

## Secretary's report for the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

It has been a very busy year for the St Madoc's group.

The trustees have attended several free training sessions on a wide variety of subjects, from workshops on storytelling and local history, to a practical course on using lime in traditional buildings. We are very grateful to the Heart of Pembrokeshire (Haverfordwest Castle project) for funding the storytelling and lime workshops, and PAVS for the safeguarding.

We have been working with several other groups, both in The Havens and further afield in Pembrokeshire. For example, the Pembrokeshire Prospectors Society came and did a group dig on my farm and very kindly donated one of the Roman brooches they found to the St Madoc's group, and made a financial donation as well.

PLANED and PAVS have been very helpful, with training on the use of the up and coming Social Value Engine, and talks on Community Buildings, and sponsoring the Chair and I to attend the County Show so we could give out fliers about the St Madoc's group.

The St Madoc's trustees have been meeting once a month to discuss the finer details of the church lease negotiations, and plan events.

The Cheese and Wine Quiz evening in the Bowen Memorial Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> August was very successful – all the tickets sold out and some people couldn't get in the door because the hall was full! We will be holding another of these evenings on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The feedback was that the quality of the cheese and wine was excellent and we nearly ran out of wine! The quiz was much enjoyed – many thanks to Richard our quiz master.

The 3 day local history exhibition was held jointly with The Havens History Group in August in the Bowen Memorial hall, and was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The theme this year is 'The Havens at War' because of the VE 80 celebrations.

The Cadw Open Doors weekend in September was another success, and we're very grateful to all the volunteers who helped with this, especially Lucy and Emily for guiding the ecology walk through Haroldston Woods, Janet and Martyn for making tea and coffee in the church and guiding people in, and Greenala for playing their lovely music. We will be doing this again in September– date to be decided on.

The Havens Community Council have been very supportive. They very generously awarded us £500 of the Honesty Box parking money for us to buy display boards for future exhibitions (these will be available for other community groups to borrow).

We will be holding a car Treasure Hunt around The Havens on 28<sup>th</sup> June, details to be confirmed.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us and supported us. We are very grateful.