SOLVA NEWS



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Solva Memorial Hall

Under the latest Covid regulations, the hall's capacity is 30 people per event. Hopefully, with further easing of restrictions, more people should soon be able to gather for social events. Please consider using the facilities of the hall when the time comes; its existence is entirely in your hands.

Walking for well-being

West Wales Walking for Well-being are running walks every Monday. Minibus shuttle from football club at 14:15 stopping at both lay-bys on route downhill to lower Solva, for a short well-being walk. Walks are paced to suit those who are not used to being active. To book either use our website www.westwaleswalkingforwellbeing.org. uk or if wanting to be picked up please phone Sam on 07796526166 or email same@pembrokeshire.co.uk

Solva Luncheon club/ Clwb Solfach

We were very sorry that it was felt unwise to restart on January 5th but, we followed medical advice. We are happy to announce that lunches will be served, starting again on Wednesday 19th January in the hall at 12.30pm.

Covid Regulations still apply so please wear a mask until you are seated and sterilize your hands on entry.

Memories of the Memorial Hall

Our hall is celebrating its centenary this year - 2022. It is doubtful if there is anyone in the area who can remember the actual celebrations in 1922 but there must be many in the village who have memories of happy times spent in the hall over the last ten decades.

It would be interesting to gather these memories, either by sending them electronically or, if preferred, by telling me by phone or face to face.

In next month's newsletter I will give more details of how to communicate your memories but meanwhile if anyone wants to recount them personally; Carol Ann, 721374.



Careless Talk Costs Hair

Three blokes in the pub, causally conversing about hair, as men do – what could possibly go wrong? Butcher Jon James, fisherman Jono Voyce and Darren Thomas (also known as D.T., chef at The Vic in Roch) discovered the answer to that question, when a discussion about which of them most needed a haircut ended in all of them getting their heads shaved for charity.

Responding to a jibe about the length of his hair, Jon's boast was that for £1000 he'd get his hair shaved right off. Before the night was out, Jono and D.T. had joined him and the three had agreed to go completely bald if they could raise £3000 for charity, never thinking that they would have to go through with it. However, a Just-Giving page set up in aid of 'The Great Solva Shave' quickly reached well over a thousand pounds in donations and the men were soon committed to going bald in aid of the RNLI and Operation Smile, a charity that raises money worldwide to pay for safe surgeries for children born with a cleft lip or cleft palate.

The Great Solva Shave took place in The George on the evening of the 13th of January 2022, a date also known as Welsh New Year (Calennig)*. Andrew from Freestyle in Haverfordwest got to work with his razor and Mike Chant, the former mayor of St David's, was on hand as a representative of the St Justinian's branch of the RNLI to present the three baldies with thermal hats, RNLI badges, stickers and keyrings. At the time of writing, the Just-Giving page has raised a total of £2130, while a whip round in The George on the night of the shave raised £250 for Smile. Lloyds Bank will donate a further £250 to each of the charities, bringing the total raised to £2880 so far. *Calennig, or Welsh New Year, is a custom believed to date back to the ancient festival of Saturnalia, having originally been brought to Carleon by the Romans.





Edge Festival

29th, 30th & 31st July 2022



The headline bands are booked and we are excited to reveal they are..... the dynamic Wild Boys, who many of you will remember from a few years ago, playing hits of the 80's. U2UK, the best U2 tribute band in Europe who have played for a U2 post gig party! Blondied, whose show includes Blondie's many hits, from their raucous early records right up to the slick pop/rock that has become Blondie's trademark. Closer to home, we also have the full 5-piece Honey Fungus band, a firm favourite for miles around.

Look out for updates as we confirm more music for you to enjoy at edgefestival.co.uk. A full line up of literary performers including poets Kate Potts and Abigail Parry, storyteller Peter Stevenson and our very own Ian McDonald are booked and excited to perform at this years festival.

