



Hilldale Village Newsletter

The AGM

The Association's AGM was held on 26th September. As well as the cheese and wine, we also elected the new Committee who are:

Bill Halkett, Chairman	Colin McMahan
Jo Ward, Treasurer	Elizabeth McMahan
Dave Sweatman, Secretary	Jo Mould
Stuart Ashton, Vice Chairman	Claudine McFaul
Odete Bell	Basil Stokes
Jo Jones	Malcolm White

All welcome: Anyone who wants to come along to our meetings is very welcome. We usually have a monthly meeting in the Farmers Arms. Just call a committee member for the next meeting details.

Dates to remember

Hilldale Fair The HCA was founded about 10 years ago to foster a community spirit in our spread out village. The cornerstone event of our year is the **Hilldale Fair**. The 2014 Fair will be held on Saturday **17th May 2014**. So please put that date into your diary and come along for a great afternoon.

The Hilldale Coffee Morning. The last Saturday of each month is when we have the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. Gary makes his superb bacon and sausage butties. Sit in the Hall and have a chat or take them away. We're going to offer a **Full English Breakfast** for a trial period. The ingredients for the butties are all sourced locally and the cakes are all homemade.

The next Coffee Morning is **November 30th 2013** from 10.30 until 12.30. If this is not one of your regular diary entries - do come along.

Musical Evenings 2014:

25 th January	A Musical Evening with Mark Dowding and Sid.
19 th March	A Celtic Musical Evening with Stephen & Pernille Quigg,
17 th May	Party after the Hilldale Fair. Darren Poyzer & Kevin Farrell aka Incredible Planet.

Tickets for the Musical Evenings cost £10 each and are on sale from 2nd January 2014 from any member of the committee. Any changes to the above schedule will be listed on our website and in the next newsletter.

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Our projects

At the Hilldale Fair in 2013, we had a Wish Tree which we asked everyone to contribute to. Here is the list and where we are up with them:

Project	Status
Bike racks	With the Parish Council for consideration.
Musical events	Already in hand – see earlier
Holder for dog poop bags at the bottom of the field	With the Parish Council for consideration.
Children's artwork on the walls of the Village Hall	With the Parish Council for consideration.
Pictures of hall & field then and now for display in village hall	We have permission from the Parish Council for this project and we hope to have some on the wall in time for the January Coffee Morning
Framed photos of old Hilldale for display in village hall	
Bingo / race nights	Although there is no problem with the license to hold these events, we have been advised by the Parish Council that there is a covenant on the Hall which precludes gambling. If there is enough support for these events, we will arrange at another venue – please let us know what you feel.
Wine & wisdom nights.	On the basis of BYOB, is anyone willing to organise this?
Extra litter bins	With the Parish Council for consideration.
Dog tie posts	With the Parish Council for consideration.
BBQ lunch instead of coffee morning	We will do this in July 2014
Improvements to the Play Area	We have investigated a couple of ideas and they all cost money. We applied for about £6,000 to install a soft surface under the large play frame but it looks unlikely that we will be awarded that grant. We are discussing play area improvements with the Parish Council and will continue to look for funds.
French windows for the Village Hall	With the Parish Council for consideration.
Additional storage	With the Parish Council for consideration.

The Parish Council will start to make decisions about its proposed projects at its November meeting [7th] so please go along and contribute during the Open

Forum period. The Councillors welcome anyone who to attends either to listen or contribute. If you feel strongly about any of the projects, your opportunity to contribute to the discussion is during the Open Forum – so please go along.

Our Constitution

Because of a clause in our Constitution, we were unable to support the Parish Council's renovation of the Hall. We will revise the Constitution to make it more flexible. If you have any views about it please contact a committee member.

Our new website

We now have a website: www.this-is-hilldale.btck.co.uk.

The website will be updated periodically with content including:

- The newsletters
- Minutes of our meetings
- Details of events
- A gallery of images from events – including the Hilldale Fair

If you like to have the Newsletter delivered directly to your email Inbox, then use the Contact us box on the website and leave your details. We promise **never** to release anyone's details to any other organisation or use them for any other purpose than HCA business.

Other activities

It has been suggested that we could form a **Gardening Group** to create and look after flower and shrub beds around the Hall and Playing Field areas. Anyone would like to be involved please contact one of the committee members.

Claudine McFaul is walking the **Pilgrim Way to Santiago de Compstella** and is writing a blog. If you'd like to follow her progress, her blog is on the web: caminodeclaudine.wordpress.com.

National Tree Week – runs from 23rd November until 1 December.

Please help keep our Village Playing Field Clean

It's never a pleasant subject but children play on the Playing Field and it is the responsibility of ALL dog owners and their handlers to pick up after their dogs. It's really unpleasant to have to clean dog poo from shoes or clothing – and it's a health hazard. The Parish Council provides strong bags so use them.

For the good of the whole community, pick up after your dog.

Stop Press - Grants

We have just been advised that we have been awarded a Community Chest grant of £475 from West Lancashire District Council.

Douglas Drama Group

OUT OF SIGHT.... OUT OF MURDER

As the nights start to draw in, why not put a smile back into those dark winter nights and come and see your local drama group in action! **DOUGLAS DRAMA GROUP's** next production will be staged on three consecutive nights on **28, 29 and 30 NOVEMBER** at Parbold **WI**. Written by Fred Carmichael, **OUT OF SIGHT.. OUT OF MIND** is a classic comedy murder mystery. When an electrical storm scores a direct hit on the old house (why is it always an old house?), the action moves ingeniously with romance, suspense and cosmic wit. Another who-dunnit, how-dunnit and why-dunnit, all packed full of laughs.

Tickets, all priced @ **£6** are available **NOW** from:

D-I-Y Centre, Parbold and from **Parbold Fruit & Veg.**

Doors open @ 7p.m. and curtain up at 7.30 p.m.

Don't forget new members are always welcome and why not visit our Facebook page, just google Douglas Drama Group.

Want to promote your business locally?

If you would like to **advertise** in the Hilldale Community Association Newsletter which is distributed to the 300 homes of Hilldale then please contact a member of the committee (see below) or visit our website www.this-is-hilldale.btck.co.uk and leave a message. The newsletters are delivered approximately quarterly. The example below would cost £20. We are limited with regards 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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