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**Parc y Capel Fete** - Monday 28 May bank holiday 2- 4pm

Come and spend some time (and money) at a variety of stalls and attractions (including plants, books, bric a brac and the famous dog agility show) at this year's major fund raising event. Plus buy your sunflowers for judging at the Edge festival and enjoy tea and cake in the hall. The Goodwick Brass band will also be playing. Treats not to be missed!

**Solva Regattas** - The Raft Race Friday 31 May. Entries: 3pm, construction: 4pm, race starts: 5pm.  
Solva August Regatta - Sunday 11 August, entries: 11am, racing starts: 1pm. See leaflet for details.

**SMHMC AGM.** Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Solva Memorial Hall Management Committee on Tuesday 21 May at 6pm in the Memorial Hall. All welcome to attend.

### **St Davids Church - Whitchurch**

It has been brought to the attention of SCC that the church is in a sad state of disrepair, in particular the roof, and the building suffers from damp, has no heating, electricity or toilets. It should be a valued community asset, used not only for normal church services but also for community events such as concerts, historic talks etc. Much work and money is needed to transform the church into a warm and welcoming place, but the initial challenge is to secure funds for general repairs. The SCC Chair is in the process of contacting the Diocesan Office to raise concerns about the decaying state of the church and request that immediate repair funds be allocated. If you have the same concerns, please write to the Diocesan Office, Abergwili, Carmarthen SA31 2JG in support of saving St Davids Church.



### **New Wildlife Art Gallery & Print Service in Solva**

A story that began in Africa twenty years ago reached fruition last month in Solva with the opening of a new wildlife art gallery called Rookwood at Llanunwas, and an exhibition of paintings. Dr Rob Davies who has dedicated much of his life to conservation of wildlife in Africa and Wales set out to illustrate all of the birds of prey in Africa for a field guide with friend and co-author American Bill Clark. The original plates for the book, prints and signed copies of "African Raptors" are now on show and on sale at Rookwood Gallery. The gallery is also showing the work of other artists and photographers and the studio has state of the art camera, editing and printing services for reproductions of fine art and photographs. The gallery is open daily between 10am and 3pm, just follow the signs on the left as you leave Solva on the St Davids road. [www.rookwoodstudios.com](http://www.rookwoodstudios.com)



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## Scarecrow Trail 2019 - Sunday 11 and Monday 12 August.

The theme this year is: Musicals (Stage or screen). Sign up now 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](mailto:fran34hb@gmail.com)



### Solva WI

The meeting on Thursday 11 April was preceded by a delicious shared lunch provided by the members. In the absence of the President, the meeting was chaired by one of the Vice Presidents, June Higgins, who welcomed everyone - including a returning visitor - and thanked the members for the food contributions.

Items discussed included the Dewisland Group Spring meeting and the PFWI Annual Quiz both having been attended by members and enjoyed. Future dates include the 2019 Annual Meeting and the Spring Council Meeting on Saturday 11 May.

The talk by Dr Sam Langdon on "Adders are Amazing" was considered brilliant. She told us about the worrying decline in the adder population and how this is an indication of the general decline in native wildlife. She encouraged us to keep dogs on leads on the coast path and to leave our stone hedge banks unscathed. She also pointed out that although adders have had a bad PR, there have been far fewer deaths from adder bites in the UK than other causes such as road accidents. They are shy creatures and are not aggressive unless frightened.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9 May at 2pm when we welcome back Sheena Crossley, who will entertain us (as ever!) with an illustrated talk on "Gardening with Herbs".



### Churches of St Aidan and St David 100+ club

The fourth and final draw for 2018/19 took place on Sunday 21 April:

1st prize	£70	Eirlys John	No.56
2nd prize	£45	Stewart Neal	No.34
3rd prize	£30	Sarah Phillips	No.91

### Parc-y-Capel 100 club draw winners:

1st	£50	Jono Voyce	number 67
2nd	£30	Ivor Walker	number 54
3rd	£20	Christine Daykin	number 45

### Easter Coffee Morning

On Thursday 18 April the Memorial Hall was the place to be! The Craft Group were holding a sale of their wares, Myra was raffling her home-made Simnel Cake, there was a craft raffle and all the usual donations were put towards the provision of a Defibrillator at Gwyn's Top Shop. Thelma was the lucky winner of the cake and Celia won the Craft item. Thanks to the huge generosity of all concerned £200 was raised for this good cause.



