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St Mary's Church

Services for July and August



7 th Jul	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
14 th	Choral Holy Communion	11.00am
21 st	Morning Prayer	11.00am
28 th	Holy Communion	9.30am
4 th Aug	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
11 th	Choral Holy Communion	11.00am
18 th	Morning Prayer	11.00am
25 th	Holy Communion	9.30am

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

Choir Practice Wednesday 10th July and 7th August at 6.30pm in the Church
(please contact Marion Willcocks for further details if you would like to join the choir)

St Mary's church in Dilwyn is open every day and, unlike so many ancient churches, is open all daylight hours – despite recent vandalism. St Mary's is there for you whenever you need it and whatever your beliefs – for sad times, for celebrations or just a cool spot to escape the summer heat, if summer eventually begins.

The church is in the heart of the village and, over the centuries, has borne witness to the ups and downs of village life. Take some time to wander around the church and burial ground, seeking out its history and the people who have lived here. On the subject of the burial ground, please remember that the planned burial ground extension will be a major financial undertaking by the church for the village – fundraising to follow.

We are lucky enough to have a weekly service and, in addition, a short informal communion service at the Old Forge each Tuesday. This service is followed by coffee and biscuits kindly provided by Marion Willcocks.

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St Mary's Church Summer Fete

On behalf of Dilwyn PCC, I wish to thank everyone for supporting our Summer Fete so generously once again. The fantastic sum of £2942 was raised in total and we are extremely grateful to all of you. Sadly, because of such unpredictable weather, we had to hold the fete in the village hall, but this obviously did not put off our loyal band of supporters and helpers.

A special thank you must go to Meg Wainwright and Linda Gregory who do such an amazing job of organising the Grand Draw – this alone raised over £1500, which is a record! Both Meg and Linda spend a great deal of time selling draw tickets and gathering prizes, and our final profit figure would not be possible without their dedication.



Carol Lewis and Anna Wellings on the Bottle Stall



Gill Okell-Price and Pauline Frampton on the Cake Stall, with Molly Powell on the Tombola

Thank you to everyone who kindly gave some wonderful prizes and also to those who bought and helped to sell tickets. Thank you also to everyone who donated items to the various stalls and to our helpers who work hard to organise and run these.

Our final thanks must go to everyone who came along on the day and who gave so generously, not forgetting those who kindly sent donations.

We hope to see you all again next year.

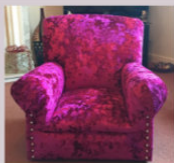
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‘Wild West’ Wheelbarrow Races

How The Races Will Work

Where: Dilwyn school playing field

When: **Saturday 13th July 2019 from 3–5pm**

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The aim of the ‘Wild West’ Wheelbarrow Races is to be a fun-filled event for all the family and all ages to take part in and provide amusement!

- ◆ Teams of two at a time – one passenger and one to push.
- ◆ Each pair to race against time and another team.
- ◆ Each race includes steering around obstacles and the passenger to collect and put things in a container.
- ◆ There will be penalties for not following the correct course or spilling things on the floor.
- ◆ In the event of a draw, teams will compete against each other in a final.

Prizes for:

- ◆ Best dressed 'Wild West' team
- ◆ Best decorated 'Wild West' wheelbarrow
- ◆ Winning teams (1st, 2nd and 3rd)

What each team will need to bring:

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- ◆ A team name

Cost: £2 per team entry



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Messages



Jean Lupton, who lived in Haven Lane for over 30 years, died at home with all her children with her on 22nd April. Jean will be remembered for teaching keep fit and yoga for over 35 years in Dilwyn and the surrounding villages and towns. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Annabel Hall (Jean's daughter)

Sue and Vyv would like to thank everyone who joined in the celebration of Martin's life on Tuesday 28th May at Hereford Crematorium and afterwards in the Village Hall. Many thanks to the band of mates who prepared the Hall and served the feast – and cleared up afterwards as well! Vyv would also like to thank all Sue's friends who have been so kind and supportive.

