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- **Josh Phillips.** Responsible for: Solva CLT, DCWW works and POC with WG on affordable housing in Solva. Welsh Heritage Trail. joshuaphillipssolva@gmail.com

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of Solva Community Council (SCC) will be held on Tuesday 4th February commencing at 5.30p.m. in Solva Community Clubhouse. This is a multi-location meeting allowing community councillors and members of the public to attend virtually or in person.

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

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

Bruce Payne - Clerk to the Council brucepayne241@gmail.com
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COUNCILLORS CORNER

Solva



Firstly a Happy and Healthy New Year to all Solva residents.

Can I start by updating you on the problems residents are experiencing with the refuse service. As you know, properties have 2 different collections, recycling is collected weekly and residual black bags every 3 weeks. PCC are experiencing both staffing problems with increased sickness and general lack of staff and also lorry issues as vehicles are now aging and heading towards replacement. There are 2 different sizes of recycling lorry and the smaller type is used in the harder to reach areas including areas of Solva. The problem can arise when only the larger version is available and it is not possible to reach some properties. If whole areas or streets have been missed then that is generally announced on the PCC website or the official Facebook page. If you have been missed then please report it via Your Myaccount or if you don't have access please email or text me and I will report the missed collection.

Another local issue is the pothole at the bottom of Solva Hill. This is actually the responsibility of OpenReach I believe as it arises from a poor road repair following cable work and PCC are applying pressure for it to be fixed.

I have also been asked about village entry signs in Middle Mill. Whilst there are 5 entry points to Middle Mill, only 2 have village signs on them. To be quite honest, the issue here is going to be cut backs and less funds in the highway budget but I will keep asking PCC. Recently the signs at the top of Solva Hill have been damaged. I have reported these and hopefully this should result in a new more welcoming sign to Solva that can be funded in conjunction with the 20mph signage.



Finally, can I just remind residents and visitors that the stretch of High Street (or Lewis Terrace) is an adopted public highway and should be used as a safe pedestrian walkway from The Royal George to the Memorial rather than walking down the Main Road. Appropriate signage is on order to be installed hopefully shortly.

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!

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Solva & St David's News 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 David's News, and for advertising rates, please contact the editor Mic Rushen.

Email solvanews@outlook.com

Do you have a field, paddock or piece of land that's getting overgrown?

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ST. DAVIDS
CITY COUNCIL
Qwir 'n Daw a'n Golaf

Notice of St Davids City Council Meetings:

Monthly Meetings on Monday February 3rd and Monday February 17th at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall

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

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 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.

ECO dewi **PENINSULA BEACH CLEANS** *working with NEWGALE BEACH WOMBLES*

2025

- Newgale** - Sunday 19th January, 2pm
- Porthlysgi** - Sat 1st February, 2pm
- Newgale** - Sunday 9th February, 10am
- Newgale** - Sunday 16th February, 2pm
- Caerfai** - Weds 26th February, 11am
- Newgale** - Sunday 16th March, 10am

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St Davids Day Events 2025

***Cawl Competition ***

Saturday 22nd February 2025 at 11.30am in the City Hall

Proceeds to a local group/charity tbc

To enter the Cawl competition please contact the Clerk to St Davids City Council on 01437 721 137 or e-mail clerk@stdavids.gov.uk

Eglwys Gadeiriol Tyddewi  St Davids Cathedral

**For details of our daily services of worship, see our website
www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk**

- Wednesday 5th February and Wednesday 19th February, both at 2pm: Talks on the historic Cathedral Library, held in the historic Library itself. This is reached up a medieval spiral stone staircase, adjacent to the shrine of St David. Tickets are £5 each, and are bookable online at www.bookwhen.com (search for Talk on the Library, In The Library)
- Wednesday 26th February, 2pm: Tour of Rarely Seen parts of St Davids Cathedral. Tour Tickets are £10 each again on www.bookwhen.com. Please email library@stdavidscathedral.org.uk for further information or queries.
- Friday 28th February, 7.30pm: Concert by the Band of the Royal Welsh Guards. A rousing start to the Cathedral's celebrations of St David's Day. Details on tickets (free but you need to book) on the Cathedral website.



