# SOLVA NEWS

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### Milk Scheme

The Mount Farm Milk Scheme is now established with every household in Solva being provided with a free one litre milk bottle that can be used over again. This scheme is supported and subsidised by Solva Community Council as part of its green agenda. If everyone in Solva were to use recyclable bottles then there would be a reduction in single use plastic with huge benefits for our marine environment. Over time the farm will repay the investment that the council has made. So far the response has been



hugely positive, so try out the delicious, wholesome milk that comes from a local farm, providing local employment. If you lose or break your free bottle then a replacement can be purchased at Bay View Stores. If we missed you out, quite possibly as over 400 were dispensed, and you are on the electoral roll, let Ifor Thomas know, 07971 038643, and he will deliver you a bottle! Get the right white stuff for a pound a litre at the self service point outside Bay View Stores.

Thanks to Rob & Lindsey Richards of Mount Farm for making a considerable investment to get this exciting initiative off the ground. To recap! - The milk is £1 a litre or 65p for half a litre. Additional glass bottles can be purchased for £2 with refills only £1.

# Wildlife Friendly Village

On August 23 the BBC's "Countryfile" programme featured a village initiative in Suffolk "Sowing the seeds for wildlife friendly village". Might this be something you are interested in? Please contact Charles Davies on 01437 720546 to discuss.



## SADS - To Panto or not to Panto?

That is the question - What is your thinking? Please email: brendalloyd@btinternet.com or jane.wilde288@btinternet.com if you would like to be involved in one or be an audience member.



# Solva Memorial Hall - A Night Out

The Hall Committee had a couple of productions in the pipeline this year with the NightOut scheme, but the October one will not be taking place, unfortunately. Maybe next year. However, there are plans for a new group of dancers to visit in the Spring with a show called "6 feet 3 shoes".

We are hopeful that this will go ahead with a performance sometime in March 2021. Keep an eye on the newsletter for further updates. All being well we'll see you in the Hall for a night to remember!

## **Memorial Hall Book Box**

The box outside the Hall has proved popular and will remain available until we can move the books, CDs and Jig Saws into a larger container in Parc y Capel.











the Williams

Sadly, nothing much has changed since the last news item as WI will not re-commence in September. However, we do hope to hold a quiz on ZOOM instead of a meeting and will notify members if so.

our scarecrow entrant. June Higgins painted a scenic alpine backdrop and, together with Jane Pascoe, dressed "Heidi" - using the costume initially worn for "The Sound of Music" entertainment we put on for our centenary. However, it seems that the goat made the biggest impression - made up of a garden chair, a deerskin and a coat hanger which included the head. It was featured in the Western Telegraph! No prizes this year but we enjoy taking part.

# Clwb Solfach/Solva Luncheon Club

At present we have no idea when the Hall will be allowed to re-open. The team leaders have been discussing the chance of re-starting lunches but, sadly, it seems unlikely for some time yet. We are not only thinking of members safety from Covid-19 but also team members, as many of us are 70+! You will be informed if anything changes.



**Memorial Hall 100 Club** final draw for the current year - subscriptions due in September!

First Prize £50.00 number 15 Mair Beynon

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## Parc y Capel 100 club

First Draw for the current year
First Prize £50.00 no. 76 Grace Davies
Second Prize £30.00 no. 37 Sian Churchill
Third Prize £20.00 no. 57 N. Schoenenberger

## The Sunny Solva Coffee Morning

The coffee morning team, with support from Solva Care, is planning to hold an Open Air Coffee Morning in Parc y Capel in early September. Ann and Robin have kindly agreed to provide electricity and the Chapel have allowed us to use the Parc. Owing to the Covid-19 regulations we will have to observe certain restrictions:



- Social distancing tables of two, three or four a distance apart.
- We will provide disposable cups but you can bring your own cup/mug if you prefer.
- At the time of writing the regulations limit the number of people who can meet outdoors to 30. We aim to meet this requirement and will extend the usual time from 11am to 1pm. We know that

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- Unfortunately we cannot bring people in cars but hope that family and friends will be able to arrange transport for those who need it.
- THE BIG PROBLEM is the weather. The preferred date is Thursday 3 September.

