

# ST HILARY NEWS

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



## WELCOME

As Christmas approaches, St Hilary has been busy with traditional seasonal activities but villagers have also taken time to consider climate change and community sustainability and resilience.

## HALLOWEEN



Halloween saw villagers (young and not so young) following the Pumpkin Trail produced by Jayne and Neil Warnock. This identified where to visit for treats and also where the best dressed pumpkins could be seen. A fun and goody-filled time was had by all!



## FIREWORK DISPLAY

Thank you once again to the residents and staff at the Manor House for giving the village such an amazing firework display and also for pre-warning residents with pets who may not appreciate the event.



## WINE TASTING

Master of Wines Richard Ballantyne, of The Noble Grape in Cowbridge, entertained and informed the 30 villagers who attended a wine tasting evening in the village hall on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Six wines and a tawny Port were eagerly sampled and discussed.



A raffle on the evening raised £120 for future editions of St Hilary News.

## VILLAGE HALL AGM

Chairman Ewa Thomas welcomed villagers to the village hall on Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> for an "in person", rather than Zoom, Annual General Meeting. After discussing changes to the Constitution, a new enlarged committee was elected. The committee members for 2021/22 are Jude Bateson (Ochiltree Cottage), Phil Botting (Kninkin), James Davidson (New House), Liz Loch (Glebe Farm), Caroline Neudegg (Burnaby House), Mads Payne (Stallington), Bruce Rankine (Hendre), Ewa Thomas (Manor Cottage), and Pam Wilkinson (Old Farm). The trustees are Richard Calcaterra (The Nest), Hilary Drew (Cartref), Dave Glover (The Meadows), and Phil Thomas (Chigwell House). The hall will be closed for approximately 10 days during January for the new kitchen to be installed – regular users will be contacted by the booking secretary.

## ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have any items for publication in the next edition including any **Green Tips**, 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 GREEN GUERRILLAS



**JOIN THE REVOLUTION NOW!**

A call was put out to all villagers and change-makers to convene in the centre of the village on Sunday

November 7<sup>th</sup> while the United Nations COP26 climate change conference was ongoing in Glasgow. The meeting was to show that the village stands behind action to protect the climate for now and future generations.

Children made masks, painted placards, and learnt about tree planting from Nancy at Coedy Tor.



We are willing to come together for a first small project that can benefit all who are part of St Hilary and feel the village hall may be the thing that offers some scope for this. Perhaps from this we could springboard to other larger projects, even possibly joining forces with nearby villages to achieve wider gains. We are currently trying to set up dates with Community Energy Wales and others to come to speak to us, to open up our thinking and help us track down funding opportunities. A new section will appear in the newsletter - Green Tips of the Month - tiny things we could all do to make a difference. Green Tips will be a shared village column. So please - help us all learn more by posting your own best tips to Liz Loch and do include your children too!!

**JB & AB**

*A message from Patrick Whelan about Climate Change:*  
“We could do nothing. Or can we, in St Hilary, take small but realistic steps to help recovery. We could improve biodiversity and capture carbon in dozens of gardens. Think about it! Let’s meet in the New Year to explore possibilities.” **PW**

### COMMUNITY GREEN ENERGY

Following the lead from the Green Guerillas, a group met to talk about our own part in making our community one that can thrive and grow sustainably for the future generations. With time running out for us to make changes, responsibility belongs to us all. But how do I reduce my own carbon footprint even by a little? How can I reduce my energy bills? What could we in St Hilary do together to make the air we breathe cleaner and safer for our children? Graham Nash once sang – “Teach your children well” but how? How do we demystify this? Could we work together? This was just a first ‘conversation’ but the knowledge, expertise and teamwork of many of our St Hilary residents shone through. Topics discussed ranged from harnessing effective sources of energy and insulation, to improved permaculture, a community transport scheme and more.

We have many pioneers in this village, ready to pass on their experiences and to develop community resilience, we will form groups who are willing to support those who may want to understand more about renewables or are considering individual changes to their properties. We need your input because we want to explore inclusive projects that do things with people, rather than to them, so we want to hear from more of you with queries or anything that would be important to you.

### BULB PLANTING AROUND THE VILLAGE



We want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone, both big and small, who gave their time to help with the bulb planting over the weekend October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The sun came out and St Hilary villagers rose to the occasion to help plant over 3,500 bulbs in total - what a feat! We appreciate all the effort each of you threw into the task and we look forward to seeing the fruits

of our labour come to fruition in late winter and spring with a carpet of colour on the green, fingers crossed!

