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**SOLVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL****Clerk - Bruce Payne**

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of Solva Community Council (SCC) will be held on:

Wednesday 13th March 2024 commencing at 6p.m. in Solva Community Clubhouse.

This is a multi-location meeting allowing community councillors and members of the public to attend virtually or in person. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and are encouraged to notify the Clerk in advance which business items on the agenda they wish to contribute views on.

Agenda and minutes will be available from the Clerk and at Solva Community Council

FIRST AID EVENING

Solva Community Council and Porthmawr Lifesaving Club invite any adults living within the St David's peninsula to a first aid refresher evening.

We will be focussing on assessing a casualty, CPR, using the defibrillators and other useful first aid tips.

Tuesday, April 16th, 5-7pm in Solva Community Clubhouse

This is a free event, but donations are greatly received to the Porthmawr Lifesaving club.



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COUNCILOR CORNERS

As the Solva County Councillor, one of the most common enquiries is about the availability of Council Houses. I will try and explain the process of allocating houses. PCC owns just over 5000 properties and there are about 5500 applicants on the waiting list for these houses. Each applicant is banded with a bronze, silver, gold or priority band. Anyone can join the housing list initially on a bronze band and then based on their circumstances their band level increases to gold priority if the applicant is actually homeless. When an applicant applies they are offered a property that has suitable bedrooms, possibly disabled adapted, ideally in the desired area for that applicant. However, the demand for properties outstrips supply by so much that there is no guarantee of the requested area. In extreme cases for those made homeless, bed and breakfast accommodation is used.

I often get comments about empty Council houses, known as voids which is the changeover period between tenants. Generally, following a long-term tenancy and despite being well cared for by the previous tenant, the property will require modernisation to bring it up to current standards, especially electrical and heating systems. Some properties are returned in poor condition with much damage and this means extended time to relet. Properties returned in good condition with little updating required are relet fairly swiftly. The changeover period may be months. As Councillors have tried to reduce the timescale for years.

When the property is ready to relet, it is added to the Choice Homes Register listing Housing Association and Council properties for applicants to bid on unless it has been pre-allocated to a particularly needy tenant as decided by the Housing Officer. Once advertised, a decision is made as to which tenant it will be allocated to based on tenant need and suitability. Some properties have age restrictions, some are prioritised for local workers or local connections. As County Councillors, we DO NOT apply pressure on Housing Officers to allocate a property to one of our residents, we can only help with general advice. In recent years, increased legislation from the Welsh Government, the increase in mortgage rates and the expansion of Airbnb has reduced the availability of Private rental properties and increased homelessness. We look forward to the building of the new affordable homes opposite the top shop.

Shortly a large Council Tax increase will be inevitable plus 200% in 2nd Homes Council Tax Premium will be shortly applied. If you need any help or indeed any other Council-related matter, please contact me 07976 553912.

Best regards,
Mark

Cllr Mark Carter
Pembrokeshire County Councilor for Solva Ward
Welsh Conservatives

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SOLVA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST


In December 2019 Pembrokeshire County Council gave the go-ahead for the expenditure of £3m on 18 homes to be built in Solva. The Community Land Trust was formed and now has over 100 members. Unfortunately, progress has been grindingly slow. We met the ATEB Chief Executive, and here is his report on where we are now.

"Our thanks to Josh and Ifor (Solva Community Land Trust (CLT)) and Mark Carter (County Councillor for Solva) for meeting with us to review the Solva CLT project. We all agreed that there was a shared frustration with the project development to date, particularly in terms of time and communication. Although there have been a range of unique hurdles to navigate, hindsight offers us learning opportunities that can be incorporated into the next stages of the project. ateb will relook at how it communicates and supports the CLT to better manage timeline expectations, especially given the factors likely to arise from the planning process.

Following some very positive discussions with Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC), we are hopeful that PCC and ateb can make the required adjustments to the lease to reflect the scheme as now proposed. We are also hopeful that the planning process and positive discussions with the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park planning authority will result in a planning permission approval. Following these outcomes, our next steps will be to resolve/satisfy the resulting planning conditions before a procurement exercise for the contractor team. ateb remains committed to supporting the delivery of much-needed affordable homes in the community of Solva. Through increased partnership working between the CLT, PCC and ateb, we hope to get the homes built as effectively as possible and develop long-term innovative ways of managing the homes that maximise community impact, whilst always meeting the project's original objectives."

