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LETTER FROM EDITOR

Greetings! As we embark on our 21st year of delivering news, we are excited to build new connections and nurture existing ones. Our mission is to keep you informed about the latest updates on local news and events. Stay tuned for all the exciting happenings in our community! We highly appreciate your feedback on how we can improve our news sharing with the community. We are eagerly waiting to hear your ideas on how we can enhance our newsletter. Please feel free to share your thoughts with us via email.

ST DAVIDS
FEB 20TH

Calling all 16-30 year olds in
St Davids

HAVE YOUR SAY



ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL IS LOOKING TO BETTER INVOLVE LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE BY HOLDING AN EVENT FULL OF MUSIC, CONVERSATION, ART AND PIZZA.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE FUTURE OF THE CITY, BUT OFTEN DON'T GET LISTENED TO AS MUCH AS THEY SHOULD!

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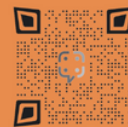
WHERE

**ST DAVIDS
CITY HALL**

WHEN

**TUESDAY
FEB 20TH**
DROP IN ANY TIME
BETWEEN 2PM - 9PM

SCAN



FREE PIZZA
LIVE MUSIC
BABY & TODDLER AREA
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COUNCILORS CORNER

The last full Council meeting before Christmas saw several important matters decided. Here is how I represented the people of Solva Ward

The first major decision was whether the Presiding Member should receive an extra payment for chairing the Full Council meetings, a task previously undertaken by the Chairman of Council. It was decided to not make a further payment available. I voted against an extra payment

The next major decision was how much to increase the Council House rents. 2 options were available either 5% or 6.7% plus £2 per week in both cases. I voted for the higher amount as I believe Council House rents offer good value for money, less than the private rentals and the more revenue raised would allow for more houses to be built and modernisations to be made to existing properties. The higher rate was passed by 43 votes to 9

Next up was the most controversial item, the setting of the level of Second Homes council tax premium with 200% being proposed. This is the premium added to any property owned by a person but not lived in as their main home. The premium was introduced at 50% in 2017 and for the last 2 years has been 100% in addition to the standard Council tax and now 200% on the table. The Council cannot say what type of property owner was being charged the proposed 200% premium, whether the house was a luxury holiday home or a property to subsidise a local resident's income. I voted against an increase as it was clear to me that some of the losers forced to pay more tax will be local people with a letting property who achieve less than the 182 nights a year letting set by the Welsh Government to be exempt from 2nd homes premium. The increase was passed by 28 votes to 21 and it is almost certain that little of the premium raised will be reinvested in affordable housing

Closely following this was a vote on increasing the Empty homes premium, which was passed with my vote in favour at a 100% at the start of 3 years being empty, 200% at the start of 4 years being empty and 300% at the start of year 5 of being empty. My feeling along with many other Councillors was that empty homes do nothing for the community. The increase was passed by 42 votes to 4

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Finally on a personal note, following a hip replacement just before Christmas, I would just like to thank everyone who sent messages of support, it means a lot to me

As always, for any council-related problems you have, pick up the phone for a chat on 07976 553912, daytime, evenings and weekends are fine or call into Newgale shop 11-2 on a Sunday

Best Regards,
Cllr Mark Carter

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR SOLVA AND BRAWDY.
WELSH CONSERVATIVE.

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SOLVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE NEXT MEETING OF SOLVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS ON TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT 6PM IN SOLVA COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

DOG FOULING: INCIDENTS OF DOG FOULING CAN NOW BE REPORTED BY EMAIL: ENVIRO-CRIME@PEMBROKESHIRE.GOV.UK

SCC Clerk Bruce Payne: email brucepayne241@gmail.com or call 07890 987259.
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SOLVA WI

At our meeting on Thursday 11th January, we welcomed a speaker from 'Car-y- Mor' who explained the 'workings' of this regenerative ocean farm which grows shellfish and seaweed locally with no pesticides, fresh water or fertiliser. Their aim is to inspire others and so to improve the coastal environment, and the well-being of the local community and to stimulate year-round ocean jobs. The business is also a Community Benefit Society. Following the tea break, our Meeting then continued with plans to visit Picton Castle for lunch & a walk. Various business items including voting for our personal choice for the resolution to be campaigned this year.

