

Dilwyn's Parish Magazine

# Dilwynner

April 2017



# Happy Easter

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# Messages of Thanks

**Mrs Gwendoline Mary Radnor obit: 3 February 2017 aged 102**

On behalf of Mrs Radnor's family I thank all those who attended the Service held in her memory at St Mary's Church, Dilwyn on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February; for their generosity in leaving donations for Pancreatic Cancer Research and the West Midlands Air Ambulance, and for the many condolence cards they sent.

*Rose Thomas*

Thankyou to everyone who has sent cards, phoned, and knocked on our door to ask how I am, and so many offers of help. We are blessed to have so many good friends and neighbours supporting us. I am progressing very well, the doctors seem pleased as well. No doubt you will see me pounding the roads as I gradually extend my walking distance!

*Thankyou again, Keith and Joan*

Dave and I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes when his mum passed away. These are all very much appreciated. She would have been pleased and surprised to see so many people in church at her funeral.

We would also like to say thank you for all the cards sent since Dave's op and to everyone who has been so kind, especially those who gave Jill lifts up to the QE.

We are delighted to let everyone know that we have another little granddaughter, named Olivia. Lucy is now doing well after her 'experience'. We have had an eventful couple of months!

*Dave & Jill Thomas*



## **DILWYN PLAYGROUP & CEDAR HALL**

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**Public Meeting**  
**7.30pm Thursday 30th March**

# St Mary's Church

## *Services for April*



2nd	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
9th	Palm Sunday Group service, Monkland	11.00am
15th	Service of light at Croft	7.30pm
16th	Easter Sunday Choral Holy Communion	9.30am
23rd	Holy Communion	9.30am
30th	Choral Holy Communion	11.00am

**Holy Communion every Tuesday, 10.30am, at Windsor Cottage, except 18<sup>th</sup> April**

### **CHOIR PRACTICE:**

**Weds 12th April in church at 6:30pm**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 6th May. 7.30pm **Concert** in aid of St Mary's Church Dilwyn  
An evening with Roy Massey MBE, Organist  
Emeritus, Hereford Cathedral  
(see separate notice)

Saturday 10 June. 2.30pm **Summer Church Fete** on the Green

### **CLERGY CONTACTS:**

**Leominster Priory Office:** 01568 612124

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**THE LINK:** Copies of this magazine are now available in Church.

# Nature Notes



As the weather warmed up in the second week of March, suddenly signs of spring were all around. Frog activity in our pond has led to several large clumps of frogspawn. Hosts of golden daffodils (as someone once said) appeared in gardens and on verges, taking over from the rather tired looking snowdrops. Green tinges on both hedge and tree hold promise of beautiful fresh leaves soon to be enriching our lives. Extra work may also be in store, especially for the farmers. There are many plants and seeds to be planted - and as a new cycle of life begins there is, of course, the lawn mowing to do!

The garden birds are also hard at work, preparing nests, guarding territories and looking for food for their new families. For several hours each morning and evening, a song thrush has perched on a treetop near our bedroom window. His song is such sweet music. Tricky to sleep through, though, if you do not need to be awake at 6 a.m. (and getting earlier by the day)! A couple of unusual visitors to our bird feeders in March have been a pair of siskin and a pair of tree sparrows. Siskin we have occasionally seen before but the tree sparrows are newcomers to our garden. House sparrows, blue tits and robins have been using the nest boxes so far but we still have a couple of vacancies! AR



## Weather Watch

### Dilwyn Weather for February 2017

Just below two and a half inches of rain fell (60mm), which has been about average over the past six years (apart from the very wet year of 2014 when both January and February had 7 inches of rain).

We had a couple of breezy spells and also Storm Doris, which gave us quite a blow! Sunshine again was in short supply, with only 3 days being 'mostly sunny' leaving us to complain about the cloudy, misty, drizzly conditions. Ten nights had a frost, none severe. The daytime average temperature reached 9 degrees with a couple of days reaching the low teens (again, about average for the past 6 years). AR



## Village Hall



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# Cedar Club



The speaker for April is David Wornham, who will give a talk entitled 'Tuneful Tubes', a light hearted world-wide history of musical wind instruments. He describes himself as a 'born-again' amateur musician. He played the cornet from aged 9 until he was 21, then following

retirement, took up the euphonium in 2005 and now plays in 4 concert bands. He is a keen collector of wind instruments and he will demonstrate some from his collection of over 200.

