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Telcome to the very first edition of Wild Gorse Magazine, Summer 2023.

This is a brand new quarterly publication to celebrate all things inspirational, adventurous and beautiful...where the wild gorse grows.

Born from our love of West Wales and that magical coconut scent of the wild gorse, that never fails to deliver on wonder and remind us that we're somewhere special, our little publication aims to inspire both locals and visitors alike.

We want to help be kinder to our planet, using print that looks after the environment. Wild Gorse Magazine is printed on opaque recycled paper with vivid vegetable ink and its fully carbon neutral.

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Wild Adventures

The West Wales coast is home to some of the most incredible wildlife on earth. A recent visitor to Skomer Island, just off the coast of Pembrokeshire, was none other than broadcaster, biologist and natural historian, Sir David Attenborough, for his 'Wild Isles' documentary for the BBC.

For locals and visitors alike, exploring these coastlines is a thrilling and diverse prospect. A wild adventure in West Wales, wouldn't be complete without a boat trip.

Discover British sea life in their natural wild habitat. From seals and dolphins to porpoises and puffins as well as many other incredible sea birds. See the magnificence of a whale and seek out magical hidden coves that feel a million miles from life on land.

The photo opportunities are endless and a truly unique chance to capture these spectacular species.

What better way to spend your summer, than with a wild adventure or two!

summer of 2014, Ffion witnessed a peregrine falcon flying very low over the water. As she continued to watch, the bird fell into the water...

Peregrines, not being seabirds, are unable to swim so Ffion raced across the water, pulled out the drowning falcon, put her in a bucket and took her home

(as you do).

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It would be worth noting at this point that Ffion has previously worked in a bird hospital and has ample experience with handling and rehabilitating wild birds.

As the months went by, she worked very closely with the female peregrine, now named Hiss, to discover why she had had her initial accident and to bring her up to strength to be released back into the wild.



This remarkable story drew the attention of author and illustrator Jackie Morris, a close friend of Ffion's, and the book 'Queen of the Sky' was born, in which you can read more about Ffion's relationship with a wild bird, the rehab of Hiss and her eventual release.

In early 2016 when Ffion went on to found her company, there really was only one name in mind, Falcon Boats, in commemoration of Hiss the peregrine.

Ffion has worked the waters around Ramsey Sound for over 25 years as a skipper and wildlife guide.

"Ramsey and its waters started off as my playground, later became my office and has lost none of its magic to this day."

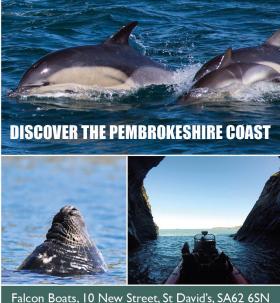
On a Falcon Boat trip there is the potential to see Puffins, Manx shearwater and Gannets by the thousand, Peregrine falcons, Ravens, Common dolphin and the more unusual Risso's dolphin, whales, grey seals, porpoise, colourful and other-worldly jellyfish, and other marine life as well as the stunning coastline of Pembrokeshire and its islands.



They also specialise in running bespoke private charter trips for groups or individuals. These include photography, creative writing, artists' and storytelling trips, as well as trips for special occasions.









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hether it's a short getaway or a blissfully long holiday exploring all that Wales has to offer, choosing the right setting and the right venue can be difficult when the choices seem endless, and the inspiration seems lacking.

Here we've selected the very best places to stay, camp and glamp, that we feel inspire, are eco conscious, feel relaxing and are truly epic stays!

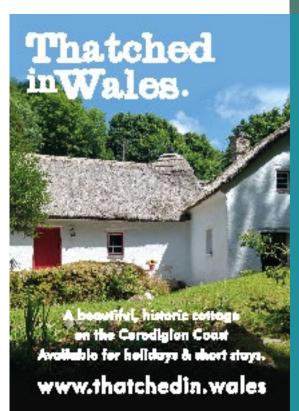
Stay under the stars in a beautiful bell tent overlooking tranquil crystal blue waters, get cosy in a thatched cottage which is steeped in history or immerse yourself back into nature on a working farm.

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e are a community of family run businesses based in Pembrokeshire, West Wales all operating from Dewslake Farm in Lamphey.

