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St Mary's Church

Services for May



5 th	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
12 th	Choral Holy Communion	11.00am
19 th	Morning Prayer	11.00am
26 th	Rogation Service at Eyton	10.30am

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

**Choir Practice Wednesday 8th May
at 6.30pm in the Church**

(contact Marion Willcocks for further details
if you are interested in joining the choir)

Church Invasion – Squatters Evicted

On the morning of Tuesday April 16th, members of the new Parochial Church Council armed with a lethal array of vacuum cleaners, mops, brooms, dusters and polish shattered the peace and quiet of our parish church of St Mary's Dilwyn. No quarter was given to cobwebs, spiders, flies, dust, dirt and a year's accumulation of grime. We are pleased to report that the annual Spring Clean was accomplished on time and the church was sparkling clean in time for Easter.

All members of the PCC gave their time and energy and, with volunteers, took part in cleaning the church ready for the Easter Lilies.

Maintenance of this irreplaceable historic building in the village centre is increasingly costly to maintain. A programme of essential fund raising is being planned.

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Dilwyn WI



New members are always welcome

Perhaps the best antidote to the dull, wet and windy weather we experienced in early April is the bright colours and freshness of spring flowers. Our planned speaker unfortunately wasn't able to make our meeting last month, so Jane stoically stepped into the breach and showed WI members how to create a small, but beautiful, floral arrangement in a miniature milk bottle. It was great fun and we all felt considerably cheered by the end of the evening. In May, our speaker is the former Mayor of Leominster who is going to share with us her experience as a civil dignitary. Do please join us at The Old Forge on 7th May at 7.30pm if you can, you'll be most welcome. And by way of early warning, we're planning an open garden Strawberry Tea in late June – keep an eye out for further details. There might also be a WI cake stall at the Not The Dilwyn Show too!

Pat Isaacs

Dilwyn Village Hall Activities

The village hall AGM is on Thursday 23rd May at 7.00pm. All village residents and users of the hall are invited. We encourage all members of the parish to take an interest in the hall and its function with a view to joining the committee. You would be very welcome, and all help will be greatly appreciated. The committee look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions for the use of the hall.

If you are unable to attend on the night but are interested in joining the committee or have any ideas or suggestions, then please email the hall secretary at suea.russell@btinternet.com or contact Richard Thomas on 01544 318541.

Refreshments will be served

Thank You

So very many thanks Jane for the wonderful painting of the Ram's Head, on the front cover of last month's Dilwynner.

Molly Powell



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Geoffrey's Column

Immortality


On my first visit to Greece in the summer of '88, there was a bit of an accident in an estate agent's office. The agent, a very laid-back Welshman, asked me how long I had been on the island. To which, being an accountant, the answer was "One day, 12 hours, and fifteen minutes." Despite his world-weary look of exasperation, 48 hours later we had made an offer on a ruin. But there was a problem. Paxos, being a small island to the south of Corfu, was considered by the Greeks to be "frontier territory" and thus foreigners could not buy real estate in their own name. We would have to form a Greek company and have a Greek partner.



A London solicitor and a London chartered accountant saw no problem in this, and two years later we moved into the restoration. Fortunately, the London solicitor had insisted on having an architect, which outraged the local builder, but the result was a house which we loved immediately and have loved ever since.

Two or three years later, our Greek solicitor advised us that it was no longer necessary to have a Greek partner. Nikos signed on the dotted and the company was now 100% ours. However, under Greek law, we had to pay all sorts of expenses to maintain the company. Our Greek solicitor therefore proposed that we killed the company. This would, of course, entail transferring the property out of the company, which would incur a 6% transfer tax.



"I have a proposal," said the Greek solicitor. "Why don't you transfer the property into your daughter's name, so that when you die she won't have to pay another tranche of transfer tax?" The London accountant looked at the London solicitor and then explained to the Greek solicitor, "It's ok, we are not going to die!"



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The price trend has been very stable and has risen slightly over the month from £434 per 900 litres to £439 to where it is now. The increase was between the 25th March to 12th April, but as I said, it has been very stable indeed.

Welcome to new members again – I hope you enjoy the stay and, of course, Dilwyn.

Thank you all again for the orders, all the very best.

