

Dilwyn's Parish Magazine

# Dilwynner

March 2017



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# Village Market & Café

**Saturday 4th March**

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**EASTER  
BINGO**



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**DILWYN CEDAR HALL**  
**EYES DOWN 7.30p.m.**

Proceeds to purchase equipment for Village Post Response Office & other charities :  
Charity number 809180



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### The Diary of a Dean

An evening of humorous anecdotes,  
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or on the door.

Proceeds in aid of Weobley Parish Church



# News

**Burns Night supper** on the 25th Jan was again a great success. My thanks to all the readers, for the guest contributions, Jo and all the staff at the Crown, piper Keith and for the support once again without which the event would not exist. I consider it a privilege and honour to be the chieftain each year and hope it continues for many a year to come. Many thanks to you all.

**Ron.**

**Dilwyn Young Farmers Club** raised a total of £1040 with their Carol Singing at Christmas and would like to thank everyone who supported them. £520 has been sent to St. Michael's Hospice and the same to Air Ambulance. Copies of the acknowledgement/ receipt can be seen on the notice board in The Crown.

The clubs next fund raiser is an Easter Bingo (see P2) on Thursday 13th April in Dilwyn Cedar Hall. Play will commence at 7.30p.m. and all proceeds from this evening will go to charity. A donation from the profits will be given to Gerry Duncan, our village Fast Response Officer, to purchase a new piece of equipment.

Anyone over the age of ten and under 26 wanting to join YFC will be made very welcome; you do not have to be a farmer or come from a farming family or background. Please contact Sam Bright the club chairman on 07557336389.

## Dilwynner Team

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# St Mary's Church

## *Services for March*

1st	Ash Wednesday Service	11.00am
5th	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
12th	Choral Holy Communion	11.00am
19th	Morning prayer	11.00am
26th	Mothering Sunday Service	9.30am

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



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

### **MOTHERS' UNION:**

**Tues 7th March** at 4, Probert Crescent  
[Contact Rosemary Brown on  
01568720352]

### **CHOIR PRACTICE:**

**Weds 8th Mar** in church at 6:30pm

### **CLERGY CONTACTS:**

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**Baptist Church, Leominster:**

01568-708247

**Methodist Church,**

Weobley & Leominster:

01568-612406

**Roman Catholic Church,**

Weobley : 01544-318325

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 6th May. 7.30pm **Concert** in aid of St Mary's Church Dilwyn

Saturday 10 June. 2.30pm **Summer Church Fete** on the Green

Further details will be given in forthcoming issues.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

**Friday 3rd March - 10.30am**

**St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Church, Weobley**

**followed by refreshments - all welcome**

This year's service has been compiled by the women of the Philippines. The W.W.D.P. is an international and inter-denominational organisation and the service is held in countries around the world. Everyone is welcome to attend the service, men women, people of all ages. A group of us will be going from Dilwyn, so please do come along. You will be most welcome. Please give me a ring on 318153, if you would like a lift.

*Tricia Spry*



## Nature Notes

We have seen a fine crop of snowdrops about this year, even if we have no snow for them. Early daffodils also seem to suggest we shall see a good show from these too, as their main season arrives in March. A few primroses have also appeared if you know where to look (thanks Nance, for that information!). Early nest repair work is in operation, certainly for some of the larger birds like rooks and crows. Some of the smaller birds are selecting nest sites. I have 4 freshly scrubbed nest boxes in my wood shed, drying off before I put them back in their regular positions. All 4 have been filled with leaves and moss by one of our garden robins. Perhaps I had better leave one there for him as he likes the site so much!

We did our hour of Big Garden Bird Watch over the weekend of 28/29 January. Apart from our usual group of sparrows, pigeons, blue tits etc., we could record for the first time a redwing. Together with groups of fieldfares, these birds have been steadily clearing up spare apples from local orchards. They avoid people though, so it is unusual to have them in gardens. This one was pecking at the remains of a Howgate Wonder in our front garden, and we got a lovely view of his striking colouration.

*AR*



## Weather Watch

### Dilwyn Weather for January 2016

Slightly under two and a half inches of rain fell (61mm) during what was a rather chilly, miserable month. Frequent frosts, as low as minus 9 degrees, helped towards a monthly night time average of below freezing (minus 0.5). Daytime temperatures struggled up to an average of 7 degrees. Only 4 days were recorded as 'mostly sunny', with 16 days seeing no sun at all. Still, this is deepest winter and the figures are not at all unusual for the time of year. There were a few breezy spells but no gales and generally conditions were fairly still, with mist and fog at times.

