



Edge Festival Countdown!

The EDGE is now less then 100 days away. Once again we welcome returning friends to Solva, new visitors and of course our local residents. We also have 400 swimmers



and their supporters to look after and entertain. The logistics are quite demanding and this is where we need your help! The festival last year was

our biggest to date and sixty stout Solva supporters chipped in to perform various tasks like ticket collecting, bar work, litter picking, car park attending and support for our specialist events like the bat walk, river walk and beach safari. We would love to have you join us. You don't get paid and there are no perks, but if you put in a good shift you will get a free weekend pass - what is there not to like? A register is in Bay View Stores, so if you want to help us, and help our community projects (we have raised over £13,000 pounds to date) please sign up - Be part of the EDGE.

The next Edge fundraiser is VeganAMAZING. A meal with a difference, think vegan is boring? You will be amazed, Mamgu welsh cakes is hosting, £18 all in for a four course meal including coffee and a special Mamgu vegan welsh cake. Friday 18 May at 7.30 pm. Bookings essential on 07971 038643.

Reminder from Solva Regatta Committee: The Raft Race is on Sunday 27 May. Entries from 15.30 hrs, Construction starts 16.30 hrs, Race starts: 17.30 hrs.



Automated external defibrillator (AED) Training

There will be two training sessions run by the Welsh Hearts charity on Thursday 24 May at 3 pm and 6 pm in Solva Memorial Hall. You do not have to be trained to use the machines but it helps to know how to access them and use them. If you have been before, please come again as resuscitation techniques are always being updated. The sessions will last about an hour. There is also an AED at Brynhedydd (last house before Caerfarchell on Middle Mill to Caerfarchell road). It is not on display outside the property, but, if the need arose the house-holders are nearly always around and would be happy to let any member of the community or visitor use it.

Solva - First World War commemorative plans for 2018

The period from 1914 to 1918, and the immediate aftermath, shaped the Wales we live in now and we need to understand not only why nations went to war but also the lingering impact of that war on our daily lives.

Solva Community Council will help deliver a Commemoration in Solva that enables everyone to participate at a time and in a way that best suits their interests and aspirations.

Remembering significant battles of the First World War, Solva Community Council, in partnership with other local organisations, will coordinate a number of commemoration acts and events during 2018.

The first of these is in May; details of subsequent events will be published each month in the Newsletter:

Thursday 17 May at 7 pm - Talk by Grace Davies "Solva 100 years ago" - sponsored by Solva Heritage Society and to be held in Solva Memorial Hall.







Solva WI

April's meeting began with a "pot-luck" lunch which was attended by Pembrokeshire Federation of WI's County Chairman, Jenny Longland who, after lunch, kindly judged the 8 entries for the Jean Platt Trophy. The theme was a baked item which



contained herbs and was won by Kathy Davies' delicious Rosemary Shortbreads with Lemon Icing. Members will be attending various forthcoming events including the Spring Council Meeting, the NFWI Annual Meeting, the Dewisland Group meeting, the annual Quiz, the Car Treasure Hunt, the "Royal Wedding Tea Party" and "Treet" Day at Scolton. On Thursday 17 May we will be visiting Penrallt Garden Centre to include a walk (if wished) and lunch, departing from Pwll Melyn car park (opposite the church) at 11 am.

Following the Business, Jenny Longland gave us an interesting and humorous talk on being married to an undercover policeman.

The speaker for the next meeting on Thursday 10 May is a great favourite of ours, Sheena Crossley, whose theme this year is 'Seaside Gardening'. Visitors are welcome.

Parc-y-Capel 100 Club April Winners

£50.00 number 91 1st Moira Johnson 2nd Richard Thomas £30.00 number 82 3rd Mo Bland

Memorial Hall 100+ April Draw

1st Prize £50 Mo Bland lucky number 5 2nd Prize £40 Jill lles lucky number 60 £20.00 number 71 🗼 3rd Prize £30 Ian Hollingsworth lucky number 65

Parc y Capel Fete - Bank holiday Monday 28 May from 2 pm.

Teas and cakes will be served in the Hall and there will be stalls of plants, bric a brac, crafts, books, candy floss, Nadia's tile decorating stall and a bottle tombola, amongst others. A raffle will be in operation with fabulous prizes to be



won, and sunflower plants will be on sale for the start of the annual Solva sunflower competition to be judged at the Edge Festival. The Goodwick brass band will be in attendance and there will be a dog event! All welcome for this annual fund raiser for Parc y Capel.

