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Dilwyn Young Farmers

Dilwyn YFC once again has had a busy run up to Christmas which has carried on into the New Year with competitions, fundraising and a few socials to report.

The club had an excellent result competing in the Public Speaking day with plenty of young speakers showing great talent. The most important competition for youngsters starting out in public speaking is Junior Reading, in which Immi Harris, Thomas Wall and Sam Hoskins showed lots of talent. Next, Junior Speaking in which Freddie Bufton the youngest member of the team expertly chaired, Millie Jones spoke very well about her Christmas and Joe Liddiard gave a vote of thanks. This young team came second.



In the intermediate section the choice of competition was Just a Minute, taken from the classic BBC Radio 4 programme. Abbie Duce, James Riley, Rosie Williams and Emily Horne made the fantastic foursome who were awarded top marks and first place. The senior section was Mace Debating with the team coming second including Ed Turner, Jack Hanson, Sam Bright, Polly Aubrey and Ben Lewis.



As well as public speaking, there has been a disco dancing competition where Beth Mills, Ellie Gittoes, James Riley, Joe Liddiard, Immi Harris and Abbie Duce all showed their expert moves to The Bee gees and The Village people, coming in joint second.



We'd like to thank all who helped make the Christmas Shopping evening a success with special thanks going to Alan, Steph and the girls for allowing us to host such an evening. The total raised was £1045 with proceeds being split 50/50 between the Air Ambulance and Dilwyn YFC.



As well as the shopping evening we went carol singing in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association, which raised a fantastic £783.20. We'd like to thank everyone who listened and supported us.

As well as the competitions and fundraising during December, we also went Ice Skating with Eardisley YFC and also had the pub games final in which Dilwyn were victorious. The darts team spearheaded by James Preston and Emily Watkins were unbeaten on the night! In the New Year we begin our panto practices and compete in the annual Hedging Competition and Senior Quiz! We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and we wish everyone well in the New Year.

Meetings every other Wednesday for more info contact me 07527011451. Ben Lewis



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St Mary's Church

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4th	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
11th	Choral Holy Communion	11.00am
14th	Ashes and Holy Communion Ash Wednesday	10.30am
18th	Morning Prayer	11.00am
25th	Holy Communion	9.30am

Holy Communion every Tuesday, 10.30am, at Windsor Cottage (except 26th)

CHOIR PRACTICE: February 7th 6.30pm in Church

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

Church Electoral Roll

Every year we need to revise and update this in readiness for the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Anyone on the existing roll need take no action. Anyone wishing to join the roll must fill in an application form, available from me by telephoning 01544-318007. Membership of the Roll is necessary if you wish to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

Tom Hawksley, Churchwarden.

Women's World Day of Prayer

(International & Interdenominational)

Friday 2nd March - 10.30am at St Mary's Church

'All God's Creation is Very Good'

Everyone is invited to attend the service, prepared this year by the women of Suriname in South America. The service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects, as we are reminded that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world in which we live. Please come and join us and stay on for refreshments afterwards.

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Cedar Club

On Thursday, February 15th at 2.30pm in the Cedar Hall, David Vaughan will give a talk about "Crime & Insanity in Victorian Britain". New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information, contact Chris Jennings [319190].

The 2018 Programme is :

March 15th	TITANIC – THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW	Mike Watkins
April 19th	REMINISCENCES of a CENTRAL AFRICAN POLICEMAN	Rob Lowe
May 18th	Outing	
June 21st	Visit to ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE	
July	NO MEETING	
August	NO MEETING	
September 20th	ALCHEMY to PHARMACY– MY LIFE IN PILLS & POTIONS	Malcolm Meadow
October 18th	Outing - Mystery Tour	
November 15th	THE SOCIAL HISTORY of AFTERNOON TEA	Eileen Dilley
December 20th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH	



Dilwyn W.I.

New members are always welcome




What better way to start 2018 than with food, fun and friendship. This is exactly what WI members enjoyed in January when we sat down to our (now) annual 'make, bake & share' supper. A lovely warm and relaxed evening. This month Tony Hobbs is sharing his recently published book *The History of Dilwyn* with us. This is an open evening, so everyone is welcome. If you would like to know a little more about our village, why not join us on Tuesday 6th, 7.30 pm at The Old Forge. We look forward to seeing you.

