### **SOLVA NEWS**

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#### Mr Craig Young - Mr "Solva" IRONMAN!

Craig competed in the IRONMAN Wales competition on Sunday 15 September, which began on Tenby's North Beach, providing one of the most spectacular swim locations on the race circuit. Then followed challenging bike and running courses, while the athletes were treated to consistent and motivating inspiration from some of the most vocal and enthusiastic spectators! Craig's time was 15:45:24 putting him in 248/280 place and he helped raised £1100 for "Get the Boys A Lift" a not-for-profit



organisation that works to raise mental health awareness among people who are "just about managing", based in Haverfordwest. A fantastic effort from Craig for all those months of training!

Solva Fireworks Display - Friday 1 November (or in case of bad weather on Saturday 2 Nov).

The judging of the Guy competition will take place at 6.30 pm outside the Harbour Inn with the main firework display beginning at 7 pm. The event is free for all to attend and enjoy but its continuation relies on donations, so if you see one of our volunteers with Hi-Vis jacket and official collecting bucket along the way please give anything you can - every penny matters.



In case of bad weather a decision to cancel will be made before 4pm and announced on facebook.

**Guy Competition** - This year we'll be holding a Guy Competition along with the main fireworks event with a first prize £30, 2nd prize £20 and 3rd prize £10. This is a free to enter competition aimed at children (limit of 1 entry per child). The guy should be built of clean, dry materials such as paper, straw etc and brought by the child and supervising adult to the front of the Harbour Inn before 6.15pm on the day, with judging starting at 6.30 pm. No specific theme has been set but it might be wise to avoid anything rude or politically charged. Rules & Regs: any guy unsuitable due to design, construction or representation will be disqualified. The decision of the judges is final and all entrants are asked to take their guy with them after the judging has finished.

### Night Out - "Mountain Music"

We are very pleased to welcome Farnham Maltings back to Solva with a Little Bulb production of Mountain Music. Many of you will remember The Iranian Feast, How to build a Rocket, Miracle on 34th Street and It's a Wonderful Life. Mountain Music traces the story of pioneers from Britain settling in the Appalachian Mountains and how songs from "the old country" took on a new life amidst the new land. The production is on Friday 1 November at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.



Tickets, £10 (£5 for children, students and disabled) please call Carol Ann on 07970 614233.











#### Solva WI

Ahead of our September meeting, a few members very much enjoyed a visit with lunch and a walk at the Cilgerran Wildlife Centre. Jilly Missen was thanked for such a well-organised outing and the rain certainly didn't dampen our spirits!

Our meeting was held in the Hall as usual and, amongst items discussed, were various dates for PFWI events including the Annual Council Meeting on Saturday 23 November and a Miscellany Craft Day on Saturday 9th and Friday 15 November. It had been agreed that our monthly raffle would be for the patchwork quilt which was on show, it was made by Pembrokeshire members to raise funds in order to revamp the Pembrokeshire room at Denman College. Mary Haughton, our President, asked members to consider joining the committee to ensure continuation of Solva WI - the election happens at the Annual Meeting in November which starts at 1pm with a soup lunch.

The "Flower of the Month" was won by Vee Hopkins. After tea, we enjoyed a trio of "fun activities" including a quiz with answers starting with the letters WI, a Bug Bingo and a Dragon Drive.

The winner of the Jean Platt Trophy was Jenny Jones. Mary Haughton was thanked for providing such an entertaining "competition". Our Christmas Dinner is booked for Thursday 5 December at the "Cambrian Inn" in lower Solva.



The next meeting is on Thursday 10 October when Tracy Olin will talk on the work of PATCH.

Pointz Castle Ice Cream will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 5 October, from 11am - 1pm.

Please come and join us and support this amazing cause.



#### **Yoga Classes**

Hatha Akhanda yoga in Solva Memorial Hall, Tuesdays 6-7.30pm, is suitable for all levels. £10 per class for 5 week trial period. Next class Tuesday 1 October.