Early Bird tickets are now on sale. You can purchase these on our website or from Helen Thomas ~ 07432 648596 (Solva residents only).

As you are all aware, The Edge Festival relies on the goodwill and support of Solva residents who volunteer to make it happen. A committed group of 20 plan through the year to bring the festival to you. We would be delighted to have more help. If you are interested in being involved in any way, however big or small, please contact us at info@edgefestival.co.uk or call Chris Sherwin on 07788 583602.

There is a real buzz developing for this year's festival. After a three-year gap, let's make it the best one yet!

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 to give you a hand - just give us a call. Or, if you would consider becoming a volunteer contact: Lena Dixon, Coordinator: 07805 717556 / contact@solvacare.co.uk



Solva Community Council Elections

May is coming up fast and that is when the elections for the community council will take place. Solva has been lucky in the past as all the elections have been contested so every councillor serving on the council knows that they are there with a legitimate democratic mandate. This lends authority to the decisions of the council, and that is good for the whole community. So please, if you think you would enjoy giving something back to the village, consider standing for the community council.

It is not too onerous, we meet once a month on the first Wednesday and meetings last up to two hours. There are subcommittees which you can choose to get involved in, the green agenda is very important now and will be a big preoccupation of the council going forward. We have big decisions to make about how we maintain our play parks and how they should change going forward. There are also a number of ongoing projects that need pushing along such as the creation of multigenerational facilities in the form of a path and external exercise area.

So please, this is an exciting vibrant community but it needs good people to continue the work. This could be you! There will be more publicity in the next newsletter as to how you apply or speak to the clerk of the community council, Bruce Payne Tel: 07890987259

Solva Community Cinema

3rd February Dawn of War (12) Thriller 3rd March First Cow (PG 13) Drama

Solva Memorial Hall, doors open 7pm – film starts 7.30 pm.

Tea/coffee/soft drinks, sweets & snacks are available.

Book your tickets: email solvacinema@gmail.com phone 07805 717556

Please wear a mask & take a lateral flow test before, if you can.



Christian meeting

A small group of local Christians meeting at the Football Clubhouse in Upper Solva would like to invite others to join us for fellowship and prayer. We meet on alternate Sunday mornings at 10.30am.

The dates are: February 6th and 20th/ March 6th and 20th/ April 3rd

Bring your Bible and a mug for a hot drink! We would love to see you. For further details, contact Nadia on 07890 598 686

Parc y Capel

The field known as Parc y Capel was until recently the property of the Congregational Chapel, Whitchurch Road, Upper Solva (Capel Ucha'). Historically it was rented to a private individual who used it for farming purposes (I seem to recall potatoes).

In 1992 the Chapel Trustees were approached by local residents with a proposition to create a "village green" on the land and the Chapel agreed that the field could be transformed by the planting of trees, shrubs, lawns and the laying of paths and stone walls into the landscaped park that we enjoy in Solva today.

The Chair of the Parc y Capel management committee and the Chapel Trustees recently decided that in order to preserve the park for future generations, that the property be gifted to Solva Community Council who undertook to maintain the land accordingly. The transfer has recently been completed. Funds raised for the upkeep of the park by the Parc y Capel Management Committee will be passed over to the Community Council who hope to continue the tradition to organise a Summer Village Fete on the green which has, in previous years, earned enough money to maintain the land.

Long may our "Village Green" be an asset to the community of Solva

Siop Solfch/Solva Shop

The Siop will be open again at the Community Clubhouse (AFC) between 2:00 and 4:00 on every fourth Sunday of the month starting February. The dates will therefore be: 27th February, 27th March, 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October, 27th November and 18th December (second Sunday, week before Christmas). Proceeds from these events will go to the Solva Care Reserve fund. We will also have a stall at the coffee morning on every second Thursday in the month starting February. The first one will be on February 10th.