Our next event is the annual Pancake Coffee Morning which will be held in Solva Memorial Hall on 13th February 11am to 12.30. Tea/coffee & Pancake £2.50 – all money raised will be donated for the upkeep of the Defibrillators in the village. Please support us!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th February in the Hall at 2pm.

SOLVA SHOP

Solva Shop is designed to offer donated items at reasonable prices and prevent good things from going to landfill.

In 2024 the Solva Shop stall will be open twice a month at the Coffee Morning (in the Memorial Hall. We shall be delighted to have any goods you wish to donate to the shop, just bring them to the coffee morning.

Solva Shop will also be open at the Community Clubhouse on Saturday mornings when football matches are being played. Look out for us there.

*Any queries, requirements or donations
please contact Fran*

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☎ 07377059265

DATES FOR CALENDAR

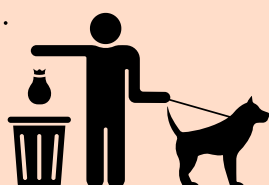
THURSDAY | 8TH FEBRUARY | SOLVA HALL | 10AM-12PM

THURSDAY | 22ND FEBRUARY | SOLVA HALL | 10AM

PICK UP PET POO!

SOLVA - DOG POO FREE ZONE
WE ARE A DOG FRIENDLY
COMMUNITY.

thank you
to those who
pick up after
their pet.



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Monday	9:00 - 13:00
Tuesday	9:00 - 13:00
Wednesday	9:00 - 13:00
Thursday	9:00 - 13:00
Friday	9:00 - 13:00
Saturday	9:00 - 13:00
Sunday	CLOSED

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A Message from MamGu's

It is with a heavy heart to write that we made our last coffee and closed our Solva doors for the final time a few weeks ago.

It has been six years since we upgraded to bricks and mortar from our horse box (shout out to those who remember!). That is six AMAZING years that we have spent in the beautiful grade II listed 20 Main Street, once known as The Printing House.

On Sunday 24th March 2018 we were welcomed with open arms by a wonderful supportive community with beaming smiles and things haven't changed a bit since that first opening day.

We have been lucky enough to take part in community events, charity fundraisers, beach cleans, and Christmas shopping nights, we have hosted comedy clubs, supper evenings and so much more and we wouldn't have been able to do a single one of those without the support of you, our neighbours and loyal regulars we proudly call not our customers, but friends. Words can not express how thankful we are to those of you who joined us on this journey of Welsh cakes and Welsh soul food!

We are extremely excited to announce that we are proudly taking on the lease of the St Davids Cathedral Refectory. A beautiful large space situated in the ruins of St Mary's College Chapel. A gorgeous 14th century part of the Cathedral.

Diolch yn fawr iawn Solva for the good times and memories we will never, ever, ever forget, we'll see you in St Davids soon!

Becky, Laura and the MamGu Welshcakes team x



CLWB SOLFACH/SOLVA LUNCHEON CLUB

We rounded off last term with a Christmas lunch at the Cambrian Hotel which was very much enjoyed by all.

Lunch Club in Solva Memorial Hall re-started on Wednesday 10th January and will continue until the end of June when we'll break for the summer.

New diners are welcome to join us – for more details contact Jane Pascoe 01437 721544.

CWTCH S H E D

Cwtch Solva is a free community food shed open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for anyone who needs it.
Located at Bay View Stores.

SOLVA SURGERY

COVID BOOSTER VACCINATIONS – NOT HAD YOUR COVID VACCINATION YET? IF YOU ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE WITH AN *UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION, PLEASE RING THE SURGERY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. WE WILL RUN DEDICATED CLINICS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER. IF WE HAVE CAPACITY, WE MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER YOU AN APPOINTMENT IN DECEMBER.

*PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR RECEPTION TEAM IF YOU'RE UNSURE OR YOU CAN VISIT THE PUBLIC HEALTH WEBSITE: [HTTPS://PHW.NHS.WALES](https://phw.nhs.wales) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

INFLUENZA IMMUNISATION UPTAKE DATA – AS OF 07/11/2023, THE PUBLIC HEALTH WALES INFLUENZA IMMUNISATION UPTAKE FOR SOLVA SURGERY SHOWED THAT 75.1% OF PATIENTS WHO ARE 65 YEARS AND OLDER RECEIVED THEIR FLU JAB. THOSE PATIENTS WHO ARE UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE AND IN A CLINICAL RISK CATEGORY SHOWED A 45% UPTAKE, THIS IS AN INCREASE FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE AGED 2 OR 3 YEARS OLD (I.E. DATE OF BIRTH FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2019 TO 31ST AUGUST 2021) SHOWED A 42.9% UPTAKE, THERE IS A SLIGHT DECLINE IN THIS GROUP COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

HAVING A YEARLY FLU VACCINE IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO PROTECT AGAINST CATCHING AND SPREADING FLU. PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO BE CALLED FOR YOUR FLU VACCINATION, PLEASE RING THE SURGERY TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT.

NASAL IMMUNISATION - FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE AGED 2 OR 3 YEARS OLD, YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER AND A PHONE CALL – IF YOU HAVE YET TO BOOK YOUR CHILD IN, PLEASE CONTACT THE SURGERY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

SHINGLES VACCINATION – ARE YOU AGED 70 – 79 OR HAVE TURNED 65 FROM THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER OR YOU'RE 50+ WITH A SEVERELY WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM, THEN YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SHINGLES VACCINATION. PLEASE TELEPHONE THE RECEPTION TEAM ON 01437 721306 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT IN ONE OF OUR CLINICS.

COMMUNITY CONNECTORS – PEMBROKESHIRE'S COMMUNITY CONNECTORS IS A FREE, PERSON-CENTRED CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE THAT CAN SUPPORT PEOPLE TO ACCESS COMMUNITY-LEVEL SERVICES & AND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HELP THEM MAINTAIN INDEPENDENT LIVES. THEY AIM TO PREVENT CIRCUMSTANCES FROM DETERIORATING TO A POINT WHERE INDIVIDUALS MIGHT NEED HIGHER-LEVEL HEALTH OR SOCIAL CARE SERVICES. YOU CAN CONTACT THEM VIA THE PEMBROKESHIRE COMMUNITY HUB ON 01437 723660 OR EMAIL ENQUIRIES@PEMBROKESHIRECOMMUNITYHUB.ORG

BUILDING WORKS – OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND CERTAINLY DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY, YOU MAY SEE CONTRACTORS CARRYING OUT MAINTENANCE WORK INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE SURGERY. WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO KEEP DISRUPTION TO A MINIMUM, PLEASE BEAR WITH US WHILST WE CARRY OUT THIS NECESSARY WORK.



SOLVA CARE



Last year we let you know that our National Lottery Grant was coming to an end in March this year. Although we have met with our funders, who are very pleased with the work that Solva Care has achieved over the past 3 years, they are unable to continue funding our core work. However, due to the generosity of people in our community, we have saved enough money to maintain the current service until September 2024, for we are extremely grateful.

We have also been exploring alternative funders and alternative models of care that could maintain the current service and perhaps work more broadly across a number of other areas. If we are successful, we will obviously keep everyone informed. We remain optimistic. Thank you for your support and continued efforts to raise money, it is appreciated and may enable us to continue for longer.