Sue Rowe and sister Vyv

A huge thank you to everyone who came to my 50th birthday party at The Crown on Saturday 1st June. Pete, James and I hope you had a fabulous evening joining in the celebrations. Our sincere thanks to Max and Maria and everyone at The Crown for their superb hospitality and help in making the party such a success.

As many of you will know, the request was for donations to Hereford County Hospital's SCBU (Special Care Baby Unit), as opposed to presents. We are delighted to announce that, at the time of writing this, we have raised the sum of £964.20 which is a phenomenal amount and way beyond our aspirations.

Once again Dilwyn, you have done us proud, as Hereford SCBU did when they nursed James for the first three months of his life – initially weighing under 1kg (11lbs 12oz). Who can believe he is now well over 6ft tall and not far away from turning 18.

Thank you to each and every one who donated and hope you had a great evening, as we certainly did.

Karen Preston

We would like to thank our friends in Dilwyn for the cards, offers of help and transport during our recent illnesses – it was very much appreciated. We are now slowly recovering. Thank you all.

Tony & Joan Stokes

We would like to thank everyone who supported us on our open garden day. The weather was superb and everyone had an enjoyable time. Over £600 was made on the day for the National Gardens Scheme charities.

Jane and Tony Voogd

I wish to thank everyone who sent the numerous cards of condolence to me and my family, following the death of Elaine. We also wish to thank the large number of people who attended her Service at Hereford Crematorium on the 3rd of June. Elaine would have been so pleased but, like me, delighted to realise how many of you are such 'Good Neighbours'. Thank you all, once again.

You should also be made aware that your generous donations of £295 will now be sent to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. In gratitude,

Edward A. Jones

I would like to thank you all for your kind messages and cards since my seizure. Also to Lisa, Maria and staff and Gerry, and a special thanks to my wonderful husband Tony for all his care.

God bless you all,

Gill Okell-Price



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Parish Council Matters

1. **The Dilwyn Parish Council Website:** This may be accessed from the Dilwyn Community Website (on dilwyn.com) 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 Thursday 16th May 2019

At this meeting, 12 Councillors were present, with an apology from Ward Cllr. Michael Jones; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, was in attendance; there were no members of the public present.

a. Election of Chair

Cllr. P. Stilwell was elected as Chair.

b. Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr. J. Hall was elected as Vice-Chair.

c. Public Participation

a) To receive the Police report.

There was no police presence.

b) To receive the Ward Councillor's report.

There was an apology from the Ward Councillor, Mr. Michael Jones.

c) Questions from members of the public.

There were no members of the public present.

d. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st May 2018

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st May 2018 were approved.

e. To approve the minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 2nd April 2019

RESOLVED

The minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 were approved.

f. Information arising from the minutes

There was nothing to report under this heading.

g. Election of Council Representatives to serve on the following outside bodies

Cedar Hall Representative – Cllr. S. Williams
School Representative – Cllr. P. Kyles
Footpaths Officer – Cllr. D. Brown
Dilwynner Representative – Cllr. J. Gerrish
Emergency Coordinator – Cllr. P. Stilwell
Neighbourhood Watch Representative – Mr. Alan Rudland
PCC – Cllr. J. Stirling-Brown
Crown Liaison – Cllr. J. Gerrish

h. Finance

- a) To approve the accounts, year ending 31st March 2019.
The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019 were approved.
- b) To note the Internal Auditor's report.
The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had no findings of an adverse nature.
- c) To approve the Annual and Governance Statement.
The Annual and Governance Statement was approved.
- d) To note the bank balances for April 2019.
The Clerk reported the following:

Current Account	£27877.27
Hub Account	£15324.11
Crown Account	£ 1283.02
Total	£41484.40

