ST HILARY NEWS

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



WELCOME

As Spring arrives in St Hilary, it seems like the village is emerging from hibernation with a burst of activity and plans for a summer of celebration. Thank you to Chelsea Oldfield for this fantastic sunset photo.

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The extended bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is from Thursday June 2^{nd} to Sunday June 5^{th} 2022. The following events are being planned for the village.

Thursday June 2^{nd} will kick off with a family treasure trail. In the early evening there will be live music outside the Bush Inn. The day will end with the lighting of our Jubilee beacon on St Hilary Down.



On Sunday afternoon there will be traditional races and games on the green followed by afternoon tea. There will be a village bake off following the Platinum Pudding recipe.

If you want to get involved, or have any suggestion to make, there is a planning meeting on Saturday April 9th at 10am in the village hall. Contact us at <u>Sthilaryjubilee2022@outlook.com</u>.

ST HILARY TELEPHONE BOX

The community phone box continues to be a great place for village projects. This year's projects started with a celebration of Chinese New Year with fortune cookies, dragon and tiger cookies, and activities thanks to Caroline Neudegg and Monica Dennis.



This Spring we are encouraging St Hilary villagers of all ages to plant sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine, in their front gardens to show our support and solidarity for the people of Ukraine. The telephone box has been decorated, and free



sunflower seeds and instructions are available inside. We are also creating a sunflower backdrop in the telephone box, and you can pick up a template to decorate in any way you wish and return for display – you do not need to be a Van Gogh

to take part!

We are reaping the rewards of our autumn bulb planting this month and it would be lovely to see some lovely sunflowers later in the year. Thanks to Liz Loch for the giant sunflower seeds – we have provided a small supply of dwarf seeds too. Thanks also to Monica who has started some Teddybear seedlings which will be added to the flowerbeds around the phone box.

Have fun and thank you for your support. JW CN

ST HILARY NEWS - 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 <u>lizloch@outlook.com</u>.

ST DAVID'S SUPPER 2022

In 2020, the St David's Supper was the last capacity event hosted in the village hall before COVID restrictions were introduced. It therefore seemed fitting that, almost exactly 2 years to the day, it was the St David's Supper that re-opened the newly refurbished village hall, which was beautifully decorated with Welsh flags and daffodils.



Ewa Thomas welcomed everyone to the hall and explained about the recent building works, she finished by delivering the fire safety

announcement – a new addition to her repertoire which is required since the building layout has been modified! The evening proper started with all present joining in a rousing rendition of "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau". This was followed by a musical interlude performed by 7 pupils from Cowbridge Comprehansive school. The singing and instrumental pieces were excellent. Caroline Neudegg thanked the performers and their teachers - Head of Music Miss Rhian Hughes and Music Teacher Mr Matt Green - for giving up their Friday evening and providing us with such wonderful entertainment.

After Carys Whelan delivered the traditional Welsh Grace, a delicious 3 course meal was served to everyone. The meal started with pâté, followed by a choice of lamb casserole or vegetable lasagne. It was rounded off with homemade Welsh cakes and bara brith, and cheese & biscuits. The barmen were kept busy all evening and the hall was full of the sounds of laughter.

The event raised almost £600 towards the running costs of the village hall.



ST HILARY WI

St Hilary Women's Institute is 90 years old! Officially, it started on February 11th 1932 and has met in St Hilary Village Hall throughout those 90 years! The first President was Lady Lilian Bruce, from the

Grange, St Hilary, and the current President is Mrs Betty Thomas.

Probably the longest period without meetings has been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Not even WW2 stopped the ladies from meeting, but Covid did. Still, we are back, and most members have now returned to our face-to-face meetings.

We will be holding an Open Meeting in June, in the hope that we can entice some new members into our federation and St Hilary Institute. More on the June 14th meeting, nearer the date. I do know that you will receive a warm welcome, some lovely cake and hear a great speaker, if you join us. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month

and if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Caroline Neudegg on 07967976076.



Entertainment at the Group Meeting 1971 –Old Time Music Hall

Front row: Mrs Mary Thomas, Mrs Joan Thomas, Miss M Llewellyn, Mrs Betty Thomas, Mrs Dorothy Rochford, Mrs Philippa Thomas, Mrs Sweet (President).

