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### NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of Solva Community Council (SCC) will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** 2024 commencing at 6p.m. in Solva Community Clubhouse. This is a multi-location meeting allowing community councillors and members of the public to attend virtually or in person.

Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and are encouraged to notify the Clerk in advance which business items on the agenda they wish to contribute views on. Agenda and minutes will be available from the Clerk and at [Solva Community Council](https://solva.gov.wales/) <https://solva.gov.wales/>

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## COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

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Recently I joined other County and Community Councillors from the St Davids Peninsula at a meeting in County Hall to discuss the future of St Davids Waste and Recycling centre "The Tip". Residents will recall that PCC wanted to shut down this facility in the 2024-5 budget but there was a delay of a year and now the topic is to be reviewed again.

PCC have a major financial shortfall predicted over the next 4 years of approx. £84M and they are looking for every possible opportunity to make savings. Their argument is that the St Davids WRC is underused and can be replaced by residents using the Manorowen or Winsle, Tiers Cross facility with acceptable travelling distance and that closing the facility will save £70k per year. PCC also argue that Pembrokeshire has 6 WRC facilities whereas our larger neighbour with more residents in Carmarthen has 4 facilities. It is also stated that the St Davids facility has been identified as needing major improvements to meet environmental standards which could cost £250k.

There is a counter argument to closure, the most powerful of which was the petition created earlier in the year which produced around 2000 signatures. There will be a severe loss of facilities to the residents of the area and this will be highlighted even more when the black bags change to 4 weekly as has been proposed. The worst affected people will be second home owners who may never be resident when they receive their black bag collections. They will not have a local WRC centre to attend.

Whilst some other residents may have little sympathy for part time residents, Second Home owners will be paying around £7k Council tax and receive very little for that large sum of CT, no education or social care and possibly no opportunity to dispose of their waste, hardly fair.. Other considerations are the increased travelling to dispose of waste which can hardly be on the green agenda, and the potential for increased fly tipping.



As your County Councillor, I do not support the closure of this facility at all but will consider supporting further reduction in hours opened if

that safeguards its future. I have made my views very clear to Cllr

Rhys Sinnett, who is the Cabinet Member for Residents Services and in the meeting he stated he is interested to hear residents' views as to whether the facility should be closed or what residents believe the alternatives are.

I invite and encourage residents in the Solva, St David's and Llanrhian areas to email [Cllr.rhys.sinnett@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.rhys.sinnett@pembrokeshire.gov.uk) by the 27th August 2024 ahead of the report to the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, where a recommendation on the way forward will be made.

Residents may wish to have their views heard at the Policy meeting and to do that you will need to email the officer who organises that Committee at least 10 days before the meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Her email address is [isabelle.moorhouse@Pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:isabelle.moorhouse@Pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

Once again I am sure all the local Councillors affected by this proposed closure will do all we can to prevent it but please have your say and send an email with your concerns.

As always, if you require any council-related help please feel free to call me on 07976 553913.

Best Regards

*Mark Carter*

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## Notice of St Davids City Council Meetings:

Monthly Meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall

Second Monthly meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September - 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.



Although Solva Care's Friday club takes a short break over the summer period, our support to the community continues.

Our volunteers remain available to help when needed. If we can help please contact [lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk](mailto:lena.dixon@solvacare.co.uk)

Work also continues to secure ongoing funding to enable Solva Care to continue beyond March 2025, working with our colleagues in St David's and Llanrhian. We have developed a joint questionnaire which is being tested at community events in each area, and we plan to hold roadshows in various locations to share the current work of Solva Care and get ideas from the communities about what is needed. We will continue to provide updates on our progress, please wish us luck.

Thank you for your continued support, anyone wanting to get more involved or make a contribution can do so via our updated website [www.solvacare.co.uk](http://www.solvacare.co.uk)

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## Solva Edge Festival

What is the Edge Festival all about?

Hundreds of happy people and thousands of pounds made to share with our community. This year did not disappoint!

We thank our wonderful committee members and volunteers who again worked tirelessly to put the festival on. We value your support and commitment to this community event.

Edge VIII was an incredible success. The music was varied and from near and far. Each act performed with a magnificent backdrop, St Brides Bay looking resplendent in the sunshine. Festival goers danced the day and night away. The food court provided a gastronomic delight, bouncy castles were awesome and the addition of a magician was truly magical.