Church 100+ club - The last draw for 2017/18 took place at St Aidans on Sunday 1 April. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

- 1st prize £70 Rebecca Wright No 88
- 2nd prize £40 Helen Phillips No 13
- 3rd prize £25 Sarah Phillips No 91

Many thanks to all who have supported us. We hope you will continue to support us in 2018/19. Subscriptions for the coming year are due by 26 July. Letters will be sent out in due course. New members welcome.

Contact Christine Daykin on 01437 720609.

Church Services for May:

Sunday 6th May - Morning Prayer 09.30 in St Aidans.

Sunday 13 May - Holy Eucharist 09.30 in St Aidans.

Sunday 20 May - Morning Prayer

11.30 in Whitchurch.

Sunday 27 May - Holy Eucharist 09.30 in St Aidans.

The annual Church Fete and Dog show will be on Thursday 2 August at 2 pm.

More details to follow next month.

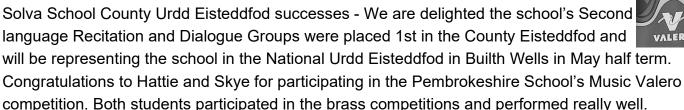
Solva WI welcomes new members and visitors. We meet most months in Solva Memorial Hall on the 2nd Thursday at 2 pm Contact Kathy 01437 721283

Solva Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM will be held at Solva Memorial Hall on Tuesday 15 May at 6 pm, with a general meeting to follow. All welcome to attend.

Scarecrow Trail 2018 - Sunday 12 & Monday 13 August. The theme is **Detectives and their Villains**. If you would like to enter please contact Chief Scarecrow on 01437 721164.

Ysgol Solfach / Solva C.P School

The School is delighted to welcome Mr Jacob Jones to the school staff. Mr Jones is our new Foundation Phase teacher.





Solva Heritage Society

As part of Solva's Commemoration of WW1, the Heritage Society held an initial exhibition in St Aidans - 2 to 5 April - which will form the basis of further exhibitions this year. It showed: a timeline of main events, with information on the 10 key battles; a list of Solva residents who served; accounts of local heroes; the dedication of the War Memorial and opening of the Memorial Hall. Early photographs showed Solva at the time and the ceramic poppy (one of 888,246 created for the 2014 Tower of London installation of "Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red") purchased for the village by SCC was on display. We hope local families will share more stories to help build a recorded history of Solva, to honour those who went before and to inspire future generations. The next commemorative event: "Solva 100 Years ago" is sponsored by SHS. See front page for details.

St Davids and Solva Art Group Spring Exhibition

The St Davids and Solva Art Group's Easter Exhibition will open on Friday 4 May at Oriel y Parc, St Davids. This vibrant group of about 25 local artists exhibits their original paintings and sketches biennially in St Davids, taking inspiration from the coastal scenery and amazing light. Paintings may be purchased by cash



or card and are priced to suit all pockets. The exhibition opens on Friday 4 May at lunchtime and thereafter will be open daily from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm until Saturday 12 May when it closes at 3 pm. Entry to the exhibition is free and we look forward to seeing you there.

The group aims to distribute any profits from this exhibition to local good causes - clubs, societies and charities. If you are involved in one of these and would like to apply, please contact Maggie Humble for consideration. Email: davidandmaggieh@talktalk.net.

The Great Solva Mosaic Steps Project

We hear that it has not been so "Great" for some of you unable to use the steps because of the barriers. Unfortunately bad weather and Easter delayed completion of the repair, and installation of the new railings, which meant the steps were out of action for longer than anticipated. Apologies for the inconvenience. We are on the last lap now and Penny Dafforn and Maddie Janes will be installing the mosaics soon for all to enjoy. Look out for the date of the launch on the Memorial Hall notice board. All welcome. Please contact Penny 720901 or Sue 07817 410782.



SOLVA COMMUNITY CINEMA

Presents:

Thurs 3 May: Murder on the Orient Express (12A)
Thurs 7 June: Call me by your name TBC (15)
Thurs 5 July: Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri (15)

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





COCA

The Caerhys Organic Community
Agriculture organisation held its



AGM in the Memorial Hall in April. Organic for 15 years and at the forefront of the organic movement Caerhys has over 50 members, in Haverfordwest, Fishguard, St Davids and Solva. Membership ensures you have a varied box of fresh, organic vegetables every week throughout the year. The farm also runs events where members can join in planting and other activities.

