

# ST HILARY NEWS

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



Villagers young and old watched the filming take place and those who persevered into the small hours were rewarded with close encounters with the cast.

## WELCOME

Life both in and out of lockdown continues in St Hilary. In November the Manor House Nursing Home treated their residents and the whole village to a magnificent firework display. The third St Hilary's Community Festival of Winter's Eve took place in a COVID secure way - thanks to Terry and Monica Dennis and their supporting cast of elves. In January the village was transported to the early 1900s courtesy of a well-known time traveller.

## SSH! YOU KNOW "WHO"

Shrouded in secrecy and surrounded by strict COVID secure protocols, Dr Who and her companions landed in St Hilary to confront their scariest protagonists the Weeping Angels. Over the space of a week in January, the village travelled back to the early 1900s and then returned to 2021 with little evidence remaining of its adventures. The BBC film crew transformed the centre of the village disguising modern features.



Top photo: Lewis Warnock with Jodie Whittaker and Mandip Gull. Bottom photo; Fred and Alfie Pitman with Dr Who and Yasmin Khan.

## ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have any items for publication in the next edition, please call Liz Loch on 07747 688219, write to Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP or email them to [newsletter@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sthilary.org.uk).

# ST HILARY'S COMMUNITY FESTIVAL OF WINTER'S EVE

Christmas lights switch on ♦ Carols round the village  
12 Days of Christmas ♦ Festive home competition  
Christmas Tree of Good Wishes ♦ St Hilary Xmas Trail

The third St Hilary's Community Festival of Winter's Eve took place between November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020. (The format changed from previous years due to the COVID restrictions in place.)



The opening weekend saw villagers decorating the weeping birch with messages of goodwill. This was followed by the

grand switching on of the Christmas lights on the green and at the phone box. Beth, Mostyn, Maia and Olwen Whelan provided some impromptu, torch lit carolling.



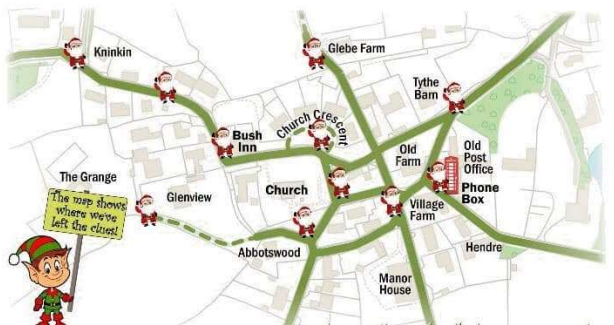
The phone box became the focus of activity with the fantastic "12 Days of Christmas" collections of items to make up Christmas Hampers for the Vale and the Dusty Forge Food Banks. There were also delicious cookies and fun crafting activity packs left by the industrious elves!



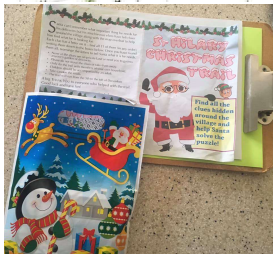
The food and toiletries were delivered to the two foodbanks on December 14<sup>th</sup>, in time to be given out for Christmas, and the toys were donated to the Big Wrap who sent this message: "Just to say thank you again- all the donations have been packed into bags and collected by social workers today to distribute. Please pass on our thanks to everyone who donated." Sue Lloyd-Selby, Big Wrap, Co-ordinator.

Winter's Eve Elves included Andrew & Jude Bateson, Charlie & Helen Bithell, Kevin & Pam Wilkinson, Caroline & Tim Neudegg and John Williams.

# St Hilary Xmas Trail



The second weekend of the festival saw residents, young and old, exercising their grey matter as they enjoyed a stroll around the village finding the clues and solving the puzzle in the St Hilary Xmas Trail devised by Neil and Jayne Warnock.



The final event of the festival took place on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> with the Carols Round the Village. Professional singers Stephanie Edwards and Shaun Dixon entertained villagers. Feedback from villagers included “exceptional”, “fantastic”, “I could have listened to them for ever” and “absolutely wonderful”.



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The “Christmassy Festive Home Competition” was held over the same weekend – with the Calcatteras in The Nest winning a seasonal hamper to reward their marvellous efforts. Many village homes were decorated and illuminated and there were lots of positive and warm comments from those enjoying the festive stroll around the village.



The Nest decked out in its festive glory.

## A message from Terry Dennis

The Support for Winter's Eve - It was pleasing to see so many villagers supporting Winter's Eve, either directly by helping to organise the activities or by participating in the events. However, the pandemic meant that we had to develop a different approach to fundraising. Through GoFundMe we raised over £1,000 with an additional £500 donation from Llanfair Community Council – a massive thank you to everybody who contributed.

The funding went towards:

- A new 8ft Christmas tree and a set of vertical lights
- A replacement set of icicle lights to go round the village hall
- Insurance for Winter's Eve and village activities in 2021
- Honoraria for the professional singers
- A prize for the winner of the Festive Home competition
- Goodies for children
- An awning for village use
- Sundry items to make the activities safe
- Marketing and publicity materials

Surplus funds will go towards activities planned for 2021:

- Three music events: harp, opera and musical theatre
- Village events and exhibitions
- Cut clear and clean (3Cs)
- Telephone box initiatives
- Village insurance

# OTHER NEWS

## HAVE A HEART ON ST VALENTINES DAY

The defibrillator located outside the village hall needs new paediatric pads (the old ones are out of date).



To raise the funds required there will be cookies available in the phone box on Valentine’s Day. Home delivery will be available for anyone who is shielding – contact Liz (07747 688219) or Caroline (07967 976076) to arrange.

## ST HILARY NSPCC COMMITTEE



The work of the NSPCC has been more important than ever during the last year. St Hilary NSPCC Committee organised a Virtual Dog Show in November and not only did it raise £1000, Poppy from New House, St Hilary was amongst the winners.

The Bingo Night planned for February 12<sup>th</sup> had sold out as this newsletter was being prepared! Well done to the St Hilary NSPCC Committee.

## MARIE CURIE DAFFODIL APPEAL 2021

Ewa Thomas will be fundraising for the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal as usual this year – watch out for the envelopes landing on your door mat!



## LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Llanfair Community Council are continuing to meet on Zoom. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Information can be found on the council webpage ([www.llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk/](http://www.llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk/)). Jackie Griffin, the clerk, can be contacted at [jackie.griffin1@btopenworld.com](mailto:jackie.griffin1@btopenworld.com).

## SPRING CLEAN CYMRU 2021

This will take place between May 28 and June 13 – in the meantime if you want to do any litter picking, a new supply of bags have come from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and litter pickers can be borrowed from Liz Loch (07747 688219) – please use gloves and be careful!

## VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to all of the villagers who completed the village hall survey during December. The committee are considering the responses and will be preparing a plan to carry out some upgrades to the facilities in anticipation of community activities being allowed to restart.

## THE HYGIENE BANK VALE OF GLAMORGAN



Thank you to the generous villagers who donate much needed hygiene items

which are shared with community partner organisations throughout the Vale. The yellow collection box is located in the phone box.

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