The bank balances were accepted, this being proposed by Cllr. J. Gerrish and seconded by Cllr J. Hall.
- e) 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, this being proposed by Cllr. J. Gerrish and seconded by Cllr. J. Hall.
- f) To confirm the cheque signatories.
The bank signatories are Cllrs. P. Kyles, P. Stilwell and J. Hall.
- g) To agree to pay the Clerk at SCP 24.
It was agreed to pay the Clerk at SCP 24.
- h) To review the Risk Schedule.
This was reviewed and found to be still fit for purpose.
- i) To confirm that the Council meets the criteria to exercise the Power of General Competence under the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED

The whole of the Council having been elected, thereby meeting the threshold of two thirds elected and the Clerk being a qualified Clerk, the Council meets the criteria to exercise the Power of General Competence under the Localism Act 2011.

i. Highway matters

Watery Lane pot-holes
Pot-holes at Tyrrell's corner

j. Planning matters

191448

Application for the proposed extension and alterations at Lowlands,
1 Henwood Close, Dilwyn, Herefordshire HR4 8HZ.

RESOLVED

The Council has no adverse comment.

k. Parish Council General Insurance Policy

There was no alteration required.

l. To adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were re-adopted.

m. To agree to abide by the Code of Conduct

Members agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct.

n. Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

This was included in the Annual Parish Meeting and may be seen on the website.

o. Village clean-up

As there would be a number of visitors to the village in June, it would be nice to ensure that your front gardens are clean and tidy. Also, a request for the road-sweeper to attend on the 7th June has been made.

PLEASE NOTE:

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



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Rosemary Brown

Dilwyn's Long-Serving Councillor

Rosemary Brown, whose family has been resident in Dilwyn for hundreds of years, has served on the Parish Council for 30 years. During that time, she has seen many changes in the village as well as in the Council itself. In earlier days, she was particularly interested in matters relating to the Liberal Party and was especially involved with the Young Liberals.



An active member of St Mary's Church congregation, she has sung in the Choir on and off since childhood and, in more recent years, has served on the Parochial Church Council. Always active in church and village matters, she was a loyal member of the Mothers' Union until its sad demise two years ago, and helped in the running of the Over-60s Club (now the Cedar Club).

Rosemary writes: *'I would like to thank you all for your support as I have enjoyed my time on the Council. It has been a pleasure serving our parishioners although, like any other community, we have had our ups and downs! Highs for me have been involvement with the survival of my childhood school as St Mary's, Dilwyn Free School, the purchase of the Crown Inn and, more recently, the production of the Dilwyn Neighbourhood Development Plan, all of which should secure our village and its environment, in which future generations can thrive and enjoy themselves.'*

The Dilwyn community undoubtedly owes Rosemary a deep sense of gratitude for all that she has done for our village over the years. What is certain is that her work and advice within the community will not cease, now that she has retired from her position on the Council.

Dilwyn Parish Council



Dilwyn Royal British Legion

AGM Tuesday 30th July 2019, 7.30pm at The Crown Inn

All members are invited to attend this year's AGM.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and tribute
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 14th November 2018
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers for 2019/20

Following the AGM, there will be a Branch meeting.

David Fowler



Dilwyn WI

New members are always welcome



WI members enjoyed a really fun evening Bowling & Pizza-ing last month. Competition may have been tough, but each team member achieved a creditable score – a few with the aid of a lane guard, rather like a golf handicap. In July, we're looking forward to learning all about Gin Cocktails and sampling some too. Tuesday 2nd July, 7.30pm at The Old Forge if you'd care to join us. Brobury Gardens is the destination for our annual afternoon outing on Tuesday 6th August. Weather permitting, we plan to lunch at a local hostelry and then savour an afternoon tea picnic.

A reminder of our programme for the remainder of 2019:

Tuesday 3 rd September	Annual Quiz
Tuesday 1 st October	Hedgerow Medicine
Tuesday 5 th November	Annual Review followed by Cake Toppers
Tuesday 3 rd December	Christmas Dinner

Pat Isaacs

Sarah & Tori

Cook & Bake

Join Sarah & Tori for a morning cookery demonstration followed by lunch. Whether you're looking for enthusiasm for everyday meals or inspiration for entertaining....