Everyone is welcome and meetings are followed by home-made afternoon tea. Please do come along on 20<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm in The Cedar Hall to enjoy an interesting talk by David. Further information – contact Chris Jennings [319190].

Apr 20th	Tuneful Tubes	Sep 21st	The Yellow Book
May 18th	Outing	Oct 19th	Outing - Mystery Tour
Jun 15th	Plants for Difficult Places	Nov 16th	Monks, Markets & Monarchs
Jul 20th	Social Afternoon	Dec 21st	Christmas Lunch

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# **Not the Dilwyn Show!**

**Bank Holiday  
Monday  
1<sup>st</sup> May**

**12 noon  
- 4pm**



## **May Day Mayhem**

**at Cedar Hall and Playing Field, Dilwyn**

- ♦ Traditional Children's Games ♦
- ♦ Competitions for Adults and Children May  
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# Parish Council Matters

The full, approved minutes of Dilwyn Parish Council meetings, as prepared by the Parish Clerk, are published regularly on the Village Notice Boards and accessible through the Website. What follows here summarises matters of particular interest and any decisions taken at a specific meeting.

## **The Regular Meeting of Dilwyn Parish Council held in the St. Mary's CE Primary School, Dilwyn on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

**At this meeting, 12 Councillors were present; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, and the Ward Member, Cllr. Mark Cooper were in attendance; there were two members of the public present.**

**a. To receive the Ward Councillor's report.**

The Ward Councillor gave an update; he also answered questions in relation to road defects.

**b. To receive questions from members of the public.**

One member of the public asked a question in relation to how the loan for the Crown would be met and this was explained.

**c. To approve the General Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017**

### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the General Parish Council meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017 were approved.

**d. Information arising from the Minutes**

It was noted that thanks should go to those Councillors who took down the Christmas lights.

**e. Correspondence:** Nothing had been received other than items on the agenda.

**f. Finance:**

- To note the bank balances for February 2017.

The Clerk reported the following

Current Account	£5479.59
Hub Account	£1006.96
Total	£8490.69

The bank balances as circulated were noted.

- To discuss and approve invoices for payment. Details may be seen on the website and notice-boards.

### **RESOLVED**

That the published invoices be paid.

*(Cont .....)*

**g. Highway Matters**

Balfour Beatty: That a No Lorries sign be restored in the area HR4 9DQ.

**h. Planning Matters:**

*8.30pm Cllrs. P. Stilwell and E. Stilwell left the room*

170032

Application for the proposed change of use of an agricultural field to glamping and camping facility. Proposal to include three camping pitches, movable glamping structure, eco loo and expansion of shower facilities within the stable block at The Red House, Walnut Tree Close, Dilwyn, Herefordshire This application was discussed.

**RESOLVED**

There was no objection to this application. However, it was agreed that it should be recommended that a change of access should be made and that any increase in the number of buildings / vehicles should be the subject of a further application.

*8.45pm Cllrs. P. Stilwell and E. Stilwell returned to the room*

**i. The Crown Inn**

- After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Crown Inn should continue to be run by Managers and that the position be offered to **Mr & Mrs Callum Anderson**.
- It was discussed and agreed that the point of contact for the Managers should be **Cllr. S. Thomas for all financial matters** and **Cllr. E. Stilwell for all other matters**.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Primary School.**

## **Cedar Hall**

### **Notice of Cedar Hall AGM**

The Annual General meeting of the Cedar Hall will take place on Thursday 25th May at 7pm, in the Hall. All residents of Dilwyn Parish are invited to attend. The Trustees Annual Report will be available, together with the previous year's accounts. The Election of Officers will also take place.

Following the AGM, a committee meeting will be held, at about 7-30pm.

**Cleaner Vacancy:** Part-time cleaner required for Cedar Hall. 3 - 4 hours per week. Rates - Minimum wage. Further details from Committee members or 01544 319272.

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## Pets' Corner

We usually think of pets as those domestic creatures we choose to look after and live with. This is not the normal story of a domesticated pet but of a wild creature that adopted Gaynor and I. A few years ago we happened to be staying in a rented cottage in the Lake District. On the first morning we settled down to breakfast and I gazed out of the French windows to see a fully grown fox sitting on a raised bank at the end of the garden and staring in at us. He seemed unconcerned and stayed until breakfast was over then casually rose, turned and sauntered off into the woods behind.