SAVE SOLVA SURGERY WORKING GROUP

The Pembrokeshire Peninsula Stakeholder Group met on 16th January in Solva Memorial Hal. We can report that the Health Board has no plans to close Solva Surgery, in the foreseeable future, and intends to improve communication with our local Working Group and the community. This means regular meetings to plan for the future of general practice-led services within a well-being model of provision on the Peninsula. Solva and St Davids will work closely to ensure those plans suit both communities. Don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you would like to be a part of our local group. Another community meeting will be held soon.

Contact:

Sue Denman 07817 410782

Richard Davies 07539 299407

SOLVA CHIROPRACTOR

Patrick - 07533281486



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1. Solva Community Clubhouse
2. Solva Memorial Hall
3. Harbor Inn
4. Trinity Quay

Lower Solva (access code is C123.
This code is written on the cabinet)

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

There will be no Coffee Morning on Thursday, February 22nd due to the upgrading of the Hall kitchen and work taking place on that date. Apologies to all affected. Normal service will be resumed on 29th February. Leap Year day.

DORMANT ASSETS

The Welsh Government is undertaking a consultation on the use of Dormant Asset and there is a chance of funds being made available for community action and other good causes. Have your say by responding.

Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales | GOV.WALES
deadline 28th Feb 2024



Solva Edge Festival

26th - 28th July, 2024

Solva, Pembrokeshire, Wales

The first meeting of the year was well attended and plans are underway for Edge VIII. It was good to see so many familiar faces at the meeting and everyone's keen to stay in their roles to put on another festival this year. However, the three trustees of the festival announced that they will be standing down after this year's event. This means that we are seeking new trustees to take over. Now would be the perfect time for the next generation of committee members to become involved to ensure continuity for the festival and to learn alongside the existing members before they stand down.

To discuss what is involved and express your interest please get in touch with Kay.

 Info@edgefestival.co.uk

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MAGICAL MOMENTS

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

AT 7PM

Solva Memorial Hall

Tickets £5 from Bay View Stores
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Come in your Sparkliest Fancy Dress!



NEXT FILM

1st February - The Old Oak (15)

We are offering food as well (curry including a vegetarian option), The cost is **£12/person** for the film and food. The film will start at 7.30 as usual and we will serve the food before. **BYOB. Pre-booking is essential if you would like food.**

- Doors open at 7 pm at the Memorial Hall and the film starts at 7.30 pm.
- Refreshments are available or BYOB.
- Adults - £5
- Under 18's - £3.50.

7th March - The Great Escaper (12A)

Become a member and get 20% off the price and free use of a cushion! If you would like to suggest any films, email.

 solvacinema@gmail.com

Solva Search

Can you locate eight places in Solva?

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BEACH CLEANS ACROSS THE ST DAVIDS PENINSULA

Thanks so much to everyone that joins EcoDewi or the Newgale Beach Wombles for our regular beach cleans across the peninsula. It really is a great opportunity to help clean up our beautiful coastline, help protect our marine environment and also to spend time outdoors with other people. We've just planned our dates for the next few months which can be seen below. For the full details of each beach clean please check out our Facebook or Instagram page or we can add you to our beach clean volunteers WhatsApp group. If you want to know more, want to suggest new locations or fancy helping us run some of the beach cleans, please do get in contact, especially if you'd like to help lead some in Solva. For all matters concerning our beach cleans you can email beachcleans@ecodewi.org.uk.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 4TH AT 2PM - NEWGALE

SUNDAY 18TH AT 2PM - NEWGALE

FRIDAY 23RD AT 11AM - ABEREIDDY

MARCH

FRIDAY 8TH AT 11AM - NEWGALE

WEDNESDAY 20TH AT 10AM - NEWGALE

WEDNESDAY 27TH AT 4PM - WHITESANDS

APRIL

SATURDAY 6TH AT 11AM - Porthlysgis

THURSDAY 11TH AT 2PM - NEWGALE

FRIDAY 19TH AT 11AM - TBC

FRIDAY 26TH AT 2PM - NEWGALE

ERW DEWI / DEWI'S ACRE START OF 2024 NEWS

What a great start to the new year for Erw Dewi/Dewi's Acre (or you may know it as the Community Garden located in St.Davids Cathedral Close). Already, despite the freezing cold, the volunteers have been out and about in the garden and we have just started on the renovations to the nearby garage space, with an access doorway being knocked through into the Community Garden.

