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NOTICE OF MEETING

If the Fireworks Display goes ahead on Saturday 1st November, then the next Solva Community Council (SCC) meeting will be on Wednesday 5th November. If the Display is on the 5th then the SCC meeting will be on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 6pm in the Solva Community Clubhouse. This is a multi-location meeting allowing community councillors and members of the public to attend virtually or in person. Those wishing to attend on a remote basis, please contact the Clerk to be provided with guidance on how to do so.

Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and are encouraged to notify the Clerk in advance which business items on the agenda on which they wish to contribute views.

Agenda and minutes will be available from the Clerk and at [Solva Community Council](https://solva.gov.wales/) <https://solva.gov.wales/>

SCC Annual Report 2024–2025 - The SCC Annual Report 2024–2025 was formally approved by Community Councillors on 10th September 2025. It is now available to view on the SCC website or by request from the Clerk.

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



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Solva



Earlier in October a full Council meeting was held at County Hall and the main item on the agenda was the setting of the 2nd homes premium for 2026-7.

This surcharge was introduced from April 2017 and was intended to ensure 2nd homes owners put something back into the community in which they owned a property. The funds were to be split 50/50 between worthwhile community projects and building affordable homes for local people. Solva was soon to benefit by firstly receiving funding to buy the AFC clubhouse and then in 2019 £3m was allocated to build 18 houses. However despite the best efforts of the Solva CLT, this project has suffered many delays and despite being granted planning permission, the concerns of Natural Resources Wales over nitrate levels has ground many developments, including this one, to a halt

Second homes broadly fall into 2 categories, those that are used by owners from other parts of the country as an actual second home for their own use and those that are owned, quite often by local people who may have inherited them, bought them or developed them from disused buildings and then rented them out as a business to provide an income as short term holiday accommodation. Whilst 2nd homes generally have a detrimental effect on a community, often making villages seem deserted in the winter months and pricing local people out of the housing market, Solva and Pembrokeshire as a whole relies on tourism, and many of the Solva businesses would struggle without visitors so it is a fine balance. Self-catering accommodation is a very important part of the visit with new people every few days eager to try what food, drink and activities the area has to offer

The way the 2nd homes premium is charged and used has changed. When it started it was 50%, it has risen to 200% and this year it is 150%, next year it is 125% which I supported after suggesting 100% which failed. The way it is used has gone from 50/50 community projects and new affordable housing to 92% general spend, 6 % housing and 2% community projects. In my view this is hardly what the application of the premium set out to do and I believe PCC has become addicted to using these funds to balance the books as it is easy. Indeed it was even said that if the premium was reduced, then there was a threat to increase Council Tax

For those property owners letting out their holiday let for more than 182 days, then the Valuation Office (VOA) will allow that property to transfer to paying Business Rates from Domestic Council tax. The advantage of this is that for the first 2 properties that person owns, due to small business relief the cost is zero and then after that about £2000 per property, compared to about £5500 per year on 2nd homes premium Council Tax. If the letting property drops below 182 days a year over a 3 year average then the cost goes from zero to £5500 or about the entire takings for the school summer holidays . In effect if the business struggles and earns less, the taxes go up massively, how is that ever right? Why penalise a business when they are down?

In my view, I believe that every property should pay something, say a minimum of £2000 per year with a higher rate for exclusive 2nd homes than those let out properties that do offer an income to their owners and the community in general. I believe the Welsh Government needs to look at this aspect of the taxation system and reform it so that communities benefit again with either more affordable houses or help to buy schemes for first time buyers. The current system is not fit for purpose in my view.

As always, as your County Councillor, I am here to help, please contact me with your Council related issues on 07976 553912.

Best regards,



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/Bank holidays or evenings not a problem!

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



Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday falls this year on Sunday 9th November. People should be assembled before 10:45am

The 14 Signals Regiment will march down to the War Memorial from Upper Solva at approximately 10:45am.

Members of the community wishing to lay their own wreaths should coordinate this with Joe Griffin on the day.

The main road between the war memorial and the lower carpark will be closed between approximately 1045 and 1125.

Lower Solva Carpark Toilets



From November this year following the end of their commitment to fund the running of the public toilets in Solva PCNPA will no longer be funding the running of the toilets in the carpark and currently the likely outcome is that they will close.



Solva Community Council are currently assessing the possibility of taking over the running of the toilets, but there are several obstacles not the least of which is the £13,000 annual operating costs. Please fill out our google survey form in order to make your comments and let us know what you think. For further information please contact Gareth gareth.solva@gmail.com The form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/QADKnVAQMeyhXEzAA> or scan the QR code.

Solva Traffic Issues

Quite a few residents have been commenting recently regarding speeding through the village and there have also been a couple of incidents of pedestrians being struck by the mirrors of vehicles on the pathless parts of the High Street.

Pembrokeshire County Council have agreed to repeat the speed assessments carried out after the advent of the 20mph limit and to carry out a similar assessment through Whitchurch where concerns have also been raised.

