

ST HILARY NEWS

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



WELCOME

This, the first edition of 2020, newsletter highlights what a busy, sociable and proactive village St Hilary is. Despite the gloomy weather, villagers have been very busy and there are lots of activities to look forward to as Spring approaches.

VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA FOR VALLEYS KIDS



On Sunday January 19th, a vintage afternoon team was held in the village hall raising funds for Valleys Kids (<https://valleyskids.org/>). The hall was

transformed into the Ritz in the Blitz. And, echoing last years' village remembrance display in the phone box, focussed on women's role in the war: Bletchley women, Land Army,



Nurses, those who worked in factories such as munitions, women spies, and the Women's Institute to name but a few! Before the main event, there was a lively jive demonstration – thanks to the lovely Jane and Sue from Cardiff. Then onto the main event – afternoon tea! There were delicious morsels on offer – some created from wartime recipes and others a decadent treat – all served with



copious amounts of tea! In the usual St Hilary fashion, many items contained locally grown produce.

Monica explained the wartime significance of tea. In 1942, the Government bought the



world's entire supply of tea. Churchill is reputed to have called tea more important than ammunition: He ordered that all sailors on ships have unlimited tea. It was believed that tea helped restore at least a semblance of calm and normality amid the turbulence and danger of war. In a society of strict class distinctions tea was a great leveller with Air Raid Wardens and Auxiliaries, mostly women, serving tea to anyone during air raids.



The afternoon ending with a rousing rendition of "We'll Meet Again" – what better

way to round off what was a lovely afternoon! The event raised a fantastic £652 for a very worthwhile cause. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event and to the wonderful bunch of helpers who made the event possible including Monica, Ewa, Caroline, Judith, Terry, Tim, and the jiving ladies Jane and Sue.

ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

The deadline for contributions for the next edition in Friday February 28th. You can send items via e-mail to newsletter@sthilary.org.uk, write to Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP or call Liz on 07747 688219. Welsh and English contributions welcome.

RECENT EVENTS & UPDATES

ST HILARY WHIST GROUP

On December 2nd, the 'new' whist organisers had their second Christmas whist since taking over from Beryl and Joan. It was a very successful evening with a superb raffle, thank you Shirley for all the thought you put into it. There was also a fantastic spread of food supplied by everyone, as it was a 'bring a plate' evening. The generous support of the players, who come from near and far, has enabled us to raise over a £1000 in 13 months towards repairing the Church tower.



All are welcome the first Monday of the month at the Village Hall, play starts at 7.30pm, £2 to play with tea, coffee and biscuits. Raffle on the

night. Donation of prizes always gratefully received. Many thanks to all that come and play as well as donate raffle prizes. **SB**

ST HILARY CHURCH FLOWERS

St Hilary Church Flower rota needs your help! We are always looking for people with an interest in flower arranging for annual list (flowers to be in church for Sunday to last two weeks). Volunteers group together for Easter, Harvest and Christmas. No qualifications necessary 😊. With people moving from the village, we have a two-week slot 'available' 27th August and are looking for someone to volunteer to fill this vacancy. There are two vases and a two-shelf plant stand in church, which looks more than acceptable with couple of bunches of flowers. At Easter, a lily can be purchased for £1 in memory of a loved one, a list of the dedications placed in church during Easter. Also, should anyone in village or outside wish to mark a family/friend anniversary, feel free to contact myself and either you can do the flowers or provide the flowers for the date of anniversary.

Please contact Gillian Harris 07714961182 or gillian_harris@btconnect.com for more information.

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TELEPHONE BOX – THANK YOUS & CURRENT INITIATIVES

After the ever popular St Hilary Telephone Box of Delights during December, all appears quiet in the big red box outside Stable Cottage. The collections for the Food Bank and the Hygiene Bank were gratefully received and distributed in



time for Christmas.

The phone box continues to be a registered collection point for the Hygiene bank and over 15kgs of donations have

been made already this year.

There is also a collection box for the RNIB Stamp appeal – any used stamps (torn from the envelopes) can be left in the box. There is also a bag for corks – the recycling box is still to arrive.



If you have an idea for the phone box please contact Monica (mdennis.wales@gmail.com) or Caroline (ceneudegg@gmail.com).

WI NEWS

A wonderful, delicious meal and entertainment from Kay Gay at this year's Christmas WI meeting when we also celebrated the birthday of one of our longest serving members, Molly Ranger who is a very lovely and sprightly 93 years of age. Kay ended the evening with a demonstration of florist's wizardry, creating some beautiful fresh decorations for our Christmas tables, along with some clever little gifts. **CN**

SPANISH DANCE CLASSES

Bochata and Salsa were like a ray of sunshine in what was otherwise a cold January evening. Thanks to our very own, St.