*AR*



## Stop Press!

### Village Hall News



Get rid of those excess Christmas pounds! Exercise your way to health and vitality! Keep Fit classes starting on Monday 6th March at the Village Hall at 7pm. One hour sessions on a 'pay as you go' basis.

# Cedar Club

In February, Heather Hurley gave an illustrated talk about the history of trade on the rivers Wye and Lugg. A great variety of goods were transported up and down these rivers from the late 1600s until the sudden end in 1855, when the railway arrived. There were 45+ wharves on the Wye between Symonds Yat and Glasbury. Heather has written a book on the subject, published by Logaston Press.

On Thursday, March 16th at 2.30pm in the Cedar Hall, there will be a talk intriguingly titled "Tax, Care & Toy Boys" ! It will be given by someone from Collective Legal Solutions, and deal with issues relevant to those of more mature years!

The Cedar Club aims to offer, to the more senior members of the community, the opportunity for friendship and good company. Monthly meetings are either in the Cedar Hall, usually with a speaker, followed by tea; or outings. Membership of the Club, annual subscription £10, is open to anyone in the community who wishes to join.

## 2017 PROGRAMME

Apr 20th	Tuneful Tubes	Sep 21st	The Yellow Book
May 18th	Outing	Oct 19th	Outing - Mystery Tour
Jun 15th	Plants for Difficult Places	Nov 16th	Monks, Markets & Monarchs
Jul 20th	Social Afternoon	Dec 21st	Christmas Lunch

## Your Views Are Needed!

Hello Everyone, the Dilwyn NDP has reached a point where it has funding and needs your input to make the Dilwyn Neighbourhood Plan come to life.

Around the 17th March a volunteer will be knocking on your door to give you a copy or two of the Dilwyn Parish Residents Survey.

A few years ago many of you will remember another survey asking for your views in order to produce a Dilwyn Parish Plan.

The Dilwyn Neighbourhood Development Plan is intended to update the Parish Plan and to provide a document that can be used to formally express the parish's views.

If you have any questions about completing the survey or want to know more, then the Dilwyn NDP Committee will be available at the Village Hall on 25th March between 10am and 2pm in the Committee Room, for you to talk to.

The committee consists of several members of the parish council as well as several residents of the parish.

**Please do take the time to come along to the Hall.**

***Deb Bruton, Secretary, Dilwyn NDP***

# Dilwyn Village Show

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MAY 1st**

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report that there will be no Dilwyn Show in 2017.

Chapel Fields, in the heart of the village has been our home for the past three years. Whilst loved by visitor and the Committee alike for its unique location, homely and friendly atmosphere, there are some inherent disadvantages. The absence of on-site parking means spectators walk some distance along a busy narrow highway. On a compact Show Ground, we have difficulty segregating pedestrians from moving vehicles and horses. The only vehicle access/ exit to the Show Ground is via Chapel corner, a single lane, narrow track. It is also one of two pedestrian entrances.



Our aim has always been to exceed the expectations of those coming through the gate, through the breadth and variety of activities and entertainment for the young and not so young - delivered in a safe environment, regardless of rain or shine.

The Committee considered removing some activities from this year's programme. We concluded that doing so would be detrimental to the Show's ongoing popularity and success and would have little effect in addressing the above concerns. A difficult decision and one that all on Committee were reluctant to come to. We had a good show programme planned, quite different to previous years and affordable with the Tyrrells support/ money we hold in reserve.

What of the future? Our priority is to find a new "home" for the Show. It has to be permanent pasture, with safe access away from fast roads, ideally around 20 acres in one or a series of connecting fields.

Thank you for supporting us in past years. Hopefully we'll see you next year.

***David Fowler, Chairman, Dilwyn Village Show Committee, 3rd Feb 2017***

## Village Defibrillators

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** It should be noted that, in their characteristic yellow boxes, two defibrillators are sited at:

- The Crown Inn, on the outside wall of the barn.
- St. Mary's School, on a wall of the building near the main entrance.

Hopefully, these will very rarely need to be used, but it is important to realise that, if necessary, they can be used by ANYBODY. Full instructions will be found at each site.