Summer Suppers

3rd, 4th 5th July 2019

Autumn Abundance

2nd, 3rd 4th October 2019

Christmas Entertaining

13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st 22nd November 2019

Start the day with Coffee at 9.30am followed by the 2.5-hour demonstration with Lunch and wine.

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12th & 13th September 2019

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Sudoku

A double dose of Sudoku for this July/August issue! The aim is to complete the entire grid using the numbers 1–9. Each number can only be used once in each row, once in each column, and once in each of the 3 x 3 boxes. Good luck!

The solutions can be found on page 37.

Easy

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Medium

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Tricky

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Fiendish

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Geoffrey's Column

Crossing into Mexico

On July 17th 2010, we set out from Miami in the Bristol. Our route took us up the East Coast of the States, across Canada, and back down the West Coast. Four months later, on 11th November, including three weeks back at home, we had covered 11,334 miles and were in San Diego, California, 12 miles from the Mexican border.

During those four months, we were only ever asked two questions, and both of those many, many times: “What sort of a car is that?” and “Where are you going?”

The immediate answer to the latter was “Into Mexico and down through Central America.” This was met with almost identical enjoinders “not to do it”, “We would be held up by a false road block and left by the road side in our underpants if we were lucky” etc. etc. There had, it is true, been a recent case of a bus load of illegal immigrants being taken to a gap in the border, but when they had refused to carry 25kg sacks each with them across the border, 50 were shot dead and one, seriously wounded, had managed to alert the authorities.

We weren't out to prove anything in particular, but we did want to go to Mexico.

Two things then happened. The horse, in which I owned a part (the nose – it comes past the winning post first!) won at Ludlow. We took this as a good omen. More prosaically, Hilary emailed the British Embassy in Mexico. The reply, signed rather worryingly simply by “The British Embassy” said “Do come, be careful. Don't drive at night. Leave your car in a locked garage every night.” They added that 300,000 Brits go to Mexico every year and they only send 80 back in boxes!

The next day, we drove to the border on a six-lane highway which had a queue half a mile back. A lot of people were trying to get into Mexico! The border was easy – far easier than subsequent Central American borders, but that is a different story. However, we needed Mexican insurance and were directed to a filthy yard in Tijuana, just two miles into Mexico.



During prohibition, Tijuana was the greatest nightspot on earth, as Californians piled south for the legal booze and accompanying entertainment. Now, it is just a very sleazy run-down dump. I found a grubby shack, about the size of a portaloo, handed over \$100 and was given a suitably grubby piece of paper in return. To my absolute astonishment, about three days later, I received an email from AIG with a full insurance policy.

Whilst I was negotiating the insurance, Hilary was chatting to a local. "You speak very good English" says she. To which the reply was "Well, I did spend 10 years in a US penitentiary!" "You didn't do it." said she. "No, but my English wasn't so good then and the judge didn't understand me."

Hilary then told him of the cautions we had received all over the USA. "Oh" he said, "You'll be absolutely fine. Nobody wants an old heap like this. If you had come in a modern Range Rover, it might have been a different story!"

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Cedar Club

The Cedar Club was treated to a splendid musical afternoon on Thursday 20th June, when Mike and Rachel Fenton visited and played their rarely heard stringed instruments – the dulcimer and the autoharp.



Rachel and Mike with their dulcimer and autoharp

The music was gently relaxing, but we all joined in to sing ‘*Michael Row the Boat Ashore*’ and ‘*Que Será, Será*’ amongst others. It was very interesting to hear the anecdotes Mike related and the afternoon passed far too quickly. A delicious tea, with sandwiches and cakes, then followed and we all left, humming!

For those who missed the event and would like to hear Mike and Rachel’s melodic harmonies, a short video on YouTube is well worth looking up (https://youtu.be/IOi0MyQ_2ks).

Barbara Poole

Cedar Club now has a summer break during July and August. A reminder of our programme for the remainder of 2019:

Thursday	19 th September	Strange Antiques	Nigel Christie
Thursday	17 th October	Tea at The Crown	
Thursday	21 st November	Sly Gin	Duncan Fox
Thursday	19 th December	Christmas Lunch	

New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information, contact Alan Rudland (319262).

