

ST HILARY NEWS

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



The arrival of the wassailers in the village hall heralded the second part of the celebrations with host Terry Dennis kicking off the performances with



a seasonal reading. Villagers and visitors were then entertained by a wide range of acts performed by young residents. These ranged from a "family" singing

WELCOME

With Christmas rapidly approaching, the village has been a hive of activity. Regular meetings such as the WI, 3Cs and yoga groups have been supplemented by seasonal crafts and activities. This level of activity appears set to continue through to the start of 2020 when we can all take a well earned rest!

group, future rock stars, an enthusiastic dancing troupe, a solo flautist and some fabulous poetry readings. These performers were interwoven with two further seasonal readings from more senior villagers.



CELEBRATION OF WINTER'S EVE

The Winter's Eve celebration started with Children's Activities in the Church. It was delightful to have more than 20 children



visiting the children's activities in the Church. Helen Bithell, assisted by a great band of helpers, provided wonderful child-friendly activities including Charlie's Guess the Number

In no particular order, thank you to the performers: Jack & Luca Llewellyn; Fred & Alfie Pitman; Izzy Calcaterra; Iolo Davies; Josh Denman & William; Mary Thomas; Gareth Thomas, and Terry Dennis.



Villagers joined in the Bush Inn "Car-Pool Karaoke" which has been viewed by more than 3500 people! Throughout the event, Helena and Marion served mulled wine and mince pies

of Sweets in the jar; Maddy (from Coed Hills) making wooden disks that the children drilled and decorated; Ann (Yoga teacher in St. Hilary), Rachel Neudegg, Cheryl Thomas and others, doing Christmas decorated lantern jars; Christmas story telling - Caroline and Helen and concluding with singing and wassailing to the village hall. Ages ranged from 2 to late teens - Well done all!



to attendees and entertainers. Thank you to everybody who donated mince pies! The event was rounded off with curry and the quiz in the Bush Inn. Proceeds from the event will be shared between the church, village hall and village projects.

ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

The deadline for contributions for the next edition in Friday January 24th. 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.

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RECENT EVENTS

WILLOW WEAVING

A highly enjoyable willow weaving sessions was provided for locals to enjoy making a star or lantern. Nancy Evans taught children from 4yrs old to construct



the shapes, cover them with tissue paper and then decorate. This was a lovely family friendly session and the amazing results were on display at the Winter's Eve Wassailing parade. Watch this space as Nancy has been asked to run another session and perhaps a basket weaving day course. CN



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WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

A wreath making workshop was held on November 26th. The thirteen attendees were treated to a demonstration from Monica Dennis and plied with prosecco and homemade mince pies



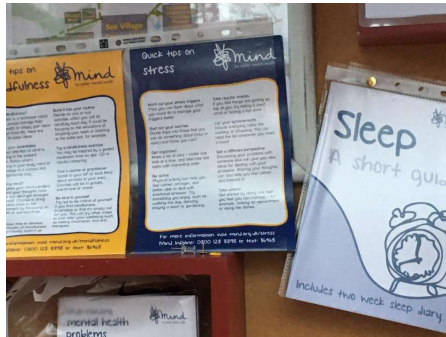
whilst beautiful wreaths were created. It is hoped that the session to be repeated in 2020! A big thank you to Monica. CN

WI NEWS

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 wizardry, creating some beautiful fresh decorations for our Christmas tables, along with some clever little gifts. CN

TELEPHONE BOX - ONE YEAR AND COUNTING

In late November, the telephone box became an advice centre during "Mental Health Week" including information specific to male health issues - an initiative by Helen Bithell.



December saw the return of the St Hilary Telephone Box of Delights with villagers young and old attending the big Christmas Light Turn On and checking out Santa's Pantry.



St Hilary Telephone Box of Delights



Santa's Pantry & the Elf Exchange

Santa's Pantry is for the grown ups and the treat on the shelf is for taking, BUT... if you take the treat you must replace it with something else - food or non-food, bought or homemade

The Elf Exchange is for the little people. Again there is treat on the shelf that can be taken but only if you leave a little gift in its place

ENJOY!!