Dewslake Camping & Glamping. Large open field camping and bell tent or shepherd's hut options a couple of miles from the coast.

The Rowan Tree Café at Dewslake. On-site licenced café popular with locals and campers serving delicious coffee, cakes, breakfasts and lunches. Keep an eye on social media for live music

events and evening openings.

The Growing Wild Festival, a children's festival celebrating music, art and nature. The 4th Growing Wild Festival will be on Saturday 9th September 2023 at Dewslake. An event loved by the local community and involving

many local business, performers and entertainers.

Smoking Axes. A meat smoking bbq and axe throwing business (yes that old combination). Offering 'manly mindfulness' and 'rugged retreats' as well as event catering.

The Tractor Shed. An event venue where we have had aerial hoop displays, live music, weddings and festivals. Events including The Growing Wild Children's Festival, The Grand Corgi Day Out, Camper Van Live Lounge, Ham & Hoop and tree planting.

Ultimately we offer camping and glamping space, activities, music and fun all set in the stunning surroundings of the Pembrokeshire countryside. We are dog friendly and do our upmost to respect the the environment around us.









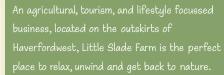


Podiau Pendre Pods are situated in the wonderful village of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn, Aberystwyth. Pendre is a sheep farm which is farmed by Tom and Beth Evans and their three children. Creuddyn and Ceunant are located above the farm therefore the outstanding views of the Ystwyth valley will take your breath away! Ceunant is named after the river that travels through the farm and Creuddyn is named after the local village. Both pods have their own unique identities and have everything that you would need for a great get away. They accommodate 2 adults and 2 children/teenagers each have their own hot tub, firepit/BBQ, linen and towels are provided as well as a lovely welcome pack of goodies! The award winning Farmers arms is located two fields away from the Pods which offers a seasonal menu and a great selection of real ales and ciders. A 30 min walk through Pendre Woods will take you to the Halfway Inn – a homely country Pub with great bar meals.

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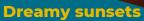
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Green Up Farm is making a positive environmental impact one crop at a time

Toni & Alex Borella, the founders of Green Up Farm, decided to investigate a more environmentally friendly method of producing food.



Toni & Alex at their hydroponic farm | Food at the award winning Blas Restaurant, St. David's Food at Y Seler Hotel & Restaurant Aberaeron

Established in November 2021, Green Up Farm is Pembrokeshire's first Indoor Hydroponic Farm growing fresh microgreens and other speciality crops. Vertical Farming is seen as an environmentally friendly way to grow food, as it requires little land space and water, leaving more of the outdoors to nature.

Green Up Farm is a zero-waste business, Reuse Reduce and Recycle are its core values. Green Up Farm works with the hospitality sector across West Wales delivering weekly in their electric van, providing their crops in returnable trays, punnets and boxes.

This year they launched their Green Up Range, which includes the Green Up Box which is a special selection of the best and most premium crops including different flavours, colours and aromas. The Green Up Pots, launched last week aimed at the retail sector. Crops will be available in returnable pots and for every pot returned to the retailer, Green Up Farm will donate 5p to charity.

Later this year, they are hoping to expand their range to include Green Up Sea Herbs, Green Up Wild and Green Up Flowers.

"We want to be able to provide the hospitality sector with the best range of produce available all year round. While having a positive impact on our local environment and encouraging biodiversity to thrive" - Green Up Farm

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West Wales has a plethora of incredible places to eat, sustainable farms and farm shops and unique foodie hubs where you can enjoy your breakfast, lunch and dinner overlooking the epic views and seas. Read all about some of the very best here and don't forget, for regular news and updates, follow them on their social media pages or visit their websites (where applicable) for further information.



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Breakfast & Brunch

Dinner Open every day, closed on Wednesdays. 5pm - 8:30pm

Based at the beautiful Glan-y-Mor Campsite in St. Davids, Van-Y-Môr is a brand new place eat beside the sea. Owner chef Florin, serves fresh, locally sourced ingredients, from breakfast burritos to shawarma wraps with all kinds of amazing fillings, plus lots more. Look out for their weekend crab & lobster rolls!

For regular news & updates, follow them on Facebook @ Van-Y-Mor & Instagram @van_y_mor

Competition



Coastal Foraging is led by professional forager, Craig Evans and his faithful Golden Retriever Llew (Welsh for Lion).