Autumn Term was busy too, at the start of Autumn the garden won a 'Wales in Bloom: It's your Neighbourhood Level 4 Award' which was a great achievement. As ever, all through the Autumn Term the wonderful volunteers tirelessly worked to make the garden a beautiful place to be for the whole community to enjoy. They cleared the designated 'Discovery Area' ready for it to become a usable space for children to enjoy, and courtesy of Penny Daffron and the Solva Mosaic Artists a stunning addition to our pond area was created, with a mosaic path laid down to reach the pond. It will allow groups of children to carefully access the pond for pond dipping experiences, as well as explain the life cycle of a frog. As you can see from the photos below it is rather beautiful. Many thanks to those who put in such hard work to create such a stunning piece of art.

Also, in October, Eco Dewi appointed Ruth Kitchell as 'Network Development Officer' at Erw Dewi/ Dewi's Acre. Her task is to encourage more of us to get involved in using the community garden, in a variety of different ways. Ruth says, "Please do pop over if you haven't seen the garden, and just have a walk around, or help yourself to some of the produce grown. It is a garden for everyone living on our Peninsular to use and enjoy. Socialising with others in our community, whilst gardening together, is a really rewarding experience, plus the knowledge that others in our community will reap the benefits of our labour makes it all worthwhile. Do join us for any of the volunteer days or get in touch to see how your group or society can benefit from the garden on a regular basis or one-off visit".

Finally, there is more to look forward to this Spring, with a recent donation of old roof timbers the volunteers have been de-nailing the timber to be used to create a bespoke potting shelter. We will update you on our progress as it happens. All in all it was a fabulous end to 2023 at Erw Dewi and a positive start to 2024, well done to all involved in this community project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GARDEN PLEASE FIND US ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM OR EMAIL RUTH KITCHELL AT COMMUNITYGARDEN@ECODEWI.ORG.UK.

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COUNCILORS CORNER

SHWMAE/ GREETINGS ALL,

Firstly and most importantly, although it's February I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I am now very pleased to see the resurfacing at Maes Dewi and The Pebbles has been done. I have had many phone calls asking why the parking bays were not resurfaced, the reason being that the parking bays did not merit resurfacing so the funds were invested to more essential works.

I am now delighted that the work has finally been started on the new Council Homes in St Davids. The construction contract has been signed over to a private developer Gareth Davies, GRD Limited to develop on behalf of the Council. The first phase phase will be three one-bedroom and four two-bedroom homes. For more information

housingclo@pembrokeshire.gov.uk /01437764551

Once again PCC are starting the year with an enormous amount of financial difficulties. There are going to be cutbacks and again our Recycling Centre is under threat, the future of it along with everything else will depend on the outcome of what the Council decides on the Council Tax. This will be decided in March at the full council meeting. I will be hosting an open surgery on the 22nd of February, providing you with an opportunity to engage in discussions. Your opinion matters.

Sadly due to the lack of numbers I have had to put the Parent and Toddler Group on stop as the venue we were using was not financially viable for the group so we are looking at other avenues. We are looking for Volunteers to help support this group.

The New Year started a busy one. I attended the New Year's Day swim which is organised by the local Penknife Club. I did not partake in the swim but was there to support it and a staggering £2,000 was raised for local charities. Huge well done to you all.

If you have any issues please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via email or phone or through my Cllr Facebook page or email me at.

Cofion Cyness/Kind Regards
Bethan Price

Pembrokeshire County Councillor for St Davids.
NO POLITICAL AFFILIATION.



