

# *The* Dilwynner



## *March 2018*

**Dilwyn's Parish    magazine**

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## EASTER SPICE AND ALL THINGS NICE

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THE PLACE: DILWYN VILLAGE HALL

THE TIME: 7.30

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THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH

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### **Dilwyn May Day Fete**

As in 2017 we are planning to hold a small "fete" on the May Day bank holiday, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the date that we used to host the Dilwyn Show. Like last year, this will be a small (but perfectly formed) event on the school playing field with food, beer tent, live music, afternoon teas and competitions and games – something for everyone. Please keep the date in your diary, there will be full details in next month's Dilwynner.

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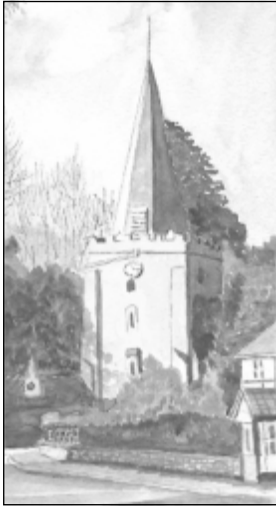
**New members are always welcome**



"Tony Hobbs gave us a fascinating talk in February about his recently published book "The Story of Dilwyn". Tony must have spent a long time researching because it was such a delight to learn more about the history of our village and take a nostalgic look at photos of by-gone days.

This month we hope to join many other Dilwyn residents at 'Easter Spice & All Things Nice' in the Cedar Hall on Tuesday 6 March @ 7.30 pm. Do come along, it'll be a fun evening.

**Pat**



## St Mary's Church *Services for March*

|           |  |         |
|-----------|--|---------|
| 4th       | Evening Prayer                               | 6.30pm  |
| 11th      | Choral Holy Communion<br>Mothering Sunday    | 11.00am |
| 18th      | Morning Prayer                               | 11.00am |
| 25th      | Group Service at Eyton<br>Palm Sunday        | 10.30am |
| 31st      | Service of Light at Croft<br>Easter Saturday | 7.30pm  |
| 1st April | Choral Holy Communion<br>Easter Sunday       | 11.00am |

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE: March 7th 6.30pm in Church**

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

## Women's World Day of Prayer

**Women's World Day of Prayer**  
**(International & Interdenominational)**  
**Friday 2nd March - 10.30am at St Mary's Church**  
**'All God's Creation is Very Good'**  
**Followed by refreshments**  
**Everyone Welcome**

## Concert of Passiontide Music

by Academia Musica  
 Arranged by Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust in the  
 •Music in Quiet Places programme  
 Saturday March 24th, 7:00pm. Tickets £10 from [www.hhct.co.uk](http://www.hhct.co.uk).

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# Cedar Club

At the February meeting, David Vaughan gave a fascinating talk about "Crime and Insanity in Victorian Britain". He covered the changes in the justice system, which were influenced by the question as to whether a person who committed a crime was 'bad' or 'mad'. It seems that some aspects have not altered much since the Victorian era. David has written a book about the subject - for further information go to [davidjvaughan.co.uk](http://davidjvaughan.co.uk).

On Thursday, March 15th at 2.30pm in the Cedar Hall, Mike Watkins will give a talk about "Titanic - things you didn't know". New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information, contact Chris Jennings [319190].

## The 2018 Programme is :

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

## Articles required

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



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Minister of State for School Standards

**To:** Mr. Peter Kyles  
Principal, St. Mary's CE Primary School,  
Dilwyn.

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's very high standard of achievement in reading in the 2017 key stage 2 assessments.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading at the end of key stage 2. This means that your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England for achievement in reading.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all your pupils.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

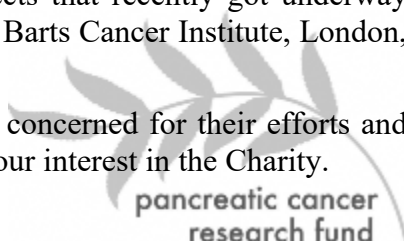
## **Dilwyn Charities 2017**

The following has been taken from a letter received from Maggie Blanks, Founder of our supported charity, the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund.

