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Solva Scarecrow Trail - Sunday 8 and Monday 9 August - Theme "Animated Characters".

A great day out for all the family. Trail maps and competition sheets available for £3.50 at Bay View Stores (Top Shop) and the Lower car park from 10.00 to 14.00 on Sunday and 10.00-12.00 on Monday. Scarecrows on view from 10.00 to 18.00 each day. Enquiries to Fran Barker: 07377 059265.



Welsh Government Consultation on a default 20 mph speed limit

The Welsh Government has published its consultation document on the proposal to introduce a default 20 mph speed limit on restricted roads in Wales. Please feel free to share the opportunity to respond through your usual channels and contacts. Responses are welcomed by 30 September.

https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2021-07/consultation-document_0.pdf



Solva Playgrounds

Sadly the upper playground was recently vandalised and had to be closed, due to the equipment being used as target practice for bottles. Shards of glass covered the grass which was a danger for anyone playing in the area. The better news is that thanks to PCC cleanup crew it is now operational. This kind of pointless, irresponsible vandalism does not sit well with the people of Solva. The incident has been reported to the Police and anyone with any further information should please contact them on 101. The lower Playground's new equipment passed inspection and the barriers have been taken down, allowing the new attraction to be used.



Solva Surgery - NOTICE TO PATIENTS - NHS COVID PASS FOR TRAVEL

The practice has seen an increase in calls from patients, requesting a letter of confirmation regarding their Covid vaccination status. Please note WE ARE UNABLE to offer you a certification of Covid vaccination, a Vaccine Passport or a letter to prove you have been vaccinated against Covid 19. Please follow the Welsh Government NHS link to register. Get the NHS COVID Pass to show your vaccination status for travel at GOV.WALES. Alternatively, you can request a paper Covid Pass by telephoning 0300 303 5667. The line is open 7 days a week between 9 am and 5 pm.



Family Dance Workshop - Saturday 7 August

Solva Memorial Hall 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. All ages welcome and no experience necessary. Free to attend with donations to Solva Care. Please pre-book a space as numbers are limited. email joondance@gmail.com



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Solva WI

Despite Covid regulations and due to being very lucky with the varying weather, we have managed to hold all our meetings out-of-doors. The June meeting was at Hilton Court under a large gazebo. Following the Business, individually portioned scones with jam and cream and tea were served. Even though the weather was damp, some members walked in the garden, whilst others stayed dry and chatted! The July meeting was held in June Higgins' garden but in the sunshine! Following the Business, which was kept fairly short, a delicious and varied tea was provided by Joy Dixon and much-enjoyed by all.

Our "cartoon character" scarecrow will be on show outside Ty'r Brenin, Whitchurch Lane on Sunday 8 & Monday 9 August. The next meeting is on Thursday 9 September when we visit Picton Castle, with a guided tour followed by lunch.

Clwb Solfach/Solva Luncheon Club

Following the re-start on Wednesday 9 May, numbers attending Lunch Club have remained consistent. The rules and regulations have put extra pressure on the teams but generally things have gone well and members have enjoyed the meals and the company. As was decided from the start, we will take a break in August so the last lunch of this term was on Wednesday 28 July. We look forward to re-opening at the beginning of September - new members are welcome and we would also be very glad of volunteers to help. Contact Jane Pascoe on 01437 721544.



Defibrillator at Llanungar Caravan Park

We have recently installed a defibrillator at Llanungar Caravan Park. The unit is situated in the "Information Room" in the wooden cabin on the top camping field. The unit is in an alarmed cabinet, but remains unlocked to avoid unnecessary delays obtaining and entering access codes. This building is easily accessible following the main park entrance along "Snakey Lane" (bridleway) by following signage for the "Park Office". It is also accessible through Llanungar Fach Farm (permissive route in an emergency only). There is an emergency phone next to the defibrillator with the exact location clearly provided. The unit was used twice last year and is available for emergency use, it is listed on the CAD system with Ambulance Control. If it used, please inform us, as part of the equipment will need to be replaced. Location: OS Ref SM (7938,2502). What3words (///expect.sketching.campers)



NHS Day on 5 July - A big thank you

Thank you so much for choosing to support NHS Charities together. Your incredibly kind and generous donations of £155.00 will make a real difference, enabling us to support NHS staff, volunteers, and patients across the UK. If you'd like to find out more about how your donations are helping NHS charities, please visit our website: <https://www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk>



The Solva Cinema AGM will take place on Thursday 2 September at 6.30 pm (before the film). If you are planning to watch the film, please also come to the AGM. We need a certain number to attend.

