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SOLVA & ST DAVIDS NEWS

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BAY VIEW STORES GETS AN AWARD!

We're thrilled to announce that Bay View Stores has been awarded the title of the best village shop and post office in the UK by the prestigious Countryside Alliance Awards. This recognition, also known as the Rural Oscars, honors the dedicated individuals who work tirelessly for the future of rural communities.

Gwyn Price and his mother, Jean, who run Bay View Stores, epitomize the strength of our community. Gwyn expressed his excitement during the award ceremony at the House of Lords, thanking their customers and staff for their support.



Beyond running the shop, Gwyn established the Cwtch drop-off center adjacent to Bay View Stores, providing essential items to those facing financial challenges.

Bay View Stores has been the central hub of Solva for over two decades, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, Gwyn and his team created "Cwtch boxes" filled with food and treats to support those helping others.

Gwyn, Jean, and their family provide immeasurable support to the community, serving as a pillar of guidance and assistance for residents and visitors alike.

ST DAVIDS COMES ABOARD

Dear Solva residents and fellow readers,

We are thrilled to announce an exciting new chapter in the history of our beloved local newsletter. Solva News, a longstanding publication that has been connecting our village for years, is expanding its horizons and embracing the vibrant community of St. Davids!

Starting with this edition, we are delighted to introduce a dedicated section for St. Davids, spanning four pages of content. This initial section will provide a glimpse into the happenings, stories, and events taking place in our neighbouring community. However, we have ambitious plans for the future, aiming to grow this section and include even more contributions from St. Davids residents. Read more on page 10...

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COUNCILLERS CORNER

The first half of May has seen 3 important all member Council meetings take place at County Hall. Firstly on Thursday 11th May, Full council took place. The agenda items were somewhat run of the mill but there was a raft of questions put forward for public answers. I asked questions about the failure of PCC to advise their tenants of the impending rent increases within the 2 month statutory notice period. The letters were sent by an outside contractor and were dated 25th January but did not arrive with many tenants until the end of March. This prevented a 1st April rent increase and has prevented a rent increase commencing until 1st July. This has lost the Council £380,000. I look forward to see how this can be recovered

Next day was the AGM of Pembrokeshire County Council which saw Cllr Thomas Tudor installed as Chairman of the Council and Cllr Steve Alderman installed as Vice Chairman. Most other chairs and vice chairs remained with the existing councillors.

On the 18th May, an Extraordinary meeting was held to consider the Notice of no confidence in the Leader David Simpson. There were numerous speakers and the motion fell in the end with 29 members against the Leader and 31 in support. I voted in favour of a change of Leader and Cllr Simpson now has another year in office.

On a different topic, it has been reported that a member of the National Trust parked in the Harbour car park and received a fixed penalty notice for failure to pay and display a ticket. Having checked, the advice is that members of the National trust can park anywhere in the Harbour Car park as long as a valid up to date membership card is displayed clearly in the car window. If you feel you have wrongly received a fixed penalty, then please challenge the ticket by referring to the rear of the ticket on your windscreen.

As always if you have any County Council concerns, please contact me on 07976 553912
Mark Carter

SOLVA CARE NEEDS HELP!

Our 5-year National Lottery Funding comes to an end in March 2024. Without new funding, Solva Care would not be able to continue providing the support we are currently offering. The Solva Care trustees are doing everything they can to find grants from alternative funders but there are no guarantees, and the amounts are often small and often they will only match the amount we can contribute ourselves. In addition, we are thinking of ways to fund-raise locally. We know that many people in the village are willing and able to undertake fun activities for sponsorship. We would welcome your ideas and if we host an event, we really need as many of you as possible to support it. All amounts raised could help us continue supporting people in the village until we are able to find a more sustainable source of funding.

If you have any ideas or offers of help, please email lenamdixon@gmail.com



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Solva WI

Welcomes new members
and visitors.

We meet in Solva
Memorial Hall
on the 2nd Thursday
of each month at 2pm

Contact Jilly

01437 720922



Solva Edge Festival

28th, 29th & 30th of July 2023



The Edge festival is fast approaching and we have began releasing our acoustic tent line up, including **local artists: Abbie Jebbers, Josie Daniels & Alex John Duarte** with **many more** yet to be announced!

