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### NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of Solva Community Council (SCC) will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 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](https://solva.gov.wales/) <https://solva.gov.wales/>

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## St David's Waste Recycling Centre

The Committee meeting to discuss the closure will take place in November so please email the following people if you wish to retain the site and voice your concerns, if you wish to use the template we've created visit the solva community council website where you can copy and paste it, including the list of councillors.

***Emails and letters need to be in before the 8th November***

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"Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my concern and disappointment over the recent decision to close the St Davids Civic Amenity Site. As a resident of the area, I have long relied on this facility for responsible waste management and recycling, and I know many others in the community share my concern.

The closure of this facility will have a significant negative impact on local residents for several reasons:

### 1. Environmental Impact:

The recycling centre has played a crucial role in reducing waste sent to landfill and supporting our community's environmental goals. With its closure, there is a risk that more waste will be improperly disposed of, contributing to increased litter, fly-tipping, and pollution in our area.

### 2. Accessibility:

The St Davids site is the most accessible facility for many residents, especially those who lack transport or are elderly. With its closure, the nearest alternative may be inconvenient or inaccessible, leading to difficulties in disposing of waste properly.

### 3. Increased Costs for Residents:

The closure will result in increased costs for residents who now need to travel further to reach the nearest centre, both in terms of time and fuel. This will disproportionately affect low-income families who rely on local services.

I strongly urge the council to reconsider this decision or at least explore alternatives, such as introducing more local recycling points or providing increased waste collection services, to ensure that the closure does not negatively impact our community's ability to recycle and manage waste responsibly.

The closure of this vital service will affect not only the environmental health of our community but also the wellbeing of its residents. I hope the council can offer a solution that maintains our access to necessary waste disposal and recycling services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and any updates regarding this issue.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]"



**Solva Fireworks on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - bad weather alternative dates are Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> if we're really unlucky. Food vendors in attendance include Cariad Catering, Seidr Ci Ddu, Farm Cottage Bakery and Pembrokeshire Beach Ices. Live music from the Black Sails after the display, at the Harbour Inn. Hats and Barrels, The Ship, The Cambrian and Thirty Five will all be open too.



### **Remembrance Sunday - 10th November 2024**

Service of Remembrance at the Solva War Memorial

Starting at 11am, the service will commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women involved in the two world wars and later conflicts.

Members of the community are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Please be aware the main road will be closed for 20 minutes just before the service.



## COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

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One of the most discussed topics in our peninsular for some time is the threat to the St Davids Civic Amenity site. Residents may well be aware that its future will be discussed at the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on November 12th at 10am. But what is Scrutiny and what is its purpose ?

Pembrokeshire County Council has 5 scrutiny committees each with a different Chairman. I chair the Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee which , as the title, it suggests looks at the services provided by the Council. Then there is a Scrutiny Committee for Education , Social Care, Corporate which looks at the internal policies and actions of the Council and finally the Policy and Pre Decision Scrutiny Committee that looks at the policy of the Council

All committees are politically balanced from Council members who are not Cabinet members. The Cabinet is the group of 9 Senior councillors appointed by the Leader to make day to day decisions. The Scrutiny groups are there to review these decisions and if need be, to call a decision back to Scrutiny for further examination ie "a call in " There will be a proposal and subsequent vote during that call in meeting as to what the Cabinet are being asked to do. If the decision is to ask Cabinet to reconsider their decision and the vote is successful, then the Cabinet will need to meet to rediscuss the topic.

Scrutiny meetings also review an ongoing service or situation quite often on an annual or bi annual basis and this gives the group members the chance to question and understand that topic. Very often Scrutiny Committees make recommendations to Cabinet to assist them in their decision of a topic and this is the case in respect of St David's tip.

Members of the public are actively encouraged to write in to these committees and express their views on topics to be discussed .Agendas are published a week beforehand and also highlighted on the Council facebook pages. All Scrutiny meetings are live webcast and the public may watch them live or at a later date. They afford an excellent opportunity for the public to get involved in the Council decision making process.

Another recent matter is the end of the consultation period to review the 20mph zones. My view on this is that the 20mph applied in Solva is entirely appropriate.

Finally as the darker nights are upon us , can I ask residents to report via the PCC MyAccount any non working street lights as this is by far the most efficient way of getting these working again.

If any resident wishes to discuss this issue or indeed anything else Council related, please ring or message me on 07976 553912 or email *cllr.mark.carter@pembrokeshire.gov.uk*

**Cllr Mark Carter** - Pembrokeshire County Councillor for Solva Ward

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If you would like to include something in Solva & St David's News, and for advertising rates, please contact the editor Mic Rushen.

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November 4-5pm

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[fran34hb@gmail.com](mailto:fran34hb@gmail.com) if you can help in any way.

All in aid of Solva Memorial Hall, Solva Care and Solva Football club



Hello/Shwmae,

I hope you all had a lovely Summer break so may I take this opportunity to wish the staff and pupils of Ysgol Penrhyn very best wishes for the new school term ahead. It was lovely to have attended the school the morning Year 11 pupils received their exam results. Well done all of you.

