## The Dilwynner



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## St Mary's Church Services for January







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5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Evening Service</b>	6.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Choral Holy Communion</b>	11.00am
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Morning Prayer	11.00am
26th Jan	Holy Communion	9.30am

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

Choir Practice: Wednesday 8th January, 6.30pm in the Church.

Please contact Marion Willcocks for further details if you would like to join the choir

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## Vandals Strike Again!

Mindless thieves armed with a hammer tried to force open the donation box in our church before Christmas. They must have been disturbed because they abandoned their thieving, leaving behind a hammer covered in fingerprints, but failed to steal the box despite damaging the stonework. A quick-thinking parishioner bagged the offending hammer which the police took away to test for fingerprints.

A similar outrage also took place in Pembridge church – please help us by being vigilant.

## A Very Big Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our efforts to raise funds for our church by buying the 2020 Dilwyn Calendar and Gill Okell-Price's Christmas wreaths. Details of monies raised towards the essential maintenance of St Mary's will be revealed in the February edition of the Dilwynner.



Gill Okell-Price with Paul Carpenter at Leominster's Victorian Market

#### Wanted

Is there anyone interested in learning the ancient art of bellringing? If so please contact the tower captain Tony Price 01544 319378 or e-mail tony.dilwyn@gmail.com

We practice on Tuesday s 7.30-9.00pm

So if you would like to have a go do not hesitate to contact me first. Please help to keep this art alive here in Dilwyn. Thank you.

Tony Price.

## Herefordshire Wildlife Trust Weobley and District Branch

At our December meeting, we enjoyed an excellent illustrated talk on 'Bodenham Lake, the Lugg Wetland Gem', given by Sophie Cowling, Lugg Living Landscape Project Officer. Sophie is an employee of HWT, and is responsible for the planning and delivery of the work in connection with the improvements to the lake, a former gravel extraction site.

Gravel was extracted from the Bodenham site from 1910 until the 1980s, leaving a series of pits, some up to 10m deep with trackways and islands between them. They had re-flooded naturally, however the water depth and steep banks meant that they were not very hospitable to wildlife. Sophie explained that most freshwater aquatic plants and most wildlife apart from fish do not venture below about 2m and that the richest habitats are shorelines with shallow water and reedbeds.

HWT took over Bodenham Lake in 2016 and began a programme, partly funded by the Lottery, partly by the ERDF and partly by private donations, to soften the edges of the lake and to introduce reedbeds and a more varied and wildlife-friendly habitat.

Contractors from the Wildlife and Wetland Trust were engaged to plan and then to re-profile parts of the lake's southern edge by pushing soil down into the water thus providing a gently shelving edge. On this new land volunteers and others have planted large areas of reed. Sophie explained that as soon as the shallows had been created, ducks and waders appeared almost instantly – as if they had been waiting for the work to be done! The Trust is now carrying out work on islands in the lake to provide a greater variety of habitat.

We saw pictures of the elusive Water Rail, otters, cormorants, varied geese, Little Ringed Plover and other species some of which are relatively rare, but which are now making the lake a home, or treating it as a migratory stop-over. With an eye to the long term the Trust has also constructed an Osprey nest platform!

We are not meeting in January, so the next meeting of the Weobley branch is on February 6th at 7.30 when we shall have a talk on 'Butterflies of Bolivia' by Martyn Davies.

John Simons

## **Musicals Season**

at

## The Courtyard Cinema

Everything's coming up roses at The Courtyard this season as its film programme includes four iconic musicals to be screened as part of British Film Institute's (BFI) Musicals! The Greatest Show On Screen season.

