

# *The* Dilwynner



## *May 2018*

**Dilwyn's Parish Magazine**

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**Saturday 12th May at 7.30pm**

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## St Mary's Church

### *Services for May*

6th	Rogation at the Manor Farm in Little Dilwyn	10.30am
13th	Choral Holy Communion	11.00am
20th	Morning Prayer	11.00am
27th	Holy Communion	9.30am

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE: 9th May @ 6.30pm in the church**

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

**CLERGY CONTACTS: Leominster Priory Office: 01568 612124**

**Baptist Church, Leominster: 01568-708247**

**Methodist Church, Weobley & Leominster: 01568-612406**

**Roman Catholic Church, Weobley: 01544-318325**

## St Mary's Church Summer Fete

### Saturday 9th June at 2.30pm

We will be holding our Summer Fete on the village green and we hope that as many of you as possible will join us once again to raise funds to help maintain our beautiful Church building. There will be something for everyone to enjoy – The Aspire Dance Team will be giving group and solo dance displays, Local Historian, Andrew Stirling-Brown will be giving tours of St Mary's Church, all of the usual stalls will be on display including delicious refreshments – come and have a browse and catch up with friends and neighbours. We will have village stocks for the brave-hearted, milking the cow, children's games corner and much more.

We will be most grateful if you are able to donate any items to the various stalls we are planning, but most of all, we look forward to seeing you on the day. Promises of goods can be given to the following:

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Delicatessen.	Olive Lewis 318455 & Daphne Franzen 318380		
Tombola.	Molly Powell 01568 720107 & Nance Wellings 318930		

*Julie Hanson, Dilwyn PCC*

# The Curse of Potholes

No driver can be unaware of the terrible state of our roads, with the number and size of potholes seemingly increasing constantly and very rapidly. Dilwyn Parish Council regularly reports these defects, but very few actually receive attention. It is, of course, understandable that the sheer scale of the problem places an immense burden on the County Council, but there is an obvious risk that any one complaint may get lost in the overall mass that is lodged. It also seems to be the case that the report of an individual is likely to receive more attention than that of an organisation such as a Parish Council.



Consequently, your Parish Council recommends most strongly that all of us, as individuals, become involved by reporting any holes in the immediate vicinity of where we live. Obviously, if many of us were to do so, the whole area could be covered. It would appear to be fact that the greater the number of complaints, the more likely is the repair to be carried out!

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.**

For up to date information regarding highway works in Herefordshire please take a look at Roadworks.org

*Dilwyn Parish Council*

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The Dilwynner always needs items from parishioners to keep the magazine both fresh and interesting. So, we would welcome your articles about any subjects that might interest our readers such as news, events, visits, restaurants, celebrations, anecdotes, times past, etc.

# Cedar Club

On Thursday, May 17th there will be an outing to The Brecon Mountain Railway.  
[ [www.bmr.wales](http://www.bmr.wales) ], leaving Dilwyn at 10.15am – cost £25

New members and visitors are always welcome.  
For further information, contact Chris Jennings [319190].

## The 2018 Programme is :

June 21st	Visit to ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE	
July	NO MEETING	
August	NO MEETING	
September 20th	ALCHEMY to PHARMACY– MY LIFE IN PILLS & POTIONS	Malcolm Meadow
October 18th	Outing - Mystery Tour	
November 15th	THE SOCIAL HISTORY of AFTERNOON TEA	Eileen Dilley
December 20th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH	



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# Parish Council Matters

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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 the Parish Council 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, 6th March, 2018**

At this meeting, 10 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. E. Stilwell and D. Brown. The Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, and the Ward Councillor, Mr. Mark Cooper, were in attendance together with two members of the public.

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

To receive the Police report.

There was no police officer present.

To receive the Ward Councillor's report.

The Ward Councillor gave a verbal report. A copy of this report has been placed on the Parish Council Website.

One member of the public asked for details of the budget for 2018-2019. He was told that these may be found on the Parish Council website.

Another member of the public asked what was the current position of the redundant building. It was explained that several enquiries had been explored. It was now envisaged that future enquiries would be on-going to see if there any grants available.

### **b. To approve the General Parish Council meeting on 6th February, 2018**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday, 6th February 2018 were approved as amended.

