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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of Solva Community Council (SCC) will be held on Wednesday 4th June commencing at 6pm 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](https://solva.gov.wales/) <https://solva.gov.wales/>

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COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Solva



The second week of May in County Hall marks the start of the Municipal year and also on Thursday a full Council meeting was held. As Councillors we paused our meeting to attend the VE service at the Cenotaph and show our respects.

There were two main items on the Thursday Agenda; firstly there was a report on the Senior Staff operating model with proposals

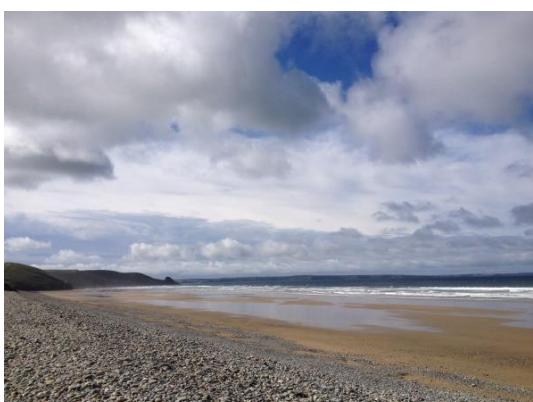
to reorganise senior roles amongst staff. This would hopefully achieve significant cost savings towards achieving budget targets. Secondly there was a discussion about school re organisation. A working group had spent six sessions discussing the future of a number of groups of schools and the findings were debated.

In the Member questions I queried whether the Cabinet Member Rhys Sinnott, was still happy with the purchase of a large number of electric vans as I had found out that a number of van users had found the electric vans purchased unsuitable and had reverted to diesel vans. Similar trials had been made with electric refuse trucks and on the whole these were unsuccessful

On the Friday the Annual Council meeting was held. Cllr Steve Alderman reported on his year as outgoing Chairman and Cllr Maureen Bowen was installed as the new Chairman of Council. Cllr Delme Harries was elected Vice Chair so he will be Chair as a North Pembrokeshire member for the Eisteddfod next year. The leader announced his two new Cabinet Members Cllr Alistair Cameron as Finance member and Cllr Marc Tierney as Young Persons and Communities Member. I have been made Chairman of Planning and Cllr Tony Wilcox returns as Chair of Licensing

I have previously raised concerns in the Services Committee around Dog Restrictions on Beaches. Anyone taking their dog onto Newgale needs to be aware that there are 3 different zones in Newgale and the middle one from the Ice Cream van to Pebbles Cafe is totally dog free until 30th September. Anyone breaching this will now get a warning and if ignored, then a penalty of £75 will be issued. When I

looked last the signage is confusing and inaccurate, so please be careful. Dog fouling in Solva continues to be an issue. Every month this seems to be on my agenda and it is just not acceptable. If anyone can identify the offenders, please report all details to envirocrime@pembrokeshire.gov.uk





Finally I wish to state my position on some up and coming local issues. As the Chairman of the Planning Committee, I suspect we will see the planning application (should one appear) for the Brawdy radar scheme. If it comes to Committee then I have to approach it with an open mind and cannot pre-determine the matter. For that reason I am listening to opinions but not commenting. In terms of the Newgale Road scheme, as a local business owner, I have a prejudicial interest and the PCC Standards Committee only allow me to speak as a Business Owner and not a Councillor.

Finally the funding for the Solva toilets runs out in November. As they take the fees from the Car Park, I am firmly of the belief that the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park should pay to keep them open and I am firmly against the Solva precept being used and hence the people of Solva paying to keep these open

Cllr Mark Carter

Pembrokeshire County Councillor for Solva Ward. As usual if you need any help with a Council related matter then please call or text me on **07976 553912**. Christmas holidays or evenings not a problem!

Email cllr.mark.carter@pembrokeshire.gov.uk



The **Lower Solva Corner Garden** is looking much better. A small group of volunteers have had two sessions sweeping, weeding and tidying this area so far this year. Thank you to all our supporters who have helped in different ways, especially Robin and Hannah (and Jason) from the Cambrian who gave the use of

their pressure-washer, water and electricity, as well as supplying us with coffee.

Our next session will be on Thursday 19th June at 10a.m. when we hope to weed and sweep, continue the pressure-washing to improve the look of the paving, fill the cracks with patio sand and treat the weathered benches to help preserve them.

Are you able to join us? We would really appreciate more hands on deck! Please message Alison de Jong on Facebook to be added to the list of helpers. Also If anyone else in the village has a little unforgotten corner near them, that they might like to help restore or look after, please do get in touch with the Community Council we may be able to help with some resources.





COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

St Davids

Hello/Shwmae



I hope you are all enjoying this glorious weather we are having, it certainly makes us all feel good and enjoy the wonderful countryside we have on our doorstep. Talking of the outdoors it has been so lovely to see the pupils of Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi taking pride of this City by doing litter picks and also entering in a litter poster competition of which they will be displayed around the City. I have also been in touch with County Hall and have acquired litter picking equipment of which will be used for a litter picking day which I will be advertising very soon and will be asking for Volunteers or groups to come along and help. Another way of getting out to enjoy the outdoors and also make new friends.



It was lovely to attend many VE Day events in St Davids and also in Haverfordwest. Thursday May the 8th was a busy day as I attended the wreath the Cross square followed by attending the act of remembrance at the Cenotaph in Haverfordwest then in the evening I attended the Coral evensong for VE Day at the Cathedral then attending the Beacon Lighting on the Cross Square. I also attended a few VE Day Tea Parties which were organised by the Wednesday Coffee and Chat group and also the St Davids and District Day Centre for the elderly. Well done all involved in organising these events.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Cllr Bira Sehmi for his very busy year as Mayor and what a great job he did, and congratulations to Cllr David Griffiths as the new Mayor of St Davids and to his wife Kate as his Mayoress.

As in my previous newsletter report I had mentioned that I would be doing a drop in Cllr Surgery session, no appointment needed, the date for that session is Thursday 5th June at the Drop-in room at the back of the City Hall. There will be two sessions, 10-1 and 5-7. I shall advertise this with posters in the next few weeks but in the meantime please get in touch with me the usual way via email, facebook or just give me a call.

Cofian Cynnes /Kind Wishes,

Bethan

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Facebook Cllr Bethan Price



Solva Memorial Hall AGM 17 June 2025

The Annual general meeting of the Solva Memorial Hall will be held on Tuesday 17 June at 6.30. This will precede the routine meeting of the Committee. All welcome. For further information or interest in joining the committee contact Fran Barker (Secretary) on fran34hb@gmail.com or Mobile 073770592565

Menevia W.I.

