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### Solva Care won the Big Lottery!



Solva Care successfully applied for £281,783 from the National Lottery Community Fund. This will provide funding for the next five years to continue, enhance and expand existing support. The funding will be used to provide increased opportunities for

social and community interaction, learning opportunities and intergenerational activities. "We are absolutely delighted that Solva and Solva Care have been recognised in this way", said Mollie Roach, Chair of the Trustees. We are planning an open evening in Solva Memorial Hall in April, to which everyone is invited, to come and find out more and give suggestions of new activities we could organise.

### Solva Duck Race 2019

This highly popular event will take place on Easter Monday 22 April. Tickets will be available from Bay View Stores, Ship Inn, Harbour Inn, Royal George, MamGu Welshcakes and Window on Wales, from Monday 11 March. Two of the ducks have been renamed as "Henry" and "Nana Duck", please make sure you get your favourite names as soon as possible. There will be the usual cash prizes of 1st £10; 2nd £5; 3rd £2.50. All profits will go to the upkeep of Solva Memorial Hall.



### RNLI St Davids shop

Our final takings for 2018 were a fantastic £11,169. That's all down to you lovely volunteers! Well done! Thank you to everyone who manned the shop and talked to the public visiting the lifeboat station.



### "Men's Shed"

The response has been good and Robin is working on the logistics. He is hoping to get the project up and running next month, at the Football Club. Watch this "Shed Space". Contact Robin Tyler on 01437 721588 or 07779 240268 if interested.



### Solva AFC

#### Table Top Sale

Sunday 3 March at 10am. Tables £10 and refreshments available. Please come along and help support your local junior and senior football teams. To book a table contact Medi George on 07854 241589 or email [solvaafc@gmail.com](mailto:solvaafc@gmail.com)

#### Table Top



### Bingo at the Hall

A family Bingo evening will be held on Friday 15 March in the Memorial Hall, starting at 6pm. Bring your family, bring yourself, bring your friends plus your choice of beverages and nibbles. All proceeds will go to the repainting of the interior of the Hall.



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Contact Pembrokeshire County Council on 01437 776194 for more information.

### Solva WI

Nineteen members attended the February meeting. A variety of items from the newsletter were discussed, including participation in the annual Quiz on Tuesday 26 March at the Picton Centre and the Dewisland Group Spring Meeting in April.

Our annual **Pancake Coffee Morning** will take place on Tuesday 5 March, between 10.30am - 12noon, in the Memorial Hall. Proceeds to be donated to Shalom House.

A very interesting illustrated talk was then given by Mike Riby, entitled the World on a Plate. This covered his career of traveling the world to guarantee the quality of raw materials used in the manufacture of dishes by companies such as Marks & Spencer.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 March when we will be welcoming back Julian Cremona with an illustrated talk on "Wildlife in France".



### Solva Heritage Society

Two of our members spent a profitable afternoon at the National Library of Wales workshop learning about the "Living Memories" project and the resources that are now available on line. Fran Barker contributed to the work of transferring the information from the historic documents into their digital format. Well done, Fran.

Work is progressing on the Heritage Trail pamphlet which we hope to release for the Easter Holiday. From this small beginning it is hoped to build a larger archive on the archaeological sites, local buildings and businesses. All photographs and information / stories are welcomed. Research is a fascinating "hobby". Your help is needed if we are to preserve our village heritage. Tel: 07739 158024 email: solvaheritage62@gmail.com



### For Sale! - near-brand new "Blomberg" dishwasher.

Solva Memorial Hall has been given an industrial dishwasher, thank you Joy Dixon. The new domestic one purchased just before Christmas is now surplus to requirements. It cost the hall £379.99 and is offered at £290. Call Peter on 01437 720111.



### A Diamond couple

Margaret & Andy Robinson The 60th Wedding anniversary saw the couple jetting off to Tenerife to celebrate their anniversary on Valentines Day! Accompanied by their son David and his wife Sian, also daughter Alison, Margaret and Andy were spoiled beyond their imagination and were treated to a wonderful Diamond Celebration party.

**Parc y Capel** - AGM of the Parc Y Capel committee will be held on Wednesday 13 March at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall (upstairs). All welcome.

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

### SOLVA COMMUNITY CINEMA

Thu 7 March: Hidden Figures (PG)  
Thu 4 April: A Star is Born (15)  
Thu 2 May: The Children Act (12)  
Thu 6 June: Mission Impossible – Fallout (12)  
Adults: £5.00; Under 18's: £3.50  
Doors open: 7pm / Show: 7.30pm





## Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi

**"Annie"** - Many thanks to everyone who supported the school production, with a special thanks to all the pupils who performed and produced this outstanding show in front of over 1,000 people, over the three nights and a matinee performance.