# Gardener's Corner - March

## Top 10 jobs for this month

- 1 Protect new spring shoots from slugs
- 2 Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
- 3 Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- 4 Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- 5 Top dress containers with fresh compost
- 6 Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
- 7 Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
- 8 Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early
- 9 Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
- 10 Prune bush and climbing roses

**THE CROWN INN, DILWYN**  
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**Donations to the Friends of The Crown**

## **Coffee Morning**

**In Aid of Hereford & Worcs. Animal Rescue**

**March 18th 10:00am to mid-day at the Crown Inn**  
**Raffle, Bric-à-brac, Books, Cakes, Plants etc**

**All Donations Gratefully Welcomed (contact Gill Okell)**

Proceeds are towards publishing a book called "Pets Corner" containing pet stories and which will raise funds for H & W Animal Rescue. If you would like contribute stories and photos for this book then email the Dilwynner or contact Gill Okell directly



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# Parish Council Matters

The full, approved minutes of Dilwyn Parish Council meetings, as prepared by the Parish Clerk, are published regularly on the Village Notice Boards and accessible through the 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, 3rd January, 2017**

At this meeting, 12 Councillors were present; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, was in attendance; there were no members of the public present.

**A)** To approve the General Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 6th Dec. 2016  
**RESOLVED** The minutes of the General Parish Council meeting of 6th December 2016 were approved.

**B)** Information arising from the Minutes. Carols on the Green raised approx. £1200.

**C)** Correspondence: The following had been received  
A letter from Thor Laslett quoted £1350 for tree-work on the Green; this quotation was accepted.

### **D) The Crown Inn**

1. To agree the lease and regulations for the tenancy of the Crown Inn.  
**RESOLVED** That the Clerk be delegated to place an advert, as laid out by Mark Haslem, in the Publican's Morning Advertiser.

2. To appoint two Councillors to prepare an inventory list.  
This was discussed and the following decision was taken.  
**RESOLVED** That Councillors Julia Hall and Ian Brown be appointed to prepare an inventory list.

### **F) Finance:**

To note the bank balances for December 2016.

The Clerk reported the following

Current Account	£4243.01
Deposit Account	£2003.52
Hub Account	£1006.96
Total	£7253.49

The bank balances as circulated were noted.

To discuss and approve invoices for payment. Details may be accessed through the website and viewed on notice-boards.

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## **F) Highway Matters**

Balfour Beatty: It was reported that there had been a number of pot-holes marked for attention. However, these markings were fading. Also, a number of 30 mph signs on Common Road had been damaged.

## **G) Planning Matters:**

P164054/K: Application for Works to Trees in a Conservation Area at The Tan House, Dilwyn, Herefordshire, HR4 8JW. This application was discussed.

RESOLVED That Council should support this application.

**H) Neighbourhood Plan:** There was nothing to report.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

***The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 7th March, 2017 in St. Mary's Primary School.***

# **Weobley Theatre Goers**

Our next trip is on 9 March, when we shall be going to Birmingham to see Billy Elliot. The coach is leaving Weobley at 9.30 for the 2.00pm performance, so please be at Bell Square by 9.15.



Tickets are flying for War Horse, but there may be one or two left by the time the magazine goes to press - or you can go on the cancellation list. We shall be going on Thurs 19 October to see the 2.30 performance, leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 10.00am, which should give you nearly 2 hours to have lunch or walk around the area. Cost will be £63 including the coach to be paid before 18 May.

Now is the time to book for Crazy For You, starring Tom Chambers at Cardiff Millennium Theatre on Thurs 7 September leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 10.00 for the matinée at 2.30pm.

*"High energy, high kicking and gloriously glamorous, Crazy For You is the ultimate feel-good musical with a fabulous score from the Gershwin brothers' songbook. Mistaken identities, plot twists, heartbreak, happiness and a wealth of memorable tunes, including I Got Rhythm, They Can't Take That Away From Me, Nice Work If You Can Get It and Embraceable You. Top Hat star Chambers plays the stage-mad son of a wealthy banker family who is given the task of closing a theatre in Nevada."*

All seats are in the first rows of the Circle and are £51 to include the coach, to be paid before 30 June.