On the second day, the same thing happened again, we having breakfast and Reynard sitting and staring back at us. I said to Gaynor that I thought he was expecting us to feed him. At this point a male pheasant strode into view along the bank towards the fox. 'Oh dear ' was uttered as we expected feathers to fly at any second. Reynard slowly turned his head towards the approaching pheasant but unperturbed the bird nonchalantly continued to within ten feet of the fox. Without breaking stride the pheasant wandered behind the fox and into the woods along the same path from which Reynard had emerged. The fox returned every day of our stay and we began throwing out the breakfast scraps which were taken with relish. Said pheasant continued to make an appearance occasionally, totally unconcerned at Reynard's presence. At first we were astonished at this unusual behaviour. Even today we can't quite believe that a wild animal had adopted us, accepted our food - and had overlooked a more substantial and natural meal. Now, if you happen to be reading this on April 1st, the incident did happen. Really!

G. Field

*Interesting or amusing Pets' Corner articles always welcome to [dilwynner@dilwyn.com](mailto:dilwynner@dilwyn.com)*

## Safer Roads Partnership

### Launch Virtual Reality App for Young Drivers & Passengers

The Safer Roads Partnership in Warwickshire and West Mercia have launched 'DriveVR' - an innovative new Virtual Reality app for young drivers and passengers, providing real-life driving experiences and allowing young people to see the outcomes of bad driving decisions to encourage them not to make the same mistakes in real life. DriveVR is one of the first Virtual Reality (VR) initiatives in the UK promoting road safety messages. Aimed at young drivers and passengers aged 16-24, DriveVR aims to highlight how a split-second decision in the car as a driver or passenger could change the rest of your life. The app is free to download for iPhone and Android and allows players to choose and customise a character and explore their social media timeline, before encountering fully immersive VR driving events.

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## It's a Small World

Our daughter Ellie, who now lives in London, was very surprised to walk into a New Forest hotel and to see a print of Dilwyn on the wall. Some of the girls with her were, obviously, very sceptical when told that the print was of Dilwyn where she used to live.



The print is one of a pair from an original painting by Ron Moseley, born 1931 in Marple, Cheshire and still alive and well, but very difficult to contact.

Obviously the original was not painted at the time depicted but possibly in the 60s or 70s from a photograph or postcard, perhaps with the figures added to imply a certain time in history. The painting also shows Wren Cottage without a porch but this may simply be artistic licence.

There is a photograph in the Dilwyn Crown bar showing a very similar but slightly more recent view and also showing a tall building on the left and a different roof profile on the building in front of it.

I have found that the original was sold to a dealer in July 2016 by an auction house in Glasgow and that it has since been sold on. I have no more information but maybe someone out there does have something to add!!

*David Grace*



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# Weobley Theatre Goers

Billy Elliot was a huge success - a wonderfully moving piece of theatre with amazing dancing from the young Billy Elliot, who received a well-deserved standing ovation.



We are now looking forward to going to *Funny Girl* on 10 May. Strangely (to me!) only 16 people booked for this show, which is now a complete sell-out on the afternoon we are going and an extra performance has been added to the run in Birmingham.

This will be the end of this season, but a few tickets are still available for *War Horse* and *Crazy For You*, which are booked for the autumn. We shall be going to *War Horse* on Thurs 19 October to see the 2.30 performance at the Bristol Hippodrome, leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 10.00am, which should give you nearly 2 hours to have lunch or walk around the area. Cost will be £63 including the coach to be paid before 18 May.

And we are going to see *Crazy For You*, starring Tom Chambers at Cardiff Millennium Theatre on Thurs 7 September leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 10.00 for the matinée at 2.30pm. "High energy, high kicking and gloriously glamorous, *Crazy For You* is the ultimate feel-good musical with a fabulous score from the Gershwin brothers' songbook. Mistaken identities, plot twists, heartbreak, happiness and a wealth of memorable tunes, including *I Got Rhythm*, *They Can't Take That Away From Me*, *Nice Work If You Can Get It* and *Embraceable You*. Top Hat star Chambers plays the stage-mad son of a wealthy banker family who is given the task of closing a theatre in Nevada." All seats are in the first rows of the Circle and are £51 to include the coach, to be paid before 30 June.

