

# ST HILARY NEWS

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



## WELCOME

Spring is with us at last, albeit a little on the damp side. The traditional St David's Supper, held on March 6<sup>th</sup>, managed to dodge the recent deluges and avoided a repeat of the cancellation due to the "Beast from the East" in 2018!

## ST DAVID'S SUPPER

On Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> the village hall committee hosted the traditional St David's Supper in the hall. The hall was beautifully decorated with Welsh flags and daffodils. Committee Chairman, Ewa Thomas, welcomed everyone to the event and Carys Whelan delivered a traditional Welsh Grace before the fifty-six villagers and friends present tucked into a 3-course feast. The meal started with pâté, followed by a choice of casserole - either local Torgelly lamb or leek and beans. The meal ended with homemade Welsh cakes and cheese & biscuits. The conversation flowed freely, and the hall was full of the sounds of laughter. The barmen were also kept busy!



After the meal, St Hilary Church Choir provided the musical entertainment with Gareth Thomas providing the literary interludes. The choir and villagers sang together with the evening ending appropriately with the singing of "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau."



At the end of the evening, David Hawkins thanked the committee and villagers who had worked hard to prepare the delicious meal and to deliver another successful event.

## NSPCC COFFEE MORNING

St Valentine's Day came early to St Hilary with a splendid coffee morning organised by the village NSPCC Committee to raise funds for this important national charity. The good weather brought out generous supporters who raised a total of £510.70 for the charity. The aroma of Carys's pikelets sizzling on the hotplate and the delicious cakes on offer put any ideas of spring diets on the back burner.

Contributions support the Childline charity. The NSPCC responds to every contact from a child in need at a minimum cost



of £4.00. So, we make an important contribution to its vital work in Wales. Social media issues are a growing concern for our children and grandchildren, so the work of the NSPCC is critical in safeguarding our families.

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## ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

The deadline for contributions for the next edition is Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>. You can send items via e-mail to [newsletter@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sthilary.org.uk), write to Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP or call Liz on 07747 688219. Welsh and English contributions welcome.

## RECENT EVENTS & UPDATES

### ST HILARY CHURCH UPDATE

We are pressing on with the project to repair our beautiful church and to create a heritage centre that will be enjoyed by the congregation, villagers and the wider community. This would not be possible without the tremendous effort of Terry Dennis, Jan Reed and David Crompton. We are currently obtaining faculty permission for the works.

Fundraising continues with wonderful support from so many people - please do not be offended if you are not mentioned by name, your contribution is valued. In recent months the Church has benefitted financially from: the Film Night, organised by Liz Loch with help from Caroline Neudegg and Jude Bateson, the Foragers' Market led by Monica Dennis and Caroline, the Winter's Eve Celebration curated by Terry, and the monthly Whist Drive run by Sue and Sue. In addition, we have our own fundraising events and are very grateful for your ongoing support. Our funds are increasing, and we have our fingers crossed for a successful funding bid to the National Heritage Lottery Fund – thank you for all your letters supporting this application.

Finally, on behalf of the Church we must thank the members of the 3Cs group who have worked so hard to repair the church yard boundary wall. They have made the Church more visible, returning it to the focal point of our lovely village.

We will be holding a VE Celebration Afternoon Tea in the village hall on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Family Lunch will take place on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. **ML**

### LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

On yet another wet and windy day, Stephen Watts from Coed Hills joined the Llanfair Primary School community to plant eight of the apple trees that he had grown from grafts. The school is very grateful for the donation of the trees, and the children thoroughly enjoyed getting muddy and wet helping with the planting. Well done to all involved in improving the environment at Llanfair Primary School. **CN**

**NOTE:** Apple trees for sale at Coed Hills, St Hilary. Organically grown, 1-year old single whip maidens, over 30 varieties. Medium size tree when fully grown, suitable for allotments and back gardens, or field grown. Bare rooted trees £15 each. Contact Stephen Watts on 07507578885 for more information. Happy to deliver and offer planting advice. **SW**

### TELEPHONE BOX – RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

“ Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change. ”

– Bob Kerrey



The telephone box was the focus of Random Act of Kindness Week (February 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>) with generous donations made to both the Hygiene Bank and the Vale Foodbank. Items from the Hygiene bank were



taken to the Rhondda Cynon Taff Flood Victim Support team at Llantrisant Lesiure Centre.

There is a collection box for the RNIB Stamp appeal – any used stamps (torn from the envelopes) can be left in the box. There is also a bag for corks – the recycling box is still to arrive. If you have an idea for the phone box please contact Caroline ([ceneudegg@gmail.com](mailto:ceneudegg@gmail.com)).

