

# ST HILARY NEWS

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



## WELCOME

St Hilary News is a new monthly publication that will be delivered to every house in the village and surrounding hamlets. In it, we hope to share village news, local information and to keep everyone up to date with what's coming up.

Publication of the newsletter has been made possible by a grant from Creative Rural Communities which will fund the first 12 months' production. The newsletter is being managed by Liz Loch on behalf of St Hilary Forum.



## ST HILARY LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION!

This is an exciting chance for all you artists to create a design and for your design to become the emblem of the village and its community.



There are 2 categories:

1. Children: Resident children, or residents' children or grandchildren, of school age.
2. Adults: Everybody else living or working in the village.

The closing date is Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018.

All the details are online: [www.sthilary.org.uk/logo](http://www.sthilary.org.uk/logo) or email [logo@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:logo@sthilary.org.uk)

## NEWS

### THE RED TELEPHONE KIOSK IN ST HILARY IS NEARLY OURS!



The adoption of the K2 listed Red Telephone Kiosk from BT, as proposed by members of the St Hilary Forum in 2016 is progressing well. Llanfair Community Council held a public meeting in August, following which they

agreed to be the official adoption body. The BT consultation continues, and the approval from the Vale of Glamorgan Conservation Officer to restore the listed structure for use as a community resource has been given.



The current plans are to restore the kiosk, so that it no longer looks neglected, and to gather suggestions

for how it might be used e.g. as a book / magazine swap spot; information stop, history of the village etc.

Thank you to all who have offered to help with the restoration, we will be getting in touch before Easter 2018! If you an idea for the kiosk, please send details to [ceneudegg@gmail.com](mailto:ceneudegg@gmail.com).

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Please let us know what you would like to see included in the newsletter. 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 or [newsletter@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sthilary.org.uk).

Deadline for the February newsletter is Friday January 28<sup>th</sup>.

# RECENT EVENTS IN 2017

## THE BUSH INN CHRISTMAS MEAL & QUIZ

Liz, Andy and the staff at the Bush Inn welcomed almost 60 villagers and regulars to the Christmas meal on December 14<sup>th</sup>.



Following a superb feast, served by the excellent staff, Liz led the singing – starting, tradition dictates, with the “12 Days of Christmas”. Caroling and toasting continued into the night...

Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> was the final Quiz Night of 2017 and, as expected, there was a Christmas theme throughout with missing words in Christmas songs, famous “carols” and a seasonal picture round.

## ST HILARY CHURCH CAROL SERVICE

St Hilary Village Choir joined the clergy and congregation in the Church to celebrate Christmas in a traditional evening service of carols and readings.



After the service, everyone met in the village hall for refreshments, supported by a Christmas CASH grant <sup>(1)</sup> from Llanfair Community Council.

## EARLIER IN 2017

### ST HILARY DEFIBRILLATOR

Villagers collected more than £1,000 towards the equipment and its installation with the residual funding coming from local GP practices and the defibrillator charity Cariad ([www.mycariad.org](http://www.mycariad.org)). More than 30 villagers attended training sessions explaining how, why and when the defibrillator should be used.



### FISH & CHIPS & FUNDRAISING

£350 was raised towards the upkeep of the village hall at an evening of “Fish & Chips & Fun” on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>. The



highlight of the evening was a highly entertaining “Mr & Mrs” featuring two celebrity village couples – Bill & Gill

Clay and Carolyn & Dermot Lyons – who between them have achieved more than 100 years of married bliss!

## 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)



## CAROLS ON THE GREEN

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, around 40 villagers braved the elements to join the St Hilary Village Choir, a brass quintet from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and the NSPCC committee in an evening of carol singing on the village green.



The village looked delightful with festive lights around the central trees and hedges.

Participants' efforts were rewarded with mince pies and mulled wine, supported by a Christmas CASH grant <sup>(1)</sup>

## WI NEWS

The St Hilary Women's Institute meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm, in the village hall and has 17 members. The 2017 programme included: The life and work of a Cardiff WW1 Cartoonist – J M Staniforth; The history and development of the Cowbridge Physic Garden; and, the Old Spice Barbershop Quartet.



