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The Power of Community Action

The St Davids Solva Civic Centre narrowly avoided closure thanks to the swift communication among residents of Solva, St Davids, and the surrounding areas. Read more about this on Pages 3 & 13



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SOLVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Tuesday 2nd April 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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COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

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Firstly as you may be aware, the St Davids Civic Amenity site that was destined to be closed in the recent PCC budget has had a reprieve. Armed with the 1600 plus signatures collected online by Richie Davies, Solva Community Council Chairman, the 3 local County Councillors met with the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Resident Services and the Head of Waste and the result was a 1-year reprieve but equivalent cost savings have to be made to ensure it has a future.

Next on the 7th of March, we had a full Council Meeting that included the Budget. A whole raft of cuts minus the closure of St Davids CA site and a 16.3% Council Tax increase were introduced by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Cllr Alec Cormack. As soon as he sat down, the Deputy Leader, Cllr Paul Miller stood up and requested that Standing Orders, the rules by which the Council operates be suspended. Once this was voted on and granted, he was able to propose an alternative Budget. Under normal rules, at least 14 days of an alternative budget should have been provided but these rules had been suspended. By using £1.5m worth of reserves, increasing revenues from leisure by £300,000 and stating that a further £1m of savings would be found by the Chief Executive, the CT increase proposed was now 12.5%. Previous advice from Officers was that reserves should not be used. However, the sting in the tail is the expected CT rise for next year is likely to be at least 11.4%. Members were surprised by this proposal and were not given any time to digest the proposal and for this reason, my group including myself voted against this proposal. It still passed by about 5 votes.

Closer to home, I have managed to get the topic of the adoption of Lewes Terrace raised again. This has been an ongoing matter since 2006, and for clarity, is the raised section of roadway frontage from the Royal George to the foot of the slope next to the Memorial. PCC has issued letters to all those with frontages stating that they propose to adopt the roadway and maintain it assuming there are no objections. Most of this land appears to be unregistered. This will provide a safe official walking route from the Royal George to the Memorial and appropriate signage can be erected. Fingers crossed.

As usual, if any resident needs any help in relation to a Council matter, feel free to call me.

Best regards, Cllr Mark Carter - County Councilor for Solva

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Solva is a place filled with incredible events and captivating stories that often remain hidden from the limelight. We are eager to uncover these hidden gems! Whether it's a centenary celebration, the grand opening of a new business, or the unearthing of local history, we are interested in your stories. So, don't hesitate to reach out and let us know about the remarkable happenings in Solva! - Solvanews@outlook.com

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.

Solva & St Davids Art Group

If you are a budding artist starting out or if you have been painting for years and wish to join other like-minded people, please do come along on a Monday morning to the Football Club in Solva to meet us. We are a friendly group and love giving help and advice when needed. We take part in two exhibitions each year, one at Easter and the other in the summer, both of which are very successful. If you decide you wish to exhibit, this is an opportunity for your artwork to be seen by many people from all over the country.

We meet every Monday from 10 am to 1 pm, plenty of parking, so do come and meet us. For further information please contact our Membership Secretary, Maureen Evans on 01437 721525, mob: 07855 693640.

Our Easter Exhibition will be in Oriel y Parc, St Davids from Sunday 31st March through to Saturday 6th April, opening daily from 9.30 to 4.30pm (from 1:00pm on Opening Day). Members will be showing framed and unframed original artworks and handmade prints priced to suit all pockets. So do come along and have a look. We look forward to seeing you then.



SOLVA CARE



Thank you so much Enid!

At the coffee morning on 14 March, Enid Morgan was presented with flowers and a card as a small thank you for all she has done for Solva Care as a Trustee. Enid was appointed in September 2018 and stepped down from her Trustee role in January 2024. We are delighted that she is carrying on as a volunteer for Solva Care.

CLWB SOLFACH/SOLVA LUNCHEON CLUB

It is fingers crossed all round as we are aiming to restart the Luncheon Club on Wednesday 20th March and continue until the end of June. For various reasons, the alterations to the kitchen took longer than expected but the improvements should prove worthwhile.

Please contact Jane Pascoe 01437 721544 if you have any queries.

Together for Change

Are you interested in all things community? Together for Change, hosted by Solva Care, has curated a national programme for the Resourceful Communities Partnership called Aspiration, Perspiration and Inspiration.