A big thank you to Mrs Bramley for her invaluable support and to Cyfeillion Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi for their outstanding work during the nights of the production, which raised a considerable amount of money for the school.

**St Davids Lantern Parade** - Will be staged on Saturday 2 March at 5:30pm. The children have had so much fun creating their lanterns, working with Elly Morgan, lead artist from the National Park Authority, and we look forward to showing them off on the day!

**St Davids Day School Cathedral Service** will be held on Monday 4 March starting at 10am.



## Solva Community Council

SCC will meet on Wednesday 6 March at 7pm in Solva Memorial Hall. Items on the agenda:



- Discussion with Welsh Water officers re sewage capacity
- Solva street lights
- Solva Tourist Association
- Development of Solva tourism app
- SCC AMG
- Play & Skate Parks
- AFC project
- Solva Fireworks Display 2019
- Solva Path Project
- Finance report
- Planning applications
- Local concerns

Members of the local community are welcome to attend. Please let the Clerk (Bruce Payne 07890 987259) know if you wish to come along.

## Church in Wales Services

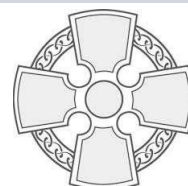
3 Mar 9.30am - St Aidans, Solva: Holy Eucharist

10 Mar 9.30am - St Aidans, Solva: Morning worship

17 Mar 11.30am - Whitchurch: Holy Eucharist

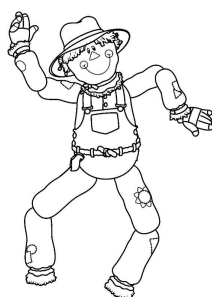
24 Mar 9.30am - St Aidans, Solva: Holy Eucharist

Full service list for all Local Ministry Area churches can be found at St Aidans.



## Scarecrow Trail 2019

The annual Solva scarecrow trail, around the village, will take place on Sunday 11 and Monday 12 August. The theme this year is Musicals (Stage or Screen).



A great day out for all the family. Scarecrow builders please contact Fran Barker on 01437 721164 / 07377 058265, email [fran34hb@gmail.com](mailto:fran34hb@gmail.com) to submit your scarecrow character for this year.

## Dog Poo Report

The football pitch, where the youngsters train, is reportedly much improved which is great. Many thanks for that. In general there seems to be less dog fouling although if anyone knows of any particular "hot spots" let your community council know. Thanks.



## Memorial Cross



The first phase of the Memorial Cross work to manage the woods has been completed, with the National Trust and Parks carrying out some thinning out of the trees. There's still a bit more to do but already you get a clearer view of the sea from the cross and the clearing of dead wood has allowed a huge increase in the number of snowdrops this year. The National Trust will now carry out regular management of the woods and there will be a call for volunteers to help, so keep an eye on the Newsletter if you want to help.



### **Solva Open Gardens**

This event has been postponed until next year to allow time to organise a bigger event. For those keen gardeners that gives you extra time to plan and prepare!

### **Shalom House**

Lantern Walk – A time to remember someone special.

Shalom House Palliative Care Centre would like to invite anyone wishing to remember someone special to join us at Penrhiw Priory on Friday 22 March.

We will gather from 4.30 pm for registration (garden closes at 6.15 pm) and complimentary tea or coffee, followed by a short walk thorough the woodland walkway to the gardens. Here we will leave our lanterns for our loved ones. If possible, please bring your own glass jar with string / wire handle and we will provide all candles. The wonderful walkway is not suitable for those with walking difficulties, however access to the patio that overlooks the gardens is available via a flat stone path. Parking is available for a small number of cars in the meadow adjacent to Penrhiw Priory or alternatively the car park at Quickwell Hill is only a short walk away. Any queries please phone Shalom House on 01437 721344 or Penrhiw Priory on 01437 725588.



### **The Really Wild Food & Countryside Festival**

The event will be held at Oriel y Parc in St Davids on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 May 2019 (Spring Bank Holiday weekend).

The event will celebrate food and countryside crafts that originate from the wild and celebrate rural life. The event will be free admission to the public.

Further details and booking forms for exhibitors/concessions are now available to download from our website <http://www.orielyparc.co.uk/reallywild>



### **50+ Fitness**

New exercise class in Solva Memorial Hall - Tuesdays between 2 - 3 pm

For anyone who is looking to get or stay active, to improve health and be fit for life. Maybe you are completely new to fitness and have recently been thinking about “getting healthier or more active”, or you lead an active life but feel that the high intensity classes that you once attended are now a little too much, but you would still like to participate in group exercise?

These gentle exercise classes are low intensity, instructor led sessions specifically designed for adults over the age of 50, although not exclusively for this age group. They consist of a range of different exercises which could include gentle aerobics, yoga, tai chi, chair based exercises, relaxation and stretches. A great way to improve fitness, lose weight and tone the whole body, suitable for people with joint conditions or those who may be carrying some extra body weight.