A request has also been made to have the Gosafe mobile speed camera positioned within the village, however the limited number of vans available already have an over-subscribed schedule.

An alternative is for residents to form a local community speed watch, which involves training on the use of mobile speed cameras and recording of speeding vehicles. Cameras can then be borrowed to record speeding vehicles and evidence from this can lead to prosecution of serial offenders. The process can also act as a visual deterrent to future speeding.

Recording sessions require a minimum of three or four operators.

If anyone would be interested then please get in touch with the community council via gareth.solva@gmail.com otherwise incidences of speeding or unsafe driving can be reported to the police by dialing 101



On September 15th a short memorial service took place on St. Davids Airfield to remember all the people killed while serving there during the war.

It was known that at least 18 Halifax planes, each carrying 8 crew members, took off from the airfield never to return. Whether or not they were all killed is uncertain.

The service was conducted by the Rev Diana Hoare and a wreath was laid by the Mayor of St. Davids, Cllr. David Griffiths.

The memorial committee would like to extend a welcome to anybody wishing to attend future services, which will always take place at 11 o'clock on the 15th September which is the RAF's Day, or Wings Day.





COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

St Davids



Hello/Shwmae,



I always try to start my report on a positive and happy note but sadly this one starts on a sad one. As you all must be very aware now that sadly Shalom House is closing its doors at the end of October. As a trustee of Shalom House this has been a very difficult and sad time. This is sad news for St Davids and Pembrokeshire, but with ongoing

financial difficulties and a lack of sustainable funding there was no alternative but to close at the end of October 2025. The Nurse-led branch Surgery of Meddygfa Penrhyn will remain open at Shalom House until 31st December 2025.

As a City and County Councillor I attended and helped at an Engagement day event which was hosted by St Davids City Council. It was a very well attended event where many local groups were showcasing their work and their involvement in community life; they were also reaching out for new members to join their groups. I had a lot of residents approach me with concerns etc in the community from dog fouling to potholes and for support in helping locals get themselves on the housing register and also supporting them when they bid on a property.

Meetings in County Hall are back after the summer break. I have attended a few scrutiny meetings and also attended Full Council Meeting where there was a vote on the Second Homes Council Tax. It has gone down to 125% from 150%. Solva County Cllr Mark Carter is giving a full report on this decision in this Newsletter.

As a member of the National Parks Development Committee we are also back having meetings, seminars and site visits. Over the last few months our meetings have been online due to the refurbishment of the "Meeting Room" at Llanion Park. This work is due to be completed very soon.

With the winter approaching it can be a very lonely time for some, so if you know of an elderly person who would like to get out and have some fun, laughter and company please come along to the Day Centre for the elderly. We meet every Monday in the Memorial Hall St Davids every Monday between 2-4, we have games, crafts, speakers, outings and go out for meals. If you live in the St Davids/Solva parish there is also free transport. For more information please get in touch.

As the evenings are getting darker please make me aware of any street lights that are not working so i can report them for you if you are unable to do it via the "My Account".

Please do get in touch with me the usual way via Facebook/email/text or Whatsapp, I am always available to help.

Cofian Cynnes/Kind Wishes,
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Remembrance Sunday Parade 9th November 2025



The St Davids Remembrance Sunday Parade and Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 9th November 2025.

All those wishing to take part in the parade are requested to muster on the road outside Oriel Y Parc at 10.25am. The parade will march down the High Street to the Cross Square where the 14th Signal Regiment (EW) will halt and turn inwards to face the Old Cross.

Anyone wishing to lay a wreath please join the parade or present yourself at the entrance to the Memorial Gardens adjacent to the pharmacy.

Members of the public are very welcome to observe the Act of Remembrance from any vantage point, but are requested to remain clear of the Garden of Remembrance.

On completion of the wreath laying the Parade Marshal will say the following: "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. we will remember them."

Response by all present: "We will remember them."

On completion of the 2 minutes silence the bugler will sound "Reveille" and the Parade Marshal will then say the following: "The Legion of the Living salutes the Legion of the Dead." Response by all present: "We will not break faith with ye."

On completion, the Cathedral choir will sing an anthem and the parade will then march down The Pebbles to the Cathedral for the Service of Remembrance.

All participants are asked to remain in place following the Parade and Act of Remembrance until the marching contingent has left the Cross Square.



We kindly ask that vehicles are removed from the High Street, Cross Square and Pebbles by 9.00am on Sunday morning.

St Davids City Council Community Drop-in event Saturday 27th September



The City Council were delighted to hold an open drop-in day at the City Hall on September 27th, where councillors invited members of the community to come and learn more about current Council projects, meet Councillors and see the diverse range of activities, groups and societies active in St Davids. It was an opportunity for engagement by all and was attended by over 100 residents. The Council had received a grant for the event supported by UKSPF Funding accessed through Pembrokeshire County Council, enabling activities and refreshments to be provided throughout

the day. We are also most grateful to members of the WI who supplied delicious homemade cakes, Gwyn Davies and Sons Butchers for supplying and cooking the sausages and to all the local groups that attended on the day.

