



**SADS & YSADS Pantomime** blew away the winter cobwebs, as well as the flu bug, and started the year on a joyous note. "Once Upon A Time" was colourful; it was funny; it was a musical

delight, with loads of songs and audience participation and countless pantomime and nursery rhyme characters. An evil witch banished the



betrothed Princess and her two idiot servants to the depths of Pantoland, to stop her marrying her Prince. But help was on the way. The Prince and his entourage went to find her. There were hilarious encounters with an array of characters until, in the end, the witch turned into a fairy godmother and they all lived happy ever after, naturally! Well done to cast, crew, front of house team and all who helped bring yet another theatrical treat to the village. Look out for further show details. If you would

like to join SADS or YSADS please contact Jane or Peter on 01437 720111.

### **FREE First Aid Courses**

Solva Community Council, in partnership with Pembrokeshire College, has arranged a number of First Aid courses to be held in the Memorial Hall. First aid saves lives and knowing what to do in an emergency can make all the difference. First aid is a simple skill, but has an incredible impact. Everyone should have the opportunity to learn it. If you wish to sign-up for a FREE course please enter your name on the booking sheet at Bay View Stores for one of the following, in the Memorial Hall:

Course 1 - Emergency First Aid (over 2 evenings) 6 - 9 pm Wednesday 21 February & Friday 23 February

Course 2 - Emergency First Aid (over 2 evenings) 6 - 9 pm Wednesday 28 February & Wednesday 7 March

Course 3 - Emergency First Aid (over 6 evenings) 6 - 9 pm Wednesday 14 March, Thursday 15 March Friday 16 March, Wednesday 21 March Thursday 22 March and Friday 23 March

Christmas Tree Festival - Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Tree Festival. This was a successful weekend and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The event allowed us to raise much needed funds towards the upkeep and running costs of our churches. The festival closed with a Christmas concert

featuring Goodwick Community Brass Band. Christmas tree festival results:

1st Tree 2 by Celyn & George Probert (& Grampy)

2nd Tree 6 by The Edge Festival 3rd Tree 10 by Solva School

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### WE DID IT!

The Haverfordwest Ladies Circle and a few local ladies ran the Cardiff half marathon to raise money for Belle Curran, who is waiting for a double lung transplant. £5,716.52 was raised and monies will also go to GOSH and Ty Hafan. Thank you to all you kind, generous people.





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#### Solva WI

The first meeting of 2018 was well-attended. In an experiment Members had previously received and read the Minutes of the December meeting, similarly the County Newsletter and seemed happy with the time saved by not having them



read out at the meeting. It was agreed that December events had been enjoyed by all. Foodstuff donated made up 3 hampers which were gratefully received by PATCH.

The arrangements for the outing to Croft Park on 25 January were finalised.

The 5 Resolution topics were read by individual members and discussed before being voted on: the two that raised most discussion - "Stop female genital mutilation" and "Raising awareness of modern slavery". Whichever gains the most votes from Pembrokeshire WIs will be taken into account with all the other nationwide votes at the NFWI Annual Meeting, to be held in Cardiff in June. Following tea, the meeting ended at 4.15 pm.

The next meeting is Thursday 8 February in the Hall at 2 pm. The talk is "Health & Beauty within". Ladies are welcome to attend 2 meetings before making the decision to join.

### **Church News - Pastoral Care Update and Boundary Changes**

On Wednesday 10 January, a service was held in Mathry, led by our Bishop the Rt Revd Joanna Penberthy for the Licensing of the Rev Michael Rowlands, who will now lead all the churches in the new Deanery of Greater Dewisland also known as a Local Ministry Area (LMA). The New LMA includes the following churches as a group: St Nicholas, Granston, Jordanston, Mathry, Llanrhian, Llanhywel, Whitchurch, Solva, Brawdy, Hayscastle, Nolton, Roch and St Lawrence. Rev Rowlands will be assisted by Janet Ingram and Gillian Butcher, together with worship leaders Dilwyn Phillips, Barbara Adams and Mary Lewis. He will also have the assistance of other clergy within the area when required. Should you require pastoral care, contact the Rev Michael Rowlands on 01348 831382; or for general matters, the Churchwardens: Sam Probert on 01437 720915 and Brenda Lloyd: 01437 721073. The new Local Ministry Area (LMA) means changes to the usual dates and times of services in St Aidans Solva and St Davids Whitchurch: details are as follows for February. Copies of the new rota are available in each church and the Memorial Hall. If there is

no service being held in Whitchurch or Solva on a Sunday, then there will be a service in a nearby church.