Cas Miles runs the farm, having taken over from his father Gerald, a true organic pioneer. During the winter months the farm buys in veg to supplement the box, so you are not doomed to a diet of potatoes and carrots! A star of the box is the winter salad, grown on the farm or, if you are more adventurous you can make Caerhys pesto - there is a recipe on the website. Have you thought about joining? The benefits of local organic food are huge. There are five members in Solva already and, if more joined, we could share a pick up or even arrange for the boxes to be delivered. If you would like to know more about membership email secretary@coca-csa.org.

Solva Community Council will meet on Wednesday 2 May at 7 pm in Solva Memorial Hall. Agenda items:

- Community Action Plan 2017
- Community Social Enterprise
- SCC AGM
- Village clean-up 2018
- Defibrillator & First Aid Training
- Play & Skate Parks
- First World War commemorative plans
- Finance report
- Planning applications
- General Data Protection Regulation
- SCC National pop-in sessions across Wales
- Local concerns

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

Solva Community Council's Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 7 pm in the Memorial Hall.

Solva Clean-Up Event - Please join us on Sunday 20 May to help clean up around our village. We will meet at the football club at 10 am to clear up various areas in Upper and Lower Solva, finishing around 12 noon. Please bring gloves /



litter-pickers if you have them, bin bags provided. All welcome, refreshments afterwards for helpers. Hope to see you there.

Poo Report - Spring is here, buds are bursting, leaves unfurling; but not everything that hangs from the trees is so lovely. Here is a question without an answer - what kind of numpty buys poop bags, keeps them in their pocket, clears up after their dog...and then tosses the bag into the bushes where it sways pendulously for months on end? There's nowt queerer than folk! On the plus side, the upper play park is poop free and the Patchin and picnic area much improved.

Bulky Waste Charges Update - New bulky waste charges for PCC are now in force, 50% less than before: up to 10 items costs £20. A 3 piece suite is 3 items, a bed and mattress 2 items and each chair of a set is 1 item, but still cheap. Using this service, you know that your items are ending up in the correct place, not a country lane somewhere so no risk of fly-tipping. Please support this service. To book a collection, call 01437 764551.

Magic, Mystery and Music 1920's evening

Many thanks to everyone for all their help in putting on a great night of entertainment last Saturday - Tom Thumb for a fantastic magical performance, piano playing and opening the evening; SADS actors for a marvellous 1920's comedy mystery and the Saint City Jazz Band for rounding off the evening with superb trad jazz music and songs. Special thanks to Wendy and Brenda for front of house, Becca for everything and technical, Joy for the fabulous canapés and the Royal George (thanks Jane & Ruth) for the bar & cocktails. We loved it - hope you did.

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



NEWS

Localgiving Open Gardens Appeal - We have an Appeal now running on the Localgiving

Web-site. This Appeal will be open for donations until 31 May.

You can view it here: https://localgiving.org/open-gardens-solva



The funds from this appeal will go towards a video camera, editing software and equipment. This will be used to record the Open Gardens and other events in the future. It will be especially useful for recording people and their stories. One of our younger volunteers, Jasmine, is starting to talk to older people in the village to record their reminiscences. Those making a donation of £5.00 or more to the appeal will be entitled to receive a video of the gardens and views of Solva.

Open Gardens Event

The Open Gardens Event to raise funds for Solva Care is scheduled for 16-17 June. The gardens have taken a beating over this Winter but hopefully the sun will now shine and everything will bloom. Eight gardens in Upper Solva will be open for your enjoyment and refreshments will be available at some of them. Look out for the brochures end of May.



Daisybus Gardens Wellbeing Garden Party 10 June

Daisybus Gardens, "A nice little place near Solva", is holding an event on 10 June. Various experts and practitioners will be exhibiting in each of the themed gardens. Solva Care "Grandparents" will be manning the Shed in Granpa's garden. Contact Solva Care Co-ordinator on 07805717556 for more information or to arrange for lifts to the Garden.