Enquiries to Fran Barker 07377059256 or fran34hb@gmail.com

Available/Wanted

We have some lovely items in the shop, for example, a porcelain doll (Knightsbridge Collection, as new in its box), a good mirror with wood surround (about 36 x 36 cm), a set of new washbasin taps with waste fitting and plug, duvet sets. If any of these are of interest or there is something in particular that you are looking for, please contact Fran on the numbers given above.



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Dog Walking

The community council is working in collaboration with a section of the dog walking community to resolve the problem of dog mess on the football pitch. In the past football teams have had to spend time clearing the pitch before games could start and even then there have been incidents of players getting splattered. Not only is this unpleasant but also potentially very serious for the health of the football players involved. A temporary complete ban was introduced, but after a very fruitful discussion it was decided to amend the restrictions. Dog walkers will be able to walk along the side of the pitch, the lower, east side as long as dogs are kept on a lead and do not go onto the playing area. Signs will be erected to inform dog walkers. A new dog poo bin will be installed at the far, sea side of the pitch. It has been agreed that CCTV will be closely monitored to establish if people are not keeping to the new requirement. Any dog walkers found to be contravening will be reported to PCC who have the power to impose fines. If after two months of monitoring the new regime is found to be working smoothly then it will be instated permanently. We recognise the hugely beneficial effect that dog walking has and also the fact that the vast majority of dog owners look after their dogs and clear up after them. We do however have to be mindful of the serious health hazard dog mess can represent. We feel that the current proposal recognises both these aspects of the debate. A complete dog ban in children's play areas is a requirement of PCC, so that does not change.

SOLVA WI

For the December meeting it was decided not to bring plates of food to share but for selves only and the hot punch went down well, as did the quiz and the 'Would I lie to you' game!

The Christmas Dinner followed on 16th December at Mamgu's which was a relaxing evening and a delicious meal. A well-spaced meeting with 10 members present was held in the Hall on Thursday 13th January. There was very little business due to the Christmas break but the 5 Resolutions that will go forward to the Annual National Meeting were read out and discussed, then voted on. Jilly Missen won the 'Flower of the month' and the raffle was won by Margaret Robinson.

We are still adding to the 100 bags of rubbish which is our target to celebrate 100 years of Pembrokeshire WI. We have managed 75% so far BUT, we have been shocked at the amount we have collected. Our next walk on Monday 17th January at Whitesands will include more litter-picking towards the total, but please take yours home for disposal!

The next meeting will hopefully be in the Hall on Thursday 10th February at 2pm when Gareth Mills will give a talk & film show on 'GI Brides'. New members are very welcome – please come for a meeting or to 'test the water.'

Solva WI

Welcomes new members and visitors.
We meet in Solva
Memorial Hall
on the 2nd Thursday
of each month at 2pm

Jilly 01437 720922

Thursday Coffee Morning Solva Memorial Hall

Following the current easing of Covid restrictions we are pleased to be able to hold the coffee mornings again from the 3rd of February and we will look forward to welcoming old friends and maybe some new ones. We will still ask those who join us to wear a mask on arrival, use hand sanitizer and socially distance, at least for the time being.

Thanks to Andy Robinson we now have a smart new bookcase for the mini library, which we hope will make it easier to find a book to borrow. Although most books are borrowed during coffee mornings those who attend Luncheon Club are very welcome to choose books. There is a record book on the window ledge near the bookcases. Your name, the date, the title of the book and the author are all that is needed.

On the second Thursday of every month there will be a Siop Solfach table of goods for sale in aid of Solva Care. Look out for some excellent bargains.

Many thanks to all for your continued support.

Solva Play areas

The Solva Community Council is currently drawing up a plan of how the playing field areas in Solva will look in the future.

The skate park is falling into disrepair and will soon become uneconomical to repair so we may need to think about its replacement. One project under consideration is a pump track to replace the skate park.

A pump track is essentially a hilly circuit that can be used by cyclists, skateboarders and scooters. There is a pump track at Llys y Fran reservoir if you want to have a look.

