

ST HILARY NEWS

NEWS, VIEWS AND WHAT'S GOING ON IN ST HILARY



WELCOME

What a busy time we have had in January with an Indian Afternoon Tea, advice on attracting wildlife to the garden and theatre in the village hall. Even the unwelcome first blast of winter weather hasn't been enough to keep villagers at home!

AN INDIAN AFTERNOON TEA EXPERIENCE

13 January was the day that St Hilary Village Hall was transformed into a little corner of India where 36 visitors enjoyed afternoon tea with a difference. Instead of a traditional afternoon tea, they were treated to flavoursome morsels of Indian food followed by cakes flavoured with the fruits and spices of Southern India.

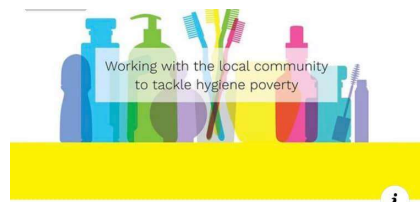
A menu was available on each table to whet people's appetite.... onion bhajis and pakoras were Terry's signature dish. Monica made the beetroot and paneer kebabs, and the samosas were perfected by Caroline, as was the Indian love cake, which was a favourite. Everything was home-made; even the jam, mango chutney and raita! Tasters of the India teas – roadside ginger chai and turmeric tea were also a winner.



A HUGE thank you to those who took the plunge to join us, embracing the concept and for supporting our fundraising cause. You will be pleased to know that we raised a staggering £1,100. Of this, £260 was raised at Christmas from making wreaths and the rest from the afternoon tea. This will pay for a midwife in India to be trained for 2 years. **MD**

PHONE BOX

After Christmas, the phone box became the first Hygiene Bank collection point in the Vale of Glamorgan.



The Hygiene Bank Wales
@thehygienebankwales

Villagers have been very generous and the collection point will remain in place in tandem with other phone box initiatives.

The next phone box display will celebrate International Women's Day (March 8th) and Mother's Day (March 31st). We would love to hear from villagers about women in their families or lives who they admire and who we could celebrate in our display. Please let Caroline or Monica have a few sentences, essential details and, where possible, a photograph of them. Send to info@sthilary.org.uk or ceneudegg@gmail.com. **CN**

ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have an event coming up or a project you would like to tell the community about, you can send your item to Liz at newsletter@sthilary.org.uk or Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP. Publication of this newsletter has been made possible by a grant from Creative Rural Communities.



RECENT EVENTS

LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME

<http://getthechance.wales/2019/02/04/review-lord-arthur-saviles-crime-rocket-theatre-group-by-helen-joy>

It is a cold and snowy night in St Hilary and all is quiet as I tap on the hall door. It creaks open...to expose a whole community packed into a warm space – chatting, laughing, drinking tea. A blast of hot air and frivolity. An absolute treat to be amongst such a friendly bunch.

You always think you know Oscar Wilde - that you are au fait with every quip and quiver but no, we all know so little of this clever writer, this scribe of human quirks. Lord Arthur, performed by Martin Harris, is positively steaming with aristocratic lunacy –facing out his audience and batting down his batman. Ah Middlewick, performed by Chris Bridgman: valet, butler, gentleman’s gentleman, player of many parts. Subtle, farcical, multi-talented, the perfect foil. They do not falter.



We are laughing from the off. We are relishing the peculiar gratification of recognising a line, a title, a character. And then it starts to take a tricky turn. We are being included. Not just eyeballed but persuaded onto the stage. Stage? A chair, a fireplace, a table and a stool just within the curve of our seating. A painting of Lady Savile, young Sybil in fine Edwardian garb, overseeing all of us. And we are suddenly nervous, glad to be at the back, as we egg on our comrades to join in with that curious mixture of jealousy and relief. It is expertly handled. Hilarious! Properly one of the funniest theatrical experiences to be had. The temperature starts to climb. The macabre nature of the tale unfolds, and we accept not only the dark side of our humour but the apparent ease with which the upper class is seen to accept its position outside of the law. Lord Arthur and Middlewick start to play with our sensibilities and we are sucked in. We are all in the clutches of the palmist!

A slightly clunky trip to Venice requires us to take a break. We enjoy wine and ice cream while the snow falls outside and the temperature rises inside. In our cups, we rise to the panto atmosphere and settle into the second act with enthusiasm. Lord Arthur, driven to a carefully controlled distraction by his failure to commit murder, pushes on with Middlewick riding shotgun to the story telling. We are roaring with laughter and starting to wonder how it all will end. And end it does. A sorry damp little ending, perhaps a bit like life itself. And we are released into the cold, a lot warmer and a little wiser to the power of suggestibility to the gentler mind. It’s all been such nonsense...

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IN OTHER NEWS

LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

The next Bag 2 School collection will be on March 7th - items of good quality, reusable clothing are suitable for collection and help the school raise funds. There will be a collection point at the village hall between 10am and noon on Wednesday March 6th.



MILK DELIVERY SERVICE

A message from William Hanks: “Just wanted to say if any anyone was interested in having milk delivered in returnable glass bottles, I’m still delivering to the village and surrounding areas.