Eisteddfod Tyddewi 2025

Bydd yr Eisteddfod flynyddol yn cael ei chynnal yn Neuadd y Ddinas, Tyddewi, ar Ddydd Gwener, 28 Chwefror 2025. Y thema yw 'Teuluoedd' a mae'r amserlenni cystadlu ar gael gan aelodau'r pwyllgor ac amryw siopau. Os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau, cysylltwch â'r Cydlynnydd, Rebecca Thornton (ar 07890 629014 neu eisteddfod.tyddewi@gmail.com), os gwelwch yn dda.

St David's Eisteddfod 2025

The annual Eisteddfod will be held at St David's City Hall on Friday, 28 February 2025. The theme is 'Families' and competition schedules are available from committee members and various shops. If you have any queries, please contact the Co-ordinator, Rebecca Thornton (on 07890 629014 or eisteddfod.tyddewi@gmail.com).

**Annual Window
Display and Competition**
22nd February - 1st March 2025

Please take part by decorating your windows with daffodils, flags, and appropriate items for St Davids Day!

Prizes and certificates for the best business and residential windows.

Winners to be announced at 1.30pm on Saturday 1st March in City Hall





New Year, new hobby?

The concept of board game cafes is now a couple of decades old with many towns and cities across the UK having several gaming establishments. It is fair to say though that The Smorgasboard in St Davids is possibly the most remote board game cafe in the UK!

The Smorgasboard is not just about providing shelter for campers on wet days though, they want to offer something year round to residents of the St Davids peninsula and beyond. Board gaming is open to everyone and offers a lovely way for adults and older children to socialise.

Why not pop in on a Monday or Friday to one of the beginners' sessions and take a little look at the game collection? Or, just call in for a coffee and get a feel for the way the board game cafe works - non-gamers are always welcome for a drink if there are no bookings expected!

Alternatively, The Smorgasboard will be running a pop-up session in the Memorial Hall in Solva on 13 February.

The Smorgasboard, 1 High Street, St Davids

www.thesmorgasboard.co.uk




SADS
Solva Amateur Dramatic Society
Presents

A Quiet Evening in the Parlour



8th February 2025
Memorial Hall, Solva
7.00pm
Tickets £5
Window on Wales
and Bayview Stores
or book : 07739158024




Connecting our Community

Solva Care is a community based charity focusing on volunteer social support. Solva Care aims to maintain and improve health and wellbeing, enabling people to stay in their own homes and to combat loneliness, isolation and social disadvantage.

If you think that Solva Care might be helpful to you or others please see our website www.solvacare.co.uk for further information, or contact Lena Dixon, Co-ordinator on 07805 717556. Or email solvacare@solva.gov.wales

Solva Care is offering warm rooms on Tuesdays 2pm-4pm in Solva Football Community hub. Come and join us for a hot drink, company and a classic film!



Reviving a Tradition!

On Hen Galan, the community of Solva welcomed Vivienne and Phil with their beautiful Mari Lwyd to our community clubhouse where we learnt about the Mari Lwyd tradition and danced with Mari. We were delighted to have a feast of cawl or curry prepared by Adam from Trehale Campsite

and Farm in Mathry which was well received by all! We made our own Calennig with apples, cloves and holly and spent the evening listening and singing along to music with Sandra and Joe. Solva businesses were once again supportive and a gem in the community, with prizes donated by Window on Wales, Wild Yoga Studio, Seaforth and Seidr Ci Ddu, as well as some lovely Mari Lwyd keyrings to remember the night from Phil and Vivienne.


And most importantly, a huge diolch for everyone who attended, who raised an amazing £260 to be split between the Cwtch Shed and Pembrokeshire Care Share and Give.