We need a dry, calm day. Sunshine would be a bonus! If the 3 September is not good we will try for Friday 4, Thursday 10 or Friday 11 September. Phone on the day, if in doubt: 07970 614233 or 07805 717556 or 07779 052234.

• The wearing of a mask is optional.

In spite of all these obligations we want everyone to enjoy an opportunity to come together after almost 6 months. It would be nice to see everyone before the winter! Hope to see you in the Parc!

Solva WI welcomes new members and visitors. We meet via ZOOM at present, but hope to back in Solva Memorial Hall very soon.

Contact Kathryn:
01437 721283

## **Solva Cinema**

We are hoping to screen a film in September, but we do not know yet from what date Solva Memorial Hall will be available for use. If we can use the hall the screening is most likely going to be the end of the month. Look out for posters and there will be emails sent to those of you who are members. For more details please contact Lena Dixon on 01437 721312 or Tomos Waters on 01437 721218. See you soon!

## Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA

The start of the Summer Term was an unusual one, not just for Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA, but for schools up and down the country. Behind the scenes, our Senior Leadership Team, teachers and support staff had been working tremendously hard to prepare for a new term and a new way of learning. Our campuses might have been closed but our school remained very much open, at home, online and outdoors. The re-opening was an exciting, yet challenging task. It was driven throughout by pupil and parent voice. From deciding upon the structure of attendance - one day a week for four weeks, to the composition of the pods, it was all decided by you, our school community. The outdoor learning opportunities which ran alongside the classroom activities proved hugely successful and the pupil and parent feedback enabled us to get better every day! Many thanks.

## St Davids & Solva Surgeries- Flu Vaccination Clinics 2020

Both practices are currently busy planning the forthcoming Flu Vaccination clinics which, due to Covid-19, are going to be more challenging than usual to deliver this coming Autumn.

We are still in the planning stage and are currently awaiting further guidance but, in the meantime, we are exploring the possibility of running flu clinics at community venues in St Davids and Solva this year in order to enable vaccination of large numbers of patients under social distancing and infection control requirements.

There will be very specific instructions for patients attending for flu vaccination this autumn – once we have the full details, they will be published on the practice websites in due course:

St Davids Surgery - https://stdavids.gpsurgery.net/

Solva Surgery - https://solvasurgery.gpsurgery.net/

We will also be exploring other ways of getting instructions and information out to patients. We would kindly ask patients to bear with us while we work out the detail and we would hope to have further information for you before too long. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Scarecrow Trail 2020**

Over the first weekend in August the 14th annual Scarcrow trail took place. The two day event was a great success, especially with the influx of visitors due to the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions. Seventy groups competed to explore the village and guess the scarecrow theme names and judge the winners:

Best Scarecrow: No 12. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (Kitty Bennett)

Cleverest: No 18 Stig of the Dump (Jonathan Higgins)

Funniest: No 6 The Big Friendly Giant (complete with sound effects) (Jackie Young)

The two winners of the guess the scarecrow competition were Sarah Andrews and Libby Hobbs. In the name a scarecrow raffle, four people each day won doll-sized scarecrows, kindly knitted by Mollie Page of the Solva Craft group.

The tie-break question this year was: "My greatest pleasure since lock-down is..."

The replies reflected how pleased people were to be back in Solva:

"Knowing the real meaning of community"

"Being able to enjoy the beautiful Pembrokeshire coastline."

"Eating Solva Seafood and seeing the Solva sights".

"Sunset on Whitesand beach with our whole family"

Plus a splendid poem by 7 years old Seb Hobbs:

The sea, the sea, the Solva sea, sea shells along the shore

And there are lots of fish in the sea and sometimes

We have them for our tea, sitting by Solva shore.

I like it here, no more noise, not any more.

Over £580 was raised for Solva Memorial Hall. Thank you to all scarecrow makers, contributors, Bay View Stores, all who took part and especially Chief Scarecrow Fran Barker.

A full list of the scarecrows can be viewed on Solva news website at www.solva.gov.wales.