### Pembrokeshire Ukulele Pirates

As of Tuesday 2 April the PUPS changed their regular Thursday evening sessions to Tuesday evenings, at 8pm in the Royal George. New players and visitors are always welcome, whether you are a beginner or an experienced Uku plucker. If you would like some guidance or to try a ukulele before joining in with our group please contact Jonathan Higgins on 01437 720213 or Mike & Penny Williams on 01437 721538.



**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

Presents:

Thu 2 May: The Children Act (12)  
Thu 6 June: Mission Impossible – Fallout (12)  
Thu 4 July: Mary Queen of Scots (15)  
Adults: £5.00; Under 18's: £3.50  
Doors open: 7pm / Show: 7:30pm



### **Solva Play Parks New Equipment**

#### **Reminder** - Community Consultation

Wednesday 8 May 2019 in the Memorial Hall at 5pm.

Invitation to Families, Children & Young People of our Local Community.

Solva Community Council will showcase 3 different designs for the Gamlin and Upper play parks. Please come along to look at the proposals and help in the decision making process. It's our pleasure to serve children a complimentary meal at 5:30pm. Soft drinks will also be available.

### **Solva Community Council**

SCC will meet on Wednesday 1 May at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Items on the agenda:



- Discussion with Welsh Water officers re sewage capacity
- Community Land Trusts
- Community Recognition Awards 2019
- Solva Tourist Association
- Solva Logo competition
- Play & Skate Parks
- PCC Cycle Path (Haverfordwest to St Davids)
- AFC project
- 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**

Sunday 5 May - Joint LMA service at LLanhywel church @10am

Sunday 12 May - Morning worship at St Aidans Solva @ 9.30am

Sunday 19 May - Holy Eucharist at St Davids Whitchurch @ 9.30am

Sunday 26 May - Holy Eucharist at St Aidans Solva @ 11.30am

Any changes to the services e.g times and locations will always be put on our Facebook page and the whole list of services across the Greater Dewisallnd LMA can be found on the GDLMA website.

**The Church Fete & Fun Dog show** will be on Thursday 1 August at 2pm and held at Parc y Capel.



### **Solva Community Council AGM - Reminder**

Wednesday 8 May 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is invited. Tea, Coffee and Welsh Cakes will be served. This year's AGM will include, for the first time, awards to the:

- Outstanding Community Volunteer
- Outstanding Youth Champion
- Outstanding Community Fundraiser
- Outstanding Contribution to Solva Life

A Cheese and Wine evening will follow the AGM

### **Solva Tourist Association Logo Competition Reminder**

The new logo will be used on all Solva Tourist Association literature, a new Solva tourism app and anything else that needs the logo. The designer of the winning logo will receive a £60 M&S voucher. We're looking for something that reflects our community and has a simple, modern but relevant theme. Guidelines:

- We are looking for an original design
- Must include the word "Solva" in both English and Welsh
- Must include a view of Solva harbour
- Your submissions should be on an A4 size paper

Please send your submission(s) labelled with your name, email address and telephone number to Bruce Payne (SCC Clerk) either by post (c/o Bay View Stores) or emailed to [brucepayne241@gmail.com](mailto:brucepayne241@gmail.com) by Monday 6 May. Winner announced on Monday 20 May.

### **Memorial Cross**

The first phase of work to manage the woods by the Memorial Cross has been completed, with the National Trust and Parks thinning out some 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 removal 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.





