

ST HILARY NEWS

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



WELCOME

Traffic and all related matters have been the hot topic of conversation around the village in recent weeks with articulated lorries and a foreign coach finding themselves almost trapped in our lanes. Whilst one could feel sorry for the drivers having to perform what seem like 500-point turns, most villagers would rather they didn't attempt to drive through St Hilary in the first place.



Traffic related issues have been raised at the St Hilary Forum and were raised again at a public meeting in January. Following this, villagers were invited to submit their concerns about traffic in the village via social media (email and Facebook) and a notice on the village noticeboard. 15 electronic responses and 20 verbal responses and comments were received.

Below is a summary of the issues raised by villagers:

Safety dangers

- Traffic ignoring the 30mph speed limit
- Traffic not giving way at the Y-junction at the entrance to the village from the A48
- Missing and faded road markings

Dangerous road surface

- Potholes and dangerous edges causing tyre and suspension damage to cars
- Three pieces of road were omitted from the refurbishment programme a few years ago – all of which are now disintegrating posing possible problems to both vehicles and pedestrians

Noise problems

- Excessive blowing of horns

Dangers due to SatNav usage

- Articulated lorries ignoring the “Don't follow SatNav” signs at the A48 and St Athan road junctions
- Traffic being incorrectly directed past the village hall and along Llantrithyd Road
- Drivers, especially of large delivery vehicles, getting totally confused finding destinations within the village
- Incorrectly directing traffic up the Clump track

Litter

- Excessive litter being deposited, particularly near the junction with the A48

The draft report was presented to the April meeting of Llanfair Community Council (LCC) and councillors were briefed about its content. It was evident at the meeting that some of the issues are already being discussed with the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The report has now been submitted to the Vale and a formal response is awaited.

At the LCC meeting, the Vale councillors advised that they will be looking to Town and Community councillors to identify roads within their communities that need repairing and/or resurfacing. Villagers could let our councillors know which roads they would like to be considered (contact details on page 4.)

ST HILARY NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have an event coming up or a project you would like to tell the community about, you can send your item to Liz Loch at Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP or newsletter@sthilary.org.uk.

Deadline for the June newsletter is Friday May 25th. Publication of this newsletter has been made possible by a grant from Creative Rural Communities.



RECENT EVENTS

WI - "THE ROCKIES CHALLENGE"

St Hilary WI members enjoyed hearing from Julian Kelly who gave an inspirational talk on his "Three Bike Ride" challenge for Velindre Hospital.

While attending a Velindre charity night, Julian found himself volunteering to take part in the Captain's East Coast ride from Boston to New York! In 2014, after many months of training, he rode the 320 miles in 5 days and raised £13,000. Two years later, it was the Rockies Challenge from Canmore to Jasper, this time raising £14,006. This year Julian will be riding from San Francisco to Los Angeles. The talk was enhanced by wonderful photographs of places he passed on the epic bike rides.

Julian has been appointed as an ambassador of Velindre and his aim is to have raised in excess of £50,000 by the end of 2018.



IN OTHER NEWS

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Spring has finally arrived and the grass is growing. Please can villagers remember to pick up after their dogs – there really is



nothing worse than being sprayed with excrement while strimming the grass outside your gate! Don't forget that dog faeces can contain toxocarasis which can lead to blindness in humans.

VILLAGE TREE STRATEGY

At a public meeting of the St Hilary Forum in January, the loss of trees in the village was raised. Everybody who lives, works or has a connection in St Hilary is invited to participate in developing a tree strategy for the village.

It is envisaged that the strategy will encompass:

- background to the trees in the village, for example, the orchards of the former working farms and the woods nearby;
- a summary of the tree felling that has taken place;
- maybe, some external advice on tree diseases;
- the rules and regulations that apply;
- the outlook for trees in and around the village;
- external resources both tangible, such as the Woodland Trust which can provide trees free of charge, and intangible, such as guidance and information; and,
- suggestions for planting trees for both individuals and the community.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE "SAVE A LIFE"



St John Ambulance (Cowbridge Division) delivered an entertaining "Save a Life" training session in the village hall on Thursday April 19th. The training focussed on "DR ABC" (Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, Compressions) which we learnt about at the training delivered when the defibrillator was installed.

The group then practiced the Heimlich manoeuvre to help someone who is choking.



A donation was made to St John Ambulance and special thanks to the volunteers trainers!



LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headmaster Mr Guy, the staff and pupils at Llanfair Primary school would like to thank everyone for their support with school events during the Spring term. They raised £118.75 for Sports Relief and over £200 for Velindre! In addition, over £100 was raised on Eco day which has been used to buy new recycling bins for the school.