We look forward to having more community get together events: our next one being our Cawl a Cegin competition on Sunday 2nd March



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 Saturday 9 - 4pm
 Sunday 9 - 4pm

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 Saturdays 11.00am – 2.00pm



In the middle of January, long standing crew members of St Davids Fire and Rescue received their King's coronation medals as a thank you for their dedication to the service. Very well deserved!

The Judging of St Davids Christmas Lights took place before Christmas, judged by the Mayor of St Davids Cllr Bira Sehmi. So many houses and businesses went to such a great effort to brighten up St Davids during this festive season and so a big thank you to you all.

The winners of the Christmas Lights Competition 2024 were:

Business Category:

- 1st Solva Woollen Mill (High Street)
- 2nd Etcetera (Nun Street)
- 3rd Mathias Hardware (Nun Street)
- Highly Commended Y Gorlan (Nun Street)

Residential Category:

- 1st Care in the Community - Pen Y Daith
- 2nd Nick and Sharon Price
- 3rd Tim and Tracey Foster
- Llongyfarchiadau i chi i gyd!



COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 22nd February
10am- 12pm
Llanrhian Hall

Croeso i pawb!
Dewch mewn am dished
o de!

Proceeds towards the upkeep of the church and village hall.



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

6 Feb Thelma (2024) (12A)

6 March The Outrun (15)

You can become a member on the night. Doors open at 7 pm. Solva Memorial Hall now has an alcohol license, and wine will be available to be bought by the glass. We will still offer tea, coffee etc and you can bring your own bottle if you prefer. Tickets £5 for adults and £3.50 for under 18's. Become a member for £5/year and get 20% off the ticket price and the use of a free cushion! If you have any film suggestions, please email us at solvacinema@gmail.com

IT'S GAMES NIGHT!

Solva Memorial Hall – Thursday 13th February 7-10pm

The Smorgasboard in St Davids is bringing a wonderful selection of board games for us to play. Come along – alone or in a group. Help given to get you started.

£5 per person – Licensed bar – Refreshments available

For further details message Matt at The Smorgasboard on Facebook, or call Debbie on 07771928576



Sparkling Solva

Thank you to everyone who decorated a window throughout December. It makes the village look so much more festive during the darkest time of the year. Also, thanks to those of you who picked up a map and walked around to look at them. We would love some feedback from both window decorators and those who went around to look at them, so we can decide whether to do it again next year. Please contact Lena Dixon on lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk or call 07805 717556



Dementia Friends

Solva Care is planning a Dementia Friends Session in February, to improve understanding of dementia but also contribute to making our community even more dementia friendly. The session will focus on five key messages about dementia that is useful for everyone to know. It is mainly for Solva Care volunteers, but others are welcome subject to space. If you are interested, please contact Lena Dixon on 07805 717556 or lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk

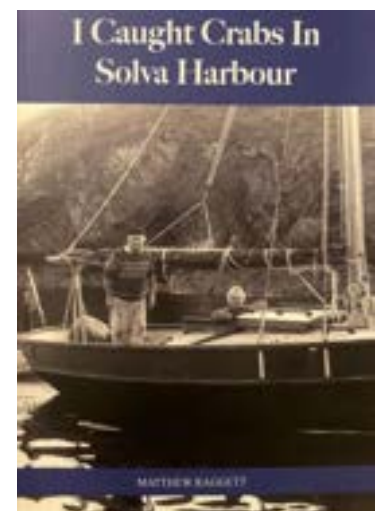


Friday Club

The last Friday Club before Christmas had a visit from Matthew Raggett talking about his new book, followed by the St Davids Handbells playing Christmas carols. It was very festive with some singalong (mulled fruit drink and gingerbread biscuits. We started again on 10 January and will be running until the

Easter School hols, when we have a two-week break. We usually start with seated exercises at 2 pm followed by a talk, quiz, craft or other activity - mostly provided by local people. The event is free although donations are welcome. Come along for a couple of hours with a nice group of people!