### **Thank You**

I am writing to thank you for the donation of £1200 that was raised by St. Mary's Church Choir and the community of Dilwyn over the Christmas period. This is a wonderful contribution to our work. We are very grateful for this generous gift which will help to further the much-needed research into pancreatic cancer. Thanks entirely to the support of donors, we are able to fund innovative research projects across the UK focussed on early detection and more effective treatments. New projects that recently got underway include ones at the University of Leeds and Barts Cancer Institute, London, so the donation will be well used.

Please do pass on our sincere thanks to all concerned for their efforts and support. We really are hugely grateful for your interest in the Charity.



# 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, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

At this meeting, 8 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. D. Brown, I. Brown, J. Hall and A. Brown. The Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, was in attendance together with one member of the public.

### **a. Public Participation:**

- To receive the Police report.

There was no police officer present.

- The Ward Councillor was not present.
- The member of public asked why the Crown Inn had been closed for three days; it was explained that a deep-clean had taken place

### **b. To approve the General Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

#### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the General Parish Council meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved.

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

- (item 6) In relation to the Hedge at The Coach House this will be followed up.
- (item 7) The memorial seat has been placed in the centre of the village.
- (item 9) No information had been received in respect of the grit bin

### **d. Correspondence received:**

One letter has been received in respect of the allocation of social housing within Dilwyn. The Clerk to explore the issue of why the Council are not contacted in respect of local connections.

### **e. Finance:**

- To note the bank balances for December 2017.
- The Clerk reported the following

|                 |           |             |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Current Account | £8391.17  |             |
| Deposit Account | £ 63.64   |             |
| Hub Account     | £4660.63  |             |
| Total           | £13115.44 | (Cont ..... |

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

**f. Highway matters:**

The Lengths-man was to be informed that there had been flooding at Sandpits corner and also that the ditch along the Common by Rose Cottage had not been cleared.

It was reported that there had been fly-tipping on the Weobley side of the bypass, which had been reported to Balfour Beatty, and it had also been reported that there was a blocked drain. It was very pleasing to note that these were dealt with very swiftly.

**g. Planning matters**

There was nothing to report under this heading.

**h. Carols on the Green**

This event, held inside at the Crown because of the awful weather, had been very successful. It was pointed out that there would be a requirement for a replacement Santa next year. There was some discussion as to whether the date should be changed to compensate for late-night shopping.

**i. The Parish Council Website**

It was pointed out that there was some information missing on the website. This would be dealt with.

**j. Update on the Neighbourhood plan**

It was reported that the Secretary had resigned. It was also pointed out that the documents produced by the Neighbourhood Plan should be available to members of the public. The Clerk suggested that they could be made available through the website. It was pointed out that there was an urgent requirement for a meeting and it was suggested that it might be called by the Vice-Chair. The Clerk was requested to contact Cllr. Hall to seek her permission to call a meeting in her absence.

**k. The Crown Inn**

Cllr. Thomas gave a full financial update in relation to the Crown Inn. A copy of this information may be seen on the Council website.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Primary School.**

# Dilwyn Tree Warden

Dilwyn Parish Council is very pleased to announce the appointment of a Tree Warden: Tony McQueen. The Council is delighted to welcome Tony to Dilwyn and is very grateful to him for being willing to take on the role. To introduce himself, Tony has written what follows:

## Tree Wardens

The Tree Warden Scheme is a national initiative to enable people to play an active role in conserving and enhancing their local trees and woods. The scheme was founded and is co-ordinated by The Tree Council. Tree Wardens are volunteers, appointed by parish councils or other community organisations, who gather information about their local trees, get involved in local tree matters and woods. So essentially, it is to champion trees. For details go to <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk>

A few clicks here will take you to a considerable list of accomplishments and abilities that a tree warden supposedly has. Here I need to strike a note of realism. I am an individual with an enthusiasm for trees but I have no great knowledge, no lifetime as a forester, estate manager, tree surgeon, no degree in silviculture, arboriculture, etc. I am a lover of trees with the aim of being useful and the scheme backs up its wardens with training and support. Though nearer to Weobley than Dilwyn (Weobley already has a warden), I am only a few miles away. In the spring, I will be endeavouring to gain local knowledge and make myself known in line with the above.