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Cedar Hall Car Parking

The car park at the Cedar Hall is not the village car park.

Cedar Hall is a community facility and used by several groups who have raised concerns that when, attending an event, it has been difficult to park. It is a private car park as the notice makes clear and is for users of the hall at the time they are attending an event. Can all community members be mindful of this and use alternative parking for their private use. This will be greatly appreciated.



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The price had been rising when I did the last update, but it just dipped enough for me to get in on the downturn. The trend last month has also dropped very considerably, from a start of £450 per 900 litres on 21st May to £426 on 20th June. It was reasonably stable until 4th June but dropped quite rapidly after that, only levelling off from 8th to 10th June before another rapid price drop. It's been stable now at £426 since the 14th, hopefully it will stay put for a while and go down a little more.

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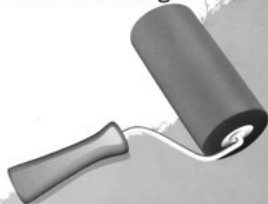
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Nature Notes

Plenty of young fledglings have been clamouring for food from hard-pressed parents and I find that watching them around the garden is a very pleasant way to spend one's time – cup of tea or glass in hand. A group of young blue tits has been our latest delight, and before that, we were visited by a couple of great spotted woodpecker juveniles. Our views of these treats hardly compares though, with the lovely photos sent in by one of our readers. They show a woodpecker chick being fed by a parent – in wonderful detail (better still if our editor has managed to include some colour!). A nest of great tits has recently fledged from the garden of Mount Pleasant along The Common. I am told they were discovered in a large terracotta pot. On lifting the lid, a clutch of eggs was seen, and later a quick peek revealed 5–6 hungry little mouths. All but one survived and hopefully are now exploring the locality.

It may be that there are red kites nesting somewhere nearby, as one large adult bird has been flying low over parts of Dilwyn, giving excellent views of that huge wingspan and forked tail. Thanks to Jo Slayman who sent in a photo, though sadly it was a little too distant to be clear on our pages. We have a property called Kite's Nest above Haven, so we know that in years gone by they were nesting locally. Return of the kite?



As May has given way to June and this year the weather has got worse, so those colourful verges have been transformed into shapeless masses, pushed down by wind and heavy rain to obstruct our narrow lanes. Still, spring may be fading but at least we still have summer and autumn, with the promise of glorious colours and fruits to be gathered. Enjoy!

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Dilwyn Weather for May 2019



Just 1.7 inches of rain fell in May (42mm), lifting the year's running total to 10.7 inches (267mm). Plenty of sunshine was on offer, with 18 days being classed as sunny, or mostly so.

Daytime temperatures averaged 21 degrees, with 10 days reaching the mid 20s. Three slight frosts kept the night-time average at 5 degrees, but towards the end of the month, 8–10 degrees was more common. The winds were mostly light, pressure remained quite high (only two days below 1000mb) and spring generally felt rather pleasant.

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St Mary's School

Pupils have been busy during the summer term at St Mary's. The Infants have been studying transport, in particular canals and the narrow boat way of life, and have been enjoying making their own model boats. On Tuesday 18th June, they visited Goodrich Castle and the Wye Valley Butterfly Zoo.



*Having fun in the dungeons
at Goodrich Castle*



The Lower Juniors enjoyed their Caerleon adventure at the Roman Baths and Amphitheatre and have now moved onto the Anglo-Saxons. To experience Saxon life, pupils completed their own woven wall-hanging on handmade looms. They also dyed linen strips using Saxon natural dyes which they made themselves.

*Aston and Daniella displaying
Saxon weaving from spun wool*

Year 6 have worked hard towards their SATs and are now preparing their final writing assessments based on 'The Hobbit'. They have also been finding out about the Magna Carta and how it has shaped our British values today. To relax, 'en français les élèves ont préparé et mangé les crêpes'.



