



Y Cross Cas-Lai Newsletter

June/ July 2025



Updates

Welcome to the latest edition of the Y Cross Cas-Lai newsletter.

It's been a busy few months with lots of events and now with summer just officially starting we have lots more exciting things planned.

The village came together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Saturday 3rd May.

The event was a 1940's themed street party organised by the Hub ladies and we welcomed many of our local residents, some of whom could remember the first VE Day back in 1945.

The Hub ladies decorated the pub inside and out with lots of memorabilia from the war years, as well as brilliant creations made by the Craft and Knit & Natter groups. There was a WW2 exhibition was set up by Mr Dave Baster, including items such as ration books and local info related to the wartime activity.

Lots of people dressed in 1940's costume with Owen Roberts winning the adults best dressed prize with Betty John runner-up. The children's prize was shared between Bonnie, Betsi and Meg.

It was a Roberts' family affair with Helen Roberts winning the best baked cake. No mean feat for the judge Shawn as the competition was very tough!

Lots of family fun was had with a tombola, bingo and other games and a total of £155 was raised for the Royal British Legion.



Pub Developments

The pub is open daily for drinks and bar snacks, including pasties and sausage rolls.

We continue to offer our regular food days including 'Fish 'n Chips' Friday which is available to eat in or takeaway for only £10!

Sunday lunch remains a firm favourite too with bookings highly recommended.

Steak night on 14th May was a huge success. Diners enjoyed delicious offerings including a range of steaks and seafood supplied by Rib & Oyster.

The next themed food night will be a Spanish 'Tapas and Sangria' evening on Weds 18th June so be sure to book your table. Details are on the following page.

To book for food please call ☎ 01348 840216 to secure your table.



Tapas & Sangria Night

@ The Cross Inn

18th June, 6pm—8.30pm

Selection of Tapas and Sangria available
£18.95 per person | Bookings advisable

The pub is available to hire for private functions. We recently held a 60th wedding anniversary and 90th birthday for a local couple who first met in Y Cross.



A range of buffet food is available for events. Please contact Shawn for more details.

Community Hub Developments

The various groups continue to meet on a Wednesday afternoon providing a valued place for people to catch up whilst indulging in a range of activities.

The Craft, and Knit and Natter groups meet from 12.30 – 2.30pm. The Knit and Natter group have been busy making butterflies and forget-me-nots in aid of Early Onset Dementia

following the death of local resident Jonathan Smith. His wife Jane organised a collection for the charity.

The Walking and Wellbeing group continue to head off at 2pm for an hour, then return to the pub for refreshments.

Some of the knitters/ crafters/ walkers went on a visit to Cold Comfort Farm Nursery (head down the Wolfscastle Road from Hayscastle Cross and it's about a mile down on the right).

The group enjoyed a tour of the gardens and wildflower meadows with lovely home cooked cakes with tea and coffee afterwards.

Lots of gardening advice was given by owners Judy and Paul and the group purchased lots of beautiful plants.

They plan to visit again later in Summer for a tasty lunch.



CAMRA

Pembrokeshire CAMRA's first Branch Magazine, Puffin Pints, is out now and the story of how Y Cross was saved by our local community is in it! In fact, our pub's tale takes up most of page sixteen, in an article on "How Locals Saved their Locals".

There is also a mention of the Y Cross Beer Festival the first weekend in July and of the weekly Wednesday afternoon CAMRA social pint in the pub.

Over a thousand copies of the new full-colour local CAMRA magazine have been distributed to more than fifty pubs across our County.

Copies are available in Y Cross on the shelf opposite the pub front door. Puffin Pints, which will appear once a year at first, is edited by Y Cross regular and local CAMRA Secretary Steve Brady.

The aim is to promote local pubs - including of course ours - and breweries to both local residents and the millions of visitors who come to Pembrokeshire each summer.

Pembrokeshire Branch of CAMRA is planning a Branch Social at the Y Cross Beer Festival on the afternoon of Saturday 5th July. We hope for a good turn-out of appreciative beer drinkers from across the County to enjoy the ales on offer. We look forward to seeing you there!

Book Club

Book club is held from 1.45 - 3pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Last months book was 'Where the Crawdads Sing' and the current book to be discussed at the end of June is 'Still Life'.

The next book club dates are 24th June and 29th July.

New members are very welcome to join any group or activity.

Pub and Hub Events

We have a range of exciting events coming up in the next few months, some organised by the Pub and others organised by the Hub.

