

The Dilwynner



November 2019

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St Mary's Church

Services for November



3 rd	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
10 th	Choral Holy Communion Remembrance Sunday	10.55am
17 th	Morning Prayer	11.00am
24 th	Holy Communion	9.30am

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

**Choir Practice Wednesday 6.30pm
6th November in the Church**

(Please contact Marion Willcocks for further
details if you would like to join the choir)

St Mary's Church, Dilwyn, Harvest Table

Thank you to Olive Lewis and Julie Hanson for arranging the splendid Harvest Table laden with autumnal preserves, fruit and vegetables.

As you enter the church, it is a joy to see a real harbinger of the harvest festival.

Olive and Julie have been setting the table up for many years and, on behalf of the congregation and the people who visit St Mary's Church, Dilwyn, a heartfelt and most sincere thank you!

Molly Powell

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Harvest in Dilwyn

The Ceilidh in Dilwyn Village Hall on Saturday 12th October was a huge success. Andy Davies and the Eardisland Village Band provided wonderful toe-tapping music while the caller, Ian Elliot, took us through all the dances – most skilfully making all ages dance with energy and enthusiasm. Home-cooked cottage pie and apple pie were served during the interval.

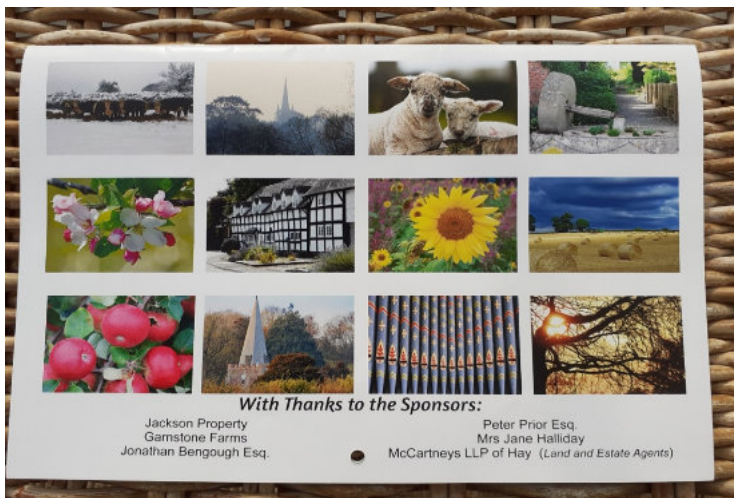
A very big thank you to Marion Willcocks for organising the ceilidh and to Meg Wainwright for giving so much help.

The 2020 Calendar – “A Year In and Around Dilwyn” is now for sale

It is on sale at £8.50 from The Crown Inn, Dilwyn, The Old School Shop, Weobley, the Village Market, Cedar Hall (on Saturday December 7th), and The Forbury, Leominster.

This stunning full-colour calendar of local scenes is now available. All profits will go to St Mary’s Church to help fund essential upgrading and repairs – including plans to improve the children’s area, to replace the broken dehumidifier in the vestry and address the problem of poor heating in the church – and don’t forget the delicate loo and endemic damp – all on top of continual essential maintenance.

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Dilwyn Royal British Legion

In November, our nation remembers the fallen in all wars. The Royal British Legion is the principle national charity that supports ex-service personnel and their dependants. Our poppy sellers will be calling in the lead up to 11th November. If we miss you, poppies and a collecting box will be on the bar at The Crown. You are always most generous – it is a good cause. Thank you.

Sunday 10th November, Remembrance Service 11.00am @ St Mary's Church

Members are invited to muster at 10.45am outside The Crown Inn, prior to attending the church remembrance service at 11.00am.