During the month of August myself and County Cllrs Mark Carter and Neil Prior, along with parish and City Cllrs, attended a meeting in County Hall with officers' regarding the threatened closure of the Waste and Recycling Centre. Thanks to all your emails of concern and for sending them to officers at county hall the waste and recycling centre has now been put back two months and is now on the November meeting of Policy and Pre-Decision and not September as originally planned. I will not go into the costings etc as Cllr Mark Carter explained clearly and in detail in the last newsletter. As County Cllr St Davids I do not support the closure of this facility and I will continue to fight for it to remain open even if it means shorter hours. **WE NEED THIS FACILITY!!**

During August the PCC Housing held a community engagement event so it could liaise with the local community about the allocation process for the new Glasfryn properties. Whilst this newsletter is going to press the bidding for the first phase of this development has gone live. The second phase of this development will be completed sometime next year. This is exciting news for St Davids. For more information about these properties and your eligibility to bid please call the contact centre on 01437764551 or go to the choice homes website [www.choicehomespembrokeshire.org](http://www.choicehomespembrokeshire.org)

I had the honour again this year to be a judge in the Carnival along with the Mayor Cllr Bira Schmi, and Revd Canon Sheridan Jones. Congratulations to the carnival committee for another successful carnival and to all who helped and participated and made it such a success.

The Baby and Toddler group is now back up and running in the Drop Inn at the back of the City 10-12 every Tuesday morning, cost £1 and that includes refreshments. To find out more information please get in touch with me.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns via my Facebook page....Cllr Bethan Price. Email: [cllr.bethan.price@pembrokeshire.gov](mailto:cllr.bethan.price@pembrokeshire.gov), tel 07767398924

Kind wishes,

Bethan

## Notice of St Davids City Council Meetings:

Monthly Meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – 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.



## Connecting Our Community

*\*A Heartfelt Thank You for the Generous Donations Collected\**

We at Solva Care wish to express our sincere gratitude for the generous donations collected by:

*Window on Wales  
Bay View Stores  
The Harbour Inn  
Memorial Hall  
Solva Community Clubhouse  
Solva Woolen Mill  
Hats and Barrels*

The total amount raised was £292.43. Your kindness and support mean the world to us and the community. Donations such as these will positively impact the social support we deliver in our community and the surrounding area. This is truly invaluable, and we are grateful for your partnership. We are continuing to apply for more sustainable funding, but in the meantime we cannot underestimate the importance of community donations. Thank you again.

Solva Care 07805 717556 email [contact@solvacare.co.uk](mailto:contact@solvacare.co.uk)

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## Dewi's Acre / Erw Dewi Update Autumn 2024



We have had a busy and productive Autumn in the Community Garden, despite the current access issues. Our Volunteers continue to do an outstanding job keeping the site running well. The harvest we collected so far was distributed back into our local community with St.Davids Youth Group and Care in the Community receiving some of the bounty. We had courgettes, marrows, runner beans, mange tout, herbs, blackcurrants, Swiss chard, onions and tomatoes to feast upon. Well done to Care in the Community, St.Davids Youth Group and all the YPD students from Non Campus for planting some great crops for us. You gave us a great harvest of food with lots of squash and pumpkins still to be harvested! After every volunteer

session we leave the harvested produce on a table by the greenhouse in the garden for **you** to collect - yes anyone in our local community is welcome to pop over and help themselves to produce on the table in the Community Garden and give a small donation for the produce if you choose to. This money then goes half to Erw Dewi and half to a local food pod, helping support those in our locality who need it.

We also want to say a big congratulations to the teenagers in our community who grew such fabulous sunflowers, some over 10ft tall, at Dewi's Acre and four lucky winners got ice cream vouchers for their excellent efforts. We have had a variety of courses running through the Autumn, as requested by our volunteers. Our 'Building Healthy Soil Course' with the fantastic Neil from Patch of the Planet was excellent and as well as really practical and entertaining, we all learnt loads. The wonderful Bug Farm led a lovely course for families on a very wet and wild Friday after school with lots of local bugs and insects discovered in the garden and the pond. It was great to hear from the experts that the pond is full of so many species already which is impressive seeing as it is only a couple of years old! We were also informed that our soil is incredibly healthy and this of course has helped us get good yields on our crops. We have more courses to come with a Willow Weaving Course in October, a Fruit Tree Pruning Course and hopefully some more garden inspired art courses in the new year. So do check out the Erw Dewi Facebook and Instagram pages for those



Finally as well as being awarded the Green Flag Award this year we have also gained an 'Outstanding' level from RHS Wales in Bloom. Well done to everyone who helps in the garden for this achievement! If you do want to get involved in this amazing project please do pop along to one of our volunteer days. See page 10 for the dates of all the Volunteer Sessions until the end of 2024.

**Live Music at Cuffern Manor, Roch 01437710071 [www.cuffernmanor.co.uk](http://www.cuffernmanor.co.uk)**

Nov 7th Ryan Young Duo with support from Dylan Fowler and Gillian Stevens (Tickets £15) 7.30  
Dec 12th Community Carols and Seasonal Songs with Fishguard Singers. Collection 7.30



# 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

Visit anytime to relax & enjoy the space or pop along to a volunteering session

- Saturday 21st Sept 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday 25th Sept 10am - 12pm
- Saturday 5th Oct 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday 9th Oct 10am - 12pm
- Saturday 19th Oct 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday 23rd Oct 10am - 12pm
- Saturday 2nd Nov 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday 13th Nov 10am - 12pm
- Saturday 16th Nov 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday 27th Nov 10am - 12pm
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# TABLE TOP SALE

## Saturday November 23rd In aid of St Davids Day Centre



**10.00 am - 4.00 pm**  
**City Hall St Davids**



**10.00 per table**

**Please book your table as space is limited.**

**To book a table Please Contact**

**Kay on 07791352349**

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**Bethan on 07767398924**



**Refreshments & Raffle are available**

**All proceeds in aid of St Davids & District Day Centre  
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# Christmas Lights Competition



Independent judging of houses and businesses in St Davids that have been decorated festively will take place on

**Friday 20th December 2024**

Winners will be personally notified by the Mayor of St Davids and the results will be made available thereafter.