Journey along the coast of West Wales where Craig will instil the knowledge of how to discover and recognise the "natural bounty we have on the coast of South West Wales."

The experience Craig offers is truly unique and incredibly inspirational as well as educational. His expertise and knowledge have been sought out by many and his courses have gained lots of attention by TV crews and even celebrities such as Mary Berry, Ainsley Harriet, Michael Portillo and Grace Dent, plus many more.

Find out more about Craig's coastal foraging courses at:

www.coastalforaging.co.uk



Craig says:

"Since growing up in the semi-rural Amman Valley on the slopes of the Black Mountains of Carmarthenshire, from a very young age I was taught how to pick wild foods such as mushrooms, Wimberries (bilberries), Blackberries, tickle trout and accompany my father to the coast to collect cockles."

Craig covers 150 miles of the South West Wales Coast from Pembrey in Carmarthenshire to St. Davids in north Pembrokeshire and all points in between. However, most courses will take place within 10 to 20 minutes of Tenby/Saundersfoot.

To celebrate the launch of Wild Gorse Magazine, Craig is offering the chance for one lucky reader to win a family voucher for two adults and up to 4 children under the age of 17, (worth a whopping £170) to use for one of his extraordinary coastal foraging experience days.

Discover all kinds of wild delicacies, including shellfish, sea vegetables, crustaceans, clams, cockles, oysters and even marsh samphire, then cook your tasty bounty!

To win simply like our post on our social media pages Facebook or Instagram, share it and tell us whey you'd like to win in the comments. Winners will be chosen by the Wild Gorse Team, Craig and of course Llew! This will be announced on Monday 31st July.















he right aesthetic in any given space can mean so much to our mood, from the colour of our walls to the layout of our furniture, the textures and feel of our textiles and décor, those little things that say this is your space and this is what you love. And this doesn't just stop at home, an office space too can feel inspiring and actually increase work production, when the feng shui has been given consideration.

Feng Shui is "a practice of arranging the pieces in living spaces to create balance with the natural world.", an ancient Chinese tradition.

Art too can hold the key to balance and positivity within any space, it can uplift lift you, spark creativity, transport you to your favourite places or simply make your space feel like home. There is a deep synchronicity between art and wellbeing.

Our 'Inspired Living' section is designed to showcase the creative businesses that are based throughout West Wales, whose products and work can transform any space. From beautiful tactile and vibrant pottery to glorious stained glass and paintings, magical homeware, and interiors to coastal inspired textiles. There is even an interior designer, who can help with your vision for that perfect space. And for those who'd like to create their own works of art, there are some workshops to book too as well as an artisan event!



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ur health and wellbeing hold the key to all kinds of incredible benefits. Living in a world of expectation, juggling careers with parenthood, the race to be the best and succeed in all that we do, we're all guilty of neglecting our mental and physical wellbeing. Time is often that deciding factor, me time or time for more work?

Recent studies have shown that exercise and rest not only aid physical health but mental health too. Even more powerful than that, 'Green Exercise' and the environment in which you unwind and exercise, play an important factor too. Many of us understand the power of the great outdoors, that feeling of peace and being at one with nature and there are some truly incredible West Wales businesses out there who understand this too.

In our dedicated section for health and wellbeing, you'll find some truly inspirational places to relax, rewild, unwind, get fit and stay in the most beautiful spaces. Retreat and be your best self!

Try a coastal sauna overlooking the ocean, some complementary therapies in a unique space of true zen, get back to nature on a working farm where you can stay, chill get nutritional advice and get fit or indulge in the ultimate country spa experience like no other!

For those exploring West Wales, what better way to do it than through the unique offerings of some of the greatest, innovative down to earth folk our Welsh lands have to offer!

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Katie Welsford P.G.C.E, BA (Hons), VTCT, FHT is a complementary therapist who runs her practice from her space called Noddfa on the Pembrokeshire coast.

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We're also really interested to here from businesses who are environmentally conscious and all things outdoorsy!

We want to celebrate all the great things West Wales has to offer so if you've got a great story, let us know.

Big thanks to each and every contributor to this first edition and big thanks to you the reader! Don't forget to follow all of the amazing people involved in this edition on their social media pages, your support helps them to thrive.

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