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"Solva Remembers" "Solfach yn Cofio"

The events in the village that led up to Remembrance Sunday's service at the cenotaph have been phenomenal. Commemorative services were held throughout the year in



and around Solva, remembering those lost in battle. Exhibitions were staged simultaneously to bring to life the events that occurred a hundred years ago. Finally on Saturday 10 November groups, societies, clubs and individuals created a special event in the Memorial Hall with drama, music and poetry to demonstrate that Solva did indeed remember. Thanks must go to 14th Signal Regiment, Bay View Stores, Capel Ucha, Mamgu's Welshcakes, SADS & YSADS, Solva Care Friday Club, Solva Community Council, Solva Community Cinema Club, Solva Craft Group, Solva Heritage Society, Solva Women's Institute, Solva Youth Club, The Church in Wales and numerous individuals who worked tirelessly to make everything come together. Thank you.

Solva Memorial Hall - Update

Solva Memorial Hall was built in 1812 as a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel - the second non-conformist place of worship in Solva, after Zion Chapel (Capel Ucha') in 1798. Many more followed: the Calvinistic Methodist Chapel in 1815; the Baptist (Capel Bach) in 1816; Mount Pleasant in 1864; and finally Capel y Cwm in 1887. Prior to this, records show there had been



a Vicar in Whitchurch since 1351, which is where the inhabitants of Solva would have worshipped. The village grew, its population increased and St Aidans church opened in 1879 in Solva as a "chapel of ease". The Wesleyan Methodist chapel became a British school, which eventually merged with the national school, located above the memorial cross, but the additional places of worship plus the moving of the school meant that it struggled in the 1890s and eventually closed in 1903. After WW1 monies were raised for a Memorial Hall. In 1921 foundation stones were laid for a rear extension (Main Hall) of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and it opened in 1922. Today Solva Memorial Hall is busy and active, catering for a host of activities in the village. It can be hired for both private and commercial functions: wedding receptions, dinner dances, parties, concerts, meetings, training and conferences, community events, art classes, exhibitions, fashion shows, dances, fitness classes and stage / cinema productions. It is a fantastic venue and the charges are very reasonable. New contact details: phone: 07943175485 email: solvahall@btinternet.com, website: solvamemorialhall.co.uk.

New Houses

With the advent of new Council houses coming to Solva, in the near future, anyone who wishes to be considered for one of these properties is required to be registered on the Choice Based Lettings housing list. Please contact PCC and its website for details.



Open birthday invitation

Don't forget Betty Temple's 100th birthday celebration at the Harbour Inn on Wednesday 5 December, from 3pm onwards. Please come along and make the day special for her.









We started our November meeting early to enjoy lunch - Four members each made a soup and all were declared delicious. This was followed by coffee and a large box of chocolates which disappeared very quickly!



The meeting included various Pembrokeshire Federation items and reminders including the Dewisland Carol Service, being hosted by Menevia WI at Ebenezer Chapel, on Sunday 2 December and the mini-consultative meeting at Camrose on Monday 3 December. Four members are going to Denman College on Wednesday 5 December to enjoy "Advent in Oxford".

Our Annual Meeting followed, with reports from the committee and the President. We agreed that it had been a busy and enjoyable year and not much quieter than our Centenary Year in 2017! After some discussion it was agreed that we would have a President, with two Vice Presidents to share the load. We have replacements for Secretary & Treasurer, and a new member on the committee - a good start for the coming year. Our next meeting on Thursday 13 December includes a Christmas tea with food supplied by members and there'll be 1 or 2 games! Please remember items for PATCH. We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 18 December at the Cambrian Inn - meal choices to be made at the December meeting.

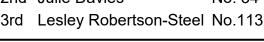
Solva Community Christmas Fair x 2

A reminder that the Solva Community Christmas Fair will take place in Lower Solva on both Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 12 December, starting at 5.30pm. There will be stalls showcasing a range of products, music, games for the children and an Elf Hunt. Also you and your little ones can meet Santa in his Grotto! Anyone interested in donating items for the Christmas Hamper or Christmas Bottle Stall please contact Jo Gibbins at the Bay View Stores.

Parc-y-Capel 100 club

November Draw winners were:

1st Rhian Perry No.10 £50 2nd Julie Davies No. 34 £30 £20



Parc y Capel - Carols & Magic!