Sunday 4 February 09.30 am Solva Morning Prayer Sunday 11 February 11.30 am Whitchurch Holy Eucharist Sunday 18 February 09.30 am Solva Holy Eucharist Sunday 25 February 09.30 am Solva Holy Eucharist

100 Club January Draw: 1st Roly Waters No. 89 = £50

2nd Bernice Pain No. 112 = £40 3rd Carol Ann Jones No. 71 = £30

**Results for the Memorial Hall** 

Solva Business Group will be holding its AGM in the Royal George on Thursday 15 February at 6.30 pm.

For any information about the group, please contact Bella at Window on Wales or email bellap@tiscali.co.uk

### **Churches 100 Club** Draw results:

1st prize Mair Beynon (102) £70 2nd prize Steve Probert (63) £40 3rd prize Richard Payne (9) £25

Solva WI welcomes new members and visitors. We meet most months in Solva Memorial Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2 pm Contact Kathy 01437 721283

### **Scarecrow Trail 2018**

The theme this year is

Detectives and their Villains. There is a change to the days for this year's Scarecrow trail; the event will be held on Sunday 12 & Monday 13 August. If you would 3 like to enter please contact Chief Scarecrow on 01437 721164 - 2 entries already received!



**Ysgol Solfach -** On 6 December a group of students from Class 3 visited the Regimental Museum of The Royal Welsh in Brecon.

Pupils had the opportunity to view many military artifacts, including the displays covering the involvement of the South Wales Borderers, Welsh Regiment and Monmouthshire Regiment in the two World Wars. As part of



their World War 2 topic pupils got to dress up in costumes, experience some rationing tasks and took part in some educational workshops. It was a wonderful and memorable day out.

### **New Years Day Treasure Hunt**

Approximately 200 competitors, men, women and children met at the quay on New Year's morning to take part in the Treasure Hunt. There were 44 questions this year, with 15 or so more in a separate children's competition. Many thanks to the Royal George for a fine buffet and Wendy & Rebecca Wright, Mair and Elun Beynon for the marking. The winners are:

First place 39 points. The Uppers and Downers( the Robinson family) Joint 2nd place 38 points. Pengy and Greg (aka Chris is back) Joint 2nd place 38 points. The Well Wishers (the Wells family) Young Persons Hattie and her heroes.

The organisers collected £220 which will be donated to a local charity (yet to be decided).

### The SOLVA Heritage Society

Following the last absorbing talk by Martin Small, we are planning another on the role of Pembrokeshire in the Last French Invasion. Please be alert for posters once the date has been confirmed. We will be joining in the Solva commemorations of the end of the First World War and plan to mount an exhibition to show what Solva was like at the time, as well as remembering those who took part in the action. Could you help with any photos and stories of the locality and our families from 1914 to 1918? Please contact e-mail: brendalloydndt@btinternet / 07739158024 or leave your contact information in the file at the Library in the Memorial Hall on Thursday mornings.

### The Great Solva Mosaic Steps Project

Our first run of mosaic master classes has finished. The participants enjoyed the classes very much, learned new skills and made new friends. Thanks to all who came to the exhibition in Solva Hall on 13 December to admire the artwork and to celebrate this milestone in the project. If you have been inspired by the



beauty of the panels on display and the framed mosaics and are interested in joining a class, please contact Penny Dafforn on 01437 720901. The next stage of the project is to install new railings that will complement the striking colours and design of the mosaics. A whopping £2,400 has been donated for the purpose by those attending the classes and by the fundraising events organised by Penny and friends. Thanks to all who gave so generously.