Santa and his merry band of Elves wish you a very **MERRY & MISCHIEVOUS CHRISTMAS!**



A book documenting the first year of community ownership has been produced by Monica. This can be viewed on the St Hilary village website. If you have an idea for the phone box please contact Monica (mdennis.wales@gmail.com) or Caroline (ceneudegg@gmail.com).

MONDAY EVENING YOGA ON A SATURDAY MORNING?

Following a blissfully relaxing 2-hour yoga session, which included Yin Yoga and mindfulness, (whilst thinking about the chocolates that Ann Culverwell had handed out), the St Hilary Monday evening Yoga group had lunch together in the Bush Inn. There are a few places available for Monday December 23rd at 6pm, contact Ann Culverwell 07855 448356. CN



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE DECEMBER 22ND



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH WALES

Are you concerned about the speed of traffic in our village?

South Wales Police are looking for volunteers from local communities to get involved in Community Speed Watch schemes. Community Speed Watch is a new initiative from South Wales Police who will provide members of the public with equipment and training in order to carry out speed monitoring operations alongside Police Officers and Community Support Officers on roads within their local community. Drivers of vehicles found exceeding the speed limit by Speed Watch volunteers will be sent a letter by South Wales Police highlighting the importance of driving appropriately in respect to the local community. Evidence of persistent offending will lead to an enforcement response by South Wales Police.



Llanfair Community Council, working in conjunction with South Wales Police, are looking to set up a scheme in our community. If you are interested in participating in the Community Speed Watch in our area, or would like to know more about the scheme, please contact the clerk to the Council, Jackie Griffin, on 01446 773646 or jackie.griffin1@btinternet.com. All participants will be required to complete a comprehensive registration form.

COMING SOON

LATIN DANCE CLASSES



(Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, ChaChaCha, Bolero...)

Following on from the successful taster class in November, weekly classes start Thursday

January 16th 7.00-8.00pm.

Choose the most comfortable payment method for you - £5 per lesson or £18 per month. Contact Paula on paula_sagitario22@hotmail.com or WhatsApp +34665450007.

CHRISTMAS RECYLCING INITIATIVES

Black Bag collection will take place on **Saturday December 28th** for St Hilary village. Christmas tree recycling will take place in January as usual.

The following initiatives are from Gill Harris:



Recycle your used POSTAGE STAMPS with the RNIB at the telephone box – look out for the collection box.

Wondering what to do with **that** wine bottle cork? Bring it (!) along to the telephone box where a collection point has been set up.



The yellow collection box in the telephone box is there for you to make donations to the Hygiene Bank including unwanted toiletry gifts in the New Year

<https://thehygienebank.com/>.

VALLEY KIDS AFTERNOON TEA

Limited tickets available for this event –



contact Ewa Thomas on 01446 771728 or ewathomas@btinternet.com.

WHAT'S ON – DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY

CUT, CLEAN & CLEAR (3CS)

Wednesday January 8th and February 5th meet outside the village hall at 10am.

DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Coffee, cake and a chat – Wednesday January 8th and February 5th 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. The carol service with St Hilary Choir will take place in Sunday December 22nd at 6.30pm. All welcome.

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dates and venues for next meetings:
Thursday January 9th at 7pm at St Hilary village hall.
Further 2020 dates and venues to be confirmed.

SPANISH TUITION AVAILABLE

SPANISH CLASSES FOR ALL AGES (Kids and adults) WITH **Paula Ibañez**, SPANISH NATIVE.

QUALIFIED TEACHER IN SPAIN.
DEGREE TEACHER IN INFANT, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

- Cowbridge and surroundings -

- ✓ Flexible schedule
 - ✓ Conversations, exams...
 - ✓ Private lessons
- Email: paula_sagitario22@hotmail.com and
WhatsApp: ±34 665450007 for details.



ST HILARY WI

The next meeting of St Hilary WI, on January 14th at will be fun and games with a light supper. 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. Half term Monday 17th to Friday 21st February. Nursery term dates may vary.

BUSH INN QUIZ



Sunday December 22nd, January 5th and 19th at 8pm.
£2 per person.

MONDAY WHIST

Next sessions on Monday January 6th and February 3rd at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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. There will be a vacancy for the role of Treasurer at the end of next year – if you think you can help, please contact Ewa.

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.

THIS MONTH'S CAPTION COMPETITION



Polite captions will be published in January!