No programme for the house building is yet proposed, it will depend on planning approval and discharge of the conditions that come with planning approval. It is hoped to get planning approval in a month's time.

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SOLVA SURGERY

Opening Hours:

Phone lines are open 8.00am – 6.30pm. Main Surgery line is: 01437 721306.

- We are closed at weekends and Bank Holidays. When we are closed, emergency cover is available by phoning NHS 111 to access the Out of Hours Service.
- For anything life-threatening, patients are to dial 999.

Repeat Prescription requests:

- Patients should contact the Surgery to order their prescriptions 7-10 days before their medication is required. They can order either by phone, online or by posting their repeat slip directly to the surgery.
- They can also nominate their chosen Pharmacy. This is where their 'chosen' Pharmacy can collect their prescription from the Surgery for them and the Pharmacy will have the medication ready for them to pick-up 7-10 days after they order.

BANNAU BRYCHEINIOG COPPER FIELD TREK

This June, Rebecca Bowie will set out on a challenging, extraordinary and life-changing trek, all in the name of checking chests!

"I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in November 2022. I had no real risk factors and had just finished breastfeeding 2 months before.

I underwent chemotherapy, targeted therapy, surgery and radiotherapy. My heart took a bit of a battering from the treatment, but otherwise, I had a full positive response to my treatment and am feeling very lucky to have found my cancer at an early stage. As you can imagine it was a very difficult time. As a practice nurse, I regularly promote people checking their chests, and have always checked myself, but beyond a shadow of a doubt CoppaFeel! are the reason. I will be trekking approximately 100km across 5 days in the Bannau Brycheiniog (formerly known as the Brecon Beacons), in a bid to raise funds towards CoppaFeel!'s life-saving mission. Your donations will not only support my fundraising target but most importantly CoppaFeel!" - Rebecca Bowie



JUST GIVING PAGE



SCAN ME


SOLVA CARE

FRIENDS OF SOLVA CARE

We are launching a new scheme for people to regularly support our charity if they would like to. You can become a Friend of Solva Care by donating monthly or annually via a standing order from your bank account. Any amount would be much appreciated and don't forget you can do gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer. Contact Bruce Payne for bank details. We will be producing stickers to be put on your car – or window. Furthermore, when you leave a gift in your Will to Solva Care, you help ensure that we can continue to be here for all the people we support.

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JOIN OUR TEAM

Solva Care currently have a vacancy on our Trustee Board. You would be joining a dynamic and successful charity with great plans for the future of the wellbeing of communities on the St Davids Peninsula. Trustee or Board experience is not necessary but energy and skills that would help us in the next stage of our work which may include fund raising, would be useful. We are keen to attract anyone with a concern for the care and wellbeing of our communities. Applications are open to all local people keen to make a difference in the community.

If you would like to discuss the role further please contact Barbara Bale (Chair of Trustee Board) to apply, attach a short CV and/or a statement of your experiences that you would like to bring to our team. We look forward to hearing from you

✉ **bf.bale@outlook.com**
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SOLVA CHIROPRACTOR
Patrick - 07533281486



Chiropractic can help:
*Back pain/Sciatica/
Headaches/Neck pain*

Home clinic in Solva
Available for home visits

SOLVA DEFIB LOCATIONS

Upper Solva (to open the cabinets
Press 'C' and turn the knob clockwise)

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)

DORMANT ASSETS CONSULTATION

Over twenty people came to the meeting organised by TfC and Solva Community Council in February to discuss the future spending of Dormant Assets funding in Wales. Of the 4 choices offered by the Welsh Government: Children and young people; Climate change and nature emergency; Financial inclusion, and Community action, all were considered important but community action was considered the most important of all as it would offer the most flexibility to meet community needs.

Issues that need addressing with grants in community action were identified as follows :

- Community asset purchases which are especially important for rural areas (for example for surgeries, well-being initiatives and integrated working, and business premises)
- Better use of buildings.
- Better support for wellbeing projects and keeping successful ones going
- Other issues were: awareness and action on climate emergency, renewable energy sources, community energy schemes, projects on biodiversity, better outdoor activities for children, and training and housing for young people.

