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SOLVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk - Bruce Payne

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE OF MEETING: A meeting of Solva Community Council (SCC) will be held on **Tuesday 2nd July 2024 commencing at 6p.m. in Solva Community Clubhouse.**

This is a multi-location meeting allowing community councillor's 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 website.

## YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Alyssia Fiander-Houlden (Chair).** Responsible for: Play and Skate parks (Upper & Lower Solva). First Aid & training courses. Social Media.

**missafiander@gmail.com**

**Gareth Chapman (Vice Chair).** Responsible for: Lead on: Newsletter & its distribution. Community car park. Plastic Free Communities.

**chappers2341@gmail.com**

**Joe Griffin.** Responsible for: Whitchurch church old cemetery. Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.

**gjoegriffin@aol.com**

**Ifor Thomas.** Responsible for: Clubhouse. Village noticeboards. Lower Solva picnic area. Multigenerational Path connecting lower & upper Solva. Solva CLT.

**ifor.thomas@gmail.com**

**Colin Reynolds.** Responsible for: the Welsh Language, Welsh Heritage and its traditions. Memorial benches.

**rens@btinternet.com**

**Rob Richards.** Responsible for: Local agriculture. Traffic and transport. Welcome to Solva Signage.

**robthemount@yahoo.co.uk**

**Richard Davies.** Responsible for: Parc y Capel. Coastal Allotments. SCC Carbon Neutrality Action Plan. **rich.solva@gmail.com**



## SOLVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Solva Community Council is currently addressing the following topics:**

1. St Davids Waste and Recycling Centre.
2. Welsh Water - 111 hours of Storm overflow into Solva Harbour which started on 8th April 2024.
3. Closure of the church of St David at Whitchurch.
4. Defibrillators at Whitchurch and Middlemill.
5. Solva Surgery.
6. Keep Solva Tidy, litter free, dog poo free.
7. Lower Solva car park- lighting.
8. Historic Water Pump in Prendergast.
9. Block paving and planters opposite the Cambrian – Volunteers invited.



### **COUNCILLOR'S CORNER**



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This month's report will be shorter than usual as many meetings in County Hall have been postponed due to the Election

One topic that always creates a response is the subject of speeding in Solva and there has been discussion on this topic on social media. We all know since last September, Sova has had a 20mph restriction from Lower Solva bridge to the end of Bro Dawel. On the St Davids side there is a 40mph zone from Nine Wells and shortly a 40mph zone will be introduced from the top of Solva hill to the bridge to prepare traffic for the 20mph restriction. The yellow hatched lines and double yellow lines are faded. Following a couple of requests to Highways it is great to see a repaint has been completed and hopefully this will aid a safe flow of traffic at a sensible speed through Lower Solva

In relation to the suggestion that the 20mph is being exceeded, I have further requested a speed survey outside the Ship Inn with 2 wires across the road. This will provide evidence of speeding and hence provide reasoning should traffic calming measures be required. The speed survey should take place late July. In the meantime, if residents do see drivers clearly driving at excessive or inappropriate speeds please report to 101. It is only the Police who can enforce the rules.

As usual, if I can assist with any Council related matters please call or text me  
Best Wishes, Cllr Mark. Carter.

# SOLVA SURGERY

## Opening Hours:

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

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

## Solva Care

We have previously updated you on the ending of our National Lottery funding in March this year and our ability to continue until September due to the generosity of the community and support of funding events. We are pleased to announce that we have recently secured a small grant from 'The Waterloo Foundation' that will enable us to continue until March 2025. We are extremely grateful to the Foundation and the work of the Trustees and staff who put together the application. We continue to work towards securing a larger grant that could offer some stability for the next few years. We will be actively working with colleagues in St Davids and Llanrhian to explore how we can jointly develop a way of meeting the needs of each community using a similar model to Solva Care. We will continue to update progress regularly. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Barbara Bale**

**Chair Solva Care**

## General Election

If you are registered to vote and your polling station is based in Solva, the following information is important for you to know.

