

WHO TO CONTACT IN THE HAVENS

Organisation	Held On	Contact	Telephone
Baptist Church	See "Church Notices"	Rev Ifor Williams	781190
Broad Haven CP School	As per Term	Mr S. Thomas	781404
Broad Haven Hall	Bookings	Margaret Taylor	781295
Broad/Little Haven W.I.	2nd Tuesday of Month	Jane Main	781645
Brownies	Every Tuesday 3.30-5pm	Jane Jones	07786 047110
Carnival Committee	2nd Weds of the month	Vicky Henley	781374
Church in Wales	See "Church Notices"	Fr Andrew Johnson	781279
Coffee Morning	Every Tuesday	Karen Griffiths	781614
Community Council	Meet 1st Tuesday	Antony Sage	781014
Drama Society	As announced	Daphne Lovell	781630
Environment Group		Ros Wilson	781659
Football Club & Recreation	Every Thursday	Jim Woodward	781501
Guides	Every Tuesday	Sue Reynolds	781894
Havens Dev. Trust		Jim Garner	781766
Havens History Group	3rd Thursday of Month	Ian Norman	781775
Little Haven Amenities		Gerald L. Davies	781387
Little Haven Art Group	Every Tuesday am	Helen Barrack	764308
Little Haven Hall	Bookings	Andrew Johnson	781279
Meals on Wheels		Beth Fletcher	762911
Mothers and Toddlers	Every Friday Morning	Mandy Rees	781600
Play Group	Every Mon - Thurs am	Bonnie Nicklin	01646 693051
Rainbows	Every Tuesday	Paula Bottomley	779823
Relax Kids	Every Weds	Kerrie Bee	767648
Rowing Club		Tim Harvatt	781779
Royal British Legion	Every month	Jack Phoenix	781349
RNLI Fundraising		Mary Whitewright	781445
RNLI Operations		Andy Grey	781153
Short Mat Bowls	Monday & Wednesday	Geof Parker	781586
Whist Drive	Every Monday	Jeanne George	781721
Y.H.A		Gary, Sue or Pete	781688

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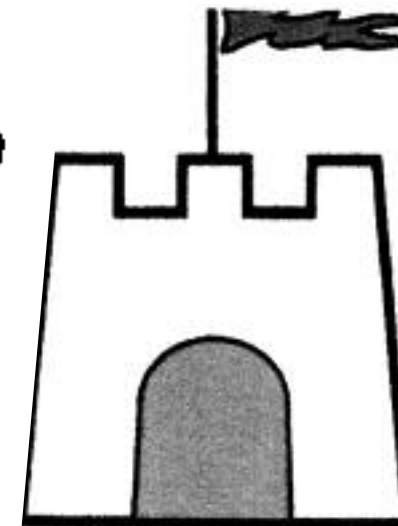
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FEBRUARY QUIZ PETER CONNELL

1. What is the most popular pedigree breed of dog in Britain?
 2. What does the phrase 'Dog in a Manger' mean?
 3. What were Dalmatian dogs specifically bred to do?
 4. What is the official name of the Dog Star (the brightest star in the night sky)?
 5. Why was the dog playing the screen star, Lassie, miscast?
 6. Where would you find 'Dog-irons', 'Firedogs', and 'Andirons'?
 7. To increase his efficiency in the 1870's, a German tax collector bred a fierce strain of dog whose breed was named after him. What was his name?
 8. What are the 'Dog Days' of the year and why are they so named?
 9. How did the term 'Top Dog' come about?
 10. What breed of dog is 'Snoopy' of the cartoon series?
 11. Describe a dog-legged staircase.
3. Which part in what Pantomime did Connie Fisher play at the Torch Theatre in the New Year 2006? The Princess in Aladdin.
 4. Richard de Clare (2nd Earl of Pembroke 1148) won many battles in Ireland due to the superiority of his Welsh archers earning him a nickname beloved of cider drinkers. What was that name? Strongbow.
 5. Which breed of dog was brought to Pembrokeshire by the Flemish weavers and to what use was it put? The Pembrokeshire Corgi existed in the County in the 11th century and helped drive cattle to market.
 6. Which Shipping Area Forecast covers the sea off the south coast of Pembrokeshire? Lundy Sea Area and changes to Irish Sea at St David's Head.
 7. How have the Welsh by naming the penguin caused worldwide confusion? The Welsh named the penguin (pen: head, Gwyn : white) but they have black heads. Could they have seen the large flightless bird The great Auk (Pinguinus impennis) which bred on rocky islands in the North Atlantic and has a white patch on its face.
 8. What is the English equivalent for Pembroke, Mull of Kintyre and Finisterre? Lands End whose equivalent Pembroke (pen : head, bro: land) mull : Irish : headland, Finisterre : lands end (Latin).
 9. Which mammal is found on only one Pembrokeshire island and nowhere else in the world? The Skomer Vole : a bank vole of reddish fur discovered by Robert Drane in 1897.