Popular activities included a mosaic workshop, run by Paul Webb where members of the public were encouraged to join in and help create mosaics which will be displayed on the City Hall. The designs were initiated by the community, who chose subjects reflecting what St Davids meant to them.

Children also enjoyed the well-stocked Lego table on kind loan from Y Groesfan Church and the face painting by Keeley from Bright Brush Face Painting. There was a Table Tennis Challenge run by John Fraser who challenged both children and adults to take part in this fun sporting activity and to join the Table Tennis Club in St Davids.



The City Council's display encouraged feedback on plans for the future of the former Caretaker's house, choice of paint for repainting the City Hall and the newly launched Community Well-being Action Plan for St Davids.

We were especially honoured to be joined by a tame crow, who was most interested in what was going on!

The Council intends to hold regular Engagement events and if you have any ideas or suggestions for projects, you believe would benefit our community, please let Councillors or the Clerk know. No need to wait for the next event!



Painting of the City Hall

You will no doubt have noticed the City Hall is now scaffolded. This is to enable maintenance and decoration work to take place, supported by funding from Pembrokeshire County Council's Streetscape Grant. The community had a choice of colours to vote for, and Councillors considered the votes for the

choices at their Council Meeting on October 6th. They resolved to accept the majority colour choice of pink.



St Davids City Council Secures Warm Rooms Funding

St Davids City Council is delighted to announce that it has been awarded £3,000 from the SCAF Round 9 Community Warm Spaces Fund to establish a Winter Warm Hub at the Drop in Centre in City Hall.

Running from November 2025 through to 31 March 2026, the Warm Hub will provide a warm, safe community space for local residents throughout the winter months, aiming to reduce social isolation and loneliness whilst offering support for vulnerable residents and unpaid carers.

Building on the success of the current Coffee & Chat sessions, the Warm Hub will operate for 10 hours weekly, creating a welcoming environment where residents can gather, socialise, and stay warm during the colder months.

At its meeting on the 3rd of November, the City Council will establish a Warm Hub Working Group to coordinate the initiative and finalise session times. Further details will be announced shortly.

For more information, please contact St Davids City Council on 01437 721137.



Mayor's Civic Service

The Mayor's Civic Service took place in St Davids Cathedral on Sunday 21 September. It was attended by members of the City Council, Mayors, or their Deputies, of other Town Councils in Pembrokeshire, along with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, representatives from the Cathedral, Pembrokeshire County Council, and Pembrokeshire National Park Authority, along with family and friends.

This formal ceremony marks the year of office for the Mayor, Cllr David Griffiths, and we were privileged to hold it in the beautiful St Davids Cathedral, a venue much appreciated by all the Mayor's guests.



Special thanks to the Council staff and to all at St Davids Cathedral, for organising this important event in the Council's calendar and ensuring all ran smoothly. The event was enjoyed by all, and we look forward to next year's service.



*** IMPORTANT UPDATE on Meddygfa Penrhyn branch

at Shalom House, St Davids ***

Following the recent decision by the Trustees of Shalom House in St Davids to close the charity from 31st October, the Health Board is able to confirm that negotiations with the charity are progressing for the nurse-led branch surgery of Meddygfa Penrhyn at Shalom to remain open until 31st December 2025

The Health Board would like to thank the Trustees of Shalom House for their continued support in enabling this short extension. The branch surgery was established at Shalom in November 2024 in response to concerns about patients unable to travel to Solva.

The Health Board will continue to explore any alternative options in St Davids which might meet the needs of the service beyond the end of December.

Flu Vaccination – At Meddygfa Penrhyn we will be vaccinating eligible patients from October onwards. Our flu clinics are open! Please ring the surgery to book an appointment.

Eligibility for the 2025 to 2026 this autumn and winter, as part of our winter respiratory vaccination programme include:

- ◆ children aged two and three years old (i.e. with a date of birth on or after 1 September 2021 and on or before 31 August 2023)
- ◆ people aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group
- ◆ people aged 65 years and older (age on 31 March 2026)
- ◆ pregnant women

- ◆ Registered carers of a person whose health or welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill
- ◆ frontline health and care workers
- ◆ people experiencing homelessness
- ◆ household contacts of the immunocompromised

If you are an adult in a risk group, are pregnant, or are aged 65 or over, you can get your flu vaccine here at the Surgery.

COVID Booster Vaccination campaign – At Meddygfa Penrhyn we will be vaccinating eligible patients from October onwards. This vaccination can be given the same time as your flu vaccination.

Eligibility for 2025 to 2026 this autumn and winter includes:-

- Those aged 75 years and over (or who will be turning 75 during the time the vaccine is being offered).
- **People with a weakened immune system.