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

The Clerk was requested to purchase 2 extra grit bins.

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

There was nothing to report under this heading.

### **e. Finance:**

To note the bank balances for February 2018.

The Clerk reported the following

Current Account	£4994.11
Deposit Account	£ 45.64
Hub Account	£9225.96
Total	£14265.71

*(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 and council website.

**f. Sewage works**

It was reported that there was raw sewage spewing out into a field not far from the sewage works. The Clerk was requested to contact Environmental Health and report it.

**g. Dog-Bin**

A dog-bin was badly needed near Hafod Wen at the Western side of the by-pass.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that this would be purchased.

**h. Highway matters:**

Sandpit & HR4 8JW ditches

Drains near the pumping station causing flooding

Potholes HR4 8JN and HR4 8JW

Border oak safety fencing very close to the road.

**i. Planning matters**

There was nothing to report under this heading.

**j. Update on the Neighbourhood plan**

The group met twice in February; discussed were the site criteria. Bill Bloxsome will visit all sites and evaluate them. He will then produce a report to be discussed at the next meeting. Potential 'green spaces' were being evaluated to establish if they could be so designated.

**k. The Crown Inn**

Cllr. Thomas gave a full financial update in relation to the Crown Inn.

It was requested that the accounts be placed on the Parish Council Website; it was confirmed that this is being done monthly.

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Paul Kenyon who stated that he was no longer interested in taking on the redundant building.

One suggestion was to advertise the building as possible office space on the condition that a refundable deposit was obtained, to ensure that the building is not left in a bad state of repair.

RESOLVED: That the possible rental of the building be explored.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 1st May, 2018, commencing at 7.00pm in the Cedar Hall; these will be the Annual and the Public Meetings. It is to be hoped that there will be a good community attendance.*



# Dilwyn W.I.

New members are always welcome



Amazing is the only word to describe our speaker in April. Di created incredible patterns and designs using only a household iron and bees wax, leaving us all unable to think of ironing being a mundane task!

*Pat Isaacs, Secretary*



## What's On at The Crown

### Live Music Night

**Saturday the 5th May at 7.30 p.m**

*Autistry (guitars and vocals), Caroline Beaumont (fiddle)*

*Dan Nichol (guitar, vocals) and Valeryan (guitar, vocals)*

*The music will be traditional, original and pop. Admission is free.*

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# Dilwyn Young Farmers

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Dilwyn YFC's Easter Bingo was a great success, raising a massive £765. Thank you to everyone from the village that attended and most of all thank you to Daintree Griffiths for all the organisation and bingo calling on the night!



Dementia Friend Sue Strachan gave us a very informative and emotive talk on one of our Wednesday night meetings. Sue, who lives with dementia, is a dementia friend these friends inform people and break stigma about dementia, we all learnt that no case is the same and we shouldn't make presumptions about it. She is running the London Marathon 2018 on behalf of Alzheimer's Research UK.



We would recommend this talk to any other groups within the village, as one of Sue's main goals is to increase awareness in the rural communities. **GOOD LUCK SUE!**

WMA Sports, Dilwyn YFC represented Herefordshire in Jump Rope, Dodgeball and 7-side Mixed Hockey. The jump ropers put in a great routine and ended up in 4th place, the dodgeballers managed the same position after some tough matches - even beating local rivals Eardisley in the process! The hockey team came out victorious on the day beating Warwickshire on penalty flicks in the final after a last minute goal. An impressive effort by all but special mention has to go to Andrew Bennett for saving four penalty flicks!!



The team pictured consisted of (L to R): Standing - Ben Lewis, Ed Turner, Andrew Bennett, Lily Stephens, Abbie Duce, Beth Mills. Kneeling - Emma Lewis, Mouse Layton, Rob Crowley and Ed Thomas.



We visited the Midlands Air Ambulance at their Strensham Base to present them with the £500 we raised for them back in December. A very informative visit, and a worthy cause.

Pre-Rally, Stock judging, Fence erecting, National AGM and Rally are almost upon us! This year's Rally Day is not too far from Dilwyn so please come and take a look at all our hard work - from 9am - Gatley Farm, Hall Farm, Leominster, HR6 9TR.

