

# ST HILARY NEWS

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



## WELCOME

Autumn is upon us and the days are drawing in, time to head inside and see what's happening. The village hall, church and marquee have all been busy over the last couple of months with meetings, parties and cultural activities.

## VILLAGE LUNCH AND HARVEST SERVICE

The ever-popular village lunch was held in the marquee on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> when more than 60 villagers and their families joined together for a Ploughman's Lunch with delicious puddings! The event raised around £600 which was shared between the village hall and St Hilary church. Thank you to everyone who attended and all those who help with the marquee, the food, the raffle and of course the washing up!

On Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> St Hilary Church held their annual Harvest Service. The church was decorated with items donated to the Vale Foodbank. After the service, Village Hall Committee Chair Ewa Thomas handed over a cheque for £300 from the Village Lunch to Marion Layton-Matthews.



Members of the congregation then enjoyed refreshments in the church. There was another donation point for the harvest Foodbank collection in the village phone box.



## HGV NUISANCE

Massive thanks to Gareth Thomas from Manor Cottage for sorting out the wall repair at the Pump



Garden. Not only did he persuade the Hungarian haulage company to pay for the damage done by

their lorry, but he sourced and supervised a local tradesman to carry out the repair.

Please continue to post pictures and reports of HGV activity in the village on the WhatsApp group. Every occurrence is reported to the Vale of Glamorgan Council by Llanfair Community Council. Villagers will be aware that the response from VoG has been dismissive in the past, however this ongoing issue needs resolving.



## LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Vale of Glamorgan Council are starting to plan for the implementation of 20mph speed limits in residential areas across the Vale. Ahead of their inaugural meeting, an annotated map has been drawn up showing the extent of the current 30mph zone around St Hilary. This will be on display in the village hall on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to 12.30pm and again at the Community Café on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> for villagers to view and comment.



## 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 [lizloch@outlook.com](mailto:lizloch@outlook.com). Articles are welcome in Welsh or English.

## THE SYRIAN BAKER



The village hall was warm and inviting, with enticing aromas and sounds emanating from within. As we entered, we were met by Jamal, Amina and Karim, who took us into another world, into their experiences of living in

Syria. The actors served us cardamon coffee as we took our seats.

How, I wondered, was this play going to tackle the massive topic of the horrendous war in Syria? Over the next hour a complex, moving story of love, family and friendship played out in our small and intimate hall. We came to know and care for Jamal, Amina and Karim, whilst also fearing what was to come (Amina tells us early on that she is dead!) We learn how their lives were torn asunder; how they suffered greatly and had to flee across many countries to find a new home in the UK. A perilous journey that took them far away from their homes in Aleppo, Idlib and Homs leaving behind loved ones killed in the war (including Amina the love of Jamal's life).

However, before war came into the lives of Jamal and Amina, they speak with great affection about their local Syrian Baker whose delicious breads and pastries are synonymous with peace and happiness and of a normal life. We then witness the actors mixing the ingredients for a simple Syrian bread: they knead it, prove it and cook the bread right before our eyes – weaving the process into the centre of the story.

Jamal and Karim cannot settle in the UK and yearn for their homeland. They return to war torn Syria where they begin baking and sharing bread with the oppressed, and oppressors, it being a simple and powerful way to bring people together. Who doesn't need fresh, warm bread?

This was a moving, intelligent, and creative way to bring the complexity of lives shattered by war into the realm of a peaceful rural community like ours. We were all moved by the performances and had a lot to mull over! The evening ended with the cast and audience sharing the warm Syrian flatbreads, Baba ghanoush and other delicious Syrian foods. I think I can safely say everyone was pleased they had attended the play and were thankful to Liz Loch for organising it for us. I, for one, am looking forward to another play in our own little theatre / village hall.

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St Hilary Village Hall is a registered promoter for events with the Arts Council Wales "Noson Allan / Night Out" scheme which helps to bring the arts to small venues across Wales. We are grateful to them and the Vale of Glamorgan Council for their support.

## ST HILARY WI

I was delighted to join St Hilary WI at their meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> where we played whist and took part in a fund-raising auction. The regular meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month however the start time has moved to 3pm. LL

## LLANFAIR PTA QUIZ

Following on from the GinGo evening in July, Llanfair PTA held another fund-raising event in



the village hall on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>. The excellent quiz night was complemented with a chilli & jacket potato supper. Great fun was had by all and the quiz was won by a team from the village!

## ST HILARY VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will take place on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm. Chair Ewa Thomas invites you to come along to hear what has been happening in the hall and our plans for the future. The meeting will be followed by wine and nibbles. If you would like to join the committee, or feel you could contribute in any way, please contact Ewa on 07747 021616 or [ewathomas@btinternet.com](mailto:ewathomas@btinternet.com).