### Your polling station

SOLVA MEMORIAL HALL  
HIGH STREET  
SOLVA  
HAVERFORDWEST  
SA62 6TE

### Opening times

**Thursday 04 July 2024 — 7am – 10pm**

## Voter ID - July 4th

Voters in England, Scotland and Wales now need to show **photo ID** to vote at polling stations in the General Election. You can use any of the following accepted forms of ID

- Passport
- Driving License/Blue Badge Parking
- Local Travel Pass (with photo)
- Identity Card - proof of age standards scheme hologram.
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Other Government issued documents.

# D-DAY, A Day to Remember

On June 6, 2024, Solva residents gathered in Parc y Capel to honour the memory of those who fought and died during the D-Day landings, marking the 80th anniversary of this pivotal event in World War II. The service, led by Revd Belinda Roberts, supported by Colin Reynolds, veterans, and the 14 Signal Regiment was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made for the freedoms we enjoy today. The commemoration included moving accounts of the men who died on D-Day. Colin Reynolds raised the D-DAY 80 Flag under a clear blue sky, symbolizing the hope and freedom secured by the brave soldiers. Revd Roberts concluded the service with a heartfelt recitation of the poem "Never Forget." Following the service, attendees moved to the Memorial Hall for light refreshments and viewed World War II presentation boards curated by Brenda Lloyd. The event concluded with a touching poetry performance of "We Cannot Imagine" by 48 school children from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi, adding a hopeful note to the solemn remembrance.



## De-Fib Locations

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

1. Solva Community Clubhouse
2. Solva Memorial Hall
3. The Harbour
4. Trinity Quay



Lower Solva (access code is C123. This code is written on the cabinet)

<b>Post Office</b> Opening Times  BAY VIEW STORES	Monday	9:00 - 13:00
	Tuesday	9:00 - 13:00
	Wednesday	9:00 - 13:00
	Thursday	9:00 - 13:00
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	Saturday	9:00 - 13:00
	Sunday	CLOSED

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# Solva Edge Festival

26th - 28th July, 2024

Solva, Pembrokeshire, Wales

## The Count Down Begins!

The Edge Festival is almost upon us and we are happy to confirm that all bands and performers have been booked and announcements have been made on social media. As well as great music and literature, we will also be offering a variety of family-friendly activities, local food vendors, craft stalls and a fully stocked bar. We can't wait for the festival to begin!

To find out more, keep an eye on our Social Media.

Instagram: @edgefestival. Facebook: @SolvaEdge Festival

## Volunteers Wanted!

We are still on the lookout for new volunteers and would love to get more people on board for this year. If you would like to come and volunteer and enjoy a great festival, please get in touch via email: [info@edgefestival.co.uk](mailto:info@edgefestival.co.uk) or come along to our next volunteer meeting on 3rd July at 6 pm in The Harbour Inn, Solva. All are welcome.

## Tickets!

The Early Bird Ticket offer is still available locally for Solva residents via

Helen Thomas on 07432648596.

**Day Tickets are now available via**

**[www.info@edgefestival.co.uk/buy-tickets](http://www.info@edgefestival.co.uk/buy-tickets)**

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# Cork Harbour Festival

Three crews from Solva Rowing Club travelled with their trailers, boats, oars and kit on 7th June night ferry from Fishguard to Rosslare and then to Cork in southern Eire to take part on the 8th June in the Ocean to City rowing race, part of the Cork Harbour Festival. The race involved approximately 15 miles of rowing between Crosshaven – Monkstown- Cork city centre. The overall number of boats was around 300 comprising eight Pembrokeshire long boats, currachs, skiffs, gigs, kayaks, canoes and a couple of dragon boats. The weather was fine although on some sections of the course, the wind hampered the competitors, but heading into the final mile with the noise of the thousands of spectators welcoming all, locals, Dutch, English and Welsh, of both genders, it was fantastic. We finished about 4pm and retired to the nearest pub for a Guinness or four and treated the aches and blisters. The city mayor gave a speech in a nearby hotel and gave out the awards to their winners. Solva rowers convinced themselves that they will win one day, so a day travelling back home and a day's rest, on Tuesday and Wednesday they were out at sea training. There's life in those 'Old Gits' yet.