To find out more, keep an eye on our social media:

Twitter: @edgefestsolva // Instagram: @edgefestival // Facebook: @SolvaEdgeFestival
The **super early bird ticket** offer for locals is still available so don't hesitate to contact Helen Thomas on 07432648596 for yours!

Tickets are priced at £45 for Adults and £20 for under 18's

Volunteers we need you!

We are on the look out for new volunteers to help us with this years' festival.

We have always been extremely lucky to have an **amazing team of volunteers** and would **love** to get some more on board for this year.

If you would like to come and volunteer with us whilst enjoying a great festival, please get in touch via email: info@edgefestival.co.uk

Whether you have a few hours or days to spare, **we will certainly make it worth your time.**

If you are interested, we will be holding volunteer meetings on June 20th & July 5th at 7pm in the Harbour Inn. All welcome!

SCARECROW TRAIL 2023

Animated Characters from Children's TV or Film (August 6-7).

MORE SCARECROWS NEEDED! Reserve your character as soon as possible (no duplicates allowed).

Contact Fran on Mob 07377059265 or E-mail fran34hb@gmail.com.

KEEP OFF THE CURB

Attention villagers! Please be mindful when parking your vehicles around Solva, especially on Glanhafan Road and the car park/layby opposite the church.

We kindly remind you to refrain from parking over or obstructing dropped curbs, as this can restrict access for disabled individuals and those with pushchairs. It is important to ensure that everyone in our community can move around freely and safely, and by following this simple rule, we can all do our part in making our village a more inclusive and accessible place.

Thank you for your cooperation!

MICE ARRIVING IN SOLVA

Mice arriving in Solva They're coming back! Dust off, paint and make your old mice or make a new one. Newcomers welcome! Put them out and let us know as soon as you can - who, what, where - so that we can add onto the trail map. Contact: Chris and Ellie Sherwin on 07788 583602; csdesigns@talktalk.net or Lena on lenamdixon@gmail.com



SOLVA OPEN GARDENS 17-18 JUNE

A wide variety of gardens on view over two days. £5 per person. Proceeds to Solva Memorial Hall. For Brochure or further details, contact Fran on 07377059265 or fran34hb@gmail.com

NOTICE OF SOLVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The AGM of Solva Community Council (SCC) will be held on Tuesday 6th June 2023 commencing at 6 p.m. in Solva Memorial Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

AGM Agenda is available from the Clerk and at <https://solva.gov.wales/solva-community-council/>

Bruce Payne - Clerk to the Council: brucepayne241@gmail.com / 07890 987259

WEST WALES WALKING FOR WELL-BEING

We 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 onto a walk, either use our website www.westwaleswalkingforwellbeing or if wanting to be picked up please phone Sam on 07796526166 or email same@pembrokeshire.co.uk

MEMORIAL HALL THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

We have a very special celebration on 15th June. A first for us! We have celebrated the centenary of the Hall itself and now we will be celebrating a **100th birthday**. **Pam Lane** will be our first regular attendee to receive a 'telegram' from the King. We are not sure what form the 'telegram' will take but we are hoping that many people from the village will join us for this special occasion. All welcome!

Thursday 15th June 10.30 - 12noon.

SOLVA CINEMA

Upcoming films:

- 1 June: A man called Otto (PG 13)
- 6 July: Empire of light (15)
- 3 Aug: Do you wanna dance (12A)

Doors open at 7 pm at the Memorial Hall and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Refreshments available or bring your own bottle. Price Adults £5, or become a member for £5/year and get 20% off and free use of a cushion! Under 18's £3.50. We are happy to take suggestions for future films.



SIOP SOLFACH / SOLVA SHOP

Solva Shop

The Solva Shop will be open in the Hall on Thursday 8 June at Coffee morning (10.30-12.00), and at the Community Clubhouse on Sunday 25 June (2.00-4.00). Come and see what we have on offer, If you have items to donate or would like advice on where to send them, contact Fran on 07377059265 or fran34hb@gmail.com.

Solva Shop Recycling

One of the aims of the Solva shop is to prevent stuff going to land fill. We now have a collection box for used printer ink cartridges. 30 at a time needed to raise money for Water Aid. Bring your used cartridges to Solva Shop or put it in the box in the Hall.