## The return of... Fishy Tales (2)

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

On Saturday 22 June, 6.30 for 7pm at Haroldston House; an evening of stories and legends of the sea, including finger food (there will be a cash bar). All proceeds to the Edge Festival charity. Booking essential, tickets £10, available by emailing [stay@haroldstonhouse.co.uk](mailto:stay@haroldstonhouse.co.uk), from Haroldston House, 29 High Street, Solva SA62 6TE or by messaging @HaroldstonHouse



## Surgery News - New "Community Connector" for North Pembrokeshire

Julie Campbell is the new Community Connector for North Pembrokeshire. Julie will be holding monthly bookable appointments at St Davids Surgery on the first Wednesday of every month, from 11am - 2pm. **These appointments will be available to patients registered at both St Davids and Solva Surgeries.**



Community Connectors aim to help patients combat social isolation and loneliness. They can sign-post patients – putting them in touch with transport for attending social activities; offering befriending; discussing benefits and welfare; discussing access to mobile library services, etc. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from a chat with a Community Connector, please ring St Davids Surgery on 01437 720303 to book an appointment with Julie.

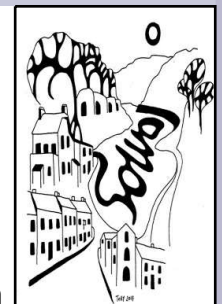
## Advent Windows

Easter time and glorious sunshine seems like an odd time to be looking forward to Advent and dark December days. However, we are hoping to lighten up those dark days in Solva by organising a village Advent Calendar. Each day between 1 December and 24 December a window in a house would be lit as in a conventional cardboard Advent Calendar showing a scene or design. If you are interested in finding out more details or if you have any suggestions you would be very welcome to join us in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 9 May at 12 noon, immediately following the coffee morning. We have invited a visitor from another village in Pembrokeshire who is coming to share her experience and show examples of ideas. She is also happy to answer any questions we may have, technical, creative or practical. We are not limited to 24 windows. We can have more than one window lit up on the same day so we hope to see lots of you with ideas and suggestions. All ages welcome 6 – 106!



## Solva Heritage Society

A small band of loyal supporters met at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 17 April to preview the pamphlet for the Solva Heritage Trail. Two films were shown. One of the Trail, showing the various points chosen to feature on this circular route through Solva and Whitchurch; using the churches as information points; and another giving a potted history of St Davids Church, Whitchurch. The next project is to build on these information points which are very limited at present. Further contributions from Solva residents and businesses, to make them of interest and value to locals and visitors alike, are very welcome. At the same time it would be of interest and value to build on the store of information collected for the "Solva: One Hundred Years ago" to show how our village has developed and collect photographs of our buildings for a comprehensive record for 2019/2020. This will support an on-going project by the National Library of Wales. Some keen photographers have started making a record of their own streets. Many have expressed an interest in providing historical accounts of our school, chapels, businesses, the harbour and many more topics but as yet nothing has materialised. The preservation of our heritage depends on individuals being prepared to collect, record and share this knowledge. If you can help, please contact: Mobile number 07739 158024 or





**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](mailto:contact@solvacare.co.uk)**



**News:** Over 40 members of our community turned out on the evening of Friday 10 April for the Solva Care Annual meeting and to celebrate our successful grant application to the National Community Lottery Fund. The grant, spread across 5 years, split as follows: £55,098, 54,381, 55,288, 56,2028, and 60,808, will enable us to continue employing our coordinator, and to recruit an activity assistant to help further develop our range of well-being activities to suit all interests and tastes. There will be scope for planning and launching lots of new activities and to continue with the tried and tested popular ones already running on a regular basis. Some great ideas were put forward by those who came to the meeting including: themed family days, a gardeners club, foodie projects, home adaptations, life stories, indoor bowls, book club, inter-generational projects, and walking groups. Remember that anyone can attend the meetings where projects will be discussed. Just call the appropriate Chair person beforehand. Forthcoming meetings: Finance 22 May (Chair Jonathan Higgins 720213). Operational 4 June (Chair Fran Barker 721164). Research 3 June (Chair Sue Denman 07817 410782) Board of Trustees 11 June (Chair Mollie Roach 721580). All welcome!



### **Appointment Trustees Solva Care – Advert**

Would you like to make a difference to people's lives ?