Solva WI

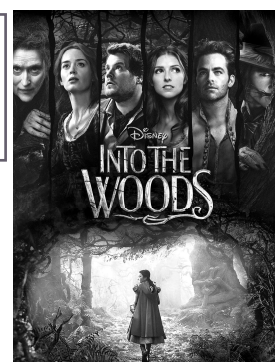
welcomes new members and visitors
We meet via ZOOM at present, but hope to be back in Solva Memorial Hall very soon
Contact Kathryn:
01437 721283

Solva Cinema

5 Aug "Into the Woods" (PG)
2 Sep "Misbehaviour" (12A)

All welcome. Please note if you pre-book your ticket/s we can set up the tables accordingly. However, you can just turn up on the night. Refreshments available, but you can bring your own wine. **Doors open: 7 pm - starts: 7.30 pm**

Pre-book your tickets:
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St Davids Surgery - Coronavirus Update

The surgery continues to operate a full telephone triage service. If you have a medical query and would like to speak to a doctor or nurse, please telephone the surgery on 01437 721306 and you will be offered the next available telephone appointment.

The receptionist will ask you some questions about why you are calling, which is very important in order for us to prioritise your query. They do this at the request of the GPs and the information is important to allow our receptionists to direct you to the most appropriate person to help you, which may not always be a GP.

Please give the receptionist the best telephone number for the clinician to contact you on and ensure that you are available to take the call. The receptionist will not be able to give you a set time for a call back. The clinician is unable to make repeated call backs if you miss your call, due to the high volume of patients to deal with each day.



WE ARE NOT CLOSED! - A number of patients have asked the team “when will you be re-opening”. To minimise risk of infection to patients and staff we restricted access to the surgery building and installed an intercom system. We have continued throughout the pandemic, offering a telephone triage service, video consultations, and face to face appointments (where clinically necessary). We also offer eConsult which is a form-based online consultation platform which you can access via our website www.solvasurgery.gpsurgery.net

Bathing water in Solva Harbour

A trial project is making waves in the way the quality of bathing water is recorded and how that information is presented to those thinking of taking a dip.

Launched just in time for the baking hot weather and the start of the school holidays, the trial run by Pembrokeshire County Council aims to develop an

information platform for local people, visitors and activity groups to detail the bathing quality away from Blue Flag beaches. Pembrokeshire County Council’s Pollution Control Team

will take up to six samples, across the period of the school summer holidays. The Team will then provide weekly information on bathing water results, framed against the EU Bathing Water Standards.

A sample was recently taken from Solva Harbour and will be analysed within a week, with the water quality results posted on social media and SCC website.



Flush Out the Right Stuff and Protect the Environment - Dŵr Cymru / Welsh Water

What and what **not** to put into the sewerage system and thus avoid blockages.

- Bathrooms:**
- Put all wipes, sanitary items, cotton buds and nappies in a bin
 - Remember to **only flush** pee, poo and toilet paper down the toilet
 - Check to see if your local council provides a nappy collection service
 - Try out reusable products to cut down on your waste and shopping bill

- Kitchens:**
- Wipe pans and other greasy items with a kitchen towel before washing them, dispose of the kitchen towel in a bin
 - Pour any unused cooking oil (allowed to cool) into a container to dispose of or recycle at your local waste & recycling centre (if permitted) – **not down the drain** - thank you



Check Out Haverfordwest Leisure Centre - for our summer activities timetable and summer fun at <https://pembrokeshireleisure.co.uk/haverfordwest-leisure-centre/activities-and-classes/holidays-at-haverfordwest/> You can book online or use our app. Hope we will see you soon.