### **Hafal Crossroads Coffee Morning - Easter Saturday 20 April**

This special 25th coffee morning event will be held at City Hall, St Davids from 10am - 12.30pm. It is organised by Sharon Houghton in support of the friends of Hafal Crossroads, a registered charity providing practical support, information and assistance to unpaid carers of all ages and the people they care for. There will be a raffle with £100 first prize, a hamper for the runner-up and other fabulous prizes on offer. Please come along for coffee, chat and a chance to win a prize.

Pure West Radio will be in attendance. All proceeds to support unpaid carers.





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**News:** Winning the lottery - see front page!

**Friday club Report** - Last month Solva Ukulele Pirates performed to terrific audience response, Span Arts took us down memory lane, Ceri from Solva Craft helped us create Valentine pouches and Helen presented some old and familiar songs. We had Brenda's musical movement, healthy living tips and the benefits of different musical sounds.



Next month we can look forward to St. David's Day Celebrations with MamGu Welsh Cakes, the Ukulele Pirates and poetry. Span Arts are doing another session (in the Football Club). There will be ceramic sessions with Nadia, musical movement with Brenda and Ifor and Gill's sing-a-long.

**VC Gallery** - During the three sessions held so far Solva Care people have produced several masterpieces, which will be exhibited in the VC Gallery later on. The remaining sessions will take place at the VC Gallery on Tuesday 12 & Tuesday 26 March. The Bws y Bobl will leave the Mosaic steps at 10 am. Please contact Lena 07805 717556 or Sandra 01437 721450 if you are interested.



**Telephone friend** - This time of year days can seem long, especially if the weather is bad and stops you from going out. If you would like a "telephone friend" - someone to call you now and then for a chat, contact Lena (details above).

**Bug Farm** - Running until the end of March - British Butterflies and Moths Textile Art Exhibition. Inspired by the St Davids Pollinator Trail, local textile artist Deborah John has created a range of exquisite textile pieces showcasing the beauty of British butterflies and moths. Explore St Davids with the St Davids Pollinator Trail, a free activity for all the family. For more information, see: <https://www.thebugfarm.co.uk/pollinator-trail/>



### **Solva Sailing Club**

The club held a well-attended and entertaining Winter Talk in The Ship Inn on Friday 8 February. Keith Missen treated us to gorgeous images of his trips around the Pembrokeshire Coast aboard Aquarius, where he's been lucky enough to capture some stunning photos of dolphins, porpoises and other sea creatures. Our next speaker was Micky Beckett, member of the British Sailing Team and European Laser medalist. Not only did he give us an understanding of sail racing at such a high level, but amused us with tales of the logistics of eating, travelling and training in Japan. In contrast to Micky's sailing where speed is all important, the next speaker Geoff Titterton takes his sailing at a more leisurely pace. Tenby sailor Geoff set sail from Penarth and took 9 years embarking on a round the world trip aboard Eclipse. He illustrated his talk with many photos from the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Next, Charles Davies talked about last summer's adventures to Ireland. He had done a huge amount of planning and preparation, and stressed the need for adaptability and flexibility. Chairman Dave Knowler gave Charles the Solva Log, awarded to the sailor who has covered the most miles outside St Brides Bay in a season starting and finishing in Solva. During the interval, the audience completed a photographic Competition "St Brides Bay or Not?" Many thanks to The Ship, speakers and of course those who came along and supported the evening.





## Solva Regattas

Raft Race - Friday 31 May - entries: 3pm, construction: 4pm race starts 5pm.

Solva August Regatta – Sunday 11 August, entries: 11am races starts 1pm.



## Edge News

We are now entering Edge season! Early Bird tickets are selling well and there are still some available so make sure you get yours - for only £35 it represents very good value for an entertaining weekend at the beginning of August. Most of the bands have now been booked, and for the first time we will feature two choirs. The headline poet is Jonathan Edwards. There will be a special focus on the writing of Pembrokeshire. Following the introduction of dance last year Zosia is coming back to run a workshop and we will also have Tracy Evans who is an artist in residence at Oriel y Parc in March. Check the website for updates. People have asked where the money went. In 2018 we distributed funding to: Solva Water Sports, Solva Sailing, Solva Regatta, SCC for the playground, Solva AFC, Solva under tens football team, Solva Heritage Society, Solva Church, Caerhys Organic Farm, Porthmawr Life Savers, RNLI, Solva Youth Club, St David's Memory Cafe, Frame, The Army Benevolent Society and Solva Memorial Hall. Four £500 bursaries were awarded to aspirational young Solva people. The total distributed was £13,000. 2018 was the best year for the festival but during four years we have now put over £25,000 into our community. Support the Edge Festival, Support Solva!