## ST HILARY NSPCC WALK FOR CHILDREN

On Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>, St Hilary NSPCC Committee will be encouraging us all to "Walk for Children" in support of NSPCC Cymru's work. Meet outside the Bush Inn, with or without a dog, for mulled wine, coffee and bacon sandwiches.



Take a stroll around St Hilary Down and return to enjoy the Cowbridge Comprehensive School Brass Ensemble playing

Christmas carols and other traditional festive tunes.

WINE TASTING WITH NOBLE GRAPE

Once again, we are delighted to welcome Master of Wine Richard Ballantyne from Decanter Magazine’s “Best Regional Wine Merchant for Wales 2022” Noble Grape to St Hilary. Richard will be suggesting wines suitable for whatever type of Christmas you may be planning!

Join Master of Wine Richard Ballantyne on Friday November 18th for an entertaining evening of Wine Tasting in St Hilary Village Hall. Tasting starts at 7pm.



Ticket price £15

Contact Liz Loch 07747 688219

ST HILARY'S CELEBRATION OF WINTER'S EVE



Events will include:

- Father Christmas and his sleigh**
- Christmas lights switch on**
- Children’s activities**
- Carols round the village**
- The festive homes of St Hilary**

Dates, times and more details in due course  
Support Winter's Eve: [www.gofundme.com/f/winters-eve2022](http://www.gofundme.com/f/winters-eve2022)

THEATRE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm, the Village Hall Committee are delighted to welcome A Likely Story with their production of “The Night before Christmas” – entertainment for all the family.

*It is Christmas Eve, but elves Grimsby and Jones cannot relax in front of a warm fire with mulled wine and a mince pie. Instead, they are hard at work in the depths of a giant packaging and postal warehouse, where the Christmas Spirit*



*seems to have got lost among the endless stacks of cardboard boxes. When disaster strikes, our unlikely heroes must embark on a perilous, hilarious quest (with the help of the warehouse pigeons, of course) to rediscover the magic of the season. Can they escape the excitable Festive Disco Gophers, safely navigate the vast Mountain of Forgotten Gifts, outsmart the hungry Furnace Monster, and find the lost Spirit in time to save Christmas!?*

Tickets (£10 per adult, £5 per child, with family group discounts available) will go on sale in November.



THE BUSH INN XMAS MEAL



The “Locals’ Meal”, for villagers, locals, and regulars, will take place on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm –

register and reserve your place at this event.

ST HILARY CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

A congregation lead carol service is planned to be held in St Hilary Church in December. Villagers have been invited to request their favourite carols on a sheet which can be found in the church.

WI CHRISTMAS MEAL

St Hilary WI Christmas Meal will take place on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at **7pm** in the village hall.



## OTHER NEWS

### REPLACING THE BENCH ON THE GREEN

We're delighted to announce that the village has received £500 of funding to replace the dilapidated bench on the Green. This project has been made possible by a grant from Localgiving and Postcode Community



Trust, a grant-giving charity funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery.



The residual funds from the Llanfair Community Council Platinum Jubilee Grant and a donation from the Community Café will complete the project.

### LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Llanfair Community Council will be holding their next meeting on Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. For more information visit their website <https://www.llanfaircommunitycouncil.gov.uk/>.

### PILATES WITH JO

Every Monday between 9am and 10am in St Hilary Village Hall. For more information see [www.pilateswithjo.com](http://www.pilateswithjo.com). Please call 07815 046005 to book a place.



### ST HILARY WI



**Please note new afternoon meeting time!** Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> in St Hilary Village Hall from 3pm. Kay Gay will be demonstrating flower arrangements for Christmas. Please bring £2 for your refreshments. Please feel free to contact the secretary, Caroline Neudegg, or any other St Hilary WI member, if you have any questions about the above information or our institute. Email: [ceneudegg@gmail.com](mailto:ceneudegg@gmail.com) Mobile: 07967976076

### ST HILARY CHURCH

Services every Sunday at 11am. All welcome.

### COMMUNITY CAFÉ



The next community café will be on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> between 11am and noon in the village hall. Drop in for a coffee, cake and a chat. We will also be selling honey and apple juice to raise funds for the newsletter and defibrillator upkeep.

### 3CS

The next meetings of the 3Cs group are as follows: Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> visit to Ty Hafan or Glamorgan Heritage Coast Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lights meet outside the village hall. If you are interested in joining, please contact [info@sthilary.org.uk](mailto:info@sthilary.org.uk).

### WHIST

The next whist sessions will take place on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the village hall. Please contact Sue on [suebrown@tiscali.com](mailto:suebrown@tiscali.com) for more information.

### YOGA WITH ANN



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

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