

# ST HILARY NEWS

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



### WELCOME

Welcome back to the new normal as we slowly emerge from lockdown hibernation and tentatively start to resume our lives as St Hilary social butterflies. The last 4 months have been strange and difficult times, with many planned and landmark events having to be postponed or re-imagined to comply with regulations, including the Willow Tree of Good Wishes at Easter and the VE Day Commemorations. Village events that we have missed this year include the Safari Supper, the Spring Clean Litter Pick and the Parish Lunch and at least 2 village weddings!



So more than 100 days after the Bush Inn closed their doors, Liz, Andy, and the team welcomed customers back. From Wednesday 15th July, a new service called 'Dine Out' at the Bush Inn started: Serving delicious wood-fired pizzas, posh burgers, homemade beer

battered fish and chips, salads, sides, and desserts, all accompanied by a limited but very refreshing drinks menu. Liz Silva said "This is not a re-opening... it is a brand-new opening. Things have changed over the last 100 days. We do not need to tell you that!"

If you would like to dine al fresco at the Bush Inn, please call on 01446 776888.



You can reserve a table for groups of 8 maximum (space is limited please book

early to avoid disappointment).

Things will evolve over the next few months as Government rules and regulations change but please be assured that the Bush Inn is Covid-19 secure.

Prior to the first night, Liz said "We are an independently owned pub/restaurant and we are facing some huge challenges in the uncertain times ahead. We would appreciate your support and patience during these times, for us and for the other wonderful independent businesses in the local area all of whom have supported each other during these tough times."



### 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 [newsletter@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sthilary.org.uk). Welsh and English contributions welcome.

## VILLAGE HALL RE-OPENING

St Hilary village hall has been declared “COVID Safe” and will once again be available for villagers and others to use. A new one-way system is in place – in through the main entrance and out through the double doors. Hand sanitiser dispensers have been installed at the entrance and exit. Paper towels have replaced the hand towels in the toilets and tea towels in the kitchen. Currently, to comply with appropriate social distancing measures, the maximum number of people allowed in the hall is 16.

### DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

The first event will be a “COVID Safe” coffee morning on Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>. This will take place in the hall where the tables will be suitably spaced. We also hope to serve takeaway coffees and cakes for anyone who would rather sit outside or take their cake home. Caroline and I will wear appropriate PPE to serve you and keep you safe.



This lovely photo was taken in 2019 when social distancing wasn't part of anyone's vocabulary!

### VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The village hall committee will meet in the flesh on Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.



Terry Dennis will be standing down in November having after many years as Treasurer. If you think you could help and take on this role, please contact Ewa at [ewathomas@btinternet.com](mailto:ewathomas@btinternet.com).

FREE EXHIBITION AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>

## Cutting Edge Textile Group Lockdown Exhibition



A celebration of work completed during the Covid-19 Lockdown

A wide range of creative textiles - traditional and contemporary quilts, embroidery, fabric books and postcards and featuring the work of guest textile artist Carol Bartlett

**Friday & Saturday 14-15 August 2020**  
**11am-4pm**  
**St Hilary Village Hall, St Hilary**  
**Cowbridge, CF71 7DP**  
**Free Admission**

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MY GROUP?

Not all groups will be starting back in August, some because they are on their summer break, others because they are waiting for clearance from the Welsh Government. The contacts for the regular users are listed below if you want to check the start date for your group or if you are interested in joining one.

**Whist Group** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday every month – contact Sue Llewellyn on 07866 627372 or Sue Brown 01446 746855 or Shirley Brown 01446 772327.

**St Hilary WI** meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month in the evening – contact Jenny Hughes on 01446 773041 or [Jen@HiltonHughes.com](mailto:Jen@HiltonHughes.com).

**Yoga** takes place at 6pm on Mondays with Ann Culverwell - contact her at [ann.culverwell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ann.culverwell@yahoo.co.uk).

**Pilates** is on Friday mornings with Fran Healer – contact her on 07885 838022 or [lulawellness@yahoo.com](mailto:lulawellness@yahoo.com).

Hall bookings – for further information check the website [www.sthilary.org.uk/information/bookhall](http://www.sthilary.org.uk/information/bookhall) or contact Terry Dennis on 07977 492926.



## ST HILARY FORAGERS PRODUCE MARKET

This will be on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> between 12 noon and 3pm – exact location in the village to be confirmed.



It's that time of year again when we are starting to go out foraging and accepting offers of surplus fruit and vegetables. We have already processed elderflowers, rhubarb and gooseberries into chutney and jam. If you are able to

donate surplus goodies, have homemade produce to contribute or are able to help on the day, please contact Monica (07811 159800 [mdennis.wales@gmail.com](mailto:mdennis.wales@gmail.com)) or Caroline Neudegg (07967 976076 [ceneudegg@gmail.com](mailto:ceneudegg@gmail.com)).