****Please check with our reception/nursing team if you're unsure or you can visit the Public Health website: <https://phw.nhs.wales> for further information.**

Thank you - Meddygfa Penrhyn

Solva Treasure Hunt will be on New Year's Day, starting at Bay View Stores (SA62 6TX) at 10:30am and finishing back at The Harbour Inn by 2pm.

From earlier this year we donated £450 to the Mums and Toddlers group in Solva which will help support them for the coming year.



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Menevia W.I.

Mic Rushen's talk in September, about her Icelandic Horses, was very interesting and informative. It's fascinating to hear what's happening right on our doorstep in this wonderful part of Wales.



The Gardening Group will be stripping and replanting the Cross Square troughs with bulbs in a few weeks, looking forward to spring already! Our Walking Group might have a few walks left this year but does depend on the weather. The Drama Group is now looking to next years "Anything Goes" in the Torch Theatre and Craft group, not only crafting for the Christmas tree competition but thinking about 'County Round' ready for next April! Never a dull moment at Menevia WI!!

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



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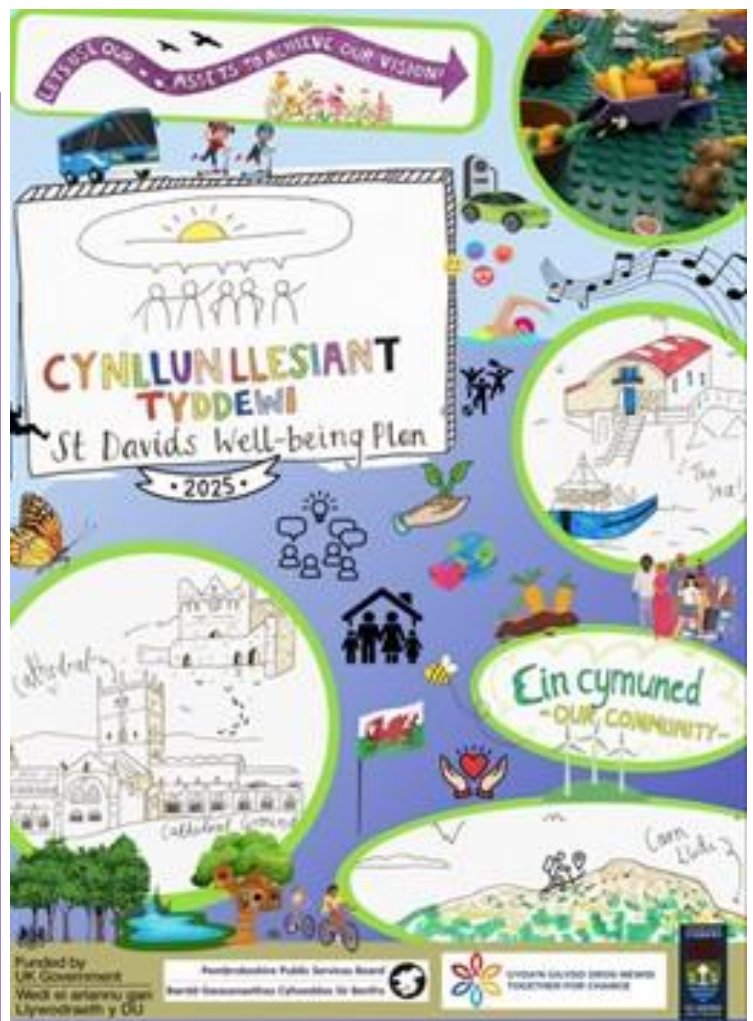
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Family Announcements

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*



Coffee & Chat

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Our Cynefin Project Action Researchers want to hear your views on the proposed Peninsula Local Economy Initiative that we are researching.

Tourism revenue is vital for local employment, social well-being and the overall prosperity of our community. The purpose behind the proposed St Davids Peninsula Local Economy Initiative is to highlight, name and brand the identity of local products, businesses and services, with accreditation according to a defined set of criteria, which confirms to visitors their local provenance.

This would promote, highlight and confirm to the buyer that their purchase(s) contribute to our local circular economy.

For more info email beckylloydpembs@gmail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/CynefinDewi/>



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



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Notice of St Davids City Council Meetings:

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Monthly Meeting — Monday 3rd
and Monday 17th November at
7pm in St Davids Memorial Hall,
SA62 6SD.

The agenda and minutes are available from
the Clerk and on the City Council website:
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Members of the public are welcome to
attend and are given reasonable
opportunity to make representations about
items of business on the agenda to be
discussed.

Members of the public wishing to attend on
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& Saturday 29th November

10.00am – 2.30pm

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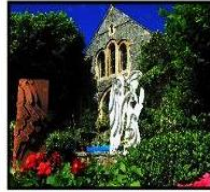
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Kids Acting Up???

SADS needs budding actors and actresses age 7 - 11 years for the junior chorus of the Solva pantomime, to be held at the end of January 2026. Rehearsals will be at Half-term and over the Christmas holidays in Solva Memorial Hall.

