

ST HILARY NEWS



WELCOME

The first few months of 2021 have passed in St Hilary with plenty of community activity taking place under the current lockdown rules. It is also a pleasure to include the first newsletter contribution in Welsh – “diolch yn fawr” to Nia and Osian Pugh.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER IN ST HILARY

If Easter 2020 was about the Tree of Good Wishes generating a feeling of community spirit in the village at a difficult time, Easter 2021 was about intergenerational activity. There were lots of smiles and conversations as 46 Easter eggs delivered to children living in the village, and the recipients were offered activity packs to make an Easter greeting card for a neighbour. The eggs were funded by the proceeds from the Foragers’ Market and Winter’s Eve. More than twenty cards were hand-made and delivered to the more senior members of the village. Here are some quotes from those taking part: “Our kids are very happy to participate in activities that benefit the more senior members of the village, those who made the St Hilary what it was before we lived here.” “It was lovely to see and meet the children – I have seen them walking around the village but never really knew who they were until now.”

A massive thank you to all the children who took up the challenge to make and deliver an Easter card – it was a kind and thoughtful gesture that was very much appreciated by the recipients of your good wishes. And, what a great way to meet your neighbours! **TD MD**



PASG HAPUS IAWN YN SANT HILARI

Er nad oedd Liz ac Andy yn medru ein croesawu ni i’r Bush Inn ar gyfer yr helpa arferol y flwyddyn hon, mi wnaeth pawb yn Sant Hilari brofi digon o naws ac ystyr y Pasg diolch i lwyth o weithgareddau. Bu plant y pentref yn brysur iawn yn creu a dosbarthu cardiau Pasg i nifer o unigolion hŷn Sant Hilari, gan sicrhau bod pawb yn cael cyfarchion yr ŵyl. Yn eu tro, cafodd dros 46 o blant y pentref wyau Pasg siocled gan “gwningen” y pentref, diolch i enillion y Farchnad Fforio a’r Ŵyl Gaeaf. Ni fydde’r penwythnos wedi bod yr un peth pe na bai’r blwch ffôn wedi ei haddurno wrth gwrs. Ac o, mi oedd hi’n ysblennydd! Roedd gan y blwch coeden wyau addurnol wrthi, moron ac wyau siocled ynddi a phecynnau pos i’w gasglu. Diolch yn fawr i bawb am eu syniadau ac ymdrechion i wneud hi’n Basg hapus iawn i ni gyd yn Sant Hilari. **NP**



ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have any items for publication in the next edition, please call Liz Loch on 07747 688219, write to Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP or email them to lizloch@outlook.com.

HAVE A HEART ON VALENTINE'S DAY

The St Hilary bakers took over the phone box mid-February to raise funds for new paediatric pads for the defibrillator located outside the village hall. St Hilary Valentine Bakes were available at the phone box with delicious items such as Persian Love Cakes, iced heart biscuits, millionaires'



shortbread squares, jammy dodgers, chocolate chip cookies (GF) and many more. All bakes were wrapped for self-service or available for delivery to those shielding at home. The sale raised in excess of £350 which massively exceeded the amount needed for the new pads.

The remainder has been earmarked for future maintenance of the defibrillator and including some new/ top-up training once allowed. A contribution to ongoing telephone box maintenance was made. CN



VALENTINE BAKES
 Biscuits, cookies (incl. gluten free cookies), small cakes
 On sale (£1) on Friday, Saturday & Sunday (12-14th February)

FUNDRAISING TO BUY NEW DEFIBRILLATOR PADS
 (paediatric pads needed @ approx. £70)

Biscuits available from
 St. Hilary Telephone Box
 Call or message Caroline OR Liz L for
 delivery 07967976076

DR WHO BBC DONATION DECISION

Following the filming which took place in January, the BBC has made a donation of £1,500 to the village. Ideas for who the money should be spent were sought from villagers and 20 ideas were put forward by over 40 villagers. An assessment group of 13 villagers was set up to consider how the money should be spent. After further consultation, the ideas were narrowed down to 6 ideas to consider in more detail. The group has come to a conclusion that 3 ideas should be funded:

- planting of bulbs around St Hilary
- purchase of a marquee for the village
- the installation of a picnic table or bench

Each of these ideas has a named villager leading its delivery. More details can be found on the village website at www.sthilary.org.uk/home/bbcdonation



Among other ideas which are being followed up (without funding from the Dr Who donation) is a village event involving and benefiting many villagers, especially children, and raising spirits after lockdown is eased. There are funds available from Winter's Eve 2020 for entertainment that can be put towards the event – these funds are earmarked for a musical spectacular and a harp recital. TD

DON'T FORGET – DR WHO



After the programme has aired, the production company will release photos of the filming to the village. In addition, they have promised villagers a tour around the Tardis film set in Cardiff when lockdown permits.

MARY'S ST DAVID'S DAY BAKEATHON

Mary Llewellyn made over 800 Welsh cakes to raise money for Marie Curie on St David's Day. Mary's life was taken over by baking dozens of cakes after she asked if anybody would be interested in Welsh cakes for charity via the St Hilary WhatsApp group. What started as about six dozen ended up at more than 70 dozen – 840!