**Ladies Team. Boat** Auntie Mattie. Alice Wilson, Rachel Jones, Rachel Coleman, Ro Dewsbury. Diarmail Murphy Cox

**Men's Team. Boat** Cousin It. First leg. Gareth Maypole, Adrian Vaughan, Nev George, Toby Beckermann. Mike Miles Cox

**Second leg.** Jim Young, Mike Petersen, Kevin Morgan, Martin Davies. Mike Miles Cox.



## **Application for 28 affordable homes in Solva submitted** ***Written by Bruce Sinclair - Published in/by The Pembrokeshire Herald***

A SCHEME for 28 affordable homes on the site of a Pembrokeshire football pitch has been submitted to national park planners.

The application, by housing group Ateb – in partnership with Solva Community Land Trust – seeks permission for the two-stage development on land adjacent to Bro Dawel, Solva. The hybrid application seeks full planning for the first stage: 17 social-rented dwellings, flexible open space, landscaping, highways and drainage infrastructure, and other associated works, with outline planning permission is sought for a second phase of a residential development of 11 dwellings.

A supporting statement accompanying the application says: “The greenfield site extends to approximately four acres and is currently laid out as two former football pitches, one full-sized pitch and one smaller pitch serving under-8/9s, of which are now overgrown. The site lies immediately adjacent to the settlement of Upper Solva, next to the A487 which links the settlement to St David’s to the north and Haverfordwest to the south,” adding: “The site is currently owned by Pembrokeshire County Council on long lease the community council/AFC.”

It goes on to say: “The scheme intends to provide a phased development of circa 28 high-quality affordable, sustainable dwellings and a new large multi-use green space, which will be carefully designed to operate diversly as a focal high quality outdoor space for the local community capable of being used, on occasion, as an under 11/12s football pitch.

“For the purposes of phase one (full planning), the design will include 17 dwellings, specially designed to respond to local character and context, as well as the diverse community greenspace to the west.

“For the purposes of phase two, 11 dwellings will be provided with a mix of one, two and three bedrooms.”

Referring to the first development of 17 homes, a design statement says: “The principle of the development is considered acceptable with the site being allocated by the local authority and in a sustainable location considering the rural nature of the area and the challenges this presents.

“Furthermore, the development proposes a scheme of 100 per cent affordable housing, supporting key principles of both local and national policy.”

The application will be considered at a later date.\

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ST DAVIDS CITY COUNCIL

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## NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Monthly Meeting – Monday July 1st – 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall**

**Second Monthly meeting – Monday July 22nd- 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.

## COMMUNITY BANK

Please be advised that the Community Banker will be changing from Thursday to every Monday, commencing on Monday 15th July 10am-3pm City Hall

## ST DAVIDS LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am - 5.00pm** (Closed 1.00pm - 2.00pm) **Saturdays 10am- 12pm**

## COFFEE AND CHAT

Every Wednesday from 10.00am – 12noon in the Drop-In Centre, City Hall, St Davids - All are welcome to attend. FREE

## ST DAVIDS POLICING TEAM

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 – 12noon** in the Youth Drop-In Centre (entrance via Bryn Road). An opportunity for local residents to bring any matter to the attention of the Police. No appointments are necessary. **Next surgery Thursday 1st August. No Drop in in July due to the Election.**



## COUNCILLOR'S CORNER



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As County Councillor I would like to thank everyone who turned up to the Drop-in event on June 14th to Have Your Say regarding the future of The Doctors Surgery at St Davids, you all came out in force lets pray they listened to us. It was so good to have Television coverage of the event and the banners have brought much awareness to the cause and are highlighting the need to keep our Doctors' Surgery in St Davids. The health Board will be meeting on July 25th of which that meeting will be live-streamed.