Community Carol singing will take place in Parc y Capel on Wednesday 19 December at 5.30pm. Everyone most welcome. Mulled wine, mince pies, tea, coffee etc. will be served in the Memorial Hall. Special attraction - a magic show!

Capel Ucha

The Capel Ucha carol service will be held on Sunday 23 December at 4 pm, and the Christmas Day Morning service will begin at 9.30 am.



The second draw of the Solva Churches 100+club for 2018/19

took place on Sunday 7 October at the Harvest Festival.

The lucky winners were:

1st Camilla Youde (No 1) £70 2nd Annette John (No 72) £45 3rd Jane Wilde (No 98) £30 Next draw will be held at the Christmas

Tree Festival on Sunday 2 December.



1st Sunday of every month from 10.30am onwards.

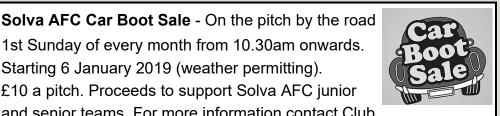
Starting 6 January 2019 (weather permitting).

Don't Forget the New Year's Day Treasure Hunt. Starting at Bay View Stores 10 - 10.30am and finishing in the Ship Inn.



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

£10 a pitch. Proceeds to support Solva AFC junior and senior teams. For more information contact Club Secretary on 0795242589 or email solvaafc@gmail.com. Contact Kathryn 01437 721283



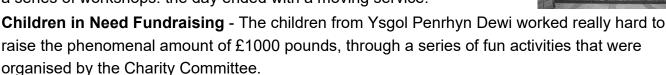
Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi

On what was probably the best sunset evening of the year, the Children from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi, together with schools from the surrounding area, took part in the "Adders are Amazing" Parade up at



St Davids Airfield. They had the opportunity to parade the incredible adder they made. On the same day the TV legend lolo Williams visited the school to inspire the children with his talk and enthusiasm for the project. What an exceptional day!

Remembrance Commemorations - Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi took part in a very special day at St Davids Cathedral commemorating the events of WW1. The event, supported by the Royal School of Church Music involved a series of workshops: the day ended with a moving service.



Solva Navy Connection - Max Fulthorpe, aged 20, has recently completed his initial training at HMS Raleigh - the top recruit of his intake. After 10 weeks RN intensive training, Max is now undertaking a 32 week Marine Engineering course at HMS Sultan, Portsmouth, prior to his first deployment. Well done Max!



Children's disco - Friday 4 January - 5.30 - 7 pm

A special New Year's disco will be held for 3 - 12 yr olds in Solva Memorial Hall on Friday 4 January. Parents are welcome to come and stay: children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Hot dogs, snacks, teas & coffees will be available to buy.



Bug Farm - Winter Fayre - Sunday 16 December 10:30am - 4:30pm.

Free Entry for residents of St Davids and Solva! Please bring proof of postcode. Wonderful local craft stalls for all your last minute Christmas presents, face painting, up-close sessions available for those curious about bugs, plus a free taster of mulled wine. The Grub Kitchen will be open for hot coffees and cakes or enjoy one of Grub's delicious roast dinners. Despite the rumours, it's not just bugs!

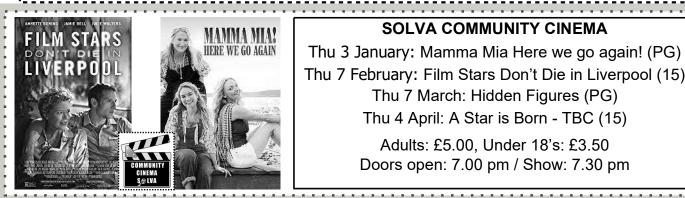
Carols in the Hall - On Thursday 20 December Coffee Morning will be hosting the Solva Singing for Fun group, singing festive carols and Christmas favourites. Carols, Coffee and Chat - the perfect combination!



Christmas Dinner Dance - Tickets are going fast for the dinner dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 15 December. Make your choice before you book:-Turkey Wellington, Christmas Beef Cassoulet or Blue cheese & Vegetable Wellington. BYO beverages please. Dancing to the fabulous "Curveballs" band.



Tickets: £22.50 pp. Please contact David on 07717 783492 or email solvahall@btinternet.com.



