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*February 2019*

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**2 Course £1.50  
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The Cover photo is of *Iris stylosa* This little Algerian iris flowers from October to March to cheer us through the winter.

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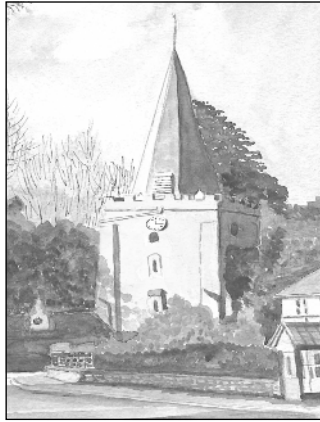
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**Remember this is Dilwyn's magazine and it relies largely on the residents of Dilwyn to provide articles and information. So if you have something of interest to share please send it in to the editors (email to *dilwynner@dilwyn.com*) or pass by hand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

# St Mary's Church



## Services for February

3rd	Evening Prayer	6.30 pm
10th	Choral Holy Communion	11.00 am
17th	Morning Prayer	11.00am
24th	Holy Communion	9.30am

**Holy Communion every Tuesday, 10.30am, at Windsor Cottage**

**CHOIR PRACTICE: 6 February@ 6.30pm in the Church**

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

**CLERGY CONTACTS: Revd. Matthew Burns: 07817747470**

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# Neighbourhood Watch



The new sheet showing patrol dates for our teams should be with you by the end of January. If your copy has not arrived by 7/2/19, please contact Alan (319262).

Any prospective new members thinking of helping to keep Dilwyn safe, please phone Alan for a chat.

## Contributions Required

We are most grateful for all the contributions you send, the poems, memories, photos, quizzes and animal stories. We hope to continue to have 40 pages in the magazine each month in 2019, so do please keep sending them!

## Church Electoral Roll.

Every 6 years this has to be completely revised rather than just updated. We shall be writing to all individuals on the existing roll enclosing application forms for enrolment. Anyone not on the present roll who wishes to join may obtain an application form, which will be available in the Church, just inside the main door on the left. We hope to have the new roll ready for publication at the end of February.

*Tom Hawksley, Churchwarden*

## Thank You

I've been so touched by the many cards of condolence and expressions of sympathy I received following my husband's death just before Christmas. Ill health precluded Richard from being an active participant in village affairs, but he was always an avid armchair supporter of Dilwyn activities. Thank you all for your kindness.

*Pat Isaacs*



### **Opening times**

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## **Note for your Diary**

**Saturday the 30th March  
John Hymas (Violin/Viola)  
and**

**Quartet Lunoire -  
7.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Church, Dilwyn**

## **Dilwyn Market & Café**

**There will be no Village Market this month.  
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# Dilwyn W.I.



## New members are always welcome

What better way to throw off the January blues than sharing the company of and a delicious home-made supper with friends; this is exactly what WI members (and guests) enjoyed last month. Slight change of plan for our February meeting which this year will be something crafty on the theme of Valentine's Day. As always, an warm invitation is extended to anyone who would care to join us, 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5 February at the Old Forge.

Our programme for 2019::

Tuesday	5th	February	Something crafty for Valentine's Day
Tuesday	5th	March	Textiles & Costumes from China
Tuesday	2nd	April	Flowers for the Summer
Tuesday	7th	May	Modern Day Cocktails
Thursday	6th	June	Bowling & Pizza
Saturday	22nd	June	Strawberry Tea - Open Garden
Tuesday	2nd	July	Life & Times of a Lady Mayor
Tuesday	6th	August	Afternoon Visit to Brobury Gardens
Tuesday	3rd	September	Annual Quiz
Tuesday	1st	October	Hedgerow Medicine
Tuesday	5th	November	Annual Review followed by Cake Toppers
Tuesday	3rd	December	Christmas Dinner



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# Parish Council Matters

1. The Dilwyn Parish Council Website: This may be accessed by either:

*Directly by accessing: [dilwynparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://dilwynparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

*Highlighted link from the Dilwyn.com community website.*

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 on the above mentioned council 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, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**

**At this meeting, 8 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. I. Brown, D. Brown, A. Brown and E. Stilwell; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon and Ward Cllr. M. Cooper were in attendance; there were no members of the public present.**

### **a. Public Participation:**

- a) To receive the Police report.  
There was no police presence.
- b) To receive the Ward Councillor's report.  
The Ward Member highlighted the need for vulnerable members of the public to receive the flu vaccine, and talked about road maintenance and cyber security.
- c) Questions from members of the public.  
There were no members of the public present.