Best wishes to John Charles, one of our local postmen, who retired at the end of May. John, who has family connections with Solva, worked for the Royal Mail for over 50 years. He delivered post to an area from Penycwm to Rhodiad, including Middle Mill, Caerfarchell, Tretio and Carnhedryn. Best wishes for a very happy retirement John.

Solva Community Council

CANCELLED COMMUNITY MEETING OVER THE PENGRAIG/HEADLANDS DEVELOPMENT

Introduction

Residents will have seen the Cancellation Notice which was posted throughout the village and on social media. Solva Community Council thought it appropriate to republish the notice in the Newsletter setting out why they exercised their discretion in the matter. The notice includes the rights of the electorate to convene a community meeting.

Cancellation Notice

Following significant research and discussion across our community it is with regret that we have to inform residents that the community meeting scheduled for the 27th of July has been cancelled. After careful consideration and with new documents coming to light the Council is unable to permit any use of the recreation grounds for access as set out in the deed of gift. This would not be a permitted use nor in line with provisions that this land may only be used for community benefit.

We as a council have already made representations regarding amended planning and although this alternate route is not feasible, we would welcome suggestions from the developers should they wish to present another route. We are also mindful of the disruption to residents in this area and will continue to make representations on behalf of those residents affected should any further queries or difficulties arise.

Solva community council is committed to providing open and transparent engagement with all members of the community, as we have demonstrated on this occasion. Unfortunately, there are legal restrictions that could not be ignored, and we have taken our decision in line with covenants within the deed of gift.

Community meetings convened by local government electors

Should a sufficient number of residents require us to hold a meeting there are regulations set out in the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 that allow for this. It states:

A community meeting may also be convened at any time by not less than 50 Solva electors. Such a meeting must be chaired by the existing chair of the community council.

The conveners of the meeting are required to give notice of the meeting to Solva Community Council. The notice must include the name, signature, and address of each of the individuals who assert that they have convened a community meeting, and,

- The business which is proposed to be transacted at the meeting
- The proposed time and place at which the meeting is to be held

If the business of the community meeting is a general issue, at least seven clear days notice of the meeting must be given. For further information please contact the Clerk, Bruce Payne on 07890 987259 or brucepayne241@gmail.com

Solva Community Land Trust (CLT)

On Monday 5 July, Solva CLT board members met with Climate Minister Julie James. The Welsh Government is committed to supporting CLTs as a means of alleviating issues caused by second homes. They have shown an interest in Solva CLT and we hope to meet with Ms James again in the future. We are working with the ateb Group and Pembrokeshire County Council to complete the Grant and Lease agreements which should be confirmed shortly. We will be holding community workshops and consultation in the autumn. More information and dates will follow in the coming months.



Solva Care IT Support sessions

Drop-in IT Support sessions are on Monday 2 and 16 August 2 - 3.30 pm at Solva AFC Clubhouse. Find out how to get online and to use your laptop/ipad/smart phone.



Solva Care - Connecting our Community

Do you, or does someone you know, need assistance with:

- Picking up medication from the surgery or pharmacy
- A lift to the surgery or post office
- Dog walking
- Befriending (someone to talk to on the phone)
- Shopping/picking up the paper
- Info/support to access services.



Solva Care is here to offer friendly, neighbourly support and has many local volunteers who are happy to give you a hand - just give us a call.

Or, if you would consider becoming a volunteer contact: Lena Dixon, Coordinator: 07805 717556 email: contact@solvacare.co.uk

REMEMBER: Never leave pets in vehicles, conservatories, outbuildings or caravans in warm weather (even if only for a short while). Winding a window down is not enough to help your dog stay cool.



Solva Memorial Hall

On the front wall of the hall there are now two new notice boards and next to the front door a letterbox. Any notices for either the Hall notice board or the SCC Notice board can be posted in the letterbox and they will then be displayed in the appropriate board. At present the hall is operating according to WAG restrictions - a maximum of 35 people seated, which includes the stage. This will hopefully change at the next WAG announcement on 7 August, to allow more to be accommodated.