At our meeting in April, we were treated to a presentation from The Paul Sartori Foundation. They offer an array of quality services and helpful advice for those people with life limiting diseases, end of life care, and not just cancer. It was a very interesting and thought-provoking talk. Our May meeting is a social evening. We are in a fantastic position of having 7 new members since January, so this is an ideal opportunity to meet up, have a chat, and get to know people. In June we have a talk from the Haverfordwest Street Pastors.

If you are interested or want to see what Menevia WI is about, come along to a meeting. You never know, it might just be what you're looking for! Visitors and new members welcome on the 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm, City Hall, St Davids. Andrea Cartwright, Secretary, meneviawi@gmail.com



Last month we updated you on our Stage 1 application to the National Lottery. Unfortunately we were not invited to progress to the next stage at this time. Trustees have discussed options and

next steps in our continuing efforts to secure funding both for Solva Care and to expand the service into St Davids and Llanrhian. Current funds will enable Solva Care to continue until September 2025, thanks to a grant from Hywel Dda Health Board, for which we are very grateful. We will continue to update the community with any progress. As always our thanks go to our volunteers, staff, trustees and supporters who continue to make Solva Care the success it is in these uncertain times.

Can you help Solva Memorial Hall?

Hello, we are stepping up activity in the Memorial Hall and often need help with various tasks such as:

Refreshments, front of house stewards, setting out or clearing chairs and tables, changing the stage set-up, cleaning (non-routine), Duck Race, collecting 100 club subs, setting up stalls for Solva Shop.

If you would be able to help occasionally with any of these and would be happy to be on our **Volunteer List**, please contact Fran Barker on Mobile 07377059265 or email fran34hb@gmail.com.

Many thanks, Fran (on behalf of the Memorial Hall Management Committee)

Solva's 80th VE Day Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who attended the morning service and coffee morning, especially to those in the hall, the Ukulele Pirates band, the helpers on the tea and coffee, our representatives from the R.A.F., and our Pastors Belinda and Mike for a wonderful service. A very special Thank You to Brenda for putting up a wonderful exhibition for VE Day of wartime memories within the community.



The celebrations continued into the night with an Open Mic night at the Harbour Inn, with many a wartime song, and the lighting of the Beacon on the foreshore at dusk. Another thank you to all that attended the events, and for the team that set up the bunting and beacon, and Cllr Mark Carter for organising the beacon.

SOLVA CARE

Friday Club

6 June 2025 at 2 pm

The Archaeology of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park by Tomos. Ll. Jones

The National Park's Community Archaeologist will provide an overview of the incredible archaeology that exists in the National Park area, how that National Park Authority is helping look after this heritage



All welcome!

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and cakes

For any queries, or if you need transport to & from the Clubhouse, please contact Lena Dixon, Co-ordinator on 07805 717556 or email contact@solvacare.co.uk





Congratulations to Sean Bolger!

Sean has been boxing since the age of 9, starting in the Yard boxing club in Letterston where he won his first Welsh vest age 14 under the coaching of Ken and Rowley. Sean has had two passions - boxing and rugby. He was selected to play county rugby and was then selected to go on to play for the Scarlets under 16 s.

Between training at a high level in rugby and boxing the time had come to make his choice as to which sport to concentrate on and give 100 %. Sean chose boxing and began training harder than before putting all his efforts into a very tough sport.

Sean is now training in Merlin's bridge club with Graham and his team. In the last few months he has won the West Wales boxing cup, and only a few weeks ago become the Welsh Champion for the second time.

He has now been selected to fight in the British championships which will be held in Sophia Gardens in Cardiff at the end of May. He will then be heading up to Scotland to fight again in another competition.

The support for Sean from everyone has been absolutely amazing; he would like to thank you all for the words of encouragement and good wishes.

He has just turned 16 now and is doing his GCSEs in Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi. He has had lots of support and encouragement in school from all the staff and from Headmistress Rachel Thomas.

VE Day 80 Celebrations in St Davids

Thursday 8th May 



At 9.00am the Flag was raised on the Cross Square to commemorate and celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

An act of remembrance and wreath laying ceremony in the Memorial Gardens followed and was led by St Davids Cathedral. Cathedral members, Mayor and Mayoress of St Davids and City Councillors were joined by the

Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, Mr Roger Smith, the High Sheriff of Dyfed, Mrs Ann Jones, 14th Signals Regiment, Major John Williams, Headmaster, Mrs Rachael Thomas and pupils of Ysgol Penryn Dewi, War Veteran Mrs Dorothy Cole, members of the community and visitors.

A special Choral evensong for VE day was held at St Davids Cathedral in the evening and was attended by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed, Miss Sara Edwards and other



dignitaries, and the bells rang out in celebration at Porth Y Twr.

Finally, the Mayor lit a beacon on the Cross Square at 9.30pm as part of a global tribute to represent the light of peace that emerged from the dreadful darkness of war. A Tribute was read out by the Mayor after the beacon was lit.

A sincere thank you to all those involved with the preparation and assistance with these events including St Davids Cathedral, Robert Davies - Gwyn Davies & Sons, City Councillor members and staff, County Councillor Bethan Price, Leslie Phillips, Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi, St Davids Policing Team and 14th Signals Regiment.

Coffee and Chat VE Day 80 Celebrations

Members of Coffee and Chat held a tea party in the City Hall on 7th May to mark the 80th anniversary of VE day.

WW2 veteran Mrs Jones joined in the celebrations and kindly bought her original Wren's uniform to put on display in the City Hall.

A big thank you to all those involved with organising this event - it was a lovely celebration with lots of tea and cake and was very much enjoyed by all who attended!



St Davids Rainbows and Brownies joined in the celebrations and held a VE Day 80th Anniversary party on 7th May.



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Notice of St Davids City Council Meetings:



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The agenda and minutes are available from the Clerk and on the [ST. DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL](http://www.stdavids.gov.uk) City Council website:

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Members of the public wishing to attend on a remote basis should notify the Clerk to the Council by 12pm on the day of the meeting so that guidance can be provided on how to attend.

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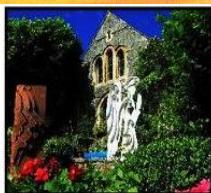
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Repeat Prescription requests – Both the practice and local Pharmacy have seen an increase in emergency requests from patients who have forgotten to order their monthly repeat medication. Please note that we process over 10,000 items per month for over 4000 patients. **Please order your prescription 7-10 days before your medication is required** to prevent additional pressure on our Clinical and Admin staff and Pharmacy staff.

