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## *April 2019*

**Dilwyn's Independent Parish Magazine**

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**Remember this is Dilwyn's magazine and it relies largely on the residents of Dilwyn to provide articles and information. So if you have something of interest to share, please send it in to the editors (email to *dilwynner@dilwyn.com*) or pass by hand to any of the team.**

# St Mary's Church Services for April



7 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Prayer	6.30 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday Group Service at Ivington	10.30 am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday Church With Holy Communion	11.00 am
28 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	9.30 am

**Holy Communion every Tuesday, 10.30 am,  
at the Old Forge**

**Choir Practice: 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30 pm,  
in the Church**

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

## **DONATE A LILY THIS EASTER AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DILWYN**

**Would you like to sponsor a lily in memory of a loved one  
or to mark a special event?**

**The flowers will decorate our church from Easter Day  
and there will be a Record of Remembrance in the Church.**

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possible and no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

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**If you wish to donate a lily please contact Rose Thomas  
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# **Dilwyn W.I.**



## **New members are always welcome**

A mesmerising feast of colour, design and texture probably best describes the costumes of rural China laid out before WI members in March. Our speaker shared the fascinating visits she had made to some of the more remote villages of SE Asia, together with the historic and traditional styles of dress she had collected along the way.

In April we anticipate another enjoyable evening, our topic this month being 'Flowers of the Summer'. So if you too are fed up with the bleak, miserable weather, why not join us on 2nd April, 7.30 pm, The Old Forge, when we'll be looking forward to a different display of bright and colourful flora.

## **Village Hall Activities**

**The village hall AGM is on Thursday 23rd May 7pm.**

All village residents and users of the hall are invited. We encourage all members of the Parish to take an interest in the hall and its function with a view to joining the committee. You would be very welcome, and all help will be greatly appreciated.

The committee look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions for the use of the hall. If you are unable to attend on the night but are interested in joining the committee or have any ideas or suggestions please email the hall secretary [suea.russell@btinternet.com](mailto:suea.russell@btinternet.com) or contact Richard Thomas 01544 318541.

**Refreshments will be served.**

## **DADA is Back - Actors Wanted**

After a three year absence, Dilwyn Amateur Dramatic Association (DADA) is being revived and is planning to put on another play at the Crown Inn (courtesy of Maria and Max) later this year. This will be the sixth play DADA have performed at the Crown, all written by local writer Tony Hobbs.

An inaugural meeting will be held at the Crown on Monday 8th April at 7.30 p.m., when the contents of the play will be discussed and roles cast. All previous actors, director, stage manager etc are invited to attend as are anyone else interested in amdram or who would like to give acting a go. (You know you want to!)

If interested in coming to the meeting, please contact Tony Hobbs on 01544 318 495 or [hobbsar@btinternet.com](mailto:hobbsar@btinternet.com). By the way, the play is called Gangsta Daddy.

## **Weobley & District Bowling Club**

**Easter Bingo, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, Hopelands Hall, Weobley  
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# Heating Oil Syndicate

## Heating Oil Update

Hello everyone Spring is on the way, March winds have subsided and the gardens will come alive, the evenings are already drawing out.

February order was excellent with 20400 litres as a total, fantastic! We haven't had it so high for a while, thank you all very much. The price was good again securing it at 45.95p per litre, only very slightly above January which was 45.45p, the delivery came again from Beacon Fuels who came in considerably well below the four others that quoted, and the delivery was very prompt within three days, they really are very competitive at the moment.

Another reminder again to check the condition of your oil tanks, it will be very very costly environmentally wise if any oil gets into water courses etc via open drains.

The price trend last month has actually been very stable indeed from the 20th February until 1st March, and has been set at £436 per 900 litres, a slight rise then to £437 and it has stayed there with just a little dip to £436 again between 6th and 9th March, but back to £437 until 18th and it has dropped again to £436 now on the 19th, it should hopefully stay there until our order at least.

Welcome to new members again and sadly some have moved on to new homes, welcome to new and thank you to the latter for your contribution to the syndicate.

Thank you all for your orders, please keep them coming it is a great help for buying power.