**Meetings every other Wednesday for more info contact me 07527011451. Ben**

## Community Policing

### PCSO Steph Annette

I would like to introduce myself as the new Police Community Support Officer for Dilwyn, under the umbrella of Kington and Weobley policing area. As most of you will be aware PCSO Dick Allford retired earlier this month after nearly 42 years' service with West Mercia Police. A huge achievement and I'm sure you would all agree he has more than earned his retirement!! We wish him all the best.

I will be covering this area for at least the next six months, so I thought it might be prudent for you to have some up to date information:

The Kington and Weobley Safer Neighbourhood policing team is now comprised of PC Dean Wall and myself, PCSO Steph Annette 6440.

Please feel free to contact me with any local policing questions or queries.

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**Calling all volunteers:** If you can spare a few hours on Friday afternoons, during term time, participating in a friendly and rewarding activity we would love to hear from you.

**Calling all students and school children:** Additionally, volunteering at RDA is a great way to complete some of the challenges and tasks set by school projects or the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. So, we would love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer and achieve these goals. Volunteers must be 12 years or over.

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### **Cedar Hall Committee AGM on Thursday 24th May 7pm**

All village residents and users of the hall are invited. Refreshments will be  
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## Nature Notes



At least some of the frog spawn survived the frost and snow as we have seen tadpoles on the move, even though temperatures are still in single figures! Still, better to come so the forecasters say - perhaps by the time you are reading this, shorts and t-shirts will be in use (and not just by the posties!). Leaves are slowly appearing on trees and bushes but insects are so far rather scarce in the chilly conditions. With swallows and house martins expected in April, food will be hard to come by. Certainly our garden birds still rely on our offerings, and the pair of reed buntings we saw first in March, are still with us.

The grass had grown sufficiently for me to risk a cut on one of the few fine days in early April. Two lawns done but the third one is still too wet and will be left to await dry, sunny weather. Other plants have been slow to come into growth, including early potatoes, which must be finding the soil temperature a little too low. Even the broad beans, those hardy souls, have found the growing tough. Still, a few weeks of temperatures in the 20s and all this will be forgotten about. Dust off the fan and save water before that hosepipe ban is announced!

As I finish, weather forecasters are predicting a warm spell, so perhaps spring will be bypassed this year and we can go straight to summer! Just to continue the influx of unusual birds to the area this year, a pair of white egrets was reported to me first by Philip then Richard (neighbours down The Common). Sure enough, we saw them on the partially flooded meadow land behind our house on a couple of occasions in mid April.

**AR**

## Weather Watch

### Dilwyn Weather for March 2018

It has turned out to be a chilly, wet spring with many plants and animals being held back in their efforts to grow and reproduce. March has helped make up the low levels of ground water by producing over 5 inches of rain (130mm), bringing the running total for 2018 to nine and a half inches (238mm). March daytime temperatures have been around 12-13 degrees in the past few years but were only 10 degrees this year. Night times have only averaged 1 degree, with 15 nights seeing freezing temperatures. In case you had forgotten, one weekend in mid month produced around a foot of snow (300mm) and March had arrived with a couple of days of heavy snow. Only 7 days were 'mostly sunny' and about the same number saw no sunshine at all. Could be a late spring!

**AR**

# 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" and there is a list of 65 characters to choose from. 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.

FOSM Summer Scarecrow Weekend is getting off to a great start and we already have 32 pledges of scarecrows ranging from the Pre-school, Infants and Juniors, to local village groups, local businesses and villagers. These will be displayed around the village during the weekend of 23/24 June when people can pay a small fee to enter the trail and guess the identity of the scarecrows.

All contributions are welcome; please just have a go and support our lovely school. Further details are available as follows:

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Hi everyone, don't blink otherwise you will miss the sun ?? It's here for a very short spell!

In March we had a very good order total of over 17000 litres with some fill ups taking it near to 17500 litres, thank you to everyone for the orders. The price was secured at 47.5p per litre which was very good, only a little higher than February, and this time from

Watsons who delivered in two slots due to the quantity. Delivery was after Easter. All the companies were the same. They were all saying that due to recent weather they were overloaded.

Other prices were Beacon 49.95p and Oil4Wales 49p. Again I could not get a reply from OJ Williams who sometimes seem to be a little difficult to deal with.