Right: Matthew Raggett's book, which contains many amusing stories about his local village, sporting tales from years of being involved with Solva AFC, the harbour itself and profiles on a host of well-known local characters. It's available in Seaforth Designs (Solva), Victoria Bookshop (Haverfordwest), Bay View Stores and from Matthew himself.





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



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St Davids Policing Team - Drop In Surgery

Members of Dyfed Powys Police will be running a monthly Drop In Surgery on the first Thursday of each month from 10.30am – 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 February

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



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



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



St Davids City Council

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At the start of a new year Solva Care Trustees would like to express our thanks to all our volunteers, staff and friends of Solva Care in enabling the continuation of our services. We value everyone's contribution including all members of our community who attend our events or donate to our charity.

In March last year (2024), our funding from the National Lottery ended. Since then we have updated you on our success with a grant from the Waterloo Foundation which has enabled us to continue until March this year, for which we are very grateful. However, we are still in need of ongoing funding from April 2025.

Solva Care Trustees and members of St Davids and Llanrhian Councils have been working closely with the National Lottery to design an extended model of Solva Care that enables the varying needs of each community to be met, and may attract new funding.

We are actively planning to submit an application to start a Solva Care Expansion Project that would enable the establishment of 'St Davids Care' and 'Llanrhian Care', offering similar services to Solva Care and enabling the continuation in Solva. We hope to submit our application early in the New Year. Wish us luck.

Best wishes to all - *Barbara Bale (Chair of Solva Care)*



CLWB SOLFACH/SOLVA LUNCHEON CLUB

The Christmas Lunch was held in the Ship Inn and much enjoyed by everyone.

Lunch Club restarted in Solva Memorial Hall on Wednesday 8th January following the Christmas break. We will carry on now until the Summer break starting in July.

More diners are always welcome.

Sadly, one team of helpers has had to pull out, consequently we would like to find someone who would take its place. The rota runs on a 6 weekly turn.

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

SOLVA WI

Our December meeting started with Any Business and was then followed by a delicious festive tea, mulled wine and some clever brain teaser games organised by our President, Mary Clifford. Items for the Cwtch Shed outside the Bay View Stores were donated in lieu of Christmas cards. The Christmas Dinner was held in 'Hats & Barrels' and was much enjoyed

Our January meeting was held in Solva Memorial Hall when the National Resolutions were discussed, followed by a craft session in readiness for decorating a window at WI House for Valentine's Day. Solva WI will be holding the annual Pancake Day Coffee Morning on Tuesday 4th March from 10.30 am to 12 noon in Solva Memorial Hall. Takeaway pancakes will also be available.

Jane Pascoe on 01437 721544

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 COMMUNITY GARDEN

A COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Where is it?
Half way along Cathedral Close, next to the Canonry, St Davids, SA62 6PE

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Nature haven
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All abilities
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Saturday 4th January 10am - 12pm
Wednesday 8th January 10am - 12pm
Saturday 18th January 10am - 12pm
Wednesday 22nd January 10am - 12pm
Saturday 1st February 10am - 12pm
Wednesday 5th February 10am - 12pm
Saturday 15th February 10am - 12pm
Wednesday 19th February 10am - 12pm
Saturday 1st March 10am - 12pm
Wednesday 5th March 10am - 12pm
Saturday 15th March 10am - 12pm
Wednesday 19th March 10am - 12pm
Saturday 29th March 10am - 12pm



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WHATS ON?

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Solva Warm Welcome

Solva Community Council, in partnership with Solva Care, Coffee Mornings, and Luncheon Club, is delighted to announce the details of our Warm Welcome Events. These events will run until 31st March 2025. Monthly programmes will be published in the Solva & St Davids Newsletter.

To ensure a smooth experience, we kindly ask that you book in advance with the contact provided (in particular, for Luncheon Club!).

We look forward to welcoming you!