YSGOL PENRHYN DEWI (AIDEN CAMPUS) AND SOLVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL - WORKING TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP!

Solva Community Council is proud to represent this wonderful community, both young and old. SCC and YPD are keen to work together so that some of the youngest in our community have their say on what they like or dislike about Solva and what they would like to improve in our village. Here`s what the school says: -

"We absolutely love being out and about in Solva and it was an honour to be asked to share our thoughts and views with Solva Community Council in order to help improve our much-loved community."

There is a huge issue with dog poo being left all over our beautiful community and this is making the children very sad. Mr Reynolds is working closely with the boys and girls on Aidan campus to ensure their voice is heard.

The nursery and reception pupils on Aidan campus have been working hard to create some beautiful visual reminders that we can put around the community.

Here is sneaky peek of some of their hard work:

On Monday 15th May, we visited Mamgu Welshcakes, one of our much-loved places and one that many of our pupils visit with their parents and relatives regularly. As always, we had an extremely warm welcome and got treated to some delicious Welshcakes. Diolch yn fawr.



The staff at Mamgu Welshcakes judged our posters and four have been chosen now to redraft and put up around our community to help remind dog owners to be responsible and to keep our environment safe, clean and tidy for us all to enjoy.

Keep an eye out for our beautiful posters and watch this space for what we get up to with Solva community next.



SOLVA & ST DAVIDS MACULAR SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

**WE ARE MOVING OUR VENUE TO ST DAVIDS RUGBY CLUB FROM JUNE 7TH
AT 2 : 00 - 4 : 00 FOR ALL FUTURE MEETINGS ON A WEDNESDAY
FORTNIGHTLY DUE TO EASIER PARKING AND ACCESS FOR OUR MEMBERS.**

**AS ALWAYS, WE WELCOME ALL WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS FOR SUPPORT AND
ADVICE FROM REGULAR SPEAKERS I.E. NHS, RNIB AND THE MACULAR SOCIETY UK.
CONTACT MARGARET HUGHES (GROUP LEADER) ON 07815729856.**

SIMPLY CHURCH

We are excited to announce that from Sunday 4th June,
we will be joining Hope Church at Mathry Village Hall, SA62 5HE
Sundays from 10.00 to 11.30am



The family-orientated, cafe-style meetings are relaxed and for all age groups
There is a children's Sunday School too. Come and join us!
We will happily arrange lifts from Solva
contact Nadia on 07890 598686

CLWB SOLFACH/SOLVA LUNCH CLUB

Numbers have been varying recently but we hope they will stabilise at 20+, a good
number to cater for. We'd still welcome more diners!
Contact Jane Pascoe 01437 721544.

SAVE SOLVA SURGERY - WORKING GROUP

The meeting with the Regional Health Board (H DUHB), on Solva Surgery, took place as
planned on 25th April. The meeting was held in Solva Memorial Hall and was attended by
18 people, the majority of whom were H DUHB employees. H DUHB officials reported
satisfaction overall with the transition to a managed practice. The rest of the meeting was
spent by Solva Surgery Working Group representatives: Sue Denman, Gareth Chapman
and Iain Robertson Steel emphasising the importance of Solva retaining General Practice
for the village and how this could be achieved in a sustainable way. The Health Board has
gone away to consider its response to our ideas and how best to go forward to keep
momentum.

We will continue to meet as a large working group of some 14 members of the
community, with a core group (see above, plus Ifor Thomas and Luci Chapman) involved in
the detail.

It is important that we represent your wishes for the future of health and care in our
community. We will continue to communicate via a monthly briefing to Solva Community
Council as well as using our local websites, Facebook and newsletter. Please let us know if
there are any other ways we can communicate to ensure that you are informed on a
regular basis.

It is very important that as many of you as possible engage and input into the ideas we
take to our meetings with the Health Board. We will organise another community meeting
as soon as we have more news and issues to discuss. Solva Community Council is leading
on the action here and can be contacted via Ifor Thomas 07971 038643 and Sue Denman
07817 410782.

SOLVA WI

Our meeting was held on 11 May in the Memorial Hall, there were 7 apologies for absence. The Record of the April meeting was agreed and signed. Matters arising included the PFWI Spring Council meeting which was attended by 6 members who also enjoyed supper at the venue.

