SOLVA NEWS

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Edge Festival - We are now in the run up to the Fifth Edge Festival. The bands have been booked,



as have the writers and workshop providers. It will be the biggest festival to date on 2,3,4 August. Tickets are going well and more food outlets have asked to have an opportunity to feed our festival goers with everything from beefy burgers to vegan delights with wood fired pizza in between.

Our star act has been nominated for the best Tribute act in the UK and for the first time the bands will perform in front of a 5m wide video screen.

The community makes this festival, no-one reaps any personal benefit, all the

profits go into deserving projects and towards supporting the ambitions of our young people. We thank all our personal and commercial sponsors, if you want to make a donation let us know. If you want to volunteer for any of the numerous tasks which range from collecting car park money to guarding the gate, again, please let us know: phone Ifor on 079710 38643. There is no payment for working as a volunteer at the festival but the rewards are immense!

Summer Dinner Dance - Saturday 13 July - Memorial Hall

Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes - Dinner & Dance for the Provincial Grand Primo's appeal in aid of Solva Care. A three course dinner with wine, singer, bar and raffle, starting 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets £25 pp from P.G.P Ken Trice on 01437 729191.

In addition, a coastal path walk, from Porth Gain to Solva (approx 20 miles) will take place on Saturday 22 June (weather permitting), with Arnold Boorman and friends.

If you would like to sponsor the group (or join them), phone Arnold on 01437 729346. All funds raised in aid of Solva Care.



Solva August Regatta - Sunday 11 August, entries:11am, racing starts:1pm.

Mosaic group

The outside of the Hall has been transformed by beautiful mosaic panels and a lick of paint in toning colours. Thanks to all who have made this fantastic transformation possible - with mosaics under the inspirational teaching of Maddie and Penny. Now the trough has been planted with flowers we will soon hold a celebration to mark this latest achievement by



our growing number of local mosaic artists. Look out for that date. Due to popular demand mosaic classes are to become a regular fixture in the calendar of Solva. All welcome to put forward ideas for the next project by contacting Sue: 07817 410782 or Penny: 01437 720901.









Scarecrow Trail 2019 - Sunday 11 and Monday 12 August.

The theme this year is: Musicals (Stage or screen). Sign up for your Musicals related Scarecrows. First come, first served as far as choice of character/theme is concerned. Contact Fran at 07377 059265 (text or message) or email fran34hb@gmail.com





Solva WI

The May meeting was held in the Hall on Thursday 9 May. The business included ideas from members on how best to use a very generous bequest from the estate of INSPIRING WOMEN Mrs Marilyn Davies to the best advantage of all members of Solva WI. An early

Summer outing to Penrallt Garden Centre was arranged for Wednesday 15 May and a visit to the Wildlife Centre, near Cardigan, was suggested for Wednesday 3 July. Voting took place for the resolution to be discussed at the NFWI AGM in June. The majority was in favour of "Don't Fear the Smear", with a unanimous vote in favour of "A call against the decline in local bus services". Our link delegate will be informed. The speaker was the ever informative and amusing Sheena Crossley, who brought a bag full of interesting herb samples for members to look at, smell and take home for cuttings to grow. The vote of thanks was given by Jilly Missen. Mary Haughton will organise a competition for the September meeting for the Jean Platt Trophy. Book Club & the weekly walk will take place as usual.

The May Flower of the month competition was won by Margaret Robinson and will be held again in September & October. There were various reminders about forthcoming events

and we will be entering the Scarecrow Competition in August.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13 June at 2pm in the Hall after which we will leave to visit St Davids Lifeboat Station.





Church in Wales Services for June are as follows:

Sunday 2 June Holy Eucharist @ St Aidans Solva 9.90 Sunday 9 June Morning Worship @St Aidans Solva 9.30

Sunday 16 June Holy Eucharist @ St Davids Whitchurch 9.30 Sunday 23 June Holy Eucharist @ Solva 11.30

Sunday 30 June Joint LMA Service @ St Lawrence Church 11.00 A full list of LMA services can be found on the GDLMA web page.

Church Fete & Fun Dog show - 1 August, 2pm at Parc y Capel

St Davids Play group - new day & time: Wed 12.30 -2.30pm. Bring your little ones to play - crafts tea and socialise at St Davids Scout Hut. £1 per session. Term time only. Newborns-4 yrs. Gayle 07870 289530 or Lucinda 07969 669989.