The events which are running till June 2024 cover topics as diverse as organisational culture, asset-based community development and new models in economics.

Come and listen, engage and debate how we can create a better life for all in Wales. **All sessions free on eventbrite via [tfcpembrokeshire.org](https://www.eventbrite.org/tfcpembrokeshire)**

DATE FOR FETE

The traditional Parc Y Capel fete with stalls such as books, bric-a-brac, dog event, tea and cakes, and plants etc will take place on 6th May. Proceeds to Solva Care.

If you'd like to help with ideas or a stall or practical help on the day, all would be very welcome; We can be reached at fran34hb@gmail.com or on the following telephone numbers - 01437 721224 / 07748352889, or Fran Barker on 07377059265

Monday 6 May. Parc y Capel Fete

SOLVA MEMORIAL HALL

The Hall provides a fantastic venue for a variety of events, including community gatherings, live performances, and celebrations such as weddings and birthday parties. Equipped with PA systems and a versatile new kitchen, it also offers wheelchair access and ample space for various activities.

For more information, Hall Manager, Sam Miller -
sam.solvamemorialhall@gmail.com

FARNHAM MALTINGS: THE BAND BACK TOGETHER

Theatre

The Band Back Together by Braney Morris tells the story of Joe, Ross, and Ellie who used to be in a band and are drawn together for one night only to play a benefit gig in their hometown, Will the old songs still work their magic? and just how far has time thrown these friends from their younger selves?

Saturday 13th April | 7:30pm | Solva Hall | Contact -07970 614233

Tickets - Adults £12 | Concessions £6

DUSTY CUT & MARGARITA HELENE

Live music

Dusty Cut is a five-piece indie band from Cardiff, led by Pembrokeshire's Phil Jones. They perform original songs about friendships and loves gained and lost, coastal islands and fights in restaurants. Dusty Cut have a warm and full sound that weaves moody folk, 70s rock and a hint of strangeness and wonky pop inspired by eccentrics like Super Fury Animals, Belle & Sebastian and Gorky's Zygotic Myncci.

"Big candy floss cushions for the ears" - Adam Walton, BBC Radio Wales

Margarita Helene is an alt-folk artist, Hertfordshire raised and based in Pembrokeshire. She is often compared to Kate Nash and Lily Allen. Quietly confident with a sarky undertone, whether she intends it or not. Honest and emotive storytelling takes you on a journey through her struggles with mental health and relationships, hoping her music will help people in some way.

Saturday 20th April | 7:30pm | Solva Hall | BYOB

D U S T Y
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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 are very welcome.

Contact Fran Barker on 07377049265

Lights Camera Action

Once again Solva is going to become a location for shooting a major drama. The television series Unforgotten will be filming in Solva and Whitchurch between 22 and 26 April. The action will take place in Prendergast, without blocking the road to traffic; at the Foreshore carpark and Foreshore picnic area; and in Whitchurch.

Solva has been selected because it looks as Scottish as a Scottish village, if not more so. Whilst there may be some disruption, the benefits are that once again Solva's profile becomes raised, and, whisper it quietly, there will be some funds coming into the community's coffers. So if you see Nicola Walker, playing DCI Cassie Stuart, and Sanjeev Bhaskar, playing DI Sunny Khan, don't forget to wish them luck as they hunt down the perpetrators of yet another cold case murder. - Ifor Thomas

Open Garden

Open Gardens will be held on SUNDAY 23 June. We would welcome offers of more gardens especially easily accessible ones within Solva itself.

Contact Fran Barker on 07377059265

SOLVA WI

The meeting on Thursday 14th March included discussion on organising a lunch at Picton Castle or, any ideas elsewhere.

The Pancake Coffee Morning was well-attended considering the weather was not good! £188 was raised for the upkeep of the Defibrillators in the village.

Solva WI will help at the Parc y Capel fundraising fete on Mon 6th May by doing the refreshments in the Hall.

We have decided on our choice for the Scarecrow Trail which will be held on 4th & 5th August. The theme is 'Sports Stars'.

The Walking Group is suffering from a lack of Walkers at present but hopefully will recover!

