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# St Mary's Church Services for March



3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening Prayer	6.30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Choral Holy Communion	11.00 am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	11.00 am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	9.30 am
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mothering Sunday	11.00 am

World Day of Prayer 1st March at 10.30 am at Weobley Anglican Church followed by refreshment, everyone welcome.

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

**Choir Practice: 6th March at 6.30pm,  
in the Church**

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

## **Annual Parish Meeting of St Mary's Church**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 pm in The Cedar Hall.**

This is an important meeting when:- Church Wardens and PCC members are elected for the coming year, a report of church activities of the previous year is given and the Accounts for the previous year are approved.

## **Church Cleaning Rota Volunteers Needed**

A dedicated Group of volunteers help to keep St. Mary's welcoming and cared for throughout the year, not only for the many visitors who come to Dilwyn, but also for those important times in village life such as Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and traditional services: Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, the Carol and Crib Services and Christmas Day itself, as well as weekly services.

We are currently seeking 2 volunteers to fill a gap in the Cleaning Rota. A small commitment of about an hour twice a year, at any time in May and November, is required. If you think you might be able to help or for more details please contact the PCC Secretary on 01544 318153.

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# Dilwyn W.I.



## New members are always welcome

Creating heart-shaped wall hangings from willow and hazel twigs and decorating them with ribbon and twine was a new experience for some WI members in February, but certainly a fun way of learning a new craft.

In March we hope to find out a little more about textiles and costumes from China. We look forward to welcoming anyone who would like join us on Tuesday 5 March, 7.30 pm at The Old Forge.

## The Curse of Potholes 3

Dear Editors,

I was surprised at the statement in the article on Potholes last month that in 5 years no one in Dilwyn has complained about the state of our roads. In the last two years I have emailed twice and phoned twice about excessive road break ups.

On one occasion I met up with the Linesman for the area and walked part of the road between the Venmore and Stretford brook. It comes down to Hereford Council do not have the money/do not want to spend the money on repairing the Venmore Lane to a reasonable standard – essentially a complete resurface.

Many years ago I contacted Amey and advised them Venmore Lane was suffering reflex cracking and urgently needed a tar spray and chippings to seal the surface. This was not done which is why the road is breaking up so badly now. Instead the road from Townsend to Fields Place was given a superb SMA resurface, then on the grounds of skid resistance, tar sprayed and chipped 8 months later.

**Tony Wilcox. Hylofield, Dilwyn**

The official guidance is that any defects that require inspection, including emergencies, can be reported on the Herefordshire Council website: <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>  
Or by phoning 01432 261800.



The council definitely know about them but also their system allows different people to click on them and re-report the defect. So if everyone who drives Venmore Lane does this, then we could motivate the council & make Tony's day.



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# Geoffrey's Column

**The Hearse.** It was in the bowels of a Cross Channel ferry. I had just finished manoeuvring the Bristol into place when I was accosted by another motorist. Having congratulated him on his good taste and given him a potted history of all things Bristol in about 30 seconds I enquired whither he was bound. "Sicily in the Volvo estate over there" came the reply.

Calais to Palermo is the better part of 1,600 miles – a good drive. He explained that it was more complicated than that. He had a coffin in the back of the Volvo. He told me that it is of course much quicker and quite a lot cheaper to fly a coffin from the UK to Sicily than to drive it, but apparently "there is also a whole lot more paperwork." The "family" wanted it driven and with some speed. One's sordid imagination ran riot as to what else might also be in the coffin!

The journey time is about 24 hours driving which although motorway pretty well all the way, clearly cannot be done in one go. I asked him where he would stay en route.

"Oh that's easy," said he: "I have a sleeping bag and mattress and I get into the back of the car next to the coffin!"

## Poem, The Crown, Joan James

There was once a pub called The Crown,  
That couldn't have gone further down,  
Then along came a pair,  
That set us on fair  
And stopped us from having to frown.  
The weekend they came was a beer fest,  
Well, this would be really a big test  
To run a new pub and please Dilwyn Hub  
But from that weekend on, we've been blest  
The whole place is sparkling and clean,  
It's so nice to be able to lean  
On the tables that shine  
That aren't full of grime  
I'm sure you all know what I mean!  
When you dine at The Crown, what a treat,  
The food's just delicious to eat,  
It's not good for the waist,  
But who cares, it's the taste  
Whether veggie or with lots of meat!  
Maria and Max, we salute you,  
And Lisa and Ryan, you too,  
We're made up you're here  
Dispensing good cheer  
I think it's right that we thank you!