Message SADS Facebook page or phone Brenda on 07739 158024



Solva Care held its AGM/" Celebration of Life in Solva - Now and through the years" on 15th October in Solva Memorial Hall. It was a very enjoyable evening with old & new photographs of Solva, poems, a short film, music, food & drinks and an update by the Chair Barbara Bale. Thirty-six people in total attended.

Sparkling Solva 2025 Advent Windows



Would you like to take part in the Advent Window Trail in December by decorating and lighting up one of your windows?

Please contact Lena or Carol-Ann with your chosen date or for any queries:

Lena Dixon, Co-ordinator 07805 717556 / lenamdixon@gmail.com
Carol-Ann Jones 01437 721374 / carol-ann-jones@hotmail.co.uk



Welsh-reading volunteers needed on Non campus!

Do you speak Welsh and want to help pupils from years 2-6 improve their reading? Are you a past pupil who would like to gain experience working with children? We would really appreciate your help! Please contact: admin.penrhyl Dewi@pembrokeshire.gov.uk



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Congratulations to Michael Phillips and his brother Nicholas Phillips on receiving their long service award for 30 years of continuous service with the RNLI at the St. David's station.

The awards were presented by the former Coxswain, Mr. Malcolm Gray who said that he was proud to do so as both men were crew members during the time he was Coxswain at St. Davids.

Well done both of you.



On 12 October 1910 the St Davids Lifeboat The Gem responded to the ketch Democrat in distress.



On 13 October it was found

The Gem, unable to row clear of the Bitches Reef in Ramsey Sound, had been wrecked with the loss of the Coxswain John Stephens, Lifeboatman Henry Rowlands and Lifeboatman James Price. The 15 survivors spent 14 hours on wave lashed rocks until they were eventually rescued by two shore boats from St Davids.

To mark the 115th Anniversary of the loss a short service, taken by Canon Leigh Richardson, was held on The Cross Square.

Participants included the Mayor of St Davids, Cllr David Griffiths, members of the St Davids Lifeboat crew, and Rachael Thomas (the headteacher) with pupils from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi.

Mike Chant sang his composition "The Gem", a wreath was laid by Lifeboat Operations Manager Maj John Williams on behalf of the RNLI, and a wreath by pupils from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi where it had been fashioned, together with another which was later laid at sea near The Bitches.





A **Public Access Defibrillator** is located on the right side of the St Davids City Hall building and is available 24/7. There are several defibrillators located throughout St Davids and individuals can visit <https://www.defibfinder.uk/> to familiarise themselves with the locations of their nearest defibrillators. This will accelerate revival if instructed by a 999 call handler. Defibrillators are easy to use,

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This would promote, highlight and confirm to the buyer that their purchase(s) contribute to our local circular economy.

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



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Solva Community Cinema

Upcoming films at Solva Memorial Hall, 39 High Street, Solva, SA62 6TE

6th November - Mr Burton (12A)

4th December Bridget Jones - Mad About the Boy (15) - there may even be some mulled wine and mince pies!

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% off the ticket price and the use of a complimentary cushion! There are refreshments for sale - tea/coffee/soft drinks & snacks and there is also a bar. Any questions or suggestions, please email us at solvacinema@gmail.com



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 6th November

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

Solva Pop-up Shop – In Solva 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. 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 with bric-a-brac or book stalls, we can provide goods. For dates we are in the Hall, or for further information, please contact Fran Barker fran34hb@gmail.com or 07377059265.

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Monday 8th December 2025

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CLWB SOLFACH - SOLVA LUNCHEON CLUB

We are pleased to say the Luncheon Club is still progressing well, as are the numbers of diners. Lunches will be served every Wednesday until 17th December when we have a break for Christmas. We would be pleased to welcome anyone 55 or over to enjoy a hot main course, pudding and a tea/coffee for £5. Lunch is served at 12.30pm in Solva Memorial Hall (SA62 6TE).

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



SOLVA WI

We were very pleased to welcome Julian Cremona once more to enthral us with his filming and descriptions of scenery, wild animals and native flowers. This time he and his wife drove the length of the coast of Chile & Patagonia. The talk he gave and the photography were amazing. Following the tea break, we held our meeting which included needing items for the 2026 programme. Interest was expressed for some of the Homecraft courses & a few members bought the 2026 calendar & 1 of our members won 2nd prize in the 100 Club Draw. The Book Group will meet in Harbour Inn on 31st October. The Walking Group has 3 regular members.

Attention was brought to the likely closure of the Public Conveniences in the Foreshore car park. The questionnaire will be answered on WI's behalf.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 13th November starting at 1p.m. with a soup lunch.

Potential new members are always welcome to our monthly meetings which are held in Solva Memorial Hall (SA62 6TE) at 2pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

St Davids RFC

The Seniors had 3 home games on the bounce in September / October. 2 league games which we won against Llangwm and Llanybydder, but we lost to Penybanc in the Welsh Cup. The seniors continue in the Pembrokeshire Cup Quarter Finals and are due to play Narberth at home 22nd November with an earlier kick off at 1pm due to Wales v NZ in the afternoon. The minis and juniors continue to thrive with such dedicated coaches and parents supporting them. U14's are off to Ireland on tour in October and we hope they have the best of times in Naas. Whether you follow the seniors or minis and juniors you are very welcome at the club, and we thank you for your continued support of the club.

