

ST HILARY NEWS

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



WELCOME

Summer has arrived and the weather treated us kindly for the St Hilary Village Fete. Gale force winds on the preceding day eased to a gentle breeze allowing the tents to be erected so that villagers, families and visitors could enjoy everything on offer on the green, in the hall and the church.

ST HILARY CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

Any estate agent's description of St Hilary will include the words 'thatched pub and church' to describe its appeal. Sadly, this could soon become 'thatched pub and derelict church with wild churchyard.'

A real threat is confronting the church and the whole village: Repairs to the bell-tower are now so urgent that, if not carried out, the church authorities will need to declare the building unsafe for use. It could be closed and access to the churchyard stopped.



Unsurprisingly the church members, wardens and clergy have decided to launch an appeal. £75,000 is needed by May 2020 for the first stage of the work, of which £41,000 has been promised from the church's own

reserves and charitable trusts. Other funding applications are in progress. The congregation, although small, is digging deep into its own pockets, but the shortfall of £34,000 is large. Contributions from further afield are essential.

Soon a letter with details of how to contribute will be delivered to all homes. The first paragraph is a persuasive description of what the church means to St Hilary:

'The church needs the help of all who live here. The beautiful church has been an iconic building at the centre of life in the village for over 800 years, serving generations of people who have called this place home. It has borne witness to countless life events: baptisms, marriages and funerals. The rhythm of the year is punctuated by the festivals of the Church; Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance to mention but a few. Sunday worship is still an important part of the lives of many, and the church is open daily to welcome visitors and provides a place of stillness for prayer and contemplation which is valued by many. We firmly believe that the preservation of this building is essential not just to our Christian witness but also to the life of our village community. This will surely be of concern to all who enjoy life in this special village.'

From the St Hilary Church Committee



Along with the regular grass cutting volunteers, the churchyard has been receiving some TLC from the 3Cs group who cut, clear and clean around the village. Recently our newly trained, resident dry stone waller (Terry Dennis) has been practising his skills and doing a fantastic job repairing the boundary walls.

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 at newsletter@sthilary.org.uk or Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP. The deadline for contributions for the next edition of St Hilary News is Friday August 30th.

RECENT EVENTS

VALLEYS KIDS COFFEE MORNING



The coffee morning raised the grand total of £412. The generosity of those who bought plates of cakes at ridiculous prices, and those who couldn't make it but donated, was amazing. Thank you so much for your support. **ET**

WHAT'S ON IN THE TELEPHONE BOX



The telephone box is now nestling in a beautiful garden lovingly created by Jane and Charles Williams - what stars they are!

There are plants in the box waiting for a good home – please help yourself. Also, the Hygiene Bank collection point is still in the box - if you have any donations you can drop them in when you are passing. Thanks to your generous donations, they now have plenty of body lotion and women's shower gel.

However, their charity partners need male-specific products as well as washing powder and sun cream. When you're doing your shopping, please add an item for the bank!



BURNING ISSUES FOR ST HILARY WI

St Hilary WI's June meeting started with a visit to Cowbridge Fire Station, where Chief Fire Officer David Thomas gave an interesting and informative talk about the South Wales Fire Service and on safety in the home. Statistics show that about 70 per cent of house fires start in the kitchen and David stressed the importance of having working smoke alarms and advised that fire officers will fit new smoke alarms free of charge. The visit ended with a tour of the station and a look at a fire engine with all the high tech. Many thanks to David Thomas and Cowbridge Fire Department for an interesting and informative talk. **SD**



COMING SOON

GLOBETROTTERS GALLERY

Globetrotters Gallery



Join in the summer fun
Take a selfie on holiday and post it to St Hilary Community Facebook page, or email it to info@sthilary.org.uk and we will include your photo in the Telephone Box Globetrotters Gallery between July - September

Tell us:
Who you are
Where you live
Where the photo was taken

What's in it for you?
a prize for the best photo!

Photos will be accepted from the beginning of June until the end of September. Present and former residents are welcome to take part

AN EVENING OF JAZZ IN JULY



NSPCC

Jazz
at the
Roundhouse
St Hilary

Sat. July 20th from 6.30
Tickets £15
Call 07753 325412
two course supper
drinks for a donation

Bring: stout shoes, torches, seats

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 EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

ST HILARY VILLAGE FETE

The village looked beautiful, decked out in bunting and bathed in sunshine, as people arrived for the annual fete on Saturday 29th June. From Splat the Rat to super ice cream sundaes; from animals to auctions; treasure hunts to the tombola; there was something to entertain everyone!