February 2025 Programme

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact	Refreshments
Tues 4 th	2pm to 4pm	Cinema Film	Clubhouse & AFC Solva	Lena or Lesley on 07805 717556	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Wed 5 th	10:30 to midday	Luncheon Club	Memorial Hall Solva	Carol Ann Jones 01437 721374 07970 614233	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Thurs 6 th	Midday to 2 pm	Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall Solva	Ifor Thomas 01437 729574	2 course meal
Fri 7 th	1:30 to 4:30pm	Friday Club	Clubhouse & AFC Solva	Lena or Lesley on 07805 717556	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Tues 11 th	2pm to 4pm	Cinema Film	Clubhouse & AFC Solva	Lena or Lesley on 07805 717556	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Wed 12 th	10:30 to midday	Luncheon Club	Memorial Hall Solva	Carol Ann Jones 01437 721374 07970 614233	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Thurs 13 th	Midday to 2 pm	Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall Solva	Ifor Thomas 01437 729574	2 course meal
Fri 14 th	1:30 to 4:30pm	Friday Club	Clubhouse & AFC Solva	Lena or Lesley on 07805 717556	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Tue 18 th	2pm to 4pm	Cinema Film	Clubhouse & AFC Solva	Lena or Lesley on 07805 717556	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Wed 19 th	10:30 to midday	Luncheon Club	Memorial Hall Solva	Carol Ann Jones 01437 721374 07970 614233	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Thurs 20 th	Midday to 2 pm	Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall Solva	Ifor Thomas 01437 729574	2 course meal
Fri 21 st	1:30 to 4:30pm	Friday Club	Clubhouse & AFC Solva	Lena or Lesley on 07805 717556	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Tues 24 th	2pm to 4pm	Cinema Film	Clubhouse & AFC Solva	Lena or Lesley on 07805 717556	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Wed 25 th	10:30 to midday	Luncheon Club	Memorial Hall Solva	Carol Ann Jones 01437 721374 07970 614233	Tea, coffee & Biscuits
Thurs 26 th	Midday to 2 pm	Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall Solva	Ifor Thomas 01437 729574	2 course meal
Fri 27 th	1:30 to 4:30pm	Friday Club	Clubhouse & AFC Solva	Lena or Lesley on 07805 717556	Tea, coffee & Biscuits

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025



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Courage and Community - RNLI 200 Cymru

Until Sunday 1 June 2025

A special exhibition to celebrate 200 years of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the charity dedicated to saving lives at sea. Be inspired by the stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things, with games and activities for the whole family in this exhibition.

St Davids Room



Solace Coastal Journeys

by Chris Prosser

Wednesday 8 January - Sunday 9 March

This exhibition showcases seascape works inspired by the dramatic and evocative Pembrokeshire coastline. The artist's semi-impressionistic style captures the beauty of stormy skies, lit horizons, and the ever-changing tide using diluted acrylics and transparent layers formed on the canvas.

Dates for your diary

- **Blessing of the St Davids Stone**
Saturday 1 March, 11.30am -12.30pm.
Illumination of stone at 12noon.
- **St David's Dragon Parade 2025**
Saturday 1 March, 2pm.
- **Pembrokeshire Bike Run**
Sunday 2 March, 12pm.

Events

Where is the Baby Dragon? A Magical Tour around St Davids

Saturday 8 February - Saturday 1 March

The baby dragon has gone on an adventure! She's exploring the St Davids area. Can you spot her? Join the fun as the baby dragon reveals her whereabouts. Follow our updates on the Oriel y Parc Facebook page and be the first to discover her next hiding spot.



Quest for the Lost Baby Dragon: A Family Trail

Saturday 22 February - Sunday 2 March

£4 per child Embark on this exciting trail to find the dragon and discover a secret code that will lead you closer to the baby dragon's location. Can you crack the mystery to claim a prize? Don't miss this roarily fun quest - let the dragon hunt begin!