Many thanks, Pat

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1. The Dilwyn Parish Council Website: This may be accessed: From the Dilwyn Community Website (on dilwyn.com) by using the appropriate tag (Parish Council), or directly by: Accessing: 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, 5th December, 2017

At this meeting, 8 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. D. Brown, I. Brown, J. Hall and J. Lewis. The Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, and the Ward Councillor, Mark Cooper were in attendance; there was one member of the public present.

a. Public Participation:

To receive the Police report. There was no police presence; however, it was reported that there had been a battery stolen.

The Ward Councillor presented his report, a copy of which may be seen on the website.

To receive questions from members of the public. There were no questions from the member of public present.

b. To approve the General Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 7th November, 2017

RESOLVED The minutes of the General Parish Council meeting of 7th November 2017 were approved.

c. Information arising from the minutes.

The hedge opposite The Coach House: the side of the offending hedge has been cut, but not the top. The matter will be taken up with the Diocese

d. Correspondence received:

Mark Preece: Cllrs. Stilwell and Kyles suggested that the memorial bench be placed on the Triangle in the centre of the village. This was approved.

e. Finance:

To note the bank balances for November 2017. " The Clerk reported the following

Current Account	£10296.19
Deposit Account	£ 63.64
Hub Account	£5280.82
Total	£15640.65

The bank balances as circulated were noted.

Internal Auditor

RESOLVED That Keith Pointon will be the Internal Auditor of 2017-18

To discuss and approve invoices for payment. The Clerk was instructed to pay all invoices. Full details can be seen on the village notice-boards.

f. Highway matters:

Balfour Beatty. Grit bin needed at the underpass.

(Cont)

The Firs, HR6 9DQ: Opposite this building, a road-sign is bent over.

g. Planning matters

174461 Application to reduce an oak tree, needed as it is very overgrown;| an ash tree that has split needs one trunk removing as it is dangerous. The site is at Perrymead, Dilwyn, Herefordshire. HR4 8HN

RESOLVED There was no objection to this application.

h. Carols on the Green

It was requested that as many Councillors turn up as possible. The tree-lights have been put up and they need to come down on the 6th January 2018

i. The Village Website

This was discussed, The Clerk reported that the new website would be up and running shortly. With respect to funding, this would not be possible, as the appropriate grant applied only to Parish Councils with a budget of under £25k.

j. Update on the Neighbourhood plan

The Community Right to Build (CRB) scheme was discussed, but it was felt that for the NDP scheme to progress as fast as possible, CRB should not be considered, at least at this stage. RESOLVED The Dilwyn Neighbourhood Plan Group would not give further consideration to the Community Right to Build scheme at this stage.

PLEASE NOTE: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 6th February, 2018 at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Primary School.

Dilwyn Charities 2017

For Christmas 2017, it was decided that the charity money raised should be given to the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. Nearly 9,000 people each year are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the UK and, in the past, the attention given to this disease has been minimal. Now, serious research is being undertaken and our intention was to assist this to the maximum effect possible. Following sterling work by many but in particular the choir of St. Mary's Church, backed by the Friends of the Crown Inn and members of the Parish Council, this aim has been achieved to a very full measure in that the magnificent sum of £1200 has been raised. The detail of events is as follows:

November Coffee Morning	£300
Carols on the Green	£100
The Choir in the Village	£310
The Choir at Morrisons	£350
Donations	£140



The sum of £1200 will shortly be sent to our chosen charity. Sincere thanks are due to all concerned: those in the village who offered hospitality, 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.

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

Weobley & District Branch

Herefordshire Woodland Bat Project

Denise Foster from Herefordshire Mammal Group's Woodland Bat Project will be coming along to the Branch on Thursday 1st February to talk about the project which involves a number of different surveying techniques, including trapping, ringing and radio-tracking studies. Denise will explain how and why the project started, the surveying techniques involved together with the achievements and exciting new discoveries that has given us some insight into a bats private life

The date is Thursday 1st February, the time 7.30, and the place, Weobley Village Hall. As usual, a donation of £2.00 is asked of Trust members while for visitors it is £3.00 including free tea or coffee. Further details, if required, from Branch Programme Secretary Alan Biggs on 01432 830353.



RBL Speaker Meeting

"The Mink"

Tuesday 6th February 2018, 7.30pm, Crown Inn

We welcome Pete Morrison DCM who will provide an autobiographical account of a highly decorated Special Forces soldier, from a turbulent and exciting childhood to a distinguished career in the Army. Pete served in many operational areas including Northern Ireland and the Gulf. Latterly he was a bodyguard to a very famous British personality, with some funny stories to match.