#### **Singing for Solva Care**

Solva turned out in force on Monday 16 September to hear some of the Solva Singing for Fun group (and friends from other groups) raising the Roof for Solva Care. Highlights? Well, Oes gafr eto for one! And the fact that £228 was raised for Solva Care. A big thank you to



everyone for coming along - and to the wonderful Tom for single-handedly serving the best refreshments in the history of SfF concerts. Rehearsals for the Christmas Concert (on Monday 16 December at 7.30pm in aid of Wales Air Ambulance) are now underway... and new singers are always welcome. You won't know whether or not it's your thing unless you come along and see!

# Solva Shopping

Save the date! Solva Shopping Evening will be on Wednesday 4 December. Window on Wales will be open until 7.30pm, with mulled wine and special offers. SHOPPING EVENING



Plenty more will be happening in businesses in Lower Solva. For more information or to get involved, pop into Window on Wales or email Bella bellap@tiscali.co.uk

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

# **SOLVA COMMUNITY CINEMA**

Thu 3 Oct: "The Green Book" (12A) Thu 7 Nov: "The Wife" (15) + a simple meal will be available at £5.50 per person. Thu 5 December: "Fisherman's Friends" (12A)

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



**Thursday 7 November** 

#### **Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi**

On Friday 20 September many Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi pupils and staff were proud to attend the gathering at the Cross Square in St Davids, in support of the Strike for Climate Change Campaign, inspired by Swedish schoolgirl Greta Thunberg. The School Senedd has climate change high on its agenda this year along with sustainability of the planet and is working towards becoming an eco-friendly school.





Congratulations to year 6 pupil, Billy who finished 7th overall in the Ping (Golf) Welsh Junior Tour Final last weekend. Billy has maintained his 7th position in Wales for 2019 from a starting group of over 200 players and the final over the weekend of the top 20. Da lawn Billy.

#### Make Solva Sparkle.

Back in May we introduced the idea of a living advent calendar in Solva during December. We were told of a successful event in Penally village near Tenby in 2018. Meanwhile the summer has flown by and now we are planning another meeting in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 17 October following coffee. We are really keen to make this a success and hope that those who came to the original meeting plus many more will join us.



The idea is that each night between 1st and 24th December decorated windows are lit up in various parts of the village. You can choose the day you wish to start and the theme of your window, It does not have to be religious but should have a festive feel. The window needs to be visible from the road and well lit. Details will be given on Thursday 17 October. We would like all ages and all parts of the village to be involved so please come to the meeting and help to Make Solva Sparkle in 2019. Lena (07805 717556) and Carol Ann (01437 721374).

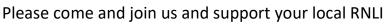
# Four Big Books Update...

The Odyssey, The Iliad, The Bible, The Koran - four books that have influenced how we think, what we believe and how we behave. I am offering a series of seminars with the aim of looking at these four books, considering how they came to be and their impact and influence on us as works of Literature. If you would be interested in attending a course of about 8 sessions, the first is on Monday 30 September starting at 2pm, in Solva Memorial Hall. Please get in touch if you can make an evening session and further information. Many thanks Mollie Roach 01437 721580.

#### St Davids RNLI - Cheese & Wine

The local RNLI fundraising branch invites you to a Cheese and Wine Evening at the Harbour Inn, Solva. Friday 11 October from 7pm.

£7.50 per person, Tickets available from: St Davids – Mair Davies 07989 836352 Solva – Carol Ann Jones 01437 721374





#### **Shalom House**

We are delighted to confirm that over £1800 has been raised from the 2019 Coast Path Challenge. Thank you to everyone for your support - in footsteps and in donations. Brilliant effort all round! Don't forget the special event in St Davids Cathedral on Friday 18 October, starting at 7.30pm, when the Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir, Goodwick Youth Brass Band & Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi will be presenting a feast for your ears... do come and support such talented local musicians. Tickets available from St Davids Bookshop and on the door.