**b. To approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.**

### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 were approved.

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

- Cllr. Gerrish reported that the ditch has not been dealt with at Rose Cottage.

### **d. Correspondence received:**

A member of the public asked if the Council has any intention to repair the home guard hut. Council was aware that there was a considerable amount of asbestos present and it was felt it would be cost prohibitive



for the Council to carry out repairs.

A letter had been received regarding the War Memorial. (See Item 11)

**e. Finance:**

- a) To note the bank balances for November 2018.

The Clerk reported the following

Current Account	£16256.44
Hub Account	£16391.64
Crown Account	£ 3022.82
Total	£35670.90

- b) To discuss the National Audit Office guidelines

A document was circulated which, it was proposed, be sent to the Dilwynner for inclusion in the next edition.

**RESOLVED**

It was agreed that this document should be placed in the Dilwynner and on the Council website.

- c) 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.

**f. Highway matters:**

- a) Balfour Beatty.  
Potholes at Sollers Dilwyn.

- b) Work for Lengthsman:

A list had been received from the Lengthsman and it was agreed that this work would be carried out.

**g. Planning matters**

There was nothing to report under this heading.

**h. The adding of the name of Sargent Noble to the War Memorial**

A request had been received for the placing of an additional name on the Village War Memorial. The Council felt that precedent could be set and decided that the Clerk should respond to the request by explaining the feelings of the Council.

**i Carols on the Green**

It was noted that this is an important event for the village, and that it is highly desirable that members of the Council are seen to be involved.

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

Dilwyn Neighbourhood Development Plan - Consideration of Representations made at the Regulation 14 stage and to determine whether to forward the revised draft plan to

Herefordshire Council under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning regulations.

**RESOLVED**

**It was agreed to forward the Dilwyn Neighbourhood Development Plan, as amended, to Herefordshire Council under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.**

**k. The Crown Inn**

The Licensees have received an award by **CAMRA: ‘Pub of the Season’**. Council members congratulated Maria and Max on this achievement.

There has been a suggestion that a sign be bought plus a plaque showing that the Crown had received the CAMRA award.

**RESOLVED**

Agreed that the signs be purchased.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019, commencing at 7.30pm in St. Mary’s School.**



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# **Dilwyn Parish Council**

## **Complaints Procedure**

It is always to be hoped that complaints about Council procedures or actions will be few and far between. However, should a complaint be thought to be necessary, there is a definite procedure that must be followed. This is set out in a document published by the National Audit Office that can be seen on the Dilwyn Parish Council website. To help in understanding a very lengthy document, a summary of the most salient points follows this piece.

Sadly, over the last six years, Dilwyn Parish Council has suffered from a number of complaints, at the rate one per year. The only one of these that proved to be justified was, subsequently, properly dealt with by the Council. Although the other complaints were deemed to be unwarranted, they nevertheless necessitated payments of more than £8000 in additional external auditor's fees, all of which comes from the precept – effectively out of the pockets of every householder!

Any parishioner has, of course, the right to complain, should there be something of concern, and the Parish Council would most certainly want to respond to any such. However, there must be a proper procedure and this, to be helpful, is laid out in the aforementioned NAO document. Unfortunately, the recent Dilwyn complainants have not followed this procedure and have gone directly to the external auditor; the matter will, of course, be investigated, but at a cost – hence the £8000+! (A figure that can be checked by reference to the Council website.)