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## AUTUMN VILLAGE LITTERPICK

The Spring Clean Litter Pick was scheduled to take place at Easter. To comply with social distancing and hygiene rules, Keep Wales Tidy have replaced this with a DIY September Clean initiative. If you take part, you can register and record your collection at [www.keepwalestidy.cymru/Pages/Category/autumn-clean-cymru](http://www.keepwalestidy.cymru/Pages/Category/autumn-clean-cymru)



We have a small number of litter pickers that can be borrowed and will be sanitised between uses – please contact [lizloch@outlook.com](mailto:lizloch@outlook.com) to arrange this.

## OTHER NEWS

### MEET THE VILLAGERS

A new section has been set up on the village website where villagers, starting from the most recent arrivals, have been introducing themselves. Meet some of them at [www.sthilary.org.uk/memories/meet](http://www.sthilary.org.uk/memories/meet).

### LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Llanfair Community Council will resume meetings on Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> in St Hilary village hall at 7pm. Mary Llewellyn and Heather Shaw are the St Hilary Councillors, their details are on the council webpage ([www.llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk/](http://www.llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk/)). The clerk, Jackie Griffin can be contacted at [jackie.griffin1@btopenworld.com](mailto:jackie.griffin1@btopenworld.com).

### ST HILARY CHURCH

St Hilary Church is currently not open, but the following churches have reopened for private prayer:

- Holy Cross, Cowbridge – 10am to 11am on Thursday, 4pm to 5pm on Sunday.
- St John the Baptist, Llanblethian – 10am to 11am on Wednesday, 2pm to 3pm on Sunday.

Services from Holy Cross are available online, please visit the Parish website for further information.

### GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



In April villagers were challenged to take part in a giant sunflower competition. A packet, containing a few seeds and instructions, was made available for every young person in the village. The challenge was taken up by villagers of all ages! Remember to post your photos on the St Hilary Community Facebook

page and don't forget that you and the birds can harvest the seeds once your flowers have finished blooming.

### MISSING YOUR HOLIDAY THIS YEAR?

Voudriez-vous practiquer votre français, neu sgleinio eich Cymraeg rhydlyd, o quizás practicar o mejorar su español? Maybe you can without leaving St Hilary! We are looking to set up some informal foreign language conversation groups at (or outside) the Bush Inn. If you are interested, contact Liz on 07747 688219 or [lizloch@outlook.com](mailto:lizloch@outlook.com).

**LOCAL FOOD RELATED SERVICES**

Lockdown has allowed us to refocus on local food, local suppliers and community ventures such as the flour purchasing syndicate. While some of the services below are well established, others are more recent.

**MAYHEM BAKERY**

A weekly delivery of freshly baked sourdough bread straight to your gate is available from Aoife the Baker at Coed. For the past couple of years Aoife has been developing artisanal baking skills and has toured bakeries in the UK and Europe to gain expertise in sourdough which she is now bringing to St Hilary. Organic ingredients and freshly milled grain are used where possible.

- Small loaf @ £2.50
- Large loaf @ £3.75
- Special loaves and pastries



These prices include delivery to your gate by electric bike. Contact Aoife on 07387 600257 or [aoifemayhem@gmail.com](mailto:aoifemayhem@gmail.com) to place an order, have a chat or ask any questions.

**JANE'S EGGS**



Jane Williams at Stable Cottage (near the telephone box) has free range eggs for sale from her flock of rescued battery hens. The eggs are available to pick up from the porch (boxes

supplied or bring your own) and there is an honesty box for payment. £3 per dozen. Contact Jane on 01446 774040 or 07773 729267 to check availability.

**CHIGWELL LAMB**



Chigwell Lamb - reared in St Hilary. Whole or half a lamb available. For enquiries contact Cheryl on email [Chigwellhouse@aol.co.uk](mailto:Chigwellhouse@aol.co.uk)

**ELI'S TABLE**



Lower New Beaupre House,  
St. Hilary, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7DP.  
Tel: 01446 772584  
Email: [emoaksom@gmail.com](mailto:emoaksom@gmail.com) (For Orders)

As we are easing lockdown and our lives are getting back to a new normal, I am here to help make life easier for you. Whether it is to fill your own freezer, gifting a friend who has just had a baby or

sending someone supper to show them you are thinking of them; good wholesome food stirs the soul. Please email [emoaksom@gmail.com](mailto:emoaksom@gmail.com) for orders 😊



All products are handmade and freshly made using the very best fresh ingredients.

They can be cooked in the foil or transferred into suitable dishes. You may freeze them if you wish. Free local delivery (3-mile radius) for orders over £50.00. Full menu on [www.sthilary.org.uk](http://www.sthilary.org.uk). **EM**

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