

# ST HILARY NEWS

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



BIG THANKS must go to the marquee crew who put it up, took it down and put it away! The team was ably led by Neil Warnock and assisted by Merv & Chris, Charlie, Tim, Andrew and others, including 'little' Marion.



### WELCOME

September 2021 seemed to be the month when life settled back into something like normality with 2 fantastic village events taking place on the green using the fabulous new marquee.

### ST HILARY VILLAGE LUNCH

How lovely it was to be able to hold the St Hilary Village Lunch on the village green - a collaborative event arranged by St Hilary Church and the Village Hall Committee. About 70 people attended the delicious lunch, shielded from the beautiful but hot sun, by the new village marquee. A lot of people worked hard behind the scenes to make the event so enjoyable, delicious and also a great fundraiser generating over £900 which was shared between the two organising groups.

The event could not have happened without the hard work of the ticket sellers, food providers, bar staff (Chris and Gareth) and clearing up team. Special thanks go to Gillian Harris and Mary Llewellyn. Mary spent around 3-4 hours on one afternoon alone selling tickets, and inevitably ending up chatting on almost every doorstep - that's Mary and that's St Hilary for you. Thanks also to Emma Webley for stepping in and assisting on the day.

There are so many others to thank and apologies if I miss anyone out, but hopefully they are represented in some of the photos:

Marion, Helena, Sandra, Hilary, Sian, Gill, Caroline, Liz, Ewa, Christine who served up the meal and oversaw entry in and out of the hall, cleared up, washed up etc. Others who contributed by donating delicious salads and desserts. Heather Shaw for the raffle prizes and organisation - a great source of additional funds; Liz Loch for the cheerful and beautiful sunflowers that decorated the hall and tables. As I say, please forgive me if I have missed anyone out, you know we needed you! **CN**



### 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](mailto:lizloch@outlook.com).

### ST HILARY FORAGERS PRODUCE MARKET

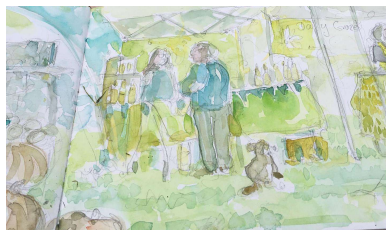
The seventh annual foraging market took place on a beautiful Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. This event began with two tables outside the Village Hall one Sunday seven years ago and has now grown to a much anticipated and loved event. This year saw several more stalls, including food and beverages, crafts and plants/ flower stalls along with the ever-popular jams, cakes, chutneys, sauces and savoury bakes.



It was delightful to see so many villagers, families and friends attending and buying all the produce. Monica and Caroline between them had produced nearly 300 jams, chutneys and bottles of apple juice but we are very thankful for the additional supplies from many members of St Hilary and beyond. £1500 raised at the event has been donated to Ty Hafan Children’s Hospital. The cake stall was manned by Llanfair Primary School PTA with £500 going to school funds.



We extend our deep thanks to all those who worked on the day and behind the scenes to make this such a successful fundraiser as well as enjoyable afternoon.



Thanks especially go to the marquee crew who put up and took down the event shelter and large marquee. Thanks also to the Brown family for facilitating parking in one of their fields which was a real bonus this year.



**ty hafan**  
the hospice for children in Wales  
yr hosbis i blant yng Nghymru

And, if you weren't able to join us on Sunday but would like to support Ty Hafan you might like to make a donation to the Ty Hafan volunteer gardeners who are busy restoring and maintaining the hospice gardens <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ty-hafan-garden-volunteers>.

A full write up of the event can also be read on <https://monicadennis.wordpress.com/st-hilary-foragers.../>

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**ST HILARY VILLAGE HALL**

St Hilary Village Hall is a community asset located in the centre of our lovely village. Small but perfectly formed, it is available for hire by villagers, local groups and other organisations. There are currently a few COVID related restrictions to numbers. There is more information on the village hall website [www.sthilaryhall.wales](http://www.sthilaryhall.wales). The hall is managed by a committee made up of appointed Trustees and elected members. Current trustees are Richard Calcaterra, Hilary Drew, Dave Glover and Phil Thomas. The elected members are Jude Bateson, Liz Loch, Caroline Neudegg, Bruce Rankine, Ewa Thomas and Beth Whelan. The committee meets quarterly (for about an hour) and deals with all building matters. We also arrange a number of events throughout the year to raise additional funds. In the past, these have included the St David’s Day Supper, Quiz Nights, the infamous Safari Supper and the Village Fete. There will be additional vacancies on the committee for new members to join, the election will happen at the Annual General Meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested, please ask a committee member for more information, or contact Ewa Thomas the current chairman on [ewathomas@btinetrnet.com](mailto:ewathomas@btinetrnet.com) or 01446 771728.