JANUARY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Whose diary entry for January 1st read 'Awoke out of my sleep on a sudden, I did with my elbow hit my wife with a great blow to the face which waked her with great pain. And so to sleep again.' Samuel Pepys (1662).
2. Whose New Year Resolutions included 'I will stop using my mother's Buff-Puff to clean the bath.' 2. Adrian Mole in his Diary of 1983.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKING ON THE PAVEMENTS

It's not very well known but it is against the law to park on the pavement! The police rarely take any action and most drivers do it to leave more room for cars to pass on the road, but it really should be avoided. One of the reasons for the law became apparent recently when wheelchair users and their carers pointed out to local Cllrs how awkward their journeys can be if a vehicle is parked on the pavement. Partially sighted pedestrians also have a right to a clear pavement. Make sure you and any vehicles visiting you keep off the pavement!

BROAD & LITTLE HAVEN CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

A.G.M on Tuesday 20th Feb. at 8.00pm in Little Haven Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

RAFFLE PRIZES WANTED

The Little and Broad Haven Lifeboat crew are having their annual dinner in March and are looking for donations for raffle prizes to give away on the evening. If you have anything you would like contribute please contact Amanda on **781 702** or **07966 648 928**. Thanks.

FOUND!

Walking/running pedometer was found on the coast path near Haroldston on the 5th January. Contact 781837.

LONDIS NEWS

Susie and Trish would like to thank everybody who has been tolerant and patient whilst the floor was being replaced in January. We hope everybody understands the need for us to keep updating and improving standards. Ultimately it is our customers who benefit by having a pleasant place to shop.

Our high standards have recently been recognised by Londis in a recent national competition. Londis Broad Haven has been judged to be one of the top fifty Londis shops in the UK.

To reach the final round of the competition Susie and Trish had to answer various questions about the running of the store and the shop underwent an inspection by an outside area representative. The final fifty stores will have been visited by an independent mystery shopper (hopefully not while the floor was being done) and the winners will be announced at the Londis National Retailer Conference at the Celtic Manor on St David's day.

We are absolutely delighted that all our efforts to improve standards and our customers' experience have been recognised by Londis in this way. A great big well done to the staff as well who have put in a lot of effort to improve the shop.

(Clerk:- Antony Sage, 10 Puffin Way, Broad Haven, Haverfordwest. SA62 3HP)
Tel/Fax: 01437 781014
Email: antonysage@tinyworld.co.uk

JANUARY MEETING

Disabled Access to pavements in Broad Haven

Chairman of the Council, Ian Norman had received complaints from Carers and Wheelchair users that they often have to manoeuvre off the pavement onto the road because parked cars have obstructed the pavement. Examples were opposite the Nautilus Inn, Puffin Way, outside the Galleon Inn and Millmoor Way near the ex local authority houses. It is, of course, against the law to park on the pavement anywhere and the Clerk was instructed to place an announcement in the Community Diary appealing to drivers not to do it.

New Cycle Track on Haverfordwest Road

Concern was expressed that the soft verge between this and the main B4341 road posed a danger insofar as, in poor visibility or lying snow, the width of the actual carriageway might be perceived as between the hedges – to include the new cycle track. The Clerk will enquire whether the specification allows for red, nearside reflectors to define the boundary of the verge.

