#### SOLVA NEWS

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# Comedy Theatre – Solva Memorial Hall - Friday 13 & Saturday 14 March, curtain up 7.30pm



SADS, appearing as Little Grimley Amateur Dramatic Society, will present two one-act plays "More Tea Vicar, Whoops there go my trousers" centred round the fund raising activities for the local church, and "Last Tango in Little Grimley" where the society is in trouble! They have got to find money to pay the hall rent, or they are out! An evening of humour and chaos. Ticket £6 from Bay View Stores and Window on Wales, plus BYO drinks and nibbles!



#### Table Tennis – new to the Memorial Hall

The hall has recently been given two tennis tables and purchased the necessary equipment to make them operational. A group is being formed and led by Dave Perry, who is keen to hear from anyone who might be interested. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 10



March between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Please contact Dave on 07891 624220 to put your name down.

# Coming Soon - Local fresh milk - Available daily at Bay View Stores.

Mount Farm and Solva Community Council "Working for a greener future". Once again Solva proves to be a leader! The Solva Community Council has thrown its weight behind an initiative suggested by Mount Farm. Currently all of the milk from the farm gets transported to North Wales, racking up miles and increasing its carbon



footprint. From April there will be a machine at Bay View Stores dispensing fresh, whole milk only a few hours old! The council has agreed to support this green venture by purchasing reusable glass bottles for all our households. The saving in plastic containers will be huge. The farm will reimburse the council for its outlay and then look at how the partnership can be extended. One more step in making our community more sustainable. Support the move to real milk!

#### **Duck Race – Easter Monday 13 April**



The world famous Solva Duck race will commence at 3pm on Easter Monday. Try to pick a name of one of the winners, with a chance to win £10, £5 or £2.5 for only a £1/duck name stake. Tickets will be on sale at Bay View Stores, Window on Wales, Royal George, Ship Inn, MamGu Welshcakes, Harbour Inn and No 35. All in aid of Solva Memorial Hall.

#### Thanks for the send-off – Jamie Smith's Mabon

A big thank you to the 100 stalwarts who braved storm Dennis on Saturday 15 February to say farewell to Mabon. It was certainly a rousing farewell from a group of talented musicians. They have always enjoyed playing in Solva and particularly wanted to thank the appreciative audience. Thanks also to all those who worked hard to make the evening such a success.









# the Winspiring women

#### Solva WI

Fifteen members attended the February meeting. Amongst items discussed were the purchase of the laptop and projector and it was decided not to proceed with this for the time being.

The annual January Swim & Lunch at Croft Country Park was, as ever, thoroughly enjoyed.

The transport for the outing to Cegin Gareth on Thursday 26 March has been booked and we will leave Solva at 8.15am.

The date for the visit to the Italian POW Chapel will be Monday 7 September. Drivers and lifts to be organised at the March meeting together with more information.

Our two representatives for tree planting in the village have met with the Community Councillor representative and they have a planting area in mind.

Two teams signed up for the Annual Quiz at the Cricket Club in Haverfordwest on Tuesday 24 March. The Business part of the meeting closed and following the tea break we welcomed back Julian Cremona, who gave a spell-binding talk and showed amazing photographs of Madagascar.

# Parc y Capel

The forthcoming Parc y Capel AGM will be held in Solva Memorial Hall (upstairs meeting room) at 6.30pm on Wednesday 11 March.

All are welcome to attend.

# Parc-y-Capel 100+ Club February draw results:

1st Karen Owen £50.00 2nd Lyn Jenkins £30.00 3rd Moira Johnson £20.00



#### **Scarecrow Trail**

The annual trail is scheduled for Sunday 2 & Monday 3 August.
The theme this year is:

#### Children's book titles or Characters.

Scarecrow Builders please advise the Chief Scarecrow, as early as possible,

of your choice of character/book title, as always its on a first come first served basis - although there is a vast amount of material out there to choose from! Please contact Fran Barker on 07377 059265 or email fran34hb@gmail.com

#### **Church in Wales services for March**

Sunday 1 March - Holy Eucharist @ 9.30 - St Aidans Sunday 8 March - Holy Eucharist @ 9.30 - St Aidans Sunday 15 March - Holy Eucharist @ 9.30 - St Davids Whictchurch Sunday 29 March - Joint LMA service @ 11.00 - St Aidans Church followed by Cawl and Crumble in the Hall. The influences of Africa on modern and contemporary art – by artist Raul Speek - Wed 4 March at 7pm.