However, comment was made on the speaker's vocal delivery of his talk on the archaeological dig on the old Ocky White site in Haverfordwest.

All subscriptions have been paid but we do welcome new members at any time. Our finances are healthy as is the Defibrillator account – new pads are being purchased.

The Walking Group – next walk TBA

Next meeting – Thursday, June 8 when the speaker will be Dilys Penney from Dilly's Chocolates.

Following the meeting, our speaker was an old friend and favourite with a humorous and informative illustrated talk on what plants should grow and flourish in our present changing climate.

COAST ALLOTMENT PROJECT

Spring has sprung and the allotment is in full swing. Lots of plants are in and we've even had a feast of radishes courtesy of Andrew "Pengy" Phillips.

We've welcomed Wyncliffe childcare to the garden, who have a lovely end plot to grow veggies on. Our lending library of garden books is growing slowly but needs more, so if you've got any old books relating to gardening please pop them up the shed or message Richard on Facebook. We've got loads of hedging and fruiting trees to plant along the hedge line too.

The next stage of the project is to complete the wildlife garden and paint the shed, if you'd like to help out or just want to come over to see what we're all about just get in touch. coastsolva@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page"

SOLVA'S OWN CHIROPRACTOR

STOP! Did you know...

Solva now has its' own registered Chiropractor, working from home & available for home visits.

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SOLVA SURGERY

Repeat Prescription requests and dispensing – As you are aware the dispensing of medication from the Surgery finished on 31st March 2023. This will mean that we have stopped ordering any more stock from our wholesalers and you will see a reduction in availability of prescription medications which can be dispensed by the Surgery. Please bear with us whilst we go through this transition period. You will be asked to take your paper prescription to a chemist.

All patients will have received a letter from Hywel Dda Health Board explaining how you get your medication.

If you have regular medication (called Repeat medication) you will still need to order this from the Surgery and the staff will produce a prescription which will need to be signed by the GP. You can either collect the signed prescription from the Surgery and then take it to any Community Pharmacy yourself for them to dispense it for you, or you can ask for all your signed prescriptions to be sent directly to a Community Pharmacy of your choice which may be more convenient. If you are prescribed a medication as a one-off, or not on a regular basis you can do the same.

To order your Repeat prescription

Please contact the Surgery to order your prescription 7-10 days before your medication is required.

Order your prescription via the same methods, either by phoning the repeat prescription line on 01437 720644, online or post your repeat slip directly to the surgery.

You can collect your prescription or nominate your chosen Pharmacy

Collect your prescription from the Surgery and take it yourself to a Community Pharmacy. Or ask the Surgery to send your prescriptions to one of the Pharmacies below that has a collection service and they will have the medication ready for you to pick-up 7-10 days after your order. Some Community Pharmacies offer home delivery of your medication. This is not an NHS service, is subject to delivery radius and delivery charges may apply.

Well Pharmacy - St Davids
Boots Pharmacy - Fishguard
Myrtle Pharmacy, Goodwick
Boots Pharmacy - Haverfordwest
Davies Pharmacy, Haverfordwest
Well Pharmacy – Haverfordwest



If you want all of your prescriptions to go to one of the Community Pharmacies that offer this collection service, you can tell one of the reception team at the Surgery and they will note this in your records so that every prescription goes there directly, this means that you won't need to collect your prescription from the Surgery.

The Health Board is working with the Surgery and local Community Pharmacies to make this transition as easy as possible for patients, however we need your help in doing this by ensuring that you order any repeat medication 7-10 days in advance of when you need it, so you don't run out of any medication.

If you have any queries, please telephone Hywel Dda Health Board on 0300 303 8322 (option 5) or email ask.hdd@wales.nhs.uk

Practice Nurse Appointments – Due to staff sickness, we continue to have limited availability for Practice Nurse appointments. This may mean that routine appointments will need to be rescheduled while we try to cover the clinics for more complex procedures.