It can clearly be seen, therefore, how undesirable and, indeed, incorrect it is to lodge a complaint with an external auditor in the first instance. Rather, should there be a complaint on any matter that might come within the jurisdiction of the Parish Council, the first contact should always be with the Parish Clerk, Gwilym Rippon. (Contact details below). The matter would most certainly be dealt with promptly and efficiently. Should the complainant then not be satisfied with the outcome, that is the time to go elsewhere, but not before.

It is very much to be hoped that, when necessary, this simple procedure will always be followed by everyone.

Gwilym J. Rippon; Tel: 01938 554065  
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***John R. Gerrish (For Dilwyn Parish Council)***



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If you want information about your local authority's income or spending, first ask the authority. Most local authorities publish details of their spending on their websites. If you do not have internet access, you can ask your authority to send you a copy of what it publishes by contacting the Parish Clerk, in the case of Dilwyn, Gwilym Rippon..

You might want to tell someone your view of how the authority runs its services. You can, without exercising legal rights, tell the authority about these issues at any time, by writing either to the Parish Clerk or to a Parish Councillor.

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- who the authority's external auditor is;
- your legal rights;
- when you can exercise them;
- what an external auditor can and cannot do;
- the costs involved. Please bear in mind that the costs of any action taken are borne by local taxpayers, and local public auditors have a duty to ensure that their response is proportionate and that they remain mindful of the amounts of public money involved.

Information on any of these issues may be obtained by reference to the document, *Guide* published by the National Audit Office, which may be found on the Dilwyn Parish Council website.

Please remember: In the first instance, you should always raise your concerns with the authority and attempt to resolve the issue with the authority directly. Access to the Dilwyn Parish Council website is best gained by using the link on [www.dilwyn.com](http://www.dilwyn.com)

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# Heating Oil Syndicate

Hi everyone, doesn't time go so quick when your having fun,oil update time again.

Firstly can I say a thank you to the thank you in January edition, I do enjoy what I am doing, and I hope to keep it up as long as I can. My benefits are the same as yours, cheaper fuel, I am not on any form of commission, I don't even get a calendar at the end of the year from the supplier. I can manage to keep prices low because it is voluntary, otherwise like Boiler Juice .Com there would be an increase for admin charges

Do please enjoy your membership which is free and just wave if you see me that's all.

December was quite a good month with 10,000 litres going through the meter, again it was probably near to 11000 with some fill ups. The delivery was again from Beacon Fuels, and again OJ Williams, Watson and Oil4Wales just could not even match the price, the delivery was after Christmas because they were so busy, but luckily no-one was desperate, I did try by bringing the close date forward, the price was 48.95p per litre.

Again we have gained some members, thank you for joining, we have probably got the biggest syndicate for some miles.

The trend price has fallen considerably over the last month, starting off at £453 per 900 litres on 21st December and it fell continuously over a period of 9 days to £426 on 9th January, it has actually started to creep up a little very steadily to £432 on 18th January with a stable period of 4 days in between.

Enjoy 2019 everyone and take care of yourselves. Can I please get a plug in, there is a Blues night at the pub on 9th February with Pedro on Drums, so try and come, see the Crown Inn section for times etc.

Thank you again for your kind messages.

*Pete*

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**RBL Speaker Meeting @ The Crown**

**Tuesday 19th February 7.30pm**

The first of our three Spring 2019 meetings.

**Waterloo.** Mike Atkinson will provide an overview of the events that lead to the great battle and the results of his research into some of those who fought. What took place on Sunday 18th June 1815 was possibly the greatest single land battle in history. The battle marked the end of the Napoleonic Wars and with Napoleon's abdication four days later the end of the First French Empire and the beginning of many decades of relative peace in Europe. Mike is a popular and entertaining speaker. Be sure to arrive a few minutes early in time to order your tipples and a prompt start. Non members welcome.

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# Crown Inn News



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**Sunday Lunch** is served all day from 12.30pm until 6.30pm.