The Friday Club

We have the following plan for Summer Friday Club Sessions:

Everyone is welcome to join us for fun, enjoyment, creativity, exercise, relaxation, reminiscence, Music (We have had already two session prior to newsletter). The month of May starts with Tony's Country and Western band (4 May), Helen's Music Quiz and exercises (11 May), Solva Ukulele Pirates and Reminiscence (18 May) followed by a break of one week for Whit Bank Holiday. June starts again with Country and Western (1 June), Scrapbook Memories and Gentle movement with Helen (8th June), Judy's Storytelling and Cathedral Bells (15 June). Scrapbook memories and gentle movement with Helen (22 June). Tony's Country and Western (29 June). Carol-Ann's Beetle Drive (6 July), Solva Ukulele Pirates (13 July), Christine's creative key rings (20 July) Cathedral Bells (27 July). This action packed programme is designed for all ages to engage and enjoy time with each other. Tea, coffee and cakes are provided at each session with some great Solva Care helpers. We hope you can join us. (supported by Pembrokeshire College).

Visits are also being looked at over the summer months.

Solva Care would like to thank SADS for performing their excellent 1920's play for the Friday Club on 20 April. The audience really enjoyed the performance; 'Brilliant', 'Really good', 'Enjoyed every minute" were some of the comments made by our members.

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Sat 19 May at 6.30 pm - "Sacred springs & Holy wells of Wales" - illustrated talk.

Thu 17 May 2 to 3.30 pm St Davids City Walk. Tue 29 May 2 to 4 pm - "Get Arty By the Sea". More events and info on the website. **St Davids RNLI** will be holding fundraising events on:

7 May - May Day - held in the
Bishops Palace to include a duck race!
8 June - Fish & Chip supper held in
St Davids chip shop.

Date TBA - Cheese & Wine evening to be held in Solva



Running for Solva Care and Velindre

During the last 2 years I have undertaken some big, exciting challenges based around my love of running and triathlons. Raising money for Solva Care and the support of everyone in Solva has made these events even greater. This year sees another challenge, an even bigger one again! On Friday 15 June I will be competing in the Marathon Des Cotes. The challenge is to run the full



186 miles of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path in 3 days! The event is being organised by Man-up UK in St Davids. Once this is complete I'll have a couple of weeks to recover before Carl and I travel to Edinburgh to compete in a Half Ironman, this along with a few events following that are the warm up to the World Championships of Ironman in Kona, Hawaii in October!!! At Christmas we lost a close family member to cancer. Wendy received wonderful care in Velindre Hospital in Cardiff. This year I am hoping to raise money to allow a donation to both Solva Care and Velindre. I also hope that my adventures encourage others to get out and enjoy what we have on our doorstep, whatever your sport or activity it's what is going to keep us healthy and happy. Thank you again for your continued support, Helen - Fit4Life

Perennial Garden and Cafe now re-opened:

Fond memories of tea and scones, sunshine and flowers at the Perennial Nursery (for many years owned and run by Phillippa Symons) can now be revived. It has reopened under new owners, and with a slightly different slant:



peat-free organic composts, organic growing methods, a farm shop for local produce, polytunnels growing organic salads all year and the nursery selling herbs, border perennials, succulents and scented-leaf geraniums. We will host "skill days" for garden beginners and enthusiasts, starting with Willow Garden Structures on 25 May, weaving a Garden Trug on 19 July and a Berry Basket on 23 August. If there is sufficient local interest we will lead monthly Thursday afternoon meetings for teaching propagation, no-dig cultivation, simple garden design and wildlife gardening. And there is still the cafe of course! web-site: perennialstdavids.co.uk

Fake BT emails

There appears to be a phishing scam sending out fake BT emails. A recent example informed a recipient their account was closing. It had the appearance of a genuine BT document with BT logo and signed by a recognised BT official. However, it was not personalised, just started with "Hello". If you are suspicious of an email here's BT golden rule: Do not click on any links in a suspicious email. If you're worried about an email that appears to be from BT, rather than clicking on any links you should type www.bt.com/mybt in your browser to log in to your My BT account. From here you can check your account details are up to date and view your bill. Alternatively use our automated phone service to check your balance on 0800 443 311. Forward the email to our

Solva Boat Owners Association

dedicated mailbox: phishing@bt.com and delete the email.

Would all SBOA members and boat users in Solva ensure they have given the secretary a copy of boat insurance including dinghies, canoes and kayaks. This cover ensures the user of 3rd party insurance.

All visitors should give the Harbour Master a copy of insurance and he



will issue relevant stickers. After a couple of postponements the lift in on Thursday 19 May went without a hitch. What we need is some good weather and the fish to come back. Thanks to Anthony and his team and Rob the crane driver. To keep the National Parks happy please remove any chocks and debris left behind.