The December Christmas Cinema special was very well attended and we made £416 for cinema funds. Thanks to all who came and bought lots of raffle tickets! If you have any ideas for the theme of next year's event please contact Sue 07817 410782 or Lena 07805 717556



# SOLVA COMMUNITY CINEMA Presents:

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Thurs 1 February: Dunkirk (12A)
Thurs 1 March: Victoria & Abdul (PG)
Thurs 5 April: Paddington 2 (PG) TBC

Adults: £5.00; Under 18's: £3.50 Doors open: 7.00 pm / Show: 7.30 pm





#### **SOLVA PRECEPT**

Solva Community Council will increase its precept by 16.67% or £5,000. The increased precept in 2018/19 will help fund cost increases with new and existing commitments such as:

- Repairs to play and skate parks
- Community Elections, contested and uncontested
- First World War commemorative plans 2018
- Data Protection
- Web site hosting
- New remuneration framework for Community Councils: SCC must make a payment to each of their members of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc.

Community Councillor Chairman Josh Phillips said: "Our budget has been carefully reviewed and in the next financial year we are looking to continue with the provision of Youth Services, address the growing problem of dog fouling as well as dealing with the impact of County Council budget reductions and what this will mean to the delivery of non-core services in our community".

Total community council precept for 2018/19 will be £35,000.

Solva Community Council will meet on Wednesday 7 February at 7.30 pm in Solva Memorial Hall. Agenda items:

- Community Police visit
- Dog Fouling and irresponsible dog owners
- Community Dog Wardens
- Community and Memorial benches
- Fundraising for the 2018 fireworks display
- Appointment of SCC Data **Protection Officer**
- Community Action Plan 2017
- AFC Refurbishment Project
- Play & Skate Parks
- First World War commemorative plans
- Finance report
- Planning applications

Members of the local community are welcome. Please call Bruce Payne 07890 987259 if you wish to attend.

### **Council Tax**

As many residents will know, there is going to be a council tax rise in April. Letters have been sent to many households and there is an online consultation on the Pembrokeshire County Council website. The final decision of how much the rise will be is to be determined in the full council meeting in March. This will be an all member vote and as local member for Solva and Brawdy, I will be voting on behalf of the residents of my ward. Please respond to the consultation either online or by post. Any resident of Solva, Brawdy or Newgale area who wishes to discuss this rise, is welcome to contact me by phone or text on 07976 553912 or 01348 831312 and I can explain as best I can why there are 3 options and what the different increases will mean. Cllr. Mark Carter

### Stop Messing up our village

There are some irresponsible dog owners who live in and around our beautiful village. The amount of dog faeces that litters the Patchin, the play park, the picnic area, the walk to the harbour and other areas of the village (plus the airfield) is not only disgusting but a health hazard. Blame cannot be put on visitors alone. Over the winter months the amount of dog poo has increased, made visible by being highlighted with



orange paint. Dog owners (and you know who you are) take responsibility - BAG IT AND BIN IT.

Capel Ucha carol singers raise funds and the roof! At the very enjoyable carol service, £96 was raised for Solva Care. Many thanks to all who attended and donated.

The Regatta Committee has decided, due to so many events staged in Solva in August, to move the Raft Race to the May Bank Holiday weekend.

> Raft Race Children's Regatta **Inshore Regatta**

Sunday 27 May Tuesday 7 August Entries: 1100 hrs

Entries: 1530 hrs Race: 1730 hrs Start: 1230 hrs Sunday 19 August Entries: 1100 hrs Start: 1200 hrs

# SOLVA CARE (registered charity No. 1172878) Coordinator Lena Dixon 07805 717556 / solvacare@solva.gov.wales / www.solvacare.co.uk

#### **NEWS**

**Food delivery:** Gwyn in Bay View Stores in Solva is producing a home-cooked meal daily for £3.50/portion. Solva Care may be able to help with delivery for residents who are housebound and/or are not able to get to the shop. Contact Lena Dixon on 07805 717556 if you are interested.

**BBC Good Morning Wales:** On 19 December, Sarah Moore broadcast a piece about her return visit to Solva Care. Listen to Mollie, Lena, Betty, Bryony and Robin on Sarah's report, about 1 hour 11 minutes in. http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09j4j31 (also on Facebook and our website).

**Old Nokia mobile phones**: It came to our attention in December that sometimes people end up in hospital without any means of communication. They may not have a mobile phone or may have forgotten to bring it/charge it/top it up. We thought it would be a good idea to have a few very basic 'pay as you go' phones to lend to those who need one. So if you have an old Nokia phone that you don't need perhaps you could donate it?

**Card & board games:** It has been suggested that a regular meet up for card or board games may be a good idea, on either a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. Please contact Lena if this is something you may want to participate in.