The Book Club is ongoing. The speaker was Alison Newis-Edwards who gave a wonderfully detailed & enlightening talk on 'Beekeeping' and brought along an old-fashioned wicker beehive. She explained why bees 'swarmed' and was very keen to get everyone to look after bees – there are so many types but they do all make honey. Alison had jars to sell on the day.

Fur-ever Friends

The Therapy Hounds visited Solva Care Friday Club again on the 16th of February and brought a beautiful lurcher called Abbie with them. Abbie was living in squalid conditions with other dogs when, by pure chance, two of the dogs (Abbie and another) escaped and were running loose in the streets. Abbie was sadly struck by a car which led to the police attending the scene. The police managed to track down the owner and found the other dog Albus locked in a cupboard with no food, starving and alone, along with other dogs living in equally awful conditions. The police contacted Greyhound Rescue Wales (GRW) and they were both rescued. Abbie has brain damage due to the accident and it was decided that she should be fostered and remain under the medical care of GRW for life. She is now living a happy life in her loving forever foster home. She was a delight to see being fussed by so many people and looking so healthy and happy despite her tragic background.

Fostering is a vital part of rescue and rehoming operations at GRW and they simply wouldn't be able to help the numbers of dogs that they do without the hard work and dedication of their fosterers. Fostering is extremely rewarding, and people foster it for many reasons. It might be you can't commit to a dog long-term, want to gain experience or just want to help out a hound in need. Fostering is basically looking after a dog in your own home for either a short period of time or for a longer period. GRW will provide you with bedding, food, accessories etc., full cover for any vet bills and behavioural assistance and advice to make sure your foster dog has a happy stay in your home.

If you are interested in fostering or want to find out more about it please get in touch with nicola.jones@greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk or you can visit our website page: <https://greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk/support/foster/>

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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 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)

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



Solva Edge Festival

26th - 28th July, 2024

Solva, Pembrokeshire, Wales

Preparations for this year's festival are now well and truly underway with almost all of the slots booked for the main stage for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We have some fantastic bands booked and we will be making announcements via social media over the next couple of weeks.

Performers for the literature tent have also been booked for Saturday and Sunday morning and several food and craft stalls are also on board. We are really pleased to be welcoming back many who attended the festival last year.

Events for Children

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Ranger Meg Pratt will be running a junior ranger boot camp and nature walk on the morning of Saturday 27th of July and National Park volunteer Gordon Lewis will also be running a Smugglers & Pirates walk on Sunday 28th of July. More details on these to follow soon.

Tickets

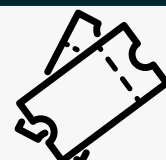
Just a reminder that early bird tickets are available until the end of March and can be purchased locally from Helen Thomas

(Tel: 07810712836) or via our website edgefestival.co.uk/buy-tickets.

Camping pitches for this year's festival are still



**Community
Cinema**



NEXT FILM

Upcoming films at Solva Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm

- **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

Solva Harbour Society

As we are nearing the busy season for Trinity Quay, here are a few reminders just to help your visit be an enjoyable one.

Launching from Trinity Quay slip is reserved for permit (sticker) holders only
 Parking on the Quay is for permit/sticker holders only, other parking is available in the main Harbour car park (fees payable)
 Casual visitors wishing to launch kayaks etc, may do so from the Sand Quay slip (launching fee applies)

Below is a QR code which you can scan for advice on water safety prepared by RNLI



Solva Poet writes for the future

Poet & young mum, Caitlin Rowen is aiming to secure a £10,000 prize in a poetry competition, with plans to allocate a portion of the winnings towards organising poetry workshops for parents within her local area. Caitlin submitted her poem "Change" to the Poetry and Folk in the Environment competition organized by Home Stage, a group supporting poets and musicians. She is passionate about promoting poetry and music in the community.

In addition, Caitlin plans to organize a complimentary poetry workshop for families at the former STAR centre in Splott, Cardiff aiming to assist parents with childcare expenses. Caitlin would also hold workshops in the St Davids Playgroup with the donation. An extract of "Change" is below. **To read the full version and vote for Carlin please scan the QR code below,**



Change

Change As a child I saw the snow twenty inches or more it would grow.

From the tips of my toes to my small button nose

School would close, Lollipop lady would come early,

Humans would run across the zebra crossing like little ants,

Doing their snow dance,

To the hum of the cars going past,

The memories of my mind fast,

becoming so jarred to find.