People asked:

Should we not be discussing these matters across the Peninsula ?? There would be considerable benefits to collaborating. Remember the 4wards Project? Should we revisit the recommendations and join forces?

Thanks to all who came and took part in the lively discussions.

Contact

Sue.denman@tfcpembrokeshire.org

Jessie.Buchanan @tfcpembrokeshire.org

CREU PŴER CYMUNDEOL | BUILDING COMMUNITY POWER – CHALLENGES FOR 2024 - MARCH 5TH 12:30PM -13:30PM

Creu Pŵer Cymundeol | Building Community Power – Challenges for 2024

A national programme of events on communities and living well curated by Together for Change for the Resourceful Communities Partnership Group

TfC 's online programme for the Resourceful Communities Partnership kicks off with a look at community power. Check out the session and the other ones in the series if you are interested in all things community.

All welcome!

***TfC - Together for Change was founded
by Solva Care***



Book online or Email

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THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

SOLVA MEMORIAL HALL



We recently celebrated a 95th birthday - Tony Seaton has reached that grand age and in spite of awful weather a crowd of friends enjoyed the occasion.

More big birthdays are coming soon including our 19th year of coffee mornings in the Hall. We started back in 2005 and apart from Covid have been going ever since.

On 29th March, Maundy Thursday, we will hold a special Easter get-together. There will be a raffle with first prize a homemade Simnel Cake and other good prizes, The Solva Care Shop and the usual tasty biscuits and cake. Everyone is welcome especially if you are wearing an Easter Bonnet. (not compulsory)

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Opening Times

BAY VIEW STORES

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



Solva Duck Race is Back!

The Solva Duck race will take place on Easter Monday, 1st of April. This important event in the Solva calendar has been in abeyance since the Covid crisis. Look out for tickets (£1 each) for a chance to be one of the prize winners. Come to Lower Solva on Easter Monday and join in the fun.

1st April Duck Race 3.00 pm Lower Solva, Riverside

Contact Fran Barker

✉ fran34hb@gmail.com

☎ 07277059265



CWTCH SHED

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

Give what you would like and take what you need. Please be mindful of others.

Located at Bay View Stores



CLWB SOLFACH/SOLVA LUNCHEON CLUB

The Hall kitchen is undergoing an update. We hope to be up and running again on Wednesday 6th March.

Contact Jane Pascoe ☎ 01437 721544.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Saturday 13th April the Memorial Hall will welcome Farnham Maltings production 'The Band Back Together '.

Tickets will be available from the middle of March from 01437 721374/ 07970 614233. Full details in next month's issue.

Scarecrow Trail

The Scarecrow Trail will take place on Sunday 4th and Monday 5th of August 2024. The theme this year is Sports Stars. Scarecrow Builders, reserve your character as soon as possible as no duplicates are allowed. Please make your scarecrow a reasonable size and a figure if possible. Some have been a bit small of recent years and difficult to see from the road. New Builders very welcome.



Contact Fran Barker

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MICE TO SEE YOU!

The mice are ready to return to Solva.

Solva Care have been sent a message in a bottle from Mousel to say that supplies are being packed and the mice are readying the boat for the return journey to Solva! The mice are expected to land in the harbour at Whitsuntide and then make their way to take residence all around Solva for their summer holidays. Please make them feel welcome by putting out your own crafted or painted mice and join in with the family mouse house trail - the more the merrier!

If you would like to join in - produce or host a fun mouse - get in touch with Chris and Ellie Sherwin

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SOLVA SHOP

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

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The Solva Shop will be open twice a month at the Coffee Morning (10-12) in the Memorial Hall. The shop will be open at the Community Clubhouse on Saturday mornings when football matches are being played.