SOLVA COMMUNITY CINEMA

Thu 3 January: Mamma Mia Here we go again! (PG) Thu 7 February: Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool (15) Thu 7 March: Hidden Figures (PG)

Thu 4 April: A Star is Born - TBC (15)

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

St Davids & Solva Surgeries NHS Wales Awards 2018

In June 2017, St. Davids Surgery and Solva Surgery began co-piloting a Health Board study to introduce Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings



(MDTs) within Practices, with the aim of providing quicker, more holistic and better co-ordinated care. Hywel Dda University Health Board nominated the pilot for an NHS Wales Award 2018 in the 'Working Seamlessly Across Organisations' category – it was shortlisted to the final 3 out of over 70 nominations in this category, and a group of representatives from the various disciplines attended the Awards ceremony in Cardiff in September 2018. Since the end of the pilot study, both Practices have continued the MDT meetings, having seen the benefit to their patients of this way of working.

Church in Wales forthcoming services

Sunday 2 December - Christmas Tree Festival Service St Aidans with Goodwick Community Brass band at 4pm Sunday 9 December - Holy Eucharist St Aidans at 9.30am Sunday 16 December - 9 lessons and Carols St Aidans at 6pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday 23 December - Holy Eucharist St Aidans at 9.30am Sunday 30 December - Joint LMA Service - Songs of Praise with Carols Llanrhian church at 10.30am

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

Monday 24 December - Midnight Mass St Aidans at 10pm

Tuesday 25 December - Holy Eucharist St Davids Brawdy at 8am

Tuesday 25 December - Holy Eucharist St Davids Whitchurch at 9.30am

The services for January will be displayed in the porch of St Aidans when they are published.

Solva Heritage Society

The society has had a very busy year supporting the nationwide commemoration of the end of WW1. There have been two exhibitions in Capel Ucha featuring the people and places in Solva 100 years ago and six exhibitions in St Aidans Church showing a timeline of events and telling the stories of Jutland, The Somme, Ypres, Gallipoli and the last, for Sunday 11 November, combining all the new information, in booklets and



files, gathered about Solva men and families involved. Gratitude is extended to the researchers. There is now a comprehensive digital record of our village at this time; but there are always new things to discover, so please keep sharing anything that might build on the records of our past.

Oriel y Parc Christmas Market

Saturday 1 December 10am - 4pm. Free entry and Parking. A unique shopping event including stalls from local producers and craft makers. Festive food and drink available in our café and a live music performance from Tempus choir



Solva Community Council will meet on Wednesday 5 December 2018 at 7pm in Solva Memorial Hall.

Items on the agenda will include:

- New Council Houses in Solva
- New equipment Upper Play Park
- Review of Community Action Plan
- Whitchurch Church Cemetery
- SCC Draft Budget and Precept 2019/20
- Finance report
- Planning applications
- Local concerns

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

> Childcare in Solva - Wyncliffe Childcare has two locations; the

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learning environment – a forest!

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info.wyncliffechildcare@gmail.com

of different sessions available for

working parents. Both linked to

are also run. More info at:

12pm-1pm. Santa's Grotto will be open 10.30am - 3.30pm at £2 per child including a gift.

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

On Tuesday 13 November Sue and Mollie travelled to Builth Wells to give a talk on the Solva Care "toolkit" at the Rural Health Conference. Solva Care received funding from the Health Board to write the "toolkit", which is intended for other communities thinking of setting up a similar initiative. Each chapter is presented by "Long John Solva" cartoons drawn by Ian Macdonald. Please check

Eluned Morgan AM, Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning, visited, along with BBC Wales, the coffee morning held at Solva Memorial Hall, on Thursday 1 November to meet local residents and Solva Care volunteers. Solva Care received some well deserved publicity which was broadcast the following Thursday.

out the Solva Care website to see the others!

the forthcoming Weekend of commemorative activities.

At the Friday Club on 2 November Nadia provided expert tuition and materials for previously made clay sea creature models and members, including 3 year old Hannah, painted them in colourful designs. At the same session Brenda gave a fascinating talk about care of hearing, telling us about her work with children, properties of the ears and suggestions for prevention. Over twenty members of the Friday Club attended these successful established sessions. WW1 Commemorations: Mamgu's Welshcake Cafe helped members make their own Welsh Cakes and also, along with Jane and Brenda, members decorated poppies and provided Welsh Cakes for

On Friday 16 November Tony (Country and Western band), was unable to play due to a hip operation. Our activities specialist Helen Morris provided exercise routines and craft activities for the whole session. Many thanks to all volunteers and presenters for their expertise, time and care, especially Helen who stepped in at short notice. See "What's On" for more Friday club attractions. Tuesday 13 November was a busy day for Solva Care! As well as Sue and Mollie's visit to Builth

Wells, Lesley attended the Ageing Well in Wales, Dementia Friendly Communities event in Hermon, Enid represented Solva Care at the WAG Conversations on Loneliness in Carmarthen and Lena did a talk to the Ladies' Circle at the Ebenezer Chapel in Haverfordwest. Phew!