Facebook//Cllr Bethan Price



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07767398924



OPEN SURGERY

You can chat with CLLR Bethan Price through the Open surgery without needing an appointment.

Thursday 22nd February
12pm - 2pm // 5pm - 7pm
Memorial Hall, St Davids

ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL

The Annual Christmas Civic Reception was held on Friday 8th December, an evening organised by St Davids City Council as a thank you to all the voluntary organisations within St Davids. At the Reception, the Community Award 2023 was presented to Mr Malcolm Gray by the Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Emma Evans and City Council as representatives of the citizens of St Davids. In nominating Malcolm for this award, an expressed wish was made to formally recognise his outstanding commitment to the community, in particular for maintaining the flag pole and taking barometer readings for over 40 years, for helping with the Christmas lights and tree for many years, his dedication to St Davids RNLI and also for his recent pledge to provide a green haven along Glasfryn road for the community to enjoy for generations to come.

The City Council is sincere in its gesture of thanks to Malcolm for his dedication to our community in so many ways including his time as a City Councillor, a very worthy winner of the St Davids Community Award. The entertainment for the evening was kindly provided by the Pembrokeshire Ukulele Pirates who got everyone up and dancing.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i chi gyd.



FESTIVAL OF TREES

We had a tree-mendous 3 days at this year's St Davids Festival of Christmas Trees & Wreaths. We are enormously grateful to everyone who took the time to take part & and for all of the fantastic support we had from those visiting & and voting, we truly could not have created such a wonderful festival without you all! All of the money raised by the Festival goes back into our community, for example paying for the children's treats from Santa, the senior citizen's meal decorations, and the City Christmas Tree, so we are all truly grateful for all of your support!

TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART. DIOLCH I PAWB AM EICH GWAITH MOR ARDDERCHOG!

EMMA EVANS, MAYOR OF ST DAVIDS

CHRISTMAS TREES 🌲

OVERALL WINNER: WYNCLIFFE CHILDCARE (CHRISTMAS NATIVITY TREE)

ADULT SECTION:

1ST SHALOM HOUSE PALLIATIVE CARE CENTRE (MRS CHRISTMAS)

2ND MENEVIA WI (WHITE CHRISTMAS)

3RD ADREF CONSTRUCTION (BUILDERS CHRISTMAS)

CHILDREN'S SECTION:

1ST WYNCLIFFE CHILDCARE (CHRISTMAS NATIVITY TREE)

2ND YSGOL PENRHYN DEWI NON & AIDAN CAMPUS (NADOLIG CYMRAEG)

3RD BRAWDYHAYSCASTLE YFC (WOODLAND GARDEN)

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

OVERALL WINNER: WREATH H - MARIA BRITTON (WITH JEAN HUNT WREATH F COMING A VERY CLOSE SECOND)



ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL



The 2024 season tickets and residents' passes will be available from the Car Park Attendant in the Memorial Hall/City Hall on the following dates:

- Monday 12th February
10.00am – 12noon and 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- Wednesday 14th February
10.00am - 12noon and 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- Friday 16th February
10.00am - 12noon and 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- Saturday 17th February
10.00am - 12noon **ONLY**

Resident passes are £15 per pass. To be eligible you must live in St Davids **permanently**, be on the electoral roll and show your driver's license. Season tickets cost £65 and Season tickets for disabled badge holders are £40.

Please be advised that your vehicle registration will be required.
For details contact the Clerk on 01437 721 137
or e-mail clerk@stdavids.gov.uk

CYMANFA GANU

Sunday 25th February 2024 at 2.30pm
Zion Chapel (New Street, St Davids)
followed by Tea and Welsh cakes
in the City Hall.

Council Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of the City Council will take place on Monday, 5th February 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall

The Second Monthly Meeting of the City Council will take place on Monday 19th February 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall.

CLERK TO SDCC - MR SIMON MANN

☎ 01437 721 137

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Penknife Club's New Year's Day Swim



A big thank you to all that attended the annual dip in the sea.