Make and Take: Create your own Treasure Map

Wednesday 26 February, 11am-3pm

£4 per child, drop in Unleash your creativity and help track down the lost baby dragon! At this hands-on activity, kids can craft their own treasure map to guide the way. Perfect for little adventurers and budding artists, this is an imaginative way to dive into the dragon-hunting adventure - your map might be the one to find the dragon!

Make & Take: Dragon Headdress

Saturday 22 February - Friday 28 February, 11am-3pm

(excluding Wednesday 26 February)
FREE Get ready to celebrate St David's Day in style by crafting your very own dragon accessory! Drop in to use a variety of art materials to design a unique piece. Show off your masterpiece at the St David's Day parade on Saturday, 1 March. All ages are welcome - come and let your inner artist roar!

Discovery Room Windows

Pembrokeshire Craft Makers Showcase

Friday 10 January - Wednesday 5 March

Consisting of a collective of talented artists and makers, this exhibition highlights their work which is inspired by the stunning Pembrokeshire coast, landscape, and wildlife. It also aims to encourage local makers, working in any craft field, to join and be part of this vibrant creative community.



Tower



Ancient Connections - Communities and their Saints

by Stitchy Witches Sewing Group
Tuesday 7 January - Sunday 2 March

This textile installation, commissioned by the Ancient Connections Project, celebrates the historical ties between the communities of the St Davids Peninsula in Pembrokeshire and Ferris in County Wexford, Ireland. The installation beautifully blends past and present in a tribute to heritage and connection.

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Peninsula People – Emma Iles

Seaforth Cottage in Solva has been my home for over 22 years, along with my husband Chris and three sons, who were all quite young when we first moved here.

I was born in the historic cathedral city of Durham but grew up in rural Wiltshire, where Chris and I met at secondary school. We both attended small village schools, my eldest son started at the same village school that I had attended as a young girl (which was even smaller than Solva school!) Delightfully, I'm still in touch with the Head Teacher, as she is Welsh and knew Solva well!



I worked as a window dresser when I left school but then got work as a seamstress, working first in a wedding dress shop in Marlborough. I also did curtain restoration for the William Morris Society in Kelmscott, which was just a complete honour as I'd loved his work and the pre-Raphaelites for years. I then worked for an Italian tailor, doing alterations for Camila Parker Bowles and Princess Anne amongst others. Little did I know that my move here would also introduce me to more amazing characters, who would be such a help introducing me into this wonderful little peninsula community.

I've always loved talking to people and finding out their 'story', where they came from, what they used to do and their funny tales. Many of the people I met in the early days are sadly no longer here but their kindness has stayed with me all these years. One such couple were Ian and Mel Calder, whom I met doing some clothing alterations for them, something I carried on doing for them until their deaths in recent years. Mel was gentle mannered and kind silver haired lady who surprised me by telling me she used to be a probation officer and had previously lived in Mexico because Ian was working for Nestle and was setting up a factory over there. You can never quite tell people's back story just from their appearance. They kindly



let us use their sailing yacht but as I'd only ever sailed Lasers and 420s in the huge harbour at Poole, I found it very daunting navigating their yacht through the small Solva harbour with neighbours boats either side!

Patti Eades was another person who loved to share her stories with me. When I met her she was quite elderly and housebound but when she found out I lived in Seaforth Cottage on Wilcox Street (now called High Street) she sprang into action and dug out lots of photos for me. She had lived in the cottage next door (which had been a bakery) with her parents, Martha and Christmas Evans, along with her brother Billy 'Christmas' Evans.



The reason she had so many fabulous pictures was because she was very keen on photography and so captured many pictures of our cottage over the years in the background. I understand her camera, possibly the one she is holding in the photo of her as a young lady, is now in the St Fagans museum in Cardiff. Lovely Patti told me so many tales about the neighbours and locals, but I couldn't possibly print them all!

For the past 15 years I have run Seaforth Designs, designing and making tweed & wool cushions inspired by the beautiful coast and countryside around us. Initially these were sold to shops here and across the whole UK, as well as online.