Mary sold her Welsh cakes at £3 for half a dozen, and £5 for a full dozen, but said that many people had kindly paid extra. "People have been so generous. We've raised about £500," said Mary. "It's so kind, because Marie Curie is such a good cause. Obviously with the pandemic, all charities are suffering and we still need them. It's a little way of helping them to carry on their good work."



A big thank you to Waitrose for their contribution to the fundraiser by paying for the ingredients. The money raised for Marie Curie will go towards support for people living with a terminal illness and their families. Mary and her family have a sad connection with Marie Curie who

supported them when Lindsey passed away. "Sadly, I lost my husband two years ago, and we'd just made contact with Marie Curie. Life would be a great deal harder for so many people if they didn't have the support of Marie Curie, and other charities like Macmillan and Velindre," she said.



The charity Welsh cakes have been delivered throughout last week via a very unusual delivery service – pony express! Four of Mary's grandchildren have ponies and they were out in force after school delivering the delicious treats to villagers. Mary said "On Friday the standing joke was 'how many people does it take to deliver Welsh cakes? Six people, two ponies and a car!'"

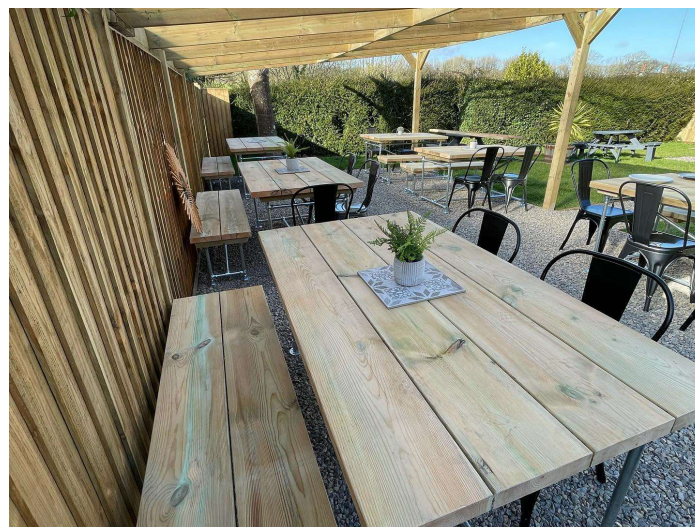
Normally Ewa Thomas carries out a door-to-door collection for Marie Curie, however that was not permitted this year.

THE GREAT DAFFODIL APPEAL



THE BUSH INN UPDATE APRIL 2021

One year on and Liz, Andy, and the team can't wait to welcome you all back! They've been very busy over the past few months making their reopening a very exciting one. The back garden has had a full makeover with outdoor sheltered areas that will be heated and lit for everyone to enjoy a crisp glass of Sauvignon blanc, one of their wood fired sourdough pizzas from the vintage caravan or something tasty from the updated menu!



The Bush Inn will be open from Wednesday April 28th for alfresco dining once again. To begin with, they will open all day Wednesday to Sunday 12pm - 10pm, serving food from 12pm -2.30pm and 5pm – 9pm Wednesday to Saturday. Food will be available all day on Sunday between 12pm – 8pm. There will be set times to dine so please call ahead on 01446 776888 to arrange your dining experience at the Bush! Keep an eye on our social media for more exciting updates very soon!!!

OTHER NEWS

DOG MESS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN



Over the last couple of weeks (at least) someone has been allowing their dog to leave its poo on the Village Green and pavement around The Crescent. This has happened on at least 6 occasions. The dog involved is a medium to large breed (judging by the mess left). Please would anyone who has seen this dog 'in action' contact info@sthilary.org.uk - all information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

TO THE DOG OWNER INVOLVED if you are reading this: You are committing an offence liable to prosecution if/when caught by not picking up after your dog. Also do not forget that dog faeces may contain toxocarasis which can lead to blindness in humans. **CB**

ST HILARY CHURCH



Easter Sunday saw St Hilary Church welcoming parishioners back inside the church for the first time in over a year. It is planned that regular services will now resume. Further information will be available on the parish website in due course.

SPRING CLEAN CYMRU 2021

This will take place between May 28 and June 13 – in the meantime if you want to do any litter picking, Liz Loch (07747 688219) has bags supplied by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and litter pickers which can be borrowed – please use gloves and be careful!

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall will be used as usual as the St Hilary Polling Station on Thursday May 6th. Subject to Welsh Government guidelines, the hall should be available for hire from May 17th.

3CS

The 3Cs group has continued to meet and work



throughout lockdown with clearly visible results around the churchyard, the Clump and No Man's Land. If you are interested in

joining, please contact Terry Dennis at info@sthilary.org.uk.

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Llanfair Community Council are continuing to meet on Zoom. The next scheduled meeting is preceded by the Annual General Meeting on Thursday May 6th at 7pm. Information can be found on the council webpage (www.llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk/). Jackie Griffin, the clerk, can be contacted at jackie.griffin1@btopenworld.com.

ST HILARY WHATSAPP GROUP



The village WhatsApp group has been running for more than a year. If you would like to join, please message Caroline on 07967 976076 or Liz 07747 688219.

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