We will hold a mop up meeting on Tuesday 10th September in The Hats and Barrels at 7pm. If you would like to be involved or have any suggestions on how to improve the festival in 2025 then please come along or email [info@edgefestival.co.uk](mailto:info@edgefestival.co.uk)

Edge IX is booked in for the 25th -27th July 2025. Let us all work together to make it the best one yet!!



## 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.

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### PATIENT NOTICE - Flu Vaccination

At Solva Surgery we will be vaccinating eligible patients from October onwards. Patients will be invited to book an appointment from the middle of September.

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

With regard to the **children's flu vaccination**, soon we will be inviting children aged 2-3 years of age to have their flu nasal vaccine. Parents/Guardians will receive the invite via text and/or letter.

The practice will be offering the RSV vaccination and the Covid vaccinations, clinics are to be confirmed.



### Menevia WI September

Menevia has had a break over the summer holidays but we have a varied and packed itinerary for the autumn. New members are always welcomed.

For further information contact our President Eleri Davies on 07791903221. You can also find us on Facebook – Menevia WI.



## Key points from the meeting of the Peninsula Surgery Working Group

Thursday 25 July, St Davids City Hall



Discussion was dominated by the issue of St Davids Surgery.

On the same day as the meeting, the Health Board announced that the St Davids list of patients will be dispersed to the nearest practice to them. Most (ie 90%) are expected to come to Solva. There was reassurance that the Solva

Practice Team will be supported

with the transition. The St Davids Surgery will be operational till 1st Nov. After the dispersal of patients, a nurse-led satellite surgery will be operational in St Davids (location not shared).

The name of the merged practice will need to be considered and the Chair has asked members for ideas. This was difficult as eventually we are still working towards a Wellbeing Hub (or whatever it will be called ) but for now they are prioritising the surgery, in line with our wishes . Peninsula Practice was proposed by a few members.

There was some discussion about community meetings to be held in the future. It would be beneficial for St Davids to hold one, then holding a Solva/St Davids/ Llanrhian combined one . There will be feedback opportunities soon for the population of the Solva Surgery to put their views forward to see if views held from initial meetings and feedback are still the most pressing for the community.

Press releases by HDUHB are planned, and Solva Community Council will ensure that any updates are shared via the newsletter.

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## NIGHT OUT - A date for your diary!



# Cocktails for Two



Saturday 14th December is the date. Solva Memorial Hall is the place.

Music and more!

Sorry to be mentioning Christmas so early in the year but we all get busy in December.

Details to follow. Watch this space!



## Name the Scarecrow Competition

As part of the Scarecrow Trail we ran this fun competition in aid of Solva Memorial Hall

Many thanks to all who took part and very special thanks to Mollie Page who knits all the colourful scarecrow dolls each year. Judging by competitors remarks they are becoming something of a collectors item! The winners this year were -

*Sunday* - Quin, Baldwin, Hector and Victor

*Monday* - William, Sam, Ben and Zebedee



## THE FRIENDS OF TREGINNIS SUMMER FETE

The committee of The Friends of Treginnis would like to say Thank You everyone who came along on Saturday 27 July to enjoy the fete and to also say Thank You to all the volunteers who came and helped us out on the day.

The sun shone and plenty of people enjoyed all the games, both for children and adults, the food and the music, from The Ukulele Pirates, Vox Angelica and Mike Chant with his guitar.

Lots of delighted dog owners walked away with rosettes from the dog show, thanks to Simon and Mike Plant for being our judges this year.

All monies raised will go towards helping to bring local Pembrokeshire school-children to enjoy time at the farm, helping with the animals, farming and generally mucking in digging and planting crops to be picked by other children later in the year.

We hope to do it all again in July next year so see you then.

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A huge thanks to everyone involved, especially:

St Davids City Council

Our volunteers and steering group members

All businesses signed up but especially those who have received the Plastic Free Champions award namely: The Smörgåsboard, The Really Wild Emporium, Pilgrims Cafe, St Davids Bunk Barns & MamGu Welshcakes

The clubs, groups and churches that have signed up as Plastic Free Allies: Y

Groesfan, Oriol y Parc, Lower Treginnis - Farms for City Children, Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi - Non Campus and Ty'r Pererin.

And of course all of our beach clean volunteers and supporters of other events.

This is just the beginning as we work with the community to reduce the impact of plastic and waste on our environment. Whether you are a resident, business or other organisation, if you would like to be more involved do contact EcoDewi, [ecodewi.org.uk](http://ecodewi.org.uk)

PLUS ... we working with the communities of Solva and Llanrhian too, so if you live in either of those wards, get in touch too!