Solva Surgery

On Friday 7 December Solva Surgery will be closed between 12.30 - 3.30pm for staff training. Opening hours for Christmas Bank Holiday:

Monday 24 December Usual Opening Hours (doors close at 4.30 pm)

Tuesday 25 December CLOSED (Christmas Day) Wednesday 26 December CLOSED (Boxing Day) Thursday 27 December **Usual Opening Hours** Friday 28 December **Usual Opening Hours** Monday 31 December **Usual Opening Hours** Tuesday 1 January 2019 CLOSED (Bank Holiday)

The Mobile Library

will visit Solva on Friday 7 December. Opposite St Aidans Church from 1 - 1.30pm

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A DOCTOR ON CALL WHEN THE SURGERY IS CLOSED In an EMERGENCY. Please telephone 01437 721306.

Dog fouling in the surgery grounds

There is an on-going issue of dog fouling in the surgery grounds. The gardener is forever picking up dog mess before he can start work. Not only has the mess been discovered in the grounds, but just outside the windows of the surgery! This practice of letting your dog WI POULING foul the area and not disposing of it is not only disgusting but a danger to patients visiting the practice. The surgery is now putting into operation a system to lookout for the culprits.

Edge Festival - Party time!

To celebrate the end of a glorious year for the Edge Festival we are holding a Christmas party in the Harbour Inn on Saturday 8 December, starting at 7 pm. The Edge Festival is Solva. Solva people run it and over £10,000 was raised for the community of Solva and the north peninsula. We also celebrate the success of our bid to become a charity, confirmed in September. The Edge can only go from strength to strength! There will be a massive Christmas buffet feast and music will be provided by 'Sorted' - the Ska band who have blown the roof off all the gigs they've played at this year. So if you fancy a fine festive night come and join us. Tickets are £14 - please let Ifor Thomas know, so we can get a handle on numbers: 07971038643. Or purchase a ticket from Josh Phillips at the Harbour Inn.

Gin news - Solva Gin is taking the world of craft gin by storm, demand has grown since this year's Edge Festival such that a separate company has been formed to handle the business. So Solva now has its very own Solva Gin Company, with all profits going towards the Edge Festival and therefore the people of Solva. The gin is marketed in a striking bottle with an illustration by Solva boy Connor Stephens.

This eye-catching design of a fisherman (is it Willie Bach?) wending his way along the Quay has attracted very favourable comments and helped sales as far away as London.

The gin itself has unique flavours of black tea, bergamot and gorse flower and connoisseurs can't get enough. Make sure you purchase a bottle or two for Christmas. It will make a great gift even if you are not a gin fan. Contact Josh at the Harbour Inn to order a bottle.

Solva Rowing Club

Solva Rowing and Watersports Club will hold its annual Frostbite rowing race on Saturday 29 December. 11 am entries for 12 noon start. Everyone welcome. Look out for posters in the pubs and around the village early December.

Mosaic group

The latest mosaic master classes are going well. Soon you will see the flower trough outside the Memorial Hall decorated with flowers, the centre piece - fittingly - being beautiful red poppies.



Pointz Castle Farm Ice cream parlour Christmas Fair - Sunday 2 December 11am - 5.30pm. The busy gelato ice cream elves have produced a delicious range of flavoured ice creams themed around Christmas. These can be found at the Fair along with Santa's Grotto. Lots of festive fun and plenty of ice cream!



Solva Boat Owners Association

- By popular demand the Annual SBOA function will take place at Crug Glas on the Saturday 9 March 2019. Tickets will be usual price £30. Look out for details. John Griffiths will be looking after the bookings.
- Quay road was initially going to be re surfaced 9-11 December but due to pressure of work from flooding, this has been pushed back to a date to be advised.
- Please note maintenance work is being carried out on Trinity Quay up to Christmas.
- Cafe on the Quay will open on New Year's day for the village Treasure Hunt. Opening times for 2019 will be displayed in the New Year.