***For further information: Kate Best 01544 318513***  
***[bobkatebest@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bobkatebest@tiscali.co.uk)***

## THE GLORY OF THE VOICE

Come-and-Sing Vivaldi's "Gloria" in a choral day workshop on Saturday 4th March, led by Robert Evans (Music Director of Kington Choral Society, and member of The Sixteen) in St Andrew's Church in Bredwardine HR3 6BU - the 'Kilvert church'. All welcome.

Registration 9:30am•for Workshop•starting at 10am•finishing with a sing-through around 4pm. Singers £12. Score hire for the day £2.

***Book your place now on the KCS website•[www.kingtonchoral.org.uk](http://www.kingtonchoral.org.uk),  
by text to •07 968 044853•or email•[kingtonchoral@mail.com](mailto:kingtonchoral@mail.com).***

## 0 Gauge Model Railway Running Day

Everybody Welcome  
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**Sunday March 12th 2017**

**10.00am to 4.30pm**

**Eardisland Village Hall, Eardisland, Nr Leominster  
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Email, [dougtantrum@hotmail.com](mailto:dougtantrum@hotmail.com)***

## Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans

On Friday 17th March, the Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans will be holding a charity lunch at which Linda Bennett, the founder of L.K. Bennett, the ladies fashion stores, will be talking to Alexandra James from Broadfield Court.

The event will be held at The Haywain, Lyde, Arundel, by kind permission of Robert and Karen Watkins.

The talk and Q&A starts at 11. 30 am with coffee and biscuits, followed by a sit-down lunch at 1pm, followed by coffee. Cost £30 per person.

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# Pets' Corner

## A TALE OF JERRY THE AMAZING HAMSTER!

Before moving to beautiful Herefordshire, I spent many years teaching in primary and middle schools in the Hull area of Yorkshire. In the 1970s and 1980s, many of the inner city children I taught did not have their own pets. I have always thought that great benefit may be had from looking after small animals. For this reason, my classroom always had one or two small mammals kept in a cage at the back, which the children could help to care for. Many of these animals became local celebrities, as they were proudly taken home on a weekend by various children. Several were entered into The Hull Daily Mail 'Pet of the Year' competition and had their photos displayed in that newspaper.

Of the gerbils, white rats, white mice and hamsters which took it in turn to be our pets, it was usually the hamsters which proved most popular (I do remember that finding weekend homes for the rats, mice- and even once a garter snake- was not always easy with some mums!). One year our chosen animal was a brown and white hamster with a beautiful long coat, named by the children 'Jerry'. Jerry was very good at climbing around his cage upside down, hanging from the bars – a trick which disrupted several lessons! All were shocked to arrive at school one February morning to find that Jerry had gone missing (probably the catch on his cage had not been fastened correctly). We set bait traps and asked the cleaners to keep an eye open for him but all to no avail. Weeks went by with no sign of Jerry. The Easter holidays came and went. The first assembly of the new term saw us all walking down the stairs and along the long corridor to the school hall, where the headmaster, Mr Mike Clark, stood on the stage waiting for all 450 children to settle down into their places. Following the singing of a hymn, Mr Clark had begun to read a story when suddenly he walked to the back of the stage and picked something up. As he walked to the front again, he suddenly yelled, "Ouch!", and held up his hand. Hanging from his finger was Jerry. I rushed to the rescue and took Jerry back to the classroom, leaving the poor Headmaster with blood dripping from his hand. Fortunately both hamster and Headmaster were none the worse for their adventure. Jerry was usually very tame and easy to handle, but clearly he did not want to return to captivity after his long spell of freedom. How he had survived, what he had found to eat, where he had lived, we never discovered. He lived for several more years and gave many children a lot of pleasure and the experience of caring for a small animal. Strangely, Mr Clark never tried to pick up Jerry again after that! AR

## Knitting and Crochet Classes

The knitting and crochet classes started again in January, but if you would like to learn you can still join us. The classes cost £35 for the term (or pro rata) with the money going to Community Wheels and are held at my house in Weobley. These are classes for complete beginners, for those of you who have tried to crochet and given up (it's much easier with someone to show you how!) or for those of you who wish to learn how to finish a garment/add in colours/make buttonholes/pick up stitches easily etc.