However, since March 2023, we were lucky to be given the opportunity to open our very own shop in Main Street Solva. It's been a wonderful heart-warming experience, allowing Chris to come on board and run the shop and business with me whilst I carry on doing the fun part, designing and making the cushions. Of course I

continue to enjoy meeting lots of lovely interesting people and hearing more stories about the village and peninsula community.

**SOLVA WARM WELCOME
CAWL & CEGIN
Competition**

Join us Sunday 2nd March for a
Cawl and Welsh baking
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announced at 1.30pm

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Sunday 23rd February 2025

Seion Chapel St.Davids

Singing Festival

St.David's Day Celebrations

St Davids Day



Market

Saturday 1st March 2025

Cross Square, St Davids
9.00 am - 4.00 pm

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St Davids Day Cawl Competition 2025



Saturday 22nd February

St Davids City Hall

Voting from 11.30am

Come and judge the best Cawl in St Davids

Taste all of the entries free of charge

All donations received will go to a local group or charity
(local group/charity to be confirmed)

Winner to be announced at 1.30pm



Solva New Year's Day Treasure Hunt

- 1st The Portland Squarers
- 2nd The Brandy Snappers
- 3rd The Festive Four

Massive thanks to all that attended, we now have over £1,000 raised and will be giving out some donations in due course. Our thanks to all the pubs, Cafe on the Quay and the team at Bay View Stores.

We're looking forward to 2026 and we'll try and make it a little easier!! Wishing everyone health, wealth and happiness for 2025.

Diolch, Josh & Richard



Urgent appeal - **St Davids Diocese Mothers Union** needs to raise some funds for the Diocesan account for general funds. If you are able to support by giving £12 per year you can then be included in the random draw

where there are three prizes up for grabs.

Please do consider this and contact **Wendy Evans** via their Facebook page for further information.

St Davids WI

The Menevia WI AGM in November saw us welcome in a new President, Caroline Lloyd. Eleri Davies was thanked for her 3 years in Office as President. Another change of Committee saw Chris Williams stand down and Angela Atherton take over as Treasurer.

Our meeting on 15th January we will be to voting on the National WI Resolutions, usually an entertaining evening. The following meeting 12th February 2025 7.30pm City Hall we welcome Lynn Davison, who is going to be giving us some useful advice about first aid and resuscitation and how access and use the local defibrillators.

New members very welcome, or visitors if you just want to see if the WI is for you!

Andrea Cartwright, Secretary, meneviawi@gmail.com



Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi

Happy New Year all. The staff and children are very excited to be back after a wonderful festive break. We are kickstarting 2025 with our new topic Truly Scrumptious and have already been working hard to share ideas on what we would like to learn over the coming weeks. We have also welcomed six new children to our Campus this week to begin their journey at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi. All of the children have fully immersed themselves into their environment and are settling well.



During the Lent term alongside our topic, we will be taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, litter picking in our local area and celebrating St Dwynwen's Day, Number Day and St Davids Day. We hope to see you out and about in our community.



Ross Gurney and Tom Rees ran a marathon around St Davids on Boxing Day in aid of Shalom. Ross writes:

“Absolutely blown away by the support today. Really pleased to have completed it but mostly proud of how much people have donated and supported us. Thanks to everyone who turned out to marshall the route, give us our drinks/food, cheer us on and those who came to run some laps with us.

Cash donations on the day totalled £448.68 putting us at a new total of £2435 all going to **Shalom House Palliative Care Centre.**”





‘A Life’s Work’ by St Davids Artist

Dorothy Beckwith

Many of you will remember my late grandmother, Dorothy Beckwith, who was one of the founders of the St Davids & Solva Art Group. Gran was an extremely prolific painter, capturing some of the most-loved views and hidden spots in Pembrokeshire in a variety of media and exhibiting in the City Hall exhibitions each year. Collectors of her work stretching across the world. She was also an ex-headteacher and closet academic, passionate about educating both herself and others!



