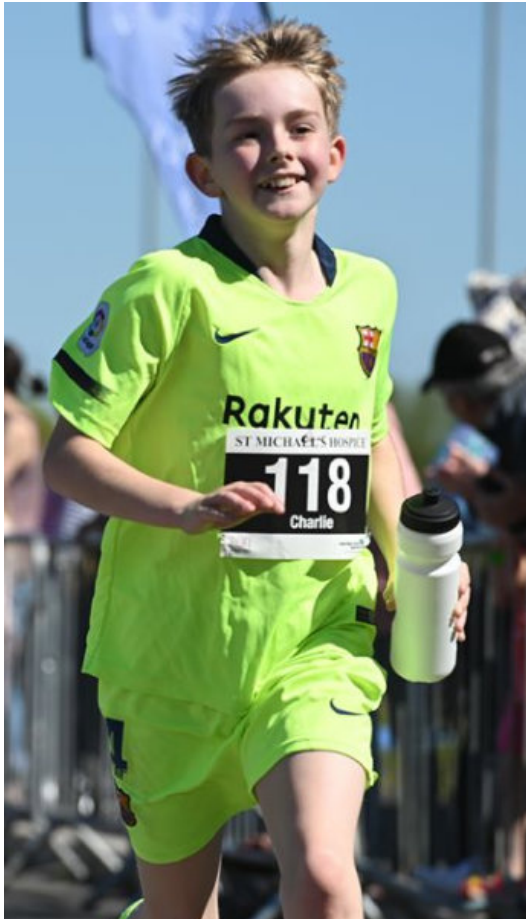


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Dilwyn

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The front cover shows young Dilwynner Charlie Fosbrook taking part in Run Hereford 5k in aid of St Michael's Hospice. See page 7 for the full story.

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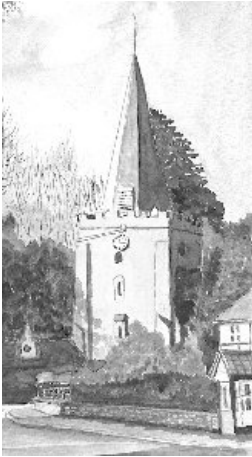
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St Mary's Church

Services for June



2 nd	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
9 th	Choral Holy Communion	11.00am
16 th	Morning Prayer	11.00am
23 rd	Holy Communion	9.30am
30 th	Holy Communion	9.30am

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

**Choir Practice Wednesday 5th June
at 6.30pm in the Church**

(please contact Marion Willcocks for further
details if you would like to join the choir)

Mindless Yobs Vandalise St Mary's Church

As the village was enjoying itself at the "Not the Dilwyn Show", three youths took the opportunity to mess up our church. A member of the parochial church council heard a disturbance and discovered the cowardly culprits who ran away. Community Police have been informed. This is particularly upsetting after the PCC dedicated so much time and effort to give the church a thorough clean and polish just a few weeks back.

Our church is a place for quiet reflection and peace, which makes the intrusion all the more upsetting. Please can we all be vigilant over the summer months and protect our church from mindless, opportunistic vandalism.

On a more pleasant note, we would like to thank all those who sponsored an "*in memoriam*" Easter lily in the church – and the cake stall at the Village Market. Together, these raised £165 towards much needed funds to help run and maintain the church. For perspective, heating alone costs over £8 an hour.

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St Mary's Church Summer Fete

Saturday 8th June at 2.30pm

We will be holding our Summer Fete on the village green and we hope that as many of you as possible will join us once again to raise funds to help maintain our beautiful Church building. There will be something for everyone to enjoy – all of the usual stalls will be on display, including a delicious refreshments tent where you will be able to sit and sample a wonderful selection of freshly baked cakes and drink tea whilst catching up with friends and neighbours. We will have the village stocks for the brave-hearted, milking the cow, children's sweet stall, skittles and much more.

Plants are always a best seller and if you can contribute anything towards our plant stall, we will be most grateful. Indeed, if you are able to donate any items to the various stalls we are planning, that will be wonderful. But most of all, we look forward to seeing you on the day. Promises of goods can be given to the following:

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Training Pays Off...

Charlie Fosbrook (age 12 years) decided in January, following the sad loss of his friend Terry Cornes, to enter the St Michael's Hospice 5k fun run to be held in May. Charlie started to train and could be seen pounding the Dilwyn lanes throughout the winter months.

Charlie also started to fundraise for the charity who looked after Terry so well during his illness and, thanks to the local community, through 'JustGiving' he raised the fantastic sum of over £600.

