

# ST HILARY NEWS

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



## WELCOME

We hope that you enjoyed the first edition of the newsletter and that you find February's edition interesting and informative.

## ST HILARY LOGO COMPETITION RESULTS

At the St Hilary Forum annual meeting, villagers had an opportunity to vote on the 10 shortlisted submissions for the village logo competition.

The children's category was won by Pippa de Wilde who narrowly beat her siblings, Tom and Alice, into joint second place.

The voting for the adult category was so close that three joint winners were declared:

- Oscar Ackerman
- Christopher Dennis
- Sue Evans

The winning designs will be considered at the next Forum Panel meeting to determine the next stage.



Thank you to everybody who submitted a logo and massive congratulations to the winners.

## NEWS

NSPCC COFFEE MORNING –  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

# NSPCC

C Y M R U | W A L E S

Come and join the NSPCC ladies for a St Valentine's Day / Shrove Tuesday Coffee Morning on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 to 12.00 in the village hall.

As always, there will be a vast selection of delicious home baked goodies and freshly cooked pikelets to indulge in, along with a tranche of tempting delicacies from the cake stall to purchase and consume before the rigours of Lent begin!

Along with the raffle (which will feature highly desirable prizes), you'll also be able to purchase items from the "good as new table" and treat yourself to a selection of beautiful potted Spring arrangements to lift the winter gloom.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>.

## ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have an event coming up or a project you would like to tell the community about, you can send your item to Liz Loch at Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP or [newsletter@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sthilary.org.uk).

Deadline for the March newsletter is Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## RECENT EVENTS

### ST HILARY FORUM ANNUAL MEETING

The St Hilary Forum held its annual meeting in the village hall on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>. Around 25 people attended and were treated to a wonderful buffet and a glass of wine (or two). At the meeting, villagers had the opportunity to:

- Catch up with the news and gossip from the village;
- Vote for the Village Logo competition;
- Be updated about what the Forum had been up to in 2017 and plans for 2018 (including the Village Bake Off); and,
- Be enthralled by Bill Strong talking about his military career.

A big thank you to all those who helped and to those who attended.

### BILL STRONG IN "TROUBLE SPOTS OF THE WORLD"

Those attending the annual meeting of St Hilary Forum were treated to a wonderful talk by Bill Strong about his illustrious military career.



After eschewing a lucrative career in finance and resisting the allure of a life as a jazz drummer, Bill embarked on a journey that took him and Angela to Aden (part of modern Yemen), Oman, Saudi Arabia, Northern Ireland and Borneo. Eventually he was responsible for the mobilisation of 46,000 troops, being 3rd in command of the

Headquarters during the 1st Gulf War.

Memorable anecdotes included:

- Writing to Defence Minister Dennis Healy who approved his posting to Aden, where Bill and his colleagues were attacked with mustard gas;
- Experiencing the overthrow of Said bin Taimur by his son Sultan Qaboos in a palace coup in Oman in 1970;
- Being posted to Borneo, only to arrive after the war had ended!
- Enjoying drinks from the proceeds of 14 stitches, at £44 a stitch, that one of his colleagues had in a wound – when only 3 stitches were really needed;
- Successfully opening a champagne bottle with a sabre, to the chagrin of the French military attaché who had issued the challenge; and,
- General Sir Peter de la Billière, former Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in the Gulf War, getting lost in St Hilary and ending up in the Bush!

A very big thank you to Bill and, of course, to Angela.

## IN OTHER NEWS

### BAG 2 SCHOOL

### LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL



Llanfair Primary PTA has regular collections of unwanted clothing and textiles, for which they receive 40p per kilo. This is a good way of recycling unwanted items and

raising money for the school in the process! Information about what can be donated to Bag2School is show below. Items should be of good quality, as they are for re-use.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Items can be placed in any plastic bag or bin liner which must be brought to school on the morning of the collection and left by 9am at the top of the car park, near the gate into the school playground. The next collection will be on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE:** Bags can be brought to St Hilary village hall on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> between 10.30am and noon, during the drop in coffee morning.

## JUNIOR REPORTERS REQUIRED

Are you one of the almost 30 children living in or around St Hilary? If so, we are looking for junior reporters for the newsletter.

For more information contact [newsletter@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sthilary.org.uk)



## POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

The Police Community Support Officer for St Hilary is Sian Roberts (PCSO 55489). She has provided the following contact details: Mobile number 07805 301 644 and email [Sian.Roberts@south-wales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Sian.Roberts@south-wales.pnn.police.uk).