Vandalism to cars Sandyke Road area

The local Police Officer Shane Williams was unable to attend. The Clerk will agree to any future dates he might be available.

Precept 2007/8

The Council's reserves were completely depleted by its donation to the new Childrens Playparks. The Council accepted the Budget sub-committee recommendation that a precept of £10,365.91p be notified. This will have the effect of raising a Band D property local rate from £14 to £14-50p.

Periodic Electoral Review

It was agreed the Clerk will write to the Election Office recommending that The Havens Community Council be de-warded – i.e. all Cllrs will serve the Community of The Havens rather than Little or Broad Haven. This will have the effect of correcting the present imbalance of the number of electors per Councillor.

Beach Etiquette/Safety. Lifeguards

Following the Meeting between Pems Co. Council Leisure Officer/Beach Wardens and Havens Community Cllrs last Summer a document listing recommendations was approved. The Clerk will forward it to PCC.

FRAME - the local charity supporting local people.

Good quality items of furniture and household items which are surplus to your requirements can be donated to **FRAME** the local charity supporting local people.

They will collect at your convenience, free of charge. **FRAME** can be contacted on telephone number:

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EVER WONDERED HOW YOU CAN POSITIVELY HELP YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT?

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

Your cardboard, paper, garden waste can be taken to the Pembrokeshire County Council Waste Disposal & Recycling Centre where your green

waste will then be turned into compost. The nearest Recycling Centre for Broad Haven residents is to be found en route to Haverfordwest along the Old Hakin Road.

OR

purchase green waste recycling bags from Pembrokeshire County Council 50p each enabling you to leave your grasscuttings and garden waste out to be collected each Friday with your household waste.

At the same time you will be helping to keep Broad Haven tidy!

WASTE & RECYCLING CENTRE is presently open until the end of March as follows:

Weekdays & Weekends: 8.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

HAVENS COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Patricia Davies	Silverbrook, Grove Place, Little Haven SA62 3UU	781301
Cllr David Faulkner	Smuggler's Cove, Sandyke Lane, Broad Haven 3JQ	781640
Cllr David Havard	Anchor Guest House, Broad Haven SA62 3JN	781476
Cllr Ian Norman	2 Holbrook Close, Broad Haven SA62 3JE	781775
Cllr Joan Phillips	2 The Grange, Walton West SA62 3UB	781294
Cllr Len Powell	Woodslade, Broad Haven SA62 3JR	781436
Cllr Brendan Slater	15 Holbrook Road Broad Haven SA62 3HZ	781535
Cllr David Taylor	11 Atlantic Drive, Broad Haven SA62 3JA	781295
Cllr Margaret Thomas	Windyridge Holbrook Road Broad Haven SA623HZ	781447
Cllr Natasha Thomas	12 Wesley Rd., Little Haven SA62 3UJ	781908
Cllr Mary Whitewright	Castle Hotel, Little Haven SA62 3UG	781445
County Cllr Bill Philpin	Mill House, Little Haven SA62 3UG	781355
Clerk: Antony Sage	10 Puffin Way, Broad Haven SA62 3HP	781014

ROMANIA PROJECT

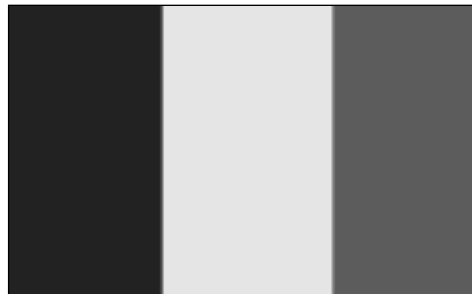
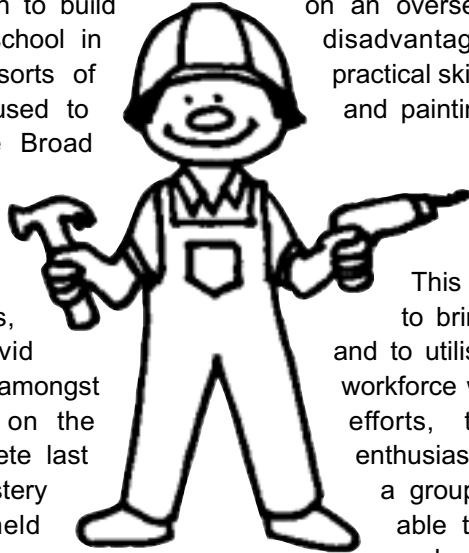
Seeking trades people /crafts people / good DIY'ers & willing hands who can spare one or two weeks of their time on an overseas project this year.