Over £1000 was raised for village hall funds by villagers and visitors browsing through the bric-a-brac; trying to beat the blacksmith or balance a coin on a lemon. They enjoyed cakes

and tea, whilst listening to the Ukulele Stars from Llantwit Major.



The children were entertained in the circus arena (the village green), running races and having a mighty tug-o-war.



As the afternoon became evening, many people moved on to the Bush Inn to enjoy the hog roast and a



talent show from young musicians, singers and bands extraordinaire. The stage was a flat-bed trailer, provided by St Hilary farmer, Paul Llewellyn. Seb, who runs the 'Playroom' Music school, fronted the line-up and entertained a large crowd until 9 pm. A perfect end to a brilliant day.



MESSAGE FROM CAROLINE NEUDEGG:

Liz Loch and I would like to express our thanks to everyone - wonderful villagers, friends of the village (Sarah and Mabli Davies) and supporting relatives of villagers, for making our 2019 fete such a great event.



Thanks to those who ran stalls, put up and down marquees, served teas/coffees and cakes, made signs, attended planning meetings and much, much, more! We had a wonderful team

and I think it showed on the day.

We would particularly like to thank all those who gave bric-a-brac, bottles of wine, gin and everything in between. To those who baked and shopped for items like ice creams. To those who made bunting for the village hall (Monica Dennis) or gave sweets and prizes. To those who loaned equipment for events such as PA systems (HRT – Phil Thomas). You are all stars.

Special thanks go to Lewis James (Lewis James Playing Surfaces www.ljplayingsurfaces.co.uk) for the TLC he gave to our village green.

He is extremely busy at this time of the year but did a tidy job especially for us!

We may well have forgotten to mention someone

but there were so many involved this year! Oh yes – like the alpaca and pygmy goat owners and Rhian for the circus skills training. However, we want to say one more time **THANK YOU!**



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WHAT'S ON – JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

CUT, CLEAN & CLEAR (3CS)

Wednesday August 7th meet outside the village hall at 10am.

DROP IN COFFEE MORNING – NEW TIME

Coffee, cake and a chat – Wednesday July 3rd and August 7th between **11.00am and noon** in the village hall.

Please note the later start time!

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.

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dates and venues for next meetings:

Thursday September 5th at 7pm at Llanfair School.

Thursday October 3rd at 7pm in St Hilary village hall.

ST HILARY WI

The next meeting of St Hilary WI is on Tuesday July 9th when we will hold our annual "Boules in the Bush Inn" evening.

Tuesday September 10th - Eurwen Richards will talk "All about Cheese" (with tastings!)

All meetings in village hall, new members are always welcome.

LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer term will end on Friday July 19th.

Autumn term will start on Tuesday September 3rd.

Half term will be from Monday October 20th to Friday November 1st.

Autumn term will end on Friday December 20th.

Nursery term dates may vary.

ST HILARY CHURCH

Regular Sunday service at 11am each week.

Harvest supper will be on Friday October 11th.

MONDAY WHIST

Next sessions on Monday August 5th and September 2nd at 7.30pm in the village hall.

YOGA (WEDNESDAY)



Yoga for all abilities in St Hilary Village Hall. Wednesdays from 9.30am to 10.45am.

FIRST SESSION: 10 JULY
£7 drop in

Contact Rosalind on

07538 544188 or enquiries@rosalindbaxteryoga.co.uk.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The next village hall committee will take place on Wednesday September 11th 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.

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.

CHURCHYARD GRASS CUTTING

If you can spare a couple of hours a month to help, please contact Simon Lait on 07929 575506 or simonlait@aol.com – you don't need to be a Church goer to help!



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St Hilary Foragers

Produce Market

It's that time of year again when we will be out and about gathering surplus fruit & vegetables to make jams, chutneys, cakes, pies etc. for the produce market

**Village Hall
Sunday Afternoon
13 October 2019**

We would love to hear from you if you

- have surplus apples, blackberries, rhubarb, plums, vegetables etc. to share
- have clean jars with lids to recycle - which can be dropped in the telephone box
- can help to make cakes, pies, crumbles etc. from the produce we gather
- can help on the day

*Profit from the event
will be donated to
St Hilary Church funds*

Contact Monica Dennis 07811 159800
mdennis.wales@gmail.com