SINFONIA CYMRU MAINLY VILLAGE HALL TOUR

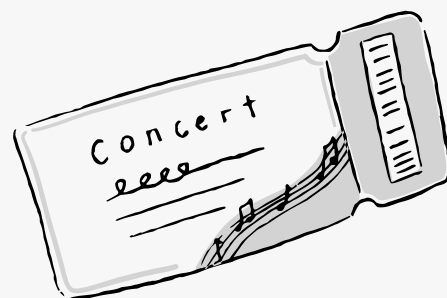
Get ready to tap your toes and sing along to some great music as the Mainly Village Halls Tour comes to Solva Memorial Hall on Saturday 17 June.

This free concert series is a celebration of local communities and the important role that village halls play in bringing people together.

This event, which is supported by the Arts Council of Wales, promises to be a fantastic night of music and community spirit. With performances by a variety of talented artists, the Mainly Village Halls Tour is an opportunity to enjoy high-quality music right here in Solva.

The Mainly Village Halls Tour is also supported by the Colwinston Community Foundation Wales, The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust, Fidelio Charitable Trust, Oakdale Trust, and the Powys Church Act. These generous supporters are committed to promoting the arts and bringing high-quality performances to communities throughout Wales.

The tickets are free of charge but need to be booked in advance, either online or by contacting Lena Dixon, Solva Care on 07805 717556 or lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk



So come on down to Solva Memorial Hall on Saturday 17 June and join us for an evening of free music and celebration. We can't wait to see you there!

QIGONG CLASSES AT NEWGALE BEACH AND IN SOLVA

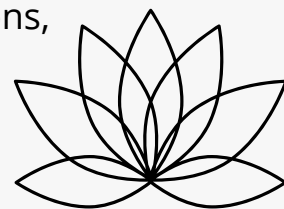
June 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th and 20th and 22nd - 6pm

Qigong is an ancient meditative martial arts system that cultivates optimum healing and physical and mental self mastery. Rhys is an experienced Physiotherapist and Qigong practitioner, he leads a body and mind centred practice, incorporating eastern traditional Chinese martial arts techniques with modern physiotherapy knowledge and evidence. Qigong has a profound physical, emotional and spiritual effect on the body. Cultivating strength, balance, a sense of calm and deep relaxation. Expect dynamic meditation, breath-work and powerful Shaolin techniques.

£10 per class ~75minutes (Exact location will vary due to tide and conditions, please contact ahead of sessions)

1:1 Qigong and Physiotherapy sessions available in June.

Contact Rhys For more details: qiphysio.contact@gmail.com



NEW YEARS DAY TREASURE HUNT

£100 of the proceeds from The New Years Day Treasure Hunt has been donated to Penny Dafforn and her team of mosaic artists to buy materials. A big thank you to Dai Ball and Jimmy who suggested a permanent mosaic trail around the village for locals and visitors to hunt out and enjoy.

Watch out for new mosaics appearing on houses, businesses and walls! If you would like to learn how to mosaic

contact Penny Dafforn 07794576906

This is the start of another exciting art project which enhance our beautiful village.

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ST DAVIDS COMES ABOARD

This collaboration between Solva and St. Davids marks an exciting new venture, symbolizing the strength and unity of our local communities. By bridging the geographical gap between us, we hope to foster a sense of shared experiences, interests, and achievements, reinforcing the bonds that make our corner of the world truly special.

To make this venture a resounding success, we invite the residents of St. Davids to join us in this collaborative effort. If you have news, stories, or events that you would like to share with our readership, we encourage you to send your submissions to solvanews@outlook.com. We warmly welcome articles, photographs, poetry, event announcements, and any other creative contributions that showcase the richness and diversity of St. Davids.

Together, we can make this newsletter a true reflection of the collective spirit of Solva and St. Davids. Let's celebrate our shared heritage, support one another, and create a platform that unites us in our endeavors.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Solva community for your continued support, and we eagerly look forward to welcoming the community of St. Davids to our newsletter family. Together, we can make the pages of Solva News even more vibrant, inspiring, and inclusive.

Angus Gaskell - Editor, Solva and St Davids News.

ART ON THE FAITH TRAIL

We are having a summer Exhibition in St Davids Cathedral for six weeks with a wonderful and eclectic group of Artists.

'Art on the Faith Trail' includes theme's of Pilgrimage, phenomenology, spirituality, faith, humanity, natural phenomena and the divine will be opening on Saturday 15th July until Thursday 24th August.