Solva Heritage Society

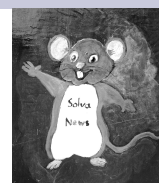
The society would like to invite you to revisit the Solva Heritage Trail at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall, on Wednesday 18 August. Please come to share your fascinating local knowledge, photographs and recollections to produce a companion booklet to accompany The Heritage Trail pamphlet.

Book box on Parc y Capel

We would be interested in finding out how much the book box on Parc y Capel is being used and if there is an interest in keeping it there as restrictions lift. Perhaps you could drop us an email to contact@solvacare.co.uk and let us have your views? Alternatively, there is a suggestion box in Solva Memorial Hall or you can just tell us if you happen to bump into one of us - Lena or Lesley

Mouse trail

The mice are out and about in Solva again - 33 of them! Maps available at Bay View Stores, Window on Wales and Solva Care website. Have fun finding them and doing the quiz!



Solva Care Finances

We get most of our money from grants - we have to apply and make a case. Sometimes we are successful, sometimes not. Currently, most of our funding comes from the People and Places Grant awarded by the National Lottery. We are committed to using the funding as required by the award and it covers our Coordinator's salary, our activities and the day to day running costs. It also covers the Assistant Coordinator's salary and our clerical and admin costs. Our volunteers are all just that – volunteers and we pay any expenses they incur. We are especially grateful for local fundraising and for donations and use that money to try out new activities which may not be covered by our main grant. Solva Care Development - There is a lot of interest in our work and our Research Group is involved in development projects which are funded by grants from a variety of sources, including the University Research Departments. This money covers salaries and expenses etc of those employed on these projects and is entirely separate from Solva Care funding. Our Finance Officer reports to Board every two months and these reports are available to members of the public, who are also welcome to attend our meetings. Contact Bruce Payne - brucepayne241@gmail.com / 07890 987259

St Davids Waste & Recycling Centre Closure?



The Pembrokeshire public is being asked for its views on the future operation of Waste and Recycling Centres (WRCs) in the County. A public consultation has been launched and puts forward potential options for residents to provide feedback.

It follows examination of data that showed at some sites less than 30% of available slots at WRCs are being booked. And, against a backdrop of ongoing changes to recycling legislation from the Welsh Government and increasing financial pressures, it is now timely to undertake a review of the WRCs. The consultation is at <https://haveyoursay.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/> and closes on Monday 9 August. Hard copies of the survey are available at the Call Centre, please call 01437 764551. If we want to keep St Davids Waste & Recycling Centre it would be good if as many as possible complete the survey.

Friday Club will have a break in August and start again on 10 September 2 - 4.30 pm at Solva AFC Clubhouse. All welcome.



The Cinnamon Trust

We have a resident in St Davids who needs some dog walking support but we don't have enough local volunteers to help – can you?

The Cinnamon Trust is the national charity for the elderly (Over 65's) and the terminally ill (any age) and their pets. We seek to keep owner and pet together for as long as possible with the help of a national network of volunteers who offer free assistance when day to day care poses a problem. We are unique amongst charities, as we aim to relieve owners of any worries about their pets welfare both during and after their own lifetime.

We will be very grateful for any help you are able to offer. Please contact Sally Collins, Appeal Administrator on 01736 758701 / sallycollins@cinnamon.org.uk



Music to the Ears!

Boaz Johnson (Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama) entertained Solva residents to a wonderful piano recital on Monday 19 July, with music by Brahms, Bach and Mendelssohn amongst others. Boaz is a very talented young man and we wish him all the best at Kings College, London. The proceeds from the night went to Solva Care – Thank you!