You can order your prescription online via the NHS APP or post your repeat slip directly to the surgery. You can also nominate your preferred pharmacy and ask the surgery to send your prescription to one of the Pharmacies that has a collection service from Solva.

NHS APP – Patients can access services by logging into: <https://app.nhs.wales/>. To access the NHS Wales APP services, you must:

- be registered with a GP practice in Wales
- have a fully verified NHS login
- be aged 16 or over

MISSED APPOINTMENTS – During March 2025, **129** patients did not attend their appointment and in April **159** did not attend their appointment. Sometimes patients were allocated 30-minute appointments (e.g. Asthma or Diabetic review) – We understand that it is sometimes not possible to keep appointments previously made, for a variety of reasons; however, as appointments are always in short supply it would be very much appreciated if in future patients could **telephone and let us know** so that this slot may be offered to another patient. Thank you for your co-operation; I am sure you will agree that it is in the best interests of everybody if we can ensure that patients see doctors as soon as possible, and this is one way in which this can be achieved.

RSV Vaccination – We have appointments available throughout April. Please ring the surgery to book an appointment. Eligibility for the respiratory vaccination programme include:

- older adults, as they turn 75 years old; and
- pregnant women, who will be offered vaccination at 28 weeks gestation, with a catch-up programme for those already past 28 weeks gestation, but that have not yet given birth.
- All individuals aged between 75 and 79 years with a date of birth between 02/09/1944 and 01/09/1949 (inclusive) will be eligible for the catch-up programme between 01/09/24 and 31/08/2025. This campaign will run for 12 months and the programme started on 1st September 2024.

COVID Booster Vaccination Spring Campaign – If you are 75 years of age or over, you can book your free COVID-19 vaccination at the surgery in Solva. The local Health Board will arrange for their community vaccinators to visit those patients who are housebound.



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New Mayor and Mayoress for St Davids

Congratulations to Councillor David and Mrs Kate Griffiths Griffiths, who were appointed the Mayor and Mayoress of St Davids for the Civic Year 2025-2026, at the City Council's Annual Meeting on 12th May.



Councillor Sarah Foster was appointed as Deputy Mayor and Canon Sheridan Angharad James agreed to be the Mayor's Chaplain during his year of office.

The City Council extends enormous thanks to former

Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Bira Sehmi and Mr Sylvia Sehmi again for their dedication and community contributions over the past year.

MAYOR'S REPORT MAY 2025

I was honoured to be selected as the Mayor with my wife Sylvia as the Mayoress in May 2024 and I also thank all the City Councillors for their support. Best wishes to Councillor



David Griffiths as the Mayor for 2025. I would like to thank him for his support as the Deputy Mayor.

It has been a great privilege to attend various Civic Receptions, Cathedral, and other notable events throughout the year. The Dragon Parade and The Carnival, dancing all the way, Coronation of King Charles III, Christmas Celebrations, Remembrance Day, and VE Day as well.

I would also like to thank the First Minister Eluned Morgan MS who invited Councillor Bethan Price and myself to attend the Graham Hurd-Wood's City of Portraits Launch event in the Pierhead, Cardiff Bay followed by a visit to see the Welsh Senedd. Thanks to Rachel Thomas (Head Mistress, Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi) who drove us there in the minibus to Cardiff that day accompanied by Simon Pearce, Laurence John (from the Cathedral) and the school pupils.

I also had the opportunity to meet Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal (Patron of Farms for City Children) who visited Lower Treginnis Farm, which has a special place in my heart as Sylvia's parents farmed there in the past before retiring in early 1970's.

I would also like to thank the Clerks Simon Mann and Jessica Foster, RFO Will Mann and Katie Bolger the Hall Manager for all their hard work in planning and for dealing with my Mayoral and other events.

I presented a bouquet of flowers and card to several couples on their Golden Wedding Anniversaries and awarded trophies for various Annual Events hosted by the City Council.

Love and light to all,

Bira Sehmi



St Davids City Council

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Family Announcements

Are you a Solva/St Davids resident who is celebrating a birth or marriage? Or do you wish to mark the death of a loved one?

We welcome contributions to the newsletter from locals.

Please contact
solvanews@outlook.com



St Davids Open Gardens Weekend 2025

Patron Iolo Williams

The annual Open Gardens Weekend returns to St Davids on **Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June**, when some of the City's gardeners open their very individual garden spaces to visitors.

We would love to encourage some more gardeners to join us and enjoy what is always a friendly, fun weekend with the proceeds going once again to registered charity, **Prostate Cymru** and our ever energetic, environmental community organisation, **EcoDewi**.

Please remember that your gardens **don't** need to be pristine and immaculate! It is more about sharing your secret outdoor space with visitors and even more importantly, locals who will be able to enjoy getting out and about in their city and discovering gardens that they have never seen before.

If you'd like to join our team of wild and wonderful gardeners or would just like to find out more, please get in touch. You can either come and chat about it with us at The Really Wild Emporium or contact us via email at: info@reallywildemporium.co.uk.



Cymru Wledig LPIP Rural Wales

The Rural Wales Local Policy and Innovation Partnership

Connecting researchers, communities, & policy-makers to support inclusive, sustainable development.

The **St Davids Peninsula LPIP Cynefin Project** delivery team has been recruited and the research is underway in the community with mentorship from Aberystwyth University and training to upskill the team. The action researchers are focusing on the **Peninsula's Economy**, exploring **local challenges** and what **Regenerative** solutions might look like here. For more info contact Becky Lloyd beckylloyd@pembroke.ac.uk or follow our facebook page Cynefin.

How can we balance our economy with social and environmental needs? You can find out more about LPIP here https://www.tfcpembrokeshire.org/en_gb/together-for-change-leads-delivery-of-community-led-action-research-in-partnership-with-lpip/



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Solva Scarecrow Trail 3-4 August 2025



Horrible Historical scenes and characters will appear all round the village on 3-4 August 2025 from 10.00 to 6.00 each day. Builders get your thinking caps on and be first to book your horrible idea. No duplicates allowed. Enthusiasts note the dates and book your holidays! There will be prizes for those who guess the most correctly and for the Best, Scariest and Funniest scarecrows. The trophy was won last year by Eddie the Eagle. A great day out for the family. For more information contact Fran email fran34hb@gmail.com or on Mobile 07377059265.



Solva Community Cinema

Upcoming films:

5 June Maria (12A)
3 July A Real Pain (15)

Doors open at 7 pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3.50 for under 18's. You can become a member for £5/year, which gives you 20% of the ticket price and the use of a free cushion! We offer tea/coffee and soft drinks and there is also a bar. Any questions or suggestions, please email us at solvacinema@gmail.com New committee members are always welcome.



