



The Ducks are coming!

Yes, down Afon Solfach on Easter Monday (2 April), starting at 3pm. Who will win the honour of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ducks to be caught by Dewi the Great Solva Duck Catcher?

It's fun; it's exciting; a few people might get wet and some lucky people will win cash prizes of: 1st £10; 2nd £5; 3rd £2.50. But for this to work duck tickets have to be bought.

Available now from Bay View Stores, Window on Wales, Harbour Inn, The Ship and Royal George. Don't delay or your favourite duck name may be gone. Buying tickets helps support the Hall.

New Daffodil Festival near Llandeloy

The Daisybus Gardens of Wellbeing will be opening on 1 April for a Daffodil Festival. Visitors will see around 50 varieties of narcissi and be able to order ones they like for planting in autumn, or simply enjoy the display and stop for a cuppa and homemade cake in the tearoom.

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Gardener Sarah Wint says "The origin of daffodil as the common name for narcissi is unknown but as the daffodil is a Welsh emblem surely a good suggestion is that it comes from the Welsh "Dafydd" our own patron saint".

There will also be a poetry competition on the theme "A Host of Golden Daffodils & Other Thoughts on Spring". Entrance is £2.50 Children Free. Gardens also open Thursday - Monday, April - September.



Solva FREE First Aid Courses - Revised Dates due to availability of the instructor; apologies.

Course 1 (New Dates)

- Thursday 15 March 6 pm to 9 pm
- Friday 16 March 6 pm to 9 pm

Course 2 (New Dates)

- Wednesday 21 March 6 pm to 9 pm
- Thursday 22 March 6 pm to 9 pm

Booking sheets for these FREE courses are at Bay View Stores.

Postponed: The Level 3 course over 6 evenings will qualify you to be the nominated First aider at your place of work. This course will now be rescheduled for May/June.

St Davids & Solva Art Group

Mid February saw the group have a great day printmaking with Glen Ibbotson and Carol King.



The session started with a slide presentation explaining the difference between dry-point and monoprints. Two groups were formed with each attempting one of the techniques and after lunch they swapped over. Everyone enjoyed the day and produced some exciting works of art. Thank you Glen and Carol.

Bingo Night at the Hall ... back by popular demand

Solva Memorial Hall will be hosting an entertaining and enjoyable family bingo night on Friday 6 April at 6 pm. So get out your bingo dabber, dotter, dauber (or what ever it is) and enjoy the atmosphere while you listen out for your numbers to be called!

All proceeds are for the up-keep of the

Hall (we are still paying off last year's enormous electricity bill)!







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Solva WI

The speaker at our February meeting was Stefanja Gardener, a holistic teacher who explained how good it is for us to be able to sit quietly and de-stress, giving us a few personal examples of her own. She managed to get all 20 ladies present to be silent for quite some time!



The traditional WI Pancake Coffee Morning was organised and raised approximately £100 for the Mosaic Steps Project.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8 March when the speaker will be Sarah Beynon with a talk entitled "The Bugs March On". Visitors are most welcome.

Clwb Solfach / Solva Luncheon Club

Luncheon Club for the over 60s is held most Wednesdays in Solva Memorial Hall at 12.30 pm, cost £4.



We would be pleased to welcome some new members.

For further details please contact Jane Pascoe on 01437 721544.

Felin Ganol & Mount Pleasant Chapel

The Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held at Mount Pleasant chapel on Friday 2 March at 2 pm. A very warm welcome is extended to all to attend. Order of service for March.



Sunday 18 March service will be held at Felin Ganol chapel at 2 pm.

Contact Grace for further details. 07980 950717

Fundraising for Solva Fireworks Display 2018

Solva Community Council's firework committee is celebrating after having passed the £1,800 mark in money raised for this year's event. This sum means the 2018 event will definitely go ahead; however, organiser Community Councillor John Price is still hoping for more donations to ensure an even more spectacular display.



John said: "The money we have now would do a nice little display but the more funds we bring in means more fireworks – this will result in an even more spectacular display than in past years". Fundraising will continue to support the 2018 display.

The AGM of the Parc y Capel committee is to be held on Monday 12 March 2018 at 6 pm All welcome. The meeting is to be held upstairs at the Memorial hall.

There will be a short committee meeting following the AGM

Parc-y-Capel 100 club

results for the February Draw 1st Geraint George number 66 £50.00 2nd Becky Wright number 128 £30.00 3rd Carol-Ann Jones 29 £20.00

Solva WI welcomes new members and visitors. We meet most months in Solva Memorial Hall on the 2nd 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 like to enter please contact Chief Scarecrow on 01437 721164. Entries already received! - Many thanks.