Back row: Mrs Winnie Williams, Mrs Anne Jenkins, Mrs Kitty Francis, Mrs Avril Langford, Mrs Betty Jones, Mrs Elgiva Thomas, Mrs Kay Heath.

Thanks to Monica Dennis and the St Hilary Community Website, <u>www.sthilary.org.uk</u> for the picture, where you can find further information on the history of St Hilary WI.

NSPCC

The NSPCC Committee are putting together plans for a number of fund raising events.



- Jazz night with a meal at Aboreal Thursday April 7th at 7.30pm. £45 per ticket with proceeds to be split between the NSPCC and the Ukraine crisis appeal. Limited availability.
- Jazz night at the Roundhouse on September 3rd.
- A night with Wayne Pivac and Phil Steele at the Bear Inn rescheduled from January, date tbc.
- Halloween Ball watch this space!

SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday June 18th at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. £27.50 per person – 3 course meal including wine!



St Hilary Safari Supper returns on Saturday June 18th at various locations across the village. What is a safari supper? Think "Come Dine with Me" crossed with "Through the Keyhole" - eat, drink and be nosy! The evening starts with everyone meeting at a designated venue for canapés and fizz. You are then allocated the destination for your main course. After being well fed by your first host, you are sent on to a different property, with different diners, to enjoy your dessert. The evening ends with everyone meeting together for coffee and mints!

Hosts are needed for main courses and desserts. If you are interested, you need to be able to seat 8 people (including yourselves). Support and guidance is on hand from the organising team lead by Ewa who can be contacted on ewathomas@btinternet.com or 01446 771728.

WINE TASTING (DATE TBC)

Join Master of Wines Richard Ballantyne on for another evening of Wine Tasting in St Hilary Village Hall. Date to be confirmed! Tasting starts at 7pm.





Contact Liz Loch 07747 688219

ST HILARY VILLAGE HALL

After long months of planning, designing and waiting for the builder, the refurbishment of the village hall is finally complete. There were two elements to the works. Part A involved enlarging the previously microscopic kitchen to provide improved facilities and a better working environment. Part B was to improve the accessibility to the hall which was supported in the Fire Risk Assessment: "The alternative (side) exit from the hall is being removed as exit opens directly into the road way. It is acceptable to remove and utilise the one exit only."



the old side door has been blocked up creating a more open feel to the hall.

This project is supported by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Strong Communities Grant Fund.





The committee has ideas for further improvements including replacing the windows, new lighting and redecoration throughout. These will be discussed, costed and prioritised over coming months.

The fabulous new kitchen now incorporates enough cupboard space for all our crockery, cutlery and ancillary items. There is huge amount of usable worksurface with a fridge and warming cupboard beneath. There is also a microwave available for users. This work was funded from reserves and monies received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council during the pandemic.

The new fully accessible main entrance creates a focal point for the hall, facing out onto the green. The stairway to



OTHER NEWS

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday May 11th at 6pm. For more information, please contact Ewa Thomas at <u>ewathomas@btinternet.com</u> or 01446 771728.

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

PILATES WITH JO

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

ST HILARY WI

The next meeting of St Hilary WI will be on Tuesday April 11th at 3pm in the village hall. Please contact Caroline Neudegg for more information 07967 976076.

WEIGH TO GO

Weigh To Go is a mobile refill shop offering a range of



organic and eco-friendly products from oils, vinegars, pulses, spices, grains, flours, nuts, cereals, shampoo, and household cleaning products The mobile shop visits St Hilary every Wednesday afternoon between 3pm and 4.30pm.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The next community café will be on Wednesday April 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 April 6th at 10am outside the village hall. If you are interested in joining, please contact <u>info@sthilary.org.uk</u>.

WHIST

Regular monthly whist sessions are planned to return to the village hall after Easter. Please contact Sue on <u>suefbrown@tiscali.com</u> for more information.

YOGA WITH ANN

Another group restarting after Easter – the ever-popular sessions with yogi Ann Culverwell. Details to be finalised, contact Ann on <u>ann.culverwell@yahoo.co.uk</u> or 07855 448356 for more information.

FRALF CAR WASH

Fred and Alfie - making your car smile and gleam for just £8 per car. Call or message 07719 019940 to book. Autoglym cleaning products provided - all that is needed is access to water and a hosepipe.

ST HILARY CHURCH

Services every Sunday at 11am. All welcome.

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Watch this space





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