Solva Mariners in 1906

A recent search at <https://newspapers.library.wales/view/3378383/3378391> resulted in information about seafarers from the Solva area who, in 1906, had connections with Chile, at the time of the Valparaiso earthquake in 1906. They worked for the Pacific Steam Navigation Company that had contracts to carry Royal Mail. A message was received at Solva on Saturday morning stating:- “Violent earthquake on Thursday night, with heavy loss of property and lives! Pacific Steam Navigation offices partially destroyed”. This message was received by the friends of Commander T. Harris, of the Mount, Solva, who has been marine superintendent of the company for many years. Another message was received later:- “Officials of P.S.N.C. all right. Staff uninjured” - Captain E.T.Lee of the Royal Mail steamship Arica, had called from Iquique to which latter place he was bound, stating that he was all right. As were Capt P. J. Morgan, of Brynmor Solva, Capt Gronow and Capt Gwilym Davies, of King's Heriot, Solva. It is not often that a small place like Solva, with about 300 inhabitants, can boast of so many men holding such important positions in one of the chief steamship companies of the country.

Solva Ultrafast Full Fibre Broadband Project – Please sign up!

Only 13% of Solva has registered interest in the PCC led Ultra-fast Fibre Broadband Project. For the project to go forward we need over 35% of residents and businesses to have registered by September. To help push the project forward please encourage friends, family or neighbours to complete the survey online at: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/broadband-survey>



Catch & Cook Kayak Fishing



A new kayak fishing venture in Pembrokeshire for 2021. Specialising in bespoke sea angling from high-end, fishing-specific kayaks, the service aims to get people on the water to enjoy the riches of our local area.

Whether it's the seafood, the scenery, the relaxation on the vessels, the experience or the fun, there are a growing number of trips on offer to suit the needs of each group or individual. There are a number of catering options available, as well as a number of types of fishing, and a variety of places in which launching is available. To book contact Joe Shaw on 07869 825412 and please follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates and availability - instagram @catch_and_cook_pembrokeshire and facebook.com/catchandcookfishing/



Bart's Bash

Solva Sailing Club will be holding an event for Bart's Bash on Sunday 12 September. This international fund-raising event is held annually in memory of Olympic sailor Andrew Simpson. His foundation, established in 2014, raises awareness of sailing as a sport for everyone. We hope to get as many boats as possible out on the water on Sunday 12 September, and the committee is discussing a format to suit both those keen to race and those who would like to support, possibly "compete or complete". Followed, of course, by a "get together" on the quay or in the clubroom dependant on restriction regulations at the time. Please "like" our Facebook page for further updates or contact Secretary Helen on helenghughes@outlook.com.



Solva Harbour Society (SHS)

Covid is still with us, please avoid overcrowding on the Quay. Members only are permitted to park on the Quay and launch from Trinity Quay Slip. No Paddle Boards are permitted to launch from Trinity Quay. Visitors must use the Sand Quay for launching and are not permitted to park. Please respect the local Community and our environment when visiting. Members are reminded that for everyone's safety the **Harbour speed limit up to Black Rock is 4 knots**. This must be observed at all times. **Please be aware of swimmers.**



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Diary Dates

- 2 Aug & 16 Aug - Solva Care IT Support - AFC Clubhouse - 2 - 3.30 pm (p4)
- 5 Aug - Solva Cinema - Memorial Hall - "Into the Woods (PG) - starts 7.30pm (p2)
- 7 Aug - Family Dance Workshop - Memorial Hall - 10.30am - 12.30pm (p1)
- 8-9 Aug - Solva Scarecrow Trail - around the village - 10 am - 6 pm (p1)
- 9 Aug - DEADLINE for St Davids Waste & Recycling survey (p6)
- 18 Aug - Solva Heritage Society revisit the Heritage Trail - Memorial Hall - 7pm (p5)
- 22 Aug - Solva Pop-up Shop - AFC Clubhouse - 2 pm - 4 pm
- 1 Sep - Solva Pop-up Shop - AFC Clubhouse - 10 am - 12noon
- 2 Sep - Solva Cinema AGM followed by "" Misbehaviour" (12A) - Memorial Hall - starts 7.30pm (p2)
- 9 Sep - Solva WI meeting at Picton Castle (p2)
- 10 Sep - Friday Club starts - AFC Clubhouse - 2 - 4.30 pm (p6)
- 12 Sept - Bert's Bash - Trinity Quay - all day (p7)



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