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In aid of Dilwyn Cedar Hall

Friday 24th, Saturday 25th  
and Sunday 26th of March 2017  
10:00am to 5:00pm at the Cedar Hall

**Exhibition & sale of local artists work**

**Admission £2 Children under 18 free**

**Refreshments available all day**

If you would like to exhibit then please contact  
Caroline Carter, 01544 318016 [caroline248@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:caroline248@hotmail.co.uk)

Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust

## MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

24th March 2017 at 7pm St. Michael's church, Kingsland

Featuring choirs and musicians from Hereford Cathedral School,  
Kingsland Church of England school and Moor Park school.

Entrance is free with a retiring collection for the HHCT.



*Tickets can be reserved from [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk)  
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## Update

It is important to us that we provide you with the best service possible and therefore we would respectfully like to ask you, our patients, to help us meet your demands by accessing our services appropriately.

**Home Visits** - This is an important service, but because of the large area we cover, it is time consuming for the doctors. We are happy to visit patients when necessary but ask you please to come to the surgery if you possibly can. If you need a visit, please telephone before 10.30am and not leave your request until later in the day. This allows the doctors time to plan their visits between morning and evening surgeries

**Results** - If you have had blood tests, urine tests, swabs or x-rays please contact the surgery for the results. The best time to telephone is between 12 noon and 1pm.

**Appointments** - All consultations are by appointment. These can be made by telephone, in person or on our website. Please ask at Reception for a PIN number to use the online services. Appointments can be made on the telephone from 8 am each morning.

Our appointment system allows patients to see the doctor of their choice by being able to pre-book appointments in advance. Please be aware that you may have to wait for an appointment to see the doctor of your choice, if this is not acceptable we will offer you an appointment with another doctor.

Please do not ring the surgery at 8am hoping to see a specific doctor for a routine appointment as this may not always be possible. We recommend that you only ring at 8am if it is important that you speak to a doctor on that day, this way we can offer the best service to all our patients and make contacting the surgery easier.

If your problem is an ongoing problem that has flared up recently then we appreciate you may wish to see the doctor who has been dealing with this problem for you. If you let the receptionist know who the doctor is they will endeavour to book an appointment with the same doctor.

If you would like to speak to a GP but do not need to attend the surgery, you have the option of booking a telephone consultation. This will save you coming into the surgery. Please telephone the surgery and ask for a telephone consultation. Because it is not always practical for you to ring and find a doctor free at a set time, we will usually take your telephone number and the doctor will ring you back.

Please be patient with us. We are a very busy surgery and always try to accommodate every request but demand for appointments is high and not every doctor works full time. We will do our best to always book you an appointment with the doctor of your choice but please understand that this may not always be possible

When the surgery is closed a recorded message will give you details about contacting the out-of-hours service. Out-of-hours services are generally busy so please think carefully before asking to see a doctor and only do so if you genuinely cannot wait until the surgery re-opens.

There are a number of options for you:

- Taurus Healthcare is a company that has been set up by the GPs in Herefordshire to provide additional medical services to patients. There are now three primary care hubs (Leominster, Ross and Hereford) open in the county that provide GP and Practice Nursing services for our patients during the evenings and weekends. The hubs are staffed by local GPs and nurses, who will, with your permission, be able to access your medical records, thereby offering you continuity of care. To make an appointment you can ask the receptionist at either Weobley or Staunton on Wye Surgery to book an appointment for you. If you need to make an appointment at one of the hubs but the surgery is closed, please phone 111 and ask for an appointment at one of the hubs. They will then arrange this for you or alternatively you can ring direct on 0800 121 7221. The Hereford hub is open 6pm to 8pm on weekdays and 8am to 8pm on weekends and bank holidays.

- There is a GP Walk-In Access Centre at ASDA in Hereford which is open from 8am until 8pm, seven days a week and every day of the year. There is no need to register. You can use these services when it is convenient and keep registered with the practice.

- You can telephone 111. NHS 111 is a new service that's being introduced to make it easier for you to access local NHS healthcare services in England. You can call 111 when you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency. NHS 111 is a fast and easy way to get the right help, whatever the time. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones. You should use the NHS 111 service if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation.

The NHS 111 service is staffed by a team of fully trained advisers, supported by experienced nurses and paramedics. They will ask you questions to assess your symptoms, then give you the healthcare advice you need or direct you straightaway to the local service that can help you best. That could be A&E, a doctor, a walk-in centre, a community nurse, an emergency dentist or a late-opening chemist.