Could I please ask that all emails go to the address that is stated here, it is then making sure that everyone is included, there is a special inbox to receive the orders, also mark the subject:-

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All the very best to everyone and watch out for that bright sun in the sky. **Pete**

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# Geoffrey's Column

**A Rolls-Royce story.** Some years ago I visited Rolls-Royce's then new factory at Goodwood. Incidentally Lord March, as he then was, had long let it be known that he would like to have a motor manufacturer on the estate. The first to apply was Toyota, but this was not what his Lordship had in mind!



BMW/Rolls-Royce built an extraordinary factory with turf roof, which fits into the 13,000 acres most harmoniously.

The final stage in the manufacturing process of a Rolls-Royce is the "extras" department. One very special item is a coach line running from front to back. It is gold leaf and applied by hand, and takes about 6 hours. At that time only Harry, who was in his late 60s had the requisite skills, although he was training up a member of the opposite sex in whom he had great hopes.

Recently a sheikh had ordered a white Phantom, and when it was ready had sent his personal 747 to collect it. A friend of his who had also ordered a Phantom asked the sheikh if he could share the 747.

The great day arrived and the plane landed at Dubai, with the MD of R-R on hand. When the cars came out the sheikh was outraged to find that his friend's car had a coach line, whereas his didn't. R-R explained to him that it was an extra, whereupon the sheikh demanded that the car be sent back to the UK. R-R suggested that it might be much cheaper if Harry were to come out to Dubai and do the job in situ, with which the sheikh readily concurred.

Harry duly arrived and after about 2 weeks R-R Goodwood rang him up to see what was happening – it was after all only a day's work. "Well" said Harry, "I've got rather a lot of work on!"

## The song of the night owl.

I thought we'd have a party. A kind of hoot-ennany.  
I found a likely garden. Tended lovingly by Franny.  
Or maybe it was Franzen. I probably misheard.  
I may be very wise but I'm still only a bird.  
I called my good friends over. A rather motley crew.  
There was no hanky-panky. It was much too wet to woo.  
It took two weeks to gather. We flew in overnight.  
We hoped that our appearance wouldn't give our hosts a fright.  
We really needn't have bothered. Apparently, I'm told.  
All manner of wildlife gathers there. Especially when it's cold.  
So thanks to Franz and Daphne with whom we now reside.  
We've taken up permanent residence, in a carrier bag, inside.  
But one day we will reappear in all our owlsome glory.  
And maybe we'll be joined by friends. But that's another story!

**Ollie the owl**







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# Parish Council Matters

**1. The Dilwyn Parish Council Website:** This may be accessed:  
From the Dilwyn Community Website (on [dilwyn.com](http://dilwyn.com)) by using the appropriate tag (Parish Council), or directly by: Accessing: [dilwynparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://dilwynparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**2. The full, approved minutes of Dilwyn Parish Council meetings,** as prepared by the Parish Clerk, are published regularly on the Village Notice Boards and 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, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

**At this meeting, 8 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. E. Stilwell, D. Brown, R. Brown and T. Kyles; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon was in attendance; there was one member of the public present.**

### **A. Public Participation:**

- b) To receive the Police report.  
There was no police presence.
- b) To receive the Ward Councillor's report.  
Cllr. Cooper had tendered his apologies; his report has been posted on the website.
- c) Questions from members of the public.  
There was one member of the public present, who answered questions in relation to planning applications 190050 and 190051.

### **B. To approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, 8th January, 2019.**

#### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 8th January, 2019 were approved.

### **C. Information arising from the minutes.**

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Rob Lowe, concerning his request to add a name to the War Memorial and the Parish Council decision (see November minutes); also to Mr. Verdin regarding the overhanging hedge on Common Road near Rose Cottage.

### **D. Correspondence received:**

An email had been received in relation to the content of the Dilwynner. The points raised, concerning the appropriateness of some wording, were noted.

## **E. Finance:**

- a) To note the bank balances for January 2019.

The Clerk reported the following

Current Account	£13909.35
Hub Account	£21273.63
Crown Account	£ 1225.08
United Trust Bond	£ 8949.70
Total	£45357.75

- b) To discuss and approve invoices for payment. Details may be seen on the Parish Council website and village notice-boards. The Clerk was instructed to pay all invoices.
- c) To agree the national pay award of 2%, in relation to the Clerk. This was discussed and it was pointed out that the award was contractual.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Clerk be awarded the 2% pay increase.