One of the artists to appear in the exhibition is local designer and artist Oscar Brooker who will be exhibiting an exciting and innovative new take on the traditional leaded glass windows. With a passion for upcycling and saving waste, he will produce the artwork entirely out of salvaged glass which would normally go to landfill.

"Glass is an incredible material and I find it fascinating how it can hold on to its original beauty over hundreds of years without aging or blemishing. In my new piece named Dai I plan to only use salvaged glass I have collected from skips and wasteland (with permission). The piece will feature a variety of different textures of glass from antique to modern age. I'd love for people to be able to recognise some of the patterns that are featured in the window and to view them in a completely different perspective."

GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK 2023 - ECODEWI

EcoDewi is thrilled to organize the 3rd St Davids Peninsula Great Big Green Week from June 10th to 18th. It's a UK-wide event celebrating community action against climate change and preserving nature. Visit www.ecodewi.org.uk for the full program, but here's a sneak preview:

SATURDAY 10 JUNE: 11am to 3pm – The St Davids Green Market: We'll be joined by a range of conservation and environmental organisations as well as local businesses selling sustainable products and services, with stalls on Cross Square and in the courtyard at Oriely Parc. There will be food, music and activities, PLUS the RPSB will be launching a new sculpture on Cross Square too!

SUNDAY 11 JUNE:

12-2pm – The Great Big Pembrokeshire Clean Up! All around Pembrokeshire, there will be beach cleans and litter picks as we come together as a community to clean up our natural environment and remove litter from getting into our water systems and seas. Help us protect our environment by getting involved. To find your nearest Clean Up check out our website and if you want to organise your own for your street, park or nearest beach, just get in contact with us.

4pm – The Big Green Service at St Davids Cathedral: This ecumenical service is a great opportunity to celebrate our community and nature, and find out how your church or chapel can do simple things to help the environment. Join us for this special service where we'll be joined by Climate Cymru and A Rocha UK, with refreshments afterwards.

TUESDAY 13 JUNE

7pm – Green Drinks & Talks Night: Join us for drinks and talks at Clwb in St Davids Rugby Club. Guest speakers will be announced soon and it's a great chance to socialise and catch up with other locals and visitors who care about our natural environment.

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

7pm – Solva Film Night: Join us at Solva Memorial Hall as we collaborate with Solva Community Cinema for a screening of Plastic Warriors. More info on the film will be on our website soon.

FRIDAY 16 JUNE

All day – Wear Green to School Day: One of the many things some of our local schools will be doing is having a non-uniform day and encouraging pupils to Wear Green to show their support for our natural environment. And of course, you don't have to be at school to do this!

10am-12pm – Community Gardening: Why not pop down to Erw Dewi / Dewi's Acre, the community garden in St Davids to see what's going on or join in with some volunteering. Everyone welcome and all tools provided.

Mini Meadows

Love nature, wildflowers, and buzzing bees and butterflies? Join our Mini Meadows project! UK has lost 97% of its wildflower meadows since the 1930s. Help support wildflowers and local wildlife by letting a portion of your lawn grow long this summer. No Mow May, but better! Don't worry about the untidy look - there are ways to make it neater. Longer grass and wildflowers provide food and habitats for insects and mammals. Discover what grows this year and receive FREE Pembrokeshire wildflower seed in autumn. Plus, get a special Blue Heart made from recycled wood as a token of appreciation. Open to residents, holiday homes, campsites, schools, and more. Email jeremy@ecodewi.org.uk for info.



Save Our Swifts

Over the last year EcoDewi has been working with Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority to help Swifts which are now classified as an endangered species.

These amazing birds, that migrate each year from Africa to the St Davids Peninsula to breed, are really struggling due to lack of suitable nesting sites. And that's where you can help! We are looking for sites to install swift nest boxes across the peninsula.

Over 40 have been installed so far and we've got loads more to give out and install for free. AND .. we're really excited that one will be going up on St Davids City Hall very soon so watch this space! Just get in touch or complete our online form at <https://forms.gle/Fd7kz6QmpqaybmNR9>



EISTEDDFOD GWYL DEWI, ST DAVID'S, 2023

The Annual Eisteddfod Gwyl Dewi was held on 28 February at The City Hall, St David's. The theme was 'Holidays' and a large audience enjoyed the stage competitions and seeing the many entries in the craft, flower arranging, literature, photography and cooking categories - especially since the Eisteddfod had been postponed for two years due to Covid regulations.