RNLI Shop St Davids

The shop will not be open between 17-31 December, due to stocktaking. It will re-open on Tuesday 1 January 2019. For Volunteers there will be a training/refresher session at the beginning of February, in time for the busy February half term.

WHAT'S ON

Sat 1 Dec	Oriel y Parc Christmas Market, Oriel y Parc, St Davids 10.30 am - 3.30 pr			
Sat 1 Dec	enior Citizens' Christmas Lunch, Memorial Hall 12.30 pm			
Sun 2 Dec	Pointz Castle Ice Cream parlour Christmas Fair, Pointz Castle farm, Penycwm 11 am - 5.30 pm			
Sun 2 Dec	Christmas Tree Festival Service, St Aidans Church	4 pm		
Tue 4 Dec	Solva Christmas Fair, Lower Solva	5.30 pm >		
Wed 5 Dec	Betty Temple's 100th Birthday Party, Harbour Inn	For Church services 3 pm >		
Wed 5 Dec	Solva Community Council meeting, Memorial Hall	7 pm		
Fri 7 Dec	Mobile Library visit, opposite St Aidans Church	1 - 1.30 pm		
Sat 8 Dec	Edge Festival Christmas party, Harbour Inn	For Solva Surgery 7 pm		
Wed 12 Dec	Solva Christmas Fair, Lower Solva	Christmas opening 5.30 pm >		
Thu 13 Dec	Solva WI meeting, Memorial Hall	hours see page 5 2 pm		
Sat 15 Dec	Christmas Dinner Dance, Memorial Hall	7 pm - MN		
Sun 16 Dec	Bug Farm Winter Fayre, The Bug Farm, nr St Davids	Bug Farm, nr St Davids 10.30 am -4.30 pm		
17 -31 Dec	RNLI Shop St Davids (closed), St Davids RNLI station			
Wed 19 Dec	Parc y Capel Carols & Magic, Parc y Capel, Memorial Hall	5. 30 pm		
Thu 20 Dec	'Carols and Coffee' Morning, Memorial Hall	10.30 am - 12 noon		
Sun 23 Dec	Capel Ucha Carol service, Capel Ucha	4 pm		
Tue 25 Dec	Capel Ucha Christmas morning service, Capel Ucha	9.30 pm		
Sat 29 Dec	Solva Rowing Club "Frostbite Race", Trinity quay	entries 11 am, Start 12 noon		
Tue 1 Jan	New Year's Day Treasure Hunt, start at Bay View Stores	10-10.30 am		
Thu 3 Jan	Solva Cinema presents: "Mamma Mia Here we go again!"	(PG), Memorial Hall 7.30 pm		
Fri 4 Jan	Children's disco, Memorial hall	5.30 am - 7 pm		
Sun 6 Jan	Solva AFC Car Boot Sale, football pitch by the road (weath	ner permitting) 10.30 am		

D	AY / TIME	REGULAR EVENTS	LOCATION	CONTACT
	10.00 - 11.00 am	Solva Tai Chi	Memorial Hall	Fey: 720889
	10.30 - 12.30 pm	Coffee & Chat	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies: 721533
M	2.30 pm	Welsh Conversation Class	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies: 721533
	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Solva Youth Club	Football Club	
	7.00 - 8.30 pm	Singing for Fun	Memorial Hall	Anne Hughes 07742 576031
Ť	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Fit4Life	Memorial Hall	Helen Platel: 07920 197317
<u> </u>	12.30 pm	Solva Senior Citizen's Luncheon Club	Memorial Hall	
W	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Solva Craft Club	Football Club	Maggie:01437 720478
	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	
<u> </u>	8.00 pm	Quiz at the Ship	Ship 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		
_	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
<u>~</u>	7.30 pm	Solva Cinema (1st Thursday of month)	Memorial Hall	
F	10.00 -12 noon	Solva Care "Drop-in Surgery" (all welcome) Solva Surgery	Lena Dixon 07805 717556
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Solva Care "Friday Club" Activities	Memorial Hall	Lena Dixon 07805 717556
	TBA	Sunday Church Services (St Aidans & Whitchurch) See new rotas at either church.		
S	10.30 am	Sunday Service	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies: 721533
	8.30 pm	Barry's Fun Quiz & Raffle	Royal George	

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