Oriel y Parc Discovery Room, St Davids. Supported by the Fiends of Oriel y Parc.

#### World day of prayer

Every year on the first Friday in March, the World day of prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries, starting in Samoa, through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas finishing in American Samoa 36 hours later.

This year, the service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, and here in Solva, on Friday 6 March our three churches will join together to share in this special service at 2pm in St Aidans church. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

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 5 March "Wild Rose" (15)
Thu 2 April "Downton Abbey" (PG)
14 May (please note date) "Mrs Lowry and son" (PG)

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



#### The St Davids & Solva Art Group

The group is delighted to announce its Spring Exhibition will be opening on Saturday 4 April at a NEW VENUE! The venue is Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi - Non Campus (the Primary School) in Nun Street St Davids - next to the Fire Station! We would like to thank the school authorities for their support with this new endeavour. There is on-site parking or it's a short walk from Quickwell Hill car park. Entrance is free and we will be open from 10-5 daily. Do come and see - and hopefully purchase original art work from this very talented local group of amateur artists. We look forward to welcoming you all to our new spacious venue.

Oriel y Parc talk: Dr. Sarah Beynon "Life in a Dung Pat" Thursday 26 March, 7pm. Founder of The Bug Farm, Dr Sarah Beynon will give an entertaining and educational talk about life in a dung pat. Sarah has carried out extensive research at The Bug Farm, which led to her being awarded the Royal Agricultural Society of England's prestigious Research Medal for 2019. Entrance: £6 p/p, FREE for members of the Friends of Oriel y Parc

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Memorial Hall on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.
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just come along to and get that Slimming
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#### **Prendergast Bridge**

Work is nearing completion on a footbridge over the river in lower Solva that will create a new circuit walk for the community. The footbridge is situated just off the Middle Mill road and will connect the road to Prendergast wood. Thanks to the owner of the field across the river from Prendergast wood we have been able to bridge the river and extend the walking opportunities from the woodland. Walkers can either return to the



village along the road, head for Middle Mill or continue along the footpaths that were created in 2016 on the opposite side of the valley to Prendergast wood. The footbridge has been a few years in the planning as it required full planning permission and a flood risk permit but it is very satisfying to see it coming to fruition. The work has been undertaken by local building contractors and has been funded by Bluestone National Park Resort. It will be promoted by the National Park Authority as one of its website walks, offering people a circuit walk of the village starting at the harbour car park. We are aiming to get the route open by Easter as there are improvements we need to do in the woodland and on the approaches to the bridge. It is hoped to officially open the bridge this month.

#### **Shalom House**

We will be holding a fundraising "Afternoon Tea" on Saturday 28 March in the City Hall St Davids, from 3-5pm. We warmly invite you to join us - maybe get a small group together to have your own table with friends? Your ticket, presented on arrival, will give you automatic entry into the Prize Draw with the opportunity of winning a makeover with Nigel at Reinvention (Crug Glas). Further delights on offer include a delicious tea made by our cook Julie, with the added attraction of our volunteers and staff serving you - dressed in outfits from our shalom@no.13 preloved Occasion Wear Shop. If you haven't had the chance to see what's for sale in our new shop, this is your opportunity. Come and see the high-quality clothing beautifully presented by our fantastic volunteers. Tickets are £12.50 available from the shop in St Davids and Shalom House.

#### **New running group in St Davids**

A new friendly, chatty, running group has started in St Davids. The group aims to provide local people with a regular chance to get out running with a group of like minded people, aiming to get fit, meet new people and socialise. The group meets at 6.30pm every Tuesday outside the City Hall and usually runs a distance of between 5k and 10k. Further info: email stdavidsrunning@gmail.com or follow us on Twitter - @stdavidsrunning.

Pembrokeshire County Council wishes to engage with, support and encourage members of the public to communicate with PCC via digital means, mainly the "My Account" website. A PCC customer services rep will be accompanying the Mobile Library which will visit Solva on Friday 13 March from 1-1.30pm (opp St Aidans church). This will be an opportunity to learn about the "My Account" and its services.