## Poem, Owls, Daphne Franzen

A few owls came to visit us,  
one bright and sunny day  
And when we looked the next day,  
some more had come to play  
We couldn't be happier at this play  
It fills our heart with happiness  
And fills our hearts with joy  
So wherever they have flown from  
We really do not know  
But a big thank you to whoever  
Has made our garden grow  
Into a place where owls can visit  
And maybe rest a while  
We know there just ceramic  
But they really make us a smile  
Sadly our owls have flown away  
They weren't with us very long  
What a joy to see them  
Even though they had no song  
They sat there in our garden  
Looking their very best  
Perhaps they will come back one day  
And take another rest  
Thank you, Apple Hill





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# Parish Council Matters

**1. The Dilwyn Parish Council Website:** This may be accessed:  
From the Dilwyn Community Website (on [dilwyn.com](http://dilwyn.com)) by using the appropriate tag (Parish Council), or directly by: Accessing: [dilwynparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://dilwynparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**2. The full, approved minutes of Dilwyn Parish Council meetings,** as prepared by the Parish Clerk, are published regularly on the Village Notice Boards and Website. What follows here summarises matters of particular interest and any decisions taken at a specific meeting.

## **The Regular Meeting of Dilwyn Parish Council held in the St. Mary's CE Primary School, Dilwyn on Tuesday, 8th January, 2019**

**At this meeting, 8 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. J. Hall, D. Brown, A. Brown and T. Kyles; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon was 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 had tendered his apologies; he had nothing to add to his last report.
- 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, 4th December, 2018.**

#### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 4th December, 2018 were approved.

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

The Clerk was reminded to write a letter to Rob Lowe, concerning his request to add a name to the War Memorial (see November minutes).  
It was agreed that a meeting be set up with the Dilwynner Editors, to discuss certain differences of opinion. Cllrs. P. Kyles and J. Gerrish were delegated to represent the Parish Council.

### **D. Correspondence received:**

The Audit Report; the Clerk reported that a number of questions had been asked by the External Auditors and that he had prepared a report to be sent in response; this report was agreed by Council.

## **E. Finance:**

- a) To note the bank balances for November 2018.  
The Clerk reported the following
- |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Current Account | £15839.15 |
| Hub Account     | £18073.63 |
| Crown Account   | £ 1351.83 |
| Total           | £35264.61 |
- b) To discuss and approve invoices for payment. Details may be seen on the Parish Council website and village notice-boards. The Clerk was instructed to pay all invoices.

## **F. Highway matters:**

- a) Balfour Beatty.  
The Clerk was asked to make contact with Phil Pankhurst of Balfour Beatty to arrange a drive round with the Chair, to assess the condition of the roads in the Dilwyn Parish.
- b) Work for Lengthsman:  
The Clerk was instructed to write to James Verdin at the Estate Office, Ledgmoor, HR4 8QH, in relation to the hedge opposite Cllr. Gerrish's home and its obstruction to large vehicles that causes them to damage the ditch on the other side of the road.

## **G. Planning matters**

1. 184412  
Application for a proposed part two storey and part single storey rear extension to an existing dwelling house at Penrhos, Broxwood, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 9JR.  
This application was discussed.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Council make no comment in relation to this application.

2. 184397  
Application for a proposed erection of a new dwelling with vehicular access and infrastructure (PLOT 3) at Dev 1 Land at Dilwyn Common, Dilwyn Common Road, Dilwyn, Herefordshire, HR4 8JW

This application was discussed and the following decision taken:

### **RESOLVED**

The Council rejects this application on the following grounds: Dilwyn is in the process of completing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Within that Draft Plan (Reg 16) it states in **DW 8 page 24:**

1. Preserve or where possible enhance local character.

This proposal does not fit this criterion.

4. All new development should contribute positively to the character and appearance of the conservation area. It is felt that this house does not achieve this.

## **DW11 Design and appearance**

The house does not fit in sensitively.

## **Page 41 Settlement boundary states:**

In any Dilwyn Common development, there should be no back fill.