- •Screenings from The Courtyard, which are presented in partnership with the BFI Film Audience Network, include a singalong version of Doris Day classic, Calamity Jane (U) (Wed 29 Jan, 5pm) where audiences can also enjoy a free Barn Dance session from 4pm, a showing of Ken Russell's 1975 British independent rock musical Tommy (15) (Thu 30 Jan, 5pm) and a Valentine's Day screening of The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (PG)(Fri 14 Feb, 5.30pm) a romantic drama musical that is sung in French with English subtitles. Tommy (15) and The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (PG) are both being re-released by the BFI as part of the Musicals season.
- •In addition to the three Courtyard screenings, The Courtyard Cinema will be hosting a special singalong screening of all time classic The Sound of Music (U) in the iconic Hereford Cathedral building. Audiences are welcome to bring cushions and blankets to cosy up with and fancy dress is encouraged, with prizes for best and most inventive costume. Refreshments will be for sale on the night and wheelchair spaces, hearing loop and relaxed areas all available.
- •The BFI is the lead body for film, TV and the moving image in the UK, and via the BFI Film Audience Network, works with venues like The Courtyard to ensure the best programme of cinema screenings are brought to audiences across the county.
- •"We're delighted to be bringing both classic musicals and rarities to cinemas across the UK in Britain's biggest ever celebration of the musical." Says Robin Baker, Head Curator, BFI National Archive and BFI Musicals Programmer.

For more information or to book tickets to any of The Courtyard's film musicals call Box Office on 01432 340555 or visit courtyard.org.uk.



## St Michael's Hospice

## The St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair takes place on Friday and Saturday 1st-2nd May 2020

Growing support for your Hospice.

With roots now firmly established, the St Michael's Plant Fair will return to the Hospice grounds on 1st and 2nd May 2020.

To help with this horticultural fundraiser, we need supporters to grow and donate plants so that we can continue providing the best possible care for people living with a terminal illness.

If you can help, please call Gaynor on 01432 852630 or email her at:

<u>gwarren@smhospicehereford.org</u> and let her know you would like to grow half a dozen plants and make arrangements to deliver them ready for sale at the Fair.

We would also like to hear from supporters who would like to spare a few hours to sell plants at the Fair on 1st and 2nd May 2020.

#### Social groups

Social groups are meeting around Herefordshire allowing those who have been bereaved to spend time in each other's company.

The 'Friends' groups meet in five locations; Hereford, Bromyard, Ledbury, Leominster and Ross.

Each group offers an informal setting such as a cafe in which people can relax, share experiences and make new friends over coffee. The groups meet each month. For specific dates visit st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/hospice-care/friends or call Sarah on 01432 852627. For those who want to be out in the fresh air, Striders & Strollers allows you to stretch your legs while spending a leisurely hour or two exploring Herefordshire's beautiful countryside.

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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 November, 2019

At this meeting, 9 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. I. Brown, J. Hall, and J. Lewis; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, and Ward Councillor, Michael Jones, 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.
   Update into the toilet closure. An update was given into funding different options for education and housing.
- 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, 8th October, 2019.

#### RESOLVED

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

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

Play area: there were a number of bills that needed to be reimbursed for repairs, which have now been included on the schedule of payments.

#### d. Correspondence received:

If any Councillor receives issues in respect of functions or events at the Crown, these should be brought up with the tenant.

School Play Area: there has been an amount of bark put down, some of the timbers have been treated. Also, the hedge has been cut.

#### e. Finance:

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

The Clerk reported the following

Current Account	£26415.27
Hub Account	£23806.11
Crown Account	£ 1311.98
Total	£51533.36

**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.

#### f. Highway matters:

a. Balfour Beatty.

Road by Tump Ash: the verges need attention.

- b. Mr. Pankhurst has been spoken to in relation to cutting the grips.
- c. To discuss the footpaths

The Lengthsman has started cutting the hedges at the entrances to the footpaths

- b. Work for Lengthsman
  - Gully at the moat.
  - HR4 8HL the 30mph sign.
  - The ivy growing over street-lamp. HR4 8HL
  - Check the condition of the grit-bins.
  - Ditch at the Burnt House, HR4 8JL.

#### g. Planning matters

1. P193360/F

Application for the erection of a steel portal frame building to be used as a spray store at Alton Court Farm, Dilwyn, Herefordshire HR4 8HD

#### RESOLVED

No objection

#### 2. P193702/F

Application for the installation of a wood chip biomass boiler within an existing farm building.(Retrospective) at Alton Court Farm, Dilwyn, Herefordshire. HR4 8HD

#### RESOLVED

No objection

#### h. Flooding the Village

The issue of flooding was discussed; it was agreed that the Ward Councillor should contact Welsh Water for advice.