## Caught on Camera?

An enquiry to PCC: "As you enter Solva from St Davids there is a camera posted on a pole on the RH side. Please advise to the function of this camera, and is it



linked to the speed awareness sign situated close by?" The reply was: "The camera is a Dyfed Powys Police ANPR camera, which I understand they use in relation to monitoring traffic movement for crime and disorder related issues, as required."

#### **Solva Community Council**

SCC will meet on Wednesday 4 March at 6pm in Solva Memorial Hall Items on the agenda:



- Community Climate Change Action Plan
- AFC/Community Hub Project
- Play & Skate Parks
- Pump Track Project
- Community Bathing Water Project
- Dog Fouling
- Solva Community Land Trust
- VE Day 75 Celebrations Friday 8 May 2020
- Finance report
- Planning applications
- Local concerns Lower Solva Car Park P&D Members of the local community who wish to attend, please inform SCC Clerk Bruce Payne on 07890 987259.

#### **Solva Community Land Trust**

Members of the SCLT made a visit to Eco-housing in Rhosygilwen and Boncath. Both these developments are the brain child of Ty Solar, a company run by Glen Peters who is also an arts entrepreneur who runs a successful music and performance venue at Rhosygilwen. It was impressive to see



houses which require almost zero energy to run. We see this as a model for Solva, to answer housing needs and tackle climate change. The CLT will shortly be registered as a Community Benefit Society and soon there will be a meeting with the three members of the contract, SCLT, PCC and ATEB housing association, to make progress on this trail blazing project, the first of its kind in Wales. Next month you will get a housing needs questionnaire to answer, so that we can determine the mix of housing.

#### St. Davids Festival of Ideas

On 24, 25 and 26 April St Davids will host the inaugural Festival of Ideas. The event will feature speakers who are experts in their fields, both provocative and inspiring. The Festival, however, will not be just about sitting and listening. There will be opportunities to interrogate the speakers and other attendees and discuss the



burning issues of our time, how they affect the world and what we, locally, can do to influence events. The list of speakers includes Paul Mason, an independent journalist who has regularly featured on Newsnight. He was Culture and Digital Editor of Channel 4 News becoming the programme's Economics Editor and will talk about his new book "A Clear Bright Future". There will be a debate between Adam Price of Plaid Cymru and David Melding, a Conservative, entitled "Independence vs Unionism". This will be chaired by Simon Jenkins of the Guardian, the Festival will also cover well-being and spirituality with a session led by the Dean of St Davids Cathedral, supported by the poet Mererid Hopwood. "How local action leads to results" will be the subject of a talk by Mollie Roach of Solva Care, an organisation that is leading the way on how communities can ensure the well-being of their inhabitants whilst fighting isolation and loneliness. No current discussion can ignore the environmental crisis facing us and Dr Sarah Beynon of our local Bug Farm and Andy Middleton, driving force behind the "Do" lectures, will address these issues. These are just some of the speakers we have secured. It will be a festival to provoke thought and action, whilst enjoying the company of interesting people with interesting food to supplement the food for thought. Join us, be amazed, and influence the way forward both nationally and locally. Tickets are free and booked through St Davids City Council.



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

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Lesley Robertson-Steel, Project Officer: 07722 091664 Email: contact@solvacare.co.uk



#### News:

We had a very enjoyable Friday Club with the Solva Ukulele Band, especially their rendition of "Speedy Gonzales" featuring Michael Grange as the female vocal!

We had an outing to Theatr Gwaun on 30 January to watch "Carousel" which was enjoyed by all. There is one more cinema outing for this month on Thursday 26 March with a screening of "Easter Parade". Bws y Bobl will depart from the Memorial Hall at 11.45am on the day and there will be tea and sandwiches at the theatre before the film starts at 1 pm. The bus will return to Solva at around 4 pm. Please contact Lena on 07805 717556 if you would like to come along.