You may have read previously, or heard about the project being funded by Broad Haven's Baptist Church to build an infant and junior school in Salsig, Romania. All sorts of methods have been used to raise funds, from the Broad Haven duathlon, Jonathon Griffiths doing the London marathon, to local villagers Ifor Williams, Francis Maull, David Taylor, Geraint Michael amongst others being soaked on the ducking stool at the fete last summer. Murder Mystery dinners have been held around the county by some wonderful chefs, thespians, artists and helpers from Broad Haven Baptist Church – watch out for the next one in April.

Since March 2004 groups have been going to Romania to help work on the building and last summer we were able to see the roof go on and the windows installed. So now Romanian builders have built the shell, we want to be able to join with them to help with the plumbing, electrics, plastering and landscaping.

For a few years' groups of teenagers aged 16+ have been recruited from Pembrokeshire schools to go to a larger town near Salsig to renovate orphans accommodation. For them this has been an opportunity to experience a hugely different culture, to be involved on an overseas mission to help disadvantaged children, gain practical skills, such as plumbing and painting, and for some of them it has completed a part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. This year the intention is to bring the two together, and to utilise a sizeable young workforce with their fundraising efforts, their energy, and enthusiasm to work along with a group of adults who are able to do the tricky bits and maybe teach them a few new skills. A bit like a grand makeover! Interested? Can you help?

Contact....Ifor Williams on 781235.



LNG Tankers – anchorage limitation

The Council now had a reply from M.P. Stephen Crabb who was taking further advice on this matter.

Broad Haven beach stream pollution

The Clerk had received a 'phone call from the Environment Agency apologising for the lack of response to his letters. He was referred to a second Officer who would deal with the matter but so far no reply to his correspondence. He will continue to chase this up.

Bottle Bank for Little Haven

Pembs Co Council Waste Management team had replied to the Council's request indicating the matter would receive consideration "in the New Year".

Bus Stops

Cllrs felt that the bus stop opposite Londis was not very well sited with parked cars causing passengers to board in the middle of the road with consequent congestion. The Clerk will enquire whether it could be moved to just north of the beach slipway opposite The Galleon Inn where the road is much wider and where passengers could see the buses turning.

The next Meeting of the Council is on Tuesday 6th February 2007 7.30pm Bowen Memorial Hall, Little Haven. Members of the public always welcome. The full Minutes of all Meetings are on the website www.the-havens-communities.org (click on Services, then County Council, then Minutes –

choose date required from list – left click to read, right click to download) or available free from the Clerk.

WHEELIE BINS

A Councillor was asked why the refuse collectors won't empty these. He made enquiries and discovered the following! Plastic bin bags put out for collection contained in a normal size bin are O.K. In fact this is probably the best way to put out your rubbish because the birds etc can't rip open the bag so minimising rubbish blown all over the village and your documents exposed to all and sundry. But they won't empty wheelie bins. These are higher and reaching down into them to collect the lowest bag could lead to back injuries for the collectors. The PCC bin lorries are not equipped with mechanisms to automatically empty wheelie bins.

SLASH POND BOARDWALK

Users are reminded to take care especially when the boards become wet and therefore very slippery. Cyclists also need to bear in mind that brakes can be next to useless if applied suddenly! The Havens Community Council has considered a plastic net but this would make board replacement more difficult and a broken/repared net might create a tripping hazard.

The Council welcomes any suggestions as to how this very popular walk can be improved at a cost acceptable to local ratepayers. Contact any Councillor or the Clerk or write in to the Diary.