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Wed 2 May			SCC meeting, Memorial Hall					
TI	nu 3 May Solva Cinema presents "Murder on the Orient Express (12A), Memorial Hall					emorial Hall	7.30 pm	
Fr	ri 4-Sat 12 May	4-Sat 12 May St Davids & Solva Art Group Exhibition, Oriel y Parc (starts lunchtime on 4th) 9.3						
М	Ion 7 May RNLI fundraiser, Bishops Palace, St Davids						All day	
Thu 10 May Sol			olva WI meeting and talk "Seaside Gardening", Memorial Hall				2 pm	
Tue 15 May SM			MHMC AGM, Memorial Hall				6 pm	
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Sun 20 May Sol		Solv	olva "Village Clean-Up" event, Football Club				10 am	
Thu 24 May AEI		AEI	O Training, Memorial Hall				3 pm & 6 pm	
Fr	i 25 May	Perennial Gardens skills day - Willow Garden Structures, Llanrhian Road, St Davids						
Sun 27 May		The Raft Race, Trinity Quay					Entries 3.30 pm	
Mon 28 May		Parc y Capel fete, Parc y Capel					2 pm	
Thu 31 May		Localgiving appeal closes						
May		Church services - please see page 2						
May		Oriel y Parc events please see page 5						
Thu 7 Jun		Solva Cinema presents "Call me by my Name (15) TBC, Memorial Hall					7.30 pm	
S	un 10 Jun	Daisybus gardens Wellbeing Garden Party & 16-17 June Solva Open Gardens						
DAY / TIME			REGULAR EVENTS	LO	CATION	CONTACT		
	10.00 - 11.00 am		Solva Tai Chi	Mei	morial Hall	Fey: 720889		
М	10.30 - 12.30 pm		Coffee & Chat	Cap	oel Ucha	Grace Davies:	721533	
IVI	2.30 pm 7.00 - 9.00 pm		Welsh Conversation Class	•	oel Ucha	Grace Davies:	721533	
			Solva Youth Club		tball Club			
~	7.00 - 8.30 pm	1	Singing for Fun	Mei	morial Hall	Anne Hughes	07742 576031	
_	10.00 - 12.00 pm		Wellness/Nutrition Club		Bryn Seion	Helen Hammo		
Т	6.30 - 7.30 pm		Fit4Life		morial Hall	Helen Platel: 0	7920 197317	
~	9.00 pm		Tony's Big Time Bingo	Har	bour Inn		→	
	12.30 pm		Solva Senior Citizen's Luncheon Club	Mei	morial Hall			

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	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Fit4Life	Memorial Hall	Helen Platel: 07920 197317			
	9.00 pm	Tony's Big Time Bingo	Harbour Inn				
W	12.30 pm	Solva Senior Citizen's Luncheon Club	Memorial Hall	v			
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Solva Craft Club	Football Club	Maggie:720478/Jean:929351			
	6.00 pm	Youth Rowing Club	Trinity Quay	Steve Probert: 07970 063074			
	9.00 pm	Quiz Night / Open the Box with Dai Ball	Harbour Inn				
	10.30 - 11.30 am	St Davids Pilates - Intermediate mat work	Memorial Hall	Pip Marsh: 720314			
	10.30 - 12 noon	Coffee Morning (+ Mini library, Shalom Charity collection / 2 nd Thurs/month), Memorial Hall					
Т	2.00 pm	Solva W I (2nd Thursday of month)	Memorial Hall	Kathryn: 721283			
	2.30 pm	Word searchers Bible Study Group	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies: 721533			
	6.00 pm	Rowing Club	Trinity Quay	Steve Probert: 07970 063074			
	7.30 pm	Solva Cinema (1st Thursday of month)	Memorial Hall				
F	2 - 4 pm	Solva Care - Senior Group Music & Movement, Memorial Hall Lena Dixon 07805 717556					
S	TBA	Sunday Church Services (St Aidans & Whitchurch) See new rotas at either church.					
	10.30 am	Sunday Service	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies: 721533			
	8.30 pm	Barry's Fun Quiz & Raffle	Royal George				
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Family bug hunts at the Bug Farm

Wednesdays & Saturdays 2 - 3 pm. Come on a mini-beast adventure! Using the latest bug-hunting kit. Weather dependent! Children £4, Adults free. Suitable for ages 4+ All children (4 - 15) must be accompanied by an adult. For more info: 07966 956357

192029Q Gardening & Wildlife Club

Roch Village Hall and venues 2 - 4 pm 1st Thursday in the month (April - December) Please phone for events and outings All Welcome

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