- d) To allow the Clerk to attend the Leadership in Action conference (part funded), report included. This was discussed.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Clerk be allowed to attend the above conference.

## **F. Highway matters:**

- a) Balfour Beatty.

It was reported that the Chair had been in touch with Mr Pankhurst, representing Herefordshire Council, and the two of them had undertaken a tour of the village.

- b) Work for Lengthsman:

Cllr. Gerrish reported that the ditch still needed attention.

## **G. Planning matters**

1. 190050

Smallfeet Farming, The Stables, Greenfields, Dilwyn, Leominster, Herefordshire. Application for the proposed change of use of existing chalet unit to become one of the three already approved holiday let chalet units. Retention of the existing chalet unit on the site and retention of existing waste drainage package treatment plant.

Installation of proposed new waste drainage package plant. This application was discussed.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Council supports the application.

2. 190051  
Smallfeet Farming, The Stables, Greenfields, Dilwyn, Nr Leominster, Herefordshire  
Application for the variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission P183581/F (Proposed 3 no detached self-contained built- on-site holiday lets). To allow amended scheme design.  
This application was discussed and the following decision taken:

**RESOLVED**

That the Council supports the application

**H. Consultation: The History of the Dilwyn War Memorial**

This was for information only unless there was any comment that needed to be passed on.

It was suggested that this document be placed on the website.

**I. Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

This is virtually complete.

**K. The Crown Inn**

It was reported that everything was running smoothly.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 2nd April 2019, commencing at 7.30pm in St. Mary's School.**

## **Dilwyn Elections & Councillors**

### **Local Government Elections - Thursday 2 May 2019**

District and Parish elections will take place in Herefordshire on **Thursday 2 May 2019**.

If you are entitled to vote at the election, you will receive a poll card in due course with more information about how to vote.

You need to be included on the electoral register to be eligible to vote. The last date to register to vote for these elections is **Friday 12 April 2019**.

If you wish to apply for a postal or proxy vote you can request an application form, [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200152/elections/7/register\\_to\\_vote/2](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200152/elections/7/register_to_vote/2).

The last date to apply for these elections is **5pm Monday 15 April 2019** for postal votes and **5pm Wednesday 24th April 2019** for proxy votes.

### **Are you interested in becoming a councillor in your area?**

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# Sudoku

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Easy

		5		9		3	4	
6					3			
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Hard

5		3				2		
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## A Thank You

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# **Not the Dilwyn Show Monday 6th May 2019**

We are again offering you the opportunity to join us between 12 noon and 4.00pm at The Cedar Hall and on the school field for the annual “Not the Dilwyn Show” event.

So, here we are again – Monday 6th May – be there – this is your village and your event.

## **We have**

- Live music from John Hymas – the return of last year’s popular act.
- The Crown Inn will be running a bar in the same tent.
- Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes in the village hall.
- Wayne will be serving pork baps for those of a carnivorous disposition.
- Games, your old favourites plus some new ones but all in the finest English rural tradition.
- Aspire Dance Studio with three sets of their finest competition dancers. These are all local girls and boys so come and enjoy North Herefordshire’s finest.
- Competitions (see entry form opposite).
- Village children demonstrating our traditional Dilwyn maypole dances.
- A craft tent with local produce and items to purchase.
- Dilwyn Young Farmers with their own competition.

And in the evening why not join us from 5.00pm in the Crown Inn to relax, unwind with a special menu from Maria and Max.

As in previous years the event is intended to generate funds for village organisations and charities so if you would like to donate cakes for afternoon tea or a prize for the raffle or offer any other assistance, please contact Richard Kelly (01544 319288 or [yewtreemob@gmail.com](mailto:yewtreemob@gmail.com))

**Richard Kelly**

# Competitions Entry Form

**“Not The Dilwyn Show” – Competitions – Monday 6th May**

<b>Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Phone No</b>		
<b>Age (if under 18)</b>		

**This year there are more competitions with plenty of scope for creativity:**

**ADULTS (to be done prior to the show and submitted on the day)**

1. •Make something new from something old
2. Bake a carrot cake - No stipulation on size, points will be awarded for taste, decoration and originality.
3. Submit a photograph that portrays your take on Dilwyn.
4. 'A load of Bull' - A pie that tastes of Herefordshire - This can be meat or vegetarian but must champion local produce.