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DATES FOR THE CALANDER

09th March - Shop in the Community Clubhouse (if match)
9.30 am - 12.00 pm

14th March - Shop stall in Solva Hall, Thursday
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

23rd March - Shop in the Community Clubhouse (if match)
9.30 am - 12.00 pm

28th March - Shop Stall in Solva Hall, Thursday
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

SOLVA WI

Our February meeting commenced with Hilary Evans of Clarby Soaps who gave a fascinating talk on saponification – the science of soapmaking. This included a demonstration of soapmaking where weight measurements have to be precise for the process to work. The ingredients can include different oils such as beef dripping and lard (emulsifiers) and castor oil and olive oil (good for the skin) Oatmeal & and coffee grounds provide a grittiness – good for gardeners' hands! Essential Oils such as Rosemary and peppermint and colours are added. The bars of soap are made in a wooden mould, left to dry for 2 days then turned out and sliced ready to sell! Following the tea break, various items and mailing were discussed including the Annual Pancake Day Coffee Morning with takings this year being donated to the upkeep of the village defibrillators.

This has now taken place on a very wet and miserable February morning but a reasonable amount of people turned up to enjoy the refreshments and nearly £200 was raised.

The next WI meeting will be on Thursday 14th March at 2pm with a talk entitled: 'Tales of a Beekeeper' in Solva Memorial Hall.



Solva Edge Festival

26th - 28th July, 2024

Solva, Pembrokeshire, Wales

Music

We are excited to announce we have booked all the main stage bands. Please watch out for Facebook and Instagram updates to see what an exciting lineup we have in store this year.

Tickets

Early bird tickets are available from Helen Thomas again this year. Contact her on **07810 712836** to buy the hottest ticket in Solva.

Volunteers

Our festival relies on our strong volunteer team to make this community event run smoothly throughout. If you would like to be a part of delivering The Edge Festival 2024 please get in touch with Chris and Ellie Sherwin

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SOLVA HARBOUR SOCIETY

The date of the 2024 boat lift is confirmed as Thursday 11th April. Boat owners will be sent more details in due course.



Clerk Nicola Evans

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Community Cinema



Film and Food Night serves up a treat! Solva Community Cinema raised over £260 at February's food and film night, as guests were treated to a delicious curry, garlic rice and naan feast! Treasurer Tom commented "The cinema team would like to thank everyone who came along to support us tonight. Fundraising events like these go a long way to helping us keep the cinema going, along with improving our equipment and facilities. Diolch!"

Solva cinema is run by volunteers and hosts a film on the first Thursday of every month at Solva Memorial Hall.



NEXT FILM

Upcoming films at Solva Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm

- **7th March: The Great Escaper (12A)**
- **4th April: Book Club: The Next Chapter (12)**
- **2nd May: One Life (12A)**
- 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.

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

SADS SOLVA AMATURE DRAMATICS

Solva Amateur Dramatics Society (SADS) presents an Evening of Entertainment, including A Mystery Man (One-Act Play), Sketches, Singing and the Ukelele Pirates. All home-grown entertainment.

Tickets £5. Pay on the door (open 7.00 pm)

Bring your refreshments.

To reserve tickets contact Fran Barker.



fran34hb@gmail.com

22nd March - Evening of Entertainment

7.30 pm Solva Hall



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23rd March - Evening of Entertainment

7.30 pm Solva Hall

Say it in Cymraeg

**Happy Saint
Davids Day**

**Dydd Gwyl
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Dehwee Ha-pis**

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Lob-sgouse**

Welsh Cake

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Cacen Gri**

**Pick-eh bach/
Kah-ken gri**



MENTRAU IAITH



CHAIR YOGA

Enhance your Mobility



Experience the fantastic new addition to Solva Clubhouse with our upcoming Chair Yoga classes! In these one-hour sessions, participants will embark on a journey to enhance mobility, discover inner peace, and forge meaningful connections. Following the session, join us for a delightful gathering over coffee, tea, and cakes, where community members can chat and catch up. This is a wonderful opportunity to nurture both body and spirit while catching up with members of our vibrant community.

Beginning Friday, 23rd of March. 11am - 12:30pm. £7 per person.

Contact Bethany

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ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL

Clerk - Simon Mann

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of St Davids City Council will be held on:

Monthly meeting – Monday 4th March - 7pm Memorial Hall

Second Monthly meeting – Monday 18th March - 7pm - Memorial Hall

The agenda and minutes will be available from the Clerk and online.