## **Solva Community Council**

SCC, during the current pandemic emergency, is meeting twice per month via Zoom to ensure community needs are met. Invitations to members of the local community will be available on Facebook. Members of the local community wishing to raises issues, can contact SCC Clerk Bruce Payne on 07890 987259.



## Make a Mask Task Force

Would you like to join the community effort in Pembrokeshire? are you able to sew? Children and young people are looking forward to going back to school in September! People who are able to sew in Pembrokeshire are invited to join a Mask Task Force.



The call from Pembrokeshire County Council comes ahead of schools returning in September and as we await final guidance on the requirement for face coverings on Pembrokeshire school transport for children over 12yrs old.

Parents may wish to provide face coverings for their own children but we want every child to have access to a mask regardless of their ability to provide one. We are inviting community makers to make reusable fabric masks for Pembrokeshire school pupils. The reusable mask needs to be three layers and easily laundered at 60 degrees. This project is being supported by Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services, who have been supporting community makers of PPE & supplies for health & social care staff across Pembrokeshire during COVID. If you are a community group interested in making masks for school pupils in Pembrokeshire, you can contact Sarah Harvey at PAVS for more information on 07971 598 121 or email sarah.harvey@pavs.org.uk

If you are an individual interested in taking part, email: Coronaenquiries@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

# Lyn's Walk Report for Tuesday 18 Aug started 2pm

Walkers started the trail at Lower Solva, walking up a steep climb stopping to identify butterflies, flowers and some bees. We logged 25 flowers and plants along with 5 species of butterflies on the advice of plant specialist Carol Lloyd. After reaching the plateau some stunning and spectacular views of Solva Harbour, Lime Kilns and St. Brides Bay, viewed from Lyn's seat. Further along a right hand



turn on the path took us up through a field whereupon we spied Roch Castle, Plumstone Mountain and Preseli Mountains, their peaks pointed out by Jimmy Young. Along the the Gwar y Coed path and walking down the Whitchurch Road we spotted a further ten flowers and plant exhibits and this ended the two hour walk that provided education, enlightenment and above all a lovely social outing. Our next Wildlife walk will take place on Tuesday 8 September at 2pm. If you would like to join us please contact Sandra and Jim Young on 01437 721450. We will be calling at Middle Mill to identify a rare plant specimen and drive or walk to the path to Trewellwell at Middle Mill Hill, via the relatively new path adjacent to the Old Laundry following what could be an ancient Church route to Caerforiog Mill.

## Welsh Fire Service operational staff to drive on behalf of Welsh Ambulance Service

The 3 Fire and Rescue Services of Wales are proud to provide support to the Welsh Ambulance Service

Trust (WAST), during the COVID-19 pandemic, by providing a pool of drivers to drive WAST vehicles. They have committed their support to WAST by undertaking a programme of training for a number of their operational staff who are now ready to respond on behalf of WAST. Jason Killens, Chief Executive Welsh Ambulance Service, said: "The fact that we share a lot of station buildings means it makes sense on a practical level to join forces in the effort, and in



particular in the face of a second spike. We're grateful to our fire service colleagues for their support."

**The Dog Poo Report** - Very little of it seen in Lower Solva — But, please let your community council know of any problem areas and we'll do what we can.



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

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Lesley Robertson-Steel, Project Officer: 07722 091664

Email: contact@solvacare.co.uk



#### News:



Jessie Buchanan was appointed Solva Care's Researcher just before lock down. She has been very busy, organising the successful Merlin Theatre Showcase event which took place in March, finalising the data requirements of our funders, and running our local research group. Importantly, she is our key link with other communities and organisations - sharing ideas and making sure that Solva Care is increasingly involved in the many decisions that affect us. She is coordinating the "Pembrokeshire

Together for Change Project" which is our partnership with PAVS, PLANED and public sector organisations formed to support community groups in the good work they are during COVID-19. Jessie also undertakes voluntary work in Solva. She undertook the Community Land Trust online survey, she is a Welsh speaker and a trained horticulturalist. Good to have you on board Jessie!