## **H. Fly-tipping**

This continues to be a problem and cannot be tolerated. Attention will be given to implementing appropriate security measures.

## **I. Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

This is virtually complete. A number of items need to go on the website and also be sent to Herefordshire Council.

## **J. The Dilwyn Christmas Charity Programme**

This was very successful and raised £1057. A full report will be found in the Dilwynner.

## **K. The Crown Inn**

8.40pm Cllr. I Brown left the room.

The Website

Future financial arrangements for the Crown website were discussed.

## **RESOLVED**

Cllr. J. Gerrish should contact the web designer and the Crown tenants to establish future arrangements and costings.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 5th March 2019, commencing at 7.30pm in St. Mary's School.**



A poster for Megan Baker House. At the top, two large grey stars flank the text "Megan Baker House". Below this, it says "Would like to thank Dilwyn Church Choir & their supporters for the donation of £1057". There are three small black and white photographs showing children and adults. At the bottom, there is a website URL "www.megbakerhouse.org.uk", a charity number "Charity No 1048821", and logos for Twitter, MBH (Megan Baker House), and Facebook.



A poster for "NOT THE DILWYN SHOW". At the top, it says "NOT THE DILWYN" in a serif font, followed by "★ SHOW ★" in a bold sans-serif font. Below this, it says "Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 12 noon to 4pm at the Village Hall and School Field". There is a decorative banner of triangles. Below the banner, there are two columns of text: "ASPIRE DANCE STUDIO", "DILWYN YFC", "CRAFT TENT", "HOT & COLD FOOD", "ICE CREAMS" on the left; and "TRADITIONAL GAMES", "MAY POLE", "LIVE MUSIC", "BAR", "AND MUCH MORE....." on the right. At the bottom, there is a stylized illustration of a tent with a star on its front. Below the illustration, it says "PROCEEDS IN AID OF VILLAGE CAUSES" and "REGRET NO DOGS".

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# 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!

Answers page 34

easy

		1	3		9		4	7
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9		4				5		
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hard

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I would just like to remind you all to check your tanks for rust if metal and splits if plastic, I have been to one or two plastic ones that have had slight cracks due to the fluctuation of the hot weather we had.

The price trend has been reasonably stable for a month now and has not gone up or down very much at all. It had risen a little from my last update to £436 per 900 litres on 21st January and stayed stable until a slight drop on 28th to £434.5 then a quick rise to £436 again on the 29th staying at that price until 11th February when it dropped to £435, and again on 14th to £434, it has actually risen now on 18th back to £436, fingers crossed it may drop or stay the same at time of order.

I hope those who came to the Blues night at the pub on 9th February enjoyed themselves it was absolutely brilliant.

Thank you for the orders, take care all and get the summer clothes ready. *Pete*

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***Maria & Max***

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# Dilwyn Royal British Legion

**RBL Speaker•Meeting @ The Crown**

**Tuesday 19th March•7.30pm**

A very different talk this month far away from the battle field and much closer to home. Joe Seeney will be telling us about "The Dinedor Secret Army". No, not a typographical error, he does mean Dinedor between Hereford and Little Dewchurch.

Joe will talk about the Auxiliary Patrols in Herefordshire during WW2. He will describe their mission, training and operational tactics.

Dilwyn of course had its "hut" on Henwood Hill, so we may find out more of its role and the organisation that used it.

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Military Reenactment Photo

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## Nature Notes



Late January brought the annual garden bird survey, when we watch and record all the birds which land in our garden over the space of an hour. Over the years we have often thought that this is the time when many birds go into hiding and species we have watched day after day are suddenly not there. This year – hurrah – virtually all our regulars turned up to be counted.

Our song thrush was there singing, the wren put in an appearance, 2 greater spotted woodpeckers came to nibble nuts and even the pretty little nuthatch came for a snack. Blue tits, great tits, coal tits and long tailed tits all put in an appearance, as well as blackbirds, robins, house sparrows, starlings, chaffinches, goldfinches, dunnocks, collared doves and wood pigeons.

I know these figures go towards a national survey and they need to have an honest count of the birds seen, but I have sometimes found it rather difficult to report that, having dined in our garden for weeks, on the day of the count several species had for some reason taken the day off! Not that all was perfect. Only 7 goldfinches turned up on the day, when normally we have a flock of 15-20. Still, I expect they were next door, looking to see what Richard had on offer in his garden. Do we have other participants in the Big Garden Bird Watch here in Dilwyn?