*Daisy squeezing lemon
juice on her crêpe*

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Pete Stilwell

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We had an amazing day for our fundraising music festival on Saturday 8th June, which was in aid of Harry Williams. We raised just over £1300, which is fantastic, and we want to say a big massive 'Thank You' to everyone who donated and came to support. We also thank Glen from Bugs Brummy who organised the event and to all the bands that kindly came to play – they were brilliant! We will be looking into holding this kind of event – in which we will be supporting a local charity – on a yearly basis. Glen is already getting the bands together!

We will be holding our annual beer festival again on August bank holiday, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th. There will be lots of different ales, ciders, BBQ, live music...and more! Please contact the pub, see Facebook or our website for more details.

There are a couple of Saturdays through July and August when we will not be able to do evening meals, due to private functions, so please call ahead to avoid disappointment.

We will be hosting a Charity Race Night on Friday 12th July, which will be in aid of Alzheimer's and Dementia. Purchasing an owner/jockey/trainer can be done at the bar from now and bets are placed on the night. Cash and prizes to be won! Don't miss out on a great night!

We have different live music nights happening over the summer, so do check out what else we have on!

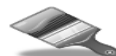
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This year's concert was in keeping with previous concerts – and yet, somehow, even better. This event has become an all-round Dilwyn Experience. Concert goers visit the Crown, either before the performance or after – or both. The Crown was already buzzing at 6pm. Many of us enjoyed an excellent meal, the service was equally excellent. We had plenty of time to eat both courses before walking across to the church with breath intact.



St Mary's itself has become an inextricable part of the evening – you could not now imagine this splendid event being held anywhere else.

All our old friends were waiting for us: Ruth Watson herself, with her oboe and cor anglais; Wendy Quinlan with her flute; John Hymas with his violin and viola; and "Mr First Minute to Last" – Jeremy Fisher with his piano.

The thought and imagination which goes into compiling the programme never ceases to amaze. Once again, there were novel pieces of music, spanning the centuries from old to new. And so we were greeted by Telemann's *Tafelmusik*. This was composed as informal entertainment for the nobility in its day – and was equally entertaining for us in 2019. And then Mozart – the coloratura soprano from 'The Magic Flute', so naturally taken on by the oboe. Sir Edward, reassuringly, was again with us: his impressively mature first-published work, the Op. 1 Romance for violin and piano.

But there were also composers not often encountered – Kuhlau, Demersseman, Damase and Monti; not household names, but in these performances of artistry and virtuosity, surely deserving of a wider hearing.

And two 'Firsts': music by a female composer – Sofia Gubaidulina. Her 'Sounds of the Forest' was poetic and enchanting – Wendy's flute, so alluring, taking the role of the wind. And the second 'First': a world premiere of John Trew's 'Pictures from an Imaginary Exhibition', inspired by Mussorgsky, with the composer himself attending and receiving the generous plaudits of our enthusiastic audience.

Just as you could not now imagine this splendid event being held anywhere other than St Mary's, nor could you imagine the event without John Gerrish as the MC and the delicious canapés! And the printed programme is a thoroughly good read – so much about the musicians and the music, and the enjoyable little quiz about both.

The raffle was held during the very convivial interval (when will I win...?) and presentations were made at the end. And so we walked out, into the chilly night, dazzled and elated.

Michael Stankiewicz, Guest Reviewer



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Crown Unplugged Session Review

Thursday 20th June 2019

Once again, the bar at The Crown was filled with musicians, singers and listeners for our monthly acoustic session, which proved to be as much musical fun as ever.

I was joined by **Adrian Belville** (vocals/guitar), **Jessica Squire** (vocals/guitar), **Chris Chedgey** (vocals/guitar and spoken word), **Jackie Lyness** (vocals), **Gerry Farrell** (vocals/guitar), **Lorraine Denning** (vocals/guitar), **Mark Errington** (vocals/guitar), **Arthur Bancroft** (violin), **Rob Gould** (vocals/melodeon), **Peter Plumridge** (vocals/guitar); **Katie Phillips** (vocals/dulcimer), **Phil and Pam Brown** (Déjà vu ditty and vocals), birthday girl **Alison Harrington** (percussion) and yours truly, **Valeryan** (original vocals/guitar).