Ysgol Solfach / Solva C.P School

Pancake Day fun!

On Tuesday 13 February the PTA very kindly organised a wonderful Pancake Day event at the school. All pupils were treated to pancakes with their favourite toppings.

Many thanks to all who organised this lovely event.



Oriel y Parc - Main Gallery exhibition

British artists who worked in rural communities.

William Stott, Le Passeur (The Ferryman): Reflections on a landscape 24 February – 2 September Open daily 10 am-4 pm William Stott (1857-1900) was a leading figure among a group of British artists influenced by French naturalism in the late 19th century. Le Passeur (The Ferryman) is his masterpiece, and influenced other



The painting is shown alongside works from Amgueddfa Cymru-National Museum Wales, which have been chosen to explore some of the hidden meanings behind images of rural life and landscape. This exhibition is part of a tour of UK galleries in partnership with Tate and also includes works by J.M.W. Turner, Augustus John and Graham Sutherland.

The SOLVA Heritage Society

WANTED: Researchers for a Wednesday evening session at the Haverfordwest Records Office in March. As a group, we would have the undivided support of a member of staff, access to computers and records kept on site and on-line.

The project is to find out as much as possible about Solva and its people during WW1 to present an exhibition later in the year as a contribution to the Commemorative events in the Village. We have a list of all those who took an active part in the services. We are hoping that local families may have information which would be of special value to our efforts. Please contact brendalloydndt@btinternet.com / 07739158024, or leave your contact details on the list in the library section of the Memorial Hall.

The Great Solva Mosaic Steps Project

PCC will be starting the repair and tiling of the steps soon. Let's hope the good weather holds out. The railings have been ordered and will be installed soon after, followed by the mosaics. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 21 March at 6 pm in the Memorial Hall for a catch up and to canvass ideas for future mosaic projects. Please come this meeting if you



attended the mosaic classes last November/ December or are interested in joining our rapidly growing mosaic art community. For further information please contact Sue Denman on 07817 410782 or Penny Dafforn on 01437 720901.



SOLVA COMMUNITY CINEMA

Presents:

Thurs 1 March: Victoria & Abdul (PG)
Thurs 5 April: Paddington 2 (PG)
Thurs 3 May Murder on the Orient Express (12A)
Thurs 7 June Call me by your name (15)

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





Road Closure - Public Notice

Temporary prohibition/restriction of vehicular traffic

Location: Class III (C3057) road near



Llandeloy, from its junction with the class III (C3057)
Caerwen to Llandeloy road, south to its junction with the unclassified (U3026) Brawdy Airfield to Middle Mill road.
Operational dates / times:- Tuesday 6th March for 3 days.

Reason for restriction:- Telegraph pole replacement works.

Alternative route:- Class III (C3057) Caerwen to

Llandeloy road, unclassified (U3027) via Paran Chapel and unclassified (U3026) Brawdy Airfield to Middle Mill road.

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

- Financial support for Memorial Hall
- Community Action Plan 2017
- AFC Refurbishment Project
- Community Social Enterprise
- 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.

Stop Messing up our village - The Poo Report

This month's top sticky spot is the Upper Solva children's play park. Somebody is systematically using our kids' play area as a dog toilet and that is really not on. All mess has been removed and regular checks of the area are being made.

Whoever you are, STOP IT! Elsewhere in Solva a large dog, unaffectionately known as the 'Patchin elephant', seems to have moved down to the quay side area to leave its mounds. The picnic area across from Harbour House also remains sticky. Not a great place to eat your sandwiches unless you enjoy the ambience of a litter tray. A big thank you to all those people, many of them dog walkers, who already clean up after others. Without your efforts parts of Solva would be very unpleasant.



To the few of you who don't clean up after your dogs, shame on you!

PCC - Policy for Operation of Council Dog Control Services (abridged)

For the immediate future the priority work for the 1.8 FTE Dog Wardens resource will be to deal with the following functions:

- Stray/dangerous dogs (Statutory)
- Community Protection Notices (CPN's) for responsible dog ownership (Statutory)
- Micro-chipping non-statutory, however, all part of proactive work.

The remaining services that have been previously undertaken, such as Dog Fouling (non-statutory), Beach Bye laws (non-statutory) and Event & Educational Visits (non-statutory) will no longer be delivered. Clear demand management will be required - Dog fouling and beach bye law issues will be passed back to the relevant Town and Community Council for them to consider what steps they are able to take.



Solva Duck Race - Easter Monday (2 April) Tickets NOW on sale at: Bay View Stores, Window on Wales, The Ship, Harbour Inn & Royal George.



Reminder from the Regatta Committee:

The Raft Race is now to be held on May Bank Holiday weekend.