As I complete this article in mid February, I can report that the single white egret is still with us (first spotted early January), snowdrops are well in flower around the village and the main crop of daffodils are pushing their way up ready for St David's Day. Spring is on its way!

*A.R.*

## Dilwyn Weather Watch For January 2019

With only just over an inch of rain, dare I call it a dry January? Certainly there was much less than we are used to. To be precise, 29mm of rain fell in dribs and drabs in the second half of the month.

As one might expect from mid-winter, there were plenty of frosts as 19 nights reached zero or below. None was severe but minus 5 is certainly enough to give a good layer of ice. Daytime temperatures averaged 8 degrees, nights averaged just 0.5 degrees. Only 8 days of the 31 were mostly sunny and 9 saw no sun at all through the blankets of cloud.

Winds remained mostly light with just a few fresh breezes stirring the trees, until an overnight gale on 26/27th. The barometer stayed fairly high in the first half of January but pressure dropped below 1000mb close to month end.

*A.R.*

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## Plant Fair:

The third annual Plant Fair at St Michael's Hospice will be a celebration of the joy of gardening.

Taking place on 3rd – 4th May, plant lovers can browse a wide range of herbaceous perennials, bedding plants, annuals, trees, shrubs, alpiners, bulbs, carnivorous and indoor plants grown by professional and amateur gardeners. In addition to plants, there will be fresh strawberries and asparagus; beautiful handcrafted wooden jewellery and home decor; cards, prints, coasters and mugs; wild bird food; and pottery and preserves.

This year the Fair, which is free to enter, is expanding into the Hospice's lower garden - a large, tranquil, open grass area. A golf buggy will transport visitors from the car park to the Plant Fair site.

Hot and cold drinks plus fresh, homemade cakes will be available in our newly-refurbished cafe, all day on both days. Delicious two-course lunches will be served between 12pm and 2pm each day. There is no booking necessary for lunches.



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# Tribute to Terry Cornes

Terry Cornes died peacefully on the 25th November in St Michael's Hospice following his heroic battle against cancer.

Terry, who for many years lived and worked in Dilwyn, was probably best known locally for delivering logs and his love of darts. Of course, there was much more to Terry than just this – for the last 5 years he worked for S & A Produce at Brierley where, in particular, he was responsible for spraying and generally looking after the Wimbledon strawberries.



But, throughout his working life, Terry had many claims to fame – one being he was a skilled French Polisher and in the late 70s was personally responsible for the polishing of the wooden sound system for Status Quo (now – I bet you didn't know that!).

Lesley, his wife for three precious days, his children and his extended family would like to thank everyone for their support; kindness; cards and attendance at Terry's funeral – everything that everyone in this village has done to support Terry has been much appreciated – 'thank you' just sounds so inadequate – but 'thank you all' you've been amazing.

**Lesley Hay**



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# Cedar Club

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The 2019 Programme is :

March	21st	Tales of an Evacuee	Kenneth Reeve
April	18th	The Glenn Miller Story	Richard Jordan
May	16th	Outing: Welshpool & Llanfair Railway	
June	20th	Autoharp & Dulcimer	Mike & Rachel Fenton
July/August		No Meeting	
September	19th	Strange Antiques	Nigel Christie
October	17th	Tea	
November	21st	Sly Gin	Duncan Fox
December	19th	Christmas Lunch	

**New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information, contact Chris Jennings [319190] or come to a meeting.**

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# New Church Gates



New gates have been given to St Mary's Church by Graham Dyer, and are in place. They are a magnificent copy of the old gates and the Churchwardens and PCC, and I am sure the whole village, are extremely grateful to Graham for this very generous gift.

We are not sure when the old gates were erected, but it is thought about 100 years ago. The wrought iron bars have been refurbished and used again and one of these had the date October 27th 1917 stamped on it.

I have a picture of the Church showing a square lychgate made in stone and roofed with stone tiles and this must be pre-1887 because it also shows the old clock. Later pictures of early 1900's show the old gates but no War Memorial, which was erected in the early 1920's. It looks very likely the old gates were erected in 1917, or soon after the Armistice, but we have been unable to link the date with any particular event or person.