Pete

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Dilwyn Weather for March 2019



Two and three quarter inches (70mm) of rain fell, bringing the total for the first three months of the year to 6 inches (150mm) – well down on what we would usually expect. It was also warmer than normal during daylight hours, at an average of 14 degrees (highest 20), but nights remained cooler, with 3.5 degrees the average for March (coldest –2).

Several bouts of stormy weather assailed us, including one named storm (Gareth) on the 13th and gales on the 9th and the 10th, with near gales on the 15th. The month split into two, weather-wise – the first 17 days had rain every day, the last 14 days were dry with plenty of sunshine. That seems a long time ago now – as I write on 4th April, there is about an inch of snow outside and, at nearly midday, the thermometer outside reads just one degree. Springtime in England is rarely predictable!

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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 Tuesday, 5th March, 2019

At this meeting, 9 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. E. Stilwell, D. Brown, J. Lewis; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, and Ward Councillor, Mark Cooper, were in attendance; there were no members of the public present.

a. Public Participation:

- a) To receive the Police report.
There was no police presence.
- b) To receive the Ward Councillor's report.
Cllr. Cooper gave a verbal report; this report has been posted on the website.
- c) Questions from members of the public.
There were no members of the public present.

b. To approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, 5th February, 2019.

RESOLVED

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

c. Information arising from the minutes.

There was nothing to report under this heading.

d. Correspondence received:

There was nothing to report under this heading.

e. Finance:

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

The Clerk reported the following:

Current Account	£13909.35
Hub Account	£21273.63
Crown Account	£ 1225.08
Total	£36408.06

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

- b) To discuss and approve invoices for payment. Details may be seen on the Parish Council website and village notice-boards. The Clerk was instructed to pay all invoices, this being proposed by Cllr. J. Gerrish and seconded by Cllr. J. Hall.

f. Highway matters:

- a) Balfour Beatty.

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

- b) Work for the Lengthsman:

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

g. Planning matters

There was nothing to report under this heading.

h. Village Notice-Boards

It was observed that unwarranted notices should not be placed on village notice-boards.

i. Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Cllr. Kyles gave an update. He stated that the NDP was with Herefordshire Council for examination.

j. The Crown Inn

It was reported that everything was running smoothly. The kitchen roof has been repaired; it was agreed that the outbuildings should be cleared and a skip paid for to do so. It was hoped that all would come and support the 'Friends of the Crown' at the impending Saturday coffee-morning.

PLEASE NOTE:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, 16th May 2019, commencing at 7.00pm in the Cedar Hall. (The variations in the day and venue is due to the council elections that will have been held earlier in the month.)

Election of Parish Councillors

For the upcoming Election of Parish Councillors for the Dilwyn Parish, 12 persons were nominated for the 12 positions. This negates the need for a poll and all 12 persons nominated will serve, as detailed below. The Election of a District Councillor for the Weobley Ward will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019.

Persons nominated for the election of Twelve Parish Councillors for the Dilwyn Parish Council	
Booth Jamie	Hall Julia
Brown David Howard John	Kyles Peter
Brown Ian David	Lewis Julian Derek
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Fellows Ray	Stirling-Brown Joanne Mary Elizabeth
Gerrish John Rudolf	Thomas Steve

Dilwyn Parish Clerk



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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!

The solutions can be found on page 37.

Easy

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

Hard

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The port of Beira has been in the news after being hit by a cyclone that destroyed the country's hinterland. Beira was also in the news from 1966 to 1975 when Harold Wilson ordered the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force to blockade the port and prevent Southern Rhodesia receiving oil and other designated cargoes.

Beira was the port for Salisbury and the tanker port for Umtali and the whole conflict had occurred during the "Wind of Change" that was affecting Africa. Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia had reverted to Black African control and Southern Rhodesia was next in line. Their white Prime Minister Ian Smith declared UDI and broke away from colonial rule. The 200,000 whites hoped to hang on to their way of life with the knowledge that South Africa and Portuguese East Africa were sympathetic to their cause.