On Sunday 12th May, Charlie and 159 others 5k runners met at the Livestock Market in Hereford where they were joined by the ½ marathon and 10k competitors. Charlie set off in his brilliant green football strip and completed the run in just 25 minutes, coming home in 9th place in his age category. Charlie has now been accredited with an overall 32nd place out of the 159 runners, regardless of category.

Charlie – “Terence” would be so proud of you...as we all are.

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“Not The Dilwyn Show” 2019

Thank you to everybody who turned out on a rather cold bank holiday Monday on 6th May to support our event. We had:

- Live music from John Hymas – the return of last year’s popular act
- The Crown Inn running the bar in the same tent as the music
- Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes in the village hall
- Wayne serving pork baps and onion bhaji/Scotch egg delights
- Traditional games
- Aspire Dance Studio with three sets of their competition dancers. These are all local girls and boys – North Herefordshire’s finest
- Competitions (cupcake cows, crazy scones and collages of Dilwyn)
- Village and school children demonstrating our traditional Dilwyn Maypole dances
- A craft tent with local produce and items to purchase
- Dilwyn Young Farmers with a balloon-filled tractor



And in the evening, we enjoyed the refreshments and special menu provided by Maria and Max at The Crown.

We raised a net amount of £890 to support village organisations and activities over the coming year. So THANK YOU to all the organisers, helpers, bakers and makers!

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Dilwyn WI



New members are always welcome

Last month, Councillor Angela Pendleton entertained WI members with her amusing, as well as formal, experiences as Mayor of Leominster 2016–17. Supported by her Deputy, her husband Roger, Angela is particularly proud that the charity she set up for a Dementia-Friendly Leominster continues to thrive. Along with all the ceremonial duties she performed, she was also pleased at the informality of many of the other more relaxed events she attended. We can't invite you to our June meeting as we're going bowling, but do please join us at our Open Garden Strawberries & Cream Afternoon Tea on Saturday 22nd June from 2pm until 4pm – please see the advertisement opposite for more details.

Pat Isaacs

Thank You

Following the sudden death of Martin Huxtable whilst on a walking holiday, Sue Rowe would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support at this sad time.

Sue Rowe

Martin will be missed by many in the village, not to mention nearby walking and cycling clubs. For those who never met him, Martin spoke as he saw, had a wry sense of humour and loved nothing better than to be out in the fresh air with Sue and his friends. Martin led many local walks – back in the 90s with the Dilwyn Ramblers (and Diners!), later with the Dilwyn Dawdlers, of which I was a part. Always well planned and, to the less-fit amongst us, always uphill! For many years he was my partner on Neighbourhood Watch patrols – a task he took very seriously. More recently, he was very active in fundraising for the RNLI. I shall remember him as a lovely bloke!

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Parish Council Matters

1. **Elections:** At the Annual Meeting of Dilwyn Parish Council, held on 16th May 2019, the following appointments were made for the year ahead:

Chair: Cllr. Peter Stilwell

Vice-chair: Cllr. Julia Hall

2. **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.
3. **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, 2nd April 2019

At this meeting, 7 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. E. Stilwell, D. Brown, A. Brown, I. Brown, J. Lewis; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, and Ward Councillor, Mark Cooper, were in attendance; there were no members of the public present.

a. Public Participation:

- a) To receive the Police report.
There was no police presence.
- b) To receive the Ward Councillor's report.
Cllr. Cooper gave a verbal report; this report has been posted on the website.
- 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, 5th March 2019.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, 5th March 2019 were approved.

c. Information arising from the minutes:

There was nothing to report under this heading.

d. Correspondence received:

Members were updated in relation to a lorry damaging the verges; the lorry was from Europe and the company details have been passed to Herefordshire Council.

e. Finance:

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

The Clerk reported the following:

Current Account	£13041.06
Hub Account	£13642.11
Crown Account	£ 1331.98
Total	£28015.15

The bank balances were accepted, this being proposed by Cllr. J. Gerrish and seconded by Cllr J. Hall.

- 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, this being proposed by Cllr. J. Gerrish and seconded by Cllr. J. Hall.

f. Highway matters:

- a) Balfour Beatty:

It was agreed that Cllr. Stilwell should point out current issues to Mr Pankhurst.

- b) Work for the Lengthsman:

Cllr. Gerrish reported that the ditch at Rose Cottage still needed attention.