Advent Windows

Many thanks to all who attended the presentation on 9 May to learn more about our proposal to light up the village during Advent this year. Please keep thinking of ideas and spread the word. There is no limit to the number of windows; it is not a competition and not a fund-raiser. It's just for fun and to brighten the winter evenings. Also ideas for a title would be welcome... e.g. Shining Solva, Sparkling Solva or something much better!



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

SOLVA COMMUNITY CINEMA

Thu 6 June: Mission Impossible – Fallout (12) Thu 4 July: Mary Queen of Scots (15) Thu 1 Aug: Bohemian Rhapsody (12A) Thu 5 Sep: Crazy Rich Asians (12)

> Adults: £5.00; Under 18's: £3.50 Doors open: 7pm / Show: 7:30pm



Thursday 4 July

Solva Community Council

SCC will meet on Wednesday 5

- June at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Items on the agenda: Dog Fouling - Enforcement officers debate
- Action Plan to reduce Solva's carbon emissions to net zero by 2030
- PCC Community Development Project (Transfer of Non-Statutory Services)
- Solva Community Land Trust
- Solva Community Tourism Initiative
- Community Crime Watch Scheme
- Memorial Benches Motion to use PCNPA benches in car park
- Solva Logo competition
- Play & Skate Parks
- AFC project
- Solva Path Project
- Finance report
- Planning applications
- Local concerns

Members of the local community who wish to attend. Please inform SCC Clerk Bruce Payne on 07890 987259.

Solva Precept Pressure

Once again the primary focus for last year was the devolution of non-statutory services as a result of the continuing budget restrictions within Pembrokeshire County Council. Solva Community Council

is already paying PCC for delivery of Youth Services at an annual cost of £3,155 otherwise this service would have been lost!



Community Awards

This year saw the inauguration of the Solva Community awards, a chance for our village



to recognise those who have given their time willingly and freely to enhance the quality of life in Solva:-Outstanding Community Volunteer: Brenda Lloyd, Carol Ann Jones, Rebecca Wright and Jimmy Young. Outstanding Youth Champion: Jane Wilde. Outstanding Community Fundraiser: Lindsey Richards.

Outstanding Contribution to Solva Life: Mollie Roach.

Climate Change Emergency

We believe that Solva Community Council is the first community/town council in Pembrokeshire to declare a #ClimateEmergency following Welsh Government and Westminster's declarations. We must act now and we will:

- Pledge to do what is within our powers to make Solva carbon neutral by 2030;
- Call on Welsh Government to provide the powers and resources necessary for Solva to achieve target;
- Address how individuals, families, organisations and businesses understand local and global challenges;
- Develop a community-led Action Plan to reduce Solva's carbon emissions to net zero by 2030;
- Report within six months with that Action Plan, outlining the leadership role Solva Community Council will take to achieve this Carbon Neutral Commitment;
- Ask PCC and the Welsh government for help to bring this plan to fruition;
- Investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment.

Solva Community Council AGM

This year the AGM placed a distinct emphasis on children's involvement. The first half of the session was given over to a consultation where local children were given the opportunity to voice their opinions on the proposals for both the upper and lower play parks. The main part of the AGM was given over to



hearing reports on the community council's various activities over the year, summarised by Chair, Josh Phillips. We also had a presentation from the Head of Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi who emphasised the importance of Solva school as part of the educational delivery for the north Pembrokeshire peninsula. School Numbers were projected to increase but some voluntary redundancies would be unavoidable because of tight budgets. Mark Carter, our County Councillor, undertook to chase up progress on the projected development of the football field. Ifor Thomas outlined the benefits of carrying out the project as a Community Land Trust, which would mean the community would own the housing in perpetuity and also gain income. The meeting was enthusiastic in supporting this initiative. A long meeting concluded with light refreshments ably provided by Wendy Wright.

St Davids Church Whitchurch

Last year the Community Council clarified its maintenance responsibility for the old graveyard with the Church of Wales. Deeds were reviewed and they confirmed the ancient burial ground was transferred by the Welsh Church Commissioners to the Parish Council of Whitchurch (Solva) on 12 December 1927.



The community council has now allocated an annual budget of £500 for urgent work in the old graveyard – this will be overseen by a community council sub-committee headed by Joe Griffin.

Solva Heritage Society

Our collection of Solva, Past and Present is growing. Thank you to those who have already offered sight of their collections for scanning. We apologise for the delay in accepting your invitations. Your support is greatly appreciated and we will be as quick as we can. We are working to produce a "picture-show" evening in July. If you can help to build our record of Solva 2019 - 20, please send your photos to solvaheritage62@gmail.com.