Regatta dates:

Raft Race Sunday 27 May Entries: 1530 hrs Race: 1730 hrs

Children's Regatta Tuesday 7 August Entries: 1100 hrs Start: 1230 hrs **Inshore Regatta** 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

On 26 January 2018, Sue Hall - Commissioning Project Co-ordinator, Powys County

Council - came to visit. She had been looking to find similar projects from which to learn and share experiences and best practice, particularly around core business and monitoring and evaluation, and was delighted to find out about Solva Care. She had recently started working at Powys County Council within adult social care and is currently supporting the development of Home Support Services in three towns in Powys.

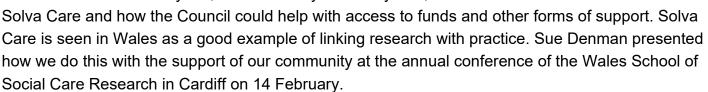
The purpose of the project is to pilot a home support/rapid response social care service to citizens who have additional needs that are not already met through existing services and/or need help to overcome short term crisis. The pilots are based on an existing model operating in Rhayader, called Rhayader Home Support.

We also met with a local action group from Conwy on 1 February 2018. They had come across Solva Care after reading "Rural Wales – Time to Meet the Challenge 2025 Report" by Eluned Morgan and also conversations with Bangor University both of which quote us a good

example of community social care. They were very interested in hearing more about how we set up Solva Care, as tackling isolation, loneliness as well as Dementia Friendly projects is something their Local Action Group are keen to look into and explore potential projects they could run in Conwy.

Solva Senior Group is still going strong – Fridays in Solva Memorial Hall 2-4 pm. Music, craft etc. All welcome!

PCC is undertaking a review of wellbeing in communities and how they can best help. Sue Denman and Fran Barker met with Councillors Simon Hancock and Joshua Beynon, on 6 February at County Hall, to discuss



St Davids Surgery - New GP

A new GP Partner will join Dr Kauschinger – Dr Stephen Riley. Dr Riley has worked as a GP in Nottingham for many years and is a very experienced family doctor. We look forward to welcoming him to the Practice.

We would like to thank all our patients for their understanding during what has been a difficult period for the Practice. We look forward to a more settled future.

Are you a Carer?

At St Davids Surgery, we want to help Carers get the appropriate support, and we encourage Carers to identify themselves to the Surgery and complete a Carer Registration Form. Kim Phillips is our Carer Lead and she can give you further advice and information about a range of support available locally to Carers. Please call Kim on 01437 720303.

Solva Surgery retirement

Jane Chinn who has been our Practice Nurse for 27 years, will be retiring from Solva Surgery at the end of March. She was first appointed by Dr. Gillam and then formed the team with Lucy and Alison at Maes yr Eglwys Solva Surgery. Jane is a caring and compassionate professional nurse, not only to our patients but she has always been a great support to her colleagues, doctors and staff. Without a doubt, she will be missed enormously by our staff and of course by our patients. We all wish her a very long and happy retirement!

Edge Festival News

Everything is coming together for the 2018 Festival. We have some great bands booked -The Wild Boys and the amazing One Step Behind (a Madness tribute band) being just two of them. We will also be supporting local musicians like Raul and Roy Jones. Our headline poet is Robert Minhinnick who was shortlisted for the prestigious TS Fliot award this year. We also have the usual edectic mix



for the prestigious TS Eliot award this year. We also have the usual eclectic mix of sports, marine exploration, cooking, children's events and magic. The Swim to the Edge now has an international profile and the 400 places have nearly been sold. Food will be provided by the excellent Mamgu's Welshcakes - who will soon be opening their Solva cafe on Main Street, X-ray Cafe and others. Once again the Solva community has been supportive of the festival fundraising: we raised over £400 at the Burns Dinner, organised with Caerhys Organic Farm. We hope you will support our next event — the ever popular Six Nations Dinner where we celebrate the end of the Six-Nations tournament. This takes place in The Memorial Hall on Saturday 24 March and will take the form of a super dinner of six nations' food with a mind-boggling rugby quiz-game. It's always great fun so contact Gill on 07971122963 or Josh in the Harbour Inn to buy a £20 ticket.

We are also running a trip to Ffos Las Racecourse on 15 April. This will cost £35 to include the cost of the bus and entry into the racecourse. It promises to be a fun day out so join us if you like a flutter, or even if you don't. Over the three years the festival has taken place we have raised over £13000 for the local community, at a time of cuts and austerity. We hope that this has helped many organisations to survive and perhaps thrive.

Solva Rowing and Watersports Club

The club rowing season kicks off on Thursday 29 March at 6 pm from Solva Quay, then every Thursday usually until October.

issued only after receipt of these documents.