St Davids City Hall

The City Hall is located at the heart of St Davids and offers a range of facilities for arts, sport, exhibitions, sales, community events and meetings.



For bookings and enquires please contact: Mrs Katie Bolger on 07821656233 or e-mail hallmanager@stdavids.gov.uk



St Davids Policing Team - Drop In Surgery

Members of Dyfed Powys Police run a monthly Drop In Surgery on the first Thursday of each month from 10.30am – 12 noon in the Youth

Drop-In Centre (entrance via Bryn Road). This is an opportunity for local residents to bring any matter to the attention of the Police. No appointments necessary.

Next Surgery – Thursday 5th June.

Please contact the Clerk on 01437 721 137 or clerk@stdavids.gov.uk for more information

St Davids City Council, City Hall, High Street, St Davids, Pembrokeshire SA62 6SD

We provide free parking in St. Davids and free mini-bus to the boat and back.

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39 HIGH STREET
SOLVA, SA62 6TE

SUNDAY
1ST JUNE 2025
1:00 to 4:30 pm



Come and join us for an afternoon of dancing and music from the fantastic 'Swing' era of the 1920's to 1950's

DOORS OPEN 1:00
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for further information contact
pembrokeshireswingjive@gmail.com
Neil - 07837 904293
Bev - 07957 981998



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St Davids City

OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

SATURDAY 14th & SUNDAY 15th JUNE 2025

Could you open your garden for charity & to inspire others ?

Get in contact to find out more info



Email: John@pembrokeshireseaweeds.co.uk



St.Davids Library now open Saturdays from 10 am - 12pm



Opening hours

Tuesdays 10 am - 1 pm and 2 pm - 5 pm
Thursday 10 am - 1 pm and 2 pm - 5 pm
Saturday 10am - 12pm



STRUGGLING TO GET TO DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS?

ST DAVIDS CITY
COUNCIL ARE
WORKING WITH
PARTNERS TO
FIND A
SOLUTION!



We need to establish how many people are in need of this service.

Contact Maggie on 07582580646 or email communitytransport4@gmail.com

Tell us your challenges, talk to your local councillors or phone Bethan on 07767398924.

We are compiling numbers of people having difficulties.



ALLOTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a keen Gardener but have no space to grow or are in rented accommodation and can't dig the garden up or you just want to give growing produce a try, Drop us a message on our facebook page

3m x 3m Plots available on a 12 month basis for just £20.

Public liability insurance included and use of tools and barrows

For more info please message us on facebook or email coastsolva@gmail.com





CLWB SOLFACH SOLVA LUNCHEON CLUB

Lunch Club is still very well attended, but we are always happy to welcome more diners!

Still going strong in Solva Memorial Hall, 40+ years on!

There is a warm welcome and lots of happy chat. The meal consists of a hot main course and a pudding followed by a cup of tea or coffee. The cost is £5, raffle included!

Please contact Jane Pascoe on 01437 721544 if you would like to help or join.



SOLVA WI

Following the business meeting in May, we were joined by Sheena Crossley who judged our floral arrangements (in teapots!). This was followed by a Botanical Quiz very cleverly devised by Sheena.

Our next meeting, on 12th June at 2pm in Solva Memorial Hall, will be a talk on the Coastguard service by Tracy Whistance.

Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

Contact Jane Pascoe 01437 721544

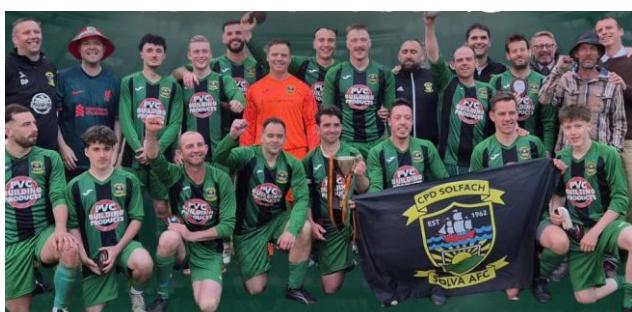


The boat lift was very successful and SHS would like to thank all those involved. We anticipate that the harbour will be busier than normal this summer so please look out for other boat users, swimmers, kayakers and paddle board users. If anyone needs advice please follow the RNLI water safety guidance, read the SHS notice boards on the quay or speak to the harbour master for local information and safe use of the harbour.

Congratulations to Solva AFC 2nds, Winners of the 2024/2025 Division 5 Trophy!!

A late goal from Montie Lavin decided this tense affair against St Clears AFC 2nds, which had seen both Solva and St Clears hit the woodwork. It was a closely fought encounter on a warm evening and though Solva had plenty of possession, they

needed goalkeeper Adam Phillips to make a string of key saves in the second half to keep the match goalless. As the clock ticked towards 90 minutes, a scramble in the box saw the ball fall to substitute Joe Shaw who provided the assist for Lavin's winner. Da iawn lads!



CATHEDRAL LIBRARIES FROM ACROSS UK & IRELAND MEETING IN ST DAVIDS IN JUNE



Many people who know St Davids Cathedral, may not know that it has the only cathedral library in Wales. Originally, all medieval cathedrals were places of learning as well as places of worship. Over the centuries, for many reasons, this has changed. In Wales, the only cathedral that still has a library on site is our St Davids. As the photograph here shows, the library is on the north side of the cathedral. It is in the two floors above the St Thomas Becket chapel.

For three days this June people responsible for Cathedral libraries, archives and collections from across England, Scotland and also the Republic of Ireland, will be meeting in St Davids for their annual conference. Booking to attend the actual conference sessions is also open, from 1st June, at a reduced rate for people living in the SA62 and SA61 post codes area. **For information on these special tickets, send an email to CALCAconference@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk or phone 01437 460141.** Information about the conference is on the Cathedral website at www.stdavidcathedral.org.uk/discover/library. The conference sessions themselves will include:

TUESDAY 17th JUNE - 10am Welcome by Dean of St Davids, Very Rev'd Dr Sarah Rowland Jones.

- **"The Reformation – a Bible in Welsh in every village in Wales".** Panel discussion and unique display of early Welsh Bibles from 1567, 1588, 1620, 1770.
- 2pm **Pererindod/Pilgrimage in Menevia/St Davids since 6th century.**
- 6pm **Choral Evensong** with display of St Davids born Thomas Tomkins' 1688 part books.

WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE

- 11am **History of Cathedral Libraries of Ireland**, with display of 1685 Old Testament in Irish.
- 2pm **Gerald of Wales 1147-1223**, Cambro-Norman cleric, canon lawyer and prolific writer.