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD DORRIEN PAUL DAVIES

It was a huge honour for St Davids City Council Mayor Mrs Emma Evans & her consort Mr Mark Evans to attend the Enthronement of the Right Reverend Father in God Dorrien Paul Davies on 3rd February 2024. Bishop Dorrien is the 130th Lord Bishop of St Davids and was welcomed in by over 750 well wishers. The Bishop is joined in this photograph by the Mayors Consort, the Mayor of St Davids, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, the High Sheriff of Dyfed and the High Sheriffs Consort. A truly remarkable day for the whole of St Davids and it's wider communities.



Left to Right

St Davids City Council Mayor Mrs Evans & her consort Mr Mark Evans. Right Reverend Father in God, Dorrien Paul Davies. & His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, Miss Sara Edwards.

**COUNCILOR CORNER**

Shwmae/Greetings All

Firstly I would like to congratulate the Reverend Dorrien Davies on being elected as the new Bishop Of St Davids. I had the honour of attending his enthronement at St Davids Cathedral, along with my brother County Cllr Thomas Tudor, Chair of Pembrokeshire County Council, a proud day for Reverend Dorrien Davies and all his family.

As a Cllr, I sit on various committees and it was a pleasure to have our Headteacher of Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi along to the Schools and Learning Scrutiny Committee to give a presentation on the Schools Mobile Phone Policy. An excellent move by the school of which the benefits have shown positive results. The Policy has proved so popular that other schools are looking into implementing it and Mrs Thomas has appeared on National television regarding it.

I attended along with other County Cllrs, Pembrokeshire Tackling Poverty Summit which was held in Pembrokeshire College. A host of speakers gave talks on topics that were very moving and at times very emotional. They were able to shine a light on some key issues relating to poverty, in particular, a picture of poverty in Pembrokeshire, and for us to support the most vulnerable members of our communities.

My concerns have been sent to PCC regarding the proposed changes to the 403 Celtic Coaster service in St Davids which was advertised in last month's newsletter. A reduction in this service is going to have a huge impact on St Davids during the height of the Summer, especially the boat companies who run boat trips from St Justinians where there is limited parking. The boat tours around the islands is a big tourist attraction to St David's and the reduction in this service is going to have a huge knock-on effect on those Boat companies. This bus service is not only by tourists but also by locals.

On March 7th PCC will have to decide on which way to vote regarding Council Tax Rise. The recommendation from the Cabinet, of which there were three, was the recommendation of a Council Tax rise of 16.31%. If savings are not found, cuts are going to be big and the St DAVIDS RECYCLING CENTRE is going to be one of them, whilst this is going to press I am awaiting a meeting with the leader David Simpson and Rhys Sinnett Cabinet Member for Residents Service and Leisure.

Sorry to finish my news on a worrying note but please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via email phone or through my Cllr Facebook page.

Cofion Cyness/Kind regards.

Bethan



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Cllr Bethan Price

Pembrokeshire County Counillor for St Davids Ward

No Political affiliation

ST DAVIDS SURGERY

PATIENT SURVEY

The experience that you have of NHS care is important to us. We therefore carried out a Patient Survey during January 2024 to help us better understand your NHS experiences.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. We have now analysed the results and are pleased to note that they reflect a high degree of patient satisfaction with the Practice, with an overall score of 9.28 out of 10.

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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 enquiries.w92058@wales.nhs.uk

SHALOM HOUSE NEWS

We will be holding our Annual Virtual Balloon Race in March. Go to our Facebook page for more details.

Why not join our 100 Plus club. From just £3 per month you could win a cash prize. Contact Sam for more details.

We need a Volunteer Gardener at Shalom House. If you can spare a few hours to help out per month, get in touch. It is very flexible can work around your own timetable, there is a small well established area at the front to maintain.

In addition we are looking for volunteers for both our shops if anyone is interested in sparing a few hours. We are also looking for volunteer drivers to help bring attendees to and from Shalom House.

If you are interested get in touch with Sam on 01437 721 344.



The People's Shed has been running now for two years. Combining woodwork, knitting, metalwork, conversation, coffee/tea, demonstrations of working models, a sewing group (Friday), and with the potential for a Group, a Parent and Toddler Group and much, much more, we are open every Tuesday 10.00 am to noon. Come and join us for a chat. Talk about new groups you would like to see, or just have a hot drink and biscuits.