Following the Committee elections at the AGM, Andrea Cartwright was voted in as Secretary (she was interim for a short while), and Paul Andrews was voted in as Treasurer. For more information or if you are interested in becoming a member, joining the 100 club, sponsoring a match or if you are interest in volunteering at the club please contact Andrea Cartwright, Secretary secretary@stdavidsrugby.com





Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi

It has been another exciting, energetic and eventful half term since returning to Aidan campus this academic year. We have welcomed 8 new pupils to our campus since September and began our new topic Tell Me a Story.



We had a very warm welcome to Haverfordwest library at the beginning of term and the children thoroughly enjoyed their story and rhyme session held by the staff. Local author Pippa Raggett also came to share her inspiring story Fly Like a Fairy and answer some wonderful questions about her story writing. Diolch yn Fawr to all who made this possible.



Our Fridays are always filled with time in our fantastic community and the children are still talking about the thank you chocolates they received following their latest community litter pick.



Parent, carers and children gathered in St Aidan's church on Monday 13th October for a special service led by Reverend Belinda celebrating Harvest. The children were a credit to our school and sang beautifully.

The apples we harvested earlier in the term from our school apple tree made a delicious crumble which we all sat down to enjoy during our Diwrnod Shwmae activities.



With just one more week to go until half

term the children will be participating in Apple Pressing with Pembrokeshire Coast, visiting Oriol y Parc and writing apology letters to the Three Bears on behalf of Goldilocks.

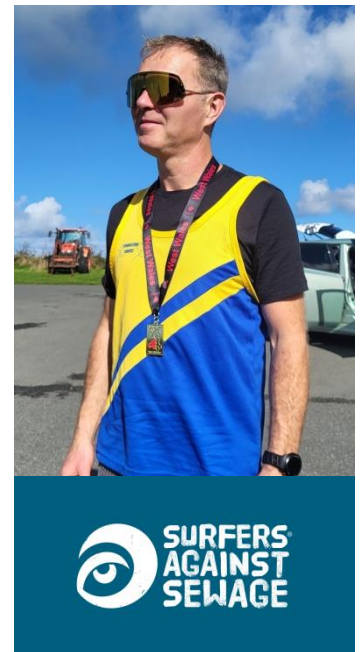




WINTER AT THE BUG FARM

ANDY'S LONDON MARATHON FUNDRAISER FOR SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE - NOV 28TH (TBC)

You may see Andy out running with our dog Blue most days across the peninsula, so he is putting his running legs to good use and is busy organising an evening event here to raise money for his London Marathon fundraiser for Surfers Against Sewage with a provisional date of Friday November 28th. The current plan is a fun and relaxed evening of music from Glas Captains, a big, hearty one-pot wonder in Grub Kitchen, with short, inspirational talks in our Nature Recovery Centre from marine biologists, ecologists, farmers, activists and photographers highlighting the work being done to reduce water pollution and what everyone can do to make a difference. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more info, date confirmation and to buy tickets nearer to the time.



FREE ENTRY FOR LOCALS - DEC 13TH-14TH

As a Happy Christmas from us, we'd like to welcome locals to The Bug Farm for **FREE** for a Christmas weekend on the weekend of **December 13th-14th**. This is a great chance to explore our new museum and get Christmassy! We'll be stocking the gift shop full of unusual Christmas presents for nature lovers, gardeners and kids, we have a brand new exhibition of Mum's (Pauline Beynon) new prints and Grub Kitchen will be serving hearty bowls of local, organic cawl, Christmas delights and delicious cakes. The whole site will be open to explore and we'll be running extra activities throughout the weekend.

SEASON TICKETS

We're now offering locals annual season tickets for less than the cost of two entry tickets, meaning you can pop in for a wildlife walk, play or fact-finding mission in our museums and zoo and access extra events without paying for additional entry. As a Christmas special, any season tickets bought from November to March will start from March 2026 so you can enjoy a full year's access from when we re-open...they make great Christmas presents too!



PEMBROKESHIRE FARMING HISTORY MUSEUM

Over the last year, we've been working on our brand new **Pembrokeshire Farming History Museum**. The new museum contains the well-known Derwen Farming History Museum collection, alongside our own Beynon family museum collection. You'll spot lots of fabulous photographs of local faces and anecdotes from Dad's farming memoirs, which will be published

next summer. The museum is part of our new Nature Recovery Centre about our relationship with farming, food and nature in the past, present and future.