There are also questions surrounding; Whether we should keep two playground areas or consolidate into one & what ages should we cater for. Play equipment is very expensive but the example in the lower, Gamlin, playpark is an example of how successful good equipment can be.

We will soon be carrying out a proper consultation but if you have firm opinions on this, please let us know, by getting in touch with Rachel, newsletter editor or Bruce, the clerk to the Council.

St Davids Festival of Ideas

It is now confirmed that the Festival of Ideas will take place on the 25th and 26th of March this year as a live event in St Davids. This festival is a genuine collaboration between the communities of Solva and St Davids. It will take the form of debates where key core speakers will address such issues as the health of the ocean — so crucial to our lives here on the north peninsula of Pembrokeshire, as well as the quality of the food we eat.

We will consider the inequalities in our society and the huge issue of the housing shortage. Our speakers include Sir Michael Marmot, a leading figure in tackling poverty, inequality in housing, health and income; Katie Palmer, a founder of Food Sense Wales; Sophie Howe, the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales; Eddie Butler, sportsman, journalist and writer. And many others. The full list of speakers is published on our website and tickets are obtainable here https://www.stdavidsideas.co.uk/buy-tickets/.

Our aim is to enable discussion to lead to action. There will be food and music with the Mike Chant Band closing the event. Locations include the Cathedral Refectory, Oriel y Parc and the St Davids City Hall. We believe that this first live event will become a regular fixture in the annual calendar of events, getting bigger and attracting more visitors to support our businesses out of the main tourist time. Be in at the beginning!

Oriel Y Parc - Exhibitions

LAND/SEA - Mike Perry Until 27th of February CHERISH - Climate Change and Coastal Heritage, 11th of January - 27th of February, St.Davids Room

ATMOSPHERE/AWYRGYLCH - Ray Burnell, 4th of January – 26th of February, the Tower

Solva Community Land Trust

Solva CLT will be conducting workshops this year to get the community's input to help shape the project and create housing we are all proud of. If you would like to become a member please contact Colin Reynolds, rens@btinernet.com / 07967431781

Solva Harbour Society

Solva Harbour Society Ltd would like to wish all it's members a Happy New Year and look forward to an enjoyable season in 2022. Please note that the General Meeting for 2022 is in the process of being arranged and details will be provided as soon as possible, bearing in mind current Covid 19 restrictions.

Shalom House

It is exciting times as Shalom House prepare to open their doors for overnight respite care Monday to Friday one week per month from the end of January, for a three month trial. This has been put in place to help relieve winter pressures from the health board. We hope the trial will be successful and we would hope that in the future this is something we can offer more often. It has been an exciting couple of months getting everything prepared, but Shalom House are finally ready to welcome their first patients for overnight stays for a long while.

In December Shalom House was awarded a Postcode Lottery Grant for around £19,000. The lottery grant will allow us to spend money on sorting the garden out and getting more lovely flowers. It also allows us to bring in Wellness Days where we will have complimentary therapies on offer, as well as walk and talks and other wellbeing events. It will also go towards us being able to offer the services of a bereavement counsellor for the coming year.

Câr-Y-Môr

Over the Christmas break, we had a special delivery of our new seeded lines from Hortimare, a hatchery in the Netherlands. These new lines will be producing our crop of Sugar Kelp. We will be harvesting this in the spring / summer.

Despite the cold biting wind, and the challenging sea conditions, both of these types have now been deployed at our 2 sites, and we will continue to track progress to see which method provides the best yield.

This coming month, we will hear the results from our application about our larger, 3 hectare farm. Watch this space!

We also need volunteers at Câr-Y-Môr, if you'd like to be involved, please email dan@carymor.wales who can provide you with more information as to what we will be doing on these days!

Volunteering at Clegyr - dates. 10am Thursday 3rd February, Saturday 26th February, Thursday 3rd March & Saturday 26th March.