We ask that you arrive by 7.30pm to get your order in
and find a seat before the 7.45pm start.
A buffet will follow for a small charge.

Visitors (ie. non members) are welcome at all of our meetings. No entrance charge.

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Harvey Beach

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with many thanks, Howard Beach.



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Crown Inn

February Update



Hello to all,

We hope the New Year has seen you all in well and that all your New Year's resolutions are being kept.

Our winter sports team are still going strong and once again our thanks to all involved for your continued support.

A reminder that our curry night is on Saturday 3rd February. Serving 6pm til 9pm. Booking recommended but walk ins welcome. £5.95 per person.

As ever we thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all throughout a prosperous 2018.

*Best wishes,
Crown Inn Management Team*



Dilwyn Royal British Legion

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our 2018 annual prize draw will now be held on Tuesday April 17th, **NOT ON TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY** as previously arranged.

It will be held at The Crown Inn, Dilwyn at 7.30pm



Crown Acoustic Drop-in Sessions



The musicians' acoustic drop-in sessions organised by Valeryan at the Crown on every third Thursday of the month have now become an established event on their calendar. **The next session will be on the 15th February 2018.**

Cedar Hall Hire Rates

Daytime sessions £30

i.e.: Coffee Mornings,

Fund Raising Events,

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4 dinner plates and cutlery - £1

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Weobley Theatre Goers

The End Of An Era

The next production we are going to is Cilla at the Bristol Hippodrome on Thurs 15 March, leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 10am for the 2.30pm performance.

Sadly, this will be the last production I shall be taking you to as, after 13 years and with many other commitments, I now have less time to look for and organise the outings. We have seen more than 80 shows since The Magic of the Dance in July 2005, through Othello in the open air at Ludlow, to Nigel Kennedy at Malvern and Pam Ayres in our own theatre, Hereford's Courtyard. There have been wonderful highlights - Top Hat, the amazing War Horse (twice) and Les Trockaderos - as well as the never-to-be-forgotten (for quite different reasons) Toast!

It has been wonderful for me (because, as Bob says, 'Everyone goes to the shows Kate wants to see!') and from the support I have had, I believe that 'the Group' have also enjoyed the experience (OK, maybe not Toast).

PS Toast, starring Matthew Kelly was a much overrated 'comedy' drama about men working in a bakery. Sadly there was no real story and very little humour, and we all left with a much wider vocabulary of 'very offensive phrases'. When I complained, the theatre gave us all the ticket money back!

Kate Best



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10.30 am

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Passiontide Concert at St Marys

Saturday 24 March at Dilwyn Church

Our church plays host to a concert of Passiontide music from Academia Musica choir, the scholars' choir from Hereford Sixth Form College. The choir has an impressive history with tours to Belgium, Italy and Germany in recent years, performances at St John's Smith Square, St Paul's Cathedral, Trinity College Cambridge and Wells Cathedral and two CD recordings with Priory Records of the church music of John Sheppard.

The choir's regular routine sees them sing Choral Evensong in Hereford Cathedral on most Wednesday afternoons during term time as well as some collaboration concerts with the English Symphony Orchestra (including a performance of Haydn's Missa in Tempore Belli on March 14 this year).

Academia Musica consists of student choral scholars and a number of adult singers, including some professional "musicians-in-residence", and gives the scholars the best opportunity to join elite choirs and obtain choral scholarships as they further their education at universities and conservatoires. Former scholars now sing with choirs such as the Clothmakers Consort in Leeds and the Ebor Singers in York. Some have gone on to choral directing, and one former scholar got in touch 6 months ago to say that he'd performed in the Proms over the summer. Meanwhile, one alumnus is now singing with the choir of Merton College, Oxford whilst a current scholar has been offered a place in that same choir for next year. Directed by Jon Weller, the choir's programme includes the famous Miserere by Allegri, featuring that soaring top C from the solo soprano. They will also sing music from composers such as Scarlatti, Byrd, Tomkins and Sarah MacDonald, director of Selwyn College Choir in Cambridge.

Weobley & District Bowling Club

The Short mat bowling is continuing on Monday afternoons 2pm until 4pm. at Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley . until 19th March. You would be made very welcome if you would like to join us. The cost is £2.50. no experience necessary.

Also on that day we will be holding an EASTER BINGO also at Hopelands, 7pm for "eyes down" at 7.30pm. with the usual seasonal prizes.