In 1968 I was on a Clan boat and we neared the port of Beira. A Royal Navy frigate approached us and steamed alongside. We had a lot of deck cargo at that time, some enormous structures that were emblazoned with the words "For Rhodesia" painted in red on a white background. Hardly camouflaged. Expecting the frigate to tell us to expect a boarding party, we were surprised to hear the officer ask us if we could take their mail to Mombasa, our next port. The mail sack was duly transferred and the frigate turned away after thanking us.

Alongside at Beira, we discharged the Rhodesian cargo and commenced loading various commodities. We had tobacco to load and I was looking at the white wooden cases marked "Produce of Swaziland". I had never heard of Swaziland tobacco, and they were being discharged from railway trucks that had signs "Return to Salisbury".

After loading the tobacco, we had a visit from the British Consul and he wanted to know how many tons we had loaded and for whom – 300 tons for this British company, 400 tons for that one, etc., etc. After all, the British worker wanted his smoke and didn't want to pay extra for an inferior product.

The UN who had ordered the blockade and the British who ran the show didn't have a successful operation. Oil still flowed into Rhodesia, mainly from South Africa and tankers that ran the blockade. But with newly-formed African nations wanting Britain to invade and attack the white Rhodesians, and the probable repercussions of South Africa and Portuguese whites joining in the fray, the Beira Patrol served its purpose in keeping everything quiet.

In 1975, after a bloody battle to hang on, the Portuguese left Mozambique and the Beira Patrol was wound up. The British left Rhodesia in 1980 and Robert Mugabe came to power.

Mike Slayman

Pete Stilwell

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Dilwyn Royal British Legion

The last of our six 2018/19 winter Speaker Meetings took place on 16th April. It is good to see so many members and villagers at these talks and I know the speakers appreciate the buzz and questions from an attentive audience. Word must get around, as we've already booked the six speakers for the coming year – all looking forward to coming to Dilwyn.

In early April we held our Annual Draw. Hugely successful, raising in excess of £900 for Branch Funds. All 60+ prizes were donated. A big "THANK YOU" from the Committee to everyone who generously donated prizes and bought tickets.

The final event of "our" year is the annual dinner which is being held in The Crown later this month. Sorry, all tickets sold.

David Fowler

Cedar Club

On Thursday 16th May, there will be an outing to the Welshpool & Llanfair Railway. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information, contact Chris Jennings (319190).

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St Mary's School

It has been a busy spring term in the classrooms at St Mary's School. The Infants have been looking at the changes in spring before moving on to learn about canal boats and transport. The UK's coastal environment has been the focus of the Upper Juniors, who have been studying the changing coastline and how we can reduce erosion. The topic has been linked to their literacy, with report writing about coastal places to visit. Meanwhile, the Lower Juniors have been studying deserts and poetry. A selection of excellent compositions on 'Deserts' from the enthusiastic poets is included below for your reading pleasure.



Peter Kyles



Polar bear jumping on to a block of ice
Penguin edging across the ice for fish
Walrus balancing on the ice
Penguin sliding down a big ice rock.

Rattle snake crawling along the hot sand
Camel zigzagging across the hot sand
Jerboa clinging on to the hot sand

Liam Edge

A baby polar bear cub zigzagging across the deep snow.
A husky dog was balancing on the slippery snow.
Arctic wolf walking all day, walking around and around, up and down.
Arctic hare hopping on to an iceberg.
Northern lights around and around, everywhere people look and say "Wow!"
Penguins dive everywhere under the sea penguins are fast.
Snow, snow, everywhere is snow, people climb and animals hide.
Walrus grab and tug and they are wide and large.
Ice is cold, ice freezing, ice is ice.
Beluga whales are white, beluga whales are big.

Verity Burns



Penguin slid down the icy slopes,
Walrus climbed onto the ice slowly,
Snowy owl flying through the Northern lights,
Husky's pulled the sleigh through the snow quickly,
Polar bear travelled across the ice bergs,
Hearing its cubs cries for its assistance.

Kyle Biddle

Rattling, frightening snake slivers to his under ground house,
Heavy, lumpy desert camel travels for miles and miles,
Fennec fox, fennec fox you're the cutest with your big long ears, running furiously to your sandy burrow,
You small long eared cat, caracal that is that
You're the last of our hot desert animals sorry, fella you're the last animal.