On Saturday 20th January an all female group put in a lot of effort and hard work in learning how to construct and design web pages. Such was the interest they are setting up an ongoing self help group carry on their endeavours.

FUTURE PROGRAMMES

3rd February

An introduction to :

- Emails
- Safe and secure buying on line
- Starting to use a Web Cam.



17th February

Photo Enhancement

By popular request, carrying on from the Digi Camera Day.

Bring along those old family photos and learn how to bring them to life and enhance them to modern day standards.



3rd March

An introduction to the basic principals of making up a multimedia presentation.

The basic principals are very easy so whether you wish to organise a presentation to a group, or just organise those holiday photos in a flashy way to bore your friends this is for you.



The course are provided by funding from the Awards for All Wales Big Lottery fund, Tutors from Pembrokeshire Learning, and organised by the Havens Community Development Trust with much appreciated help from the Youth Hostels Ass. Wales and the staff of Broad Haven Youth Hostel.

To book please telephone 781795

BROAD HAVEN BAPTIST CHAPEL

FEBRUARY

Regular Sunday Services in February

10.30 am All Age Worship

We have a Sunday School and Creche to which all children are welcome.

6.30 pm Bible Study in the Rafters

We welcome you to our services

We have Home Groups during the week. If you would like information about these groups or help in any other way you can contact any member of the leadership team who will be very willing to help you.

Leadership Team:

Rev Ifor Williams 781190

Rev Geraint Micheal 783641

Pastor David Taylor 781295

COFFEE MORNING IN THE RAFTERS

Every other Tuesday

All Welcome (all proceeds to Broad Haven Chapel's Romania Project)
For details contact Karen Griffiths on 781614



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our next meeting will be on 7th February 2007 which will be the Annual Lunch at the Galleon Inn 12.00 for 12.30pm Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th March. See this space next month.

THE CHURCH IN WALES

FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th 3rd before Lent

9.30am Parish Eucharist Walton West
11.00am Parish Eucharist Haroldston West
6.00pm Candlemas Eucharist Talbenny

Sunday 11th 2nd Before Lent

9.30am Parish Eucharist Walton West
11.00am Parish Eucharist Talbenny
6.00pm Evensong Haroldston West

Sunday 18th Sunday before Lent

10.30am Family Eucharist Walton West
6.00pm Evensong Talbenny

Sunday 25th Lent 1

9.30am Parish Eucharist Walton West
11.00am Parish Eucharist Talbenny
6.00pm Evensong Haroldston West

Monday 5th 19th 26th

4.00pm Godly Play Little Haven Hall

Monday 5th 12th 19th 26th

6.00pm Vespers Walton West

Tuesday 6th

2.30pm Saints & Stones Little Haven Hall

Tuesday 20th

10.30am-12.30 Pancake Day at the Castle
Little Haven In aid of W.W
2.30pm Mothers Union at the home of
Beenie Phoenix

Wednesday 7th 14th 28th

10.30am Holy Eucharist and Ministry of
Healing Walton West

Ash Wednesday 21st

10.30am Holy Eucharist and Ministry of
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Wednesday 7th 21st 28th

5.30pm Confirmation Class. Rectory

Thursday 22nd

8.00pm Lent Group. Deeper into Prayer
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SOMETHING NEW IN BROAD HAVEN

Your Community needs you!
 It is proposed to hold a new weekend attraction in Broad Haven in conjunction with local businesses and sponsored by E Rehorn and Sons. It is hoped that this event "Something New In Broad Haven" is to be run along the lines of the very successful "Milford Haven Big Weekend" which raised thousands of pounds for local charities.

The key objective of "Something New in Broad Haven" is to stimulate tourism in Broad Haven and provide a vibrant new event in the Broad Haven calendar which will raise much needed income for charitable causes in the community. The Car Park in Broad Haven and laneway to the beach which is a single track carriageway from Dickie Richards corner to the Old Cabin Club corner suggests itself as a perfect location for this potential opportunity.

This event is likely to consist of the following:

- Fairground Attraction
- Farmers Market
- Market Traders
- Saturday night fireworks spectacular sponsored by local businesses

We write to ask for the support of the Havens Community council, the Carnival Committee and the residents of Broad Haven and Little Haven for an

event that has the potential to uplift the business and social community of Broad Haven.