# Bingo Night

Join St Davids

**Lifeboat Fundraisers**

For a fun evening of bingo with great prizes

**Wednesday 4th December**

**Eyes Down at 6.30pm**



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Raffle, refreshments, mulled wine

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**Building works** – Over the next few weeks and certainly during November you may see Contractors carrying out maintenance work inside and outside of the Surgery. We will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum, please bear with us whilst we carry out this necessary work.

**NEW! NHS APP** – We are changing from using My Health On-line to the NHS Wales APP. Patients can access services such as ordering repeat prescriptions and booking some appointments, by logging into: <https://app.nhs.wales/>

To access the NHS Wales APP services, you must:

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

**Please note that the answerphone prescription line will no longer be in use from the 31<sup>st</sup> October. This decision has not been taken lightly but due to inaudible messages and requests not being clear, we have decided to withdraw it.**

**Repeat Prescription requests** – Please contact the Surgery to order your prescription 7-10 days before your medication is required. Order your prescription online via the NHS APP or post your repeat slip directly to the surgery. You can also nominate your preferred pharmacy and ask the surgery to send your prescription to one of the Pharmacies that has a collection service from Solva.

**Flu Vaccination** – Our flu clinics are open! Please ring the surgery to book an appointment. Eligibility for the 2024 to 2025 this autumn and winter, as part of our winter respiratory vaccination programme include:

- children aged two and three years on 31 August 2024
- people aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group
- people aged 65 years and older (age on 31 March 2025)
- 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.

**Children's flu (nasal) vaccination** – If you have yet to book your child in, please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

**COVID Booster Vaccination campaign** – We continue to vaccinate eligible patients This vaccination can be given the same time as your flu vaccination. Eligibility for 2024 to 2025 this autumn and winter includes:-

- \*People aged 6 months to 64 years with a long-term health condition (which includes pregnant women and people with a weakened immune system)
- Residents in a care home for older adults
- People aged 65 years and older (age on 31 March 2025)
- Unpaid carers
- Frontline health and social care workers
- Staff working in care homes for older adults

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



Also, one of our members of staff, Mrs Helen Phillips, was recently awarded a Long Service Award, she has worked at Solva Surgery for almost 30 years. We have appreciated all her hard work and the dedication she has shown to all our patients. She is a great colleague to work with. She was recently presented with her award by Miss Jill Paterson, the Director of Primary Care, Community and Long Term Care at Hywel Dda University Health Board.



## *Cocktails for Two*



**FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!**

### **SOLVA'S VERY OWN CABARET CLUB**

Solva Memorial Hall. Saturday 14th December. 7.30pm

Tickets available from 1st October from 01437 721374/ 07970 614233

£10, £6 concessions (children, students and disabled)

Music by Tony Jacobs and Jazz Pianist , Martin Litton. A selection of cocktails will be available - alcoholic and non alcoholic. We'll look forward to seeing you! Music and more! Our thanks to the 'Night Out' scheme The Arts Council of Wales.

## Menevia WI



The gardening group recently enjoyed a very pleasant visit to The Grove, Narberth, where the garden was open under the National Gardens Scheme. After visiting the gardens, the group had a delicious cream-tea in The Grove. The group have also been busy attending to the tubs on Cross Square and organising the planting of bulbs for spring.

A group of ladies organised and prepared a delicious two course meal for the Senior Luncheon Club which is held in the Memorial Hall every month. Menevia WI organise the lunches twice a year.

At our October meeting we welcomed Caroline Davies who gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on 'Sign Language'. Many members found this extremely helpful. The raffle was won by Angela Atherton

The craft group are busy making items for the Christmas Tree competition which is held at the end of November. They are also preparing Christmas crafts to sell on a stall at the Pembrokeshire Federation Women's Institute AGM in November.

Our next meeting in November will be the Annual Meeting, therefore there will not be a speaker. New members are always welcome, for more information contact our President Eleri Davies on 07791903221 or email [meneviawi@gmail.com](mailto:meneviawi@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook – Menevia WI.



## Sparkling Solva

Advent Windows! If you would like to decorate and light up a window during December, please let us know what date you would like (1<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Dec). Either by emailing Lena on [lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk](mailto:lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk) or Carol-Ann on [carol-ann-jones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carol-ann-jones@hotmail.co.uk). You can also call Lena on 07805 717556. All you need to do is to pick a date, check that it's available, and then light up your window from that day until the 25<sup>th</sup> of December.

## MacMillan Cancer Support

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this 2024 fundraising event in the Solva Memorial Hall

- To those who gave raffle prizes or bought raffle tickets
- To those who made cakes or bought cakes
- To those who gave donations
- To those who supported Siop Solfach
- To those who came and shared a splendid morning (in spite of the weather)

We raised an amazing...**£510.00**...! This is the most we have achieved since we (sort of) took over from Julie at the Old Post Office all those years ago.

## MAYOR'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2024

I was honoured when the City Councillors selected me as the Mayor with my wife Sylvia as the Mayoress in May 2024 and I would like to thank them. I invited Councillor David Griffiths as my Deputy Mayor, and I was very pleased that he accepted.

I would also like to thank Councillor Emma Evans the outgoing Mayor for all valuable work she did.

A lot has happened in St Davids this year.

I presented a bouquet of flowers to several couples on their Golden Wedding Anniversaries.

We lost our last remaining Lloyds Bank. The nearest branch is now in Haverfordwest.

At the end of October our GP Surgery is transferring to Solva Surgery for most patients, Some will be transferred to Fishguard or Haverfordwest, whichever is their preference. The nurse lead location in St Davids has still to be resolved by the Health Board. I would like to thank all those residents who organised, petitioned, and campaigned in support of the 'save the surgery' meetings.