Last year's parade to St Mary's Church on Sunday 11th November

Dilwyn RBL Christmas Card

This year's card features "The Old Forge". Available for purchase at our meetings, or from Pam Taylor (3 Penrose Cottage – opposite the school). Please give her a call first, 01544 318444). We also have a number of previous year's cards ("Outside the Gates of the Great House" and "The Crown Inn"), all expertly drawn by branch member Len Beach. The price is 60p each including envelope – please see the colour advert on page 39 (inside back cover). Card dimensions are 21cm x 14.5cm and the message inside reads "Christmas Greetings". Profits to branch funds, which assists our local welfare work.

Membership

Our meetings (currently six a year) feature guest speakers, who over the past twenty years or so have spoken on a variety of military subjects. Meetings are open to non-members. Membership of the national RBL organisation is not obligatory, although at just £17 per annum, you would be supporting a good cause as well as having the opportunity to attend the televised Royal Albert Hall Remembrance Service, as have many Dilwyn branch members in past years. The service and the atmosphere in the Hall is a most moving experience. Do talk to David at a meeting or give him a call.

Tuesday 19th November 7.30pm, Speaker Meeting @ The Crown

One hundred and three years have passed since the final battle of the Somme, but will the story ever be fully told? Pete Weston, author of "Redan Ridge – The Last Stand", has recently come across new material which indicates that the part played by local men from Herefordshire was greater than previously thought. Be sure to arrive a few minutes early in time to order your tippie and allow a prompt start.

September Speaker Meeting

At our Speaker Meeting on 24th September in The Crown, in front of fifty members and visitors, we welcomed the RBL County Chairman, Barbara Leeson, and her husband Bob. For Barbara, it was a return to Dilwyn as she spent her childhood here (her father, Phil Watkins, was the village builder). She said that she had many fond memories of Dilwyn, including attending St Mary's primary school between 1955 and 1960. The occasion was used to present Edward Jones with the RBL County Appreciation Certificate. Edward joined the branch shortly after he and Elaine arrived in Dilwyn in 1992. He was Branch Secretary for 23 years and, for the past two years, Branch President. The Dilwyn branch is one of the few branches nationally that can claim that its membership is more than twice that of 25 years ago (currently 70; in 1992 it was 32). Having interesting speaker meetings devoid of administrative matters that are of no interest to the majority of members has been the secret – Edward, when Branch Secretary, was responsible for the speaker programme. All present warmly appreciated Edward's work and dedication to the Legion being publicly recognised in this way.



Barbara Leeson, RBL Herefordshire County Chairman, presenting a County Appreciation Certificate to Edward Jones

Sarah & Tori

Cook & Bake

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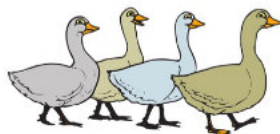
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Between the crosses, row upon row
They mark the place where they fell.

To the battle they went
Young boys not men
They fell with faces to the foe
They shall not grow old.

The clock strikes 11.00
The standard lowered
We hear the bugler play
The last post, it's haunting poignant notes
Sends shivers down my body.

Medals men wear upon their chests
They march on their remembrance parade
The memorial cross, they stop, they salute.
The round wreath they lay.

Their names liveth for evermore
Lest we forget them
Lest we forget them.

Julie Brotherston



Village Market & Café at Cedar Hall, Dilwyn



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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) 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 3rd September 2019

At this meeting, 10 Councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs. J. Hall and J. Lewis; the Parish Clerk, Mr. Gwilym Rippon, and Ward Councillor, Michael Jones, 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.
It was reported that he had spoken to Mr. Pankhurst and he reported that the sweeper had not come through the village, as there was no real need?!!
There was a change in S106 monies for new builds; it would now be CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy).
Consideration was to be given to turning off the traffic lights at Asda in Hereford, for an experimental period.
Cllr. Jones also report that no decision had been made in relation to the by-pass!
- 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 2nd July 2019

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 were approved.

c. Information arising from the minutes

Re. paint for the underpass; this was in hand.

d. Correspondence received

Cllr. Kyles reported that the Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to the External Examiner; however, she has yet to finalise her report. (See also Item g.)

e. Finance

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

The Clerk reported the following:

Current Account	£18260.51
Hub Account	£20106.11
Crown Account	£ 1183.74
Total	£39550.36

b) External Auditors report

The Clerk reported that he had received the Annual Return from the External Auditor. This year, there had been no complaints under audit. There were issues: two boxes on the return had been ticked incorrectly; now resolved!

c) 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.

d) Financial Regulations

The Clerk reported that new Financial Regulations had been produced.