Shalom House

A HUGE thank you to Mayor Mike Chant and the virtuoso artists who performed at the Mayor's Concert in St Davids Cathedral on the evening of 26 April. Thank you also to the Dean and staff at the Cathedral for their support, including all the stewards on the night - in total they raised £1429.59



for Shalom House. It was a real treat to hear such talented local songwriters and musicians perform in the Cathedral. Shalom House also hosted an afternoon tea and silent auction at Twr Y Felin Hotel on Sunday 19 May, with special guest author Professor Mererid Hopwood. Prizes for the Silent Auction were kindly donated by The Retreats Group, Mererid Hopwood and Reinvention Hair and the total event raised a fantastic £1,498 in aid of Shalom House. Plans are now being made for the launch of Shalom House's 2019 Coastal Path Challenge. More details available on Shalom House's facebook page soon. Also in July we plan to run a Shalom Treasure Hunt in St Davids for children and families. More details soon. If any businesses are interested in being involved in or supporting the Treasure Hunt please contact info@shalomstdavids.org.uk

Bin Bags

As of 1 June 2019 when visiting the Waste & Recycling Centres (WRC) all bagged materials will be opened and checked to show they do not contain any recycling items. Only non-recyclable items will be allowed in the general waste skip.

Did you know that over 40% of waste thrown in the general waste container at our WRC could have been either recycled or reused? Pembrokeshire Council needs to increase the amount that we recycle to meet Welsh Government targets. If we miss these targets, we will be fined. We currently recycle 60% of our waste, but we need to recycle 64% by next year and 70% by 2024/25. Further information: 01437 764551 / www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/wastechanges

Raul Speek Gallery Summer Events - Please see "What's On" listings on page 7

The return of... Fishy Tales (2)

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water...

Saturday 22 June, 6.30 for 7pm at Haroldston House; an entertaining evening listening to stories and legends of the sea - around Solva and farther afield - including finger food (there will be a cash bar). All proceeds to the Edge Festival. Booking essential, tickets £10,

by emailing stay@haroldstonhouse.co.uk, or calling into Haroldston House, 29 High Street, Solva



SA62 6TE or by messaging @HaroldstonHouse







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News: "Senior Solutions" - Calling Senior Residents

Later years bring with them unforeseen day to day problems. Our aim is to help each other out with some simple solutions. Following Luncheon Club on Wednesday 12 June there will be a short presentation by a senior member of the community to combat one of these problems. If you can stay behind for half an hour or join us if you don't normally attend Luncheon Club you may learn something to your advantage. Any future ideas would also be very welcome. Hope to see you there!

Friday Club - started the new term with Helen's expertly delivered musical quiz, bird sound identification and gentle movement. The following week Tom Thumb enthused and amazed us with his incredible magic tricks and piano

playing. The Solva Ukulele Pirates also serenaded the audience once again, enabling everyone to sing, play musical instruments and join in the locomotion in the snake.

Last month members of Solva Care visited The Pharmacy Cafe for tea and scones - delicious! - and this month on Friday 7 June there will be Ceri's craft and Helen's gentle movement in the hall.

Rosita will entertain us singing with her guitar followed by Helen on 14 June. Christine will be making coasters with us on 21 June and Carol Ann's Beetle Drive will take place in the second half. The Solva Ukulele Pirates will be performing on 28 June, along with Brenda's line dancing. All welcome.



TYF Adventure in St Davids is working with the City Council and local businesses to create multiple water refill stations throughout the community. Offering free tap water to help visitors reduce the number of plastic bottles that often end up in landfill or on our beaches! Individual action = global impact. Together the community-based Refill Schemes have put thousands of Refill Stations on the map, working in their local community and helping to stop millions of plastic bottles at source.



PCC Recovery of Community Council Election Costs

PCC confirmed in 2018 that SCC must raise sufficient funds to pay for the 2022 Elections and any By-Elections from April 2018. This applies to all other Town and Community Councils. The actual Cost for Solva Community Council in the contested May 2017 local elections was £4,374.90. SCC aims to raise £5,000 by April 2022. In addition, PCC wishes to seek SCC support for other non-statutory services which otherwise might be at risk of being withdrawn. These include:

- Public toilets in the lower car park
- The provision of Public Liability Insurance for the Playparks in Lower and Upper Solva
- Grounds Maintenance of Public open spaces at:

A487 bank opposite St Aidans Church - War Memorial - Upper Solva Play area - Bro Dawel - Bryn Seion and Maes yr Eglwys. Discussions with PCC have already commenced with an aim of agreeing a sustainable way forward by March 2020.

