

ST HILARY NEWS

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



WELCOME

Now the clocks have gone back and the heating has been turned on (only just in our house grrrrr!), you will hopefully find a warming mix of cheery and interesting news in this month's offering. Liz (Editor) and Pete who are exploring parts of China have bravely asked me to collate this edition for your perusal. Any comments and contributions are welcomed, and you are invited to do this any way you wish - via e-mail to newsletter@sthilary.org.uk, write to Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP or call Caroline on 07967976076. Remember we'd love to hear from the young people of St Hilary, in English or Welsh, on topics of interest.

Yet again this month, I and others, have been told by visitors to St Hilary how much they love our village. Whether they are attending our events, exploring the buildings, enjoying the Bush Inn or simply passing through and chatting with villagers, they are full of praise – especially about you, the friendly villagers. It makes me feel very fortunate to live in such a lovely community as ours.

Caroline Neudegg

ST HILARY FORAGERS' PRODUCE MARKET



St Hilary Foragers' 5th Annual Produce Market on Sunday October 13th was a great success and resulted in us being able to donate £780 to the St Hilary Church Restoration fund. Volunteers had been foraging and receiving generous offers of fruit and vegetables in the months leading up to the event and using them to make jams, chutneys, pestos, soups, pies

(both sweet and savoury), fruit crumbles, and cakes. As a result, there were over 200 jars of delicious products for sale, along with the soups and baked goods, which were soon snapped up by eager visitors.

And, despite the weather, we welcomed many residents and a considerable number of visitors from further afield (Porthcawl, Penarth, etc). We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone for their generous support. We are also very grateful to those who offered their own grown fruit and vegetables, or volunteered to bake and make jams, and to those who helped run the event on the day -

particularly the stalwarts who braved the weather to operate the apple press and who produced the most delicious fruit juice.



CN & MD

RECENT FUND RAISING EFFORTS



Congratulations to James and Chris who ran the Cardiff Half-Marathon to raise money for the NSPCC. Well done and thanks guys!

Also, thanks to the Drop-In Coffee Morning ladies who donated £50 of their excess funds to Macmillan Cancer Relief.



ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

The deadline for contributions for the next edition is Friday December 13th.

RECENT EVENTS

ST HILARY WI

Busy Bee Liz Loch entertained St Hilary WI talking “All About Bees” at the October meeting. Members thoroughly enjoyed Liz’s



illustrated talk where she introduced us to new terms related to apiculture and took us through the goings-on in her hives at Glebe Farm. We learnt about the punishing schedule for the worker bees; how each hive can have distinctive characteristics, from grumpy to placid; that queen bees can be delivered to you through the post and the difference between producing creamed and runny honey. Everyone was given a sweet treat of Glebe Farm Honey, harvested from their hives days before. All the members were delighted with their gift. As one lady was heard to say, ‘Well honey, who doesn’t like a free-bee?’ **CN**

THANKS TO COED HILLS



A big thank you to Mathu and Stephen, from Coed Hills Community, for sharing the apple-

pressing kit with us. The new hydraulic press was awesome, producing over 100 litres of apple juice during the foraging market. They also shared masses of produce from the Community Garden at Coed Hills, including apple, pears and raspberries which found their way into products for the foraging market. **CN**

REMEMBRANCE 2019



The Commemorative quilt made last year by members of the local community, was displayed in the Church as part of the village remembrance this year. The display in the phone box reflected the contribution of women to the war effort during WW2.

HIDDEN HERE – VALE FILM FESTIVAL



A Creative Rural Communities project working in partnership with the rural regeneration team at the Vale of Glamorgan council.



BRILLIANT BOLLYWOOD NIGHT BRINGS AN EXOTIC FLAVOUR TO ST HILARY

On Thursday October 3rd aromas of sandalwood, vibrant saris, mouth-watering flavours, lively beats and energetic dancing combined to ignite all our senses! Something of a first for St Hilary Village. Thanks to Liz Loch and others, the evening was supported by 46+ people. The hall was decorated like never before with a Tuk-Tuk photo booth, a tropical bar, statues and saris.

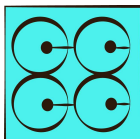
We began with a talk from Hywel George, who shared his experience of working on the production “Jungle Cry”, by Director Sagar Ballary, based on a true story about an Indian rugby team playing in the junior world cup (<https://www.junglecry.com/all-videos/>). The production spanned two continents and was filmed in locations across South Wales. After his talk and Q&A session, we enjoyed traditional Indian street food from Shampan of Cowbridge. Ashi the talented chef served a vegetarian and meat menu from their mobile kitchen.



The “finale” of the evening was an energetic demonstration of Bollywood dance followed by mass participation by the audience in the masterclass. The

dancers were from Rashmi events. Judith Bateson, our Artistic Director (assisted by husband Andrew and son Dwayne), was the inspiration for the transformation of the hall.

Hopefully everyone one has now heard about the amazing Bollywood connection we have, right in the heart of the village? Donal Whelan has been mastering music for the Bollywood Music industry from his studio in St Hilary and in India for several years!



Liz and I would like to say thank you for supporting our “Bollywood comes to the Vale” event. As a bonus we raised over £300 to fund St Hilary News for another year. **CN**

HARVEST SUPPER OCTOBER 11TH

At the annual Harvest Supper, St Hilary Church Choir gave a spirited rendition of the cantata "Noah and his Ark". Their vocal dexterity was enhanced by the flying fingers of Sandra on the piano, the virtuoso playing of John on the clarinet and the awesome conductor holding it all together. The miraculous story of the Flood was given a modern twist by Gareth's scene setting and witty poetry.