The People's Shed is for YOU. Come by yourself, or with a group. You can start a new section, or just a casual group, and be on your way. Book our large room for half a day, a day, or an evening (£15 per session), for a regular spot, or for a "one-off" event such as a children's birthday party.

Recent general sessions have included a demonstration of a working steam engine, made by a member, and a physiotherapy session. Come and see for yourself how good it is to be here, either doing something by yourself (e.g. carving a love spoon in our workshop), or joining the conversation round the coffee table.

For more details ring Alan, on 07946418439, or just turn up on a Tuesday (Sewing - 10.00 am Friday morning). See you soon. You will be very welcome!

Many of you will remember that The Scout Hut was partly funded by the local community with a £1 per brick campaign, and it would be a great shame if this asset were to disappear through lack of use. In the current parlance –

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Baby & Toddler Group

St Davids Playgroup welcomed parents & guardians back in Spring 2023 at the St Davids Scout hut. Unfortunately, due to limited numbers and a shortage of volunteers, the playgroup had to temporarily close during the winter break. However, we have found a temporary new home for the group at the back of the City Hall, where it will now operate as a casual drop-in coffee and cake gathering. Whilst we build up momentum and support for the new Baby & Toddler group we hope to move back to the Scout hut in the future. St David Playgroup is very appreciative of the scout hut and hopes that their recent call out of support is well received by the community.

Meet ups

Starting 27th Feb 10am-12pm
Then every Tuesday 10am-12pm
City Hall

Cllr Bethan Price

☎07767398924

A m s e r S t o r i

Welsh Storytime

**Llyfrgell
Tyddewi**

**Dydd Mawrth
19.03.24
1.30pm**

AM DDIM

**St Davids
Library**

**Tuesday
19.03.24
1.30pm**

FREE

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Wednesday 27 March,
11am–3pm £4 per child, drop-in.
Oreil y Parc

Join us for some green fingered fun! Decorate your pot, plant your seed, take it home and watch it grow!

TOAD PATROLLERS NEEDED

The Bug Farm is looking for volunteer 'toad patrollers' to help toads cross the road at Pembrokeshire's only official 'Toad Crossing'.

The crossing, from The Bug Farm to Dowrog Common, and back, has been patrolled by Ryan Shep, on behalf of the Pembrokeshire Amphibian and Reptile Group (ARG), for the past few years. Ryan has kindly travelled a long way to save St Davids' toads, but the crossing has now been taken over by The Bug Farm team. Toads are very particular about where they breed and follow the same migration route from their hibernation sites back to their ancestral ponds each year. They migrate on wet evenings after dusk from January to late April, when temperatures are higher than 5°C.

Froglife, who manage the toad patrols across the UK say: "If something [such as the A487 main road] is constructed in their path, they carry on regardless". "Just on one evening last week when we couldn't get out to help them, over 30 toads were squashed on the corner by The Bug Farm" says Sarah. "People may have noticed the toad signs either side of our lane" says Sarah. "After we noticed the sheer number of toads crossing the road a few years ago, we contacted Pembrokeshire ARG and they contacted Pembrokeshire County Council, who put up the signs. The signs were immediately stolen and then replaced. However, they haven't seemed to make drivers slow down enough, so the toads need some extra help".

If you would be willing to help The Bug Farm with their toad patrols, please get in touch with them on info@thebugfarm.co.uk and they will send you the welcome pack, which can also be downloaded from the Froglife website



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The Peninsula Food Market

The Peninsula Food Market is a locally run online farmers market making it simple to buy from amazing local producers. Formerly known as the Peninsula Producers Food Hub, It's a really easy way for local residents and visitors alike to directly support local small scale farmers and growers.

You can purchase a wide range of delicious produce - everything from fresh veg, meat, seafood, milk, cheese and eggs to ready meals, bread, cakes, ferments, seaweed, spreads and beverages. You can choose between everyday basics or luxury items for special occasions.

By using the Peninsula Food Market, you get nutritious food of high quality, low food miles, less packaging, less waste and more of the money goes to the producer than to the shop.

The Food Market was started during Covid by volunteers from Lower Treginnis Farm who then asked local environmental and community social enterprise EcoDewi to take it on for the benefit of the community. Orders are collected on Saturday mornings from the St Davids Rugby Club between 10 - 11.30am and you're welcome to just pop along to meet the team, and other customers and have a peek at what is available before making your first order.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or would like to be involved with this project by emailing Tina at foodhub@ecodewi.org.uk.