Other devolution matters in 2018 have centred on the community council's decision to proceed with the freehold purchase from PCC of AFC land on which the club house and car park stand. The total capital purchase is £25,880.00. An Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant will cover 80% of the purchase price, and match funding raised by the Edge Festival, Solva AFC and the Community Council will cover the remaining 20%. Page sponsored by Solva Care

Shearwater Community Centre

The Refurbishment of the Solva AFC suffered a set back when, despite being short listed, it failed to win funding under the Community Learning Hub Scheme. It seems therefore, an appropriate time to step

three attempts to hold it in 2018 were foiled by storms.



back and reconsider how to take forward the Shearwater project. We still have planning permission for refurbishment and a small extension but perhaps this is not the best way forward for the community. It's been decided to get a small committee together to reappraise the project. Is it too ambitious or is it perhaps, not ambitious enough? If you think you have something to offer and can bring fresh thinking to bear, why not join us? Get in touch with Ifor Thomas on 07971 038643.

Solva Rowing Club

More than 20 boats – and well over 100 people took part in the Ramsey Island Rowing Race, organised by Solva Rowing and Watersports Club on May 18. The 8-mile route takes in Ramsey Sound, with its notorious Bitches rocks, through a gap wide enough for one boat only, and around the western face of the island exposed to open sea. With potentially treacherous waters, the race can be staged only when suitable weather and tides converge, and

This year the forecast was good...and the weather even better.

The field included 19 Celtic Longboats, a single scull, a double yole and three skis. The winners completed the course in 1 hour and 10 minutes - full results below. There was just 23 minutes separating the first and last boats.

The chairman of Solva Rowing and Watersports Club, Steve Probert, said the event couldn't have gone ahead without the support and contributions of so many people: the safety boat drivers and crews - Derek Rees, Steve Rees, Mark Youde, Peter Sephton and Dan Dafforn; the RNLI lifeguards; Porth Mawr Surf Lifesavers; Whitesands Beach House and the city council in St Davids. Thanks to all the members of Solva SRWC who pulled together to make it so successful.

Results: Overall – 1 Tonnau Glas, Newport, 1.10.27; 2 Kiddles, Llangwm, 1.12.04; 3 Tilly Whim, Aberporth, 1.12.35; Men – 1 Tonnau Glas, 2 Tilly Whim, 3 Ready Oar Knot, Wiseman's Bridge, 1.16.16; Ladies – 1 Dyffryn, Aberporth, 1.12.54; 2 Angharad, Newport, 1.15.26; 3 Ta Keel A, PYC, 1.16.46; Mixed – 1 Kiddles, Llangwm, 1.12.04;

2 Double Dragon, Mumbles, 1.15.56; 3 Ysbryd Aeron, Aberaeron, 1.18.07.

Want to have a go at rowing?

The rowing season runs from March to October. Every Thursday newcomers are welcome at club night rowing from Trinity Quay, Solva, at 6 pm. The first two rows are free. You can start rowing at any age, from 14 upwards, as long as you have a reasonable fitness level. It's a great form of exercise. Kelvin's shed on the quay is the club's base - postcode: SA62 6UQ. Links: www.solvarowingclub.co.uk or @solvarowingclub

The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant

The purpose of the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant, is to use funds, raised via the Second Homes Tax, for new projects that help address the negative impact of second homes, and in doing so add value to our communities. Outcomes are structured around five Well-being Objectives: 1> Raising overall standards of achievement 2> Healthy communities: Communities supported by affordable and appropriate housing; improving social care 3> Increase the economy's productivity and address regeneration issues 4> Safeguarding our environment 5> Self-sustained and vibrant Communities. Grants available for - Community based projects and Strategic projects. For further information, contact the Regeneration Team on 01437 775536 or email