Clearance of old leaves and rubbish on and around the Green.

g. Planning matters:

P190792/FH. Application to replace existing front porch with slightly larger porch at Coronation Villa, Headlands, Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 9EJ. This application was discussed.

RESOLVED

The Council supported this application.

h. Dilwyn Walks:

This was deferred until May.

i. Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Cllr. Kyles gave an update. He stated that the NDP had been agreed to progress for examination.

j. The Crown Inn:

It was reported that everything was running smoothly.

PLEASE NOTE:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 4th June 2019, commencing at 7.30pm in St Mary's School.

Sudoku

The aim of Sudoku 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.

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Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

The NDP was prepared by the steering group from the responses to the questionnaire (total of 289 responses given), which was circulated and completed in April 2017. The results were then analysed by Data Orchard, an independent data analysis company, which reported the findings. These findings are available on the Dilwyn website. The sites put forward for development by local landowners were also analysed by Data Orchard and a report was again produced called 'Meeting Housing Need and Site Assessment Report'; this was completed in June 2018. Then in October 2018, under Regulation 14, the draft plan went out to a second consultation and the group responded to concerns raised (Regulation 16). The final plan is now complete and after a further consultation, it has been passed by Herefordshire Council (April 2019) and can now be seen on the website.

So where are we now? Well, an external examiner, Ann Skippers BSc (Hons) MRTPI FRSA AoU, has been appointed and will give her FINAL! FINAL! FINAL! findings (Regulation 17) by the end of June 2019. The strategy group and the Parish Council will then make a response and, fingers crossed, Herefordshire Council will arrange a village referendum hopefully in September 2019.

It is fair to say, that as someone who likes to get things done quickly, the frustration at the slowness of government procedure has been a nightmare!

So why is the Neighbourhood Development Plan so important?

Herefordshire Planning Department has controlled planning and development in our village for as long as I can remember. In my opinion, over the years, some developments have been allowed that do not seem to enhance Dilwyn. Now, with increasing need for housing, it has been decided by parliament that there has to be more house building in towns and villages across the country and so communities have been asked to create their own development plans.

The NDP is a plan in law; it will legally state where building can occur and, more importantly, where it cannot occur. It also defines and protects areas of green space that are an integral part of our village's character, natural beauty and historical heritage. The plan has been based around the views of all of us; if accepted by the



community, the plan will remain in place for our beautiful parish until 2031. If the plan is rejected, then Herefordshire Planning Department will retain full control over local developments. This is why the community has been kept informed and is the reason why your views and eventually your vote is so important.

Peter Kyles
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There are no meetings in July and August.

Chris Jennings

The Cedar Club Outing to the Llanfair and Welshpool Railway

A sunny Thursday in mid May saw 21 of us board a small coach to visit the Llanfair and Welshpool steam railway. We arrived in good time and invaded the cafe for refreshment. At one o'clock, our train pulled out on its narrow gauge tracks. What a magical experience that was, with much of the journey overlooking the beautiful Banwy River. That smell of fresh smoke from the funnel revived many pleasant memories. A visit to a local garden centre followed, where hot meals were on offer for the hungry and a plentiful shopping experience for the determined gardeners amongst us. Back home just after 5pm!

Heartfelt thanks to organisers Elaine and Peter, and to Chris, the retiring chief of the Cedar Club. A GRAND DAY OUT!!

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Our train in Llanfair station



Heating Oil Syndicate

Hi everyone, I do hope you are all looking forward to summer.

April orders were as average again, with 12500 litres going through the meter, and again Beacon Fuels competed well at a price of 47.5p per litre and prompt delivery too, nearly the same quantity as March. It was difficult to track down other suppliers last month, but the ones I did manage were nearly 3p per litre more.

Welcome to new members and we hope that you enjoy your benefits in the syndicate and also Dilwyn itself.

The price trend has been extremely stable since the 24th April, staying steady for most of the month at £443 per 900 litres until 16th May, when it rose slightly to £444 on the 19th. It has started to rise now and at the moment is £451 – quite a sharp increase – so let's hope it does not increase now until the order.

Thank you again for all the orders and for being so faithful.

All the very best to you.

Pete

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The Crown Inn



This month, on the 6th June, will be the one year anniversary of when we both came to The Crown. We can't believe how quickly the time has gone! From day one, we have been so amazed by the massive support of the village. Thank you to everyone who has helped us throughout this first year, we appreciate everything you have done for us so much. We have absolutely loved being at The Crown and so happy that we took it over...Here's to many more years!