**Solva Care will be running a Pembrokeshire-wide project**, with PAVS and PLANED, to share learning in community action centring on wellbeing. The project called "Together for Change" is funded by The Lottery Community Fund Wales. If you are interested in getting involved please look out for two paid posts that will be advertised next week on the Solva Care website Solvacare.co.uk. For further information please contact Sue Denman on 07817 410782.



The Solva Mouse Trail has proven to be a great success! There are now 40+ mice dotted around Solva and surroundings. last week's Western Telegraph had a full-page article about the initiative. People have enjoyed creating the mice as much as they have enjoyed doing the trail. Free maps are available from Bay View Stores and Window on Wales and can also be downloaded from the Solva Care website.

For further information contact Chris or Ellie: csdesigns@talktalk.net or phone: 07788 583602.

# Friday Club Afternoon Tea

Thirty Friday Club members, volunteers and others enjoyed an afternoon tea provided by Solva Care volunteer Margaret Hughes. Individual packages of sandwiches and scones were delivered by volunteers, some of whom stayed and enjoyed their tea with the people they delivered to. Other people met up and had theirs together. All outside and at a safe distance, of course. It was much appreciated by everyone as a lovely, sociable occasion in these strange times!

## **Keeping your distance**

Social distancing measures are steps you can take to reduce the social interaction between people. This will help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (Covid-19).

Please avoid: Closed spaces - Crowded places - Close contact

Some things are low risk- if you take care - open spaces, going out in the car, going for a walk, meeting up with your "bubble people". Some things need more care - having a hair do, keeping an appointment at the hospital, being in crowded or busy places.

Some things are high risk - hugging, holding hands, crowded venues, meetings, contact sports, anything that puts you in close contact with people who are not in your "bubble".

You can reduce the risk by: keeping your distance from other people; using a hand sanitiser; washing your hands frequently; wearing a mask – on buses, in shops; staying out of enclosed spaces or reducing the time that you have to be in them; staying away from crowds; and by avoiding people who are coughing and sneezing.

If you start to feel ill, stay at home and follow the Government guideline from the Internet or phone 911 to ask about a test. Your surgery will also be able to help. For up to date advice and information: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus or https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/Remember, the Solva Care number is 07805 717556 if you need help.

## **Solva Harbour Society**

The crane lift out in Solva will take place on Tuesday 22 September.

Those boat owners involved have been informed. No parking will be allowed on Trinity quay, Sand Quay or foreshore boat park until after lifting operations in those areas.

Car and pedestrians please adhere to lifting crew instructions.

Thank you for your co-operation.



The Community Hub, formerly the AFC Club House, is moving into exciting times. The first meeting was held in August to elect a temporary committee to move forward its development. The purchase of the Hub building and land is currently on hold until the rating position has been clarified. A charitable status application is underway. In the



'A Community Benefit Society

mean time, the building is completely Covid compliant — speak to Bruce if you want to make a booking.

# **Edge Festival Update**

The Edge Festival weekend came and went. Like Glastonbury we have had a year off and look forward to a great celebratory event next year. **The dates are Friday 30 July to Sunday 1 August 2021.** 

We will be back with more information later in the year but please put these dates in your calendar. In the meantime, most readers will know that Solva Gin is owned by the Edge Festival, run by volunteers, and all profits made are given to the Festival. Despite losing sales during lock down, Solva Gin is back and has a new product – Solva Rum.

The reviews are out, and they are all really positive: "Smooth drinking and very tasty". "I think it could be my new favourite, really enjoyed it with ginger beer and lime'.

"I really like the flavour, it's not sickly sweet like other rums, great for a sunny afternoon!" The Edge is keen for people to understand that Solva Gin & Rum is not a commercial venture, but a fundraising effort for the Edge Festival. We're really proud of our new addition to the Solva Gin family and hope you like it as much as we do! Both products are available for purchase from Mamgu Welshcakes and Bay View Stores in Solva.

So please enjoy a Solva Rum and Solva Gin knowing that, as well as a great drink, you're supporting the Edge festival and helping it get back on its feet, creating a great weekend next year and funding great projects in our community.