RESOLVED

That the new Financial Regulations should be adopted.

f. Highway matters

a) Balfour Beatty

The road-side hedge by Dr. Dale's.

b) To discuss the footpaths

Cllr. D. Brown gave an update as to the current position in relation to the footpaths.

c) Work for Lengths-man

Trim all entrances to the footpaths. Weed around the village.

g. The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Kyles reported that the Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to the External Examiner; however, she has yet to produce her report. The Examiner had had a query from England Heritage. It was requested to send an e-mail to put the plan on hold.

RESOLVED

That an e-mail be sent to Herefordshire Council requesting that the Dilwyn Neighbourhood Plan be put on hold.

h. The School Play-Area

It was explained that the Play-Area on school-leased property was originally purchased by Dilwyn Parish Council. It was agreed that work should be undertaken, as necessary.

i. Asset Register

Contact will be made with Duncan Andrew re. Harry Ray and Co.

j. Maintenance at The Crown

Defibrillator needs to be checked on a weekly basis, ideally by having a number of Councillors on a rota.

Cllr. Stilwell provided details of the fat-trap which is to be fitted.

Two new front windows have been fitted; it was agreed that the middle upstairs front window should be replaced as well.

Cllr. Gerrish gave a presentation as to the possible future development of The Crown. Detailed plans will be drawn up and put out to public consultation.

k. Repairs to the Notice Boards

It was reported that all the noticeboards needed attention.

l. Carols on the Green

This was now all in hand. Details will be published as soon as possible.

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



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Messages

Rory Runs for Children in Need

Nine-year-old Rory Messer from Dilwyn has set himself a running challenge for Children in Need. He aims to run 100km between October 15th and November 15th (which is the official Children in Need Day). Our dog walks don't count! If you see him out running, please give him a wave. There will be a kilometre update and box for any spare change donations outside Red Rowans, which is opposite the red phone box. Many thanks.

Karen & Rory Messer

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

Thank you to all the friends who came to my coffee mornings in September, made cakes or sent donations. Thanks to everyone's generosity, the wonderful sum of £375 was raised.

Following the coffee mornings, someone left a brown waxed jerkin which I have been unable to find a home for. If it is yours, please get in touch.

Dot Teather

Your Invitation to a "Dilwyn Informal Gathering"

Following Elaine's death, and my declining health, I have sold Tan House Cottage and plan to leave shortly, to be near to my daughter in Rutland.

Before I depart, I wish to have the opportunity to say "au revoir" to you all whom I have known for so long.

In order to do this, there will be a Dilwyn Informal Gathering in the Cedar Hall on Sunday, the 17th of November from 6.00 p.m. until 10.00 p.m.

There will be a bar and buffet.

I hope many of you will find the time to come and mingle.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Edward Jones
318209



Carols on the Green

****Stop Press****

**Carols on the Green will now be on
Tuesday 10th December 2019
with an earlier start time of 6.00pm**

Since the October edition of the Dilwynner – we have had to make a couple of changes – the most important of which is the change in date. It will now be on Tuesday 10th Dec **NOT** Wednesday 18th as stated in the last edition.

We have continued to contact all the familiar faces plus a few ‘new faces’ asking for their support. As usual St Mary’s Choir will be leading the carols, with contributions from St Mary’s School and other guests!