There is also the possibility of the loss of the St Davids Waste and Recycling Centre. PCC Policy Meeting has been pushed back to 12 November. After OSC meeting, it will go to Cabinet for a final decision hopefully in December.

In July Councillor Shan Williams passed away after 25 years serving the City Council and the community. It has been a great loss and she is missed for her valuable work.

I would like to thank the Community Brass Band for leading the Summer Carnival, and congratulate Eco Dewi on their recent award.

I would like to welcome three new Councillors - Malcolm Gray (welcome back), Sarah Foster and Samantha Minas who were appointed and joined the City Council at the 7 October monthly council meeting.



Finally, the forthcoming Remembrance Day, the Christmas celebrations and other notable events are included in the Events page. Hope to see you there

Love and light to all,

***Bira Sehmi***

## Solva WI

Following the August break the meeting in September tends to be busy reporting participation in village events etc. The Scarecrow Trail is always a fun event, the title this year was Sportsman/woman. Our entry, Tanni Grey-Thomson was well-received but sadly, was not a winner.

There has been concern regarding the possible closure of the public toilets in Lower Solva – a situation that we will keep an eye on.

Members were reminded of the forthcoming DARC consultation meeting.

The programme of speakers for 2025 is being prepared & new ideas will be gratefully received. The Annual Meeting is held in November. Members were invited to join the 2025 Committee.

We have agreed to decorate the WI House windows in Haverfordwest in a Valentine/St Dwynen theme.

Our Christmas Meal will be on 17<sup>th</sup> December at the 'Hats & Barrels'.

Various items in the PFWI Newsletter were highlighted. Reminders included the Book Group & the Walking Group.

Following the Business meeting we were joined by guests from the retired BA walking group who very much enjoyed an excellent light-hearted illustrated talk with memorabilia, from Janet Higgs and her daughter, on life as a BA Concorde cabin crew member.

**Solva WI meets in Solva Memorial Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please contact Jane Pascoe 01437 721544 if you would like more information.**



Solva Care organised an outing to **Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre** at the end of September. It was an enjoyable and interesting day out. Some of us learnt that they built the iconic spaceship for the Star Wars film 'The Empire strikes back'. Apparently this was the worst kept

secret in Pembroke Dock at the time! We usually arrange a few outings each year. If anyone would be interested in coming along, please contact Lena Dixon on 07805 717556 or [lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk](mailto:lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk)



To celebrate the **International Day of Older People** on 1st October, and what older people contribute to our communities, Solva Care held an

Afternoon Cream Tea, Cake & Line Dancing party at Solva Memorial Hall. About 40 people turned up and a good time was had by all. **Solva Care is looking for volunteers!**

We are looking for volunteers, especially for dog walking, so if you like dogs and can spare an hour now and then to help someone by walking their dog, please contact Lena Dixon on 07805 717556 or [lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk](mailto:lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk) We are obviously always happy to welcome new volunteers who would like to do other things - such as pick up prescriptions, help at events, provide transport or company.



## MERCHED Y WAWR BRO DDEWI



Mae'r Gangen wedi bod yn brysur yn ystod Mis Medi:

1. Dwy aelod wedi mwynhau'r penwythnos preswyl ym Mrifysgol Llanbed.
  2. Dwy aelod wedi mynychu cyfarfod celf a chrefft ym Maenclochog i drafod creu murlun i Caffi Beca.
  3. Cyfarfod cynta'r flwyddyn yn Festri Seion i dalu aelodaeth, trefnu raglen a thrafod materion yr agenda.
  4. Dwy aelod wedi cynrychioli'r Gangen yng nghyfarfod rhanbarth Penfro yn Llwyngwair.
  5. Chwech aelod wedi cael profiad arbennig yn gwrando ar Sera Crocroft yn portreadu hanes yr awdures dawnus Kate Roberts.
- Mae croeso cynnes i unrhyw ferch i ddod atom am ddisgled a sgwrs. Dewch tro nesa sef 20fed Tachwedd yn Festri Seion am un o'r gloch. Peidiwch byth a meddwl 'sdim ing Ngwmrag i ddigon da'. Dewch plis

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## Solva Community Cinema

You can become a member on the night. It's £5/person for 12 months and it gives you 20% off the ticket price and the use of a cushion!

### Upcoming films

7 Nov The Miracle Club (12A)

5 Dec The Holdovers (15)

Doors open at 7 pm. Refreshments are available or BYOB. 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](mailto:solvacinema@gmail.com)

No screening in January, but we'll be back in February!

## Remembrance Sunday Parade 10th November 2024

The St David's Remembrance Sunday Parade and Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 10th November 2024.

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.



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25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

St Davids City Council

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## COMMUNITY AWARD 2024

The Council asks for your nominations for any member of the community whose work or service you feel is due for recognition.

Forms available from the Clerk via e-mail [clerk@stdavids.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stdavids.gov.uk) or from the City Council Office and need to be returned to the Clerk by 3.00pm on

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

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CITY COUNCIL  
*Cywir i'n Daw a'n Gwlad*

### SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at  
11.45am in the City Hall.

Residents wishing to book a lunch  
**MUST** obtain a ticket from **Siop y Bobl**.  
*Only senior citizens (over 65s) resident  
in St Davids may apply.*

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Monday 9 - 4pm  
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Sunday 9 - 4pm

### Festive Wreath Making Workshops at the Print House Cafe:

22nd Nov, 29th Nov, 6th Dec, 13th Dec. 6pm  
for mulled wine, mince pies and seasonal  
sweet and savoury treats. Guided Workshop  
starts at 7pm for 2.5 hours with florist Rob  
Palmer. Booking is required as spaces are  
limited per workshop.