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## Peninsula People

Meet some of the residents of Solva and St David's – this month, Katy Mascal



Hi there,

I'm Katy, my partner Nic and I moved to St David's twenty two years ago. We got married at Druidstone and have been lucky enough to have five wonderful children.

7 years ago I started my little knitting business from home alongside raising my children. I have always been passionate about wool, knitting, crochet and crafting anything bright bold and colourful!

I spent four years working on St David's market and travelling around doing lots of summer and Christmas fayres. I also did knitting classes in local schools and cafes promoting the mental health benefits of my favourite craft.

In 2022 I opened my own little shop - 'Big Mommas Knits and Crafty Bits' - above Peters Plaice chip shop here in St David's, where I sell my knitwear, wool, craft supplies, gifts and lots of other beautiful handmade items made locally.

We absolutely love being a part of the community here in Pembrokeshire and I'm pleased to say my love of craft has been passed down to my children too!

Katy aka Big Momma xx



### **Solva Community Cinema**

Upcoming films at Solva Memorial Hall 7.30 pm

5 Sep The Zone of Interest (12A)

3 Oct The Fall Guy (12)

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)



## **ORIEL Y PARC this Autumn:**

### **Amgueddfa Cymru Gallery**

**Courage and Community – RNLI 200 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**

**Parallax by Adrian Bradbury**

**Friday 9 August – Sunday 15 September**

Adrian's bold and colourful work makes a return. Concerned with the coast, sea and sky around the southwest Wales coastline, exploring colour is the prime focus of his contemporary abstract approach resulting in vibrant and exciting images. His paintings and prints are fresh and alive with shapes and forms, the use of colour in many layers creates both complex and at the same time minimal textures that reveal as the viewer engages with the work.

**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.

### **Tower**

**Coast and Wild by Noelle Pollington**

**Friday 2 August – Sunday 8 September**

This exhibition brings together botanical seaweed prints collected and pressed on the wild coast of Pembrokeshire. Foraging seaweeds to press and produce as artworks has become something of an ongoing obsession for artist Noelle Pollington. Originally collecting seaweed as colour references for her paintings, she soon realised that the pressed seaweeds collected on the wild coast of Pembrokeshire were pieces of art in themselves. Noelle also finds it a simple way to connect to the coastal landscape and observe its natural cycles. In this exhibition, Noelle showcases her collection, collected over the course of a year. Large scale prints reveal beautiful shapes, details, and colours, generally unseen or overlooked.

**The Utopian Impulse by Ben Lloyd**

**Friday 13 September – Sunday 20 October**

The Utopian Impulse will embrace humanity's yearning to imagine a utopian future and will focus on our interrelations with nature. The artwork will be created

on land in the St Davids valley, with the artist and collaborators working with an updated version of en plein air to capture the psychological, psychic, and physiological experiences of reconnecting with a natural landscape.

### Discovery Room Windows

**Flora by Rock Rose Jewellery**

**Tuesday 6 August – Sunday 29 September**

This collection of handmade jewellery by Rock Rose Jewellery in Pembrokeshire is a celebration of flowers & nature. Named after the Roman goddess Flora, who was celebrated by the Romans each year at a festival called Floralia, so that she would protect the spring blossoms.



## **Volunteering Sessions**

**New format for Volunteering days**

**Saturday 7th Sept 10am - 12pm**

**Wednesday 11th Sept 10am - 12pm**

**Monday 16th Sept 10am - 12pm**

**Saturday 21st Sept 10am - 12pm**

**Wednesday 25th Sept 10am - 12pm**

**Monday 30th Sept 10am - 12pm**

**Saturday 5th October 10am - 12pm**

**Wednesday 9th October 10am - 12pm**

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**Saturday 19th October 10am - 12pm**

**Wednesday 23rd Oct 10am - 12pm**

**Monday 28th October 10am - 12pm**



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## MONDAY WALKS from ORIEL Y PARC

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We hope that you would like to join us. Please get in touch with Megan Pratt, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Ranger, [meganp@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk](mailto:meganp@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk), mobile 07866074148, or Ellie Sherwin mobile 07788583630



### St Davids City Hall

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## CLWB SOLFACH/SOLVA LUNCHEON CLUB

Following an excellent lunch at Hats & Barrels for helpers & L.C. members, the Lunch Club is taking a summer break. We will restart on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> September in Solva Memorial Hall at 12.30pm.