We have lots more events this month, private and our own. Unfortunately, we will not be doing any food on Saturday 1st June due to a private party, for which we will be doing the catering. Saturday 8th June will be a BBQ all day from 2pm as we will be having a fundraising event – entry will be on donation to get into the garden area to see the live music.



Maria & Max

Fundraising Event – Music Festival on Saturday 8th June

Please join us for this wonderful event in aid of local boy, 10-year old Harry Williams from Weobley, to help fund treatment to fight Harry's brain tumour. Entry will be by donation.

We will have six different bands playing from 2pm. Line up will be: Mice In A Match Box, Dave Luke & Friends, Bugs Brummy, Steady Eddy, Boss Cats, and Fazackerley Bembo Scott.

To be held in The Crown's pub garden; we will also have an outside bar and BBQ available.

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- Financial and design assistance in improving internal facilities, such as the provision of a disabled toilet, improving rear access to the bar, etc.
- Involvement in a possible 'Phase 2' (outbuildings) development.
- A push towards a 'greener' Crown with improved energy usage.

These are all just ideas at present, and you are invited to come and offer your support at the next Friends meeting at The Crown on Monday 10th June at 7.30pm.

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Crown Unplugged Session Review

Thursday 16th May 2019

Last night, while driving along to The Crown, I was thinking “tonight’s just got to be the night when no one else turns up” – as can be the case with acoustic music sessions. Luckily I was wrong again – there were 18 of us, including yours truly and, thanks to Lorraine Denning, here are a few pictures to prove it!



Top row (left to right): **Andrew Cook** (mandolin), **Arthur Bancroft** (violin) and **Jessica Squire** (vocals), **Caroline Beaumont** (fiddle).

Middle row (left to right): **Tony Beckingham** (spoken word) and **Angela Mango Williams** (spoken word), **Valeryan** (mostly original vocals/guitar), **Adrian Belville** (vocals/guitar) and newcomer **John Aziz** (singer/songwriter).

Bottom row (left to right): **Simon Bear Addison** (autoharp/melodeon), **Katie Phillips** (vocals/guitar/dulcimer), **Jackie Lyness** (vocals).

Escaping the camera (we’ll get you next time round!) were **Lorraine Denning** (vocals/guitar), **Gerry Farrell** (guitar/vocals), **Alison Harrington** (percussion), newcomer **Peter Plumridge** (vocals/guitar and harmonica), **Paul Meanwell** (guitar/vocals) and last, but by no means least, **Peter Stilwell** (12-string guitar).

Thanks, as ever, to all those who took part, to those who came to listen and, of course, to our hosts at The Crown for their warm and friendly hospitality. The next acoustic music session, which will no doubt be totally different, is Thursday 20th June. Perhaps see you there?

Valeryan

Nature Notes

Fresh green leaves everywhere you look! What a wonderful sight Herefordshire is at this time of year. Add to this an abundance of other colours, from trees and flowers to the various birds and insects, all revelling in the joys of spring! Honey bees, bumble bees and orange tip butterflies invaded our garden in April. At least two clutches of young robins have been pestering their parents for food, as well as young sparrows and blackbirds. We have a pair of song thrushes back on station, regaling us with their melodies in early morning and also mid evening, but so far we have not seen any young.



The road verges have been a real splash of colour too. A great froth of white from quickly growing cow parsley has been joined by bluebells, pink campion and a host of others, to deliver a cheerful display in early May. Enjoy them while you can – it's a race to produce seeds, and flowers like the dandelion are a delicate yellow one day, then a messy white seed head blowing in the breeze a day or two later.

Fewer hard frosts during the flowering time of our new garden pear trees gives me hope that we may even have fruit to eat from them in a few months' time. Most local apple trees also seem to be flowering vigorously, so with some rain at the right time, we can hope for plenty of tasty fruit this summer and autumn's harvest.

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Dilwyn Weather for April 2019



April gave us three inches of rain (75mm), one spell early in the month, the other near to the end, with a pleasantly dry fortnight in between. Total rainfall for 2019 so far is nine inches (225mm). Temperatures during the dry spell lifted to the mid 20s, helping the daytime average for the month to 15 degrees (highest 25). Just five nights with a frost kept the night-time average to 3 degrees (lowest -4).

A total of 18 days were sunny, or mostly so, meaning April was generally quite a pleasant month. One exception to this was Storm Hannah, bringing gales on the 27th April.

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Weobley & District Branch



The AGM of the Weobley Branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust was held at Hopelands on 2nd May. After the usual AGM business, we were fascinated by a talk given by Alicia Leow-Dyke on the **Welsh Beaver Project**.