Now the threat of global warming,

Sends our hearts soaring.

What can we do to bring temperatures down?

Before we all drown.

Lady bugs out in Winter, nothing to eat

Bees buzz in December's lair, I send a prayer.

*Will they fair when the Ozone layer gets grilled By all our cheap thrills,
wars and oil spills?*

-Caitlin Rowen

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Scan me for full poem

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Please	Os gwelwch yn dda	Oss guail-loo-chun tha
Thank you	Diolch	Dee-olch (ch as in loch)
How Much is this	Faint yw hyn	Vay-nt ewe hin?
Can I have..?	Ga i...?	Ga ee...?
Goodbye	Hwyl Fawr	Hayl vaur



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Note From Editor.

You need to be aware of an important change in the newsletter.

The submission date for the newsletter will now be the **10th of each month**, providing additional time for editing and distribution. Diolch.

Please send submissions to **Solvanews@outlook.com**

Advertise with us!

Solva & St Davids is a vibrant monthly publication that celebrates the local community by highlighting events and news. We strive to connect with our readers through both print and digital platforms. Our publication is made possible by the generous support of Solva and St David Councils, as well as local businesses who advertise with us. Without their backing, this newsletter wouldn't be possible. If you're looking to promote your business in a cost-effective way and support a worthy cause, we offer advertising spaces in our newsletter. Additionally, businesses have the opportunity to advertise during peak tourist times. If you're interested in securing advertising space, please reach out to us via email at

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Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in making a positive impact in your community? We are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers who can lend a helping hand in distributing our newsletter. As a volunteer, you will receive a bundle of newsletters that you can distribute in the streets and areas where you reside. This is not only a wonderful opportunity to support your community, but also a chance to connect with your neighbours and say hello. If you're interested, please message Angharad on **07736250893**. We can't wait to hear from you!

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ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice of City Council Meetings:

Monthly meeting – Monday 8th April - 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall

Second Monthly Meeting – Monday 22nd April – 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall

The agenda and minutes are available from the Clerk and on the City Council website – <https://stdavids.gov.uk/>

Congratulations to Mrs Dorothy Cole who recently celebrated her 100th birthday at the beginning of March. The Mayor of St Davids, Cllr Emma Evans was delighted to attend her birthday celebrations and presented Mrs Cole with a bouquet of flowers and card.

The Mayor passed on the very best wishes of all at St Davids City Council.

Llongyfarchiadau mawr!

NB the beautiful bouquet was arranged by Imogen Higgs of Perfect Little Flowers.



COMMUNITY BANK

EVERY THURSDAY CITY HALL

10am - 3pm

ST DAVIDS MARKET

Every Thursday on the Cross Square from 1st March – 31st October from 9.00am – 4.00pm

ST DAVIDS LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am - 5.00pm (Closed 1.00pm - 2.00pm)

POLICE DROP-IN SURGERY

Members of Dyfed Powys Police will be running a monthly Drop-In Surgery on the first **Thursday of each month from 10.30am – 12noon** in the Youth Drop-In Centre (entrance via Bryn Road). An opportunity for residents to bring any matter to the attention of the Police. **April 4th**



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER



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I can't believe a month has passed so quickly since my last report.

The main topic has been the Budget and St Davids Waste and Recycling Centre. With the proposal being put forward of a 16.3% Council Tax Rise and also losing our WRC there was an outcry of concerns from yourself and the surrounding area, so along with Cllr Mark Carter and Cllr Neil Prior and with huge help with an online petition created by Richard Davies, PCC had to take our concerns seriously. So after a meeting with officers they listened and gave our WRC a reprieve for a year, there is still lots to do but I can't thank you enough for the people of St Davids in supporting me in fighting for our WRC. Also, during the full meeting regarding the budget, an alternative proposal was put forward and as you all know the Council Tax rise was 12.5%.

Feel free to contact me through email or phone if you have any concerns, or you can also follow my Cllr Facebook Page for daily updates on duties and projects. Wishing you all a lovely Easter holiday! Thank you

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Cllr Bethan Price - County Councillor for St Davids

TIR A MOR FESTIVAL

The organisers of Tir a Mor would like to say a massive thank you to ALL who made the Festival the success it was!!! Too many to mention individually - this was a Community coming together! Diolch yn fawr iawn! Please follow us on Facebook for updates & Photos!