#### Solva Regatta 2019 Update

The sun shone on the 131st regatta. Having juggled three events during the summer holidays in previous years, and after a fair bit of consultation in the newsletter and around the pubs (where all the good decisions are made) the committee decided to experiment - combining adult (inshore) and children's regattas. This made for a really packed day, with plenty going on for spectators to watch and some great sportsmanship. Feedback has been favourable, but the committee will be looking hard, over the next few meetings, at lessons to be learnt and improvements to be made. We'd welcome your comments – find us on Facebook Solva Regatta and Raft Race page.

#### **Solva Community Council**

SCC will meet on Wednesday 2 Oct at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Items on the agenda:

- Solva Speed Limit rumble strips
- Dog Fouling Enforcement officers debate
- PCC Community Development Project (Transfer of Non-Statutory Services)
- Solva Community Land Trust
- Play & Skate Parks
- AFC project
- Solva Path Project
- Solva Biodiversity Plan
- Finance report
- Planning applications
- Local concerns

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

Victor Ludorum winners were (pictured): Joe Roulston (child), Hattie Roulston (youth) and Oliver Jones (adult). Congratulations to all who took part. Other highlights included the rowing races and in particular the closely fought single oared sculling. Witty commentary was provided by Mike Williams and Peter Wilde, who entertained the crowd while simultaneously managing to get competitors to the right areas – no mean feat.



Thanks to our main sponsors: Webzer, Hedley Asset Management and GMF Motors; thanks too for generous support from local businesses and individuals. Thanks to Paddle West for the hire of boats. Our volunteer water safety cover was enhanced by Porthmawr Surf Lifesaving. First aid cover was provided by Pegasus, who thankfully could spend the day watching proceedings, while Louise at Café on The Quay catered for our thirst and hunger. Thank you. We hope everyone enjoyed the day and we are very grateful for your support.

## Trecadwgan Farm Update



It has been all systems go in our fight to buy the Farm for the community. The Steering Group has been busy writing a business plan for a Bank loan, and also a funding plan for PCC. Donations can be made through our website and soon we will be announcing how our supporters can invest through seed loan funding. The fight is not over though. We will be up against private developers in bidding for the farm and must have our offer in by the end of October: a sum likely to be in excess of £500K.

Following our community meeting on 28 August some of you said a letter template would be useful to guide you in writing a letter of support to PCC. All this can be found on our website: https://www.savetrecadwganfarm.org. More info from Rupert Dunn Tel 07955 387614 and Gareth Chapman Tel 07900 411952.

#### A walk to Trecadwgan Farm

Would you like to go on a lovely short walk, hear all about the plans for the Farm and show your support for the Campaign at the same time? Then please join Gerald Miles, Members of Solva Community Council and Mollie Roach on Saturday 12 October for an hour that includes a 30 minute round trip on foot and a 30 min talk and tour. Meet at bridge in lower Solva opposite the Cambrian Inn at 10.45am wearing stout shoes or trainers. If weather very bad please contact Sue Denman on:

07817 410782 or Jessie Buchanan 07810 071826.

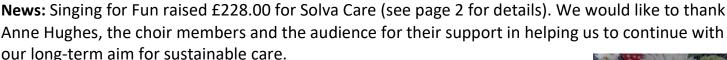


# **SOLVA CARE CHARITY** - Registered Charity number: 1172873

Lena Dixon, Co-ordinator: 07805 717556,

Lesley Robertson-Steel, Project Officer: 07722 091664

Email: contact@solvacare.co.uk



#### **Bus Passes**

Following the need for all bus passes to be renewed online by Tuesday 31 December 2019, Solva Care has arranged help for online applications.

On Thursday 31 October (Halloween) during and following the Thursday Coffee Morning Tomos Waters will be in the Memorial Hall from 11am - 1pm to help those without online access. Lena Dixon will also be available in the Surgery on

Friday mornings between 10 00 and 12noon. You will need to bring # The long digit card number printed on the front of the green bus pass. #Your date of birth #Your postcode #Your national insurance number. Transport for Wales has now made it easier for paper renewals but we still plan to go ahead on Thursday 31 October in Solva Memorial Hall and in the Surgery on Friday mornings.

## Solva Care American Supper

Friday 25 October 2019 from 6-8pm at Solva football club

Please come along and bring one item of food and the drink of your
choice and join the community for an American supper. All ages welcome!