You are invited to attend a public meeting at 8 pm on Tuesday 20th February at the Nautilus Café Bar Broad Haven. This meeting will be chaired by Nick Skudder who was the driving force of the Milford Haven Round Table "Big Weekend". The aim of the meeting is to create an organising committee for the event. Please telephone Ed 07790 016304 or email nick.skudder@virgin.net to confirm your availability to attend this meeting.

We hope that you will support this very exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Rehorn
 For and On Behalf of the "Something New In Broad Haven" Team



LITTLE AND BROAD HAVEN RNLI - COASTAL REVIEW

As part of a Review of all the Lifeboat Stations in the UK an inspection committee, chaired by Rear Admiral John G. Tolhurst, visited the Boathouse, Little Haven on Thursday 18th January.

The inspection team made a detailed check of the boat and

equipment and found everything in proper shipshape order. A meeting then took place in the Crew Room attended by officers of the Station and members of the Fundraising Committee, there was also a good number of the Crew in attendance.

Rear Admiral Tolhurst gave a short address giving details of what was happening within the RNLI National scene. More and more is being spent to update craft and equipment, training is also a most important part of the operation with a lot going on at the Training Centre at Poole. He went on to say the RNLI was getting involved with

the provision and training of lifeguards around the coast.



Lifeboats

The Station LOM, Andrew Grey said that the involvement of the RNLI with the Lifeguards who operate on Broad Haven beach would be most welcome. The Operations Representative stated that

the National Target for launch response times was 10 minutes, records show that over the last few years Little and Broad Haven Station had achieved launch times of 5 minutes. The Station's number of call outs had remained consistent over the last 5 years with 22 call outs last year.

A presentation pack was handed to the Inspection Committee containing detailed reports from Andrew Grey Station LOM, Jane Main, Chairman, Mary Whitewright, Secretary, Gerald Leighton Davies, Treasurer, Ken Ainge, the Souvenir Shop Secretary, all of the Fund Raising Committee.

HAVENS HISTORY GROUP

MABINOIGIAN 2

Last year, the Havens History Group hosted a public talk on the Mabinogian by Rhiannon Johnson. There was so much to cover in this classic of Welsh medieval literature, that a second talk was promised.

This will be held on February 8, at the Broad Haven Village Hall, at 7.30pm. Rhiannon attracted a full house last year, and the group anticipate the same response this year.

FAIR TRADE YONA PUSEY

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

February 26th - March 11th, 2007

The slogan for this year is CHANGE TODAY - CHOOSE FAIRTRADE so in Broad Haven we want to let you see and sample some of the wide range of fairtrade foods, and therefore provide an incentive for you "to change today". We hope also to have a small range of crafts, and the jewellery which proved so popular last November that we sold £300 worth at our last coffee morning. Yes, that was just before Christmas!, but there are always birthdays and treats!!

On March 3rd we will be setting up the stalls again, and serving fairtrade coffee

and tea etc; we will be either in the Village Hall or in Anchor House - look out for details on posters and in the March Diary.

Milford Haven was the first town in Pembrokeshire to achieve fairtrade status; Haverfordwest is currently working towards that. In the Havens we are keen to join in the national events focussing on fairtrade, and we have the community council's support for becoming a fairtrade area. If anyone in the Havens would like to be involved, please contact Amelia Gardiner (781 592), Mary Williams (781 235) or Yona Pusey (781 339).

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CARNIVAL COMITTE NEWS

We're delighted to report that the Xmas Bingo Session raised a mighty £300 - thanks to an excellent turnout on the night. Thanks to all who supported and joined in the fun - and we hope the winners enjoyed those turkeys!!

Now that the play park is up and running we're turning our thoughts to other recreational facilities. Incidentally, we'd like to say a big belated thankyou to our kind volunteers who empty wastebins - cut the grass and keep the area tidy! And if YOU can help, let us know!!

The subject of a skate park has been on our agenda now for some time - but we need to know if this is still a realistic need in our community! What do the young people of the village think?