The price trend per 900 litres for the month to date is, at the 21st March. £449 per 900 litres. It was then very steady at the same price until 25th, when it then it dropped to £448 on 26th and has since been slowly falling except for a little rise on 3rd April to £448 again. It has had quite a few up and down fluctuations until 16th April where is dropped quite considerably over four days to £441 by the 20th. Recent sunshine could lower the price for us further when I order.

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# From Valentines to Mothers Day

When my man bought his 1965 mk2 midget in 1967 when it was just 18 months old, little did he know that over 50 years later, not only would he still have his beloved car, but at the age of 75 (going on 76!) he would be grovelling on his back taking the engine and gear box out (again!!) Although the gearbox is the original the engine most definitely isn't.

The car in those days was his only vehicle and used to do lots of miles being driven from London to Warsash, near Southampton a couple of times a week, where he was Training Officer at the school of Navigation. In those day I well remember being the passenger curled up on the rear parcel shelf, while my best friend, who was courting a good friend of ours, also working at the college sat in the passenger seat. Half way through the journey we would change places, I would stretch out in the passenger seat and Joannie folded herself onto the parcel shelf. We were somewhat more supple in those days!! Anyway I digress: at that time the car was obviously a bit poorly because there was more oil being poured into the engine than petrol into the tank.



While having a beer with a colleague, discussing the demise of the midget, he was looking through The Exchange and Mart, to see if he could source another engine. In the pub on that day, just happened to be, the owner of a local main dealers. "What are you looking for?" he asked. "Oh my car is spewing oil and I need another engine." Well I can sell you a Gold Seal engine for £52. The deal was done and I went off on a holiday to Switzerland with My mother and son and left him to it!! Wise move I think. That engine lasted several thousand miles and was eventually replaced, but not scrapped.

Always on the lookout on web sites like Ebay, for bits and pieces for the car he noticed an advert a few years ago, for a 1098 series 2 engine and gear box. The listing said that it had come out of a car that had disintegrated with rust, but there was nothing wrong with either the engine or gearbox. So he bought it and we travelled from Hereford to Anglesey to collect it. At this point I have to say that there was nothing wrong with our gearbox, but hey, why not!! Engine number 3 was duly fitted and engine number 2 sat on the garage floor gathering dust.

After that we celebrated the fact that the car was 50 years old by organizing a weekend to Llangollen with the Hereford MGOC. We had a super weekend at the Wild Pheasant Hotel and dressed the old girl up with ribbons and banners to show her age. At dinner 26 of us practically took over the restaurant and raised a glass and sang Happy Birthday to a car!! Are we mad? Or just MG owners??

Having picked up a new crankshaft for a song, (another Ebay steal) engine number 2 was dusted off, re-bored, new pistons fitted and brought back on stand by.

Over the past few weeks she's been showing signs of a problem in the clutch or gearbox. Despite the fact that, once in gear, the car was tripping along like a little gazelle there was nothing for it. The engine, gearbox and clutch had to be changed!! And what day did my beloved husband of almost 50 years choose to begin this mammoth task, why St Valentines Day of course!! Who said 'romance is dead?'

So it was that on Sunday 11th Feb we travelled to Stoneliagh for the Triumph and MG Spares Show, with a list of parts to look out for. Although he thought the problem might lie in the driven plate he bought a complete clutch, new old stock for £63 and some other bits and bobs. We did actually make a nice time of it because our son had bought us a 'Red Letter Day' for Christmas and on looking for something to spend it on, Mike happened to see that one of the hotels was just 4 miles from the Stoneleigh site, how fortuitous!! So I was rewarded for my patience with a nice overnight stay in a lovely hotel, a session in the sauna and a delicious dinner.



So come Tuesday the 14th all was made ready. 1st remove the bonnet, which is much heavier than I remembered from the last time I helped, or could it be that at 68 I'm not as strong as I used to be?