Hilary based Spanish dance teacher - Paula Ibanez - myself and eight others spent a happy hour learning to dance the Spanish way - great for beginners such as I. Paula has a few more spaces so why not join us and banish any winter

blues with music and dance from warmer climes. Contact Paula for more information paula_sagitario22@hotmail.com or on WhatsApp at +34665450007. **CN**

ST VALENTINE'S COFFEE MORNING

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**ST HILARY
VILLAGE HALL**

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
COFFEE 
MORNING



Thursday
13th Feb
10.30 a.m.

Coffee and cake
£4

Cake stall
Pikelets
Gifts
Potted plants
Raffle

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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK EASTER 2020



This spring, Keep Wales Tidy are calling on us to help improve the environment on our doorstep. The campaign is aiming to inspire thousands of people to join forces to collect and safely dispose of litter from our streets, parks and beaches, recycling as much as possible.

Spring Clean Cymru is part of the Great British Spring Clean. In 2019, over 563,163 people, including 175,055 students, volunteered their time to take part in our campaign - the biggest ever! The St Hilary community litter pick will take place at Easter – watch this space for details of how to join in.

NSPCC JAZZ NIGHT AT ARBOREAL, COWBRIDGE

There will be a Jazz Night at Arboreal in Cowbridge on Thursday March 19th – please contact a committee member for more information.

MORE CASH IN YOUR ATTIC?

Following the very successful visit from Peter Francis in October, another valuation morning is being held on Tuesday February 4th – appointments recommended.

Peter Francis

The Auctioneers in Wales

“OUR VALUERS NEAR YOU”

Cowbridge – FREE Valuation Morning
Tuesday 4th February, 10 – 1pm

You are invited to

St. Hilary Village Hall, St. Hilary, Cowbridge, CF71 7DP

For an afternoon of FREE valuations of Antiques, Fine Arts, Porcelain & Pottery, Silver, Jewellery & General Heirlooms, for potential sale in our Fine Art or fortnightly auctions in Carmarthen.

Appointments are recommended.

Contact the Auctioneers on 01267 233456

Towyside Salerooms, Old Station Road, Carmarthen, SA31 1JN
Tel: 01267 233456 Email: enquiries@peterfrancis.co.uk

ST DAVID'S DAY SUPPER

St Hilary Village Hall

Cino Gŵyl Dewi

St David's Day Supper



Friday, 6th March

7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Three course meal – wine and soft drinks available

Tickets: £17.50 (payment in advance please)

Contact Ewa Thomas

ewathomas@btinternet.com or 01446 771728

WHAT'S ON – FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL

CUT, CLEAN & CLEAR (3CS)

Wednesday February 5th and March 4th meet outside the village hall at 10am.

DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Coffee, cake and a chat – Wednesday February 5th and March 4th between 11.00am and 12.30pm in the village hall.

YOGA@ST HILARY (MONDAY)

Yoga in the village hall Mondays at 6pm. Class starts at 5.45pm on first Monday of the month. Contact Ann Culverwell on ann.culverwell@yahoo.co.uk or 07855 448356 for more information.

ST HILARY CHURCH

Regular Sunday service at 11am each week. All welcome.

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dates and venues for next meetings:
Thursday February 6th at 7pm at Llanfair Primary School.
Thursday March 5th at 7pm at Llanfair Primary School.

ST HILARY WI

The next meeting of St Hilary WI, on February 11th will be a talk and demonstration on "How to Use a Defibrillator". On March 10th, Keith Jones will talk about "Memorable Welsh Firsts." If you are interested in joining the St. Hilary WI, or finding out more about our programme, please contact Caroline Neudegg on 07967976076.



LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring term starts on Monday January 6th.
Half term Monday 17th to Friday 21st February.
Spring terms ends on Friday April 3rd.
Nursery term dates may vary.

BUSH INN QUIZ



Sunday February 2nd and 16th and March 1st at 8pm.
£2 per person.

MONDAY WHIST

Next sessions on Monday February 3rd and March 2nd at 7.30pm in the village hall.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The next village hall committee will take place on Wednesday April 29th at 5.45pm. Please contact Ewa Thomas on ewathomas@btinternet.com or 01446 771728 if you would like to raise any issues or are interested in helping the committee.

PILATES 4 ALL IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Pilates course on Fridays at 9.45am in the village hall. Contact Fran from Lula Wellness on 07885 838032 or lulawellness@yahoo.com to book a place.

SAFARI SUPPER 2020

The renowned Safari Supper will take place on Saturday June 6th. If you are interested in hosting a main or desert course, please contact Ewa Thomas on 01446 771728 or ewathomas@btinternet.com.

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