Tony McQueen Tel. 01544 319153 [oak.organics@btinternet.com](mailto:oak.organics@btinternet.com)

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# Crown Inn



Hello to all,

After a cold and wet start to the year we look forward now to spring. All of our winter sports teams are continuing to do well. Our curry night was a great success with everyone enjoying their meal. We had our first British Legion talk of the year and it was thoroughly enjoyable for all.

As ever keep an eye out for boards outside the pub and our Facebook page for upcoming events. We look forward now to warmer weather and lighter nights.

*Best wishes, Crown Inn Management Team*

## Crown Acoustic Drop-in Sessions

Unplugged acoustic session Thursday 15th February 2018.

I was joined by Dan Nichol (guitar/dobro vocals); Caroline Beaumont (fiddle); Alison Harrington (percussion); Tony Beckingham (atmospheric poetry ); Colette Nicholls (ukulele/guitar/vocals); Gerry Farrell (guitar/vocals); Lorraine Denning (guitar/vocals); Ari Owen (Nepalese sarangi/fiddle/vocals); Katharine Thompson (guitar/vocals); and last but no means least three very promising youngsters Eleanor, Anna and Pelham.

We had a packed bar of attentive listeners and once again found ourselves running the night as a relaxed "folk club" ... with a difference ..... far from "just folk music " the range of variety provided entertainment for all - there were instrumentals, original songs, old style pop standards, modern pop, dramatic numbers, comedy songs, atmospheric experiences both with poetry and Nepalese sarangi, stories in song ... the list goes on..... Special thanks to the "side men" contributions from Dan's dobro, Alison's percussion and Caroline's fiddle, certainly made it feel like old times to me - with a band!

Thanks as ever to Annabelle and Callum for their excellent hospitality and warm fire on such a cold night.

Same place same time on Thursday 15th March something very similar will happen all over again - but it will never be exactly the same .....

*VALERYAN*

## Friends of the Crown

### Advance Notice - Whitsun Bank Holiday

The Friends of the Crown are planning to hold a music event over the Bank Holiday weekend particularly aimed at giving the floor to young musicians of all genres.

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# Passiontide Concert at St Marys

## Saturday 24 March at Dilwyn Church

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

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

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

## Village Market

Next Market - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April

### Cedar Hall Hire Rates

*Daytime sessions £30*

*i.e.: Coffee Mornings,*

*Fund Raising Events,*

*Funerals. 4Hrs*

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*Children's Party £30*

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# Nature Notes



With some quite chilly weather still about in mid February, seed planting is still for the brave or the well insulated. The gardens are beginning to brighten, with a few green shoots adding to the effect of snowdrops, crocuses and early daffodils.

Birdsong is getting earlier and holds more urgency. We are often awakened by our neighbourhood thrush singing his heart out from the top of a nearby tree, beginning before dawn. Robins can be seen and heard everywhere as they claim territory and try to impress their mates. Blackbirds, dunnocks and great tits are all in full voice at this time of year. Great tits have a variety of songs but the one you will easily recognise is their call of 'teacher, teacher'. Not sure why that one always sticks in my mind! Dunnocks were often known as hedge sparrows because of their likeness to house or tree sparrows. We have two pairs at least in our garden and on close inspection you realise that they are very pretty little birds. The head is blue/grey, as is the chest. The back and sides are brown with darker streaks, and they have pale pink legs. The beak is thinner than that of a sparrow, as it is used for catching insects rather than eating seeds. They are lively little birds, often seen hopping along hedge bottoms and flower beds. Their nests are often invaded by cuckoos, which will lay one egg to replace the dunnock's eggs. Busy little parent dunnocks then spend several weeks feeding one hungry cuckoo chick - and never seem to notice the difference!