Lastly we are hosting a concert on Saturday 24th. March at Hopelands Viillage Hall, Weobley. 7pm. for 7.30pm.

With PAUL RAY(a magician, singer and impressionist). The tickets will be £10 (to include a light buffet supper) available from the 20th. February from Diane 01544 318178, Brenda on 01544 318727, Christine on 01544 310742 or any club member.



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Scarecrow Trail 2018

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The contacts are as follows:

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Community Champion

Who is your Community Champion?

Nominations open for the Community Champion Awards 2018

Nominations have opened for 2018's Herefordshire Community Champions awards, in partnership with Cargill.

Five categories are open to nominations for people in Herefordshire who have made a positive difference in their community. The awards recognise exceptional contributions to local communities in the following categories: Community Champion, Volunteer Champion, Caring Champion, Environment Champion and Youth Champion.

In launching this year's competition, Councillor Brian Wilcox, Chairman of Herefordshire Council, said: "Herefordshire Community Champions is a way of showing appreciation for the outstanding contribution these amazing individuals and groups make to our county. Over the years, the awards have recognised the outstanding community contributions of so many brilliant people. Make sure you nominate those who have made a difference to your community!"

"I am grateful to our sponsors Cargill, together with the Mayors of the City and all the market towns, for supporting the awards."

Pam Guiver was named 2017 'Volunteer of the Year' in recognition of 40 years volunteering with the Girl Guides, and setting up Bromyard Guides in 2010. Pam said: "Receiving the award for Volunteer Champion was the icing on the cake of

a fantastic year celebrating the Girl Guides' centenary and my 40th anniversary with the Guides. The Bromyard Guides give back to the community in so many ways, from litter picking to visiting residential homes, and it made me really proud that their contribution to the community was recognised."

Speaking about the awards, Mary Thompson, Managing Director for Cargill's European poultry business, said: "We have supported the Herefordshire Community Champions program for three years. These inspirational awards are a great platform to showcase the effort and contribution of people around the county who give back to their community."

Find out more information and make your nomination by Friday 16 February 2018 at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/champions

Dilwynner Quiz

1. What does the abbreviation 4G stand for in relation to mobile communications?
2. What star sign would you belong to if you were born on October 29th?
3. What year did England and Wales become united with Scotland?
4. What type of tree produces conkers?
5. Which national flags make up the Union Jack?
6. What was the name of the first Scottish man to be voted European Footballer of The Year?
7. Which Las Vegas hotel did the bachelor party stay at in the 2009 film 'The Hangover'?
8. What is the highest number visible on a dartboard?
9. How many days did the Falklands War last: a) 52, b) 63, c) 74?
10. How many yards are there between the wickets in a game of cricket?
11. Which dog breed is believed to be the fastest?
12. Who is the author of Peter Rabbit?
13. How many lines does a Limerick have?
14. Who released a hit song in the 80s called '99 Red Balloons'?
15. What is the name of the longest river in France?
16. Which famous poet wrote 'An Ode to a Nightingale'?
17. What is the largest planet in our solar system?
18. What is the capital of America?
19. How many players are there in a baseball team?
20. What is the softest mineral in the world?

Answers on page 30

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December orders were very good again at 14950 litres and, with additional top-ups, it could be nearer to 15500 litres. Thank you all very much, - every litre counts.

New members have joined both last month and this one. So welcome to you all and enjoy the benefits. Beacon Fuels had the order and for the first time in our history, due to the snow and frost a week before, they could not give me a price. They were so behind with their deliveries, did not know when they could deliver and the price was rising so rapidly.

The price was 47. 95 p per litre when finally delivered, which was good. We are all grateful for their great service. I did inform Beacon that some members had stated they were desperate for a delivery. However, although Beacon did manage to get to them before Christmas, some were not so desperate as they made out which greatly annoyed the oil company who were already overloaded and doing us all a great favour by fitting us in. Please do check your gauges accurately to prevent such an embarrassment occurring again.

The price trend has been like a roller coaster over the last month, up and down like a yo yo. It started on the 22nd December at £432 per 900 litres and ending up at £437 on 19th January and it looks likely to increase again I am afraid. Fingers crossed that it will slow down.

Thank you all again for the orders and have a great year.

Pete

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Articles required

The Dilwynner requires input from parishioners to keep the magazine both fresh and interesting. The recent series of articles about residents pets has demonstrated that we have talented writers within our midst. So, we would welcome your articles about any subjects that might interest our readers such as visits, restaurants, events, celebrations, anecdotes etc.