We deliver in the early hours before your breakfast and deliver three times a week. Just give me a ring on 01446 796803 it's so easy to set up a delivery.”

COED ORGANICS

Riverside Market Garden is now trading under the name of Coed Organic Ltd (a non-profit workers co-operative run by Scott, Debbie and Maddy).



Their summer veg bag scheme is currently fully subscribed but villagers can call at the market garden by arrangement to collect items.

THEATRE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

The recent production of Lord Arthur Savile’s Crime by Rocket Theatre was made possible thanks to funding from the Arts Council Wales “Night Out” and was underwritten by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.



ST DAVID'S DAY SUPPER

St Hilary Village Hall
Cino Gŵyl Dewi
St David's Day Supper



Saturday 2nd March

7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Three course meal – wine and soft drinks available

Tickets: £15

(payment in advance please)

Contact Ewa Thomas

ewathomas@btinternet.com or 01446 771728

ST HILARY FORUM MEETING

The 2019 St Hilary Forum meeting took place on Sunday January 27th. The business part of the meeting covered activities from 2018 and included the recent repainting of road markings, by the Vale Council, in response to the village traffic survey carried out last year. Looking forward to 2019: the 3Cs group are focussing on work at the Clump; St Hilary News has village funding for another year; and, a plan is in place for the phone box. At the meeting, the litter collecting group asked whether they were covered by the Forum Insurance. It has been confirmed that this is the case.

The guest speaker, Ranger Paul Whatmough, from Glamorgan Heritage Centre at Southerndown/Dunraven, gave a presentation about "Encouraging Wildlife into the Garden". He described how gardens are important to wildlife even in rural areas and explained how villagers can attract more birds/wild animals to their gardens. One very important message was to ensure hedgehogs can move from garden to garden by leaving a gap in



fencing. Villagers were particularly interested in the section about bats and it is proposed that we engage with the Bat Conservation Trust to organise a St Hilary "Bat Watch".

Paul is also providing advice on how best to manage the undergrowth and perimeter of The Clump, which the 3C group will be focussing on in 2019.

CAKE SALE FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES RESEARCH

Nia Pugh and her family live at Robin Hill in the village. "We are raising money for JDRF who fund research into the treatment, prevention and cure of Type 1 Diabetes. JDRF have helped our family since our eldest son was diagnosed at age 6 just over a year ago. Their work will undoubtedly lead to positive developments in our son's lifetime for the way he deals with this chronic condition. We hope he'll benefit from a cure too. To date we've raised over £800."

Join us in finding the cure
jdrf.org.uk

Cake Sale
St Hilary Village Hall
Saturday 16 Feb
12pm-4pm
FUNDRAISER FOR
TYPE-1 DIABETES
RESEARCH
Served by a
TYPE-1 WARRIOR
and his family

JDRF IMPROVING LIVES. CURING TYPE 1 DIABETES.

WHAT'S ON – FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL

CUT, CLEAN & CLEAR (3CS)

Wednesday March 6th and April 3rd meet outside the village hall at 10am.

DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Coffee, cake and a chat - March 6th and April 3rd between 10.30am and noon in the village hall.



YOGA@ST HILARY

Yoga in the village hall Mondays at 6pm. Contact Ann Culverwell on ann.culverwell@yahoo.co.uk or 07855 448356 for more information.

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dates and venues for next meetings:
Thursday March 7th at 7pm in St Hilary village hall.
Thursday April 4th at 7pm at Llanfair School.
Annual General Meeting on May 2nd in St Hilary.

ST HILARY WI

The next meeting of St Hilary WI, on Tuesday March 12th at 7pm. The speaker, Gwerfyl Gardener, will asked "Are you being served?"
All meetings in village hall, new members are always welcome.

LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring term will end on Friday April 12th.
Half term is between Monday February 25th and Friday March 1st.
Summer term will start on Monday April 29th.
Nursery term dates may vary.

ST HILARY CHURCH

Regular Sunday service at 11am each week.
The Congregational Meeting for 2019 will take place in after the service on Sunday February 17th in St Hilary.

BUSH INN QUIZ NIGHT



The ever popular quiz takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Next quizzes will be on Sunday February 17th and March 3rd 8pm start. Entry £2 per person.

MONDAY WHIST

Next sessions on Monday March 4th and April 1st at 7.30pm in the village hall.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The next village hall committee will take place on Wednesday March 20th at 5.45pm. Please contact Ewa Thomas 01446 771728 or ewathomas@btinternet.com if you would like to raise any issues or are interested in helping the committee.

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More information to follow.

VILLAGE FAIR & FUN DAY MEETING

There will be a meeting for anyone who is interested in helping at fete on Wednesday March 6th at 5.45pm in the Bush Inn. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be involved, please get in touch with Caroline at ceneudegg@gmail.com to offer your services.

6 NATIONS RUGBY AT THE BUSH

6 Nations Rugby is back at the Bush Inn.



between matches!

Come along and support your team – there might be chips at half time or

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