As usual there was something for everyone, ranging from traditional folk to retro pop, amusing ditties to instrumentals, well-known chorus songs and lesser known originals, all mixed in with plenty of amusing banter and musical collaboration. Not, of course, forgetting the excellent hospitality from our hosts Maria and Max and their staff on the night.

The July session will be Thursday 18th and the August one Thursday 15th. While they may be similar in format, the line up of contributors is likely to be different and no two events can ever be the same.

Valeryan

Carols on the Green



For many years, Dilwyn Parish Council and the Choir of St Mary's Church, have worked together in the pre-Christmas season, in raising funds for charity, mostly for local organisations, and averaging over £1000 per annum over the period. This has been achieved by means of a Coffee Morning in November, the Choir's carol-singing efforts around the village and at Morrison's, together with the very popular 'Carols on the Green' when everyone joins in the singing, while eating hot-dogs and waiting for the arrival of Father Christmas in his specially-designed sleigh!

For over twenty years I, personally, have been involved in the organisation and delivery of the whole process. Now, I believe, the time has come for change and for somebody else to take over the job I have so willingly undertaken for all those years.

I would be very happy to help with advice to anyone who is prepared to take over, so all that is needed now is a volunteer or volunteers! Please give serious thought to the matter and then contact me on johngerrish706@btinternet.com.

John R. Gerrish



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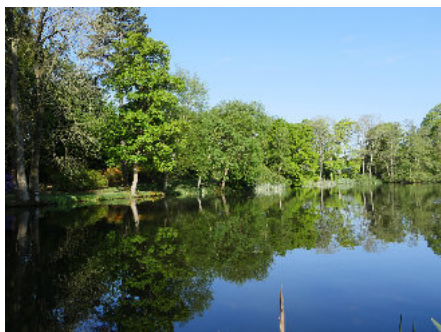
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Summer is a time many of us enjoy spending in the garden. If you're looking for inspiration, or you just fancy an afternoon spent in a beautiful Herefordshire garden, then we've just the thing for you.

The St Michael's Hospice Open Gardens season continues on **Wednesday 3rd July** at Homme House in Much Marcle, where visitors have the chance, for a small additional price, to enjoy a guided parkland walk.

Four days later, on **Sunday 7th July**, Seabournes in Fawley, near Ross-on-Wye is the venue. The 10-acre garden features wonderful views of the River Wye and surrounding landscape and offers ample opportunity for a picnic.

Brinsop Court, near Tillington, is next in the Open Gardens programme on **Thursday 18th July**, when the Grade 1-listed 12th Century moated manor house will be open to explore, along with the 800-acre estate.



Rhodds Farm in Lyonshall, which opens on **Sunday 21st July**, offers wonderful views of the Malvern Hills and the Black Mountains, while Shobdon Court (*pictured*) on **Sunday 18th August** is rarely open to the public and features an arboretum with a mature tree canopy and smaller acers below.

For more Open Gardens information, including directions and how to book tickets, visit st-michaels-hospice.org.uk.

Big Tea

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Staff at Renaissance Hair and Beauty in Leominster, who held a Big Tea for St Michael's

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Medium

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Tricky

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Cedar Hall Hire Rates

Daytime sessions £30

i.e.: Coffee Mornings,

Fundraising Events,

Funerals. 4Hrs

Evening Party £70

Children's Party £30

Village Group Meetings £15

Wedding Party £100

Hire items

(Tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery etc.)