I have inherited many hundreds of her paintings – both framed and unframed – and would love them to adorn peoples’ walls and be loved, rather than being piled-up here. We are putting together an exhibition of her work at



The Bug Farm and offering her paintings for small donations, which will help us to raise money towards a Nature Recovery Centre – an educational centre about food, farming and nature in the past, present and future.



We would like to invite you all to the drop-in lunch on Saturday 22nd February any time between 2pm-4pm. The Bug Farm site and Grub Kitchen will also be open as usual if you fancy lunch or making a day of it. The exhibition will run until at least Easter or until the paintings sell.

By Sarah Beynon





Ty Curtis Hall, Bryn Road, St Davids

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

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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 at

<https://www.theflyingfitfoodie.com/classes>

Wednesday

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

6.30pm till 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

9am-9.30am

My Journey Weight Loss class

Sunday

11am until 12.Cyfarfod Crynwyr Tyddewi/ St David's Quaker Meeting. Sunday

Contact Nia Harries 01348 872002.

Join St Davids Badminton Club – Your First Week is Free!

Looking to try something new, get fit, and have fun? St Davids Badminton Club is the perfect place to start! We're offering new players **a free week of badminton** if you join us during February or March, Mondays 7 to 9pm at St Davids Sports Hall.

Badminton is a great way to stay active, improve your fitness, and enjoy the social benefits of playing in a friendly, welcoming environment. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to sharpen your skills, our experienced players are on hand to offer advice and tips to help you get the most out of the game.



Discover the many health benefits of badminton, from improved agility and coordination to stress relief and heart health – all while making new friends and having fun!

*For more information or a friendly chat, contact Tom on **07535 369 356**.*

REGULAR EVENTS – FEBRUARY 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 Memorial 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

Warm rooms with tea/coffee & a classic film 2-4pm in the Clubhouse (Solva Care & Solva Community Council)

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 2.45-4pm

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

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

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.

Please post your events to our Facebook page – *What's On – St David's & Solva*

Email: solvanews@outlook.com



What's On – February 2025

- 1st – A Quiet Night in the Parlour 7pm in Solva Memorial Hall
- All Six Nations Rugby Games on screen at the Harbour Inn, Solva
- 6th - The Great British Musical Talk 1, 2.30-4.30pm Ty'r Pererin Education Centre, St Davids
- 13th – Games Night with The Smorgasboard in Solva Memorial Hall
- 13th - The Great British Musical Talk 2, 2.30-4.30pm Ty'r Pererin, St Davids
- 14th – Black Sails at the Harbour Inn, Solva
- 19 – Cyfarfod Merched y Wawr, Cangen Bro Ddewi, yn Ffestri's Seion, Stryd Newydd, Tyddewi am 1yp. Siaradwraig: Nia Stephens, Warden RSPB Cymru, Ynys Dewi
- 20th - The Great British Musical Talk 3, 2.30-4.30pm Ty'r Pererin, St Davids
- 22nd – Drop-in lunch and art exhibition at The Bug Farm
- 22nd – Cawl Competition, 11.30am at St Davids City Hall
- 22nd – 1st March St Davids Day Window Display & Competition
- 23rd Feb – Cymanfa Ganu, 2.30pm at St Davids City Hall
- 28 – Eisteddfod Tyddewi, Neuadd y Ddinas am 9.30yb
- 28th - St David's Eisteddfod, City Hall, St David's at 9.30am
- 1st March – St Davids Day Market, Cross Square, St Davids 9-4pm
- 1st March – Twisted Dragon at the Harbour Inn, Solva
- 2nd March – Cawl a Cegin, Solva
- 29th March Pink Tribute at the Harbour Inn, Solva (£10 per ticket)
- 13th April – Spring Fayre, Parc y Capel, Solva
- 25-27th July – Edge Festival, Solva. <https://www.edgefestival.co.uk/>
- 3-4th August – Solva Scarecrow Trail

Beth sydd ymlaen ym mis Chwefror