Next I was asked for some rags, this was going to be a mucky job! So I duly sorted out an old towel and some tea towels that had seen better days. I left them in the hall to be picked up when he passed. A short time later I heard him say, 'thanks for that, these look good rags'. Alarm bell began to ring. "Good rags? No just an old towel". I suddenly had 'a moment' remembering that I had left an almost brand new heavy cotton fitted sheet in the room where he was watching 'you tube' instructions on how to do something or other to do with the car!! No wonder he thought it was good rag. Thankfully I got to it before the scissors and we were able to have a laugh when I showed him the real rag, an old towel with a hole in!!

By the 17th of February the engine had been removed and all was well, apart from a small paint chip on the off side wing!! The car was pushed outside to give more room in the garage. It was a lovely sunny Saturday and we decided to go into town. We pushed the car back in, and Mike put a large block of wood behind the wheel to stop it rolling. He then looked round for a 2nd block of wood to put the other side of the wheel, "why are you doing that?" I asked, "It would need an earth quake to shift that!" Undeterred by my mocking he placed another wooden block by the wheel. Imagine how we laughed when we heard on the radio that there had been an earthquake in Swansea while we were out!! It was the biggest earthquake in the UK for over 10 years and the biggest in the area since 1906, measuring 4.4 magnitude. Good job he chocked the wheel!!!

The job progressed over the next couple of weeks, with me keeping him supplied with tea and coffee and warm soup at lunchtime. Occasionally I might be called on to help with some bolts that I could reach with smaller hands. Or help with guiding a big lump of car on the end of a rope.



Then 'The Beast from the East,' struck and temperatures plummeted. The snow came and carried on coming. Undeterred we plodded on, him in this "Huggy Bear Suit" me in fur lined willies and a Goose down hat to beat the cold. I felt a bit like Nannock of the North, but at least I was warm in an unheated garage!! At 75yrs old the work progressed at a leisurely pace. 3-4 hours a day was all the body could cope with, but there was no rush, it just had to be done properly, no point in killing yourself!! Refitting the gearbox had its' moments, but we managed it eventually.

Then came the tricky bit, lowering the engine back in. Easier said than done and there were times when I thought it just wasn't going to fit!! However patience is a virtue and eventually it plonked into position the nuts and bolts were tightened up and it was looking good. Sunday 11th of March was Mothers Day. Our son and daughter arrived at about 11.30am and thought we might go out for lunch. But the car was not yet "broom brooming", so our daughter took me out for afternoon tea and cakes into Leominster, while our son helped with the final details, like fitting the hoses, and checking there were no leaks anywhere. By the time we got home the car was nearer to being started, but still not quite there. At about 5pm our other daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren arrived. I had a cup of tea with them and at about 5.30 I was called out to the garage. Pup, pup, pup, BROOOOM BROOOOM!! The little car was purring again, bless her and bless Mike as well. Break out the champagne. It took from Valentines Day to Mothers Day, but it was worth it and hopefully she will enjoy her trip out next Sunday for the HMGOC wake up run!!!

*Jo Slayman*



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# St Michael's Hospice

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So, here we are again – Monday 7th May – be there – this is your village and your event.

We have

- Live music from John Hymas and Dave Luke – the return of last year’s popular duo.
- The return of “The Tipple Truck” with beer, cider, prosecco and more.
- Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes in the village hall
- Wayne will be serving pork baps for those of a carnivorous disposition
- Games, some old some new but hopefully all in the finest English rural tradition
- Judging of the competitions (see entry form with this issue.. Please note that competition entries must be lodged by 1.00pm – not 11.00am as per the original entry form.
- Village children demonstrating traditional Dilwyn maypole dances.
- A craft tent with local produce and items to purchase.

And in the evening why not join us from 5.00pm in the Crown Inn to relax, unwind and listen to more live music from John Hymas and Dave Luke and enjoy a pint with hopefully, some food.



*Richard Kelly*

# Events Diary

## May

Date		Event	Time	Venue
Tue	1st	PC Meeting	7.30pm	Cedar hall
Sat	5th	Live Music Night	7.30pm	Crown Inn
Mon	7th	Not The Dilwyn Show	Noon	Cedar Hall
Sat	12th	Live Music 'Whalebone'	7.30pm	Cedar Hall
Thu	17th	Cedar Club Outing	10.15pm	Vill. Green
Thu	24th	Cedar Hall AGM	7.00pm	Cedar Hall
Sun	27th	Beer, Cider & Music Talent Event	All Day	Crown Inn

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