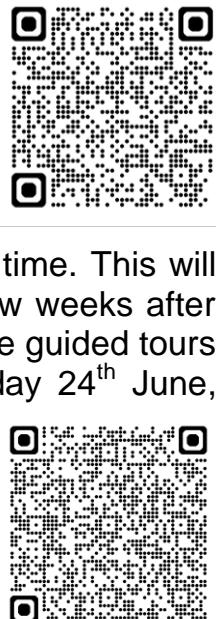
THURSDAY 19th JUNE

- 9.30am **St Davids' 12th century crozier loaned to the British Museum**
- 11.15am **Centenary of 1925 Apel Heddwch/Peace Appeal from Wales to USA.**
- 2pm **Life and Library of a Victorian Bishop**, Thomas Burgess, St Davids, Lampeter and Salisbury.

During the conference, but not actually a conference session, there will also be a performance of the dramatisation of **THRICE TO ROME**. This is a lively retelling of the story of the battles that Gerald of Wales had in the 12th and 13th centuries to argue against the Norman kings of England blocking his election as Bishop of St Davids. Three times he also argued the legal case in the Papal Court in Rome for recognition of St Davids as an Archbishopric of equal status to Canterbury, rather than a Bishopric.

Audience participation is not discouraged during the performance. A St Davids' resident who attended a previous performance of **Thrice to Rome** commented "I never knew medieval canon law could actually be fun!" Tickets for **Thrice to Rome** are £12 each and

can be bought in the cathedral nave shop, online through the cathedral website at [THRICE TO ROME. 7.30PM-9.30PM. WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 2025 | St Davids Cathedral](#) or through this QR code.



As well as rare early Bibles in Welsh and English from the Cathedral Library's own collection, there will be special early Bibles in Welsh and in Irish on loan from other historic libraries to St Davids Cathedral during this time. This will constitute a unique collection in the same place at the same time. For a few weeks after the conference, while the Bibles are still on loan in the Cathedral, there will be guided tours so that people can come and see them all. These will be held on Tuesday 24th June, Wednesday 25th June, Tuesday 1st July, Wednesday 2nd July, Thursday 3rd July, Wednesday 9th July and Thursday 10th July. The Tours will start at 2pm and last about one and a half hours. Tickets are £10 each and can be bought in the cathedral nave shop or online at: [SUMMER TOURS OF RARELY SEEN BOOKS AND PARTS OF ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL. 24th June to 10th July 2025. | St Davids Cathedral](#) or on this QR Code.



This series of unique opportunities, in June and July this year, will enable people of St Davids, Solva and the surrounding Dewisland, to see some of the oldest printed Bibles and rare books in the Welsh, Irish and English languages. This is very close to the tradition that St David himself would have found familiar all those years ago in the 6th century when he was here – except that he would have been used to books and manuscripts being hand written using feather quill pens and not printed!

Mari James, St Davids Cathedral Library Development Officer.
Library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk Tel: 01437 460141

Ty Curtis Hall, Bryn Road, St Davids

Currently: 4hrs £14 8hrs £28 Full day £30

Contact 07952 201813 to hire. Also available for parties, craft classes, music etc. Garden also available.

Monday - Available for hire

Tuesday

10am-11.15am Tai Chi with Judy Schunemann. Contact No.07890 647338

6.30pm-7.30pm Vinyasa Yoga. Contact Sophie www.theflyingfitfoodie.com/classes

Wednesday

9.30am & 10.45am Pilates for strength, flexibility and functionality. Contact Christine Higgins

6.30-7.30pm. Slow Flow Yoga with As You Are Yoga & Wellbeing. Contact Abbie on 07817851853 or www.asyouarewellbeing.co.uk

Thursday - Available for hire

Friday - Available for hire

Saturday

9-9.30am My Journey Weight Loss class

Sunday

11am until 12.Cyfarfod Crynwyr Tyddewi/ St David's Quaker Meeting. Contact Nia Harries 01348 872002.



Wedding Anniversary Celebrations?

If you know of any couple in St Davids that may be celebrating a Golden or Diamond Wedding Anniversary, please contact St Davids City Council by phone (01437 721137) or email clerk@stdavids.gov.uk



ST DAVIDS YOUTH CLUB



OPENING TIMES
EVERY TUESDAY
6:30PM - 8:30PM

WHAT'S ON?

Age 11+? We are here to offer you lots of fun activities and challenges. We also offer support, information and guidance. Just pop in and find out more.

WHERE?

City Hall, High St, St Davids, Haverfordwest
SA62 6SD

St Davids City Hall (Back entrance through the blue gate)



Solva Pop-up Shop – In the Memorial Hall and On Demand

To support Solva Care and other village activities we run the Solva Shop. We have a store shed which is now full of items donated by people in the local area. We "Pop-up" twice a month at the Thursday Coffee morning, 10.30 to 12.00 in the Memorial Hall - in May it will be on 15th and 29th. We have a very varied selection of goods running from kitchen and garden items and pottery to ornaments and textiles, dog leads and everything in between.

If you are looking for any particular item at a reasonable price or would like to run an event using goods from the shed, please contact

Fran Barker on 07377059265
email fran34hb@gmail.com.

ERW DEWI / DEWI'S ACRE

GARDENING OPPORTUNITY

GARDEN TO CREATE COMMUNITY
Erw Dewi exists to be a space where people can meet others and build friendships locally.

GARDEN TO LEARN NEW SKILLS
Everyone is welcome, from total beginner to experienced gardener. Just join in, share any knowledge & experience, and learn new skills.

GARDEN TO ENHANCE WELLBEING
It is well known that being outdoors enhances our wellbeing and positivity. See what being outside in Erw Dewi can do for your wellbeing and mental health

GARDEN TO SUPPORT OTHERS
Our community garden is run by volunteers to help benefit the local community and our environment. Why not help out by volunteering.

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For more information contact:
communitygarden@ecodewi.org.uk
www.facebook.com/dewisacre

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ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL

Defibrillators in Solva



Solva Community Clubhouse & AFC
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Post Code: SA62 6XW

Solva Memorial Hall
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cookies.blurts.symmetric
Post Code: SA62 6TE

Bay View Stores
What3words:
places.examples.crackling
Post Code: SA62 6TX



Lower Solva Car Park – Harbour Inn
What3words: tinny.router.tribe
Post Code: SA62 6UT



Trinity Quay
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Solva Memorial Hall

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SCALE OF CHARGES

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2 HOURS

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SOCIAL ROOM

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MEETING ROOM

Upstairs private room...

£10.00 **£2.50**



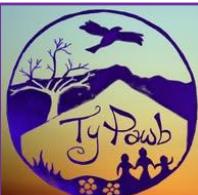
Help Wanted!