RESEARCH & NATURE RECOVERY

You may have seen from our Facebook and Instagram pages that we (along with our cows) are getting busier with our nature recovery work, connecting-up wildlife - wildflower meadow, marshy grassland, woodland, hedge, arable habitat creation and management, pond creation, helping toads cross the main road and more! We have just started on a Nature Networks Fund project

(the third to-date) during which we will be reintroducing the marsh fritillary butterfly to the St Davids peninsula in 2026. The butterfly went extinct here in 2013 and the reintroduction follows many years of research, habitat creation and management across the peninsula. Our students, staff and volunteers have helped make this possible. This month, we also have a PhD student starting with us to investigate the impact of dog wormers and other contaminants on the landscape and what we can do to mitigate impacts.



WINTER OPENING

After October Half Term, and other than the dates above, we'll be closed to the public until March so we can concentrate on creating new exhibits and our nature recovery work. For the first time, we've also decided to stay closed over the Christmas holidays so that the team can enjoy the festive period with their loved ones. However, we can still come to you over the winter and are offering a number of **FREE VISITS** to Pembrokeshire care homes and schools, as well as covering the cost of coach transport for a number of local schools to come to us next year. Get in touch to find out more.



Solva Shopping Evening will be on **Thursday 27th November**, with shops and galleries open 5-7pm and the pubs extending the fun throughout the evening. There will be guest tables showcasing local makers and bakers, Solva Community Council will be holding a raffle, and there will be special offers and *lashings and lashings* of

mulled wine! Always a well-attended evening with a fabulous festive atmosphere, so please come along and support your local businesses.





St Davids Penknife Club

Motto: Fun, Friendship and Fundraising

The Penknife Club has been busy raising money for local causes in the last couple of months.

24 Hour Walk

The walk attracted members, residents and visitors, all of whom gave generously. This event enabled the Club to donate £1,000 each to St Davids Girl Guides, Give the Boys a Lift and the family of Angharad Davies for costs associated with supporting her to manage with her sight loss. Tremendous achievement. Many thanks to all who walked and contributed!



Cor Tadau Trisant Concert. 27 September

The Club were proud to present a spectacular concert by Cor Tadau Trisant in St Davids Cathedral on Saturday 27 September, attended by over 350 people. The Choir comprises residents of three villages close to Cardiff and is led by former Only Men Aloud singer, Tim Edwards. Auditions are not required, just ability and love to sing! Tim led the choir in performing a wide range of songs from ecclesiastical to pop

music. Solo artists Peter Horton, also formerly of Only Men Aloud, and West End Star Louise Olley, added to the terrific performance of the Choir, who received a standing ovation from the enthralled audience.

This event was arranged by Penknife Club member Paul Andrews and his wife Linda. Local support was generously given by The Bunkhouse, providing the lads with a low-cost bed on Saturday night and Betterspoons, who laid on a buffet and jugs of beer for the choir at The Bishops after the concert. Paul and Linda were supported by other Penknife members who assisted in advertising, selling tickets and providing transport. Our thanks go to all of them.

It was hugely entertaining and joyful to hear the choir continue to sing in The Bishops, much to the delight of customers, who gave generously as the bucket did its rounds!

The event raised a net amount of over £4,000 for the Penknife Club charity fund. We wish to thank all those who supported the event to make it such a huge success.

We are having a Ball on November 14th at Crug Glas, with live music, three course meal and transport only £35 per person. Everyone welcome, not just members!

Membership

The Penknife Club meets on the first Thursday of every month at a variety of venues and welcomes both male and female new members. If you wish to come along to a meeting please contact the secretary, Simon Cartwright, email stdavidspenknifeclub@gmail.com tel. 07974 140823.



Solva owns a canon! It is a small but heavy item that will make a very loud noise and has been used for starting races at sea. It was probably brought to the village during the 1950s by the Solva Regatta Committee, who used it for starting regatta races, and was used during their Centenary celebrations in 1988. It was probably last fired by Iain Tite at the start of Peter Bond's attempted circumnavigation of Wales, in about 1990.

Custodianship since then has been in the hands of a Solva Sailing Club member who was in possession of the correct certificate, but the gentleman no longer wishes to keep his firearms license, and consequently is not in a position to continue caring for the canon.

The canon is 10 bore, with a large supply of blank cartridges, is about 2 feet long and weighs about 80lbs. Legal possession requires the keeper to have a Section 1 firearms certificate.

Solva Sailing Club no longer has a use for it and is looking to dispose of it as soon as possible. Before letting it out of the village, they want to ensure that no other Solva resident or organisation wishes to take over custodianship. If anyone is interested in taking possession of the canon, they are asked to contact Helen Hughes, Secretary SSC, at helenghughes@outlook.com within the next two weeks. If no interest is received, we will set about trying to find other organisations who are willing to take it off our hands.

Penknife Club Ball

Friday 14th November
Crug Glas

Get your party clothes on! We are having a Ball at Crug Glas. With a live band, three course meal, (with choices), transport from St Davids and back, all for just £35 a head!

ALL WELCOME!