The new gates should certainly last another 100 years. Thank you very much, Graham!

**Tom Hawksley, George Bray, Churchwardens.**

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# Witches at St Mary's School



## Witches' Spell

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Fire burn and cauldron bubble.  
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Mix it up with rotting wool.  
The add in some mouldy mouse,  
Sprinkle in a bit of louse.  
Dribble in one pound of blood,  
Plop in two buckets of mud.  
Pour in a dead man's brain;  
Slimy earwax; witch's vein.  
Double, double, toil and trouble.  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble

**By Callum Hemming Y6**

The children have been studying Macbeth and this has inspired some lovely creative writing.

## Witches' Spell

Double, double, toil and trouble,  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.  
Boil in some herbal venom,  
Add in the juice of lemon.  
Mix in a scale of adder,  
Gut of pig and old man's bladder.  
Grab a swollen ear of ox,  
Magic up a nose of fox.  
Double, double, toil and trouble,  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.  
Liver of calf and fleshy frog,  
Dash of hog hair from the bog.  
Dagon blood and eagle's wing,  
Don't forget the sour bee sting.  
Mix it up, stir it well,  
Quickly ring the silver spell bell.  
Double, double, toil and trouble.  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble

**By Sophie Kyles Y5**

## School Boat

On Friday 25th January the school boat sailed in. The outdoor play boat was bought with kind donations from FOSM and a kind donation from a former pupil. Well, me hearties much fun and fantasy has been inspired so well done to all you land lubbers. A name the boat competition has been held and Betsy Blue has been chosen so well done to Jessica Bolton.



# Dilwyn War Memorial

Historic England has been undertaking an assessment of the Dilwyn War Memorial. For general interest, details of the ensuing report follow.

## Factual Details

The factual details are being assessed as the basis for a proposed addition to The National Heritage List for England.

## History

The aftermath of the First World War saw the biggest single wave of public commemoration ever with tens of thousands of memorials erected across England. This was the result of both the huge impact on communities of the loss of three quarters of a million British lives, and the official policy of not repatriating the dead. Memorials, therefore, provided the main focus of the grief felt at this great loss.

One such memorial was raised at Dilwyn as a permanent testament to the sacrifice made by the members of the local community in the First World War. It was designed by WG Storr Barber of Leominster, and was unveiled in 1922.

William George Storr Barber (active 1908-1920s) was a monumental mason and sculptor originally based in Leominster. There, he carved the statue of St Ethelbert (1908) for the Catholic Church, as well as restoring the Old Town Hall (1909). He seems to have moved to the capital sometime between then and the early 1920s, for his statue for Leominster's war memorial (1922) was modelled in his London studio. He was responsible for a number of memorials in the Hereford and Worcester area, including Craven Arms and Kimbolton.

As was a common occurrence, the names of the parishioners who fell during the Second World War were subsequently added to the memorial.

**Plan:** the memorial, which stands on a square base with a concentric border, is located at the entrance to the churchyard of the Church of St Mary.

**Description:** the memorial comprises a statue of a soldier in mourning, his head bowed and hand resting on a reversed rifle. The statue is mounted on a plinth and base, and is surrounded by a low wall.

**Inscription:** the main inscription, which is on the eastern side of the plinth, in incised and black-painted lettering, reads:

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On the south face of the plinth and the base are the names of the fallen soldiers, and the dedication to those lost in the Second World War.

### **Selected Sources Websites**

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<https://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/item/memorial/66195>

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***At present no image of this war memorial is available for online display. If you have a photograph of this war memorial, please send it to [memorials@iwm.org.uk](mailto:memorials@iwm.org.uk) ...***

## **Herefordshire Wildlife Trust**

On Thursday 7th February 50 members and friends of Weobley and district branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust heard Rhonda Goddard of the Butterfly Conservation Trust talk about Herefordshire Butterflies. Her talk was absolutely fascinating, illustrated with some super photos.

There are 90 staff and 30 branches and was formed in 1968. Rhonda is both the West Midlands regional officer and the “wood white” project officer. Butterfly species have declined by 76% since 1976 due to habitat fragmentation, woodland management and climate change all of which leads to isolation of breeding sites and local extinction. The ideal habitat would be an open, sunny sheltered area with plenty of varied plants for egg laying and hectoring.