I am pleased that there is now a single yellow line down the Pebbles and also double yellow lines at the junction from Quickwell Hill to New Street making the visibility a lot clearer at that junction. It is still ongoing regarding the Junction from Ramsey Gardens to Lower Moor.

I am having many phone calls regarding the recycling rubbish left all the roads after its being collected, I have reported it to the relevant department but please keep me updated with any more reports.

It is great to see the playgroup is still running smoothly at the drop-in centre. We value your feedback as parents & guardians and would like to know if you would like us to continue operating during the summer. For this to happen, we would require volunteers to help open and close the sessions and to explore fundraising ideas to cover costs. Please do get in touch.

As the summer season approaches, I want to extend my best wishes to all business owners and their staff for a successful and prosperous season. Additionally, I hope our hardworking teachers enjoy a well-deserved break

**Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07767398924  
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# ST DAVIDS SURGERY

## COMPLETION OF OUR COVID SPRING BOOSTER VACCINATION CLINICS 2024

We have now completed our covid spring booster vaccination clinics for eligible patients. If you are eligible and missed our clinics but still wish to have the vaccine, please ring 0300 303 8322 to arrange to receive your vaccination at Neyland Mass Vaccination Centre (they can provide the covid spring booster vaccination up until the end of June 2024).

## PATIENTS REQUESTING A SAME-DAY CONTACT WITH A GP

Due to increased patient demand and GP workload, the Practice has recently introduced a new system for patients requesting a same-day call-back or contact from a GP:

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

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

## DR DEWSBURY

Dr Roanna Dewsbury is sadly leaving the Practice towards the end of June 2024. The Practice will continue to offer GP appointments with Dr Riley and Dr Hopwood, and GP locums as required.

Tel: (01437) 720303

Email: [enquiries.w92058@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries.w92058@wales.nhs.uk)

## Oriel Y Parc

**Celebrating the Festival of British Archaeology Shipwreck Archaeology in Pembrokeshire. Thursday 25 July, 10.30–11.30am**

Talk by Dr Julian Whitewright, Senior Investigator (Maritime), Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales

This talk will introduce the work of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales in recording and researching shipwreck archaeology around Wales. There will be a specific focus on the work done on several shipwrecks around the coast of Pembrokeshire in the past few years including several around the St Davids peninsula.

**Free. Booking essential**

# DEWIS ACRE

What an incredible few months of fun and hard work we have had in Erw Dewi/Dewi's Acre (The Community Garden). Despite the ups and downs of the weather the volunteers have managed to get a lot done.

We have seen a range of other groups using our Community Garden so far this year too; filling it with laughter, fun and reflection. We have had St.David's Youth Group come along and plant some food for themselves to use to make meals with, once grown. YPD Agricultural Students have planted a patch of potatoes. The whole of the YPD Non Campus planted beans, peas, sweetcorn and squash to grow and it was wonderful to see the whole younger community of St.Davids engaging in this way, on top of their regular weekly group visits. Care in the Community have come back and are joining in with us as part of our new Monday Volunteering Sessions (Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month), Y Groesfan Church have booked some slots to use the garden in to do Outdoor Church. We also had an absolutely fantastic Foraging Workshop in April, led by Julia and John at Really Wild which ended at the Community Garden with Mamgu's Welshcakes and a cuppa. Artist Kate Kelly led an absolutely brilliant Art Workshop in the garden in June, which was incredibly well received by all the participants and the Bug Farm team hope to run a family friendly workshop after school on 5th July from 3:45- 4:45. Message Ruth at [communitygarden@ecodewi.org.uk](mailto:communitygarden@ecodewi.org.uk) for more details on that.

