive experience for mothers and their families has been recognised by expert judges means so

Sharon Daniel, Interim Director of Nursing, Quality Patient Experience at Hywel Dda University Health Board, added: "I'm delighted for the team - they have worked incredibly hard to support our communities. Pregnancy can be both exciting and daunting, and our teams do their very best to provide compassionate, high-quality care to all mothers, birthing people, and their families. Thank you to every team member who played a role in achieving this award."

Nearly 3,000 babies are born each year in Hywel Dda, with the midwifery team supporting families at home, in the community, and in hospitals.

Find out more about the Baby Lifeline 2025 Maternity Unit Marvels (MUM) Awards at UK MUM Awards 2025 | Baby Lifeline.

About Baby Lifeline Baby Lifeline is a national mother and baby charity founded by Judy Ledger after the tragic loss of her first three babies. The organisation improve maternity care prevent avoidable loss. The event was hosted by Baby Lifeline supports NHS essential equipment, training, and research to enhance maternity services, families each year.



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have secured an ocean rowing boat, funding remains a major hurdle.

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Beyond fundraising, they hope to inspire others—showing that anything is possible with determination and courage. Be part of their journey and push



The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) has revealed new plans to reduce waiting times for driving tests.

There will now be an extension to the cancellation notice period for driving tests, aiming to reduce wasted slots and prevent last-minute changes.

From April 8th 2025, those who are learning to drive will be required to give more notice when changing or cancelling their driving test in order to avoid losing their fee.

Currently, learners can cancel up to three days before their test without losing the fee.

Under the new regulations, learners must provide 10 full working days' notice to change or cancel their test without incurring a fee.

DVSA classes Monday to Saturday as working days, with Sundays and public holidays not included.

The new rule only applies to car driving tests, as learner drivers will still to need to give three full working days' notice to change or cancel their theory tests.

In 2024, approximately 60,000 test appointments were missed due to people not showing up. This is equivalent to the number of tests that 45 full-time driving examiners could conduct in a vear.

The driving test rule change is part of the DVSA's sevenpoint plan to reduce waiting times



As part of the plan, the DVSA is recruiting 450 new driving examiners across Great Britain. It is also reviewing and improving the driving test booking process and implementing stricter terms for driving instructors managing test bookings for their students.

DVSA is running consultation on new proposals to increase the amount of time people have to wait to book another test if they fail and explore ways of changing how far ahead car driving tests can be booked - which is currently set at 24 weeks.

Executive, said: "Extending the another vital step in tackling



short notice cancellation period for driving tests forms part of our seven-point plan to reduce driving test waiting times.

"This will encourage learners to change or cancel their test sooner so we can offer up those slots to other customers."

Following the Future of Roads, Lilian Greenwood, commented: "The Loveday Ryder, DVSA's Chief measures announced today are

the driving test backlog and ensuring that more learners who are ready to take their test can do so without unnecessary delays.

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"These new measures will ensure that driving test appointments are efficiently, encouraging learners announcement, Minister for to make adjustments to their schedules sooner, should they not be fully prepared."



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They celebrate buildings and design teams that have overcome and creative building work. In Pembrokeshire, D & O Architect, Redstone Architecture, AB Rogers & Son Ltd, and Hayston Development & Planning Ltd all achieved success with some high-profile local projects.

At the Regional LABC Building Excellence Awards 2024, Berry Lodge in Newport won the Best



award, with work carried out by D & O Construction Ltd, and agents Julian Bishop Architect Redstone Architecture. Plas Y Castell, Llawhaden, was Commended, with development carried out by AB Rogers & Son Ltd and Hayston Development & Planning Ltd. Council Building Control is The Berry Lodge project then progressed to the Grand Finals at Grosvenor House

Building Manager Sam Goodwin said: "Building Control is delighted to work on these projects, which showcase the skill and innovation of local developers.

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celebrate excellence achieved standards, technical innovation, sustainable "The Awards offer the industry a chance to celebrate good building practices, and winners demonstrate how positive working relationships with local Council building control teams result in high-quality, sustainable buildings.

"The awards are unique because they recognise how this cooperation improves building standards and professionalism across the industry. It is fantastic agents, and designers within Pembrokeshire recognised for these standards." would contact Building Control at Pembrokeshire County Council, please visit the website at www. pembrokeshire.gov.uk/buildingcontrol or call 01437 764551.

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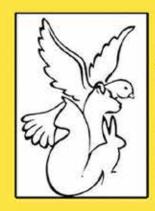
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