Where possible, the NHS 111 team will book you an appointment or transfer you directly to the people you need to speak to. If NHS 111 advisers think you need an ambulance, they will immediately arrange for one to be sent to you. Calls to 111 are recorded. All calls and the records created are maintained securely, and will only be shared with others directly involved with your care.

Call 111 if:

- You need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency
- You think you need to go to A&E or need another NHS urgent care service
- You don't know who to call or you don't have a GP to call
- You need health information or reassurance about what to do next

- A&E is designed to assess and treat people with serious injuries and those in need of emergency treatment. They are open 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. Typical reasons for going to A&E include:

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| • Severe breathing problems    | • Head injuries          | • Severe abdominal pain |
| • Chest pain and heart attacks | • Lack of consciousness  | • Drug overdose         |
| • Severe bleeding              | • Severe burns or scalds |                         |
| • Major trauma                 | • Broken bones           |                         |

Normal cuts, bruises and sprains aren't usually considered to be emergencies since these can usually be treated at home or by your GP. A&E shouldn't be used as an alternative to your GP.

**Repeat Prescriptions** - Please give the requested 48 hours' notice for repeat prescriptions and when calculating the 48 hours take into account the weekends when the dispensary is closed. Prescriptions requested after 11.30 am on Friday will not be ready for collection until after 11.30 am on Tuesday. After 48 hours please collect your prescriptions promptly as we do not have the space to store prepared prescriptions. All prescriptions must be paid for when collected unless a valid exemption certificate is produced. Patients who have a number of prescriptions each month may find it more economical to purchase a pre-paid certificate. Please ask one of our dispensary staff and they will advise you.

**Car Parking** – The Practice has no responsibility for the car parking on Gadbridge Road as this lies with the Highways Department and the local police. However, when visiting Weobley Surgery do please be considerate of the homeowners close to the premises. Residents have become increasingly concerned regarding inability to access their properties due to parking opposite or in front of drives. For those able bodied patients there is access to the car park at the Village Hall at all times only a short walk away from the practice. Thank you for your courtesy.

**Michele Petrie**  
Practice Manager

*Although residents may use other practices, much of this information is still relevant, Ed*

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This month we have decided to support Jane Voogd's cookery demonstration, oh no not more food!! We hope to see some of you there 7.30pm at Cedar Hall. See advert below for details

*Elaine*

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# Geoffrey's Column

## St Mary's Church Clock

There is a plaque on the clock, which says: "This clock was erected by the Parishioners of Dilwyn to commemorate the Jubilee Year of Her most Gracious Majesty Victoria Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India.

Thomas Morgan MA Vicar, John Jones & Thomas Griffiths Churchwardens"

And 2 smaller plaques:

"Wm Leeson & Son Makers Coleshill Birmingham England"

And "TRT (turret) Clock No 377 Erected AD 1887"



Thus it was erected for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

Originally it had 2 faces or dials, to use the correct terminology, one on the North wall of the tower and one on the South. The one on the North wall was long ago disconnected, but remains, albeit in somewhat poor repair, complete with its hands set for all time at 11.44. As it is hardly visible it has not been reconnected.

Semi translucent dials, such as ours, were an invention of the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and were intended to have a light – originally gas - behind them.

The main workings of the clock are in what is now the bell chamber. Until 1975 the bells were a story higher. Their original oak frame is still there and has been replaced with a massive iron version next to the clock.

Swinging bells cause a huge amount of dust and so the workings are enclosed in an oak case.

The clock has 2 main parts: the going, or time side, and the strike side.

Over the last 3 years the clock has undergone a rather protracted refurbishment in situ. It would have been quicker but much more expensive to dismantle the whole thing and take it away.

The timekeeping is now working reasonably accurately, but the strike side is still giving problems, as I am sure you will all be only too aware. Sometimes it strikes, sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes it strikes loudly, sometimes very softly. The cause has now been determined and at the end of February the offending part will be removed for refurbishment. Thus, for a period there will be no strike at all, but the clock will continue working.

To make it work it needs to be wound on a weekly basis. The Weobley clock needs to be wound twice a week!

We are very fortunate to have a team of winders who take it in turns and "do" a month – 4 or possibly 5 – winds each. They are:

Andie Carter	Mark Cooper	Peter Hammond	Tom Hawksley
Colin Hesketh	Tim Kyles	David Potts (Retiring)	

If anyone would like to join the team please would they ring Tom Hawksley 318007.