**Whiskey River Blues** playing Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 9pm, with Pedro Brown on Drums. A night not to be missed! Please also check our website for updates on events; [www.thecrownindilwyn.co.uk](http://www.thecrownindilwyn.co.uk)

**Valentines** menu (see page 2,) will be available from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Please reserve a table. Call us on 01544 318063.

***Maria & Max***

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Easy

	1			8				9
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	3			6	9	7		
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3			7				4	1
		9	4	3			6	
					8		2	7
6				2			5	

Medium

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			9		8			5
		7			2	8	1	
		6				5		
	1	8	7			2		
4			8		9			
5		1			6	7		2
6	7							

Hard

	1		4			9		6
8		4	3				2	5
2	8		1		4		6	
4								1
	3		2		6		9	4
9	4				5	6		8
3		5			2		1	

Very hard

	5				2			
3	6		5				4	2
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			9				7	5
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*Answers on page 37*



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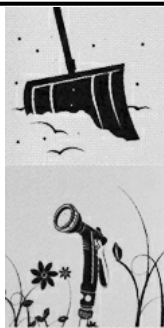
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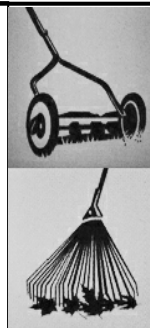


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## Nature Notes



Just days after I had completed my last set of Nature Notes in mid December, a pair of white egrets came to visit Dilwyn Common, spending a couple of days investigating the wet grassland. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, a single white egret appeared on the same field (pointed out to me by Caroline and other dog walkers, who have watched with interest) and hung around for a week or so. These birds look rather like herons but are pure white. Many of these striking birds over-winter on the Somerset Levels, so perhaps our visitors were making their way there and had stopped for a rest.

The mild weather of late December and early January has encouraged some early flowering. Last year the early daffodils growing at the end of The Glebelands came into flower on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. The same patch came into flower on 30<sup>th</sup> December this last year – so effectively they flowered twice in a year! A walk along the road between Hi-Lo Field Cottage and Quicksetts, revealed a patch of deadnettles and some periwinkles in flower on the 7<sup>th</sup> January. The comparative warmth to begin the new year has certainly encouraged the birds to sing. No sign of our usual thrush but several robins, dunnocks and blackbirds have been tuning up ready for spring. I heard a great tit in good voice in mid January, with his easily identifiable ‘teacher, teacher’ song. The chasing games may have begun but winter could yet descend late upon us – as it did last year.

*AR*

## Dilwyn Weather Watch For December 2018



Although the final week of the year was dry, several days of heavy rain earlier in the month had produced a December rainfall figure of 4 inches (100mm), bringing the total rainfall for 2018 to 34 inches (850mm) – a fairly average amount over the past 7 years. The daytime temperature averaged 10 degrees (slightly above normal) and the night time average was 3 degrees (only 4 nights had a frost) – also a little high. Only 3 days were ‘mostly sunny’, in fact sunshine was in short supply as clouds, rain, mist etc became the order of the day. Several days had a stiff breeze blowing but no major storm systems bothered us.

A wet and dreary month to summarise!

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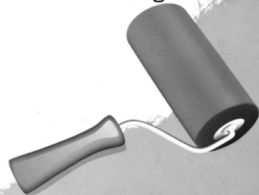
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There is no cost for this event as long as places are booked in advance online at [www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/big-spring-walk/](http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/big-spring-walk/)



## Donation Thank You

Many thanks to those who donated in lieu of Christmas cards; the total amount raised this year was £100 donated to the chosen charity of St. Michael's Hospice

**Pam Taylor**

# The Curse of Potholes 2

Several months ago, the notice that follows was published in the Dilwynner and, hopefully, was read by everybody. However, the problem does not appear to have galvanised any action; it is reported by the engineers of Hereford Parish Council that, during the last five years, there has not been a single report from any Dilwyn resident!