The Committee would like to call a meeting inviting as many people,

particularly young people, to have their say. Without Community interest and support - nothing can be done!! Please look out for a date and time published in the diary and posters.

If you have any views or ideas for a rec facility - pop your thoughts in the Diary Box in Londis PO anytime, or ring 781497.

Remember, we as a Committee are happy to raise the funds by carnivals and local business donations - and hopefully council grants - but we need to know your needs - so please support us as much as possible!

For your ideas and more info - ring our Helpline at anytime on 781497.

Look out for that meeting date!

The Carnival Gang

LITTLE AND BROAD HAVEN WI

President Gene Parker wished the members a Happy New Year and welcomed Mrs Penny Brittle, our guest speaker from the Citizen's Advice Bureau. Members were given an insight into the organisation and workings of the bureau, followed by numerous questions.

Tea hostesses were June Mathers and Ellen Jenkins. The next meeting will be at Little Haven on February 13th, when Ros Wilson will give a talk about Zimbabwe.

All new members will be warmly welcomed.

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HAVENS ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Saturday, 17 February is the date for the next Beach Clean.

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Place: Millmoor Car Park. See you there! All newcomers most welcome to join us.

Quite a hazardous business to be on the beach in these stormy times. There were a number of occasions in January when, with grey bags flapping, we wondered whether we might take off across the sands! We were given some very strange looks by passersby when hauling a large and very heavy piece of timber from the beach using a motor vehicle. To those who wondered what we were up to, you are assured, it was all in the interests of public safety.

MARINE & COASTAL LITTER THE PAST:

For many centuries the sea has been seen as an appropriate dumping ground for waste. The world's oceans were thought to have an infinite capacity for absorbing all our rubbish.



WAKE UP CALL!

In recent times we have started to realise that the oceans cannot be used as a dumping ground for our wastes. Marine litter poses a vast and growing threat to the marine and coastal environment. The total input of marine litter into the oceans and seas worldwide is estimated at 6.4 million tonnes per year, 8 millions items every day and 13,000 pieces of plastic on every square kilometre (United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP, 2005). Around 20,000 tonnes of marine litter are dumped in the North Sea every year. Of that, 70% sinks to the bottom, 15% floats to the surface and 15% is washed up on our coasts.

SCARY STATS!

The use of plastics has been increased rapidly in the last three decades. The durability, versatility and relative cheapness of plastic has led to it replacing natural materials such as wood, glass and metal. The durable properties that make plastics so attractive are the reason plastics are a serious hazard to the environment. About 100 million tonnes of plastic are produced each year, with about 10% ending up in the sea. The degradation of plastic is much slower in the sea than on the land, meaning that plastics can remain in the sea for several decades (See table overleaf).

The UNEP (1990) estimates a worst case scenario of a plastic bottle remaining intact in the marine environment for up to 450 years and an aluminium drinks can for 200-500 years. The percentage of plastic recorded in the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) Beachwatch 2005 survey (59%) was the highest recorded for any Beachwatch survey.

The following table illustrates the degradation rates of different materials in the marine environment:

MATERIAL DEGRADATION RATE (YEARS)

Cotton rope	1
Untreated plywood	1-3
Plastic bag	10-20
Commercial netting	30-40
Foamed plastic buoy	80
Aluminium can	80-200
Plastic bottle	450
Monofilament fishing line	600
Glass bottle	1 million

WHERE DOES THIS LITTER COME FROM?

As part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, which took place in over 100 countries worldwide, over 3,800 volunteers joined Beachwatch (Marine Conservation Society annual survey) 2005 and surveyed 332 beaches around the United Kingdom. Their findings were that within the United Kingdom, beach visitors' litter was the most common source of the total litter recorded. At

least one item of litter is found on almost every 50 cm of beach surveyed (Marine Conservation Society, 2006).

(We thank the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom for the above information which according to their



site was last updated in September, 2006)

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION: Take your litter home, and if you see litter close to your property please act responsibly and place it in your refuse bin.



WHATS ON!

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FUN QUIZ EVERY MONDAY @ 8pm

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