A Big Thank You - To Solva Woollen Mill who raised £200.00 for Solva Care with donations for their mince pies and mulled wine at the annual Christmas Fayre. Also to Capel Ucha for their donation of £96 from their Carol Service. Plus anyone else who has made donations.

### Calling all budding film producers, directors and editors!

Solva Care has been given a grant to share its good work with other communities. One idea is to make a film that will centre on village life. If you are interested in joining the team that will take this project forward contact Sue 07817 410782 / Lena 07805 717556.

**Open Garden** - It is being planned to have an Open Garden event in June (possible over the weekend of 16/17 June) in support of Solva Care. More details to follow in Newsletters.

#### St Davids Pollinator Trail

The value of insect pollination to UK agriculture is over £430 million each year and it would cost us £1.8 billion each year if we had to do the job ourselves! Yet, due to loss of habitat and the overuse of pesticides, our pollinators are in severe decline. There are now many fantastic initiatives to educate people about the importance of pollinators and what we can do to help them: Welsh Government's Bee Friendly,



Buglife's Bee Lines and Heritage Lottery funded Polli:Nation to name just a few! The Bug Farm is the leading partner on a new and exciting project called The St Davids Pollinator Trail. Working with Welsh artists, scientists and communicators, a "station" will be created at each business, or area of habitat to showcase the wonderful world of insect pollinators and the importance of wild flower habitat in supporting them. An interactive trail, with map and spotter guide will take people and pollinators from station to station. For further information: sarah.sharpe@thebugfarm.co.uk

### Solva Surgery

Wishes to inform patients that there will be Final Year Medical Students, from Swansea University, on placement in the practice for the next few months. As well as sitting-in on consultations with the GPs and Nurses, we will be offering appointments with them. Also, we'd like to let patients know that we now offer a new service whereby they can now order their prescriptions on-line. If anyone would like to register to use My Health Online, they need to pick up a form from the Surgery.



### **Shearwater Community Centre**

The refurbishment and extending of the Solva AFC clubhouse is now progressing with submissions for funding. The project, known as the Shearwater Community Centre, achieved planning permission in 2016 and it is hoped to kick-start the project this year. It is important to emphasise that the intention is not to replace the Memorial Hall but more to ensure we have a state of the art building suitable to serve Solva going forward. The submission we are about to make must demonstrate that there is a real need in the community and with this in mind local organisations will shortly be receiving a letter, and copies of the drawings, asking to what extent, the particular organisation would want to use the new facility.

There are clear advantages in the AFC location with good car parking and amenity space. The new building will have high levels of insulation, have fast broadband and good catering facilities. In all approximately 30 groups are being canvassed for their views. If you are the secretary or organiser of a local group please let Ifor Thomas or Sandra Young know your views, or write to Bruce Payne, the clerk to the community council.

### **Edge Festival**

After a hugely successful Christmas Party, the Edge Festival shared a fundraising event with Caerhys Farm in Solva Memorial Hall. Festival favourites "FiddleBox" led the ceilidh. It was great for the Edge to share such an event with such a worthy organisation as Caerhys Farm. The 2018 Festival is taking place on 3/4/5 August and already most of the bands and writers have been booked.



The food stalls that were so successful last year are returning. Please check the website for latest development; early bird tickets are now on sale at only £35! A significant saving on the price of buying separate tickets over the weekend. The Swim to the Edge is nearly sold out: so get in touch with Fintan at Man-Up St Davids if you want to take part. Fingers crossed for another great festival and more money going in to the local community.

#### **Solva Boat Owners Association**

Toilets on Trinity Quay were vandalised on 21 & 23 December 2017. The names of the 3 suspected culprits (2 boys and a girl) have been given to the police. The toilets on Trinity Quay are maintained solely at the SBOA expense and are available for use by everyone.

- **SBOA- AGM** will be held in the club room on Trinity Quay at 10.30am on Saturday 3 March 2018.
- Annual SBOA get together will be held at Crug Glas starting at 7 pm on Saturday 3
  March. Seating arrangements will be displayed in Crug Glas on the night. Bus
  arrangements are as people requested. Still some places available. Final numbers will
  be confirmed on 11 February 2018.
- **Lift in Dates:** Tuesday 3 April 2018; Reserve day: Wednesday 4 April 2018; Please contact the Harbour Master if you have any special requirements.