**AR**



## Weather Watch

### Dilwyn Weather for January 2018

Three inches of rain fell (75mm) in a damp feeling January - only 6 dry days and three of those were cloudy or foggy. Five days were mostly sunny in an otherwise dull and drab month. Daytime temperatures averaged 9 degrees and night times just 1 degree. The warmest day got up to 12 degrees and the coldest night got to minus 5 degrees. 14 nights had a frost recorded.

Thinking back 5-6 years to the time when I was teaching at St Mary's, Dilwyn, there were two young ladies I remember well, who both played guitar. Eleanor and Georgina will be well into their secondary school careers by now (good luck with GCSEs when they arrive girls!). The reason they are mentioned here is that the two storms which struck the British Isles in January were called Storm Eleanor (3rd, 4th Jan) and Storm Georgina (24th Jan). Quite a coincidence! One storm worthy of naming that the forecasters missed, came in mid month and was recorded at 60mph at Shobdon airfield. This was the strongest to hit Herefordshire and caused some tree damage locally.

**AR**

# Burns Night Supper

Once again our remembrance of Rabbie Burns' birth was a great success and enjoyed by the assembled celebrants. Regular attendees were joined by new, hopefully to become regular, faces from outwith the parish and all were treated to a lovely supper courtesy of Chef Frank and presented at table by his able young team of Max, Anna and Toby who worked with smiles on their faces throughout.

The evening was held in the Cedar Hall for the first time in my tenure as Chieftain and, given the numbers, this proved to be a good decision. The space afforded greater comfort and the round tables were a popular choice with the guests, thanks goes to Eardisland B.C. for the loan of their tables. My thanks to all who prepared, decorated and manned the bar for the event and to the participants who read, recited and otherwise contributed to the function and to the helpers in restoring the hall to a clean and tidy condition the following day. I look forward to next year with relish and the hope that we may have a guest piper for 2019 (10th anniversary). Thank you all once again for your support.

*Ron*

## Scarecrow Trail 2018

F.O.S.M. School Dilwyn proudly present their summer event, the Dilwyn Scarecrow Trail 2018. This will take place over the weekend of Sat 23/Sun 24 June and the Theme this year will be "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly". The trail will wind its way around the village with scarecrows displayed in people's gardens but also on the Village Green and School field for those who wish to enter but live off the trail route. Last time we held the event we had 46 scarecrows and we are aiming for 50 this year. There is a themed list held with three members of FOSM's so please contact one of them to choose or suggest your own and we will add it to the list. (This avoids having 5 Supermen or 3 Robin Hoods!) and retains some mystery so villagers can enter the guess the Identity part of the trail. No artistic skill is required; scarecrows can be cryptic or realistic, please just have a go!!

The contacts are as follows:

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## Thank You

To the Dilwyn and FOSMS food fairies and anyone else who has left parcels of food, carefully prepared meals, flowers and gifts for us. The help to Mark, Anna and Toby whilst Allie has been in hospital has been incalculable. Just a couple of days ago Mark was getting out of the car, late again, when our lovely neighbour shouted: "Mark put the pan on, dinner will be with you in 10 minutes."

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The Stowells @ The Red House.

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**The Masked Mustelid - Plotting the Path of the Polecat in Britain**

Lizzie Croose, Mustelid Conservation Officer at The Vincent Wildlife Trust will be coming along to the Branch on Thursday 1st March to talk about Polecats, an animal with particular local significance to mid-Wales and the Marches.

