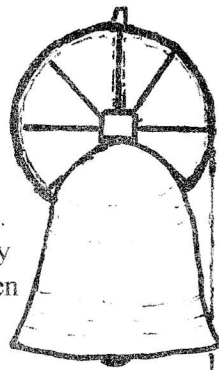


St Hilary 2000

4/98

Funding for extra bell through

The Millennium Committee have approved the application for the extra bell in St. Hilary Church tower. Applications to a number of charities around the country have also been successful with about £3,000 having been given to the scheme. The total cost of the scheme is in the region of £12,000 to £14,000. It is presently anticipated that the bell itself will be cast in Loughbough in August or September and the installation completed before Christmas. Ringing will start once the Bishop has dedicated the bell. A date has been proposed for early in the new year.



Welcome to new villagers

Elizabeth and Edward Lucas and their baby Thomas in 1 Manor Cottage;

Graham and Alison Cartwright and Gaynor and Owen at 1 Llantrithyd Road; Pedro and Kerry Gamecho with Sebastian, Dino and Christian in Cobweb Cottage; Margaret and her son at Fairview; and we look forward to meeting the new residents of Y Bwthyn

It is sad to see 'old' villagers leaving but we are pleased to hear that not all of those leaving have severed all connections with the village. We wish them all well and hope to see old and new villagers enjoying themselves at our village events.

The local bell-ringers and the Llandaff and Monmouthshire Association of bell-ringers have also provided substantial funds for the project.

This committee has indicated that it wishes to provide at least £1,000 towards the bell and hopefully once the Quiz night later in the month has been held we will have more than this amount in hand.

Those who pledged cash to support the project will be able to relax in the knowledge that they will not be called on to part with their cash! Without the pledges, however, the application for millennium funding would not have been successful, so the committee wish to thank most sincerely everyone who guaranteed the project.

Quiz night. This is to be held on **Friday 24 April**. If it is as good as the last one then it will be brilliant. Ticket just £5 each to include a hot refreshment. Tickets from the secretary Jenny 775108.

Cricket match versus St. Mary Church. This year's match we hope will be held in *July* at St. Mary Church's ground. It is hoped to have a barbecue and entertainment for the younger villagers as well as a 'refreshment' tent.

Safari supper. A reminder that another one is to be held on **Friday 28th August**. Tickets will be £10 each to include wine.

Take away quiz was concluded on March 1 and an entrant from Cardiff, Miss Orrom was the winner. A number of entrants have been kind enough to tell us how much they enjoyed the Quiz. The answers are available from Jenny Lord if you are still puzzling.

Trip to Houses of Parliament or shopping day to London

A villagers and guests trip has been arranged for Wednesday 25th November. If we can give numbers soon enough then we can have up to two groups of 16 to be given a guided tour. A coach will leave the village early in the morning to allow all those who wish to go shopping to get a full day in, those who wish to book up a matinee at one of the shows can make their own arrangements early to get the best choice of seats. Those who are interested in the history and arrangement of Parliament will be escorted around and we may be lucky enough to get seats for the afternoon session which should include Prime Minister's Questions. Our thanks go to Hilton Hughes who has made the arrangements with our M.P. John Smith.

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