# Solva Symposium 11 March - Haverfordwest

Solva Care will be holding an event at the Merlin Theatre, Haverfordwest, on Wednesday, 11 March from 6-8pm, with food being provided between 5 and 6pm, to share Solva's approach to wellbeing in the community. We are also launching our toolkit which could be adapted by communities wanting to launch or strengthen health and care by connecting people. If you would like to attend you can register online via the following link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/people-place-and-wellbeing-the-solva-symposium-tickets-92242211939

#### **Solva Care Donations Fund**

This fund continues to grow and we are very grateful to everyone who contributes. Grants from the fund are carefully recorded and Trustees receive a statement every month. Copies of the statement are available on our website and hard copies are available from our Finance Officer, Bruce Payne.

## Repair shed project

At the February meeting, Solva Community Council agreed to start talks with the County Council with a view to buying the Football Club (now called the Solva AFC Community Hub) and the land on which it is sited. If the purchase goes ahead, the Community Council have also agreed that Solva Care can use part of the site as a base for our Repair Shed Project - watch this space for further news!

#### Friday Club – What's been going on so far?

In January members shared memories with a screen presentation from Brenda, Lena and Sandra.

The following week Ceri created inspirational napkin covered jars. February kicked-off with the Cathedral Hand bells group sharing nursery rhyme memories whilst on a bumper Valentine's Day, the Solva Craft group knitted hearts and music was provided by Solva Ukulele Pirates. On Friday 21 Ifor and Gill Thomas presented a music quiz with a difference and Tony Callow's Country and Western performed at Solva AFC Community Hub (the Football



Club) the following Friday. In March Nadia has two craft sessions on Friday 6 and Friday 13, the Solva Ukulele Pirates perform on Friday 20 followed by Reminiscing with Carol-Ann on 27 March. After every session Helen continues with her developmental yoga/gentle movement sessions, but sadly we have to say goodbye, and thank you, to Helen B our Activities assistant, who leaves at the end of the month. Thanks to our presenters, volunteers and Lena for helping to organise the events.

#### St Davids & Solva Surgeries - New Telephone Systems - week commencing 23 March

The Welsh Assembly Government has recently introduced new All-Wales Access standards, in an aim to improve telephone access to GP services across Wales. The new Telephone systems will be able to queue calls, so that patients don't need to make multiple calls to get through. Both Surgeries are therefore having new phone systems installed during the week commencing the 23 March, in order to comply. There may be some very temporary short-term disruption to the phone lines while the installations are taking place. Please bear with us!

#### Edge Festival 2020 is taking shape.

The committee is planning a fabulous event for the 24 to 26 July festival. Early Bird Tickets are available now at www.edgefestival.co.uk. To avoid paying the online booking fee please contact Helen Thomas at heljthom@hotmail.com.

Most of the bands have been booked with Chasing Mumford playing the Mumford and Sons Experience on the Friday night, the Wild Boys playing the best songs of



the 1980s on Saturday and the Kopycat Killers playing The Killers on Sunday. The Bootleg Bee Gees will play the Sunday afternoon legend slot. Please have a look at our beautiful new website to see the full line up as it emerges. We also have a full poetry and literature programme with poets Kate Potts and Abigail Parry, storytellers Peter Stevenson and Deb Winter, of Fishguard Storytellers, and authors Euron Griffith and Daniel Butler. We are also hoping to have the involvement of National Theatre Wales.

You may have noticed that prices are a bit more this year. Our licence now requires 10 security staff instead of 3 and with additional health and safety requirements we have to find an extra £10,000 to put on this year's Festival. The Edge Festival is a charity organisation and it is always a financial challenge, therefore the committee would welcome any donations, which can be given as Gift Aid, to help to make the event a success. Contact Patrick Nash at info@edgefestival.co.uk, if you would like to help.

# **Solva Rowing and Water Sports Club**

The club rowing season kicks off on Thursday 2 April at 6pm from Solva's Trinity Quay, then every Thursday (usually) until October. Everyone is welcome, we offer two free taster sessions if you



haven't rowed before or rowed for a long time but would like to give it ago.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 March 7.30pm at the Ship Inn followed by a committee meeting at 8.30pm. There will also be a short presentation on the Celtic Challenge 2021, anyone wishing to take part or find out more information please attend.