The garden is a buzz with people all making it their own space - all part of our community and all engaging with it as they see best. On top of this Thursdays have been designated as a Quiet Space for anyone to use to reflect and be in - this is open to anyone in our community to use. Ty'r Perrerin's Janet Ingram ran a wonderful workshop of Quiet Reflection in the garden in early June for adults to enjoy, and is putting the Cathedral family engagement holiday sessions in the garden during the school holidays, with more to come. St.Davids City Councillors came for a tour in May and we really appreciated their support in giving up their time to do this. We have other groups from across the county visiting us to see how to run a successful community garden, including a local interest group from North Pembrokeshire and a group of Quakers from South Pembrokeshire. Plus we await the results of the Green Flag Award.

The end part of the garden may look a bit messy right now, with footings dug for a wheelchair accessible path to go in to the old garage, but this will soon turn into a path to make the Discovery Area useable for children with pushchair friendly parking and space for seating so that families can use the garden in the daytime to enjoy and of course the new path will ultimately make our old garage space useable for all.

Things take time, as we are all volunteers, but if you want to make a difference in our community garden why not join in by volunteering in Erw Dewi/Dewi's Acre over the Summer months. On top of this, and rather excitingly, we are having some sunset sessions in the garden, allowing those of us who work in the daytime normally to enjoy being outdoors in the evening, we hope these sessions will promote good wellbeing and time to enjoy others company whilst we garden together - anyone is welcome to join in with us. Plus in summer keep your eyes open for the veg table - do pop down and help yourself to fresh veg (and fruit) as it appears on the table and give a donation if you wish to.

# TREGINNIS FETE

**SATURDAY 27 JULY 2024**

Charity No: 1006354

I hope you now have this date firmly in your diary, we are looking forward to meeting you all on the day. As mentioned last month, Sir Michael Morpurgo will be there in person to open the fete at 2 pm. He will also be reading one of his books aloud to any children who wish to meet him. Chris Taylor will have all Sir Michael's books for you to purchase and I am sure Sir Michael will sign them for you.

We are hoping for a lovely, bright sunny day so you can enjoy visiting Treginnis and taking a walk with one of the donkeys, playing Giant Connect Four, Hop-scotch, Hula Hoops, Giant O's and X's and many more. Bouncy castles to jump on. Plenty of stalls such as paintings, crafts, bric a brac, books, and calendars, to name but a few. Come and try your luck at the tombola stall.

Eating your fill of strawberries and cream, ice cream, beefburgers and hotdogs, lots of cakes with tea or coffee, drinking a lovely pint of locally brewed beer and generally having a good time.

Gates will be open from 1 pm with the official opening at 2 pm with speeches. Free bus service from St David's starting from 1 pm in Cross Square and continuing all afternoon with the last bus back from Treginnis at 5.30 pm.

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. The judges will be Caroline and Simon Plant.

There will be music from the Ukulele Band, Vox Angelica and the Glenneath Male Voice Choir.

Treginnis Farm will be selling its own veggies and flowers.

There will also be the usual 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](mailto:mary.edey@btinternet.com)**

## Oriel Y Parc

Wednesday Club!

**Make your own Sea Trinket Workshop**

**Wednesday 24 July, 11am - 3pm**

Join our workshop to make your own little piece of treasure to take home!

£4 per child, drop-in.

# SIOP Y BOBOL - 25 YEARS

Siop y Bobol is Celebrating its 25th Anniversary, having raised over £200,000 for local causes. On May 26th 1999 a charity shop Known as Siop yr Eisteddfod was opened by Gerald Davies, the famous Welsh rugby player, to raise money for the National Eisteddfod of Wales prior to its visit to St Davids in August 2002.

After serving its purpose and raising the impressive sum of £36,000 for the Eisteddfod the shop was closed on Saturday, August 10th 2022 and re-opened on Monday, August 12th as Siop y Bobol.

Since then it has been supporting the many groups, clubs and organisations in the community, Many of which rely heavily on funding from the Siop to survive and function successfully.