We are excited to invite you to help with the Solva Regatta and Raft Race this summer. The Solva Regattas and raft races have been held almost continuously for more than 100 years, and it would be great if these could be part of our summer of 2025. Your input is invaluable, and we would greatly appreciate it if you could take about 6 minutes to complete our survey ([use the QR code for a link](#)) on what you would like to help run and what you and your family/ friends would like to take part in.

Please submit your response **by June 30th**, 2025. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Diolch/ thanks,

Sian Perry.



TY PAWB OLD SCOUT HUT ST DAVIDS

MONDAY	Life Drawing 7-9pm
TUESDAY	People's Shed & Knit & Knatter 10am-12 Pilates 5.30-6.30 + 6.30-7.30 Ballroom Dance 7.30-8.30 (solo for adults)
WEDNESDAY	-
THURSDAY	Dance Kids (6-10yrs) 5.30-6.30 Pilates 6.30-6.30 & 6.30-7.30
FRIDAY	Stitchy Witches 10am-12
SATURDAY	Pilates 10-11 & 11-12
SUNDAY	Y Groesfan Church 4.30-5.30

To attend one of these activities or book the hall for a one off private or public event/activity

Contact Becky
07788633719

**TALK TO BECKY
ABOUT
VOLUNTEERING
OPPORTUNITIES**

New Book!

Ten years ago, on realising my family have lived in the Solva/Middle Mill Valley for 100 years, a reunion of the two branches took place. At the reunion I realised I was the one who could remember family history best and the thought occurred I should write things down. Various articles etc. have been saved since and now I have brought out a book for the family covering not only our Family Trees but also childhood recollections along with many stories about some of the characters that resided in Prendergast and on up the valley at one time.

The intention is to publish a paperback version of the book which will have far less family photos but will contain around 50 additional pages covering yet more anecdotes along with an expansion of the Chapter on Carnhelyn School which my family had strong connections with. The paperback is in its final preparation stages

and is to be a very limited edition because it is to be privately published. If anyone would be interested in a copy perhaps you would kindly let me know (cost unknown at the moment). Please realise the book mainly talks about life on up the valley from Solva Bridge. Having lived here for 80 years, I feel a bit like a relic!

Alan Davies

THE CENTRE
SIMPSON CROSS ACTIVITIES GROUP

HAVE A GROW! TRIO TYFU!

7th June 2-4pm

- Plant Swap
- Garden Book Sale
- Raffle
- Refreshments available
- Explore our community garden

Children's Fun!

- New Pirate Boat for younger children
- Dig for Gold (potatoes)
- Hunt for treasure!
- Walk the pallet plank!
- Have fun playing in the meadow!

The Centre
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SA62 6EF

Social Farms & Gardens
Ffermydd a Gerddi
Cymdeithasol

Mae 'Tyfwrch' yn cael ei gefnogi
gan Tyfu Ffyn a Ffermydd a

HOW BLUE WAS MY VALLEY



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ALAN DAVIES



Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi

The last few weeks have been jammed packed with excitement, discovery, sun and enthusiasm. We have welcomed 7 new pupils on Aidan campus and began our new topic Amazing Animals.



Our topic began with a visit from Ocean Lab where we learned more about the marine life we have here in Pembrokeshire. We are looking forward to delving deeper with this with a visit to Ocean lab later in the term to carry out our very own Seashore Safari.

Our Stay and Play this term has also been another huge success along with our Mini Movers sessions lead by Dr Amanda John. Thank you to all those who were able to join us.

We are all also very much looking forward to our campus Sports Day before breaking up for the half term.



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ORIEL Y PARC – St Davids

Amgueddfa Cymru Gallery

Môrwelion/The Sea Horizon – Garry Fabian Miller

Take time to pause and connect with the timeless beauty of the sea horizon. Garry Fabian Miller's meditative works are held in collections internationally, including Amgueddfa Cymru – Museum Wales, Metropolitan Museum of Art New York and the Victoria and Albert Museum. In 1976-7 the artist lived in Clevedon, where he began photographing the Severn Estuary, looking towards Wales. Taken at different times of day, responding to the shifting light, weather and tides, his photographs are a study of nature's endless transformations.

St Davids Room

Thalassic by Rosalyn Sian Evans. Friday 9 May – Sunday 29 June

An exhibition which invites the observer to explore our relationship with the sea. Through large semi-abstract oil paintings, Rosalyn tries to capture the seascapes & landscapes of North Pembrokeshire. The artwork highlights themes like dependence, respect, fear, and beauty, encouraging viewers to reflect on their connection to nature and in particular the sea.

Tower

Elemental by Charlotte Cortazzi. Friday 2 May – Sunday 15 June

Experience a compelling exhibition that brings together the paintings of Charlotte Cortazzi and the poetry of Sue Kullai. Inspired by the elements, the collection contrasts the wild Pembrokeshire landscape with more arid environments – particularly exploring our relationship with water. To accompany the exhibition, a beautifully illustrated book of poems will also be available.

Invertebrates in Clay by Elly Morgan. Friday 20 June – Sunday 3 August

The human world relies on many other species that occupy the planet. Many species, including invertebrates, are under threat due to our unsympathetic treatment of the environment. The clay work in this exhibition is inspired by some of these invertebrate species. Elly is sharing her curiosity, respect and her creative journey into their world before they possibly become extinct from ours.

Discovery room

Tai Bach Twt - Cute Little Houses by Curious Glass. Friday 2 May – Sunday 22 June

Jenn Gowney crafts vibrant glass jewellery and artwork inspired by the beauty of the Pembrokeshire coastline. Her collection features cheerful, colourful pieces, including playful depictions of beach huts. Jenn incorporates driftwood from local beaches into her artwork, allowing buyers to take home a piece of Pembrokeshire's coastal charm, infused with the joy and spirit of the seaside.

Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi . Tuesday 24 June – Friday 11 July

This exhibition showcases a selection of artwork by students from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi in St Davids. Featuring work from Year 7 through to Year 11, including GCSE pieces, the display highlights the creativity and skill of our young artists. On show are vibrant silk screen paintings, expressive portraits, and a range of other inspiring works that reflect the students' talent.

Events

Great Big Green Week. Saturday 7 – Sunday 15 June

The Great Big Green Week is a great opportunity for communities across the peninsula to come together and take action on climate change and biodiversity. Take part in a wide range of events, from the Big Green Service at St Davids Cathedral to engaging talks, discussion evenings, and

the popular Open Gardens Weekend. Beach cleans will also take place during the week. Find out more at www.ecodewi.org.uk.