***For further information: Kate Best 01544 318513***

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● There is a GP Walk-In Access Centre at ASDA in Hereford which is open from 8am until 8pm, seven days a week and every day of the year. There is no need to register. You can use these services when it is convenient and keep registered with your practice.

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○you don't know who to call or you don't have a GP to call

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○broken bones

○severe abdominal pain

○drug overdose

Normal cuts, bruises and sprains aren't usually considered to be emergencies since these can usually be treated at home or by your GP. A&E shouldn't be used as an alternative to your GP.

With thanks to Michele Petrie, Practice Manager, Weobley & Staunton Surgeries

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The topic of the demo was one pot cooking and Jane showed us 3 different dishes plus 2 desserts to choose from. The 1st dish was Mango Chicken, the 2nd Pork with Apple and Cider, the 3rd Root Vegetables with Sausages, sage and thyme.

As Jane showed how to create each recipe she expertly talked us through the details peppered (excuse the pun) with amusing stories of her daughters and the hotel. Then she got onto the desserts, a lovely crumble using plums, oats and brown sugar and a Bath Pudding, Jane said this was a friends recipe that she rather liked, oh and it was delicious, a mixture of yoghurt, double cream over a cooked plum base all served up in a teacup.

When the demonstration finished Dilwyn WI members acted as waitresses and served the chosen meals to everybody. All agreed that the food was delicious and recipes for the dishes were on the tables for anyone to take home.

It was a very successful evening and we hope to donate some of the proceeds to organisations in the Village. A big thank you to all our members who worked very hard to make this evening a great success. Also our gratitude goes to Jane, her daughters and her niece without who the evening would not have been possible.

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th April 7.30pm** in Marion's workshop, when Dot will be telling us about her experiences in Iran, we look forward to seeing you there.

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# St Mary's Primary School

## Defibrillator Up and Running



As mentioned in last month's Dilwynner, the school has a defibrillator thanks to a very kind donation from a member of the public. It will be available at all times as the school gate is always open out of school hours. To make it easily accessible there is no code required although we strongly recommend a 999 call is made for an ambulance. When the LIFEPAK is opened there is a tag to be pulled to release the pads. The instructions are easily followed. Let us hope that it will not be necessary.



## World Book Day



As we know reading is for the mind what exercise is for the body. So World Book Day was a great day where the school celebrated stories old and new. As you can see from the pictures the children came in character. Congratulations to Maisie and her family who narrowly beat Kenzie and his family in the infant's picture competition. The Junior's had to write a review of a favourite book.

There was an excellent number of entries, Jude, Adam, Ashleigh and Sophie were highly commended, but the winning entry was from Annabel. Her favourite book was Katie by Jacqueline Wilson. Well done to all and keep on reading, as it's the key to success.



Also many of you may have noticed a display of decorated crosses in the church that have been much admired by all. These were the work of the Upper Juniors well done to all and to Mrs Goad.



# Friends of the Crown



## Quiz Report

The Friends of the Crown Quiz and Curry night had a change of day in March. We met at the Crown on Tuesday 14th and saw 4 teams playing.

Filling up on Lamb Biryani or Chicken Tikka the game was on. The Motley Crew and The Green Team both playing with a member short and competing against 5 4 Fun a marriage of 2 of our regular teams and newcomers The Silly Billies.

The contest was between the Motleys and the Greens but alas the Greens could not keep pace (too much wine I believe - should perhaps stick with the Hobsons) so it was a runaway victory for the Motley Crew. A good night was had by all.

Our thanks, as always, to those who come and make these evening so enjoyable whilst supporting a worthy cause and to Jo and her team for having us.

*Elaine Stilwell and Les Madeley*

## Sea Shanty Evening

To complete a busy week for The Friends of the Crown we were treated to a wonderful evening in the company of Hobsons Choice Sea Shanty Singers on Thursday 16th March. Jo and the team provided a delicious Fish & Chips Supper to start off the evening and a full house of locals and visitors were delighted to sing along with the promised shanties, ballads & rip roaring, rollicking songs - from the nautical Sloop John B to the slightly more inland Dinmore 'ill. Huge thanks to the singers, who have raised many thousands of pounds for charity, performing free of charge to help raise approx. £150 for The Friends of the Crown. We would love to welcome them back in the future.

## Fund Raising in The Crown

Fund raising continues in The Crown with the £1 board behind the bar, this is an ongoing board with a draw taking place each time the board is filled - £50 prize.