## WI NEWS



In January we had a social games evening. We played a game that was new to nearly everyone in the group – Dobble - perhaps best described as crazy snap. The game required us to work at speed to observe matches across eight symbols! It was both fun and infuriating but definitely good for testing the brain. It is a game suitable for ages from 5 to 95, so ideal for us. If you are interested in joining the WI, please contact Caroline on 07967 976076.

## YOGA @ ST HILARY



The new Monday evening yoga sessions in the village hall are proving popular with more than 12 villagers attending each week. Class members took a moment to celebrate

Sheila Davies' birthday at a recent class. Further sessions may be organised to meet demand, for information contact Ann on 07855 448356.

## NEWS FROM THE BUSH INN

As you all know, we tragically lost one of our precious family in October of last year. Jack Berry was a very talented and lovely young man who we were very lucky to have become firm friends with. In honour of Jack's memory, his amazing family have set up a charity which is called the Jack Berry Fijian Foundation. The charity will seek to raise funds to build a preschool in Naqia, Fiji, which is the home community of Jack's wife, Luisa. Jack loved Fiji and when he visited with Luisa the Fijian community fell in love with him. His dream was to go back and help improve the community to provide better

opportunities for the children. Along with his family, we have decided to raise funds to build the Jack Berry Kindergarten School.

We have many fundraising activities planned for this year including a charity ball and a cyclothon, also his father and wife will be running from their family home in Pandy, Monmouthshire, to the Bush Inn. If you would like to be kept up to date with our fundraising, have any ideas or would like to help with any of the activities please visit [www.jackberryfijianfoundation.com](http://www.jackberryfijianfoundation.com).

## LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL



At the end of last term, the children performed three wonderful concerts to celebrate Christmas. Nursery and reception told 'Wriggly Nativity' while year one and two entertained with

'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. The juniors' concert brought many laughs with the story of saving Santa from a dastardly villain. Well done to all involved 😊!

## LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Llanfair Primary School PTA is currently fundraising to improve the playground space: specifically we hope to purchase ball-stop netting to prevent balls from going into the gardens of houses which adjoin the playground. This will allow children to be able to play more freely without the worry of causing nuisance to the school's neighbours. We then hope to create zones within the playground to allow for different activities to take place. Also, we are fundraising to purchase lockers for the Junior building and to pay for minor works to the current cloakroom area to improve the current space. Since September we have raised £204 from Bag2School collections, £195 from our Halloween Disco, £210 from the Waitrose Community Matters scheme, £427 from our Christmas Hamper Raffle and £1625 from our Christmas Fayre. We are still waiting to hear how much we raised from Christmas tree sales at Ty Cerrig (we get a percentage if Llanfair PTA is mentioned when purchasing a tree) and from sales of MyArtProject Christmas cards and gift items designed by our children.

# WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

## THE BUSH INN QUIZ NIGHT



Sunday evenings February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>.  
8pm start.  
£1 per person.  
Plus "Higher or Lower."

## MONDAY WHIST

Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the village hall.

## CUT, CLEAN & CLEAR (3CS)

Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>, meet outside the village hall at 10am (contact [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk)). More sessions may be organized from Easter onwards when everything starts to grow!

## DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Coffee, cake and a chat - Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> between 10.30am and noon in the village hall.

## YOGA@ST HILARY

Mondays at 6pm in the village hall except when there's whist! No classes February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>, contact Ann Culverwell on 07855 448356 for more information.

## ST HILARY & DISTRICT NSPCC GROUP

The NSPCC group will be holding a coffee morning from 10.30am to noon on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> in the village hall - all welcome (see front page for more details).

## ST HILARY WI

Next meeting will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm when our talk is entitled 'Are you being Served?'. The speaker will be Gwerfl Gardner on the history of the large department stores in Cardiff and London. If you are interested in joining the WI, please contact Caroline on 07967 976076.

March meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

## LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Spring Term** ends on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Half-term is 19/02/18 to 23/02/18 (INSET day on 28/03/18).

## LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dates and venues for next meetings:  
Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in Llanfair Primary School.  
Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in St Hilary village hall.

## VILLAGE HALL - ST DAVID'S DAY SUPPER

St David's Day Supper will be held on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Ewa Thomas for tickets 01446 771728 or [ewathomas@btinternet.com](mailto:ewathomas@btinternet.com) – payment in advance!

## Cino Gŵyl Ddewi

## St David's Day Supper



### Saturday 3rd March

7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Tickets: £15**

## LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

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## ST JOHN AMBULANCE "SAVE A LIFE"

St John Ambulance (Cowbridge Division) will be providing a free "Save a Life" training session in the village hall on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. More information next month.