

## **November 2014**

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# **Hilldale Community Newsletter**

# Christmas comes to Hilldale

On 13<sup>th</sup> December, in the Hilldale Village Hall we are delighted to welcome the Deeside Singers who will be providing the musical entertainment at this not-to-be missed festive concert which will include a host of Christmas carols and Christmas-themed songs - with the opportunity to sing along!



As if that wasn't enough excitement for one evening, there will also be a Christmas Raffle and a Christmas-themed fun Quiz and, it has been rumoured, perhaps even mulled wine and mince pies!!

This is one evening's entertainment <u>you really shouldn't miss</u>. Tickets cost £7.50 and are available now from Committee members, or ring 07778 742070, or on the door (subject to availability).

So why not join in the festive fun on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at **Hilldale Village Hall**, Chorley Road, Hilldale. **Doors open at 7.30pm**.

Bring your own food & drink for a great evening!

#### Dates to remember

#### The Hilldale Coffee Morning.

The last Saturday of each month is when we have the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. There are cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks and Gary makes his superb bacon and sausage butties.

Sit and enjoy them in the Hall and have a chat or take them away. The ingredients for the butties and the cakes are all sourced locally

The next Coffee Morning is **28**<sup>th</sup> **November** from 10.30 until 12.30.

### **Entertainment Evenings 2014 / 2015**:

13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas theme; songs and carols with **The Deeside Singers** 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 – we welcome back **Stephen and Pernille Quigg.** We always have a great evening of music and banter.

16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – the **Hilldale Fair** and the Party after the Fair

Tickets for the Musical Evenings cost £7.50 each and are on sale now.

Contact any member of the committee or call 07778742070

Bring your own nibbles and refreshments

We always welcome suggestions for events – just let us know – call a Committee Member or leave a message through the website: <a href="www.this-is-hilldale.btck.co.uk">www.this-is-hilldale.btck.co.uk</a>

#### Commemorative bench

Our thanks to Councillor May Blake for stepping in at the last minute to dedicate our Commemorative Bench on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Christmas is on the way

We have asked the Parish Council for permission to have a **Hilldale Christmas Tree** somewhere in the vicinity of the Village Hall.

All being well, it will happen and we'll switch on the lights on the 13<sup>th</sup> December just before the Deeside singers take to the stage.

The preferred plan is to plant a tree and to decorate it with solar powered fairy lights. This year it won't be tall but it will grow and, over time, will be a significant contribution to the festive period.

Hopefully we won't have a severe winter and that the snow only falls on the sledging areas. Some people can't get around too easily especially if it's slippery underfoot so if you have a neighbour who might need some help please help if you can.

As always at Christmas / New Year time don't drink and drive.

#### The Playing Field

I think we'd all agree that the Hilldale Playing Field is a great asset to the community and over the years the Parish Council's improvements have made it even better but ... a couple of things, please:

- ▶ Do pick up after your dog. The Playing Field is used for picnics, games and simply running around and stepping in dog poo is very unpleasant. There is no excuse as dog poop bags are available from the dispensers.
- Do not take handfuls of dog poop bags from the dispensers other people need them.
- > Do not deliberately leave bread or food around. It encourages rats and if it is eaten up by pets might not be good for them.

#### Speeding

As some of you will have noticed, there has been a speed camera parked outside the Village Hall from time to time. It's a reminder that all of Chorley Road is a 30mph zone.

#### **Parish Council activities**

The Parish Council has been actively fulfilling the requests on your wish list during the past few months. As soon as the additional litter bin has been positioned at the Grimshaw Green end of the field, and it should be done in the next few weeks, the Council will have provided:

- 1. bike racks in the car park,
- 2. additional dog poop bag dispenser at the bottom of the field,
- 3. dog ties outside the children's play area,
- 4. an external electricity socket,
- 5. additional litter bin,
- 6. safety surfacing under the large play equipment and daisy spinner,
- 7. more safety lighting outside the hall,
- 8. permanent signs advising dog owners of their responsibilities.

The Parish Council is compiling its budget for the next financial year and so, if you have more ideas, please let your Councillors know.

### Finally,

All of us on the HCA Committee wish you all a

Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2015





## TOP DOGZ

## Five Star Dog Grooming & Pet Microchipping

- Bathing & Drying
- ✓ Clipping & Scissoring
- ✓ Hand stripping
- ✓ Nails cut & Ears Cleaned (& plucked if required)
- Pet Clips & Show Cuts

Any Questions? Call Sara: 07889985997

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Local pick up / Drop off service available for just a small additional charge

#### PETMICROCHIPPING: ONLY £14

(This includes me travelling to your house, Discounts apply for multiple pets at the same residence)

### Want to promote your business locally?

If you would like to **advertise** in the Hilldale Community Association Newsletter, which is distributed to 300 homes in Hilldale and delivered 4 times a year, then visit our website **www.this-is-hilldale.btck.co.uk/** and leave a message. We are limited as to the amount of space we can allocate to advertising therefore space will be sold on a first come first served basis.

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Why not join us at one of our meetings? It's all very informal and we really do welcome new ideas!