Solva Care (Registered Charity No 11772878) wishes to appoint new members to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees Board furthers the work of Solva Care in the Solva and Whitchurch area to counteract isolation and help with practical problems. This helps in community cohesion and is in line with the goals of the Social Services and Wellbeing Wales Act of 2015. The Trustees work with the Co-ordinator, Development Officer, the group of volunteers and all relevant agencies. The Board of Trustees manages the strategy, development and on-going work of the charity. Trustees are expected to attend meetings (about once a month) and carry out work to further the aims of the charity. Ideally Trustees should live in the locality and have an interest in health and well-being. We welcome applications from all age groups and will arrange meeting times to suit you if you are currently in employment or have other commitments. Trustees, although not paid, gain a great deal of satisfaction from helping to connect our community. To express interest and receive further details, contact Mollie Roach (Chair) 15 Panteg Road, Solva SA62 6TP / 01437-721580 / [alanmollie@btinternet.com](mailto:alanmollie@btinternet.com) or Bruce Payne, (Admin Officer), [brucepayne241@gmail.com](mailto:brucepayne241@gmail.com)

### **Exciting job opportunity - SOLVA CARE - Connecting our Community - Advert**

People and Places Big Lottery Funding - **Activities Assistant post**

Would you be interested in helping Solva Care extend its work in the local community? The Solva Care Trustees are looking for a person with good local knowledge and an interest in helping and supporting our community. We have funding to appoint an Activities Assistant to work with the Solva Care Development Co-ordinator on our current project and to develop a programme of leisure and recreational activities which will interest and involve people in our community and will attract those who would like to get out more and become involved in village life once again.

There will also be an opportunity to conduct community action research and assist on our Research programme. Salary £12 per hour (max 46 hours per month)

Location of post: Solva. Expected start date: June 2019. Application by CV and letter - Interested?

Find out more about the job and about how to apply by contacting Bruce Payne, Solva Care Finance Officer, 07890987259 / [brucepayne241@gmail.com](mailto:brucepayne241@gmail.com), Or, for an informal chat, contact Mollie Roach, Trustee Board Chair on 01437 721580 or email Mollie at [alanmollie@btinternet.com](mailto:alanmollie@btinternet.com)

## Edge Festival News

The first tranche of early bird tickets has now sold out at the £35 price. Tickets are now £40, but it is still great value for a weekend that includes 2 choirs, 10 bands, 5 writers, two dancers, a children's disco and a magician — that's just on the festival field!



Food providers serving food as diverse as vegan and beef burgers will ensure festival goers do not go hungry whilst the Greenscar bar will provide real ales, lager, cider, wine and of course, Solva Gin. This year we have a video wall where we can advertise your business or charity.

Call Ifor on 07971038643, to book a slot, even if you only have still photos and a logo we will create an animated show film for you at no extra charge.

## Pembrokeshire Herald 31 December 1869

"Solva – As briefly noted in our last Number, the Institution has formed a lifeboat station at Solva, Pembrokeshire, for service on the south side of St David's Head and in St Bride's Bay. It is a rock bound coast, but a good crew can always be secured there for a lifeboat, and one has been sent in the hope that it may be of service in the event of any shipwrecks occurring in that locality in future. Like the St Justinian Lifeboat Establishment, this station will be under the management of the Committee of the St David's branch of the Institution.

The boat provided is one of the 10 oared 33 feet class, and for it a house is being erected on ground granted by the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House. The entire expense of the lifeboat establishment is a gift to the Institution of a benevolent lady, in memory of her deceased husband, who had been for many years an active and esteemed Member of the Committee of management of the Institution; the boat is named Charles and Margaret. It was publicly inaugurated at Solva on the 11th September, being named by Miss Williams before being launched to exercise the crew. The boat had been towed to its station by the Trinity steamer. It had to encounter a heavy sea, particularly in the "tide race", but towed very well, shipping but little water in the passage". - The Lifeboat.

## Making Magic – An 8 week course

Magic is cooler than ever before and you can learn it here in Solva.

This unique opportunity to attend an eight week course on close up magic will be run by Solva's own Magician – Tom Luddington. The classes are aimed at all ages from 12+ and will be held at the football club on Thursday evenings, starting this May. You'll also learn about the art of storytelling, theatre and presentation skills.

This heavily subsidised course is available to Solva residents at just £15 per person for the whole course, and it even includes a box of tricks worth £40 that you will get to keep.