There was a great turnout. The generosity of those who attended, was overwhelming, it was much appreciated.

Also a thank you to the RNLI, the Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club and the Bluetits Chill Swimmers, for giving their time and assistance. Diolch pawb

ST DAVIDS SURGERY

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Our flu vaccination programme for eligible patients is nearing completion at the Surgery – and eligible housebound patients are being contacted by the District Nurses and the Health Board's community vaccination team to arrange vaccination at home.

COVID AUTUMN BOOSTER VACCINATION PROGRAMME:

Our covid autumn booster vaccination programme is well underway, and we anticipate its completion during November 2023. Patients aged Over 65 are being offered their covid booster at the Surgery; eligible patients aged Under 65 are being invited for vaccination at Solva Surgery. Eligible housebound patients are being contacted by the District Nurses and the Health Board's community vaccination team to arrange vaccination at home.

SHINGLES VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Prior to September 2023, shingles vaccinations were available on the NHS for all adults in their 70s – but now, the age you can be vaccinated against shingles has changed and you can be protected from an earlier age. The vaccine is being offered to eligible patients via a phased national programme – the Surgery will contact you to make an appointment when you become eligible.

PATIENT REGISTRATIONS

Our Practice List is open for new patient registrations. If you reside within our Practice boundary, you may apply to join our Practice List by completing a registration form, which is available from Reception. Alternatively, the registration form can be downloaded and printed from our website. Please see <https://stdavids.gpsurgery.net/patient-info/register/> for further information. If you are unsure whether your address falls within our Practice boundary, please contact Reception to enquire and we will check this for you.

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Email: enquiries.w92058@wales.nhs.uk

St Davids & Solva Food Pod



Contact Louise:

07340 606029

Also, contact her if you require emergency food aid.

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IF YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY AND BE PART OF A TEAM OF THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

CWTCH SHED

Cwtch Shed Tyddewi is a free community food shed open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for anyone who needs it.

Located at St David's Rugby club



ST DAVIDS DISTRICT DAY CENTRE

The St Davids and District Day Centre For The Elderly meet every Monday during term time at the Memorial Hall St Davids 2-4. It's £5 a year membership and £1 every session. Once a month we go out for lunch and during our sessions, we have quizzes, Bingo, crafts and lots more, most importantly it's a place for company and a cup of tea, cake and a chat. Transport is also provided locally, St Davids, Solva area.

For more information please get in touch with

- **Kay Kimber 07791352349**
- **Bethan Price 07767398924**

The Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Emma Evans presented Mrs Margaret Cooper a bouquet of Flowers on behalf of the Coty Council on her 101th Birthday in December.



ST DAVIDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After a thought-provoking January lecture from Bishop J. Wyn Evans on the structure and people of St Davids Cathedral in the turbulent 17th century, St Davids & Dewisland Historical Society will be focusing on our county's coast in February.

Community Archaeologist of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, Tomas Jones, will be speaking on the archaeology of our coastal area.

Monday, February 12th at 7.30 p.m. in St Davids City Hall.

Tomos is a graduate of both archaeology and osteoarchaeology (the scientific study of human skeletons that has been providing so much valuable information about how people lived in past millennia). Before coming to Pembrokeshire he carried out a similar role for Snowdonia National Park, developing and enhancing the interpretation of existing and new sites to increase community engagement and promote the understanding of the importance of these remains of past habitation in the landscape where we are privileged to live. Locally he has worked on St Patrick's Chapel at Whitesands and he is also one of the leaders of the Pembrokeshire Heritage Forum.

Everyone is welcome to this meeting with a fee of £3.00 for non-members of the Society or membership is available at £10.00 p.a. which gives free admission to 9 or 10 lectures a year plus a monthly email providing news of local historical and archaeological interest

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What's On at St Davids Cathedral in February

We welcome everyone of all faiths and none to join us at all our services and events in February.