Greyish, whitest, bushy tail creature crawls into his deep, watery burrow,
Snowy, lumpy big bear tip-toes to her cave crying with her cubs,
Dangerous, scary leaping dog pounces to his generous pack,
Penguins' scuttle, waddle and slide to and fro to the ice,
Snow leopard, you big cat, big and bright, creeps along the mountain to hide,
Snowy bird with black tips on your tails, fluttering, swooping, flying and falling to your icy treetop home, no more Arctic animals left, you're the last one left.

Kitty Morgan

There is a walrus shooting through the sea,
swiftly evading a whale.
There is a polar bear cub giving a yelp,
hoping that its mother will help.

There is a big old reindeer tromping through the snow,
looking for something to help her children grow.
There is a cute little husky pulling a sleigh,
looking so tired he is about to drop dead.
There is a snowy owl swooping across the lights,
like the jet of the arctic sky.



Circling its prey in the sky,
the vulture will have a feast tonight.
There is a venomous snake slithering through the sand,
looking for something that is not land.
There is a grumpy old scorpion scuttling through the desert,
looking for something for dessert.
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Results have come in from the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, which took place in January. Top of the list was the house sparrow, followed by the starling, blue tit, blackbird, wood pigeon, goldfinch, great tit, robin, chaffinch and magpie. The two large birds in this top ten are certainly well known around Dilwyn, as we seem to be plagued by pigeons and are seeing an increasing number of magpies – both birds being expert scavengers.



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The Crown Inn



We are finally getting into the summer! We have kept busy through the winter and spring and we thank everyone who has supported us and who has come in to eat or drink at The Crown. We have another busy time ahead of us through the summer, with our own events and many private parties. One being Maria's sister Vicky's wedding day on Saturday 24th May, with the after party being held in the pub garden.

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Friends of The Crown Inn

The primary aim of the Friends is to support The Crown in every way possible, by working closely with Maria and Max in developing the very high level of success already achieved. Examples of ways in which this might be done could include:

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

These are all just ideas at present and the Friends need support and opinion from the wider community as to how the Group might best help Maria and Max in the outstanding work they are doing. To this end, the Friends are planning to hold an open meeting on:

Monday 20th May; 7.30pm at The Crown

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Crown Unplugged Session Review

Thursday 18th April 2019

In all honesty, while I know many musicians and entertainers across the three counties, I never know who, if anybody, will come along to these sessions until they turn up. With last night, being the start of the Easter weekend, I was half expecting contributors to be away or gigging elsewhere – but I was yet again proved wrong. The bar was so filled by musicians, entertainers and listeners that Maria had to go and find more chairs to accommodate us all.

As ever, the performances were contrasting with light-hearted banter and there was plenty of spontaneous musical interaction between players and vocalists. Most of all, players and listeners alike, enjoyed themselves and went home happy.

Contributors, mainly in order of performance, were **Chris Chedgey** (guitar/vocals/harmonica); **Jessica Squire** (vocals/guitar); **Adrian Belville** (guitar/vocals/harmonica); **Arthur Hyde** (vocals/guitar); **Jeremy Price** (vocals/guitar); **Jackie Lyness** (vocals); **Arthur Bancroft** (legendary violinist); **Pam & Phil Brown** (vocals); **Tony Bekingham** (spoken word); **Peter Stillwell** (12-string guitar); **Paul Meanwell** (12-string guitar/vocals); **Pedro Brown** (saxophone/congas); **Mark Errington** (guitar/vocals); **Rob Grace** (guitar/vocals); **Katie Phillips** (vocals/guitar); **Simon Bear Addison** (autoharp/melodeon); myself **Valeryan** (original vocals/guitar); not forgetting support musicians on the night **Alison Harrington** (percussion) and **Caroline Beaumont** (fiddle).

Thanks as ever to our hosts at The Crown and for their warm and friendly hospitality, and the next acoustic music session is Thursday 16th May. Why not come along then and join in the fun?

