

Hilldale Community Newsletter

BEST WISHES FOR 2018

We hope that you have a happy and healthy year.

HILLDALE COFFEE MORNINGS

From 10:30 until 12:00 in the Hilldale Village Hall on the last Saturday of every month except May, August and December.

We have tea, coffee, soft drinks and **excellent locally made cakes**.

And then there are Gary's **superb bacon and sausage butties!**



Stay and enjoy them in the Hall, have a chat, shelter from the rain and cold or take them away.

The next few Coffee Mornings are on **27th January, 24th February, 31st March and 28th April.**

FREE toys and plant seeds - there is usually a selection - **FREE**.

Everyone is welcome - Come along – Be part of the community!

EVENTS

Our next major event is the Hilldale Fair.

As usual there will be stalls, cream teas, BBQ and the **Hilldale Fun Dog Show**.

It's on 12th May – put it into your calendar and will be held in the Hilldale Playing Field. We are taking bookings for stalls. If you would like to book a stall, please email: stalls@hilldale-ca.org and we'll send you a booking form.

PLEASE HELP

Although we usually have enough staff at the Fair to “manage” we only ever find out at the last minute. That short notice means we can’t plan for the possible extra stalls and activities we’d like to run.

So, please give some urgent thought to helping at the Fair. Even an hour will make a **big** difference.

NEWSLETTERS TO BENTLEY LANE

Regrettably, we won’t be delivering the Newsletter to individual houses on Bentley Lane anymore. The volume of traffic and its speed make it unsafe for our volunteers. As a trial we’ll place copies in the Red Phone Box close to the junction of Bentley Lane and Ridley Lane but if they cause a nuisance or litter, we’ll stop that. We’ll gladly send you a copy electronically – just send an email to hello@hilldale-ca.org and we’ll add you to the list.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The session in November was a great success. The session on 15th February is fully booked. If you would like to be trained we will try to arrange another session in March but send an email to hello@hilldale-ca.org to tell us.

The training will be in the Village Hall and will start at 6:30pm. If there is continuing interest, then we can arrange additional sessions later in the year.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

Package deliveries - Here’s an idea from a resident: most of us receive packages from time to time but much of the time, we aren’t in to take delivery. What if we had a group of neighbours who acted as the alternate delivery address? Would you be prepared to be such a volunteer?

Now, there must be something which you think would benefit the Village and that the HCA might be able help with – email your idea to hello@hilldale-ca.org or come to the next Coffee Morning and tell us.

DONATIONS – PLEASE

The HCA is a small charity run by a small group of un-paid volunteers. We get by on grants (and those are increasingly difficult to obtain) so that we can run the Coffee Mornings, the Hilldale Fair, other events and small projects.

So, please donate what you can so we can continue to hold these events: our BACS details and where to send a cheque are on the website.

And if you’d like to have a say in how the HCA’s money is spent, join us.

CALLING ALL DOG OWNERS

My wife and I and some other responsible residents are still routinely picking up dog s**t left by other people's dogs on the Field, on pavements and in grass verges.

If you are such an owner – you are a disgrace. I don't want to step into your dog's poo and I'm sure you don't either, so **PICK IT UP!**

Be responsible - carry a dog poo bag at all times and PLEASE keep our Playing Field, pavements and roadside verges free of this filthy health hazard.

Remember if you allow your dog to run free, even if you can't see what it is doing, and it fouls the Field or any other public space then you are still responsible and you are breaking the law.

Also, if your free running dog causes an accident, then, again, you are responsible.

What's your view? Email us: hello@hilldale-ca.org .

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I imagine that people who don't live in this rather secret and idyllic pocket of West Lancs just don't realise what an attractive area we live in. We really have some wonderful and interesting pieces of folk lore right on our doorstep.

The giant oak tree next to the High Moor Restaurant is supposed to be the tree where the last highway man in England was hanged! Courage Low Lane dates back to the Civil War – what does it mean? Too Good Lane is from the same period and, of course, there is Hunger Hill in Wrightington. If anyone has knowledge or an idea of the source of these names, why not write in and let us know.

However, my favourite story concerns the farmer who was, at long last, burying his harridan of a wife and, as the horse drawn hearse headed down the hill to the corner, he implored the driver to slow down; to no avail. As it turned the corner, the hearse tipped over spilling the coffin and wife onto the road. She promptly woke up and continued her harridan ways. This gave rise to the name Dangerous Corner – aptly named!

Yours etc

A Resident, Hilldale

[Editor's note: if there's something you'd like to say or get off your chest send an email and if it's fit to print we'll print it or put it on the website. Any letters we print may not reflect the views of the Editor or any of the Committee]

HILLDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Got something on your mind which should be attended to? Then air it at a Parish Council meeting. The next one is on 1st March. The meetings start at 7:00 pm and there is a 15 minute Public Forum to raise your topic or concern with the Councillors.

If there is a topic you'd like the PC to discuss formally email the Clerk at clerk@hilldaleparishcouncil.com.

Saplings: The Parish Council has available a number of saplings including Oak, Beech, Birch and Rowan. If you would like one or two, they are free: please contact the PC at clerk@hilldaleparishcouncil.com.

Also, the PC plans to plant some of the saplings in and around the Playing Field. They need help. Can you help? If you can, please contact the PC at clerk@hilldaleparishcouncil.com.

MiYoga classes are at Hilldale Village Hall on Mondays at 7pm & Mawdesley Methodist Church on Thursdays at 7pm.

Please come and join me in releasing any tension, tightness or stress to those tired muscles and enjoy feeling relaxed after an hours lesson. Suitable for all levels, for both men and women, including 12+.

If you would like to attend please contact me on 07827 854353 or email maiayoga1@gmail.com. Booking is essential for Monday night class.



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