The polecat became extinct in many areas of lowland Britain by the end of the 19th century but more recently, polecats have spread out from their historical stronghold in mid Wales and recolonised much of southern and central England and have recently reached parts of south-west England and East Anglia. The polecat's conservation status in Britain is much more favourable today than it was a hundred years ago. Provided that no new serious threats emerge to halt the current recovery, it seems likely that the polecat will become widely re-established in mainland Britain.

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



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Thank you all and let's look forward to better weather away from so much wet and wind.

*Pete*

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

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

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

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# Dilwyn Young Farmers

Dilwyn YFC have been up to allsorts as usual, busy with competitions, socials and meetings including: Senior Quiz, The Annual Hedging Match, West Midland Area Speaking Competitions, Golden Valleys Pub of The Month and most of all Pantomime Practices!

The club had a very good result in The 68th Annual County YFC Hedging Match, coming second overall! Congratulations to Edward Turner who came second in the senior singles section. Thanks go to the trainers Roger Aubrey and Rob Bennett; we definitely wouldn't be able to do it without you! The hedging team minus Andrew, Tom and Rob Bennett. (L to R) Polly Aubrey, Beth Mills, Edward Turner, James Watkins, Ben Lewis and Roger Aubrey.



The Club had plenty of members representing Herefordshire at the West Midland Area public speaking competitions including: Millie Jones (Junior Speaking); Abbie Duce, Rosie Williams, Emily Horne (Just a Minute);



Polly Aubrey, Sam Bright, Jack Hanson, Ben Lewis and Edward Turner (MACE Debating). With the judges commenting on a really high standard this year all should be proud of their efforts representing Herefordshire especially the girls in the Just a Minute team who came Third overall.



Panto Practices have been ongoing since Mid-January, with twenty one cast members and lots of back stage helpers it's quite a performance. By the time you have read this we will have performed in the competition, so hopefully we do the best we can! A massive thank you has to go to:

Jane Clark and Emma Lewis for putting in endless hours creating the scenery to such a high standard! Ross Farndon, Will Wellings, Mel Gitoes and Sandra Aubrey, who all gave up their time to help back stage! Tony Baker for writing the script! Most of all Lyndsay Rogers and Alan Powell for producing and directing us! We will be performing again after the competition, please look out for posters!

Plenty on in March: Sports day including hockey, dodgeball, frisbee and jump rope, The March Hare Ball and closer to home Dilwyn YFC Easter Bingo on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March please come along eyes down at 7:30pm in Dilwyn Cedar Hall.

# Events Diary

## March

|     | <b>Date</b> | <b>Event</b>                    | <b>Time</b> | <b>Venue</b> |
|-----|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Tue | 6th         | Easter Spice & All Things Nice  | 7.30pm      | Cedar Hall   |
| Tue | 6th         | PC Meeting                      | 7.30pm      | School       |
| Thu | 15th        | Cedar Club Meeting              | 2.30pm      | Cedar Hall   |
| Thu | 15th        | Acoustic Session                | Evening     | Crown Inn    |
| Fri | 23rd        | Kate Howden & Iona Lane Concert | 7.30pm      | Cedar Hall   |
| Sat | 24th        | Passiontide Concert             | 7.00pm      | Church       |
| Thu | 29th        | YFC Easter Bingo                | 7.30pm      | Cedar Hall   |
| Sat | 31st        | Easter Egg Hunt                 | 2.00pm      | Cedar Hall   |

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## Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

|          |     |            |     |     |            |     |
|----------|-----|------------|-----|-----|------------|-----|
| January: | 1st | Andrew Key | £20 | 2nd | Jean Lowe  | £10 |
|          |     |            |     | 3rd | Ray Taylor | £10 |

|           |     |                |     |     |              |     |
|-----------|-----|----------------|-----|-----|--------------|-----|
| February: | 1st | Richard Isaacs | £20 | 2nd | Linda Thomas | £10 |
|           |     |                |     | 3rd | John Gerrish | £10 |

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