Everyone is welcome, we offer two free taster sessions if you haven't rowed before or rowed for a long time but would like to give it a go. This gives beginners a

chance to row before having to commit to join the club. Early bird membership is also now available, £5 off all membership prices if you join before 31 May. You can download a form here http://solva.co.uk/srwc/srwcmem18.pdf

We have our AGM on Monday 19 March 8 pm at the Royal George followed by a committee meeting at 8.30 pm. Anyone is welcome to come along, we are always looking for new committee members to bring new ideas and offer help and support for the club.

We are pleased to announce that, after a successful race last year, the Welsh Sea Rowing Association would like us once again to hold the Ramsey Island Race. This is a challenge race that is part of the WSRA rowing calendar and involves an 8 mile row through the legendary Ramsey Sound. 12 clubs took part last year and it was a fantastic day with some exceptional rowing. The winners were Solva Men's Team Ben Phillips, Craig Young, Mark Price and Richard Lewis, coxed by Robert Richards. They completed the race in an impressive 1 hr 11 mins. We hope they will be back this year to defend their title. The race will take place on 28 July 4 pm, posters will be on display nearer the time.

SBOA - Lift in Dates: Tuesday 3 April; Reserve day: Wednesday 4 April; Please contact the Harbour Master if you have any special requirements. Please remember to include with your fees due by the AGM on the 3 March, page 2 of your calling papers confirming that the details are correct and a copy of your boat insurance with 3rd party cover of at least £3 million for all boats used. Stickers will be



WHAT'S ON

DAY / TIME	DECLUAD EVENTO	221-12-
Fri 6 Apr	Bingo Night at the Hall, Memorial Hall	6 pm
Thu 5 Apr	Solva Cinema presents "Paddington 2" (PG), Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Tue 3 Apr	SBOA boats "Lift-in", Lower car park and the quays	All day
Mon 2 Apr	Solva Duck Race, Lower Solva	3 pm
Sun 1 Apr	Daisybus Gardens of Wellbeing daffodil festival, Llandeloy	10 am - 5 pm
Thu 29 Mar	Solva Rowing Club session starts, Trinity Quay	6 pm
Sat 24 Mar	Edge Festival Six Nations Dinner, Memorial Hall	7 pm
Wed 21 & 24 Ma	Free First Aid Course (Course 2), Memorial Hall (Main Hall)	6-9 pm
Wed 21 Mar	Solva Mosaic Steps Project, Memorial Hall (Front Hall)	6 pm
Mon 19 Mar	Solva Rowing & Waterspots Club AGM, Royal George	8 pm
Thu 15 & 16 Mar	Free First Aid Course (Course 1), Memorial Hall	6-9 pm
Mon 12 Mar	Parc y Capel AGM, Memorial Hall	6 pm
Thu 8 Mar	Solva WI meeting, Memorial Hall	2 pm
Wed 7 Mar	SCC meeting, Memorial Hall	7 pm
Tue 6 Mar	Road Closure near Llandeloy for 3 days	5 am
Sat 3 Mar	SBOA event, Crug Glas	7 pm
Sat 3 Mar	SBOA AGM, The Clubhouse, Trinity Quay	10.30 am
Fri 2 Mar	Women's World Day of Prayer, Mount Pleasant Chapel	2 pm
Thu 1 Mar	Solva Cinema presents "Victoria & Abdul" (PG), Memorial Ha	7.30 pm

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N	10.00 - 11.00 am 10.30 - 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 7.00 - 9.00 pm 7.00 - 8.30 pm	REGULAR EVENTS Solva Tai Chi Coffee & Chat Welsh Conversation Class Solva Youth Club Singing for Fun	LOCATION Memorial Hall Capel Ucha Capel Ucha Football Club Memorial Hall	CONTACT Fey: 720889 Grace Davies: 721533 Grace Davies: 721533 Anne Hughes 07742 576031
1	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
V	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
7	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 Ch Solva W I (2nd Thursday of month) Word searchers Bible Study Group Rowing Club Solva Cinema (1st Thursday of month)		Pip Marsh: 720314 nd Thurs/month), Memorial Hall Kathryn: 721283 Grace Davies: 721533 Steve Probert: 07970 063074
F	F 2 - 4 pm Solva Care - Senior Group Music & Movement, Memor			all Lena Dixon 07805 717556
\$	TBA 10.30 am 8.30 pm	Sunday Church Services (St Aidans & Wh Sunday Service Barry's Fun Quiz & Raffle	itchurch) See new Capel Ucha Royal George	v rotas at either church. Grace Davies: 721533

What's on at The Bug Farm

Open daily over Easter holidays; Sat 24 Mar- Sun 15 Apr, 10:30 am -



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