Green Market & Environmental Awareness Day. Saturday 14 June, 10am – 3pm

As part of the Great Big Green Week, the St Davids Green Market will feature a variety of stalls from local businesses and environmental groups, located on Cross Square and in the courtyard at Oriel y Parc.



Solva Edge Festival

25th-27th JULY 2025

Tickets

Tickets for residents of Solva are still available at early bird prices from Helen Thomas on 07810 712836, all other tickets available at www.edgefestival.co.uk

Volunteers we need you!

We are on the lookout for new volunteers to help us with this years' festival. We have always been extremely lucky to have an amazing team of volunteers and would love to get some more on board for this year. If you would like to come and volunteer with us whilst enjoying a great festival, please get in touch via email: info@edgefestival.co.uk. Whether you have a few hours or days to spare, we will certainly make it worth your time. If you are interested you can also call Chris and Ellie on 07788 583602



We have launched 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 to help ensure Solva Care can continue to be here for all the people we support.

If you have online banking, there will be an option marked 'Standing Orders' within your account to enable you to set up a standing order to Solva Care. Or you can do it through telephone banking.

You will need our bank details which are:

Account Name: Solva Care, Sort Code: 30-93-98, Account No: 75641460

If you do not have online banking you will need to pop into your bank to set up the standing order.

If you need further information please contact Bruce Payne

brucepayne241@gmail.com or 07890 987259

Thank you very much for your support.

Ageing Well

We want to age in OUR place, wherever that may be.

It could be in Rwanda or a cottage by the sea.

It could be Alpine mountains, or off the beaten track,

It could be in a city, or Australian outback.

We know our way around it, we know the people there.

Our friends, our pets, our children, neighbours, those who care.

We know the way of life there, the way the people think.

And should our memory falter, we still will have a link.

We want to be a part of things, to plan and to take part.

To sing, to dance, to talk or walk - what's closest to the heart.

To read, to write, if still we can, and watch things on TV,

And have some other folk around to chat of things we see.

And if we can't be in our home, we want to be close by,

With carers who become our friends, and miss us when we die.



By Fran Barker

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The free newsletter is published every month and distributed to all homes in Solva, St David's and Whitchurch, as well as being available in shops, pubs, halls etc. for visitors. It can also be downloaded from solva.gov.wales.

If you would like to include something in Solva & St Davids News, and for advertising rates, please contact the editor Mic Rushen. The deadline is currently the 10th of the month preceding publication. If you need help with designing an advert or anything else, just let me know.

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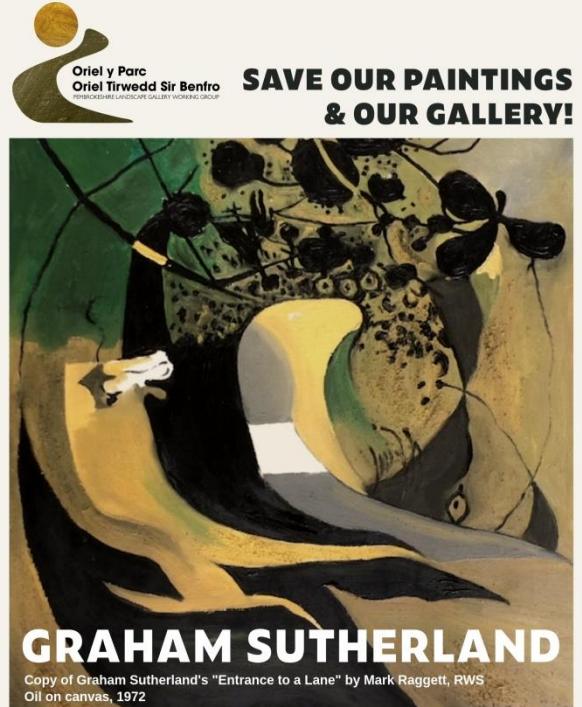
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Save Oriel y Parc Art Gallery!
We are asking Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority to return Graham Sutherland's Paintings to Oriel y Parc along with displaying treasures from the National Museum Wales for which the Landscape Gallery was originally designed.



Please sign our Petition
by scanning the QR code

To get in touch with us, please email pembsgallerygroup@gmail.com

A date for your diary! 28th June Garden Party at the Old Barn, Solva

The Old Barn just outside Solva will be open on the 28th June for you to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. There will also be refreshments available and stalls including plants, cakes and bric a brac. Proceeds to support Solva Memorial Hall.

For further information and tickets, contact Fran Barker, Mobile 07377059265. Email fran34hb@gmail.com





THE FRIENDS OF TREGINNIS

TREGINNIS FETE SATURDAY 19th JULY 2025

Charity No: 1006354

This is an important date, please put it in your diary and come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun at Treginnis. Gates are open from 1pm. Entrance fee is £5 per person, children of school age are free.

Richards Bros will be running a free bus from the Cross Square, starting from 1pm all afternoon, (last bus from Treginnis at 5.30pm) but there will be plenty of parking at the farm.

Sir Michael Morpurgo and his wife Lady Clare will be there to officially open the fete at 2pm.

So many games for the children, such as, Giant Connect Four, Hop-scotch, Hula Hoops and Giant O's and X's and many more. Bouncy castles to jump on. Plenty of stalls such as craft, bric a brac, books, cakes, RNLI, to name but a few. Come and try your luck at the tombola stall.



Food for all tastes, tea/coffee and cakes. Beefburgers and hot dogs, thanks to the Penknife Club. Strawberries and cream. Beer brewed from just down the road – St David's Old Farmhouse Brewery – to help it all go down.

Remember to bring along the family pooch and see if they can win a rosette with the friendliest face, the waggiest tail or just a lovely temperament.

There will be music from the Ukulele Band, Vox Angelica and Mike Chant.

Treginnis Farm will be selling their own veggies and flowers.

There will also be the big raffle with some wonderful prizes to be won.

The St David's Fire engine will make an appearance sometime during the afternoon. St John Ambulance will be in attendance all day.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us on the day, so much to do, can you spare a few hours to come along and join in the fun, please contact the secretary Mary Edey on 01437 721317 or email: mary.edey@btinternet.com

We do hope you will come along and have a great day.



Close Finish in Round Ramsey Rowing Race

Competitors travelled more than 100 miles to take part in one of the most popular sea rowing events of the season ...the Ramsey Island Rowing Race on Saturday (May 10). Organised by Clwb Rhwyfo Solfach/Solva Rowing Club, the eight mile route takes in Ramsey Sound, with its notorious Bitches rocks, then through a gap wide enough for one boat only, and around the western face of the island exposed to open sea.