Alicia brought with her a silent assistant Hank, a rather overstuffed American beaver, which enabled us to get a feeling for their size, the fine quality of their fur and their flat tails, which are an invaluable swimming aid. She first explained about beavers' general habitat and lifestyle. They are entirely herbivorous, eating grass and soft vegetation in the summer and tree bark in the winter. They pair for life and live in lodges – constructions of wood and twigs which always have an underwater entrance. They are able dam builders, using branches, twigs and mud; however, the dams are not waterproof but merely restrict the flow of water.

Later in her talk, Alicia explained how studies had shown that the dams help to moderate the flow of water courses, reducing downstream flooding, and that they also help to improve water quality. The ponds and canals created by the dams greatly enhance biodiversity and have a beneficial effect on wildlife generally. She explained that beavers rarely travel more than 20m from water and that their tree-felling activities are, in fact, quite limited.



Although once widespread in the UK, beavers had largely disappeared by the 17th century. There have been a few successful reintroductions into the wild in England and Scotland and the current project, run jointly by five Welsh Wildlife Trusts, is for the managed re-introduction of a small beaver population in Wales. Sites are being evaluated, but as yet, a specific site has not been chosen.

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Weobley and District Bowling Club

The outdoor season is well under way. We have had twelve matches so far, with no cancellations due to bad weather, although some of the evenings have been very cold.

Next month, on Saturday 13th July, we are hosting another "Wine and Puds" evening at the bowling club, 5.30pm for 6.00pm. If you came last year, you will remember what a wonderful evening we had, with lots of delicious desserts. So please tell your friends and, weather permitting, we hope that we can have another successful evening. Tickets will be available from Diane on 01544 318178, Christine on 01544 318472, Brenda on 01544 318727 or any club member. The cost will be £7.50, to include a glass of wine and as many lovely "puds" as you can eat!

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Weobley and District Local History Society

On 24th April we had an interesting talk on “The Parish that Disappeared” by Liz Pitman. The parish in question was St John’s in Hereford, which was founded in 1107 and encompassed an area of the city near Hereford Cathedral. It had no parish church, being either too poor or too crowded to find land for one. Instead, there was a parish altar inside the south transept of the cathedral and this is where parishioners worshipped. In the 1600s and 1700s, burial records showed causes of death as drowned, murdered, a foundling, fell out of window and shot himself. Nothing much changes! In the 1850s, the Cathedral Close was frequented by delinquents and prostitutes disturbing the residents with their noise. This was so bad that the church authorities employed and housed a constable to keep order. Brawling and drunkenness also seem to have been common. The parish was subsumed into the surrounding parishes in 2012.

Our summer visit will be on Wednesday 12th June to visit the Coningsby Hospital at 3.30pm for a tour and a visit to the museum, plus some refreshments. Email m.elizabethholley@btinternet.com for further details.

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Ella Mary Leather Celebration

The day finally arrived! After all the organisation, rehearsals, fears and trepidations, on Saturday 4th May we stood in Edwardian costume on the stage in Weobley church in front of full pews. “Welcome ladies and gentlemen...”, followed by John Simons giving an entertaining description of the life and times of Ella Mary Leather, how involved she was in the village and what a generally good person she was.

We started our performance with a song “The Life of Man” with Chris Breen on the violin, then stories of dragons, the Devil and Wells. The performance continued with a song and then folklore. The first verses from a total of 14 EML songs were sung. It’s amazing that St George slew the dragon only five miles down the road to Hereford at Brinsop! “When babies smile in their sleep, them’s seeing angels. May Dew and Cream of the Well makes you beautiful. It’s lucky to have martins under your eaves, but never cut yer toenails on a Sunday, cos’ that’s the day the Devil cuts his. Wear a cap of ivy leaves to cure baldness; share Pax cakes on Palm Sunday in church to forgive ill feeling and animosities that have arisen in the year.” A 5am bell and 8pm curfew bell were rung every day. “Long may you live, happy may you be, blest and content and from all misfortunes free”. “May we kiss all we please and please all we kiss”. “Poor Weobley, proud people, low church, high steeple”, “Coffee and tea say the bells of Weobley”!

In the afternoon, Sue Harris accompanied by Bandamania taught us the Three Jolly Black Sheepskins and a processing dance. We then had the chance to join the Whitton Voices to learn and sing “The Blacksmith” and “Brangywell”.