Set of: 1 table & 4 chairs - £5

4 cups, saucers and cake plates - £1

4 dinner plates and cutlery - £1

Hire of staging £25

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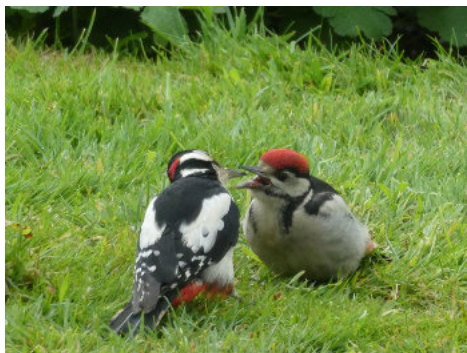
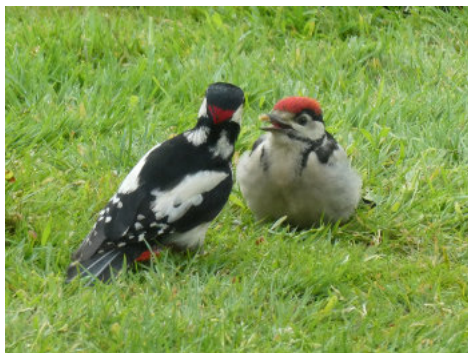
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www.dilwyn.com/dilwynner

Spotted in Dilwyn

Thank you very much to an anonymous Dilwyn 'twitcher' for these lovely photos of a juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*) being fed by its male parent. Their distinctive 'drumming' is a form of communication, used mostly to mark territories and to display in spring. The birds have shock-absorbent tissue between the base of the bill and the skull to cushion the impact of drumming. They also have another interesting adaptation – their long, sticky tongue can extend 4cm from their beaks to help them reach insect larvae in tree trunks. When not protruding, the tongue coils internally around the back of their skull.





**WEOBLEY and DISTRICT
BOWLING CLUB**

is holding a "WINE and PUDS" evening
at The Bowling Club, Old Hereford Road,
Weobley

on Saturday 13th July, 5.30pm for 6.00pm

Tickets are £7.50 (to include a glass of wine
and a wide selection of "yummy" desserts)

Available from Diane on 01544 318178,
Brenda on 01544 318727, Christine on 01544
318742 or any club member



Friends of Weobley Parish Church
present their

34th Annual Art Exhibition



August Bank Holiday Weekend
Saturday August 24th to Monday August 26th
10am–5pm

THE HOPELANDS, WEOBLEY

ENTRY £1.50 CHILDREN – FREE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS RAFFLE

To exhibit, please apply for an entry form and information to
Jo Ware 01544 318296
joware.weobley@virgin.net

Closing date for entries August 1st

Events Diary

Date	Event	Time	Place
July			
Tue 2 nd	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	St Mary's School
Tue 2 nd	WI Meeting (Gin Cocktails)	7.30pm	Old Forge
Fri 5 th	Live Music: Stevie Yeomans	9.00pm	The Crown
Sat 6 th	Village Market and Café	10.00am–12.00pm	Cedar Hall
Mon 8 th	FOTC Meeting	7.30pm	The Crown
Fri 12 th	Charity Race Night	8.00pm	The Crown
Sat 13 th	'Wild West' Wheelbarrow Race	3.00pm	School Field
Sat 13 th	Live Music: Tom Jaques	9.00pm	The Crown
Thu 18 th	Crown Unplugged Session	8.30pm	The Crown
Sun 21 st	Live Music: Woodchuck	3.30pm	The Crown
Sat 27 th	Live Music: Buggs Brummy	9.00pm	The Crown
Tue 30 th	Dilwyn RBL AGM	7.30pm	The Crown

August

Tue 6 th	WI Afternoon Outing		Brobury Gardens
Thu 15 th	Crown Unplugged Session	8.30pm	The Crown
Sat 24 th	Beer and Cider Festival (continues on Sun 25 th)		The Crown

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

Cedar Hall 100 Club Super Draw

June

1st Fearn Kyles £50.

2nd Chris Kyles £25. 3rd Val Key £25.

Absolute deadlines for September Dilwynner copy are:

20th August for very small items and also regular items

18th August for new and non-regular large items

Normally we expect to receive copy much earlier than these dates.

If you wish your event to be published in more than one issue, please send in a reminder for each month it is to appear.



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