We would love to welcome new people to share in our 2018 programme, please contact Caroline on [ceneudegg@gmail.com](mailto:ceneudegg@gmail.com)



Members enjoyed their Christmas meal on December 12<sup>th</sup> in the village hall.

## LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Several families in St. Hilary and in the local area have long and happy associations with Llanfair PS. One such family are the Llewellyns: several

generations have attended the school. Lyndsay and Mary currently have 4 grandchildren there with a fifth starting in January.

Llanfair is a friendly and successful rural school with approximately 134 children on roll. Mr. Jon-Paul Guy, the Headteacher, and the staff work hard to ensure all the children fulfil the school's aim to: **Enjoy, Learn, Achieve, Mwynhau, Dysgu, Llwyddiant.**

**Children in Need 2017** - Through the generous support of the school families £152 was raised.



The **Harvest Vale Foodbank Appeal** was extremely well supported, over 93kg of food was received! **School Fayre** - A huge effort by the PTA and the children's families raised **£1626!**

If you would like to find out more about the school, visit the website [www.llanfairps.com](http://www.llanfairps.com).

Mary Llewellyn and Caroline Neudegg are Governors. **Contacts for Llanfair School:**  
Tel: 01446 772245

Email: [Llanfairps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:Llanfairps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

## CUT, CLEAR & CLEAN – 3CS!

A group has been established to work with others in the community, such as the "ladies who walk", to keep the village tidy. It is led by Terry Dennis, an experienced volunteer at the Heritage Coast Service and Valeways.

The first task was to clear the bracken to improve access to the benches on St Hilary Down and to



improve the view. Junior members of the 3Cs – Alfie & Fred Pitman – helped and did a great job.

Activities have included clearing the Church Lychgate and some of tombs in the churchyard, cleaning road signs and maintenance of footpaths and stiles in and around the village.

(1) Christmas CASH (Community Action Self Help) Funding from Vale of Glamorgan Council to Llanfair Community Council



Anyone can join the group – either just turn up or contact Terry (see below).

## COMING UP IN JANUARY 2018

### CUT, CLEAR & CLEAN

Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, meet outside the village hall at 10am (contact [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk))

### DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Coffee, cake and a chat - Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> between 10.30 and noon in the village hall.

### LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Spring Term** starts on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> and ends on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Half-term is 19/02/18 to 23/02/18 (INSET days are 8/01/18 and 28/03/18).

### MONDAY WHIST

January – no meeting.  
Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the village hall.

### THE BUSH INN

Quiz Night Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 8pm start.  
It's the New Year Special!!!



£1 per person

**Theme: Horticulture**  
**Higher or Lower: restarts**

### YOGA@ST HILARY

New for 2018 - Mondays at 6pm in the village hall except when there's whist! First class on January 8<sup>th</sup>, contact Ann Culverwell on 07855 448356 for more information.

### ST HILARY WI

The first WI meeting of 2018 will be "Fun and Games" on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Village Hall. We will play games such as whist,

Pictionary, etc., share a light buffet and discuss our 2018 programme of meetings and events in the Glamorgan district.

February meeting 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dates and venues for next meetings:

Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Llanfair Primary School.

Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in St Hilary village hall.

### VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The next Village Hall Committee meeting will be held on Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

St David's Day Supper will be held on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### ST HILARY FORUM: ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the St Hilary Forum will be held in the village hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will include:

- free buffet and glass of wine!!!!
- judging of the village logo competition;
- update on activities, including the phone box;
- guest speaker: Bill Strong – Trouble Spots of the World; and,
- finding out what you'd like to do in 2018.

### ST HILARY & DISTRICT NSPCC GROUP

The NSPCC group will be holding a coffee morning from 10.30am on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall - all welcome.

### RIVERSIDE MARKET GARDEN

Vegbags are available to St Hilary villagers able to come to the field to collect their veg. A collected small bag is £9 for 6 items, a standard is £12 for 8 items (with potatoes) and a large £15 for 10 items. During the winter and early spring months we do a fortnightly bag on a Tuesday, this typically contains a couple of root veg items, savoy cabbage, a winter salad bag, onions, and a green leafy item such as kale. For more information visit our website [www.riversidemarketgarden.co.uk](http://www.riversidemarketgarden.co.uk), email Debbie, [rmarketgarden@gmail.com](mailto:rmarketgarden@gmail.com), or call 07889846526.