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



## SOLVA WI

At the June meeting we enjoyed Silk Painting when Victoria Wilson talked about & then demonstrated her craft. We were all then given the necessary materials to make a card & everyone was very pleased with their efforts. Following a tea break, we held the business meeting which included final arrangements for the visit to Aberglasney, the Solva Scarecrow competition taking place in August & the Quiz at Mathry & the NFWI Annual meeting held in the Royal Albert Hall in London. The next meeting in July will be hosted by a member in their garden and refreshments are provided by members.

Update: 10 of us attended the July meeting at Jilly Missen's home. Sadly, the weather was not on our side so looking around the garden was not possible! But much was discussed at the Business meeting which had to be held indoors, including Decorating the WI House window, the Christmas meal & the controversial likely closure of the public toilets in Solva.

The Book Group continues as does the Walking Group. The next meeting will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm in Solva Memorial Hall when Janet Higgs will relate 'Concorde Anecdotes'.

# St David's City Council



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ST. DAVIDS  
CITY COUNCIL

*Cywir i'n Ddu a'n Gwlad*

## Coffee & Chat

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

All Welcome to attend

**Free of charge**

S Mann - Clerk to the Council  
City Hall, High Street, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 6SD

[clerk@stdavids.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stdavids.gov.uk)

Tel 01437 721137



### Solva AFC

First match of the season saw Solva AFC beat Johnston FC 4-1

A brace from Captain Josh Bland, together with goals from Kieran and Lucas Price, sealed three points for the home side on their return to Division 2.



### De-Fib Locations

Upper Solva - to open cabinets press 'C' and turn knob clockwise. Lower Solva - access code C123, which is written on the cabinet.

1. Solva Community Clubhouse
2. Solva Memorial Hall
3. Bay View Stores
4. The Harbour
5. Trinity Quay

## St David's 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 necessary.

Please be advised that the St David's Policing Team is unable to attend on the first Thursday in September and so the next drop in surgery will be held on Thursday 12th September 2024!

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 Pembrokeshire Coast** is a local charity devoted to conserving and promoting the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. The work is all done by our members; we have no paid staff.

Would you like to become a member? Find out more

<https://www.fpcnp.org.uk/>

**Honorary Treasurer needed** to join Board of Trustees.

Can you spare a few hours a month to ensure a sound and strategic approach to the finances of this charity? More details see

<https://www.fpcnp.org.uk/we-are-looking-for-a-new-honorary-treasurer/>

Contact Clare Dow, the Chair of Trustees

[chair@fpcnp.org.uk](mailto:chair@fpcnp.org.uk)

# Speak to your Community Banker



They'll be at St Davids City Council Hall,  
High Street, St Davids, SA62 6SD to help  
you on Mondays between 10:00am and  
3:00pm

- We can help guide you through the ways you can bank with us
- We can also support you with account enquiries - both personal and business
- Please turn over for dates and times we'll be available



For more support please visit  
[lloydsbank.com](http://lloydsbank.com) or you can  
call us on 0345 300 0000

No cash facility is available

## Did you know?

St David is reputed to have been a strict vegetarian who subsisted mostly on leeks and water, earning him the nickname Dewi Ddyfrwr (David the Water Drinker). David founded numerous churches throughout South Wales (more than 50 named for him existed in the 21st century).



## St Davids Library

### Opening Times

Tuesdays and Thursdays from  
10.00am - 5.00pm

\*(Closed 1.00pm - 2.00pm)\*

Saturdays from 10.00am – 12noon



## Siop Y Bobol

### Opening Times

Monday – Friday from 10.00am –  
1.00pm

Saturdays 11.00am – 2.00pm

## St David's Eisteddfod 2024

The Annual St David's Eisteddfod was held on 29 February at the City Hall, St David's. The theme was 'Habitat' and a large audience enjoyed the stage competitions and seeing the many entries in the craft, flower arranging, literature, photography and cooking categories. Dolls dressed in various Welsh costumes were on display, as well as examples of craft work that had not been entered in the competitions.



The Eisteddfod Chair, made by Geraint Richards and Malcolm Gray, and awarded for the highest total number of points in the competitions, was won by Sally Martyn. She received a miniature chair (left), made by pupils at Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi under the guidance of Mr Buck. The inscription on the chair was added by Francis Northall. Sally also won the overall Art and Craft Shield, donated by members and friends of Caerfarchell C. M. Chapel, for the highest number of points in the art and craft competitions.