# THE OLD SCOUT HUT ST DAVIDS

## WHATS ON WEEKLY

**MONDAY** Life Drawing 7-9pm

**TUESDAY** People's Shed & Knit&Natter 10am-12  
Pilates 5.30-6.30 + 6.30-7.30

**WEDNESDAY** -

**THURSDAY** Pilates 5.30-6.30 + 6.30-7.30

**FRIDAY** Stitchy Witches 10am-12

**SATURDAY** -

**SUNDAY** Y Groesfan Church 4.30-5.30

## BOOKINGS

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

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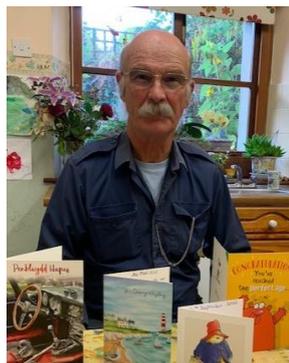
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## New Councillors at St Davids City Council

Welcome to our new City Councillors; we are delighted to announce the appointment of three new members to St Davids City Council. Please join us in welcoming:

Councillor Sarah Foster  
Councillor Malcolm Gray  
Councillor Samantha Minas

These dedicated individuals bring a wealth of experience and a shared commitment to serving our community.



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We hope that you would like to join us. Please get in touch with Amber Manning, 07483 377414, email [amberm@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk](mailto:amberm@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk), or Ellie Sherwin mobile 07788583630



### 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.

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Mrs Katie Bolger on 07821656233 or e-mail [hallmanager@stdavids.gov.uk](mailto:hallmanager@stdavids.gov.uk)

### CLWB SOLFACH/SOLVA LUNCHEON CLUB



Lunch Club continues every Wednesday at the Memorial Hall in Solva until December 18th. Following the Christmas Break we will then restart in January.

*Please contact Jane Pascoe on 01437 721544 if you think you would like to join.*



Coffee & Chat

### St Davids City Council

Wednesdays 10.00am – 12noon at the Drop In Centre, City Hall, St Davids

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and our amazing volunteers. In particular, it has been great to see many holiday makers shopping from us and hear them saying how they want to shop locally and support the community they love visiting.

As the autumn and winter months draw in, please do remember that we are open all year round and we very much encourage more local support now that it is getting quieter. The Saturday morning collections have a fantastic community atmosphere with loads of people catching up with each other as they collect their produce.

We are so lucky to have such a brilliant range of local produce available right on our doorstep and have managed to add even more great new producers over the last few months. The Peninsula Food Market was set up to ensure that producers get great financial margins from the sales, so more people buying locally from us means greater support for these amazing producers!

October is still the peak season for vegetables - look out for colourful squashes, parsnips and leeks as well as salad mixes. Between our meat producers you can get delicious lamb, pork, beef, chicken and occasionally goat. The seafood selection offers lobster, oyster, crab as well as great pâté and arancini. Plus we've got a great range of everyday items such as wonderful breads, milk, eggs and cheese. This summer, after many requests, we started selling Suma products, so you can now get more ethically sourced pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, nuts, pulses, dried fruit, coffee, tea and much more. Cooking can be time consuming, so if you are ever in need of a quick and easy but super tasty meal, you can even buy some lovely home cooked ready meals, and for an extra treat you will also find a nice selection of cakes, brownies, preserves and gorgeous local beers.

**HOW TO Order?**

1 GO TO [ECODEWI.ORG.UK/FOODMARKET](https://ecodewi.org.uk/foodmarket/) AND CLICK THE 'SHOP NOW' BUTTON

2 SELECT YOUR PRODUCTS AND PLACE YOUR ORDER BEFORE **THURSDAY 12PM**

3 COLLECT YOUR PRODUCTS ON **SATURDAY 10-11.30** AT ST DAVIDS RUGBY CLUB

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Thanks in advance from us and our wonderful local food producers. We really appreciate your support!

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> November

Please contact the Clerk on 01437 721 137 or [clerk@stdavids.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stdavids.gov.uk) for more information

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## FRIENDS OF SOLVA CARE

We have launched a new scheme for people to regularly support our charity if they would like to. You can become a Friend of Solva Care by donating monthly or annually via a standing order from your bank account. Any amount would be much appreciated to help ensure Solva Care can continue to be here for all the people we support.

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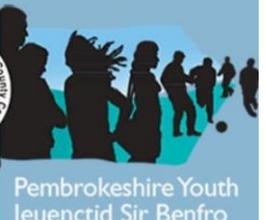
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## ♪ St Davids Community Choir ♪

Winter 2024 rehearsals: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - St Davids Cathedral Christmas Fayre. 30 minute slot during the day, time tbc.

The choir meets at Ty'r Pererin, St Davids on Wednesdays 7.30 to 9.00. Cost: £2.00 per session inc tea/coffee.



## St Davids Library

### Opening Times

Tuesdays and Thursdays from  
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## Siop Y Bobol

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<b>FRIDAY CLUB PROGRAMME – NOV/DEC 2024</b>	
<u><b>Nov</b></u>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mindful Movement with Judy</b> <b>Talks by Pat &amp; Moira (Hong Kong and Kilimanjaro)</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mindful Movement with Judy</b> <b>Fishy Tales with Maria &amp; Ian</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mindful Movement with Judy</b> <b>Felting with Mic</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Ukulele Pirates (full session)</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Nadia Advent Windows (full session)</b>
<u><b>Dec</b></u>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mindful Movement with Judy</b> <b>Craft with Debbie</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ukulele Pirates (full session)</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mindful Movement with Judy</b> <b>St Davids Handbells</b>
	<i>Christmas/New Year holidays. Start again 10 Jan 2025</i>
	<b>Friday Club meets in Solva Clubhouse, 2 - 4pm</b>

## Plans for Peninsula GP Surgery move forward



Hywel Dda University Health Board is continuing the work to prepare for the transfer of patients from St David's Surgery in Pembrokeshire to nearby surgeries ahead of the end of October when the current contract will come to an end.