ST DAVIDS: SEA COASTS AND VISITORS, HISTORY AND LEGENDS BY PETER MARKS

This newly-published book has historic illustrations, early photographs and beautiful modern photographs. It begins with visitor and incomer reports about St Davids and its environs, 1540 to 1943. St Davids is described by James Hissey in 1890 as 'a city with fowls strutting about and ducks delving into pools where the pavement should have been'.

Careful local research by Peter Marks is about places around the St Davids coast from Caerfai via St Justinians to St Davids Head. Might Saint David's original settlement have been just off the road to Whitesands? This is a venture by Peter Marks's widow Moyra Skenfield, who wants to share the results of her late husband's work. It is for sale in St Davids Bookshop and other local outlets.

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ST DAVIDS WI

In retrospect, Menevia WI have had a busy and fun-filled 2023. They have entered competitions in the Pembrokeshire Federation WI. Firstly, the County Round where members worked hard to produce a craft, floral and cookery display came 4th in the competition. The drama group entered a sketch at The Torch Theatre, and delighted the audience with a synchronized dance, dressed in sequined Union Jack dresses. Members of the craft group took on the challenge of making craft items to decorate the WI house window in October. The theme was 'Harvest, Hibernation and Halloween'. Many members also enjoyed the organised outings. To celebrate the Coronation a fabulous 'Afternoon Tea' was held at Crug Glas Country House. In June the craft group went to Pointz Castle to learn all about the process of making the ice-cream. They also enjoyed sampling the variety of flavours. The highlight of the summer was a trip to Cegin Gareth. The day consisted of a cookery demonstration, a fabulous lunch, a flower demonstration, and afternoon tea to finish. The talks this year have been fascinating. Julian Cromer gave an interesting talk on Madagascar, including showing some stunning photography. Elly Morgan spoke about Magnolia and brought along many of her personal items from there. Barbara Thorne and her partner Phil shared their experience of motorbiking through the Himalayas which members found enthralling. The final talk was by Melanie Collier who explained the history of belly dancing, with members participating in a few moves! The WI has several keen gardeners who were delighted to welcome members to visit their gardens too. Menevia WI are also active within the community, they maintain the troughs on the Cross Square, ensuring they are planted up late Spring and again in the Autumn with bulbs and winter pansies. They have also prepared and served lunch at the St Davids luncheon Club held at the Memorial Hall.

There are numerous events and activities planned for 2024. New members are always welcome please contact the President Eleri Davies 07791 903221 or email meneviawi@gmail.com

BADMINTON CLUB

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WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

KEY EVENTS

02/03	DRAGON PARADE	11:00am	Oriel Y Parc
02/03	CAWL COMPETITION	11:30am	City Hall
04/03	ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING	7:00pm	St Davids Memorial Hall
06/03	MACULAR GROUP	4:00pm	Rugby Club
05/03	BABY & TODDLER MEETUP	10:00am	City Hall
07/03	SOLVA COMMUNITY CINEMA	7:00pm	Solva Hall
09/03	SOLVA SHOP	9:30am	Solva Club House
12/03	BABY & TODDLER MEETUP	10:00am	City Hall
13/03	SCC MEETING	6:00pm	Solva Club House
14/03	SOLVA SHOP STALL	10am	Solva Hall
14/03	SOLVA WI	2:00pm	Solva Hall
18/03	ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING	7:00pm	St Davids Memorial Hall
19/03	AMSER STORI	1:30pm	City Hall
19/03	BABY & TODDLER MEETUP	10:00am	City Hall
21/03	MACULAR GROUP	4:00pm	Rugby Club
22/03	SADS - EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT	7:00pm	Solva Hall
23/03	SADS - EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT	7:00pm	Solva Hall
23/03	SOLVA SHOP	9:30am	Solva Club House
26/03	BABY & TODDLER MEETUP	10:00am	City Hall
28/03	SOLVA SHOP STALL	9:30am	Solva Hall
30/03	SPRING CRAFT MARKET	10:00am	Oreil y Parc



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