## Solva Rowing Club

Solva Rowing and Water Sports Club is holding its annual AGM in the Royal George on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, we are always looking for new committee members to help with this ever growing club in Solva. The rowing season kicks off this year with our first Club night scheduled for Thursday 21 March at 6pm. If you fancy a go at sea rowing in one of our Celtic Longboats then please come and give it a try, your first 2 rows are free! New and current members are encouraged to pay their membership fees during March. The committee is pleased to announce that the club has a new website featuring club news, upcoming events, joining information, 100 club and lots lots more. There is also an online membership form with a secure option to pay membership fees by debit / card. [www.solvarowingclub.co.uk](http://www.solvarowingclub.co.uk) Finally the committee is excited to inform the rowing community that we have once again been given the opportunity to host the legendary Ramsey Rowing Challenge Race. This will take place on Saturday 18 May, more details on the website and facebook page. We look forward to seeing you all out on the water.



## Solva Boat Owners Association

- The 2019 SBOA Annual General Meeting will be held in the back room of the Ship Inn Solva commencing at 10.30am on Saturday 9 March.
- The 2019 Lift-In will take place on Monday 8 April. All those involved will be notified shortly.
- After the lift, a clean up will take place on Trinity Quay and Sand Quay. The committee hope to enlist volunteers. Please be warned all items found lying around will be taken to the dump.
- Boat owners who winter stored on the foreshore are requested to remove all chocks from the area as soon as possible after the lift.



## WHAT'S ON

Fri 1 Mar	Mamgu Welshcakes - Welsh themed evening	Mamgu shop	7pm
Sat 2 Mar	St Davids Dragon Parade	Oriel y Parc	5.30pm
Sun 3 Mar	Solva AFC Table Top sale	Football club	10am
Mon 4 Mar	St Davids Day School Cathedral service	St Davids Cathedral	10:00:00
Tue 5 Mar	WI Pancake Day Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall	10.30am-12noon
Wed 6 Mar	SCC meeting	Memorial Hall	7pm
Thu 7 Mar	Solva Cinema "Hidden Figures" (PG)	Memorial Hall	Doors open 7pm
Sat 9 Mar	SBOA AGM	Ship Inn	10.30am
Tue 12 Mar	Solva Care VC Gallery visit	Mosaic steps	10am
Wed 13 Mar	Parc y Capel AGM	Memorial Hall	6.30pm
Fri 15 Mar	Bingo at the Hall	Memorial Hall	6pm
Tue 19 Mar	Solva Rowing Club AGM	Royal George	19:30:00
Thu 21 Mar	Solva Rowing Club 1st club night 2019	Trinity Quay	6pm
Fri 22 Mar	Shalom House Lantern Walk	Penrihiw Priory	4.30pm
Tue 26 Mar	Solva Care VC Gallery visit	Mosaic steps	10am
Tue 9 Apr	SBOA boats lift-In	All quays	All day
Sat 20 Apr	Hafal Crossroads 25th Coffee morning event	City Hall, St Davids	10am-12.30pm
Mon 22 Apr	Solva Duck Race	Lower Solva	3pm
March	Services for Church in Wales please see page 3		

## REGULAR EVENTS

M	10-11am	Solva Tai Chi	Memorial Hall	Fey	01437 720889
M	10.30am-12.30	Coffee & Chat	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies	01437 721533
M	2.30pm	Welsh Conversation Class	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies	01437 721533
M	7-8.30pm	Singing For Fun	Memorial Hall	Anne Hughes	07742 576031
M	7-9pm	Solva Youth Club	Football Club		
T	2-3pm	Solva Care Gentle Fitness	Memorial Hall	Lena Dixon	07805 717556
T	TBA	Men's Shed	Football Club	Robin Tyler	01437 721558
T	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
T	10.30-12 noon	Coffee Morning / Mini library	Memorial Hall	Carol Ann	01437 721374
T	2pm	Solva WI (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs of month)	Memorial Hall	Kathryn	01437 721283
T	2.30pm	Bible Study Group	Capel Ucha	Grace Davies	01437 721533
T	6pm	Rowing Club	Trinity Quay	Steve Probert	07970 063074
T	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



**Perennial Garden & Cafe** - Garden & Plant Sales reopens 1 March and every weekend and Fridays in March. Cafe reopens on 29 March, in time for Mothering Sunday. Then both gardens and Cafe will be open Tuesdays to Sundays plus Bank Holiday Mondays. There is a Garden Club every alternate Tuesday afternoon, between 2-4pm. Please visit the web site: [perennialstdavids.co.uk](http://perennialstdavids.co.uk) for more information.



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