**CHILDREN (to be done prior to the show and submitted on the day)**

1. Silly Scones - A plate of six silly scones, these can be any flavour, any shape, filled or unfilled, decorated or not.
2. Cupcake Cows - A selection of six cupcake cows, these can be any flavour, any size, any shape but must somehow represent a cow and must be decorated.
3. A collage of Dilwyn

**ON THE DAY OPEN COMPETITIONS (categories for adults/Under 10's/Teenagers)**

1. Build a Scarecrow from straw and string
2. Scavenging competition for items beginning with the letters DILWYN
3. Make an animal from the items displayed on the table in the Village Hall

**More forms will be available on the day.**

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# St Michael's Hospice

## Open Gardens:

A varied array of venues makes up the St Michael's Hospice Open Gardens programme for 2019.

The Hospice's free-entry Plant Fair kicks off the season on 3rd - 4th May in Bartestree. The final Open Gardens will be on 18th September with A Day of Gardens, Delicious Lunch and Poetry, featuring a trip around three spectacular Herefordshire gardens.



Between those dates there are a host of attractions ranging from community open gardens in Weobley, Kimbolton and the Aylestone Hill area of Hereford, to the beautiful Gatley Park on the edge of Mortimer Forest between Leominster and Ludlow, and popular wedding, event and holiday venue Brinsop Court, plus many others.

Last year, a record-breaking £45,000 was raised throughout the Open Gardens season meaning that over the years, Open Gardens have helped collect over £125,000 for St Michael's.

For a full list of gardens, pick up a copy of our Open Gardens brochure from any one of our retail shops, at the Hospice in Bartestree, or by calling our Community Fundraising team on 01432 851 000. They are also available at [www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk)

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On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, BINGO in the village hall, Canon Pyon, 7pm for 7.30 start. There will also be two events in Weobley later.

**June Chase, Chair: Herefordshire S.T.C.**

## The Wisdom of Owls

Each evening Tony, a Dilwyn bird lover, stood in his backyard, hooting like an owl – and one night, an owl finally called back to him. For a year, the man and his feathered friend hooted back and forth. He even kept a log of the 'conversation'.

Just as he thought he was on the verge of a breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with her next door neighbour. "My husband spends his nights ... calling out to owls," she said. "That's odd," the neighbour replied. "So does my husband."

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Two Barn Owls sitting on a perch and one says to the other: "Can you smell fish?"

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# Cedar Club

On Thursday, April 18th at 2.30pm in the Cedar Hall, Richard Jordan will tell "The Glenn Miller Story".

The 2019 Programme is:

May	16th	Outing: Welshpool & Llanfair Railway	
June	20th	Autoharp & Dulcimer	Mike & Rachel Fenton
July/August		No Meeting	
September	19th	Strange Antiques	Nigel Christie
October	17th	Tea	
November	21st	Sly Gin	Duncan Fox
December	19th	Christmas Lunch	

**New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information, contact Chris Jennings [319190] or come to a meeting.**

It is great to be able to announce that Alan Rudland will be taking on the leadership of Cedar Club later this year, assisted by Yvonne as Treasurer. Thank you both very much.

## 40 Years of St Mary's Choir

I chanced upon a copy of The Dilwynner from 1980, and there was the call to join the newly-formed church choir.

Well, I answered the call and have been a member ever since that time. For someone who loves to sing, it has been a source of great joy, fun and friendship.

After nearly 40 years, the time has come to boost our numbers, and we will welcome anyone who would like to spend a small amount of time each month singing together with a group of enthusiastic amateurs!

The next practice will be on Wednesday 10th April at 6.30pm in the church. **Joan James**

Who can identify all the original line up?!

(4) THE VICAR WRITES.