#### i. County Lines

Cllr. Fellows gave an update with issues in relation to 'County Lines' and the crimes associated with this rural drug trade. It was agreed that the officer concerned would attend the December meeting with a view to holding a public meeting.

#### j. Coffee Morning

There had been a small organising group that had met and it was reported that the coffee morning was up and running. Cakes had been arranged

#### k. Carols on the Green

All changed to 6pm. The YFC will join the function; it was suggested that all the village groups might work together to make it a bigger event.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on <u>Tuesday</u>, 7th <u>January</u> 2020, commencing at 7.30pm in St. Mary's School.

## **Cedar Club**

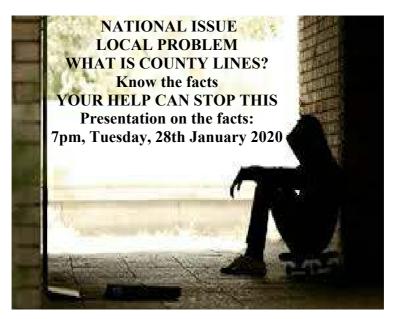
The Cedar Club is a group of people who meet once a month to listen to an invited speaker, have a chat with friends from the village and nearby, and to enjoy afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes (freshly made by one of our 5\* hostess teams). There is no age limit - all are invited and will be made most welcome!

•We have a full list of events for 2020, beginning with our first meeting of the new year on 16th January, when Luke• from Wye Valley Falconry will give us a talk and show some of his birds of prey.

Annual membership of £12 will be collected at this meeting, which begins at 2-30 pm. Visitors £2 per meeting.

Alan Rudland (Leader)

## **County Lines**



Whilst most of us are aware of the drug problems within the UK you may not be familiar with the term 'County Lines. 'County Lines' describes the expansion of illicit drug dealing by criminal gangs from the city into rural towns and villages looking to increase their 'market' and reduce the risk to themselves. The gangs often use violence to drive out local dealers and they ruthlessly exploit children and vulnerable people to facilitate their activities. Tactics often include child grooming, trafficking and other coercive means. Some communities across the UK have been devastated by 'County Lines' issues. Whilst this insidious behaviour is growing across the UK, there are ways of combating it. Early identification of those at risk followed by early intervention can stop it in its tracks.

Please join us at the Cedar Hall, Dilwyn, at 7pm on the 28th of January 2020 for an informative presentation on the problem, the methodology and recruitment of children / vulnerable adults and what we can all do to combat the issue.

The presentation is suitable for anybody within the community but particularly those who have children – 18 years +, only please. The information is being presented by an ex Met Police Officer who worked in the Trident Central Gang command working directly with exploited children. She is now a Senior Personal Adviser in the Child Exploitation Team in Children's Services.

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## Messages

#### Thank you.

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the fund-raising events for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.• Merryl is taking part in a research project in Oxford investigating various aspects of this disease.•At present, the cause of MND is unknown and there is effectively no treatment.•Research is so important, and the money raised in Dilwyn will help in doing more to find answers. Go to www.mndassociation.org for more information.

Chris & Merryl Jennings

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## Bertie's Column

### Clubman Bertie

Hello everybody, Bertie the Clubman here. I am a member of 2 rather smart clubs.

They know my name in both of them; very important that.

The first one is The Arrowfield at Kington. There is a large pussy cat there who sits on the counter swishing his tail. When I go in he doesn't immediately run away, which is what pussy cats are supposed to do when they see Bertie the Fierce approaching, so I don't feel the need to chase after him. I think he's probably bigger than me anyway.

The first thing that always seems to happen is that they put me on the scales – very undignified for a distinguished Club member I think - and then there is a lot of talk about putting me on a diet, but my friend Michael knows about a small (well a 6.7 Kg) dog's needs and looks after me properly.

They also do some other rather undignified things of a rather personal nature, which oughtn't to happen to any self respecting Club member, but I still love going there.