This area should be suitably managed some distance from other colonies. The wood white project was funded by the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust in 2016-2019 when it was found that of the 56 sites where wood whites were found 36 were in Herefordshire. Of these 42% were found in woodland landscapes.

The projects aims were to advise landowners about this rare butterfly and its needs for habitat management. In 2017 364 were counted at Wigmore Rolls, a habitat that had been extensively restored to wide rides between stands of trees thus providing plenty of plants for shelter, egg laying and nectaring. In Haugh Wood in 2018 200 were seen in one day.

Other areas rich in butterfly species are Woolhope Dome, Ridge End Quarry, Lea and Pagets Wood, Wessington Meadow and Ewas Harold common. The later was where in 5 hectares 24 species of butterfly were seen. Many were drawn to our attention including the grayling which is small and declining and the silver washed fritillary which is increasing in numbers and flies between June and early September.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 7th March when we will be treated to “Wild cousins—— Cultivated plants and their provenance” by Mary Stevenson, garden designer and our very own secretary.

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# Crown Unplugged Sessions

## Thursday 21st February

As a new acoustic session was starting last night just a few miles away I thought I'd be the only person to turn up at The Crown – but not so! There we were again, nine of us performers all ready for the off and a small team of keen listeners.

For those who have no idea what happens at our acoustic sessions they are an excuse for musicians and performers of all standards to get together and play – not necessarily with everyone joining in with every song or instrumental played. We take turns to play, sing, recite; we ensure everyone has their turn in making contributions to the night, and most of all we have fun.

We love having an audience and certainly get one at The Crown. Our music session is not a private party – it's open to the public, performers and listeners alike. One or two of us have been, or still are, professionals in the music business while others are keen amateurs or even beginners. Everyone is treated alike and everyone is made to feel welcome.

Last night's contributors in order of playing were Dan Nichol (guitar/vocals); Gelan Swift (guitar/vocals); yours truly Valeryan (vocals/guitar); Stephen Purnell (guitar/vocals); Paul Meanwell (guitar/vocals); Jackie Lyness (a capella vocals); Peter Stillwell (12 string guitar); Tony Beckingham (thought provoking poetry) and Alison Harrington (percussion).

We managed the usual mixture of material, original songs from Gelan, Dan, Steve and yours truly, some standards and instruments and recitations along the way and, of course, plenty of lively banter with each other and our audience.

Our special guests of the evening were visitors from Italy. While we gave them a warm welcome in English here's my message in Italian. Da tutti noi giocatori ieri sera e stato bello vederti. Ci auguriamo che ti sia piaciuto parte della nostra sessione musicale. Vi auguriamo una bella vacanza qui nel Regno Unito e un viaggio sicuro verso l'Italia.

Thanks as ever to Maria and Max for their warm and friendly hospitality, and the next music session is Thursday 21st March.

**Valeryan – February 2019**

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# Burns Night With a Dram of Dilwyn Spirit

Well here I am basking in the aftermath of a terrific evening on Friday last. The turnout was amazing, the effort you all made fabulous.. so much tartan on display, bow ties, handkerchiefs, scarves, sashes and your input, as always, unparalleled.

The subject matter of the poetry could not have been more apt, apologies to Sue for my premature applause half way through her accurate and faultless delivery and oh! Joan how you summed up this villages sentiments so well. Mr Hartley fairly took our breath away with the last (unexpected) line to his offering and thank you Julie for drawing attention to the evening's main attraction 'The Haggis'.

Speaking of the 'Chief of Puddings' there barely seems a year goes by that this wee beastie manages to cause great consternation and frenzy somehow in the lead up to our celebrations. If there are some readers unaware of this phenomena I shall explain..... Each year we have the centrepiece to our banquet hunted down and shipped from north of the border but certain arrangements must be made to ensure we are not without sustenance come the evening of January 25th.

In recent years the cunning little devil has flitted around Dilwyn from pillar to post before arriving at the required destination, has avoided being transported altogether leaving a certain Mr and Mrs Duncan having to source the delicacy locally at the eleventh hour and latterly, after duly arriving at the exact spot it was meant to be scurry back to the mode of it's conveyance and enjoy a further 4 hours sightseeing around Herefordshire before being tracked down, by a lady, a landlady in fact, to Bush Bank and reconciled with it's rightful owners.