Please be sure to add the dates to your diary.

Our most recent event was the Gin & Cider festival held over the Spring bank Holiday weekend.

Every day was really busy with a real buzz as people met up and enjoyed the range of offering.

This included a range of local Welsh gin and cider with different delicious food options including 'Currywurst' on Saturday and Paella on Sunday.



Sunday was rounded off in style with an amazing performance by local band 2BGood.

Cask Ale Festival

From Friday 5th - Sunday 7th July we will be hosting our next festival which will be a celebration of Welsh Cask Ales.



The pub will be open from 12pm on Saturday and Sunday and we will be offering delicious food on both days as well as fish & chips on Friday evening.

Macmillan Charity Event

On Saturday 19th July Y Cross is hosting an afternoon and evening of music and entertainment in aid of Macmillan.



The event will feature a huge range of performers who will be entertaining us all during the day and evening.

There will also be a Grand Raffle with amazing prizes including:

A family weekend in Bluestone Resort

A round of golf for 4 at the Vale Resort

A round of golf for 4 at Haverfordwest golf club

A large load of logs

Entry will be free but there will be ample opportunity to donate to the cause on the day.

These are all sure to be fantastic events so please come along and support.

Music Nights

In addition to the band 2BGood who played at the Gin & Cider festival we also welcomed the Blacksails on 17th May.

The night was enjoyed by many of our locals many of whom were singing and dancing along during the night.

On Saturday 14th June the DooVayz are joining us with a set of classic rock and alternative covers from 8pm.

Delicious 'Loaded Nachos' will be available during the evening.

We have Backtrack playing on 5th July to celebrate our Cask Ale Festival from 8pm and on 25th July the singer Chris Davies will be entertaining us.

Regular Events

Quiz nights hosted by Lucie continue to be held monthly on the last Tuesday at 7.30pm. The next dates are 24th June and 29th July.

We now have 'Poker Night' on the first Monday of the month. Beginners are welcome and the games start at 8pm.

As ever we need you to continue to support the pub so please come along and visit, try some delicious food and in return you'll get a warm welcome.



Community Updates

Hayscastle Community Woodland Clean-Up

Many local people volunteered to join in with the Hayscastle Community Woodland clean-up day on Sunday 27th April.

This included strimming, weeding, planting, painting, cleaning benches and windows and the woodland is now looking great ready for the community to enjoy.

Charity Coffee Morning

There is a coffee morning in memory of Sean Savage on Saturday 12th July from 10am - 1pm at Upper Hayscastle Farm House, SA62 5PU.

All proceeds will be going to Withybush Chemotherapy Day Unit.

Tickets cost £10 and will be available before or on the day. It includes unlimited tea/ coffee and a homemade cake of your choice. There will also be a raffle on the day.

Contact Nicola Savage for a ticket on 07973 722448 or email nic savage2000@hotmail.com

Hayscastle Community Forum Cream Tea

The Hayscastle Community Forum are having a Cream Tea afternoon which is open to all.

The event will be on Thursday 26th June from 2.30 - 4.30pm at Hayscastle Community Centre.

To book please contact Kathryn on 07977 591987 or Rachel on 07773 887490. The event is free for over 65's. Booking is essential.

Hayscastle Horticultural & Pony Show

The annual Hayscastle Horticulture & Pony Show will soon be here on Saturday 9th August. The event is always really popular and hopefully the weather will be kind.

Details of the event can be seen below. An exciting new addition this year is a car boot sale. Please note the new location - SA62 5PS.

If anyone can spare some time to help out the event team are keen to hear from you.

Please get in touch with Rachel on 07773 887490 if you are willing to volunteer.



NEW LOCATION.
SA62 5PS

HAYSCASTLE HORTICULTURE & PONY SHOW
SATURDAY THE 9TH OF AUGUST 2025
COME AND ENJOY A FAMILY FUN FILLED DAY

Horse and pony classes start at 9.30am
Dog show at 2pm
Children's games at 2.30pm
Horticulture & Vintage classes
Gymkhana at 3pm and a new Hobby Horse competition

Our chosen charity this year is The VC gallery
FREE ADMISSION WITH DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON THE GATE

Local craft stalls
CAR BOOT SALE
YFC Bar & BBQ
FOOD VAN & ICECREAM



On behalf of the committee, we wish to thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you too to our team of volunteers who help with a range of activities to support Y Cross.

Ellie, Sharon, Steve, Jeremy, Mike and Brian