

ST HILARY NEWS

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



WELCOME

Welcome to this special Platinum Jubilee Edition of St Hilary News. The weather may not have been perfect all weekend, but nothing stops the good folk of St Hilary from enjoying a party.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

Back in July 2021, when Wales was still in partial lock-down, Mary Llewelyn invited villagers to a meeting in the garden at the Bush Inn to discuss how St Hilary should celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Lots of ideas were put forward and it was agreed that nearer the time an organising group would be set up.

Fast forward to March 12th 2022, with life settling in to the post-COVID normal, and the first planning meeting was held in the village hall. After much debate, it was agreed that events should be planned for 2 of the 4 days of the Bank Holiday weekend. The first day would focus around the Bush Inn and the Jubilee Beacon, while the second day would be a family day culminating in an Afternoon Tea. Over the next 3 months, the plans were developed and enhanced with a programme of events being prepared for villagers and their families.

Thank you for all their commitment to the organising group, led by Mary Llewelyn, - Jude Bateson, Helen & Charles Bithell, Phil Botting, Chris & Merv Evans, Corrie Pitman, Gill & Bill Clay, Hilary Drew, Marion Layton-Matthews, Liz & Peter Loch, Jean Mowatt, Caroline Neudegg, Vicky Phillips Neil & Jayne Warnock, and Liz, Andy & Chelsea from the Bush Inn.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The group applied to Llanfair Community Council for a grant to help with funding the event and received £500 – thank you to the Council. In addition, a wine tasting evening was held in May which added another £200 to the funds.



ST HILARY CHURCH FLOWERS

Villagers and village organisations were invited to decorate the Church for the Platinum Jubilee weekend. This idea, brought forward and delivered by Marion Layton-Matthews, was greeted with enthusiasm and more than 40 arrangements – ranging from jam jars of wildflowers through to formal flower displays - were placed in the Church for visitors to enjoy over the 4-day period.



CORGI TRAIL

Thursday June 2nd saw the start of the Corgi Trail devised by Neil & Janye Warnock. Villagers young and old followed the trail around St Hilary solving clues and finding the rewards hidden in the lychgate.



MUSIC AT THE BUSH INN

The perfect weather made the garden at the Bush Inn the place to be on Thursday afternoon with villagers, visitors and their dogs enjoying the ambience and being entertained by Seb and the Last Band on Earth with surprise guests. It was fabulous to see so many of the village families out and about together.



A break in the music was the perfect opportunity to move to the village green for the Tug of War, ably adjudicated by Caroline. It's hard to say who won but it was fun for participants (young and old) and spectators alike!



The Tug of War rope has been donated to the village by the Bush Inn.

BEACON BONFIRE

Villagers left the Bush Inn to walk up the track to St Hilary Down where they joined other local people waiting to see the lighting of the bonfire beacon.



While we waited for the official lighting up time of 9.45pm, Caroline led the singing – “We’ll Meet Again”, “Sweet Caroline” and “God Save the Queen”.

Paul Llewelyn had the honour of lighting the beacon which could be seen from far and wide! A rousing rendition of "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau" ended the formal proceedings and people made their way back to the village.



A big thank you to Paul Llewelyn, Pete, Tim, Merv, Charles Williams and all who donated wood to make such a magnificent, flaming beacon!





Sunday June 5th started with the opening of the Exhibition of Memorabilia curated by Jean, Hilary and Vicky. Meanwhile outside in the marquee Jude and Corrie were entertaining the younger villagers with suitably royal



crafting activities. At 11am a Service of Thanksgiving was held in St Hilary Church led by John Willaims and Marion.



Then it was back to the green for fancy dress, judged by Jude, and races organised by Helen.



Over 100 people arrived in the marquee for Afternoon Tea at 3pm. The tables were groaning under the weight of sandwiches, savouries, scones, Welsh cakes and a selection of cakes, all served with copious amounts of tea! The catering team worked tirelessly in the village hall kitchen – a fantastic job unseen by the revellers. Charles Bithell set a



table quiz which teams completed whilst eating tea. Not surprisingly this was won by village "royalty" – Bill & Gill Clay and Charles & Jane Williams!



The afternoon ended (for those eating tea) with a prize giving ceremony where the gorgeous knitted corgis were given out. Special thanks to the setter uppers, entertainers, bakers and butty makers, tidy uppers, washer uppers - you make St Hilary a special place.



OTHER NEWS

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Llanfair Community Council will be holding their next meeting on Thursday July 7th at 7pm. For more information visit their website <https://www.llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk/>.

PILATES WITH JO

Every Monday from 9am - 10am in St Hilary Village Hall. Please call 07815 046005 to book a place. For more information see www.pilateswithjo.com.



ST HILARY WI



A report from the St Hilary WI Open Meeting will be in the next Newsletter. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 12th. Contact Caroline Neudegg for information Ceneudegg@gmail.com or 07967 976076.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ



The next community café will be on Wednesday July 6th from 11am to noon in the village hall. Drop in for a coffee, cake and a chat.

3CS

The 3Cs group will next meet on Wednesday July 6th at 10am outside the village hall. If you are interested in joining, please contact info@sthilary.org.uk.

WHIST

The next whist sessions will take place on Monday July 4th at 7pm in the village hall. Please contact Sue on suefbrown@tiscali.com for more information.

YOGA WITH ANN



Yogi Ann Culverwell's yoga sessions are held in the village hall on Mondays at 6pm. Contact Ann on yogannie@yahoo.com or 07855 448356 for more information.

ST HILARY CHURCH

A service is held every Sunday at 11am.

ST HILARY NSPCC

The NSPCC Committee held a successful coffee morning raising more than £420 – a fuller report to follow next time. There will be a Jazz Night at the Roundhouse on Saturday September 3rd – contact a committee member for tickets.

LLANFAIR SCHOOL PTA

There will be a GIN-GO evening in St Hilary Village Hall on July 1st raising funds for Llanfair School - tickets priced £10 can be obtained from llanfairprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com.

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.

JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE ITEM



The organising committee commissioned a St Hilary Commemorative Item from Sam at Dove Love Ceramics. The tray is priced £12 and measures 20cmx12cm. It

can be ordered from Sam via her website <https://www.doveloveceramics.com>.

1952 VILLAGE MAP & TIMELINE

Jean Mowatt created a wonderful map of the village in 1952 – this is on display in the hall along with a timeline where villagers can add the date they moved here.

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