### WI NEWS

Our January meeting was led by St John Ambulance. The interesting speaker shared lots of information with us including fascinating stories of emergencies that she had attended. Since recently becoming a First Aider, she has been on duty at the Millennium (Principality) Stadium and she described the extensive medical facilities on site there. She then demonstrated the use of the defibrillator using the same model we have in the village. She reassured us not to worry about breaking a patient's ribs during CPR compressions and taught us some songs to sing whilst doing CPR to maintain the correct rhythm!



In February, St Hilary WI celebrated its 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sixteen members went for lunch at the Aubrey Arms and a wonderful time was had by all. The only disappointment was that our President Betty Thomas was unable to attend due to ill health. On April 14<sup>th</sup> Nick Jenkins will talk about Landscapes and Outdoor Photography in the Vale of Glamorgan. Anyone interested in joining our WI group or attending the meeting should contact Caroline Neudegg on 07967976076. **CN**

COMING SOON

**COMMUNITY LITTER PICK EASTER 2020**

**Ymunwch â Gwanwyn  
Glân Cymru**

**Byddwch yn rhan o'r glanhau**

**Join spring clean Cymru**

**Be part of the pick**

ST HILARY VILLAGE LITTER PICK

FRIDAY APRIL 10TH

Meet at the Village Hall at 10.30am

Gloves, Hi-vis Jackets and Rubbish Sacks will be provided

Refreshments afterwards  
in the village hall

**20 MAWRTH - 13 EBRILL 2020**

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**20 MARCH - 13 APRIL 2020**

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Equipment, including litter pickers, will be provided.

**MARIE CURIE GREAT DAFFODIL APPEAL**

Your Marie Curie envelope may already have been delivered to you by the indefatigable Ewa Thomas. Ewa will also be around to collect them. However, if you want to return yours to her at Manor Cottage, please remember to write your name on the outside of the envelope or she'll come knocking at your door.... If you haven't received an envelope or have lost yours, phone Ewa on 01446 771728.



**GREAT BUSH INN EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE Bush  
INN**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

*easter eggs, face painting and games*

**Easter Saturday  
11th April 10am-12pm**

at the Bush Inn, St Hilary  
01446 776888

*free fun for all the family!*

**VE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

There will be an afternoon tea on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, in the village hall, raising funds for the Church. Also, if anyone has photographs of the village from VE Day, please can they let Caroline know on 07967976076.

**SAFARI SUPPER 2020**

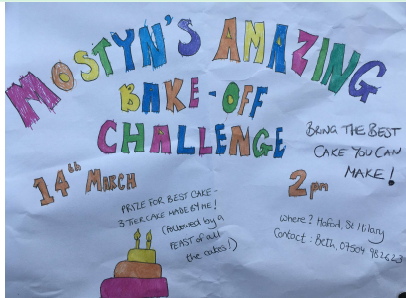
The next village hall committee event will be the renowned Safari Supper on Saturday June 6th. If you are interested in hosting the starters, a main or desert course, please contact Ewa Thomas on 01446 771728 or [ewathomas@btinternet.com](mailto:ewathomas@btinternet.com).

**ANNUAL FAMILY LUNCH JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**

The Annual Family Lunch will take place in the village hall and on the village green on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. This lovely event is open to all villagers, parishioners and their families. It is a great opportunity to meet up with your neighbours over a lovely home cooked meal. For more information, contact Mary Llewelyn on 01446 773421 or Gill Harris on 07714 961182.

## WHAT'S ON – MARCH, APRIL & MAY

### MOSTYN'S AMAZING BAKE-OFF



Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Hafod St Hilary – Mostyn Whelan wants you to bake the best cake you can and join in the fun! Contact Beth on 07504 982623.

### CUT, CLEAN & CLEAR (3CS)

Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> meet outside the village hall at 10am.

### DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Coffee, cake and a chat – Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ann.culverwell@yahoo.co.uk) or 07855 448356 for more information.

### ST HILARY CHURCH

Regular Sunday service at 11am each week.

### LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dates and venues for next meetings:  
Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at St Hilary village hall.  
Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Llanfair Primary School, this meeting will include the Annual General Meeting.

### LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring terms ends on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Summer term starts on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Half term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.  
Nursery term dates may vary.

### BUSH INN QUIZ

Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. £2 per person.

### ST HILARY WI

At the next meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> Keith Jones will talk about Landscapes and Outdoor Photography in the Vale of Glamorgan.

If you are interested in joining the St Hilary WI, or finding out more about our programme, please contact Caroline Neudegg on 07967976076.

### MONDAY WHIST

Next sessions on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the village hall.

### VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The next village hall committee will take place on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5.45pm. Please contact Ewa Thomas on [ewathomas@btinternet.com](mailto:ewathomas@btinternet.com) or 01446 771728 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](mailto:lulawellness@yahoo.com) to book a place.

### NSPCC JAZZ NIGHT

St Hilary NSPCC committee will be holding a Jazz Evening at the Roundhouse in Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Jean Mowat or any committee member.

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