Village Defibrillators

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New Year Volunteering for 2018!

A local charity, Onside has encouraged people to sign up as volunteers and support their new project to visit people in residential care and uphold the person's rights acting in their best interests. Onside, which works across Herefordshire and Worcestershire, is looking for people to take on the role of a Relevant Persons Representative (RPR). Volunteers as an RPR are safeguarding the rights of vulnerable people who don't have the mental capacity to consent to care or treatment. As an RPR the volunteer would be visiting a person just once every 6-8 weeks for no more than 1 hour. Volunteering would be local to where the volunteer lives.

If you can picture yourself in the role of an Onside volunteer please call Claire Watkins - Volunteer Manager on 01905 27525 or email claire.watkins@onside-advocacy.org.uk to find out more. This type of volunteering can be very flexible to fit with your life and circumstances. Free training (throughout the year) is provided and all expenses paid.

Note to Editors: Background on charity:

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Quiz answers

1. 4th Generation
2. Scorpio
3. The year of 1707
4. The horse chestnut tree
5. The crosses of St. George, St. Patrick, and St. Andrew
6. Denis Law
7. Caesars Palace
8. Twenty (20)
9. c) 74 days
10. Twenty-two (22)
11. The Greyhound
12. Beatrix Potter
13. Five (5)
14. Nena
15. Loire
16. John Keats
17. Jupiter
18. Washington DC
19. Nine
20. Talc

Nature Notes

There was a time when a red kite sighting was something to report in this magazine as a rarity. They appear so often over our garden now, that I hardly bother to mention it any more. A few days ago we watched one over the grassy meadow behind us. It appeared to land briefly near the sewage works, before being hassled into retreating by a pair of crows. So, it's not just buzzards that get pushed about by territorial crows! On looking up from log-splitting yesterday, a red kite was gliding slowly over my head, giving me an excellent view of the forked tail, beautiful red/brown body colouring and long wings with patches of black and white, ending in dark 'fingers'. A graceful sight!

The first snowdrops have appeared in mid January and daffodils are showing leaves and buds too, which seems rather early. Buds can be seen on many trees and shrubs, especially the horse chestnut, whose large sticky buds can be so entertaining if brought indoors on a small twig and kept in a vase in a warm room. Take them at the right moment and they will gradually open up for you - an early spring!!



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Weather Watch

Dilwyn Weather for December 2017

Rain and snow added to this month's total of 3.8 inches (95mm) and 2017 finished with just below 29 inches (720mm), the lowest total since I took over recording 6 years ago. Snowfall overnight on the 9th, then through much of the day on the 10th, covered most of Dilwyn parish with 8-10 inches of snow. Fortunately the melt was gradual which meant roads and paths stayed slippery but serious flooding was avoided. The countryside certainly took on a unique beauty seldom seen in recent years, and a number of sledges were dusted off and put to use by children enjoying a new experience (plus a few parents re-kindling fond memories). The great weight of snow proved too much for many tree branches and this added to the problems caused on our roads by snow and ice. Just before the snow event, Storm Caroline brought some strong breezes, but saved her gales for those hardy folks in Scotland. The month (and year) ended with Storm Dillon, again sending strong breezes our way, gales to northern England and Scotland.

Daytime temperatures were about average at 9 degrees and night times averaged 1 degree. Frost affected our garden on 13 occasions, the most severe being the night of the 11th when minus 14 degrees was recorded. The shorter days tended to be cloudy and only 4 could reasonably be called 'mostly sunny'.

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Events Diary

February

Date		Event	Time	Venue
Sat	3rd	FOTC Coffee Morning	Morning	Crown Inn
Sat	3rd	Curry Night (booking advised)	6 - 9pm	Crown Inn
Tue	6th	W.I. Meeting	7.30pm	Old Forge
Tue	6th	PC Meting	7.30pm	School
Tue	6th	RBL Talk	7.30pm	Crown Inn
Thu	15th	Cedar Club Meeting	2.30pm	Cedar Hall
Thu	15th	Acoustic Session	Evening	Crown Inn
Thu	22nd	Quiz Night	Evening	Crown inn

St Mary's services can be found on **page 5**

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.

The result of this double draw will appear in the March issue.

Absolute deadlines for March's Dilwynner copy are:

20th February for very small and also regular items

18th February for new items of a half page or greater.

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