enhancing.pembrokeshire@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

WHAT'S ON					
Sat 1 Jun	Bin Bags checks start at Waste & Recycling Centre	St Davids WRC	10am		
Wed 5 Jun	Solva Community Council meeting	Memorial Hall	6.30pm		
Thu 6 Jun	Solva Cinema: "Mission Impossible - Fallout" (12)	Memorial Hall	7pm		
Fri 7 June	Friday Club - Ceri's crafts & Helen's movement class	Memorial Hall	2-4pm		
Thu 13 Jun	WI meeting followed by visit to St Davids RNLI	Memorial Hall	2pm		
Fri 14 Jun	Friday Club - Rosita sings & Helen guitar sessions	Memorial Hall	2-4pm		
Fri 21 Jun	Friday Club - Carol Ann's Beetle drive	Memorial Hall	2-4pm		
Sat 22 Jun	Return of Fishy Tales 2	Haroldston House	6.30-7pm		
Fri 28 Jun	Friday Club - Solva Ukulele Pirates + Brenda's dancing	Memorial Hall	2-4pm		
Thu 4 Jul	Solva Cinema: "Mary Queen of Scots" (15)	Memorial Hall	7pm		
Sat 13 Jul	RAOB Summer Dinner Dance (in aid of Solva Care)	Memorial Hall	7.30pm		
Wed 17 Jul	Raul Speek talk: Cuban Music	The Old Chapel, Solva	7.30pm		
Sat 27 Jul	Raul Speek - Jazz & Tapas evening	The Old Chapel, Solva	7.30pm		
Thu 1 Aug	Church in Wales fete	Parc y Capel	2pm		
Aug 2,3,4	Edge Festival	The village	All day		
11 & 12 Aug	Solva Scarecrow Trail	The village	10am		
Sun 11 Aug	Solva Regattas - August Regatta	Trinity Quay	11am		
June	Church in Wales services please see page 2				

REGULAR EVENTS

	MEGGE/M EVENTO								
М	10-11am	Solva Tai Chi	Memorial Hall	Fey	01437 720889				
М	10.30am-12.30	Coffee & Chat	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies	01437 721533				
М	2.30pm	Welsh Conversation Class	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies	01437 721533				
М	7-8.30pm	Singing For Fun	Memorial Hall	Anne Hughes	07742 576031				
М	7-9pm Solva Youth Club Football Club								
Т	2-3pm	Gentle Fitness	Memorial Hall	Laura: letswalkpembs@gmail.com					
Т	2pm	Men's Shed	Football Club	Robin Tyler	01437 721558				
Т	6-7pm	Fit4Life	Memorial Hall	Helen Patel	07920 197317				
W	12.30pm	Senior Citizens' Lunch Club	Memorial Hall	Jane Pascoe	01437 721544				
W	2-4pm	Solva Craft Club	Memorial Hall	Maggie	01437 720478				
W	6pm	Youth Rowing Club	Trinity Quay	Steve Probert	07970 063074				
W	8pm	Quiz at the Ship	Ship Inn		01437 721528				
W	9pm	Dai Ball's Quiz/Open the box	Harbour Inn		01437 720013				
Т	10.30-12 noon	Coffee Morning / Mini library	Memorial Hall	Carol Ann	01437 721374				
Т	10.30-11.30am	Pilates	Memorial Hall	Pip Marsh	01437 720314				
T	2pm	Solva WI (2nd Thurs of month)	Memorial Hall	Kathryn	01437 721283				
Т	2.30pm	Bible Study Group	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies	01437 721533				
Т	6pm	Rowing Club	Trinity Quay	Steve Probert	07970 063074				
Т	7.30pm	Solva Cinema (1st Thu/month)	Memorial Hall	Lena Dixon	07905 717556				
F	10-12 noon	Solva Care "Drop-in Surgery"	Solva Surgery	Lena Dixon	07805 717556				
F	2-4 pm	Solva Care "Friday Club"	Memorial Hall	Lena Dixon	07805 717556				
Sn	10.30am	Tabletop sale (1st Sun/month)	Football Club	Medi George	07954 241589				
Sn	10.30am	Church service	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies	01437 721533				
Sn	9.30 / 10.30am	Church in Wales services	St Aidans/Whitchurch	See page 3					
Sn	8.30 pm	Barry's Fun Quiz & Raffle	Royal George	Barry	01437 720002				

Old Pharmacy Tea Rooms - New to Solva! Take a trip down memory lane and sample one of the Old

Pharmacy's ice cream sundaes! Created with Lochmeyler's local ice cream - located only 4 miles away and made with milk from their own farm. Combined with homemade delights from the tearooms, this truly is the best way to welcome in Summer! Pop in now or book your table on 01437 720661.



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