In Person Meet and Greets - February 24th Solva - February 25th St Davids

We are on! Apologies to all who were excited to hear from us in person before Christmas about our progress. We have rearranged our in person meet and greets for these dates, where we hope to update you on our applications and our progress to date. Seaweed and seafood snacks will be provided, so register your interest on our Facebook event, or by emailing dan@carymor.wales



Mamgu Welshcakes

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, Wales is the land of lovers, But there's a lot of heartache I tell you.

It's safe to say that February 14th is a day in our calendars that has a firm place in our hearts...(or not). But did you know that here in Wales we have our very own day of love; Dydd Santes Dwynwen/ Saint Dwynwens Day, celebrated every year on January the 25th.

To learn more, head over to our website where you will also find a perfect affordable & simple recipe of Welsh rarebit for you to try at home.

We will be running a charity event on valentines day, all details can be found on our social media or why not pop in and hear all about it from our lovely staff?

Cariad Mawr, Mamgus Welshcakes https://mamguwelshcakes.com/

Eisteddfod Tyddewi St.David's Eisteddfod

Mae Eisteddfod Tyddewi, a oedd ei chynnal ym mis Chwefror 2022 wedi ei chanselo oherwydd y sefyllfa gyda'r firws-corona. Bydd thema 2022, Gwyliau / Holidays, yn cael ei defnyddio ar gyfer yr Eisteddfod nesaf yn 2023. Y dyddiad am yr Eisteddfod fydd Dydd Mawrth, 28 Chwefror 2023.

The St.David's Eisteddfod, due to be held in February 2022 has been cancelled because of the corona-virus situation. The 2022 theme of Holidays / Gwyliau will be used for the next Eisteddfod in 2023. The date for the Eisteddfod will be Tuesday, 28 February 2023.

St. Davids Surgery Notice for Patients

From January 2022, we are pleased to welcome a new part-time GP, Dr Roanna Dewsbury, who will work in the Practice alongside Drs Kauschinger & Riley.

The churches of St.David Witchurch and St.Aiden Solva 100+ Club

The second draw of 2021/22 took place on November 28th 2021.

The lucky winners were:

1st Margaret Robinson (113) £70/ 2nd Steve Probert (63) £45/ 3rd Lucy Vaughan (51) £30

St.Davids sports hall

We have been waiting patiently for news to be able to open our doors more regularly.

The day has arrived! From Friday 14th
January we will be open at the following times:

Monday: 8am - 11am & 4pm - 9pm

Tuesday: 5pm – 9pm

Wednesday: 8am - 11am & 4pm – 9pm

Thursday: 4pm – 8/9pm

Friday: 8am – 11am & 4pm – 8pm

Saturday: 8am - 11am

February calendar

02/02 - Luncheon Club

03/02 - Solva Cinema 'Dawn of War'

- Câr-Y-Môr volunteering

- Memorial hall coffee morning

06/02 - Christian meeting

07/02 - Walking for wellbeing

09/02 - Luncheon Club

10/02 - Memorial hall coffee morning

- WI meeting

14/02 - Walking for wellbeing

- Mamgu Welshcakes charity event

16/02 - Luncheon Club

17/02 - Memorial hall coffee morning

20/02 - Christian meeting

21/02 - Walking for wellbeing

23/02 - Luncheon Club

24/02 - Câr-Y-Môr in person meet and greet, Solva

- Memorial hall coffee morning

25/02 - Câr-Y-Môr in person meet and greet, St.Davids

26/02 - Câr-Y-Môr volunteering

27/02 - Solva shop

- Siop Solva

28/02 - Walking for wellbeing

03/03 - Solva cinema 'First Cow'

- Câr-Y-Môr volunteering

- Memorial hall coffee morning







As the new editor of the Solva Newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and once again thank the previous editor Peter Wilde for his hard work over the years.

If you would like to contribute to next month's edition or have any feedback, please contact me via email:

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Many thanks

Many thanks, Rachel Kelway-Lewis



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