I am pleased to report that this month sees the formation of our new church choir. Mr. Jones the Headmaster of the School, has willingly agreed to take on the job of training the choir, and we are very grateful to him. The choir will sing once a month, usually on the third Sunday at 10 a.m. We do want to recruit men and women as well as children, so if you are interested do please turn up at the first choir practice on Thursday November 13th at the school at 7. p.m.



# Dilwyn Royal British Legion

## Annual Prize Draw @ The Crown

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

Come along and support this enjoyable evening, the proceeds from which are kept to augment Branch funds. Over twenty five donated prizes to be won. Our only fund raising event, the proceeds from which enables us to provide gifts to Branch widows and widowers at Christmas, wreaths for Remembrance and cover incidental day to day costs.

We much appreciate the support of members and non-members alike through donating prizes and your generosity in purchasing tickets (available from members).

## **Speaker Meeting @ The Crown, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

### **Life & Death of a Bomber Boy**

Dick Hallam is our sixth and final winter 2018/19 programme speaker. "Life and Death of a Bomber Boy" Dick will recount his uncle's experience as a member of Bomber Command during WW2.

Be sure to arrive a few minutes early as this will allow time to order your tipple and enable a prompt start. Non members always welcome.



## **Church Gates**

The last issue featured the new church gates provided by Graham Dyer, as the refurbished and reused metalwork was stamped 1917, it was thought that the old gates had been erected around 100 years ago. This was an erroneous supposition and the fine craftsmen of Dilwyn have long memories as Tom Hawksley investigated (Ed).

My article in the March Dilwynner suggested that the old church gates were thought to be about 100 years old. I have since learned that this not accurate. The recently replaced gates were made in the early 1960's by Colin Mansell and others working for Bill Jones at The Forge, and were themselves replacements for the original gates thought to be made in 1917.

The 1960's gates were made to the same design as the original, but were made each 6 inches wider to create a wider entrance to the Church to enable vehicles to drive up to the Porch. I am very grateful to Colin Mansell for this information.

**Tom Hawksley  
Churchwarden.**

# **Ella Mary Leather Celebration**

## **Collector of Herefordshire folklore, songs, dances, stories (early 1900s)**

Preparations are now well in hand for Weobley's very special celebration weekend over the first May Bank Holiday. The timetable of events is given below. The presentation on the Saturday morning is a scripted performance by Weobley residents of the folklore collected by Ella Mary Leather which will bring her words and songs alive. It will be informative, thought provoking and fun!

### **Saturday 4th May 2019. Weobley St Peter and Paul's church**

10.00 Church opens, refreshments.

10.30 Welcome and Introduction      Graham Saunders

10.35 Ella Mary Leather life and times      John Simons

10.50 Folklore presentation and songs      Weobley folk

11.50 Tour EML exhibition, EML window in church and EML (outside) grave

12.30 Lunch

13.30 EML dances and dance workshop (Outside if dry)

14.45 Refreshments

15.00 Whitton Singers and singing workshop

16.15 End.

Cost £5 adults, £2 children for all day

### **Monday 6th May**

11.00 EML themed Walk round Weobley. Start at Museum

14.00 Singing workshop on "All Under a May Moon" with Lydia Wells. In North Isle of church by EML window. Donation £3.50 to church funds

19.30 Ceilidh. Wiffeldy. Hopelands Village Hall. Cost £8

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## **The Curse of Potholes 4**

Eleven defects between Sandpits and the end of Venmore Lane are now recorded on Herefordshire Councils system:

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If I have interpreted the information correctly 38 defect repairs are in progress within Dilwyn Parish. So well done everybody, keep reporting, Herefordshire council will be grateful for your participation (*Ed*).

The official guidance is that any defects that require inspection, including emergencies, can be reported on the Herefordshire Council website: <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

Or by phoning 01432 261800. There is also the option of reporting "road needing resurfacing" in addition to potholes. ►

On the 6th March I emailed the councillor responsible for pothole repairs - Councillor Barry Durkin - and he replied on the 8th that he had forwarded my letter to "C" (the councils equivalent to Bond's M ?). At the time of going to press 18th March I have had no further response. I will keep chasing the work needed on Venmore Lane.