My other Club is called Weobley Walks. Most Saturdays at a rather early hour I meet my mates. There is Titan, who I think weighs 7 stone, Meg the sheepdog with whom I am deeply in love, Lucy and Rudy, 2 Labradors, and a new member called Breeze, who is only 1. Breeze doesn't like going over bridges and we older members do rather gang up on her. There are also 3 Jack Russells, Pippa, Lilley and Rosie. Once we have all met up we go for a jolly good walk.

The trouble is that most of them have got much longer legs than I have and so by the time we have chased around through the fields I am exhausted. THEY think it's very good for me. Trouble is that breakfast should be at 9 o'clock sharp and we don't get home until a long time after. If I had the staff properly trained they would bring my bowl with them.

Happy New Year everyone,

Rertie





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New Year's Day we will be open as normal at 12pm and doing what we did last year... All day brunch. A Full English is what we all need the day after a party! No booking necessary.

We welcome our new member of the Crown team; Gethin Davies. Gethin is another fantastic Chef who use to work with us at The Black Lion as second chef. Here at The Crown he will be in the kitchen with Max and also helping on the bar. This will mean we will be able to extend and change the menu... we will update you on our plans soon!

We are selling tickets for Burns Night here, so get yours quick before they sell out! Pensioners lunches will now be starting back up again from Wednesday 8th January 12pm - 2.30pm and then every Wednesday.

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## Dilwyn WI



## New members are always welcome

Again this year Maria and Max created a warm and hospitable atmosphere at The Crown in which the WI were able to enjoy a rather sumptuous Christmas Dinner. We pulled crackers, shared silly jokes, donned paper hats and generally wallowed in the festive spirit. To welcome in 2020 we're indulging in our now traditional Make Bake and Share Supper on 7 January at The Old Forge. We'll undoubtedly be making and baking far more than our appetites will allow, so if you'd care to join us and sample some WI cooking, you'll be most welcome.

#### Our programme for 2020 includes:

Tuesday 7 January: Make, Bake & Share Supper

Tuesday 4 February: Batty Batiks

Tuesday 3 March: Upcycling Earrings
Tuesday 7 April: Ugandan Experience
Tuesday 5 May: Magic of Bees Wax Part 2

Tuesday 2 June: Seasonal Flowers

Tuesday 7 July : Gemstones
Tuesday 4 August : Summer Outing

Tuesday 1 September : Quiz

Tuesday 6 October: Christmas Decorations

Tuesday 3 November : Annual Meeting Tuesday 8 December : Christmas Dinner

#### Sudoku Answers (Easy)

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## **Beware Courier Fraud**

Residents urged to be vigilant after fraud calls reported. November and December has seen a rise in the number of attempts to defraud elderly and vulnerable people out of their banked savings. Criminals pretending to be police officers have already obtained through a type of scam known as 'courier fraud' over £80,000 and we have had victims come forward from Malvern and in and around Worcester. Detective Inspector Emma Wright from the West Mercia Police Economic Crime Unit said: "Not all attempts of this scam are successful and it is reassuring to see that our clear messaging that no police officer will ever ask you for money on the phone is a message that people are hearing. Sadly however, some vulnerable people have been taken advantage of and have handed over thousands of pounds. In one case a victim withdrew over £10,000 and returned home to give it to a 'courier'. Don't trust anyone who calls you about your bank details or asks you to go to a bank to withdraw money. Always hang up and wait 10 minutes to ensure the call has disconnected before calling 101. If you want to check they are legitimate, find their number via directory enquiries and call them back. If possible, also use a different telephone line to make sure the line is clear e.g. a mobile phone or the phone of a trusted friend or relative. If they are genuine, you should be able to get through to them. You can also check what they are saying is true with your bank. Scams can be very elaborate, very convincing and cruel. If you think someone is trying to scam you, tell someone straight away. Don't be pressured and give yourself time to stop and think.

Please remember the police will never contact you asking for your bank card or cash. We will also never ask you to purchase expensive items or transfer money to a safe account. If someone does, it's a scam – provide no details and hand nothing over, hang up and report it immediately to the police on 101 or 999 if there are people at your property to take money from you.

