

ST HILARY NEWS

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



WELCOME

Welcome to a special lockdown edition of St Hilary News. This has been funded by the Glamorgan Voluntary Service COVID 19 – Small Grants Scheme. Alos thank you to Andy our posite for the delivery service!

The Writing on the Wall

**Suffering, Courage and Endurance, six long years and more
Everybody cheering, that our Boys' did not withdraw
The parties swelled, dancers twirled, and kisses flew galore
The radio and the papers said that War would rage no more**

**Linking arms with strangers, they danced out in the street
I heard the Pubs were running dry, as all turned out to meet
Flags were waving brightly. Streamers hung all over town
Mums and wives in wheelbarra's being rolled up streets, and down**

**Bless them all. Bless them all.
Those Brave-hearts who stood tall
For you and me. For all to see
That War need rage no more**

**Rationing queues; utility blues, their faded flags ... their crosses
Lets raise a glass to Victory, recounting now - our losses
The stripping of our NHS, carers poorly paid
Looking after those we love ... and the ones we hid away**

**No budgets for core services. A planet damaged. At the brink
Conglomerates evading tax, on bonuses' that stink
So many lives are on the line, unprotected, un-resourced
A forgotten generation behind a care home door
Though charity is wonderful and Thursday's clapping can be fun
What changes, when this fight is done?**

**It's a war that's far from won
Bless them all, Bless them all
Our Brave-hearts standing tall
Hoping you and me, look up to see
The Writing on the Wall.**

**Written for the 75th Anniversary of VE day - 8 May 2020
by a very talented villager!**

In with the in-crowd now!

Self-isolation can be a frustration
some feel it just isn't cricket.

At least there's no doubt
who's in or who's out
as we've all got to stay
at the wicket.

Keeping in touch matters ever so much
IT's really playing its part.

A click here and there
a gregarious share
helps family & friends
to stay in good heart.

Fresh air is good, you certainly should
take care to keep yourself fit.

Walking's allowed
but not in a crowd
please keep in mind
the government's writ.

Good news at least is in from the east
a decrease in released CO₂.

The air in Wuhan is
now cleaner than Cannes
and they'd only one case in
the last day or two.

Think also on this with so much so amiss
while wrinkling a fevered brow.

Stuck there at home
you're not on your own
you're well in with
the in-crowd now!

A poem by villager Rob Lang.

ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

The publication date for the next edition is not known. However you can still send items via e-mail to newsletter@sthilary.org.uk, write to Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP or call Liz on 07747 688219. Welsh and English contributions welcome.



VE DAY COMMEMORATION

The villagers of St Hilary are always keen to take part in commemorative celebrations – a Royal wedding “let’s have a party”, the Queen’s Jubilee(s) “lunch on the green”, Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday “let’s do a Bake Off”. The constant theme of these celebrations is coming together as a community and food playing its part.

The 75th anniversary of VE Day was planned to be no different with the Church social committee organising an afternoon tea in the village hall. However COVID 19 put a stop to that plan. Monica Dennis and Caroline Neudegg hatched a plan for celebrations that could still take place, be suitably socially distanced and would include the whole village.

The weeping tree in front of the hall was, like it had been for Easter, again the focal point for the village. The tree was dressed in bunting and villagers were invited to add their own decorations with the theme of red, white and blue.



Villagers also sent their memories of VE Day to be shared on the tree and display outside the hall. This even included a “guess who” baby photo!





THANK YOU
 Pam Wilkinson
 Judith Bateson
 Clare Griffiths
 Rae Kitchen
 Beryl Price
 for creating our VE Day floral display



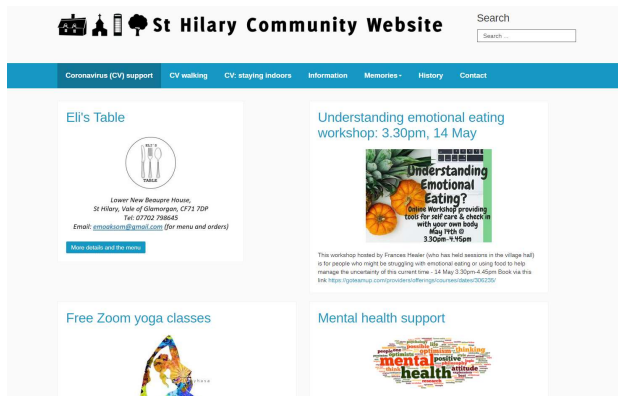
Inside the village hall, there were cakes galore cooked by villagers and their families. Those who were able came and collected their selection and looked at the decorated tree. For those self-isolating, Caroline and Liz provided a home delivery service visiting around 30 properties distributing food parcels. Some of the residents from the Manor House joined us on the green.



WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION AND HELP

ST HILARY WEBSITE

The recently remodelled St Hilary website (<http://www.sthilary.org.uk/>) has information about activities and services on offer in the village during the current restrictions.



There are sections detailing local walks, take away and delivery services along with the village history and memories sections. Terry and Monica are constantly updating the content, so if you have anything to be shared please contact them via info@sthilary.org.uk.

ST HILARY COMMUNITY ON FACEBOOK

The popular St Hilary Community Facebook group is another interactive source of information and shared experiences. Current group photo albums range from the recent VE Day Commemoration to Garden Watch 2020 and the Sunflower Growing Competition.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sthilary/>



LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Council meetings have been suspended.

ST HILARY WHATSAPP GROUP



St Hilary Community Support Group on WhatsApp.

This group has been set up to keep each other, and the vulnerable of the village, supported in case of social distancing. This will purely be for the duration of the corona virus situation in order that we can maintain contact with each other.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Liz Loch on 07747688219 or Caroline Neudegg on 07967976076. We can assist with connecting you via WhatsApp or other methods of staying touch if this isn't possible (landline or mobile phone.)

YOGA@ST HILARY NOW ON ZOOM



Ann Culverwell (who usually runs yoga classes in the village hall) is holding free classes on Zoom at 6pm on Mondays and Thursdays - email Ann at

ann.culverwell@yahoo.co.uk to register.

ST HILARY CHURCH

St Hilary Church is currently not open. Services from Holy Cross are available online with Sunday morning worship at 10:00 am and Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm. If you would like to a service, please visit the Parish website or contact the Rector by email on rector@cowbridgeparish.com or on 07506 689450.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

At the village hall committee meeting, held virtually April 29th, the decision was taken to cancel the 2020 Safari Supper. A deep clean of the hall has taken place and some essential maintenance has been carried out. The committee look forward to welcoming everyone back in due course.

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