Valeryan

Classical Music Concert

Ruth Watson (oboe) and Friends will play at St. Mary's Parish Church on Saturday 15th June at 7.30pm. Ruth will be joined by John Hymas (violin/viola), Jeremy Fisher (piano) and Wendy Quinlan (flute). The programme includes work by Elgar and Telemann and features a Fantasie on the William Tell Overture as well as a new, specially written work by local composer John Trew called "Pictures from an Imaginary Exhibition". The profit from the performance will be used to help maintain, repair and improve the Crown Inn, Dilwyn. Tickets cost £12.50 and will be available on the door on the night but are best bought in advance (01544 318738). The Crown will provide supper to concert goers by prior arrangement before and after the performance (01544 318063).



St Mary's Church Summer Fete

Saturday 8th June at 2.30pm

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

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Herefordshire Wildlife Trust Weobley & District Branch

On 4th April, the Weobley Branch of HWT received a thought-provoking talk *Moccas Park: Ecology and Management of a National Nature Reserve* from Bob Silverwood of Natural England. Moccas Park, on the west side of the river Wye south of Bredwardine, is famed for its veteran and ancient trees.

As 'wood pasture' since at least the 14th century, a fallow deer park since the 1600s, an early 19th century 'regency parkland' with landscaping by Capability Brown and Humphrey Repton and a site of international importance for its trees, Natural England has Moccas as one of its Parkland Reserves.

A fine example of an ancient tree is 'The Old Man of Moccas', about 800–900 years old, from which acorns are now being collected to grow into young trees. The parkland is also home to the Moccas Beetle, first recorded in 1934, unknown outside Moccas Park in the UK and, in Europe, found only in Sweden and Germany. Thirteen of the UK's 18 bat species are present and a wide range of bird species, including a significant population of Pied Flycatcher – this of some relevance to HWT members, whose annual journal is *The Flycatcher*.

With many precious oaks, there is concern now about 'acute oak decline', and much work is being done to understand and overcome the causes of this. Moccas Hill Wood, to the west of the parkland, has recently been leased to The Woodland Trust, whose aim is to establish it as an open 'wooded' landscape with broadleaf species and a 'bluebell lawn'.

As a follow up to this talk, the Weobley Branch of HWT is hoping to organise a walk through Moccas on Saturday 1st June. Further details will be made available at the next Branch event on **Thursday 2nd May** – this a talk on *The Welsh Beaver Project*.

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Saturday 4th May 2019. Weobley St Peter and Paul's church

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Monday 6th May

The day will start at 11.00, meeting at the museum with an EML-themed walk round Weobley (free). There will be a singing workshop with Lydia Wells "All under a May Moon" in the church at 2pm (£3.50).

Tickets for each event from Jan Saunders at jan.saunders60@outlook.com or 01544 318980.

Weobley and District Local History Society

The meeting on 27th March included the AGM. Brian Holley, our chairman for the past 10 years, and Pat Millington, Wally Fletcher and Liz Holley stood down from the committee. Brian offered to continue as a committee member. Thanks to them all in helping to run a successful Society. Graham Saunders was elected as the new chairman, with Maggie Waldman as secretary, Chris Jennings as Treasurer, Sue Hubbard continues as Curator of the museum, ably assisted by Gina Holley. Jan Gay continues on the committee and Lorna Warwicker is joining the committee.

The meeting continued with a fascinating film of aged farmers talking about their experiences in the 1920s and 30s. Pembridge was described as run down, with no tarmac on the roads and very dusty. So much so, that people had to beat the dust out of their clothes after walking down the street. One farmer put salt on fields to encourage mushrooms to grow, which he then sold. Roger Williams, born in 1930, described milking their 10 cows by hand and picking up potatoes for 9 old pence a day (less than 4p in today's money!). His dad worked the horses ploughing and harvesting wheat. Cider was given out to the workers in the fields. The girls only had one posh dress and the river Wye froze over in 1939. Laurie Whitall described cutting around a field of corn by hand, then cutting the rest using horses. The corn was collected into stools, 18 feet high. Steam engines were also used, but they had to be fired up at 05.00 to be in steam ready to start work at 08.00. A van came round

by the butcher, baker, grocer and pharmacist once per week. Every cottage had a pig. I liked his thoughts on life “If you want to get anything out, you got to put something in”. It still applies today. A memorable and enjoyable evening.