**To date, £189,573.00 has been distributed locally.**

The Siop also supports good causes outside the parish by virtue of its annual St. David Day Coffee / Tea Morning. The money raised from this event is supplemented by that raised by the Cymanfa Ganu Singing Festival, which also forms part of the St. David Day celebrations. To date, £12,281.00 has been raised in this way and presented to various Charities over the years. The latest is Prostate Cymru which received a cheque of £670 recently. The Siop is very proud of the vital service it has been able to provide for the Community and beyond for 25 years. Pictured: Siop y Bobol charity shop volunteers, who with the help of many others over the years, have helped raise over £200,000 for good causes over the past 25 years.



## Oriel Y Parc

Handmade Craft Fairs by Makers Bizarre

**Tuesday 23 and 30 July, 10.30am - 4.30pm**

Join us in our courtyard for a market of handpicked local stallholders selling handmade crafts and produce.

Free entry

## ***The Little Tressure***

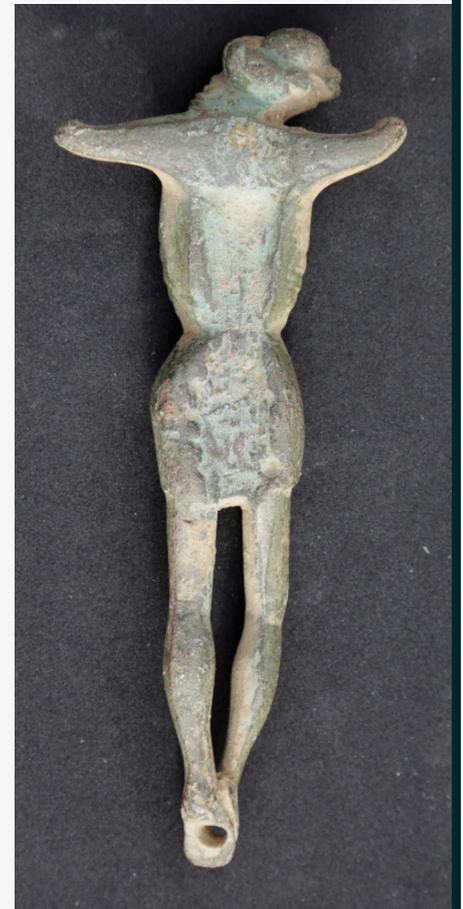
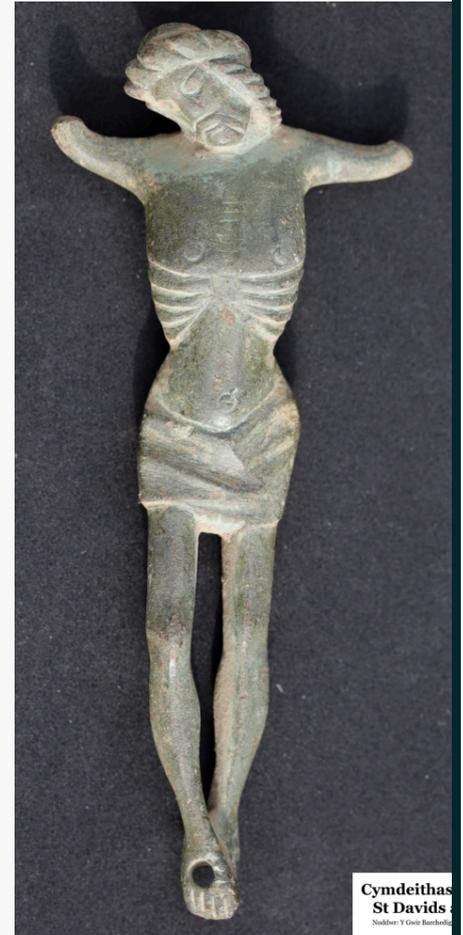
About a year ago, John Rees, a metal detectorist from Milford Haven, was prospecting, with the permission of the farmer, in a field near St Davids. His detector gave a loud "BEEP" in a patch of brambles. He turned up a small figurine about 6 inches long: it was a "Corpus Christi", a model of Christ on the cross, cast in bronze. There was no trace of the wooden cross but there was a hole through the feet where a nail might have been and both arms were truncated at the elbows, indicating that they would have hung on the cross with the hands nailed too and had broken away.