The ethos of the Forum is action, so this initial invitation is for those members of the community who want to lead and/or have an active role in this

initial phase. When a group is established then there will be a wider engagement with the community to gather views and additional input. If you would like to get involved, please contact Terry Dennis on 01446 775186 or info@sthilary.org.uk.

SUMMER FAYRE LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Llanfair Primary School Summer Fayre takes place on Saturday May 12th between 11am and 1pm. Villagers are invited to come to the Summer Fayre where there will be a variety of craft and gift stalls, as well as a range of games and competitions. Refreshments and cakes will also be available. The Fayre will either be on the school field (weather permitting) or in the school hall. Everyone is welcome.

LLANFAIR SCHOOL DUCK RACE

Llanfair Primary School Duck Race will take place on Friday June 29th at the school – anyone can sponsor a duck in this annual event.



Ducks cost £1 each and there are cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ducks to cross the finish line, as well as other prizes for the “Last Duck Home” and for the pupil who sells the most ducks. The race takes

place in a local stream and everyone is welcome to attend. More details to follow nearer the time.

ST HILARY BAKE-OFF

After the successful inaugural event in 2016, the St Hilary Bake Off returns on Saturday July 14th. The theme of this year’s event will be “The Year of the Sea.” Details of the categories, rules and events will be circulated nearer the date. Will it be pies, pastries, cookies or cakes?



SUMMER CHARITY BALL

DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDS

In 2017, villagers donated £1035 to fund the provision of a Public Access Defibrillator for St Hilary. After purchasing the equipment, installing it and providing training to villagers, £71.50 remained. This balance has all now been used funding the recent Save a Life training session and contributing towards the new light outside the village hall.

PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY JULY 1ST

The annual Parish Lunch will take place in the village hall and on the village green on Sunday July 1st. This lovely event is open to all villagers and parishioners and is a great opportunity to meet up with your neighbours over a lovely home cooked meal. More information about in the next Newsletter.

WHAT'S ON IN MAY & JUNE

THE BUSH INN - THE BIG 50 MILER IN AID OF THE JACK BERRY FIJIAN FOUNDATION

Sunday May 6th at 4pm – join Liz, Andy, the staff at the Bush and Jack's family for a celebration BBQ as Jack's family complete a gruelling 50 mile run from their family home in Abergavenny to the Bush Inn.



CUT, CLEAN & CLEAR (3CS)

Wednesday May 2nd and June 6th meet outside the village hall at 10am.

DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

Coffee, cake and a chat - Wednesday May 2nd and June 6th between 10.30am and noon in the village hall.

YOGA@ST HILARY

Mondays at 6pm in the village hall except when there's whist! No class on May 7th - contact Ann Culverwell on 07855 448356 to register for a session or for more information.

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community Council Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday **May 10th** at 7pm in Llanfair Primary School. It will be followed by the regular council meeting.

Dates and venues for next meetings:

Thursday June 7th at 7pm in St Hilary village hall.

Thursday July 5th at Llanfair Primary School.

The Public and the Press are cordially invited to be present and provision is made for any member of the public to address the Community Council for a set period of time. Further information can be obtained from Jackie Griffin, Clerk to the Council, on jackie.griffin1@bopenworld.com or from the St Hilary Community Councillors – David Hawkins, Mary Llewellyn and Heather Shaw.

ST HILARY WI

The next meeting of St Hilary WI, to be held on Tuesday May 8th at 7 pm, will be the Annual General meeting where the National Resolutions will also be considered. St Hilary WI will celebrate its 86th birthday in 2018 and a special lunch will be held at the Bush Inn.

LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer Term ends on Friday July 20th (tbc). Half term is from Monday May 28th to Friday June 1st.

MONDAY WHIST

Next sessions on Monday May 7th and June 4th at 7.30pm in the village hall.

ST HILARY CHURCH

Regular Sunday service at 11am each week.

SAFARI SUPPER VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Safari Supper will take place on Saturday May 19th – If you would like to attend, please contact Ewa Thomas on 01446 771728 or ewathomas@btinternet.com. Tickets must be reserved, and paid for, by May 11th.

QUIZ & CURRY EVENING

St Hilary Church Social Committee will be holding a Quiz and Curry evening in the village hall on Friday May 25th at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Gill Harris (Sorrento) on 07714 961182 and Mary Llewellyn on 07800 974527.

LLANFAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

The school Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday June 12th from 11am to 1pm.

BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION

The next Bag2School collection will take place on Monday June 18th. This collection of unwanted clothing and textiles raises money for the school. Items should be of good quality, as they are for re-use. Items can be placed in any plastic bag or bin liner.

There will be a drop off point at the village hall a few days before the collection.