The Health Board agreed that the care of patients at St David's Surgery in Pembrokeshire would be transferred to local practices as close as possible to where they live, in a meeting of the Board at the end of July.

The Health Board also committed to work on establishing a Branch Surgery in St David's providing services for part of the week for those patients transferring to nearby Solva Surgery.

Jill Paterson, Director of Primary Care, Community and Long-Term Care, at Hywel Dda announced at a Board Meeting today (Thursday, 26 September) that the Health Board is in discussions with Shalom House in St David's about the establishment of a Branch Surgery

"The location on Nun Street is convenient for patients and is a well-established organisation which is well-supported by the local community and we are delighted to be working with the Shalom Trustees to take forward this development," said Ms Paterson.

"We are in the process of planning services to be delivered by a multi-disciplinary team and are planning community services there and some cluster-based services too."

The decision to transfer patients from St David's Surgery was made following an extensive period of engagement with patients at the practice and Llais, the patient's voice organisation for Wales. This followed the decision by the one GP who runs the surgery to resign his General Medical Services Contract.

From 1 November 2024 the Solva GP Surgery will be known as the Peninsula Practice/ Meddygfa Penrhyn to reflect the broader reach of the Practice. The name was proposed by the Peninsula Working Group, which includes representatives from St David's City Council and Solva and Llanrhian community councils.

The employed staff at St David's Surgery will transfer to Peninsula Practice to join the growing team there, including administration and nursing staff and the salaried GP.

All patients at St David's Surgery will have been sent a letter informing them which Practice they will be transferred to, and everyone will be contacted soon with a welcome letter with further information. Ms Paterson said: "The planning for the transition is well under way. Patients don't need to do anything – we will be transferring all records and registrations.

"Meanwhile, work to adapt the surgery building in Solva to accommodate the additional staff and patients will be taking place in the coming weeks. This involves internal alterations to the surgery building which will be taking place over the coming weeks to convert underused rooms into consulting and treatment rooms, and to move some office space to the first floor."

Ms Paterson said that she was aware that some of the St David's Surgery patients were concerned about travelling to Solva for appointments. "In terms of travel, we recognise that this is a challenge. Some individuals are going to have to travel three miles to the Solva Surgery, but we hope that that need will not be significant because we are working to provide as many services in the local community that we can.

"We have also been working with PACTO – the Pembrokeshire Association of Community Transport Organisations. They have helped us develop a leaflet and they are looking for volunteer drivers to assist with this process, so that they can respond to need where buses are not available for individuals. We have also had a commitment from the surgery that, as far as possible, when people do need to go to the surgery, they will try to co-ordinate appointment times with bus times."

For those who need to travel to the Peninsula Surgery in Solva, there will be information regarding public transport options for patients on the surgery website.

Patients who require help or further information should contact the Health Board by telephoning us at 0300 303 8322 (option 5), or email [ask.hdd@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:ask.hdd@wales.nhs.uk).

Here's some phone numbers and websites for Community Transport for St David's Residents which might be helpful if they can't get to appointments once the surgery moves to Solva:

- Country Cars 07585 997091 Please note that they need a few days notice. [https://www.pacto.org.uk/country\\_cars.php](https://www.pacto.org.uk/country_cars.php)
- Fflecsi Bus 0300 2340300 You can book via their app or call them. <https://tfw.wales/fflecsi/locations/pembrokeshire>
- Hospital Transport 0300 1232303 Only for those with severe mobility issues <https://hduhb.nhs.wales/patient-information/patient-transport/>

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> &  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
10.00am - 5.00pm  
& Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
10.00am - 2.30pm

Christmas tree winners & Christmas wreath winner will be announced at the lighting ceremony, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 5.15pm at the Cross Square, St Davids

# Dance Through the Decades



**Solva Memorial Hall**

**Saturday 23rd November**

**DJ Toby Ellis  
7.30 - 11.30pm**

Raffle, quizzes, cash bar, pizza.  
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We would love to see the hall full of Christmas trees again this year; if anyone would like to enter the competition please contact Cllr Bethan Price 07767398924 or Cllr Emma Evans 07980053332

## 31<sup>st</sup> December New Year's Eve Celebration St Davids City Hall

Step into 2025 with Unearthed Festival's first NYE celebration! Dance the night away with the infectious rhythms of Los Pulpos, groove to the soulful sounds of Honey Fungus, and let DJ Uncle Funk keep the party alive until the early hours!

It's time to gather, celebrate the close of 2024, and the beginning of a powerful year ahead. Let's make this New Year's Eve one to remember!

Tickets are £27 available online at  
[unearthedfestival.co.uk](http://unearthedfestival.co.uk)

### Lit in Place is coming to St Davids!

A new creative project  
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- respond to the climate crisis
- celebrate the local landscape, and
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Just show up!  
Light refreshments provided



### Solva Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the  
Memorial Hall



## Peninsula People – Daniel Flynn

My wife, Serena, and I moved to Pembrokeshire in 2012 and have lived in the lovely little hamlet of Caerfarchell , just up the hill from Middle Mill and Solva ,for the last ten years. We love it here. Hardly a day goes by when I don't say to myself, "I am SO lucky to live in this beautiful place! How on earth did that happen?"