The nearest Leeson to us is at St Mary Magdalen, Leintwardine. Although it is going, it is 7 minutes slow and in need of a jolly good tidy up!

**[Geoffrey@10DPG.com](mailto:Geoffrey@10DPG.com)**

A big **THANK YOU** goes to Paul Meanwell & his wife. Whilst on their daily walks with their dogs, Paul takes a carrier bag and helping hand into which he puts the rubbish that he comes upon. They travel each road out of the village on alternative days and NEVER come home with an empty bag. Why is it that people who throw or drop these items cannot take it home and dispose of it there!? Thanks again Paul.

*Beryl Abley*



## Neighbourhood Watch

**Update February 2017**

With three and a half months gone of our new style patrols, all seems to be going smoothly. Reading from our patrol book, it is clear that people are choosing any time, day or night, for their look around the parish. Some have done three or four short patrols during their 2 week spell, others have chosen to do a single patrol of a couple of hours. We are now up to 20 groups, many of them families, but more would be MOST welcome. As your turn to do Neighbourhood Watch would come around just once or twice a year, it is not too demanding to help keep us all a little bit safer! Please join us. Ring Alan on 319262.



## Friends of the Crown Summer Concert

**June 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30pm**



St Mary's Church, Dilwyn, by kind permission of the Parochial Church Council. Ruth Watson and Friends will, as usual, present a programme that is sure to interest and please. Admission will be £10.00 per person to include light refreshments. For further information please contact: Gwyneth Owen on 01544 318738 or Elaine Stilwell on 07929 793839 or 01544 318395. This will be the fifth in this very popular series of concerts.

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Beacon Fuels delivered again with the best price of 39.5p per litre, Watson and OJ Williams did not quote or could not compete. The market price has been unsteady for a couple of months now, but I have managed to secure some good deals.

On the 20th January we saw a price of £374 per 900 litres and on 23rd it started to fall until a steady price on 28th of £366. On the 2nd February it dropped again off the chart scale to below £365. From the 6th February there was a steady rise resulting in £369 by the 14th. It then a dropped to where it is now on 18th at £368. Let's hope it is lower when I order.

Thank you all those who are sticking with us and have not strayed. Remember it does help everyone if we are stronger.

I do enjoy this, believe it or not, and I always like to help. It also gives my mind something extra to do.

*Best wishes, Pete*

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## Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

Weobley branch: **"1,000 days with Whales and Dolphins"** a talk by Mike Bailey, freelance ecologist, ornithologist and marine mammal specialist  
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Aymestrey branch: **"Paradise Found"** a talk by Mark Duffell,  
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Thurs 30 March 7.30-9pm Aymestrey Village Hall, Aymestrey,  
Cost: £1.50 HWT members, £2.00 non members. No booking required

# Events Nearby

Almeley CRAFTS AND COLLECTABLES market is opening its doors for the first time on 1st April from 9.30 to 12.30 in the village Hall.

Lots of stalls so come and browse. For more details or to book a table contact Bee on 01544 327729 or b.held123@btinternet.com

## **Walking for Health**

**Weobley:** Start from the Surgery HR4 8SN Monday's at 10.30. A scenic stroll of up to 60 minutes often ending with a coffee.

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- Club nights and for new members are on every Friday, starting at 5pm. on 21st. April until late September. If you would like to take up the opportunity on offer, we have appropriate shoes and bowls to try your hand at the game.

*Further information can be obtained from Jean Bufton, Secretary, 01544 318659  
Diane Rice on 01544 318178 or Christine Tilbury on 01544 318742.*

## **Will Writing Fortnight 2017**

In partnership with the Royal National College for the Blind (RNC), two solicitors firms are offering to help local people get their affairs in order whilst also supporting the College's work with people who are blind and partially sighted.

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The suggested donation is £95 for a basic single Will and £150 for basic mirror Wills. The money raised will give students at the RNC the chance to live independently and the opportunity to prepare for university or the workplace. Demand is likely to be high so booking an appointment for Will Writing Fortnight as early as possible with one of the two participating solicitors is recommended.