The Rolling Pin, for the highest number of points in the cookery competitions, was won by Jane James and the Vase, for the best floral arrangement was won by Julie Evans.

Gareth Evans gained the most points in the Welsh Literature competitions and Sylvana Carey gained the most points in the English Literature competitions. They received gift tokens donated by Chris Taylor's Bookshop.

Anne Hughes won the Silver Cup, donated by John and Glenys James, for the hymn solo competition. Maggie Davison received a gift token for winning the Beginner's Artwork and Ivor Cavill received a gift token in acknowledgement for his support of the Eisteddfod.

The winners of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places receive a certificate and a prize bag. The prize bags were made by Rebecca Thornton.

The Committee wishes to thank Morgan Price of Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi for his trumpet solo. They also wish to thank all the competitors, adjudicators, the compere, accompanists, everyone who donated prizes, helpers and the Friends in Harmony choir for making the event such a success.

Next year's Eisteddfod will be held on Friday, 28 February 2025 and the theme is 'Families'. Further details can be obtained from the co-ordinators, Rebecca Thornton (07890 629014) or Rev Wiliam Owen (07598 550282 or [wiliamowen@aol.com](mailto:wiliamowen@aol.com)).



## Funded by UK Government

**St Davids Befrienders** have been successful in obtaining funding from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to assist in recruiting volunteers to help look after the old Scout Hut where they have set up a People's Shed. The fund which is being administered by PAVS is called 'Doing the Small Things' which seems very apt for us here - an echo of our patron saint David's words as we tread these paths near the old Scout Hut of his footsteps, so very close to where he was born at St Nons.

They've been running some events and activities over the summer and there are more planned for the autumn. Would you like to help them take pride in this wonderful building in its fabulous location? They are recruiting people to help with maintenance, cleaning, gardening and managing bookings.

If this sounds like something you'd like to get involved in contact Councillor Becky Lloyd on 07788633719 or pop along between 10am and 12 midday on a Tuesday, when the People's Shed is open.

## Deep Space Advanced Radar Capability (DARC)

### ***Public Engagement Meetings***

The MOD wishes to work with the local community in developing proposals for DARC and there will be two public information events before the statutory consultation period that is required by Pembrokeshire County Council. Members of the DARC programme team will attend these events to discuss the proposals, answer any questions and hear local community views.

Public information events will be hosted on:

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024** 4pm-7pm at Solva Memorial Hall and **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024** 10am-2pm at St David's City Hall.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the technical team facilitating public engagement.

Email: [Consultation@cascadecommunications.co.uk](mailto:Consultation@cascadecommunications.co.uk)  
Tel: 020 7871 3565



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The aim of the grant is to support businesses and organisations to improve the attractiveness of town centre properties in order to encourage footfall.

**WORK MUST BE COMPLETED BY END NOVEMBER 2024.**



For more information on the scheme and eligible areas, or to apply, contact us on [spfstreetenhancement@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:spfstreetenhancement@pembrokeshire.gov.uk), or visit the website using the QR code.

# REGULAR EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2024

## DYDD LLUN – MONDAY

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

## DYDD MAWRTH – TUESDAY

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

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 10am – 11.30am

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

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

## DYDD IAU – THURSDAY

St David's Library in the City Hall, 10am – 2pm

Coffee Morning in Solva Memorial Hall 10.30am – 12pm

St David's Market on the Cross Square 9am – 4pm

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 – 2pm

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 – September 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Solva Community Cinema in the Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. “Zone of Interest”

7<sup>th</sup> South Wales Male Choir Concert, 7.30pm in St David's Cathedral.

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> St David's Cathedral Friends Weekend

13<sup>th</sup> DARC Public Engagement Meeting, Solva Memorial Hall, 4pm – 7pm

14<sup>th</sup> DARC Public Engagement Meeting, St David's City Hall, 10am – 2pm

14<sup>th</sup> Live Music at Twr Y Felin, St David's. Mandy Painting, pianist and singer  
7pm – 9pm

26<sup>th</sup> Dewi's Acre Quiet Garden Session 2.30pm – 4pm 01437 729131

28<sup>th</sup> Live Music at Twr Y Felin, St David's. Mandy Painting, pianist and singer  
7pm – 9pm



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