My connection with Pembrokeshire goes back to the late sixties when my parents started coming here on holiday. They loved it so much that they first of all bought a plot of land in Mathry, intending to build a house there, and then changed plans and did up an old ruined cottage just outside Croesgoch. Garn y mul became our beloved holiday home and it stayed in our family until 2022. We spent many idyllic holidays there. I, my sister, Kerry, and brother, Jerome, adored it and spent many long hours playing on the beaches and exploring the countryside and, when the weather was (occasionally) not kind, snuggled up indoors playing games. As a family, we were pretty obsessed with the natural world and Pembrokeshire is so full of riches in that respect with its wonderful variety of flora and fauna . We all shared a sense of freedom when we were down here that we could never really find anywhere else.

Much as we revelled in the glory of the countryside, I think the thing that really made us feel like we belonged down here was the friendliness of the locals, many of whom became good family friends. My dad would make himself available for the Llanrhian cricket team, and we also played for the juniors. I think the first pint of beer I ever had was when I was drafted in to play as a last minute sub in a cup game for the senior side against (I think) Pembroke dock. I took a spectacular one-handed catch falling backwards and was feted in the pub afterwards and presented with a frothing pint! I have, I am afraid, never lost the taste for it (but gave up playing cricket years ago). We also played for Ide Hill, our village side in Kent, and we initiated a tour for a few years between the two sides. Each September, Ide Hill would visit Llanrhian, or Llanrhian would come to Ide Hill for a weekend which was less about cricket than it was about carousing and cementing friendships, albeit at the cost of some very sore heads at the end of it. The hub of the social scene here was, of course, The Sloop in Porthgain. The nights down there were legendary with Ruth playing the keyboard, raucous and joyous singsongs and impromptu (but regular) lock-ins until the small hours. It was our favourite place in the world. As I grew older, became an actor, had a family and moved up to London, Pembrokeshire still called to me and we continued having our family holidays down

here. Our children fell in love with it in the same way that we had when we were kids. When they eventually left school and went to university, we asked ourselves, “are we going to live in London for the rest of our lives or live somewhere that actually makes our heart sing?” We chose the latter option, and I can honestly say that I have never regretted it for a minute. Living in London was all about what job we might be doing next. We lived there to work. Living here, I have to travel to London to do bits of work (mainly in the voicework field), but the emphasis is on just making enough to facilitate our life here. I don’t really want to go away for long and tend to turn down work now that would take me away for an extended period. Now I work to live here. It is a simpler, but richer life. I swim in Solva harbour with lovely people and walk my dog and still occasionally visit the Sloop, although it is more likely going to be for one of Morgan’s quizzes than for a rumbustious late-nighter.

My daughter has already moved nearby with her partner, my brother lives just down the road, and my son is threatening to move down nearby in the next few months.

I can’t see myself ever wanting to live anywhere else. I really feel very lucky. In an ideal world, I would speak fluent Welsh. I have always loved hearing it spoken, and I am aware that by moving down here I am doing nothing to enhance that particular piece of the area’s rich culture. I think it might be a bit late for me to learn, but I am confident that, if I am presented with any grandchildren at any point, they would grow up as proper little Welsh speakers. Who knows? They might end up being my best teachers!



**Micky Beckett** from Solva participated in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games for Team GB in the men's dinghy class. Having returned from the games, Beckett made the fantastic gesture of raffling the ILCA 7 dinghy he used in the Olympics. Beckett received a fantastic response and raised a total of £18,053 for the Andrew Simpson Foundation. Set up in memory of British Olympian Andrew ‘Bart’

Simpson, the charity provides opportunities for young people to experience sailing from several centres in the UK



Christmas ‘Pot-luck’ craft sessions, Nine Wells Solva. Join us on Mondays from 21<sup>st</sup> October (morning, afternoon or evening) for Christmas craft sessions. Sessions will include pottery, printing, marbling, willow weaving and more. £10 per person per session, contact Delfryn Creative for more information or to book a space. Email: [info@delfryncreative.co.uk](mailto:info@delfryncreative.co.uk)

# WANTED – BELLRINGERS NEW & RETURNING!

St Davids Cathedral Bellringers are recruiting, so come and meet us on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the St Davids City Council Open Day in St Davids City Hall or on November 30<sup>th</sup> in St Davids Cathedral at the Christmas Fayre. All you need is an ability to count up to ten! If you would like to find out more please contact Peter Hayward, tower captain [peterjaneh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peterjaneh@hotmail.co.uk) 07986 539903 or Sarah Green [lsg.caerfarchell@gmail.com](mailto:lsg.caerfarchell@gmail.com)



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OCTOBER 2024

NATIONAL PARK  
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ST DAVIDS

## AMGUEDDFA CYMRU GALLERY



### Courage and Community – RNLI 200 Cymru Cymru

29 June 2024 – 1 June 2025

In 2024 we celebrate 200 years of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the charity dedicated to saving lives at sea. There are six lifeboat stations and 13 RNLI lifeguarded beaches along Pembrokeshire's beautiful but hazardous coastline. Be inspired by the stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things, with games and activities for the whole family. One of two exhibitions in Wales to celebrate this special year, the collaboration between Amgueddfa Cymru, the RNLI and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority also sees displays at the National Waterfront Museum, Swansea.

### St Davids Room



### Shadow Self: Fragility and Hope

by Heather Bennett and Philip Clarke

Friday 20 September – Sunday 3 November

In this the third chapter of Shadow Self, local photographers Philip Clarke and Heather Bennett explore and interpret today's world. Both photographers are keenly interested in images, words, and the emotional underpinning of humanity.

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### Tower

#### The Utopian Impulse by Ben Lloyd

Sat 14 September – Sunday 20 October

The project The Utopian Impulse believes that utopia is here and now, that utopia is a state of mind and achievable through creative acts, which remove the artist from the linear perspective of time. Collaborating artists Dorry Spikes, Danny May, and Ben Lloyd have created artwork for this exhibition on land in the St Davids valley, working with an updated version of en plein air to capture the psychological, psychic, and physiological experiences of reconnecting with a natural landscape. To help facilitate this, Lloyd constructed Experimental Stations to enable artists to engage with nature and their own imaginations.