**Solva Rowing and Water Sports Club** will hold its annual Frostbite Race on Sunday 25 Feb. Entries from 1 pm, first race 2 pm. This event is open to all pubs / hostelries / businesses in the area. Just get a team together (5 people) and come down to the Quay to enter! (Entries £5 per team). Only 2 experienced rowers allowed per team, if you are a team of novices we can find some experienced rowers on the day.



Come and watch the fun – competitive rowing races, raffle, food and drink! To compete or for more information contact Steve Probert on 07970 063074 / steve@solva.co.uk. SRWC has lots of events planned, including a taster session in March or April for anyone who fancies a go at row. More information to follow in the next Newsletter.

### WHAT'S ON

Thu 1 Feb	Solva Cinema presents "Dunkirk" (12A), Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 4 Feb	St Aidans, Morning Prayer, Solva	9.30 am
Wed 7 Feb	SCC meeting (all welcome), Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Thu 8 Feb	WI meeting, Memorial Hall	2 pm
Sun 11 Feb	St Davids, Holy Eucharist, Whitchurch	11.30 am
Thu 15 Feb	Solva Business Group AGM, Royal George	6.30 pm
Sun 18 Feb	St Aidans, Holy Eucharist, Solva	9.30 am
Wed 21 Feb	Free First Aid Course (Course 1), Memorial Hall	6-9 pm
Fri 23 Feb	Free First Aid Course (Course 1), Memorial Hall	6-9 pm
Sun 25 Feb	St Aidans, Holy Eucharist, Solva	9.30 am
Sun 25 Feb	SRWC "Frostbite" Race, Trinity Quay	1 pm
Wed 28 Feb	Free First Aid Course (Course 2), Memorial Hall	6-9 pm
Thu 1 Mar	Solva Cinema presents "Victoria & Abdul" (PG), Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 3 Mar	SBOA AGM, The Clubhouse, Trinity Quay	10.30 am
Sat 3 Mar	SBOA event, Crug Glas	7 pm
Wed 7 Mar	Free First Aid Course (Course 2), Memorial Hall	6-9 pm



### Solva Duck Race - Easter Monday (2 April)

Tickets on sale very soon at Bay View Stores, local pubs and businesses.



DAY / TIME		REGULAR EVENTS	LOCATION	CONTACT	
M	10.00 - 11.00 am 10.30 - 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 7.00 - 9.00 pm 7.00 - 8.30 pm	Solva Tai Chi Coffee & Chat Welsh Conversation Class Solva Youth Club Singing for Fun	Memorial Hall Capel Ucha Capel Ucha Football Club Memorial Hall	Fey: 720889 Grace Davies: 721533 Grace Davies: 721533 Anne Hughes 07742 576031	
<b>← T</b>	10.00 - 12.00 pm 6.30 - 7.30 pm 9.00 pm	Wellness/Nutrition Club Fit4Life Tony's Big Time Bingo	32 Bryn Seion Memorial Hall Harbour Inn	Helen Hammond: 721516 Helen Platel: 07920 197317	
W	12.30 pm 2.00 - 4.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.00 pm	Solva Senior Citizen's Luncheon Club Solva Craft Club Youth Rowing Club Quiz Night / Open the Box with Dai Ball	Memorial Hall Football Club Trinity Quay Harbour Inn	Maggie:720478/Jean:929351 Steve Probert: 07970 063074	
T	10.30 - 11.30 am 10.30 - 12 noon 2.00 pm 2.30 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	St Davids Pilates - Intermediate mat work Coffee Morning (+ Mini library, Shalom Cha Solva W I (2nd Thursday of month) Word searchers Bible Study Group Rowing Club Solva Cinema (1st Thursday of month)	Memorial Hall arity collection / 2 Memorial Hall Capel Ucha Trinity Quay Memorial Hall	Pip Marsh: 720314  Indicate the state of the	
F	2 - 4 pm	Solva Care - Senior Group Music & Movement, Memorial Hall Lena Dixon 07805 717556			
S	TBA 10.30 am 8.30 pm	Sunday Church Services (St Aidans & Whi Sunday Service Barry's Fun Quiz & Raffle	itchurch) See new Capel Ucha Royal George	v rotas at either church. Grace Davies: 721533	

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