Make the most of this opportunity while you can - and there are just 10 places available, so hurry and book your place. Contact Tom Luddington on 07580 645586 or email [tom@seriouslygoodmagic.com](mailto:tom@seriouslygoodmagic.com)



**Table Tennis** has recently restarted in St Davids Sports hall on Thursday evenings. It's £3 for an hour and is open to all. There were a few people from Solva who used to attend about 4 years ago.

## Edge Gin Company

The only community run gin company in Wales, the Solva Gin Company, ran a very successful gin tasting event at MamGu Welsh cakes café. A full house was challenged to taste and identify four gins against a number of criteria that included "mouth feel", aroma, and taste. In a blind taster the overall winner emerged as, yes, you guessed it, Solva Gin. So if you have yet to sample this unique product get in touch with Josh at



## WHAT'S ON

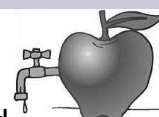
Wed 1 May	SCC meeting	Memorial Hall	6.30pm
Thu 2 May	Solva Cinema presents "The Children Act" (12)	Memorial Hall	7pm
Mon 6 May	Solva Logo Competition deadline	Send to SCC Clerk	5pm
Wed 8 May	Solva Play Parks Consultation & SCC AGM	Memorial Hall	5pm & 7.30pm
Thu 9 May	Advent Windows presentation	Memorial Hall	12 noon
Thu 9 May	Solva WI meeting	Memorial Hall	2pm
Fri 10 May	MamGu Welsh Cakes Cider evening + see below	MamGu café	7pm
Sat 11 May	WI Annual Meeting	Memorial Hall	2pm
Mon 20 May	Solva Logo winner announced	Memorial Hall	11am
Tue 21 May	SMHMC AGM	Memorial Hall	6pm
Mon 27 May	Parc y Capel fete	Parc y Capel	2-4pm
Wed 29 May	ManGu Welsh Cakes Afternoon tea event	MamGu café	3pm
Fri 31 May	Solva Regattas - Raft Race	Trinity Quay	3pm & 5pm,
Fri 31 May	MamGu Welsh Cakes Nepal curry night	MamGu café	7pm
Sat 22 Jun	Return of Fishy Tales 2	Haroldston House	6.30-7pm
Sun 11 Aug	Solva Scarecrow Trail + Monday 12 Aug	The village	10am
Sun 11 Aug	Solva Regattas - August Regatta	Trinity Quay	11am
May	Church in Wales services 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	Gentle Fitness	Memorial Hall	Laura: letswalkpembs@gmail.com	
T	2pm	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	10.30-11.30am	Pilates	Memorial Hall	Pip Marsh	01437 720314
T	2pm	Solva WI (2nd 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

**MamGu Welsh Cakes Events:** We have lots of dates over May for you!

Friday 10 May 7pm Pembrokeshire Cider Company: a night of fun, laughter and cider tasting! Tickets, which include the tasting and light nibbles, are now on sale for £15pp and are limited. Plus Wednesday 29 May 3pm book in for afternoon tea with Chanter teas! £15. And not forgetting Friday 31 May 7pm the return of the Nepal curry night! £25. Tel: 01437 454369.





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dishwasher (used 4 times). Solva  
Memorial Hall has been given an  
industrial dishwasher. The new  
domestic one purchased just before  
Christmas is now no longer needed.  
It cost the hall £379.99 and offers will be considered,  
not less than £250. Call Peter on 01437 720111.



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**Duck Race Results** - A huge thank you to everyone who sold tickets, those who bought tickets and to all the helpers and organisers. The results: 1st Rosie, 2nd Ryan, 3rd Claire – if you have one of the winning names and have not claimed your prize, please enquire at Bay View Stores or phone 01437 720111.

**Solva Care Friday Club** - Our "End of term" outing was to Pointz Castle Farm to watch a demonstration of ice cream making and to sample some of the many delicious ice cream flavours. The milk has only to travel a few yards from cow to cornet! We all enjoyed the demonstration which was followed by tea, coffee and cakes in the café, and of course, ice cream!