**Artist talk & finissage - The Utopian Impulse**  
Saturday 19th October, 3pm - 5pm

Come and meet collaborating artists Dorry Spikes, Danny May, and Ben Lloyd, discuss ideas raised by the exhibition, and celebrate the finissage with refreshments.



#### The Murmuration of Words

by Bean Sawyer

Friday 25 October – Wednesday 18 December

The Murmuration of Words is a postal poetry project started by artist and writer, Bean Sawyer in January 2023. The collaborative poems are written by many voices travelling many miles. The exhibition will feature a selection of poems, along with cyanotype poetry maps sewn with each individual flight path, and cyanotype prints featuring words from the poem. Bean has also made a series of poetry videos to accompany the exhibition and there will be an opportunity for visitors to contribute towards a special exhibition murmuration poem.

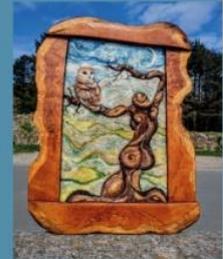
**There are four poetry workshops available to attend:**  
**Wordy Bird, found poetry/collage** with Bean Sawyer and Emily Laurens October 28th  
**Poetry Walk and Workshop** with Jonathan Davidson November 16th 10 - 3pm  
**Poetry in Conversation**, online with Jo Bell, November 22nd 7-9pm  
**Writing Sketch Portraits** with Jane Campbell, November 30th 11-2pm  
You can book here: [www.artisanrising.co.uk](http://www.artisanrising.co.uk)

### Discovery Room Windows

#### Rustic Revolution

Wednesday 2 October – Saturday 16 November

Rustic Revolution, is a combination of work by married couple Jeni & Dom. The couple have been creating distinctive pieces of rustic furniture, sculptures and felt artwork since 2003, using local organic wool and wood. The natural forms of the local organic wood and wool they use determines the result – a happy occurrence for them as they don't do straight lines. Being self-taught they enjoy learning through discovery in a serendipitous way and of course are influenced by the stunning, magical environment of Pembrokeshire.



### Events



#### Ghost Ship Trail

Saturday 19 October – Sunday 3 November

£4 per child, includes a special prize. Can you unlock all the boxes onboard the ghost ship and return all the sailor's possessions?



#### Halloween Lanterns

Wednesday 30 October, 11am-3pm

£4 per child, drop-in. Join us for some ghostly fun and light up your spookily decorated lantern.

# REGULAR EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2024

## 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

## DYDD MAWRTH – TUESDAY

Parent & Toddler Group in the Drop-In Centre, back of St David's City Hall 10am – 12pm (term time). Phone Bethan Price 07767398924

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

St David's & Solva People's Shed in Solva Clubhouse 10am – 2pm

## 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 Smorgasbord, 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](mailto:solvanews@outlook.com)



# What's On – November 2024

- 🏠 1<sup>st</sup> – Solva Fireworks in the Lower Car Park, approx. 5.30pm (will postpone to 2<sup>nd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> if the weather's bad). Black Sails band in the Harbour Inn
- 🏠 1<sup>st</sup> - Joinery for women of all ages, at St Davids Scout Hut, 7-9pm
- 🏠 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friends of Treginnis Harvest Fayre, at Treginnis, 12-4pm
- 🏠 3<sup>rd</sup> – Open Jamz at St Davids Rugby Club 3-6pm
- 🏠 9<sup>th</sup> – Green Jam in the Harbour Inn, Solva
- 🏠 10<sup>th</sup> – Solva Remembrance Service at the war memorial, 11am
- 🏠 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Parade in St Davids
- 🏠 16<sup>th</sup> – Hideaway Trio in the Harbour Inn, Solva
- 🏠 20<sup>fed</sup> - Tachwedd Cyfarfod Merched y Wawr am 1yp yn Festri Salon. Tyddewi gyda's siaradwraig Canon Angharad James
- 🏠 22<sup>nd</sup> - Festive Wreath Making at the Print House Café. 6pm for 7pm
- 🏠 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dance Through the Decades in Solva Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 🏠 23<sup>rd</sup> – Quality Goods & Clothes Sales in the Solva Football Club 2-5pm
- 🏠 23<sup>rd</sup> – Table Top Sale in St Davids City Hall 10-4pm
- 🏠 29<sup>th</sup> - Festive Wreath Making at the Print House Café. 6pm for 7pm
- 🏠 30<sup>th</sup> – St Davids Cathedral Christmas Fayre
- 🏠 30<sup>th</sup> – Friends in Harmony Choir at Mathry Church
- 🏠 4<sup>th</sup> DEC – RNLI Bingo in St Davids City Hall 6.30pm
- 🏠 6<sup>th</sup> DEC - Festive Wreath Making at the Print House Café. 6pm for 7pm
- 🏠 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Solva Senior Citizens Lunch in the Memorial Hall
- 🏠 11<sup>th</sup> DEC – Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch in St Davids City Hall
- 🏠 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – St Davids Christmas Market in the Cross Squaare 9-4pm
- 🏠 13<sup>th</sup> DEC - Festive Wreath Making at the Print House Café. 6pm for 7pm
- 🏠 14<sup>th</sup> DEC – Cocktails for Two in Solva Memorial Hall
- 🏠 31<sup>st</sup> DEC – New Year's Eve Celebration at St Davids City Hall
- 🏠 25<sup>th</sup> JAN – Burns Night Ceilidh in Solva Memorial Hall

**Beth sydd ymlaen ym mis Tachwedd**