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# What's on at The Crown

**Host: Jo Stirling-Brown Tel: 01544 318063**



Firstly all of us at the Crown would like to thank you all for your support in February, religiously a quiet month but we had a few events to boost trade, we had a lovely valentines with a large romantic table, you know who you are, Ellie Brown reached half a century with a school of teachers in the lounge to celebrate, speakers spoke for the British Legion, six nations rugby was watched on the big screen thanks to Ian Brown and much fun and amusement was had by all!

This brings me sadly on to our departure at the end of this month and our final edition of upcoming events and offers!

We have a busy month coming up, beginning with and earlier than usual on Wednesday 8th March our ever popular monthly steak night with our usual range of steaks and other meals available, and we will also see the return of the F.O.T.C. quiz and a curry night on Tuesday 14th March so please do come and test your general knowledge on this fun night out!

This is closely followed by the much awaited return of Hobson's Choice Sea Shanty Singers on Thursday 16th March, starting at 7.30pm, a fish and chip supper is available from between 6pm-7.30pm for a ticket price of £7.50 if however fish and chips are not your thing you can of course come along and enjoy the fun for a donation of £2.50 on the door all proceeds go to 'Friends of the Crown'. Many of you will remember them from last year and what a thoroughly good night we had so we can't wait to see them again!

Friday the 17th March is St Patrick's Day so we will have a drinks and food offer available for all those lovers of the Irish. I know we have a few Gaelic villagers among us so do come along and bring your friends, there will also be a little hunt the leprechaun competition, £1 a go with the chance of winning a tasty bottle of Irish whiskey!!

Saturday the 25th March we will host our T.T.F.N. Party! We will be leaving you with a song, karaoke supplied by Roadstar Disco, 8pm - late. Fancy dress is optional but the theme is famous people/characters so there is much scope for everyone and a prize for the best likeness will be available!

This is closely followed by Mothering Sunday; 26th March, my first I might add, so we will have a Sunday lunch offer on that day. This was very popular last year so if you are a large party please book well in advance as we may have to also seat people in the bar area.

Our last night will be Friday 31st of March so do come down and share a bevy or two with us one last time. Loved, liked or loathed us we stepped in to manage the pub for the parish council and the village in the '11th hour' as they say, we have now been here for the last 16 months, Charlie and I would personally like to thank you all for your support and our staff for all their hard work, we couldn't have done it without you, and we look forward to being back on the other side of the bar very soon!

*Jo*



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## HAY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

FRIDAY 24 – SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2017

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### FRIDAY 24 MARCH

7.30pm  
St Mary's Church

FITZWILLIAM QUARTET  
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Intermezzo in D minor  
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String Trio in B flat major D.581

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Post-concert discussion  
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### SATURDAY 25 MARCH

7.30pm  
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Three Contrapuncti  
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Two Novelles for String Quartet

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String Quartet No. 14 in D minor  
'Death and the Maiden'

6pm pre-concert supper  
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### SUNDAY 26 MARCH

3.00pm  
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# Events Diary - March 2017

	Date	Event	Time	Venue
Sat	4th	Village Market & Cafe	9:30am	Cedar Hall
Mon	6th	Weekly Keep Fit Classes start	7:00pm	Cedar Hall
Tue	7th	One Pot Cookery Demonstration	7:30pm	Cedar Hall
Tue	7th	PC Meeting	8.00pm	School
Tue	14th	FOTC Quiz and Curry Night	7:00pm	Crown Inn
Thu	16th	Cedar Club "Tax,Care, & Toy Boys"	2:30pm	Cedar Hall
Thu	16th	Sea Shanty Singers & Supper	6.00pm	Crown Inn
Fri	17th	St Patrick's Night	7:30pm	Crown Inn
Sat	18th	H&W Animal Rescue Coffee Morning	10:00am	Crown Inn
Fri 24th, Sat 25th & Sun 26th Art & Craft Exhibition			10:00am	Cedar Hall
Sat	25th	Neighbourhood Plan Session	10:00am	Cedar Hall
Sat	25th	TTFN Party (optional fancy dress)	8:00pm	Crown Inn
Sun	26th	Mothering Sunday Lunch (book req'd)	Midday	Crown Inn
Fri	31st	Jo & Charlie's Last Night at the Crown	Evening	Crown Inn

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

## Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

<b>January</b>	1st	Adrian Hoare	£20	2nd	Ray Taylor	£10
				3rd	Colin Hesketh.....	£10
<b>February</b>	1st	Margaret Parker	£20	2nd	Pauline Stevenson•	£10
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