No driver can be unaware of the terrible state of our roads, with the number and size of potholes seemingly increasing constantly and very rapidly. Dilwyn Parish Council regularly reports these defects, but very few actually receive attention. It is, of course, understandable that the sheer scale of the problem places an immense burden on the County Council, but there is an obvious risk that any one complaint may get lost in the overall mass that is lodged. It also seems to be the case that the report of an individual is likely to receive more attention than that of an organisation such as a Parish Council.

Consequently, your Parish Council recommends most strongly that all of us, as individuals, become involved by reporting any holes in the immediate vicinity of where we live. Obviously, if many of us were to do so, the whole area could be covered. It would appear to be fact that the greater the number of complaints, the more likely is the repair to be carried out!

Any defects that require inspection, including emergencies, can be reported on the Herefordshire Council website:

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole> or 01432 261800.

For up to date information regarding highway works in Herefordshire please take a look at Roadworks.org, - Dilwyn Parish Council

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# Cedar Club

On Thursday, February 21st at 2.30pm in the Cedar Hall, John Turrell will give a talk about "Tracing Family History". New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information, contact Chris Jennings [319190].

Cedar Club is looking for people to take over the positions of Leader, Treasurer and Teas Organiser. If you are interested in one of these roles, please contact Chris Jennings.

The 2019 Programme is :

March	21st	Tales of an Evacuee	Kenneth Reeve
April	18th	the Glenn Miller Story	Richard Jordan
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	

## Caroline Newton

### Retirement January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019

After 44 years of both NHS and private Physiotherapy I have decided to retire at the end of January 2019. This was a difficult decision to make as I love my work and will miss you all, however the more I thought about it the more excited I got and I now have a long list of places to go and things to do!

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# The Hardy Plant Society

## Who likes waterlilies?



The Hardy Plant Society, Herefordshire and Mid Wales Group will, at its next meeting, hear a lively and entertaining illustrated talk about the history and cultivation of waterlilies, entitled “A splash of colour in the garden”. Rev Chares Overton has over 50 years’ experience of growing these lovely plants. He has lectured to the International Waterlily Society and spent some years as the manager of the French National Collection of Waterlilies and the nursery that first gave coloured hardy waterlilies to the world.

The meeting will be on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Pembridge Village Hall, HR6 9EB and is open to visitors as well as members. Entry charge £4

## Joke Corner

*Two Mexicans are lost in the desert, with no food or water. They stumble over rocks, flounder in sand, knowing that they must find help soon or it will be too late. Suddenly one of the men sees something in the distance. Thinking he is hallucinating, or perhaps looking at a mirage, he nudges his friend and points at the horizon.*



*“Pleeees, tell me you can see eet too,” he gasps.*

*They crawl closer on hands and knees.*

*“Eet looks like a tree to mee-ee,” the other Mexican wheezes.*

*“Why, eeze a bacon tree, I thi-ink. I go and check eet out. Don’t wanna get caught by zee bandits,eh?”*

*The first Mexican crawls forward on his stomach. After ten minutes patiently waiting, his friend hears a frightened croak from up ahead.*

*“Stay where you are amigo. Eeze not a bacon tree after all – eez a ham bush!”*



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## Weobley & District Branch

### Report of a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

#### **On 3rd January Lizzie Croose – Mustelid Conservation Officer of The Vincent Wildlife Trust spoke about The Masked Mustelid – Plotting the Path of the Polecat in Britain.**

The polecat is the ancestor of the domestic ferret. They have been present in Great Britain, but not Ireland, since the last Ice Age, and in the Mesolithic period they were the third most abundant ‘mustelid’, after weasels and pine martens. Human persecution meant they were rare in England by 1880 and almost wiped out in all the UK by 1915. After WW1 there were many fewer gamekeepers, and in the 1950s gin-traps were made illegal and so the species began to recover from a foothold in mid-Wales, and is now once more quite widespread, and with some interbreeding with escaped domestic ferrets... particularly in the south and east of the UK..

In 2014-15 there were 78 records of polecats in Herefordshire, about half of these identified from roadkill, but camera traps, accidental live trappings and human encounters account for other reports.