Contact us for further details and/or to book your spaces

Lena: 07805 717556, Helen: 07973 488165, email: contact@solvacare.co.uk

## Another theatre trip

We are planning another trip to Theatr Gwaun to watch "The King and I" on Thursday 10 October at 1.30 pm. Tickets are £6.50 and we can help with transport. Please contact Lena for further info and to book a place (details above).

#### **Friday Club:**

Week 1 - Autumn term began with Tom Thumb's magic performance. Tom enthralled, enraptured and bewildered us all, mesmerizing even the most diligent of observers, who failed to discern how, through skilful techniques and superb performance Tom managed to fox us. Tom also serenaded us on piano during the break after we had all signed a card wishing both he and Lou "Bon Voyage" for their imminent sail around the world.

Helen's yoga and gentle movement transported us to a lovely relaxing world of peace and tranquility, at the same giving us the opportunity to exercise our body and help retain suppleness of movement.

Week 2 - Once more the Solva Pirates provided a concoction of songs, soloists and audience participatory tunes that actively encouraged rhythmic, collaborative and memory recall, as well as creating great fun. Helen's Gentle movement/yoga sessions, now featuring every Friday Club second-half session, helped swell numbers of clients, performers, volunteers and helpers to 28. Forthcoming Friday Clubs: Ceri's Craft, and Brenda and Fran's Drama sessions followed by Helen's Gentle movement sessions are programmed for the last two weeks of September. Helen will continue with half sessions until the end of term.

October begins on 4th with the Solva Ukulele Pirates. On 11 Oct, Fran and Carol-Ann will reminisce and on 18 Oct we welcome the return of Judy, inspiring us with her spirited, energetic and theatrical story telling. Once again Rosita will entertain us with her guitar on 25 October. Solva's Friday Club welcomes everyone so please join us every Friday from 2pm - 4pm at Solva Memorial Hall.





## **CPD Solfach / Solva AFC**

Solva AFC would like to extend sincere thanks to Mr John Munt and the team at Bisley H Munt & Sons for their continued support. The Haverfordwest jewellers has sponsored the first team kit for the coming season, continuing the long established links between the Bisley H Munt & Sons and Solva AFC.



Diolch! The photograph was taken before the opening game of the 2019/20 season with Solva drawing 0-0 against Lawrenny AFC in Pembrokeshire League Division 2.

#### **Edge Festival News**

The Edge Festival committee has allocated over £10,000 to the community this year! Solva has once again seen the benefit from holding the biggest voluntary community run festival in Wales. So for those of you who were inconvenienced by the extra traffic, the noise over the weekend, the additional people in the village, we thank you for your patience. The beneficiaries this year are the



Memorial Hall, to help repair the floor in the green room; Solva Church, £250 to help fund a new sound system; Solva Youth Club £1000; £250 to help fund the senior citizens Christmas Lunch; £750 to help meet the legal fees of purchasing the freehold of the football club; £2000 to help fund furniture for the Solva AFC clubhouse the management of which has now been taken over by the Community Council who have formed Solva Community Leisure to look after the interests of the clubhouse and play areas. Money has also been allocated to SCC to pay for the design of a village logo and to fund interpretation boards. These will be strategically placed around the village to introduce the Welsh language to visitors and locals alike. We also thought fit to help support St Davids netball with a £500 donation. £150 was allocated to the AFC to help with their pitch maintenance. In addition, the local RNLI received £400 from the £1 deposit on the glasses scheme! Edge Festival Bursaries

£2000 has been allocated to award four bursaries of £500 each to deserving young people of the village to help further their careers or life enhancing opportunities. Past recipients have been able to buy laptops to help with studies, meet travel and living expenses associated with college and to fund equipment to help support horse riding ambitions. We are very keen to award these bursaries so please apply if you think you, or someone you know, deserves financial support. The application

process is not difficult and we can help you if you are daunted by the thought of filling in forms! All Change

Ifor and Gill Thomas and Dan Jones are leaving their roles as directors of the Edge Festival. Ifor said, "We have had five great years organising the festival and doing the work to help make it happen, but now it is time for new blood and fresh ideas to take the festival forward, we like to think that we are leaving on a high but we are confident the festival can be even better!"