**Tony Wilcox.**



## Nature Notes

The unseasonably warm weather prompted many plants and animals into believing that spring had come early. Patches of hawthorn hedging were turning green by early March. Many daffodils beat St David's Day by coming into bloom in February, as did some early tulips.

The frogs visiting our garden pond have produced frogspawn by the second week in March. Sadly, many of these poor creatures have never come to terms with road traffic and have perished on their way to find a mate.

The white egrets are still around in mid March – several dog walkers have reported seeing 5-6 of them on the flooded fields near the sewage works. Our garden birds are full of joyful song and are paired-up ready for nest building. I have noticed several of the nest boxes being spruced up and having material added

Please let me know if you have any unusual birds, insects, amphibians etc. visiting your garden and I will share the experience with our readers. Spring is such a lovely time of year. Please enjoy it!

*A.R.*

## Dilwyn Weather Watch For February 2019

A most unusual February brought only 2 inches (50mm) of rain and some pleasantly warm days. A normally wet and chilly month gave us all a surprise this year. Only about half of our expected rainfall combined with daytime temperatures mostly in the teens – an unusual mix.

The average for daytime was 14 degrees (highest 20) but some frosty nights kept the average to just half of one degree (coldest -7). Last year the daytime average was 9 degrees, with warmest day 15 degrees. Plenty of sunny days (16 were in the 'mostly sunny' category) helped this month to feel more like April.

A couple of stormy spells in the early part of February brought gale force winds, including Storm Erik (whose effects were felt for 2 whole days) which passed mostly over northern England and Scotland.

*A.R.*



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# Crown Unplugged Sessions

## Thursday 21st March

Last night's session was by any standards truly amazing! In my opinion it was far beyond the professionalism normally expected of an unplugged acoustic session in a country pub deep in rural Herefordshire. I for one was proud to be part of it.

We normally have at least two former music industry professionals singing/playing at these evenings, including myself, and last night there were several more.

Contributors in order of playing were **Chris Chedghey** (guitar/ vocals/ harmonica/ spoken word); myself **Valeryan** (mainly original vocals/ guitar); **Gerry Farrell** (guitar/ mainly Irish vocals); **Lorraine Denning** (guitar/ vocals); **Adrian Belville** (guitar/ amusing vocals/ harmonica); **Arthur Bancroft** (legendary violinist); **Tony Bekingham** (almost resident poet); **Alison Harrington** (percussion); **Peter Stillwell** (12 string guitar); **Paul Meanwell** (12 string guitar/ vocals); **Caroline Beaumont** (fiddle); **Simon Bear Addison** (autoharp/ melodeon); **Andrew Cook** (mandolin/ fiddle).

What was so very special last night was how there was so much musical interaction between the players providing lovely musical augmentation to songs and instrumentals along the way (Caroline/ Arthur/ Chris/ Andrew/ Alison/ Simon), and discrete harmony vocals (Chris/ Valeryan) which resulted in some fabulous impromptu arrangements well worthy of several different professionally rehearsed bands. Not of course forgetting a bar filled with keen appreciative listeners which is always uplifting to true performers the world over.

The evening was filled with contrast from beginning to end with suitable inclusions to celebrate both World Poetry Day and St Patrick's Day – a fun evening with something for everyone.

Thanks as ever to Maria and Max and Lisa for their warm and friendly hospitality, and the next acoustic music session is Thursday 18th April.

**Valeryan – March 2019**

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Sudoku  
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*Andrew, Jane & all the staff  
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*In association with  
Dilwyn Playgroup.*

# THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Dilwyn Plan is now almost finalised; it has undergone inspection by Herefordshire County Council and we now await their comments. An external examiner will then be appointed by the Parish Council to finalise the plan. On completion of this process, the Plan will be put out to a village referendum.

**NDP Working Group**

## THE DILWYN CONSERVATION AREA

All parishioners should be aware that if a property lies within the designated conservation area, permission needs to be granted by Hereford County Council for any tree-felling. This may be obtained by application to the County Council; Dilwyn Parish Council will subsequently be consulted and then a decision made by the County Council. A plan of the Conservation Area may be seen on the Parish Council Website and on the notice-board on the Village Green.