The museum held a very successful open day on 6th April when visitors were able to look through documents and pictures that are usually in store but, thanks to the loan of the library, could be displayed on this occasion. There were 37 visitors, most of them local but also a family from Hungary, and everyone found something of interest. Some wanted to delve into family history or find pictures of their house as it used to be, while others just enjoyed a browse through the collection. Given the numbers and positive comments, we have decided to open one Saturday a month over the summer. Details will be posted on the list of events.

Our summer excursion is on Wednesday June 12th. Members make their own way to Hereford and we meet at 11am at the Cathedral Chained library to view a selection of their historical documents. Members make their own lunch arrangements, then reconvene at the Coningsby Hospital at 3.15pm for a guided tour. There is a £6 charge.

Graham Saunders

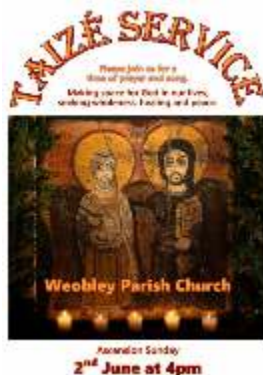
Leominster Choral Society

“An Evening at the Opera” will be the name of Leominster Choral Society’s next concert, which will be at Leominster Priory on Saturday 25th May at 7.00pm. With Will Pridie setting the scene, the choir will sing music by Bizet, Borodin, Handel, Mozart, Mascagni, Puccini, Purcell, Tchaikovsky, Wagner and Verdi. Conductor James Atherton; Hilary Norris on piano and organ; soprano soloist Katie Trethewey.

Tickets are available in advance at £12 from Fletchers Newsagents, Broad Street, Leominster and Leominster Tourist Information Centre, Corn Square, Leominster; online via www.ticketsource.co.uk or from choir members. Tickets on the door £15; accompanied under 16s free.

Taizé Service at Weobley Parish Church Sunday 2nd June at 4.00pm

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More than 40 arrangers and groups from across Herefordshire and adjoining counties are supporting the event which takes place at Lyde Arundel from 13th–15th September. The festival will not only touch the heart of all its visitors, giving them the opportunity to remember loved ones, but it will also be an enjoyable event, which will include a Preview Evening and Floral Entertainment Evening.

For more information, visit st-michaels-hospice.org.uk, contact Paddy Nugent on 01432 852 641, or email pnugent@smhospicehereford.org.



Performing at the flower festival will be the St Michael's Hospice Community Choir. The group features Hospice volunteers and staff members, plus those from the community who enjoy singing. The Choir, which performs at various events throughout the year, would love to welcome more men, particularly bass or tenor. If you're interested in joining, or for more information, call Denise Bishop at St Michael's on 01432 852 656.



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Easter at St Mary's Church

On one of the most important days in the Christian calendar, St Mary's looked resplendent in the sun, spruced up and adorned with lilies. After the well-attended Easter Day service, worshippers received Easter eggs from the new churchwarden, Gill Okell-Price.

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored a lily in memory of a loved one. The Reverend Matthew Burns read out the 36 names in memoriam. A big thank you to Rose Thomas for organising and arranging the lilies and to everyone who decorated the church.



The mountain of Easter eggs in St Mary's at the St Mary's Primary School children's service. Every child at the school received an Easter egg donated again by a generous local benefactor!



May Events Diary

Date	Event	Time	Place
Wed 1 st	Cart Shed Spring Plant Fair	10.30am–4.00pm	Broxwood Court
Thu 2 nd	Local Government Elections	7.00am–10.00pm	Cedar Hall
Sat 4 th	Community Market and Café	10.00am–12.00pm	Cedar Hall
Mon 6 th	Not The Dilwyn Show	12.00pm–4.00pm	Cedar Hall & School Field
Tue 7 th	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Old Forge
Thu 16 th	Cedar Club Outing to the Welshpool & Llanfair Railway		
Thu 16 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm	Cedar Hall
Thu 16 th	Crown Unplugged Session	8.30pm	The Crown
Mon 20 th	Friends of The Crown Meeting	7.30pm	The Crown
Thu 23 rd	Village Hall AGM	7.00pm	Cedar Hall

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Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

April 1st Jane Voogd £20. 2nd Marion Willcocks £10.
3rd Sue Rowe £10.

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20th May for very small items and also regular items

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