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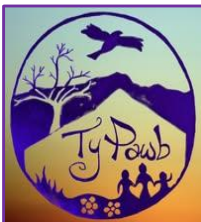
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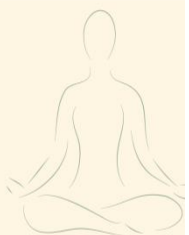
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7.30pm - 9.30pm

A free drop-in space for people to come and
craft with company! Bring your current project
(all crafts welcomed) or start a new one!

Don't craft but need some company? Pop along anyway for a cuppa and a chat!
Optional donations welcomed for the hot drinks & treats that will be supplied!

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Amgueddfa Cymru Gallery

**Môrwelion/The Sea Horizon – Garry Fabian Miller -
Saturday 12 July – Spring 2026**

Drawing on over four decades of deep observation, Fabian Miller's images examine our enduring fascination with the horizon – the meeting point of land, sea, and imagination. Not only does the exhibition feature *The Sea Horizon series*, but it also brings together a rare assembly of Fabian Miller's later cameraless works.

St Davids Room

Mark Stanmore - Friday 14 November – Sunday 11 January 2026

The exhibition draws inspiration from the Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi, reflecting the beauty of nature through a series of paintings of the Pembrokeshire coast.

Tower

Twrch Trwyth by Judith Leyland - Friday 7 November – Tuesday 6 January 2026

This exhibition brings to life the legendary tale of Twrch Trwyth from the *Mabinogion*, a story woven into the very fabric of Wales. The giant boar, though ultimately defeated, remains undestroyed, symbolizing enduring strength and resilience. Through Judith's paintings, she captures the essence of Twrch Trwyth, his immense power, raw beauty, and deep despair. The visual language and timeless imagery of this ancient myth still resonate, reminding us of the enduring presence of legend in the landscape and spirit of Wales.

Discovery room

A Pool of Rocks by Rachel Allen - Saturday 8 November – Tuesday 6 January 2026

This exquisite collection of handmade silver jewellery by Rachel Allan showcases her *Sea Kelp*, *Pebble Gem*, and *Ammonites* designs, all inspired by the breathtaking Pembrokeshire Coast. Drawing on the textures of shell fragments and shoreline treasures, Rachel crafts her pieces using eco-conscious and recycled silver, including repurposed scrap silver to minimize waste. Sparkling gemstones, carefully chosen to reflect the enchanting hues of the sea and shore, bring a touch of magic to each piece.

Events

Christmas Craft Market - Saturday 29 November, 10am – 3pm, Free entry & parking

Kick-start your Christmas shopping with unique handmade gifts from talented local makers. Enjoy the festive atmosphere, live music and seasonal treats – the perfect way to celebrate the season.

Letter to Santa - North Pole post box arrives at Oriel y Parc!

A magical delivery appears each winter to collect your messages to Santa. Write your festive wishes in a letter and drop it into the special post box. Be sure to remember to visit again, after three days, to pick up Santa's reply and a surprise from the elves' workshop.

Free Post Office open 22 November – 19 December.

REGULAR EVENTS – November 2025

DYDD LLUN – MONDAY

St David's & Solva Art Group in Solva Community 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 St Davids 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

St Davids Community Choir, T'yr Pererin, Quickwell Hill 7.30-9pm

Playgroup in Solva Community Clubhouse 9.30am – 11.30am

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 St Davids 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 Community Clubhouse (term time)

Open Mic at the Harbour Inn 8pm

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

DYDD GWENER – FRIDAY

Friday Club in Solva Community Clubhouse 2pm – 4pm

DYDD SADWRN – SATURDAY

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

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

Solva & St David's News would like to thank all the dedicated volunteers who help distribute the newsletter in the community, as well as the businesses and councils for their continued support in funding our publication. We truly appreciate all the support received.

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What's On – November 2025

- 1st November – Solva Fireworks at the harbour, 6pm quiet display, 7pm main display. Food, cider, live music etc.
- 5 Tachwedd - Cyfarfod Merched y Wawr, Cangen Bro Ddewi - Canolfan Galw Heibio (Ystafell Gefn) Neuadd y Ddinas, Tyddewi
- 9th November – Solva Remembrance Day Service at Cenotaph, 10.45
- 9th November – Remembrance Day Parade in St Davids – meet at Oriel y Park 10.25am
- 12th November – Bingo in Solva Memorial Hall, 7pm
- 14th November – Penknifr Club Ball at Crug Glas
- 22nd November – Buffalo Smoke at the Harbour Inn, Solva
- 28th November – Meat Loaf Tribute at the Harbour Inn, Solva
- 29th November – Poetry and Vegan Food Event, Solva Community Clubhouse
- 27-29th November – St Davids Christmas Tree and Wreath Festival in the City Hall
- 27th November – Solva Shopping Evening, 5-7pm (and later in pubs)
- 29th November – St Davids Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5.15pm in the Cross Square
- 15th December – St Davids Christmas Lights Competition
- 24th-26th July 2026 – Solva Edge Festival 2026

Details of most 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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