JM



The Church Service and Supper were well attended and the food as delicious as ever. The event was another successful fundraiser for St Hilary Church with approximately £600 being raised.

LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our recent Bag2School collection of clothing/textiles raised £104. Thank you to everyone who dropped off items. We held a "Spooks & Sparkles" Halloween Disco and raised £291.54. We hope that all the children had a "spooktacular" time!



Bath Christmas Market

Date: Saturday 30th November 2019

Coach leaving Llanfair car park at 8.30am and leaving Bath at 5.30pm

Join us for a day trip to the winter wonderland.

Shop for gifts or enjoy exploring the historic city.

Tickets £20.00 to include a festive tippie and mince pie.

Please contact: Emma Webley – 07832171144
 Eleanor Barber – 07789986508
 Kara Oakley – 07968436324

Please reserve your place by Friday 25th October 2019.

Profits from our trip will be donated to Llanfair Primary School.

Llanfair PTA upcoming date: Christmas Fayre & raffle on Friday November 29th from 3.30pm to 5pm.

COMING SOON

ST HILARY VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will take place on Sunday November 17th at 12.30pm. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. The following resolution is proposed by the Committee: *A resolution to amend the constitution, as agreed at the committee meeting on 5th June 2019, was proposed by Ewa Thomas and seconded by Hilary Drew.* Anyone wishing to see the proposed amendments should contact a member of the committee.

ENJOY STRICTLY?

Want to learn Latin dances in a fun yet easy class? Have a first dance at your wedding coming up? Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Chachacha, Bolero..... Paula Ibanez is a Spanish Dance Teacher and is offering a FREE taster class, for anyone who is interested in learning or refreshing their dance steps, on Thursday November 21st 7-8 pm in St Hilary village hall.



**ST HILARY COMMUNITY'S
CELEBRATION OF WINTER'S EVE**

Church / Village Hall / Bush Inn
3pm - 10pm (or later), Sunday 8 December

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Yuletide, the Solstice or are just looking forward to the days getting longer, St Hilary's Winter's Eve is a unique, community occasion that features entertainment, live music and food and drink.

As you enter the venues, you will hear music resonating as the unique venues are transformed into a winter wonderland!

Enjoy seasonal wine, mince pies and other festive treats!

Winter's Eve will also buzz with activities and entertainment for children and adults of all ages.

Programme

3pm-4.15pm: A Children's Winter's Eve in the Church
Activities and games and animation

3.45pm-4.15pm: Salsa dance class with Paula in the Hall
A warming session to get you in the mood for Winter's Eve

4.30pm: The Children's Sunset Wassail
From the Church to the Hall (weather dependent)

4.45pm - 6pm: Winter's Eve Festival in the Hall
Mingle and see and hear the talent in the village - including Performances Songs, Instrumentals, Poems, Musical dance, Readings ... and a surprise or two! Plus mulled wine and mince pies

From 6pm: Winter's Eve Fun at the Bush Inn...

6.30pm Winter warming curry
8.00pm Winter's Eve quiz

The activities in the Church and Hall are free of charge
 Donations are encouraged (suggested £5 for adults/£10 for families)

Proceeds will be distributed to the Church, Village Hall and St Hilary Forum
 (Village Christmas lights, telephone box and 3Cs)
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WHAT'S ON – NOVEMBER, DECEMBER & JANUARY 2020

CUT, CLEAN & CLEAR (3CS)

Wednesday December 4th meet outside the village hall at 10am.

DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Coffee, cake and a chat – Wednesday December 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.

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dates and venues for next meetings:
Thursday December 5th at 7pm at St Hilary village hall.
2020 dates and venues to be confirmed.

ST HILARY WI

The next meeting of St Hilary WI, on December 3rd, will be the Christmas meal.

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

Autumn term will end on Friday December 20th.
Spring term starts on Monday January 6th 2020.
Nursery term dates may vary.

ST HILARY CHURCH

Regular Sunday service at 11am each week.
The carol service with St Hilary Choir will take place in Sunday December 22nd at 6.30pm. All welcome.

BUSH INN QUIZ



Sunday November 17th, December 8th and 22nd at 8pm.
£2 per person.

MONDAY WHIST

Next sessions on Monday December 2nd and January 6th, 2020 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

YOGA (WEDNESDAY)

Contact Rosalind on 07538 544188 or enquiries@rosalindbaxteryoga.co.uk.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The next village hall committee will take place on Wednesday January 22nd 2020 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.

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.

BUSH INN CHRISTMAS "LOCALS MEAL"



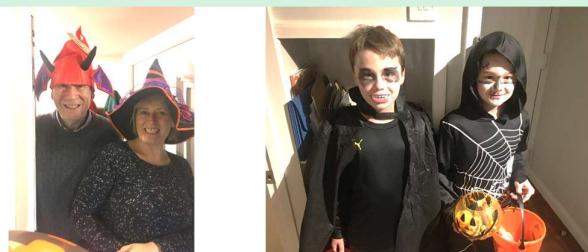
The "Locals' Meal" for villagers, locals and regulars will take place on Thursday December

12th. Contact the Bush Inn for availability.

SCOUT POST

As in previous years, Cardiff and The Vale Scouts are offering a reliable local Christmas Post service. Stamps are 30p and will be available from November 1st 2019. The last posting date is Monday December 2nd to give time for sorting before deliveries by their 'postmen' which should take place between Saturday December 7th and Sunday December 15th. Stamps available from a number of shops in Cowbridge.

DON'T LOOK NOW



Trick or treat St Hilary style?? The Bithells and Pitmans getting into the "spirit" of things!