**Dilwyn Parish Council**

## The Joy and Pain of Dog Walking

One of the joys of being a dog owner is walking the dog every day - enjoying the lovely countryside and landscape in Dilwyn, having time to think and plan, exercise and chatting to people I meet along the way.

A real pain of walking the dog is stepping in dog poo that other dog owners have not picked up. I know it's a gross job but I also know it is my responsibility as a dog owner to pick my dog's poo up and dispose of it in a bin; if walking my dog outside of my garden. So why is there so much dog poo being left ON footpaths, ON pavements and in some cases literally outside people's front doors in Dilwyn? It seems to have got worse over the last 6 months. I have a rescue hound who is also quite reactive, so I have to keep my wits about me in keeping him away from some dogs and cats. If I'm also having to look out for dog poo left by others, so I (or my children) do not step in it - walking is much less relaxing than it should be.

Dog poo is a health hazard, and ALL dog owners have a legal duty to clean up after their dog. If you let your dog off the lead on the footpaths, it is still your responsibility to watch where your dog goes and clean up after it. Especially in fields and orchards which provide us with food. It does vex me having to watch my feet on the footpaths more frequently because of this, rather than looking up at the beautiful landscape around me.

So please pick up after your dog if you 'occasionally' don't - there is no dog poo fairy! And thank you to all responsible dog owners who do pick up after their dog, it's much appreciated by all!

**Madeleine Spinks**



# Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

On 7<sup>th</sup> March, Mary Stevenson gave us a talk on "Wild Cousins: Cultivated Plants and their Provenance".

Wild plants can look quite different to their cultivated cousins. *Potentilla* in the wild such as *Tormentil* (*Potentilla erecta*) is a small creeping wild plant whereas the cultivated varieties are like a bush. We grow poppies in gardens. These are similar to the yellow horned poppies that grow by the sea. Both like well drained soil.

Plants that like hot dry conditions like *Sedums* and *Thrift* will do well in gardens with walls, stone paths and gravel cover. The message is to look to see what conditions plant grow well in the wild, then chose their cultivated cousins for your garden.

Our next talk will be by Bob Silverwood on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Weobley Village Hall (Hopelands) on "Moccas Park: Ecology and management of a National Nature Reserve". Moccas is a rare survivor of an ancient forest with many veteran trees.

## **The Herefordshire Wildlife Trust Limited**

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## **Dog For Sale**

Tony was walking from Dilwyn to Ledgemoor to have a drink with his mate. As he passed through Weobley Marsh he sees a sign outside a house - 'Talking Dog For Sale.'

He rings the bell, the owner appears and tells him the dog can be viewed in the back garden. The man sees a very nice looking Labrador Retriever sitting there. "Do you really talk?" he asks the dog. "Yes," the Labrador replies. After recovering from the shock of hearing the dog talk, the man asks, "So, tell me your story."

The Labrador looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I was sold to the SAS. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one imagined that a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years".

"But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at Heathrow Airport to do some undercover security work, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded several medals". "Then I got married, had a few puppies, and now I've just retired."

The man is amazed. He goes back into the house and asks the owner how much he wants for the dog. "Ten quid," the owner says. "£10! But your dog is absolutely amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheaply?"

"Because he's a lying so and so, he's never been out of the garden."

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# April Events Diary

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	School
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Old Forge
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	Community Market & Cafe	10.00am	Cedar Hall
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	DADA Actors Wanted	7.30pm	Crown Inn
Tue	9 <sup>th</sup>	RBL Prize Draw	7.30pm	Crown Inn
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Cedar Hall
Tue	16 <sup>th</sup>	RBL Talk	7.30pm	Crown Inn
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo & Grand Draw	7.00pm	Cedar Hall
Thu	18 <sup>th</sup>	Cedar Club Talk	2.30pm	Cedar Hall
Thu	18 <sup>th</sup>	Crown Music Session	8.30pm	Crown Inn
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	Live:- “ Mice in a Matchbox”	8.30pm	Crown Inn

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

## Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

**March** 1st Margaret Flack £20. 2nd Jane Voogd £10  
3rd Edward Lewis £10

### **Absolute deadlines for May Dilwynner copy are:**

20th April for very small items and also regular items

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