## **Electoral Registration Canvass Form 2020: Engagement Campaign**

Electoral Registration Canvass Forms have been sent to every household in Pembrokeshire asking residents to check whether the information that appears on the Electoral Register for that address is correct. Householders are being urged to respond as soon as possible.

Any questions or queries regarding the process please contact our elections team: electoralservices@pembrokeshire.gov.uk / phone 01437 775844 Monday - Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.

# **Solva Community Land Trust**

The work on the SCLT continues with regular meetings being held with Pembrokeshire County Council and our other partners, Ateb. The next step is to get the business case approved by PCC so that the Welsh Government can approve the grant funding. This hopefully will be done after the September cabinet meeting of PCC.



A consultation will then take place with the community over the change of use of the playing field to a housing site. This consultation will be led by PCC. The site has been earmarked for housing for as long as people can remember, so it is hoped that this process will proceed smoothly. The project does, after all, include new recreational space. In the meantime, make sure that you complete your membership leaflet, pay a pound and join the project. There will be an AGM in the autumn so all the members can elect a committee to take forward this exciting project. If you don't have a membership leaflet pick one

up at Bay View Stores.

## **Church in Wales**

Reverend Diana and myself are pleased to announce that the churches of Roch, Solva and Brawdy, having passed stringent risk assessment requirements, are now open for limited public worship. We are grateful to all who have assisted with the procedures.

There will be a service in Roch on Sunday 30 August, Solva on Sunday 6 September and Brawdy on Sunday 13 September. All services will be at 10:30am. At present we are only able to have one service on a Sunday. Attendance at each service will be limited and therefore a church official for each church must be contacted for allocation of a place.

Mrs Anne Shuttleworth (Roch): 01437 710920

Mrs Liz Walker (Solva): 01437 720915

Mrs Debby Kimsey (Brawdy)

Online services will continue: Reverend Diana's Zoom service at 11am and the "Live" Facebook service with myself will now be at the new time of 9am. I would once again like to emphasise the importance of these online services. They are beneficial for evangelism, for those unable to attend church and under the new "norm", enable us to stay together as a worshipping community. Reverend Diana has recently completed a course for online ministry. This will prove invaluable for the future as we begin to discover what can be achieved through this new form of ministry. We thank you all for your understanding, patience and support. Yours in Christ, Canon Michael Rowlands and Reverend Diana Hoare.

# **Latest Changes to the Coronavirus Regulations in Wales**

- The First Minister has announced that a limited number of small outdoor events will be trialled in Wales in an effort to begin a phased approach to safe reopening of the events industry.
- Indoor visits to care homes are also allowed from Saturday 29 August, subject to the strict controls set out in the guidance and conditions remaining favourable.
- The First Minister has confirmed that extended households can expand to include up to four households. Also, weddings and funerals will now be able to include a meal for up to 30 people, in suitably socially distant settings.
- The First Minister has emphasised that the return of pupils to schools and colleges from 1 Sept is the top priority during this 21 day regulation cycle.

UK Government coronavirus information for individuals and businesses in Wales is available at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-individuals-and-businesses-inwales

# **Oriel y Parc**

**Residence Tower** - Beth Jenkins - 3 Sept - 26 Sept - relief printing in lino and wood.

**St Davids Room** - Susan Edwards - 10 Sept - 2 Nov - Burial chambers and standing stones

**Discovery Room** - Ray Burnell - 2 Sept - 30 Oct - Landscapes / Seascapes of West Wales. **Tŷ Hir Turning** - 1 September - 30 Oct - decorative, wood turned, unique home wares.



## Do you want faster Broadband speeds in Solva? How does 1000 mbps sound!

The Government is asking people to register their interest - to distribute funding to upgrade our Broadband equipment. Basically the more people that register interest in Solva the closer we are to having an upgrade! Please share and encourage everyone to do this, register your interest at:

# https://broadband-upgrade-fund.campaign.gov.uk/

This fund is only available to rural premises in Cornwall, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire, Cumbria and Northumberland. **Solva DOES qualify** as we have speeds of less than 100 mbps, with most properties only receiving less than 20 mbps with regular drop outs and issues!









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