Peninsula Food Market - Get fresh local produce every week! Your online farmer's market - local, fresh and easy to use. There are many amazing producers across the Peninsula - fishermen, farmers, growers, beekeepers, bakers, makers and brewers. The Peninsula Food Market enables them to sell their produce directly to the local community, without big financial markups and with one easy stop for the customer. There is a wide range of great products available - everything from everyday necessities to luxury items for special occasions.

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CLUB



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ST DAVIDS SURGERY

FROM MARCH 2024 - NEW SYSTEM FOR REQUESTING SAME-DAY CONTACT WITH A GP

Due to increased patient demand and GP workload, the Practice is having to introduce a new system for patients requesting a same-day call-back or contact from a GP.

Please ring before 10.30am if you need to speak to a GP the same day. This helps our GPs to manage, plan and prioritise their workload more effectively.

We are not able to accommodate minor ailments and self-limiting conditions, such as colds, as urgent appointments. Please use the expertise of our local Pharmacist. Thank you.

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.

Tel: (01437) 720303

Email: enquiries.w92058@wales.nhs.uk

PLAYGROUP

Every Tuesday 10 am- 12 pm. Drop in the Centre / back of city hall. 0-3year olds. £1
Big thank you for Y Gegin Tyddewi for your generous donation to support the group.

SOLVA & ST DAVIDS MACULAR & VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP

All meetings from April onwards will be held on the Last Wednesday of every month. 2 pm - 4 pm.

Carers Welcome. All meetings offer refreshments at the donation of £2.00 to the club.

Contact Margaret Hughes Phone no 07815729856 for info on speakers

FRIENDS OF TREGINNIS

The Friends of Treginnis are holding a Coffee Morning on:

Thursday 4th of April in the City Hall, St David's. Doors open at 10.30 am.

Entry is £3.50, including a cup of tea/coffee, a slice of cake and a special raffle ticket. There will also be a big raffle. Come meet your friends and chat over a cup of tea or coffee. There will be stalls for you to wander around, vegs from Treginnis, craft, bric-a-brac and more.

Another important date is **Saturday 27 July 2024. The Treginnis Summer Fete.** We hope that we can hold one this year as the weather washed us away in 2023. The Committee hopes to see you at one or other of these events.

Meet the Team!

We would love to welcome you to Lower Treginnis (SA62 6RS) between 10am and 3pm on **Wednesday 24th April.** Meet our friendly team, join us for some soup and a roll and help out in the garden which produces food for the children who stay with us! If you'd like to know more, please email gethin@farmsforcitychildren.org or ring **01437 720840.**

ORIEL Y PARC

Impressions of the Pembrokeshire Landscape by Barry Chantler

Friday 1 March to Sunday 14 April Barry's exhibition captures the lesser-known landscapes of the

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. He explores the use of various light, throughout different times of the day and seasons, to create photography which has a distinctive meditative feel.

ST DAVIDS STEET BAND

Musicians needed for St David Street band. A reasonable level of playing is required.

Rehearsals St David's RAFA Club Mondays 5pm -6.30 pm Gigs coming in!

Contact Kelly - kellyship@gmail.com

ST DAVIDS COMEDY TOURS

By Fire Donkey Productions

The "highly recommended" St Davids Comedy Tour (AKA The Best Ever 100% Verifiably Accurate Walking Tour of St Davids) is back this Easter with dates running through the summer. Run by the actual St David himself (with help from his 11th century biographer), this is a "silly, wonderfully warm and (dubiously) factual ramble" combining myth, legend and even some surprising facts! Tours start 30th March. See www.firedonkey.co.uk for dates and to book.

St Davids Peninsula Repair Café is back!

We are really excited to announce the re-launch of the St Davids Peninsula Repair Cafe. Our relaunch event will take place on Thursday 18th April starting at 6.30 pm in St Davids Rugby Club and we hope to use different venues around the peninsula in the future. Not sure what a Repair Café is? Well, basically it's a free repair service by local skilled volunteers for a variety of items, with the aim of encouraging people to extend the life of items which are broken by repairing them and therefore reducing the 'throwaway culture' of today's world. Our relaunch event is all about explaining how it works, what can be repaired and an opportunity to meet the repairers, with plenty of time to chat with our like-minded folk. And of course, if you are handy at repairing certain items or think you could assist a repairer, just get in touch. It varies from place to place but some repair cafes fix clothing, furniture, small electrical items, musical instruments etc.