On Monday 6th May, Brian Holley led a walk around Weobley, pointing out relevant points of EML interest and ending at her window in the church and grave in the churchyard. In the afternoon, Lydia Wells sang and gave us a masterclass on the EML song “The Unquiet Grave”, the story of a young girl mourning excessively over her dead lover.

The aim of the celebration was to showcase the folklore of Ella Mary Leather, and bring her words and songs alive. To see people listening, with smiling faces and laughter, was reward for all the hard work that was involved. And thanks for everyone who came to support us and everyone who took part and helped. The refreshment ladies had a long day, but satisfied the needs of the hungry and thirsty as efficiently as ever. A total of £350 was raised for the church.

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The Curse of Potholes Part 5



On 1st April, I had a reply from ‘C’, who is Clive Hall, Acting Assistant Director Highways and Transport. His reply to me was as below.

“Thank you for your query regarding the C1091 starting from the A4110 junction and heading towards Dilwyn, which has been passed to myself for response by Cllr Durkin. The condition of the road is known to us and it has been flagged for maintenance. The road is prioritised alongside other roads on a needs basis to align the annual programme to a finite budget. I regret that I have to advise that this road is not currently in the 19/20 programme as other roads lie ahead of it in the prioritised list.”

Essentially, Hereford Council is not going to make a decent job of repairing Venmore Lane because it has already overspent a million pounds on getting the new council offices refurbished. The council has, on a long-term contract, engaged the Sunderland firm ‘Velocity’ to carry out patching repairs using their truck-based rig that blows the pothole clean then blasts it with a gravel/tar resin mix to adhere well and give a long-term fix. To date, they have treated from Sandpits to the A4110 fairly successfully. Their technique of backing the truck over the newly placed patch leaves a much smoother surface than the previous gang operating at the end of the Amey contract, where the repair was rough and with ripples. The large pothole outside The Crown and numerous smaller ones on the way up to Sandpits remain untouched.

Tony Wilcox

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

Hard

4	3	8	9	1	7	5	2	6
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6	1	9	4	2	5	3	7	8
7	6	5	1	4	8	2	9	3
8	4	2	3	7	9	6	5	1
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5	7	6	8	9	4	1	3	2
3	2	1	7	5	6	8	4	9
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NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
Garden Open For Charity

Castle Moat House

Dilwyn, Hereford HR4 8HZ

Saturday 1 June
11am - 5pm

Adults £4 Children free



More information at ngs.org.uk



Photo by Mrs. J. Smith

CAR BOOT & TABLE TOP SALE CROWN INN, DILWYN



SATURDAY 15TH JUNE
10.00AM—1.00PM

FURTHER DETAILS 01544 318063 [BOOKING REQUIRED]
Donations to Friends Table accepted

Friends of St Marys Primary School, Dilwyn, Hereford

Wild West

WHEELBARROW RACE!

Bring your teams to race your wheelbarrows around the school field. Teams of up to 4 will race around our obstacle course twice to win their best time!

Saturday 13th July
3PM
School Field
£5 Per Team

BAR From 3PM

PRIZES AND PRIZES 5PM onwards
Prizes for winning teams
Best Costumes
& Best Decorated wheelbarrow

Fun for All Ages

Donations 11am-12pm

June Events Diary

Date	Event	Time	Place
Sat 1 st	Village Market and Café	10.00am–12.00pm	Cedar Hall
Sat 1 st	NGS Garden Open	11.00am–5.00pm	Castle Moat House
Tue 4 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	St Mary's School
Sat 8 th	Fundraising Music Festival	From 2.00pm	The Crown
Sat 8 th	St Mary's Church Fete	2.30pm	Village Green
Sun 9 th	Live Music: Woodchuck	3.30pm–6.00pm	The Crown
Mon 10 th	FOTC Meeting	7.30pm	The Crown
Sat 15 th	FOTC Car Boot & Table Top Sale	10.00am–1.00pm	The Crown
Sat 15 th	FOTC Summer Concert	7.30pm	St Mary's Church
Thu 20 th	Cedar Club Talk	2.30pm	Cedar Hall
Thu 20 th	Crown Unplugged Session	8.30pm	The Crown
Fri 21 st	Live Music: A49'ers	From 9.00pm	The Crown
Sat 22 nd	WI Open Garden with Afternoon Tea	2.00pm–4.00pm	Castle Moat House
Sat 29 th	FOTC Garden Concert	7.00pm	The Crown

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Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

May 1st Pat Isaacs £20. 2nd Steve Thomas £10.
3rd John Colling £10.

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