With potentially treacherous waters, the race can be staged only when suitable weather and tides converge. This year in near perfect conditions 21 Celtic Longboats completed the course...with a tight finish - less than a minute between the first two boats, and less than 25 minutes between the whole fleet.

First home, overall winner and top senior veteran crew were Aberystwyth Men in

Ceridwen. It was a fast time, just 1hr 4mins 41 secs. Second to cross the line just 50 seconds later were the mixed veteran crew from Llangwm Longboats Rowing Club, Smile and Waves in Kiddles. Third overall, just 30 seconds later were the Cardigan men's super vets crew in Seconds Ahead. The first ladies crew home were Aberystwyth Ladies in Branwen, the two Solva crews competing (a Ladies crew, and a men's super vets) finished with exactly the same time.

Everyone seemed to enjoy taking part....as one competitor put it "What a brilliant place to row. Seeing all the seabirds nesting on the cliffs was wonderful – it took my mind off all the effort for a while!"

Part of Whitesands beach was turned into a boat park before the race, and the boats had to launch and recover through the waves – luckily quite small on the day. Among some special certificates awarded was one for best landing and recovery which went to the Solva Selkies in Auntie Mattie (pictured).

Solva club chairman Steve Probert said: "Huge thanks to everyone who helped make this event such a success from the safety boat drivers and crew, Porth Mawr Surf Lifesavers for use of their building, the RNLI Lifeguards who helped with beach marshalling and keeping other sea users safe, St Davids City Council for their support and help with car parking...and, of course, our club members who worked so hard, both before and on the day".



Full results:

Overall: 1. Ceridwen, Aberystwyth Men 1.04.41; 2. Kiddles, Llangwm Longboats 1.05.20; 3. Seconds Ahead, Cardigan Men 1.05.55; 4. Tess, South Wales Coastal Rowing 1.08.54; 5. Awel Las, Fishguard and Goodwick Jemima Rowing Club 1.09.30; 6. Sea Siren, Neyland Rowing Club 1.11.35; 7. Son of a Beach, Pembrokeshire Yacht Club 1.12.00; 8. Ynyswr, Barry Yacht Club 1.12.18; 9. Ladye Elen, Clevedon mixed super vets 1.13.28; 10. Dragon, Llanion Dragons 1.14.42; 11. Branwen, Aberystwyth Ladies, 1.15.13; 12. Seren Aeron, Aberaeron/Mumbles 1.15.23; 13. Odin, Llanion Haul Together 1.15.52; 14. Willow the Wasp, Llangwm Ladies Super vets 1.15.58; 15. Stann, Clevedon Ladies 1.16.20; 16. Seren y Mor, Mumbles Rowing Club, 1.16.38; 17. Gertie, Clevedon Men's Vets 1.17.35; 18. Ysbryd y Mor, Cardigan Mixed vets 1.17.43; 19= Auntie Mattie, Solva Selkies, and Cousin It, Solva Bois y Sgwar, 1.18.30; 21, BI Jones, Llangrannog, 1.28.27.



Want to have a go at rowing?

If you'd like to try rowing Solva Rowing Club would love to hear from you. More information at www.solvarowingclub.co.uk

 Lifeboats

Struggling in the water?



Relax and move your hands and legs to help you stay afloat

Tilt your head back with ears submerged

FLOAT TO LIVE

Photo: RNLI
The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea
The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (209603), Scotland (SC037736), the Republic of Ireland (CHY 2678 and 20003326), the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1508 and 005329F), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney, of West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ
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REGULAR EVENTS – MAY 2025

DYDD LLUN – MONDAY

St David's & Solva Art Group in Solva Clubhouse 10am – 1pm

St David's Day Centre for the Elderly in St Davids City Hall 2 – 4pm Contact Kay Kimber 07791352349 or Bethan Price 07767398924

St Davids Badminton Club 7-9pm in St Davids Sports Hall. Contact Tom 07535 369356

DYDD MAWRTH – TUESDAY

St David's Library in the City Hall, 10am – 5pm (closed 1-2pm)

St David's & Solva People's Shed in Ty Pawb (The Old Scout Hut) St Davids 10am – 2pm

Friends in Harmony Choir meet in Haverfordwest 7.30pm. Car shares available from Solva & St Davids – Contact Sylvia 01437 720228

DYDD MERCHER – WEDNESDAY

Luncheon Club in Solva Memorial Hall 12.30pm

Coffee & Chat in the Drop-In Centre, St David's City Hall 10am – 12pm

Playgroup in Solva Clubhouse 9.30am – 11.30am

Early Bird Social Gamers at Smorgasboard, St David's 11am – 3pm

Dai Ball's Quiz 8pm in The Ship, Solva

Tower bell ringing practice, St Davids Cathedral 7.15-8.30pm

DYDD IAU – THURSDAY

St David's Library in the City Hall, 10am-5pm (closed 1–2pm)

Coffee Morning and Mini Lending Library in Solva Memorial Hall 10.30am – 12pm

Brushstrokes Art Group 1.30pm – 4pm in Solva Clubhouse (term time)

Open Mic at the Harbour Inn 8pm

St Davids City Bowls Club 7pm-9pm in the City Hall

DYDD GWENER – FRIDAY

Friday Club in Solva Clubhouse 2pm – 4pm

Social Gaming Session in Smorgasbord, St David's 6.30pm – 10.30pm

DYDD SADWRN – SATURDAY

My Journey Weight Loss Group in Ty Curtis Hall, St David's 9am

St David's Library in the City Hall, 10am – 12pm

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What's On – June 2025

- 1st – Tea Dance at Solva Memorial Hall
- 7th June – Hideaway Trio at the Harbour Inn, Solva
- 7th-15th – Great Big Green Week
- 14th – Croesgoch Tractor Run
- 14th-19th – Cathedral Libraries Conference, St Davids
- 14/15th June – St Davids Open Gardens Weekend
- 17th June - Solva Memorial Hall AGM 6.30pm
- 20th-22nd June – Unearthed Festival, near St Davids
- 27th June – Blacksails at the Harbour Inn, Solva
- 28th June – Lee Mills (Medium) at the Harbour Inn, Solva. £10 per ticket. Phone 07531 268861 to book.
- 28th – Garden Party at the Old Barn, Solva
- 19th July – Treginnis Fete, St Davids
- 25-27th July – Edge Festival, Solva. <https://www.edgefestival.co.uk/>
- 3-4th August – Solva Scarecrow Trail

Details of many of these events can be found inside this newsletter. Find out more about them on Facebook, or contact the organiser.

For more events, please visit “What's On – St Davids & Solva” on Facebook



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