## Summer Concert

**June 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30pm**

St Mary's Church, Dilwyn, by kind permission of the Parochial Church Council. Ruth Watson and Friends will, as usual, present a programme that is sure to interest and please. Admission will be £10.00 per person to include light refreshments. For further information please contact: Gwyneth Owen on 01544 318738 or Elaine Stilwell on 07929 793839 or 01544 318395. This will be the fifth in this very popular series of concerts.





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Firstly, thank you to all who have stayed with us, it does mean that all members benefit from the reduced prices, I note that a minority have left us for some reason or another, please come back, we do have an excellent syndicate, with you all we have the bargaining power.

In February we had a steady increase in orders and totalled 15950 litres, the price was good at 39.5p per litre, which was the same as January, the price was equal this month with the two contending companies, the order went to Beacon Fuels again because they have been so loyal to us and always prompt, the other equal contender was Oil4Wales, Watson, and O J Williams just could not get anywhere near.

Prices have dropped dramatically over the last month, starting at £368 per 900 litres on 21st February and holding steady until the 27th when it rose to £370, dropping to £369 on 2nd March and back up to £370, it stayed there for eight days before starting to fall all the way down to where it is now £356 on 20th March, it's looking good for this month.

Sorry to hear that the Show will not be held this year, we all look forward to the day out, best of luck for new pastures next year.

Best wishes to everyone and let's wish for a great summer.

*Best wishes, Pete*

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- St. Mary's School, on a wall of the building near the main entrance.

Hopefully, these will very rarely need to be used, but it is important to realise that, if necessary, they can be used by ANYBODY. Full instructions will be found at each site.

## **Events Nearby**

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**5th and 6th May 2017**  
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# Crown Inn Update



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So, what comes next? The first thought was to search for a new tenant but this has proved to be very difficult and, as a consequence, the Council has decided on a different way forward - the appointment of a new managerial team. We are very fortunate in finding husband and wife, Callum and Annabell Anderson, both of whom have had experience in the hospitality trade. In support, Cllr. Elaine Stilwell will act as General Co-ordinator and Cllr. Steve Thomas as Financial Co-ordinator. The Council very much hopes that everyone in the community will support our new team and enjoy to the full what is a superb village amenity. What is certain is that there will be a warm welcome and first class service to each and every visitor.

John R. Gerrish

## Hereford & Worcester Animal Rescue Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning held at The Crown on 18th March raised a magnificent amount of almost £400. Very many thanks to everyone who supported us. Those who donated prizes; sold raffle tickets; made cakes and lovely flower arrangements and donated items for the bric-a-brac and plant stalls not forgetting the volunteers and everyone who came on the day, who helped make the morning such a success. Some of the money will be used to produce the 'Pets Stories' book which will be sold to raise more funds for The Hereford & Worcester Animals Rescue, who do so much to help homeless and abandoned animals locally. With very grateful thanks for all your support.

*Gill Okell*



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# ***GARDENS NEEDED***

Dilwyn Playgroup and St Mary's School are hoping to hold an Open Gardens Weekend on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June.

We really need a few more gardens to be open for this event to take place. It is our main fundraising event planned for this year, it's a different fundraiser that usually brings a lot of new faces to the village. Please consider opening your garden, it can be petite, large, wild, traditional, fruitful. We like a good variety.

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Date	Event	Time	Venue
<b>March</b>			
Thu 30th	Public Meeting - Hall & Playgroup	7.30pm	Cedar Hall
Fri 31st	Jo & Charlie's Last Night at the Crown	Evening	Crown Inn
<b>April</b>			
Mon 3rd	Keep Fit Class	7:00pm	Cedar Hall
Tue 4th	WI Meeting - Dot in Iran	7.30pm	Old Forge
Tue 4th	PC Meeting	7.30pm	School
Sat 8th	Village Market & Cafe	10.00am	Cedar Hall
Sat 15th	Village Easter Egg Hunt	2:00pm	Cedar Hall
Sun 16th	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	9.30am	Church
Thu 20th	Cedar Club - Tuneful Tubes	2:30pm	Cedar Hall
<b>May</b>			
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Not the Dilwyn Show	Midday	Cedar Hall

St Mary's services can be found on **page 4**

## Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

<b>March</b>	1st George Bray £20	2nd John Abley	£10
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