Sunday 4th February at 11am: The first Holy Eucharist to be celebrated by Bishop Dorrien, with drinks afterwards in the North Transept. Everyone is welcome!

Bishop Dorrien will have been enthroned on Saturday 3rd February but please note that the Enthronement Service is by invitation only and no seats will be available on the day.

Weekday Regular and Special Services

- 08:00 Morning Prayer with Holy Eucharist (Mon, Tue, Thus, Fri, Sat)
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist with tea and chat afterwards (Weds only)
- 10:00 Contemplative Prayer (Thus only)
- 12:00 Pilgrim Prayers at St Davids Shrine (Fri only)
- 16:00 Orthodox Vespers (Tue 13 Feb)
- 16:00 Evening Prayer (Sat, also for February: Mon 5th, Mon 12th, Mon 19th, Wed 28th)
- 16:00 Sung Evening Prayer by the Junior Choir (Fri 9 Feb)
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For all events and news please visit our website

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In opportunity for residents to bring any matter to the attention of the Police. No appointments are necessary.



Heddlu Police
DYFED-POWYS

BINGO

St Davids Rugby Club

Sunday, February 11th

Eyes down at 5.30 pm

Raising money for
pitch flood lights



Speak to your Community Banker



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High Street, St Davids SA62 6SD to help
you on Thursdays between 10:00am
and 3:00pm



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Annual Window Display and Competition

23rd February - 1st March 2024

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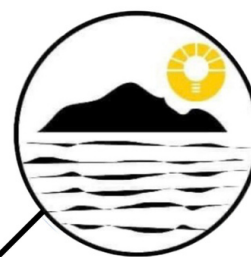
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403 Celtic Coaster Service

Minor changes to the 403 service are
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- The service will restart on 23 March and will run until 29 September 2024.
- The extra 403B bus, providing a half-hourly service, will run during the Whitsun and school summer holidays only.
- The services departing from Caerfai Road at 13.00 and 13.30 will be removed from the timetable.

If you have any comments regarding these proposed changes, please email public.transport@pembrokeshire.gov.uk or call 01437 764551 by 16 February 2024.



West Wales Walking for Wellbeing

For a short period while we are waiting for a replacement coordinator there will won't be a minibus running from Solva, The low level walk will continue to take place from Oriel Y Parc St Davids every Monday at 13:45 Many thanks for your understanding.

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St Davids Day



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Saturday 2nd March

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WHAT'S ON FEBRUARY

1st Feb	SOLVA CINEMA CLUB	7pm	Solva Hall
4th Feb	ECO DEWI BEACH CLEAN	2pm	Newgale
5th Feb	ST DAVIDS COUNCIL MEETING	7pm	Mermorial Hall
6th Feb	SOLVA COUNCIL MEETING	6pm	Club House
8th Feb	SOLVA WI MEETING	10am	Solva Hall
8th Feb	SOLVA SHOP	10am	Solva Hall
11th Feb	BINGO FUNDRAISER	5:30pm	St Davids Rugby Club
12th Feb	ST DAVIDS HISTORY SOCIETY	7:30pm	City Hall
18th Feb	ECO DEWI BEACH CLEAN	2pm	Newgale
19th Feb	ST DAVIDS COUNCIL MEETING	7pm	Mermorial Hall
20th Feb	HAVE YOUR SAY 16-30YRS	2pm-9pm	City Hall
23rd Feb	ECO DEWI BEACH CLEAN	2pm	Abereiddy
25th Feb	CYMANFA GANU	2:30pm	Zion Chapel
27th Feb	AMSER STORI/FOR FAMILIES	1:30PM	St Davids Library
29th Feb	COFFEE MORNING	10am	Solva Hall
29th Feb	EISTEDDFOD GADEIRIOL	9:30am	City Hall

We value your feedback on how we can better share news with the community. We are eager to hear your ideas on how we can enhance our newsletter.

We will be making some changes to the publication in order to make it more reader-friendly, so Please send us your thoughts via email.

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