# Friends of Oriel y Parc Talk - Wednesday 2 October.

"The Antique Maps of Wales and Pembrokeshire - a brief tour" by David Gardner. The Discovery Room at Oriel y Parc, St Davids, commencing at 7.00 pm. Visitors are welcome at £3.00 per person.

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

 Thanks to all boat owners for their patience during the lift out and the inconvenience of not parking on Trinity Quay, the Sand Quay and the foreshore boat park during the lift on Wednesday 2nd October 2019.



- A big thanks also to those boats owners for ensuring the halyards and rigging are
  properly stowed and secured, which if not, can cause a noise irritation to the village.
- No other boats are to be put on the lower Solva foreshore boat park after the lift without the
   authority of the SBOA committee.

### WHAT'S ON

Mon 30 Sept	Four Big Books first session	Memorial Hall	2pm
Wed 2 Oct	SBOA Boats lift-out	All quays	8am-6pm
Wed 2 Oct	Solva Community Council meeting	Memorial Hall	6.30pm
Wed 2 Oct	Oriel y Parc talk "Antique Maps of Wales" all welcome	Oriel y Parc	7pm
Thu 3 Oct	Solva Cinema: "The Green Book" (12A)	Memorial Hall	7pm
Fri 4 Oct	Friday Club with Solva Ukulele Pirates	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Sat 5 Oct	Pointz Castle Macmillan Coffee Morning	Pointz Castle	11am-1pm
Thu 10 Oct	Solva Care visit Theatr Gwaun for "The King & I"	Theatr Gwaun	1.30pm
Thu 10 Oct	Solva WI meeting	Memorial Hall	2pm
Fri 11 Oct	Friday Club with Carol Ann & Fran Barker	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Fri 11 Oct	St Davids RNLI Cheese & Wine fundraiser evening	Harbour Inn	7pm
Sat 12 Oct	Walk to Trecadwgan Farm (meet at Cambrian Inn)	Cambrian Inn	10.45am
Thu 17 Oct	Make Solva Sparkle - advent windows meeting	Memorial Hall	12noon
Fri 18 Oct	Friday Club with story teller Judy	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Fri 18 Oct	Shalom House special event in St Davids Cathedral	St Davids Cathedral	7pm
Fri 25 Oct	Friday Club with guitarist Rosita	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Fri 25 Oct	Solva Care an "American Evening Supper"	Solva AFC clubhouse	6-8pm
Thu 31 Oct	Bus pass renewal help for non-online users	Memorial Hall	11am-1pm
Fri 1 Nov	Solva Fireworks display	Solva Lower car park	6.30pm
Fri 1 Nov	Night-Out "Mountain Music" performance	Memorial Hall	7.30pm

# **REGULAR EVENTS**

М	10-11am	Solva Tai Chi	Memorial Hall	Fey	07802 648793
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: letswalkpe	mbs@gmail.com
Т	2pm	Men's Shed	Football Club	Robin Tyler	01437 721588
Т	6-7.30pm	Hatha Akhanda Yoga	Memorial Hall	Catrin	07581 201477
Т	7.45pm	Pembs Ukulele Pirates practice	Royal George	Jonathan	01437 720213
Т	9pm	Tony's Big Time Bingo (3rd Tues)	Harbour Inn		01437 720013
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
Т	11.45am - 1pm	Computer Club	Memorial Hall	Tom	01437 774775
Т	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	Church service	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies	01437 721533
Sn	9.30 / 10.30am	Church in Wales services	St Aidans/Whitchurch	See page 2	
Sn	8.30 pm	Barry's Fun Quiz & Raffle	Royal George	Barry	01437 720002



**Pembrokeshire Ukulele Pirates -** are recruiting new members and welcome beginners, experienced and/or singers to the Royal George at 7.45pm any Tuesday. Its great fun!



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