The Eisteddfod Chair, awarded for the highest total number of points in the competitions, was won by Sally Martyn, who also gained most points in the English literature competitions and won the Shield, donated by members and friends of Caerfarchell C. M. Chapel for the highest number of points in the art and craft competitions.

The Rolling Pin Competition, for the highest number of points in the cookery competitions, was won by Iris James. Jane James won the silver cup for a hymn solo, donated by John and Glenys James, and Rhian Olwen Peters gained the most points in the Welsh Literature competitions.

The Committee would like to thank all the competitors, adjudicators, the compere, accompanists, helpers and Friends in Harmony for making the event such a success. Next year's Eisteddfod will be held on Thursday 29 February 2024 and the theme is 'Habitat'. Further details can be obtained from the new co-ordinator Rebecca Thornton, telephone 07890 629014.

The Committee and everyone who has been involved with the Eisteddfod over the years wish to extend their sincere thanks to Glenys James who was the co-ordinator for the Eisteddfod since the very start, in 2010, for all her hard work and enthusiasm.

The Committee also wishes to thank Francis Northall for making the small chair, which is presented to the winner of the Eisteddfod Chair, and Morgan Price of Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi for playing two excellent trumpet solos at the Eisteddfod.



ORIEL Y PARC

Saint Davids Room***Sunsets and Sand by Kate Kelly: 27th May – 9th July***

Coastal living is the foundation of Kate's work. Inspired by stormy seas, dramatic light and shadow stretching to the horizons, Kate's inspiration is captured on canvas using oils, pastels and acrylics. She hopes her style of work will inspire residents and visitors alike to enjoy the magnificent beaches, coastal paths and pockets of glorious nature that surround us.

Artist in Residence Tower / Tŵr yr Arlunnydd Preswyl***Living with Art by Vyvyan Wayne Davies: 8th June – 6th August***

Vyvyan has introduced a more modern approach to his paintings in this exhibition. His strong graphic design background has influenced a distinctive style. His palette knife paintings embrace the 'hiraeth' – the feeling of belonging, sense of being part of a place, becoming closer to the people and its surroundings.

Discovery Room***Nature Inspired by Ty Hir Crafts: 4th May – 25th June***

Silk scarfs, hand felted bags and decorative wood turned pieces are joined in this exhibition highlighting the use of natural materials, vibrant colours and the shared interpretation of the Pembrokeshire Coast. Movement and depth of the landscape is captured in different textures such as wool and silk thread, and the use of multiple layers of stain on various wood grains creating unique pieces.

Journey's In Clay by Jemma Elsley: 28th June – 13th August

From 'Open Skies Studio' Jemma produces a range of sculptural and functional ceramics, together with illustrations. Pieces are hand-built using a range of methods and inspired by the West Wales landscape, its flora and fauna and the journeys life takes you on. Jemma's pieces fuse together her love of both illustrating and sculpting, with earthenware forms finished using earthenware glazes and decals transferred from original drawings.

Save the date!***The Lost Words / Geiriau Diflanedig: 2nd July - Spring 2024***

This enchanting exhibition combines the creative talents of artist Jackie Morris and writer Robert Macfarlane to celebrate the relationship between language and the living world, and nature's power to spark the imagination. The exhibition is based on *The Lost Words*, the Sunday Times bestselling book, published in 2017. *The Lost Words* began as a response to the removal of the names of plants and animals from children's dictionaries due to their lack of use in everyday life. A treat for the eyes, mind and soul, this exhibition aims to reconnect adults and children to the natural world using the magic of words and art. For the very first time, this exhibition will also be showcasing 'Geiriau Diflanedig', a Welsh language version of the book, written by Welsh poet, Mererid Hopwood. This is a touring exhibition organised by Compton Verney, with Hamish Hamilton and Penguin Books.

The Great Big Green Week 2023: 10th June - 18th June

Join the St Davids Peninsula in celebrating Great Big Green Week 2023. Organised by The Climate Coalition and promoted in Wales by Climate Cymru, we celebrate local action and events, and encourage everyone to get involved! Working with local community group EcoDewi, there will be a range of events including Eco-Markets, Film Screenings, Walks, Talks and much more, with lots of volunteering opportunities too!