The true species shows some variations in markings but is generally quite dark coloured and on its face has a brown/black mark like the mask of the “Lone-Ranger”  
It nests in rabbit burrows, log piles or sometimes under garden sheds and it mostly feeds on wild rabbits, but also preys on rats.

These days farmers and gamekeepers mostly do not regard them as a threat, and they are a protected species, but they do suffer from ingesting pesticide... mostly rodenticides put down to kill rats. The polecats then eat the contaminated prey, which has perhaps become easy to catch or is dead already. Nonetheless, we heard that polecats are on the increase in UK though they are in decline across most of mainland Europe.

The talk was beautifully illustrated with numerous slides and video clips and the meeting was further enlivened by the presence of Stanley, a live, three year old polecat who enjoyed much attention.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January at the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley when Rhona Goddard Regional Officer of the Butterfly Conservation will tell us about ‘*Herefordshire Butterflies*’ Members £2.00 non-members £3.00.

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50g flour  
3 eggs separated.  
200ml milk



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Bake in the oven at 180 degrees for about 45/55 minutes until puffed, golden and firm to a flat hand. Serve hot or cold. I don't think it needs cream but there are others who think cream or crème fraiche is a good addition!

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# **Crown Unplugged Sessions**

## **December 20th 2018 Session**

Writing the December review now as the Dilwynner was published before our December session took place!

We had a lovely turnout on December 20th with 15 players and our usual band of loyal supporters – please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone as the list is from memory and we've had Christmas and New Year in between!

We welcomed back Colette Nicholls (guitar/vocals) and Angharad Owen (violin/whistles); and welcomed new comers Rob Grace (guitar vocals); and a brave Peter Stillwell (guitar) first time ever playing in public.

Thank you to Lorraine Denning (guitar/vocals); Gerry Farrell (guitar/ vocals); Alison Harrington (percussion); Brian Addis (guitar/vocals); Arthur Bancroft (violin); Tony Beckingham (thought provoking poetry); Simon (Bear) Addison (autoharp and melodeon); Gelan Swift (guitar/vocals); Dan Nicholl (guitar/dobro/vocals); Paul Meanwell (guitar); and yours truly Valeryan (vocals/guitar).

While the session wasn't limited to Christmas music we did include just a sprinkling in amongst the originals and covers – and everyone went home smiling.

## **January 17th 2019 Session**

For the first time, last night started out as an acoustic session dominated by the ladies .... but I don't think for one moment this phased out our almost resident violinist Arthur Bancroft one little bit!

Katy Phillips charmed everyone with her gentle vocals and Appalachian Dulcimer plus banjo playing - not at the same time! Alison Harrington added tasteful percussion for all; Cari Beaumont created totally new fiddle tunes on the hoof and added extra texture along the way to other performances including mine; Norrie Davies added welcome accordion and banjo treats and Lorraine Denning gave her usual lovely vocal renditions with guitar. So yes, early on Arthur Bancroft was totally outnumbered and surrounded by pretty ladies. I did get a look in too! However moral support was on the way for Arthur when Simon (Bear) Addison arrived clutching autoharp and melodeon and a very brave Chris Chedgley (guitar/vocals/spoken word) who suffered an accident on arrival at The Crown .... before even getting to the bar.... joined us later on. The things some people do to be tended by Maria and Lisa and two wonderful paramedics! Seriously apart from some cuts and inevitable bruises all seems to be well, and the wall is still standing!

The next unplugged acoustic session at The Crown will be on Thursday 21st February – I can guarantee it won't be the same as any of the previous sessions and I hope sincerely it will be without any potentially nasty accidents to anyone!

*Valeryan – 18th January 2019*

# Ode to the Satnav

(Writer unknown)

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car.  
A Satnav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are.  
I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life.  
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive  
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".  
It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake  
And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.  
It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear.  
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device.  
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.  
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught.  
So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed.  
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!  
Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,  
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.