We are working hard to identify these criminals trying to con our elderly and vulnerable family people, and a number of arrests have been made and charges brought. However we would ask the public to spread this message of caution and awareness throughout the wider community and would urge you to pass on, particularly to elderly relatives or neighbours, information about these scams and ask them not to trust anyone who asks them for their bank details or for money over the phone.

#### What is Courier Fraud?

• A phone caller pretending to be a police officer who is investigating unidentified activity/ fraud in their bank account and that they must cooperate with the 'investigation'.

(Cont'd.)

- The victim is then persuaded to withdraw funds and hand them over to the 'investigators', either by some remote means or in person to a courier.
- The victim is told that if the bank cashier queries the large withdrawal that they are to say it is for work/repairs in the home or Christmas shopping.
- Alternatively the victim may be asked to hand over bank cards, vouchers or other valuable items. They may also be asked to transfer funds to another account, which is controlled by the fraudsters.
- In some cases a victim is encouraged to hang up the phone and dial 101 to confirm with the police that the request is genuine. In these cases the line has stayed connected to the fraudster, who puts on another person to confirm this. In some cases a dial tone is played to the victim so they think they have called the genuine police. This is why we advise putting down the phone and waiting 10 minutes or using another telephone line. This way victims can be sure the call has disconnected from the fraudster.

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## THE CROWN DILWYN "3rd THURSDAY ACOUSTIC SESSION" December 2019

On behalf of us all who have been involved with the monthly acoustic session held at The Crown during the last two and a half years, I would like to wish all your readers and all our friends at The Crown who have supported the event a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2020.

The December session will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> which falls after your deadline for publication so there will be no December review. Our first session for 2020 is planned for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – usual time 8.00pm – hope to see you there.

Valeryan – December 2019



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Again delivery was prompt within two working days for first drop and 3 working days for second drop, I believe we filled the tanker to well over its capacity. The delivery company was again Beacon Fuels who gave the others the run for money, the price was 44.9p per litre.

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## Dilwyn Weather for November 2019



Following 6 inches(150mm) of rain in October, November managed just 5.75 inches(142mm), leaving our countryside looking rather soggy! The total for 2019 so far is 37 inches (925mm), so with the December total still to be added, this looks like being our wettest year since 2014 (when 43 inches fell). Temperatures have been more as expected, at 10 degrees for daytime and 3 degrees for night times (averages for the month). Sunshine was in short supply with only 4 days being classed as 'mostly sunny'. Pressure remained low and my poor barometer only staggered above 1000mb on 6 occasions. There were some breezy spells but nothing approaching gale force.

AR



## **Nature Notes**



We have been getting regular visits from white egrets for the past 5 years and sure enough a pair of them arrived on the wet pasture behind our house on the morning of 6th December. These visits can last several weeks but this pair had other ideas and by Saturday they were gone. Perhaps there may be others, as their visits are usually closer to early January.

AR

## Volunteer(s) Wanted

I have been writing Nature Notes for 7-8 years now and I would like a break. Many readers probably think so too. Occasionally help with articles has come in from people around the parish but recently this has been scarce. A new and fresh mind is needed, perhaps putting a completely different slant on the article. Is there anyone with an interest in nature who could devote half an hour a month to this little project? Please contact me or e-mail the Dilwynner Team.

AR

Thank you very much, Alan, for producing such varied and interesting nature notes for the Dilwynner; we are extremely grateful, and delighted that you are continuing to record the weather for us. *Ed* 



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

## Cedar Hall 100 Club 2020 Membership

Dilwyn Cedar Hall exists to serve the whole community of Dilwyn as a venue for a variety of functions from parties, exercise classes, markets, dances and other fund- raisers. It is a central meeting place for village organisations, be they Playgroup, Young Farmers or Cedar Club.

The 100 Club was set up to help raise money for the general upkeep of the Hall and so support all these activities. It costs £12 per year to join, and for this you have the chance of winning one of the prizes drawn each month. The first number drawn receives £20, with two further prizes of £10 and there is a Super Draw in June and December, when the amounts are increased to £50 and £25.

The Hall committee would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the 100 Club during the past 12 months and congratulate all the lucky winners.