Find out more at www.ecodewi.org.uk.

Wildflower Wander: 14th June, 10am

Join our Ranger on a leisurely walk and talk to Caerfai and along the coast path to St Non. Uncover the wildflowers found in the hedgerows and along the coast and discover the local/Welsh names for plants, as well as their historical uses. There will also be the opportunity to look at digital methods of identification through Seek by iNaturalist and talk about the ways we can all support important ecosystems.

Meet at Oriel y Parc

1 ½ hour to 2 hours

Free event but must be booked, maximum of 15 people

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The Welsh language (Cymraeg) holds a significant place in the vibrant history and identity of the Welsh people. It carries within it the stories, traditions, and unique perspectives of a nation. By featuring the Welsh language, we not only honour linguistic diversity but also preserve and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Wales. Providing a platform for the Welsh language allows for a wider audience to engage with its beauty and fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation for Wales and its people. If you have any input or desire to see something featured in Welsh, please feel free to get in touch, as your contribution is invaluable in preserving this remarkable language.

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3. Harbor Inn

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JUNE CALENDAR

01/06 - Solva Cinema: A man called Otto (PG 13), Memorial Hall 7.30pm // Open Mic, Harbour Inn

02/06 - Solva Care Drop in, Solva Surgery 10-12am // Friday Club, Solva Clubhouse 2-4 pm

04/06 - Simply Church, Hope Church 10 - 11.30am

05/06 - Walk for Well-being, Solva Clubhouse 2.15pm

- St Davids and Solva Art Group Meeting, Solva Clubhouse 10-12am

06/06 - Solva Community Council AGM Meeting, Solva Clubhouse 6pm

- Solva Library, Memorial Hall 10-12am & 2-4pm

07/06 - Solva & St Davids Macular Society support group, St Davids rugby club 2-4pm

- Luncheon Club, Memorial Hall 12.30pm

08/06 - Solva Shop, Memorial Hall 10.30-12am // WI Meeting, Memorial Hall //

- Open Mic, Harbour Inn

09/06 - Solva Care Drop in, Solva Surgery 10-12am // Friday Club, Solva Clubhouse 2-4 pm

11/06 - Simply Church, Hope Church 10-11.30am

12/06 - Walk for Well-being, Solva Clubhouse 2.15pm

- St Davids and Solva Art Group Meeting, Solva Clubhouse 10-12am

13/06 - Solva Library, Memorial Hall 10-12am & 2-4pm

14/06 - Luncheon Club, Memorial Hall 12.30pm

15/06 - Memorial Hall Coffee Morning 100th Birthday, Memorial Hall 10.30-12am

- Open Mic, Harbour Inn

16/06 - Solva Care Drop in, Solva Surgery 10-12am // Friday Club, Solva Clubhouse 2-4 pm

17/06 - Open Gardens 10.30 - 4pm // Sinfonia Cymru Mainly Village Hall Tour, Memorial Hall

18/06 - Open Gardens 10.30 - 4 // Simply Church, Hope Church 10 - 11.30am

19/06 - Walk for Well-being, Solva Clubhouse 2.15pm

- St Davids and Solva Art Group Meeting, Solva Clubhouse 10-12am

20/06 - Edge Festival Volunteer Meeting, Harbour Inn 7pm

- Solva Library, Memorial Hall 10-12am & 2-4pm

21/06 - Luncheon Club, Memorial Hall 12.30pm

- Solva & St Davids Macular Society support group, St Davids rugby club 2-4pm

22/06 - Open Mic, Harbour Inn

23/06 - Solva Care Drop in, Solva Surgery 10-12am // Friday Club, Solva Clubhouse 2-4 pm

25/06 - Solva Shop, Community Clubhouse 2 - 4pm // Simply Church, Hope Church 10 - 11.30am

26/06 - Walk for Well-being, Solva Clubhouse 2.15pm

- St Davids and Solva Art Group Meeting, Solva Clubhouse 10-12am

27/06 - Solva Library, Memorial Hall 10-12am & 2-4pm

28/06 - Luncheon Club, Memorial Hall 12.30pm

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