John and the farmer agreed to alert the National Museum of Wales and to register the find with PAS, the Portable Antiquities Scheme. Various experts viewed the find which, it was decided, dated from Mediaeval times, about 1300 to 1500. It was suggested that the Corpus might have belonged to a pilgrim on his way to, or from, the Cathedral. There are many of these figures in museums up and down the land but none in the Cathedral. John and the farmer decided to offer the little treasure to St Davids and Dewisland Historical Society who were delighted to accept it.

Assuming the Corpus was on its way to St Davids Cathedral, the figurine finally reached the end of its journey on May 22nd 2024. The Historical Society has no museum of its own and no way to display the treasure to the people of the Peninsula. They therefore offered the piece to the Cathedral on a long loan for display, with acknowledgement of their ownership. An intimate ceremony was held in the North Transept of the Cathedral where John Rees presented the artefact to Carole Lloyd, chairman of the Society. Carole made a short speech of acceptance and then handed the treasure to the Dean of the Cathedral, Rev. Sarah Rowland-Jones who placed it in a display case in the North Transept.

The Corpus lies in a glass-covered drawer in a case which came from the National Museum of Wales and it is available for viewing any time that the Cathedral is open. It is hoped that local inhabitants will go to see the little treasure as well as other visitors to the Cathedral. The quest to gather more information will continue so that the details in the drawer will continue to be updated.

John Rees and the farmer acted very responsibly in reporting the find and John would be delighted if other landowners in the area were to give him permission to detect on their land.



## Menevia WI - June Update

Menevia WI have been very active in the last few weeks. A few members enjoyed a coach trip, organised by the Pembrokeshire Federation of WI's, to The Royal Mint at Llantrisant. The group were given an educational talk and tour of the Royal Mint and given the opportunity to press their own coin. The afternoon was then spent at St Fagans, where the group were able to have lunch and a few hours wondering around the grounds. It was a very enjoyable day for all.

At the last craft group meeting, Cilla Williams came along to show members how to make their own fascinator, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and went home with a beautiful fascinator.

The gardening group have had two trips recently, firstly to visit Dyffryn Fernant, Llanychaer, and a trip to Dinas Open Gardens where they managed to visit nine gardens. It was a most enjoyable day finishing with a trip to the local Blacksmith Forge. The gardening group also maintain and waters the troughs on Cross Square which provides an array of colours throughout the summer months.

On 12th June Dr Tim Mitchell Chair of Trustees of the Pahar Trust gave a very interesting and informative talk on 'Building a School in Nepal'. He also spoke about the trust and how it has built over 200 schools in Nepal. Dr Mitchell also included slides showing the culture, history and beauty of Nepal. The raffle was won by Diane Wills.

Members are looking forward to the summer trip by coach to Aberglasney which takes place on 20 June.

The carnival committee are busy planning for the float at St Davids Carnival in August. An event not to be missed.

***We are a very active WI with something to suit everyone, if you would like to join us contact our President Eleri Davies on 07791903221 for more details. You can also find us on Facebook - Menevia WI***

Congratulations to Kara Dean on becoming the new manager of the Grove Hotel in St Davids! Kara, who has been a part of the FOH team for 2 years, is well-known for her warm and friendly welcome. The Grove is one of the newsletter distributors, so make sure to stop by to grab a newsletter and treat yourself to a lovely drink in sunny walled garden.

## PENKNIFE CLUB

Dawson Smith presenting cheque to Jenny Lynch-Wilson and team, for £500 from Penknife Club. The donation will go to the Hywel Dda Pulmonary Fibrosis Fund, for local use by the Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group."



## Solva to St Davids Walk

14th July 2024

### WALK ROUTE (APPROX. 6 MILES)

- 1 From Solva Harbour Car Park we will take the coastal path heading West for approximately 3 miles, staying on the path until we reach the car park at Caerfai Bay.
- 2 We will then head North by road until we reach the A487, where we will turn left onto High Street and walk towards St Davids Cathedral.
- 3 From the Cathedral, we will then head out of the city until we reach the finish line at St Davids Rugby Club, located at the junction for Whitesands Bay.