PLUS our relaunch event will include a Clothes Swap, which have been incredibly popular in the past on the peninsula. We'll share how this works on social media and our website but essentially you can bring some clothes you no longer want (cleaned and in good condition), leave them with us and then once everything's hung up you see what others have brought and take something home. A great way to reduce clothes going into landfill and also a brilliant opportunity to pick up some great items of clothing.

So why not join us on **Thursday 18th April at St Davids Rugby Club**. The programme for the evening will be:

6:30 – 7pm – Clothes drop off

7pm - Meet the Repairers

7.15pm - Short film about Repair Cafes



ECO DEWI NEWS

What a wet start to 2024! Despite this, the Erw Dewi/Dewi's Acre volunteers have been faithfully at work getting the garden ready to plant out when Spring finally arrives. Here are some of our highlights from January to April so far. At the start of March, we ran a well-attended Fruit Tree Pruning Course led by Neil from 'Patch of the Planet' which was highly informative and a really lovely event. We have more courses coming up so do look out for them. In February Cllr Bethan Price came to visit the garden and it was great to be able to show her all the latest plans underway for the Discovery Area (Natural Play Area) for children to use and the work on the garage. The garage now has a new door on it and a concrete hardstanding area ready for an accessible path to be laid later this year. Y.P.D have already visited on a few occasions, and their agricultural students have planted some potatoes. We have changed our volunteer days, (see our Facebook page for dates) so why not consider joining us to meet new people, be more connected to the community and of course do a bit of gardening? For more information visit our Facebook or Instagram pages or contact us via email at communitygarden@ecodewi.org.uk

Loads to get involved with EcoDewi!

There are loads to tell you about at the moment about EcoDewi events and activities. Hopefully, something below will interest you and inspire you to get involved with the range of great grass-roots environmental work happening around the peninsula.

BEACH CLEANS

We are so grateful to everyone who comes out with us, rain or shine, to help clean up our gorgeous coastline. Our upcoming cleans are below & more info is on our Facebook page or you can join our Beach Clean WhatsApp group by emailing us.

We're also always looking for new beach-clean leads to help us run these events. You can contact us at beachcleans@ecodewi.org.uk

6th April - Porthlysgi Spring Clean and litter survey, 11 am

11th April - Newgale, 2 pm

19th April - Caerbwdi (tbc), 11am

26th April - Newgale, 2 pm

MENEVIA WI NEWS REPORT MARCH 2024

Menevia WI have had a busy start to 2024. In the January meeting members discussed and voted on 'Resolutions'. This is an annual event where all WI members have an opportunity to vote for what matters. The February meeting focused on exercise; members had great fun taking part in the 'Chair exercise' led by Linda Jones. A Welsh evening was the theme of the March meeting. Eleri Davies, President welcomed our guest Kathryn Wilkins of Hayscastle WI, who is the Chair of PFWI Members committee. The speakers were our very own Elspeth, Lett, and Eleri. The evening consisted of learning about the Welsh language, significant Welsh women, Welsh singing, and poetry all through the medium of Welsh. followed by Welsh cakes and refreshments. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all members. The raffle of an Easter egg was won by Kathryn Wilkins.

The drama group are busy practising for 'Anything Goes' which is being held at the Torch Theatre on the 12 April. An evening not to be missed. The craft group are busy planning their entry for the 'County Round' competition held at Withybush Pavilion on the 24 April. Hopefully, the walking and gardening group will shortly continue its activities as soon as the weather permits. The troughs on Cross Square were planted by the gardening group in the Autumn, which has delighted locals and tourists, providing the city with a beautiful array of yellow daffodils.

Menevia WI currently has 40 active members, new members are always welcome.