*(This poem has often been attributed to Pam Ayres but is not written by her.  
However, if you enjoy her style of writing, you can book to see Pam Ayres at the Courtyard,  
Hereford on Friday, July 26th 2019)*

## Sudoku Solutions

Easy

7	1	2	5	8	4	6	3	9
9	4	6	1	7	3	5	8	2
5	3	8	2	6	9	7	1	4
1	2	7	8	4	6	3	9	5
8	9	4	3	5	1	2	7	6
3	6	5	7	9	2	8	4	1
2	7	9	4	3	5	1	6	8
4	5	3	6	1	8	9	2	7
6	8	1	9	2	7	4	5	3

Medium

1	9	5	2	3	4	6	8	7
8	2	3	6	5	7	9	4	1
7	6	4	9	1	8	3	2	5
9	5	7	4	6	2	8	1	3
2	4	6	1	8	3	5	7	9
3	1	8	7	9	5	2	6	4
4	3	2	8	7	9	1	5	6
5	8	1	3	4	6	7	9	2
6	7	9	5	2	1	4	3	8

Hard

6	2	7	5	9	1	8	4	3
5	1	3	4	2	8	9	7	6
8	9	4	3	6	7	1	2	5
2	8	9	1	5	4	3	6	7
4	5	6	9	7	3	2	8	1
7	3	1	2	8	6	5	9	4
9	4	2	7	1	5	6	3	8
3	6	5	8	4	2	7	1	9
1	7	8	6	3	9	4	5	2

Tricky

4	5	8	3	6	2	7	1	9
3	6	9	5	1	7	8	4	2
2	1	7	4	8	9	5	3	6
6	9	2	7	5	4	3	8	1
8	7	5	1	3	6	9	2	4
1	4	3	9	2	8	6	7	5
7	8	6	2	4	5	1	9	3
5	3	4	8	9	1	2	6	7
9	2	1	6	7	3	4	5	8

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# Dilwyn Wedding

*Thank you to all who  
made our special day  
wonderful on  
New Year's Eve .*

*Alistair and Holly*



## The Dilwyn Charity 2018

For Christmas 2018, it was decided that the charity money raised should be given to the **Megan Baker House**. This local charity, that operates in both Leominster and Ledbury, helps individuals with very serious disabilities to work towards increasing their range and control of movement and to learn or relearn skills that have a positive impact on daily living.

Following sterling work by many but in particular the choir of St. Mary's Church, backed by the Friends of the Crown Inn, members of the Parish Council and the generosity of Maria and Max in providing facilities and hot-dogs at the Crown, this aim has been achieved to a very full measure in that the magnificent sum of £1057 has been raised. The detail of events is as follows:

- November Coffee Morning      £205
- Carols on the Green              £248
- The Choir in the Village          £252
- The Choir at Morrisons          £287
- Donations                            £ 65



The sum of £1057 will shortly be sent to our chosen charity. Sincere thanks are due to all concerned: Carol and Edward Lewis and Julia and Tony Hall, who offered hospitality, Maria and Max and their helpers at the Crown Inn, Morrisons, the Choir of St. Mary's, the children at St. Mary's Primary School, those who helped with the arrangements and, most of all, to everyone who gave money to the cause. Dilwyn shows, yet again, what a generous community we are! Very well done everybody.

**JRG**

# February Events Diary

Date		Event	Time	Place
Tue	5th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	School
Tue	5th	WI Meeting	7.30 pm	Old Forge
Sat	9th	Live Music	9.00 pm	Crown Inn
Sat	16th	Whiskey River Blues	9.00pm	Crown Inn
Tue	19th	RBL Talk	7.30pm	Crown Inn
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	Cedar Club Talk	2.30pm	Cedar hall

St Mary's services can be found on page 4

## Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

There was no draw in January to allow for subscriptions to be processed but there will be a double draw in February.

### **Absolute deadlines for March Dilwyner copy are:**

20th Feb for very small items and also regular items

18th Feb for new and non-regular large items.

Normally we expect to receive copy much earlier than these dates

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