Over the next couple of months there will be some long awaited enhancements carried out to the hall. This includes upgrading our kitchen facility and improving our entrance doors. We will endeavour to keep the hall fully operational throughout the building works but from time to time the kitchen will not be available. This work has been funded by Welsh Government COVID related Business Support Grants and the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s Stronger Communities Grant Fund.



**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**



£160 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support at the September Community Café. Big thanks go to Philippa, Mary L, Liz L for all the baked goodies, and to Vicki for helping serve teas, coffee and cakes. We also sold

Liz’s sunflowers, Caroline’s fudge and Philippa Coggins’ homegrown huge cucumbers!

**CN**

**ST HILARY'S FESTIVAL OF WINTER'S EVE**



Planning has commenced for this year’s Winter’s Eve. The pivot of activities will be Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>, when we hope to have the traditional children’s activities and performances by villagers. Obviously, everything will be subject to the restrictions in place at that time – but we aim to utilise the village marquee to the full.

In addition, we will be including many of the activities from last year, including Christmas lights switch-on, Carols around the village, Festive homes and the Festive trail. We are planning a harp recital and we have a couple of other ideas that we are working on.



The village has many talented children and adults – so if you are happy to participate with a song, playing a musical instrument, recital, poem or other performance (eg dropping your daughter from your shoulder!) please let us know. We will also be tapping a few shoulders over the next few weeks – be prepared for the knock on the door! **TD**

**THANKS TO GVS**



We are very grateful to GVS, or Glamorgan Voluntary Services to give the organisation

its full name. Over the last 18 months they have supported the village with a number of grants which have helped us to keep village life going in a time when fundraising has been difficult. These have included funding 2 editions of this newsletter, helping the village hall to provide COVID signage, additional hygiene measures and cleaning materials prior to re-opening, and most recently the purchase of the fantastic village marquee and accessories. We are very lucky to have their support.

## OTHER NEWS

### COMMUNITY CAFÉ – TIME CHANGE!

Community Café on Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> will start at the new later time of 11am. This is to allow the Pilates group time to finish their class! All welcome for coffee, cake and a chat between 11am and 12 noon.

### HAPPY HANDS WITH CATE



Happy Hands with Cate has started new classes in St Hilary village hall. Happy Hands Club is a music and sensory movement class for parents and their little ones from birth to 5! Classes are on a Thursday – 10 -10.45 (0 - 14 months) and

11-11.45 (0 - 5 years). Blocks of 4 weeks and pay as you go classes available!

Call Cate on 07703 847020 to secure your place! Find us on Facebook - Happy Hands Club with Cate.

### YOGA WITH ANN

Yoga classes take place at 6pm Tuesday evenings in the village hall. Classes will need to be pre-booked in 4 week blocks and cost £20 per block. If you need any further explanation or want to register either email Ann at [yogannie64@yahoo.com](mailto:yogannie64@yahoo.com) or call 07855448356.

Block 1 - September 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Block 2 - October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Registration for block 2 bookings from October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Block 3 - November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Registration for block 3 bookings as of November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### VILLAGE FAMILIES GET TOGETHER

During the last 15 months there have been many young arrivals in the village – new babies for some residents and new families moving in. On Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be an opportunity for the young children of the village, accompanied by their parents, to meet up in the village hall. This will be a great chance for the children and adults to introduce themselves. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Jonny Currie on [jonny.currie@gmail.com](mailto:jonny.currie@gmail.com).

### 3CS

The 3Cs group will next meet on Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am outside the village hall. If you are interested in joining, please contact [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk).

### LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Llanfair Community Council will be holding their next meeting on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the village hall. For more information visit their website <https://www.llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk/>

### ST HILARY WI

The next meeting of St Hilary WI will take place on Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the village hall. New members are always welcome, please contact Caroline Neudegg at [ceneuddeg@gmail.com](mailto:ceneuddeg@gmail.com) or on 07967 976076

### BULB PLANTING



Jayne Warnock and Clare Green are planning a bulb fest on the Village Green on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> (10am to 1pm) and on No Man's Land on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> (2pm to 4pm). Donations of bulbs will also be gratefully received to supplement those being funded by the BBC Dr Who donation.

Villagers will be encouraged to adopt a patch of land outside their homes and to plant bulbs in their own gardens or in tubs to brighten up the village in Spring.

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