We hope you will continue to support this good cause by completing the slip overleaf and we also welcome new members who wish to join for the forthcoming year

## **Burns Night**

Only a few weeks to go until our 10th anniversary Burns supper in Dilwyn. The itinerary for this event will be slightly different, in as much as, less 'blether' and more entertainment.

Keith the piper is back and Miss Anna Downes will be playing Scottish traditional and folk tunes on the violin.

Tickets £25 from The Crown, collected and paid for by 17th January please – no sales thereafter. Raffle included in the price, so hold on to

your ticket,• for two prizes of Burns malt whisky. Arrive Cedar Hall at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

When reserving your tickets please advise your preference for haggis or salmon. Tables are to seat ten diners so get together with friends and list your preferred company for the evening.

If you are in 2's, 4's, 6's or 8's I will match up to fill the tables.

If you have any questions regarding this evening please ring me 01544 318579.

Ron

#### CEDAR HALL 100 CLUB

I wish to take out Membership(s) of the Dilwyn Cedar Hall '100 Club'.
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## **Weobley & District Bowling Club**

We had a very successful Christmas Bingo, thanks to Christine Tilbury for all her hard work,the generosity of people that donated prizes and for all those who supported us. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the evening.

The Short Mat Bowling has finished for this year, but we start again on Monday 13th. January 2020 2pm. until 4pm. at Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley. Come along if you would like to try something new for 2020, you will be made very welcome. The cost is £2.50 (to include a small raffle) and 30p. for tea or coffee and biscuits.

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## **Dilwyn Young Farmers Club**

The last few months have been particularly busy for Dilwyn young farmers club. In October it was the Hereford cattle stock judging competition, kindly hosted by

Tony Bradstock. Dilwyn won 1st senior (Ben Lewis), 1st intermediate (Polly Aubrey) and along with first tie competitor Jack Palmer, they won the overall best team of the day. It appears Ben is safe in his job a little while longer....

Following this, we had a fantastic talk from Malcolm Russell, who works tirelessly with MARS, a medical charity who attend serious incidents while waiting for ambulances to get there. A very humble man, he was explaining all his other roles including founding the charity Prometheus that invents and creates medical equipment. He educated our club and parents on the importance of farm safety and how to limit the risk of injury as much as possible.

We have been raising money for MARS during our carol singing evenings so please dig deep if you see us.

The County AGM was very successful for Dilwyn YFC, coming home with many trophies, including the big one, the Efficiency shield that is all the accumulative points for all competitions across the year. Well done to Andy Bennett and team for the brilliant effort you put in to achieve this result in 2018/9.

Early December saw the Public Speaking day, a day for members to show off their debating, dancing and reading talents. Thank you to Jane Clarke and Lyndsay Rogers for all your help training us. We had 2nd in the Junior reading, 1st in Call My Bluff, 2nd in debating and 1st in the commercial dance, showing the diverse talents we have as a club. Well done to everyone on the day.

Most recently, we had our Christmas bingo. Thank you to Daintree Griffiths for all your hard work organising this. We raised £960, the majority of which



is going towards the MND association. Thank you to everyone who came to support. We also really enjoyed coming to Carols on the Green in the community and hope to be more involved in the local activities for years to come.



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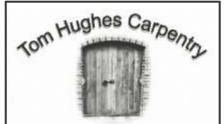
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Pupils of St Mary's School rehearsing for their Nativity Play



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## **Events Diary: January**

Date	Event	Time	Place
Wed 1st	New Year 'All Day Brunch'	12 Noon	Crown Inn
Tue7th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	School
Tue7th	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Old Forge
Thu16th	Cedar Club	2.30pm	Cedar Hall
Thu16th	Acoustic Music Session	8.00pm	The Crown
Sat 25th	Burns Night (ticketed)	6.30pm	Cedar Hall
Tue28th	County Lines Meeting	7.00pm	Cedar Hall

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

## Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

#### **December Super Draw**

1st Kate Smith £50. 2nd Jill Thomas £25

3rd Pauline Stevenson £25

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20<sup>th</sup> January for very small items and also regular items 18th for new and non-regular large items

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