It has been proposed that the good menfolk of Dilwyn throw caution to the wind, forage forth and trap the blighter themselves next year. Once delivered to the venerable Max it was dispatched in short order, prepared and (going by the licking of lips after being consumed) proved to be weel worthy of the chase.

Our guest piper, Frank, instrumental in the main body of entertainment, did us proud with his tunes from start to finish. He confided in me beforehand to 'being a bag of nerves' as he pipes for a hobby and does not class himself as accomplished, personally I think his piping embellished the proceedings and added to our enjoyment. He contacted me on Saturday to say he enjoyed the atmosphere, the assembled company and considered the whole event a 'fitting tribute to 'The Scottish Bard', his words I promise you.

What to say about Ray, he hurtled down the M1 from Leeds to be with us after leaping into his highland garb, just had time to catch his breath before giving a witty, thinking on his feet, full of ad libs 'Toast to the Lassies'. Brave man too, being the solitary male in his household, I'm not sure I saw him look Kate in the eye during his performance though, I saw him the next day with no visible signs of damage, looks like he got away with it then!

Jane was magnificent, she casually arrived fully expecting a relaxed night out with friends only to be dragged to one side and hit with the bombshell, 'Will you reply to 'The Toast to the Lassies'. She scanned the prepared piece and valiantly agreed, I could stop sweating as only the previous night the pre-warned volunteer, a Glaswegian lady and incidentally another Jane, had taken ill and was unable to attend. I like the way you sidestepped responsibility for writing 'women don't mind their faults being pointed out in humour'.

Max, Maria, Ryan, Anna and Myah worked extremely hard on our behalf and ensured we had a lovely evening and I hope they were able to enjoy it with us. Next year is our 10th anniversary and with your help I am sure it will be another spectacular until then ..... Grateful thanks to you all.

**Ron.**

## **Sheila Rees**

Sheila Rees is now resident at The Forbury Residential Care Home in Leominster. My dear Mum would love to see many old friends from the Dilwyn area so if you are in Leominster it would be great if you could spare the time to call in to The Forbury to visit her.

Thank you, Lucinda Rees

## **Front Cover Illustration, Herefordshire's County Coat of Arms**

The red background is taken from the arms of the City of Hereford and also represents the red earth of Herefordshire. The silver lion is from the arms of the City of Hereford, and in base is a Herefordshire Bull's head. The silver and blue wave represents the River Wye.

The crest is based on the arms of the Borough of Leominster, which feature a rampant lion holding a lamb and is a reference to the importance of agriculture to the county.

The gold Lion is that of England, differenced by a garland of hops around his neck. The talbot is taken from the arms of the Talbot family, Marcher Lords of Shrewsbury and Viscounts of Hereford. For difference he wears a gold collar charged with apples, an important product of the county.

Motto 'PULCHRA TERRA DEI DONUM' - This fair land is the gift of God.

If, like your editor, you would like to see our county arms displayed more widely then a digital file suitable for commercial printers & sign writers is available at: <https://vector-images.com/image.php?epsid=24825> or the smaller jpeg file used for this cover would be gladly shared.

Now how about a suitable coat of arms for Dilwyn Parish, any suggestions from our knowledgeable village historians.



**Ye Pow'rs wha mak  
mankind your care,  
And dish them out their bill  
o' fare,  
Auld Scotland wants nae  
skinking ware  
That jaups in luggies;  
But, if ye wish her gratefu'  
prayer,  
Gie her a Haggis!**



# March Events Diary

	Date	Event	Time	Place
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	World Day of Prayer	10.30am	Weobley Church
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daffodils in the Garden with tea & cake	3.00pm	Tyrrells Court House
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	School
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Old Forge
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Crown Inn
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	RBL Talk	7.30pm	Crown Inn
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	Cedar Club Talk	2.30pm	Cedar Hall
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	Crown Music Session	8.30pm	Crown Inn
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Clearance Sale	10.00am	Great House
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	Quartette Lunoire	7.30pm	Church

St Mary's services can be found on page 4

## Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

**January** 1st Heather King £20. 2nd Rhonda Wood £10  
3rd Chris Kyles £10  
**February** 1st Margaret Flack £20. 2nd Andrew Thomas £10  
3rd Marjorie Hesketh £10

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