## THE BIG WALK 2024



**ST DAVIDS  
PENKNIFE  
CLUB**

## YSGOL PENRHYN DEWI VA

**SUMMER FETE - 16th July 4pm - 6pm**

Fundraising for Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA's roundhouse. Everyone welcome. Expect fun and games, pizza-making stalls, refreshments and some extra-special summer activities.

Calling all local businesses! We are looking for businesses/crafters who would be interested in hiring a stall for a fee of £10 with a donation towards a raffle.

# WHAT'S ON - JULY 2024

- 01/07 - St Davids City Council Meeting | City Hall | 7pm  
 02/07 - Solva Community Council Meeting | Club house | 6pm  
 04/07 - General Election | 7am - 10pm  
 04/07 - Pride of Place Coffee Morning | Ty'r Pererin | 10am  
 06/06 - Police Drop in | City Hall | 10:30-12pm  
 06/07 - Foral Workshop | Perennial Nursery | 10:30  
 11/07 - Solva Community Cinema | Memorial Hall | 7pm  
 Film: Wicked Little Letters (15)  
 14/07 - Prostrate Cymru Walk | Solva Harbour | 9am  
 14/07 - Acoustic Sounds - Rona Mac | Ty Curtis | 3:30pm  
 16/07 - Summer Fete | Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA | 4pm  
 17/07 - Open Mic | Farmers | 8pm  
 20/07 - HEFIN | Music Event | Car y Mor | 2pm  
 23/07 - Craft Fair | Oriel y Parc | 10.30am  
 24/07 - Children's Sea Trinket Workshop | Oriel y Parc | 11am - 3pm  
 26/07 - Solva Edge Festival | Solva  
 27/07 - Solva Edge Festival | Solva  
 27/07 - Treginnis Fete | Treginnis Farm | 1pm  
 28/07 - Solva Edgee Festival | Solva  
 31/06 - Macular Support Group | Rugby Club | 2pm - 4pm

## SAVE THE DATE

St Davids  
 Carnival  
 26 / 08 / 24

St Davids & Solva Summer Exhibition 2024 will be held at the City Hall, St Davids from Saturday 27th July through to Saturday 10th August, opening daily from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (from 1:00 pm on opening Day).

Please post your events to our Facebook Page - **What's On St Davids & Solva**

Or email us: [solvanews@outlook.com](mailto:solvanews@outlook.com)



# REGULAR EVENTS - JULY 2024

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## MONDAY

Parent & Baby Meet up | MamGu's | 9:30am - 11:30am  
St Davids & Solva Art Group | Solva Club House | 10am - 1pm

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MAWRTH**

## TUESDAY

Playgroup | Drop in Centre| St Davids City Hall | 10am - 12pm  
St Davids Library | City Hall | 10am - 2pm  
St Davids & Solva Peoples Shed | Solva Club House| 10am - 2pm

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MERCHER**

## WEDNESDAY

Luncheon Club | Solva Memorial Hall | 12:30pm  
Coffee & Chat | Drop in Centre/ St Davids City Hall | 10am- 12pm  
Playgroup | Solva Clubhouse | 10am - 11:30am  
Early Bird Social Gamers | Smorgasbord | 11am-3pm

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## THURSDAY

St Davids Library | City Hall | 10am - 2pm  
Coffee Morning | Solva Memorial Hall | 10:30am - 12pm  
St Davids Market | Cross Square | 9am - 4pm  
Brushstrokes | Solva Clubhouse | 1:30 - 4pm  
Open Mic | Harbour Inn | 8pm

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## FRIDAY

Friday Club | Solva Club House | 2pm-4pm  
Social Gaming Session | Smorgasbord | 6:30pm - 10:30pm

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## SATURDAY

My Journey Weight Loss Group | Ty Curtis Hall | 9am  
St Davids Library | City Hall | 10am - 12pm

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