**JW & CG**



# St Hilary's Celebration of Winter's Eve

St Hilary's celebration of Winter's Eve is a unique programme of events where villagers come together in a series of activities to mark the onset of dark nights and roaring fires.



**St Hilary's Celebration of Winter's Eve**

**Christmas Lights Switch On Village Hall and Telephone Box**  
**Saturday, 4 December**

- 6pm Telephone box
- 6.30pm Village Hall / Church

For more details and information email [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk)

**Harp Recital**  
**7.30pm Saturday 4 December**  
**Village Hall**

**St Hilary's Celebration of Winter's Eve**



*Featuring harpist Marged Hall and flautist Chloe Vincent*



For more details and information email [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk)  
 Covid-19 safety measures will be sent with your booking confirmation

**FESTIVAL OF WINTER'S EVE**  
**Marquee on the Green**  
**Sunday, 5 December**

**St Hilary's Celebration of Winter's Eve**

- 3pm Children's activities
- 5pm A special guest
- 6pm Villager performances
- 7pm Adam Rosser Band



- Wrap up warm
- Bring your own food and drink

For more details and information email [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk)



On Saturday and Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a fun Xmas trail organised by Neil and Jayne Warnock. It is a short walking route, looking for clues around the village and solving a puzzle at the end. You will be able to pick up a copy from the phone box and there will also be a free Xmas goody bag for the children taking part.

**St Hilary's Celebration of Winter's Eve**

Support Winter's Eve by donating at [www.gofundme.com/f/WE2021](http://www.gofundme.com/f/WE2021)

**The Festive Homes of St Hilary**

Create a magical, festive masterpiece that Father Christmas can see from his sleigh. You can either just provide details for the map for viewing only or you can enter the competition for the most festive home in the village – judges will be looking for originality, personality and festivity, so that St Hilary glistens with festive lights!



- Put your decorations up in late November/ early December
- Register by 5pm on Monday 6 December by email [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk) or phone/text 07977 492926
- Judging by villagers will take place on 11 & 12 December

**Carols round the village**  
**From 6pm Thursday 16 December**

**Featuring Aled Powys Williams and Robert Young**

**St Hilary's Celebration of Winter's Eve**

6pm Pinklands / 6.20pm Telephone Box / 6.40pm No Man's Land / 7pm Village Green  
 Wrap up warm / Wear Hi-Viz / Follow the marshal's instructions  
For more details and information email [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk)

If you enjoyed last year's events, please support Winter's Eve and next year's activities by donating generously – it is part of what makes St Hilary such a special place to live. Go to: [www.gofundme.com/f/WE2021](http://www.gofundme.com/f/WE2021) – if you prefer to donate by cash or cheque (payable to St Hilary Forum) speak to Terry Dennis. Finally, we have an enthusiastic team of volunteers committed to Winter's Eve, but everybody is welcome to get involved – just ask!!! Contact: [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk) Or contact Terry Dennis on 07977 492926. **TD**

## OTHER NEWS

### COMMUNITY CAFÉ



The next Community Café will take place on Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup>. All welcome for coffee, cake and a chat between 11am and 12 noon.

### HAPPY HANDS WITH CATE

Happy Hands Club is a music and sensory movement class for parents and their little ones from birth to 5! Happy Hands with Cate classes are held in St Hilary Village Hall on a Thursday from 10 -10.45am. Blocks of 4 weeks or pay as you go classes available!

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



### YOGA WITH ANN

Yoga classes take place at 6pm Tuesday evenings in the village hall. If you want to register either email Ann at [yogannie64@yahoo.com](mailto:yogannie64@yahoo.com) or call 07855448356.

### VILLAGE FAMILIES XMAS GET TOGETHER

Following a very successful first event in October, there will be an opportunity for the young children of the village, accompanied by their parents, to meet up again in the village hall. This will take place on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> between noon and 4pm. 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 December 1<sup>st</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 December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm on Zoom. For more information contact the clerk [clerk@llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk) or visit their website <https://www.llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk/>.

### ST HILARY WI

The next meeting of St Hilary WI will take place on December 14<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.

### ST HILARY CHURCH

A congregational service of "Nine Lessons and Carols" will be held in St Hilary Church on Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm.

Details of the Christmas Services will be available shortly on the parish website [www.cowbridgeparish.com](http://www.cowbridgeparish.com).

There is a Eucharist Service in the Church every Sunday at 11am.

### 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



The telephone box will once again host the 12 Days of Christmas collection point – the timetable will be published soon and will include days for toys and toiletries, along with all sorts of food and drink items. Villagers were incredibly generous in 2020 and the donations were distributed to the community partners in time for Christmas.

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