There is a 100 club open to members of the rowing club, friends, family and anyone who wants to support the club. You pay a fixed subscription of £10 for a number with £5 going towards club funds and £5 into the prize draw fund. Apply for a number on our website or contact Rhian Evans on 100club@solvarowingclub.co.uk. The Ramsey Challenge Race will be held this year on Saturday 4 July. Membership for the new season is now available, early bird membership will discount £5 off all our already reasonable membership prices if you join before May 31. You can join via our website www.solvarowingclub.co.uk. For further club information, contact Stephen Probert on 07970 063074 or email chair@solvarowingclub.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you on Trinity Quay.

#### The Tour of Pembrokeshire

Some 1500 cyclists will be passing through Solva on Saturday 16 May between 07.00hrs and 10.30hrs and returning to St Davids all afternoon as they take on the thirteenth Tour of Pembrokeshire. Come to Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi and get involved. You can volunteer, have a stall at the expo or just join in the fun and support the riders by ringing a cowbell. The Tour of Pembrokeshire raises money for



nine charities and a host of local organisations. Please visit tourofpembrokeshire.co.uk or email info@tourofpembrokeshire.co.uk for more information.

# **Solva Boat Owners Association**

The Solva Boat Owners Association AGM will be held in the back room of the Ship Inn on Saturday 7 March, commencing at 10.30am. It is hoped all members will have paid their dues and returned them to the Secretary along with page 2 of the calling papers before the AGM.

The lift-in is scheduled for Saturday 11 April 2020. Lift instructions will be sent to those boat owners involved. Parking restrictions will be in place. No parking on Trinity Quay or the Sand Quay until after lifting operations are complete in those areas. Both Members and non-members are requested to follow the lifting crew's instructions.

#### WHAT'S ON

Wed 4 Mar	SCC meeting	Memorial Hall	6pm
Wed 4 Mar	Art talk - Influences of Africa by Raul Speek	Oriel y Parc	7pm
Thu 5 Mar	Solva Cinema presents "Wild Rose" (15)	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Fri 6 Mar	World day of Prayer	St Adians church	2pm
Sat 7 Mar	Solva Boat Owners Association AGM	Ship Inn	10.30am
Tue 10 Mar	Table Tennis in the Hall starts	Memorial Hall	3.30-5.30pm
Tue 10 Mar	Solva Rowing & Water Sports club AGM	Ship Inn	7.30pm
Wed 11 Mar	Solva Care Symposium	Merlin Theatre H/W	5-8pm
Wed 11 Mar	Parc y Capel AGM	Memorial Hall	6.30pm
Fri 13 Mar	Mobile Library visit with PCC customer services rep	Opp St Adians	1-1.30pm
Fri 13 +Sat 14	SADS presents 2 one-art comedy plays	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Mon 23 Mar	Solva & St Davids surgeries telephone upgrade starts	Surgeries	Throughout wk
Tue 24 Mar	Solva WI annual quiz	Cricket club H/W	TBA
Thu 26 Mar	Solva WI outing to Cegin Gareth	Bus leaves Solva at	8.15am
Thu 26 Mar	Dr Sarah Beyon talk "Like in a Dung Pat"	Oriel y Parc	7pm
Sat 28 Mar	Shalom House "Afternoon Tea" fundraiser	City Hall, St Davids	3-5pm
Thu 2 Apr	Solva Rowing & Water Sports club season starts	Trinity Quay	6pm
Sat 4 Apr	St Davids & Solva Art Group spring exhibition starts	Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi	10am-5pm
Sat 11 Apr	SBOA Boats Lift-in day	All quays	8am -5pm
Mon 13 Apr	Solva Duck race	Lower Solva	3pm

# REGULAR EVENTS

M	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	AFC Community Hub		
Т	2-3pm	Gentle Fitness	Memorial Hall	Laura: letswalkpembs@gmail.com	
Т	2pm	Men's Shed	AFC Community Hub	Robin Tyler	01437 721588
Т	3.30-5.30pm	Table Tennis in the Hall	Memorial Hall	Dave Perry	07891 624220
T	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	5.30-7pm	Slimming World	Memorial Hall	Samara	07498 322314
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
T	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 Aidan/Whitchurch	See page 3	
Sn	8.30 pm	Barry's Fun Quiz & Raffle	Royal George	Barry	01437 720002





































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