

Newsletter

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Here's what has happened in the Marina this last month:

Welcome to the August 2026 newsletter! This month has been full of tasks here and there! As well as welcoming Helen as our Deputy Manager for Harbour Operations.

We have launched the Fairway Buoy, we have placed a new Port Buoy in the channel, we have cleared the harbour wall by Morlo Lounge, we have painted the winter fairway buoy, and welcomed some amazing visitors! And unfortunately a medical emergency.

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Buoys

We have had a lot of movements with buoys this month. Who said 'West End Girls'? We think we should make a song called 'Port Side Boys'

The Fairway Buoy that we painted two months ago is now in the water standing proud.

We have placed a new port side buoy in the channel. This is the new #6 buoy.

Mike has already sanded the winter fairway buoy, primed it, and painted it ready for it's launch at the end of the season.

There has also been an update to the notice to mariners on 18/08, you can find further on our website under 'Useful' and then 'Pilotage'

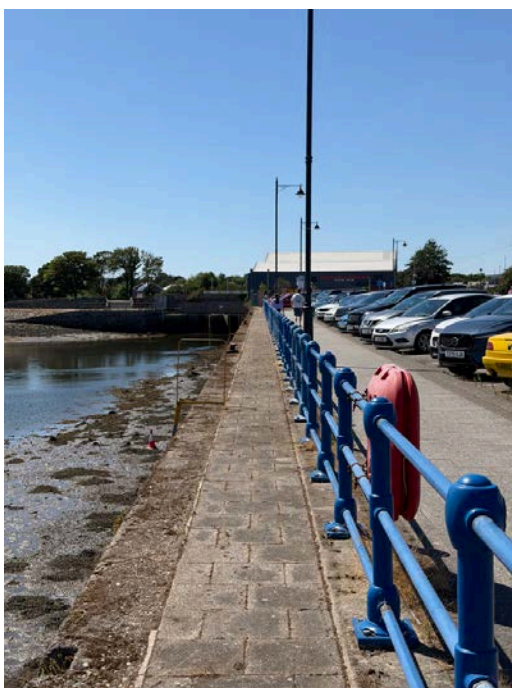


Clearing the Harbour Wall

Our team went out to the harbour wall realising that some weeding needed to be done, urgently. This was an eye-sore and a safety risk. Therefore, two of us, Ade and Cian, started on the job immediately. We did half together. When the next day came, Ade was off, therefore Cian went out, and started scraping away all of the growth, sweeping them into large piles, and then lifting them over the barrier and into a tractor bucket.

This was a hot, hard, and an enduring job. From 0 blisters to 8 blisters between both hands, by the end of the day.

The satisfaction from doing this job made up for any blister. The public's reaction was incredible, the difference was night and day, and the interest in those around us was amazing. For a few blisters more, we're keeping on top of it!



A New Face in our Team

Helen

We have had Helen join us in mid July, as the Deputy Manager of Harbour Operations. She is a positive member of the team and is ready to get straight into the work... even if that is piles of paperwork, here are a few words:

"I'm really happy to be joining the team at Hafan Pwllheli. I'm a local girl who has travelled, dived, swum, walked and boated all over the world, but my heart has always remained in Wales. I've even enjoyed a picnic on Sarn Badrig! If you see me out and about, please do stop for a chat and swap a salty story or two."



Young Sailors Visit Pwllheli

You may have noticed a group of young people walking around the marina, today. They are all from the wonderful event taking place at Plas Heli, the UK Cadet Class National Championship.

They were a small group who took up our invite to come and see the marina, ask questions, and look at the gorgeous boats. There were great questions, from which is the 'longest, smallest, most expensive boat' to which ones had travelled the furthest. We have gained a pair of sunglasses that were lost while looking for mullet, but they all left with big smiles and thank yous.

Absolute pleasure showing them around, and who knows, we might see some of them on their travels in the future?



A Note About Stephen



**If you cannot make it to the funeral,
come to the office for a link to the online viewing.**

As some of you will be aware there was a medical emergency in the marina on Sunday 16th August. Despite everyone's best efforts we sadly lost Stephen a wonderful member of our marina community.

Stephen's father has asked us to share the following message with everyone:

"On Monday 17th August two police officers informed us of Stephen's death. I cannot describe the pain on hearing that our dearest son and best friend had passed away. He would not be staying over again to help an old man drink his whiskey."

Stephen always cared about his friends, which he met from all over the world. He was a highly qualified, intelligent lad. He designed the Ketchup sauce bottle lid and with that money bought a spaniel called 'Ketchup' who was a lifelong friend.

It was a great help to know that the marine staff and boating community were there immediately to assist. It was very gratifying to know that Stephen was not on his own at the end.

Please pass on our sincere thanks to those of the boating community, including the doctor, the Harbour Master and marina staff, air and land ambulance, blue light professionals and everyone who assisted. Also to the people of Pwllheli, some of whom we have known for many years.

We have yet to bring Stephen home to Chesterfield, and have a provisional date for the funeral at Chesterfield Crematorium, Brimington Road, Chesterfield on 10th September 2026 at 2.15pm.

*We will advise when we have full details.
Once again many thanks and God bless you all.
Michael and Patrena Middleton"*

We'd also like to share an account written by Don (Outbound) who's actions on the day going up and down the pontoons, countless times, calmly directing people and assisting the blue light services were crucial. Here's what he'd like to share:

"It was wonderful to see how everyone rallied round to try to help but special thanks should go to Jeff (Rapsallion) who was unbelievable in carrying out constant CPR until the paramedics arrived, to Sarah who could not have been caught by Usain Bolt as she raced down the pontoon with the defibrillator, and her professionalism in operating the equipment, and Tony (Janty) for his immediate and constant liaison over the phone with the emergency team. Thanks, also, to Ken and the visiting doctor on Pontoon 11."

As a team who are constantly reviewing our processes and looking to improve, we have discussed the emergency. Although the very tragic outcome would not have altered, it might have made the process of contacting Stephen's family easier if we had had "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (ICE)" details recorded.

We are able to store these details securely within our marina management computer system and they would only be used in a genuine emergency. We implore each of you to give serious consideration to who your ICE person is and provide us with these details. If you would like us to store these details please email them to hafanpwllheli@gwynedd.llyw.cymru.