Contact Eleri Davies (President) 07791 903 221 for more details. You can also find us on Facebook - Menevia WI

Coffee & Chat

Coffee and Chat every **Wednesday from 10.00 am – 12noon**

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SEAWEED FESTIVAL

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- Discuss the economic potential of fishers, foragers, seaweed and shellfish farmers, all working together to start reversing the decline of Welsh coastal communities.
- Discover the many opportunities for uses of seaweed: as a sustainable commercial crop, as a fertiliser in agriculture, as a natural ingredient in cosmetics, foods and pharmaceuticals.
- Taste this culinary delight and hear about its numerous health benefits while sipping drinks infused and inspired by seaweed.
- Explore the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park coastline, foraging and learning about our abundance of native seaweed species.
- Grasp seaweed's many talents include its critical role in combating the climate crisis, artistic beauty, and protective shield for marine biodiversity and our coastlines.
- Uncover the lost knowledge of our ancestors and how seaweed has been a part of our Welsh heritage for centuries.
- Join creative workshops, boat trips, walks and talks, cooking demonstrations, tasting opportunities, industry seminars, and so much more.

Follow us on our social pages for updates on @walesfestivalofseaweed and check out our event on Facebook.

Find out more through our website festivalofseaweed.wales

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- 01/04 - St Davids & Solva Art Group | Solva Club House | 10am-1pm
 02/04 - Solva Council Meeting | Solva Club House | 6pm
 03/04 - Coffee & Chat | Drop in Centre/ St Davids City Hall | 10am- 12pm
 04/04 - Police Drop in | St Davids City Hall | 10:30am - 12pm
 04/04 - Treginnis Coffee Morning | St Davids City Hall | 10:30am
 04/04 - Coffee Morning | Solva Memorial Hall / 10:30am- 12pm
 04/04 - Solva Community Cinema | Solva Hall | 7pm
 06/04 - Beach Clean | Porthlysgi | 11am
 06/04 - Solva Shop | Solva Club House | 09:30-12:30
 08/04 - St Davids & Solva Art Group | Solva Club House | 10am-1pm
 09/04 - Playgroup | Drop in Centre/ St Davids City Hal | 10am - 12pm
 10/04 - Coffee & Chat | Drop in Centre/ St Davids City Hall | 10am- 12pm
 10/04 - Newsletter Submission Deadline | Email
 11/04 - Coffee Morning | Solva Memorial Hall / 10:30am- 12pm
 11/04 - Community Bank | St Davids City Hall | 10am - 3pm
 11/04 - Solva Shop | Solva Memorial Hall | 10:30am - 12pm
 11/04 - Beach Clean | Newgale | 2pm
 13/04 - Bring The Band Back Together | Solva Hall | 7:30pm
 14/04 - Community Bank | St Davids City Hall | 10am - 3pm
 15/04 - St Davids & Solva Art Group | Solva Club House | 10am-1pm
 16/04 - Playgroup / Drop in Centre/ St Davids City Hall | 10am - 12pm
 16/04 - First Aid Evening | Solva Club House | 5pm. - 7pm
 17/04 - Coffee & Chat | Drop in Centre/ St Davids City Hall | 10am- 12pm
 18/04 - Clothes Swap | St Davids Rugby Club | 7:30pm
 18/04 - Repair Cafe | St Davids Rugby Club | 6:30pm
 18/04 - Coffee Morning | Solva Memorial Hall / 10:30am- 12pm
 18/04 - Community Bank | St Davids City Hall | 10am - 3pm
 19/04 - Beach Clean | Caerbwdi | tbc
 20/04 - Dusty Cut & Margarita Helene| Solva Hall | 7:30pm
 20/04 - Solva Shop | Solva Club House | 09:30-12:30pm
 22/04 - St Davids & Solva Art Group | Solva Club House | 10am-1pm
 23/04 - Playgroup /Drop in Centre/ St Davids City Hall | 10am - 12pm
 24/04 - Meet & Greet | Treginnis Farm | 10am -3pm
 24/04 - Macular Group | St Davids Rugby Club | 2pm - 4pm
 24/04 - Coffee & Chat | Drop in Centre/ St Davids City Hall | 10am- 12pm
 25/04 - Solva Shop | Solva Memorial Hall | 10:30am - 1pm
 25/04 - Community Bank | St Davids City Hall | 10am - 3pm
 25/04 - Coffee Morning | Solva Memorial Hall / 10:30am- 12pm
 26/04 - Beach Clean | Newgale | 2pm
 29/04 - St Davids & Solva Art Group | Solva Club House | 10am-1pm
 30/04 - Play Group / Drop in Centre/ St Davids City Hall 10am - 12pm
 02/05 - Solva Community Cinema | Solva Hall | 7pm

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