Another change this year is that we decided to ask for donations to pay for the running costs of the event so that funds are not detracted from the Coffee Morning. So far, we have had donations from James Booth, Jo Brown, Charles Thomas, Tony Booth and Tony Bullen. Our main sponsor this year though is Martin Thomas Logs!

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity. If anyone else would like to donate towards the running costs, please contact us on our emails below.

These generous offers mean that the Coffee Morning funds will give a large healthy kickstart to this year’s collection for Motor Neurone Disease.

The other major change to this year’s event is that it has been agreed not to sell hotdogs outside! You will not go hungry though, as Maria and Max have agreed to serve food as usual in the pub from 6pm. So, by all means book in advance if you wish to eat at The Crown that evening!

Finally, from 5.45pm the fabulous Glen, Bugs Brummie will be providing music during the evening to keep that warm and festive feel throughout. Thank you, Glen!

We are very grateful to all the volunteers and sponsors who have come forward to help and so rescue what is a unique evening in Dilwyn’s calendar, and this year with your help, it looks set to be a good one!

There will be a reminder and, if necessary, further information in the December edition of the Dilwynner.

Many thanks,

Jo, Lesley and team

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The solutions can be found on page 35.

Easy

	6		7			4		
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Hard

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			1				5	
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The Crown Inn

Another exciting month ahead, Halloween parties on the 2nd November. Due to the bonfire night at the village hall, we have changed the children's party to 3pm till 5pm, what an excellent day out for them! To the adults, we are looking forward to seeing your fancy-dress costumes from 8pm. Something new to Dilwyn, we will have a pop-up boutique evening on the 5th November, Annie Mee will be here to give you style tips and show you the latest fashion from Captain Tortue, which you can purchase on the night.

With Christmas nearing already, if you would like to book in for a festive lunch or dinner in December, please call to book. We can cater up to 30 in our lounge and a pre-order will be needed. Please pop in to see us to get one of our festive menus. Giving you plenty of time to get ready for our New Year's Eve party – the fancy-dress theme is anything to do with the letter 'R'. Last year was a blast, so we hope you come to join us again this year.

Unfortunately, we will not be doing the Pensioners Lunches through December, this is due to lots of big parties booked and we will be hosting a shoot again through the next few months, which fall on a Wednesday. Rest assured, they will start up again in the New Year.

Lastly, we will both be taking a break for a week from Monday 11th November. Food will still be served as we will have our friend John covering the kitchen again, who is a fantastic chef.

Max & Maria

French Fashion coming to the Crown Inn, Dilwyn

Tuesday 5 November from 7pm

Annie Mee will introduce the latest collections from Captain Tortue, fabulous ladieswear in sizes 6-24. In addition Annie will offer lots of style tips and advice on creating the perfect capsule wardrobe.

Please pop in, fashion has never been so much fun.





THE CROWN INN

Festive Menu

Roasted Squash & Apple Soup

Bread Roll & Butter

Crayfish Cocktail

Shepherd's Pie Croquette

Ale Chutney

Duo of Rarebit

Piccalilli

Roast Turkey Crown

Traditional Trimmings

Roast Topside of Beef

Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy

Quinoa Crusted Fillet of Salmon

Lemon & Dill Sauce

Stilton & Roasted Vegetable Strudel (V)

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Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce

Cinnamon Panna Cotta with Port Macerated Melon

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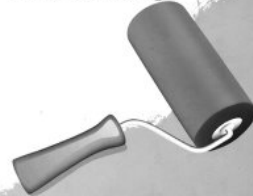
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Dilwyn WI

New members are always welcome

Captivating is probably the best way of describing the talk given by Rowan McOnegal on Hedgerow Medicine last month. It was quite fascinating to hear about some of the potential benefits that can be derived from the everyday flora in our gardens and along roadside verges. Members and guests enjoyed a most informative evening, which included refreshments that complemented the evening's theme. The WI Annual Meeting is programmed for November and, after the formal business and a short demonstration of 'cake-toppers' given by one of our members, we'll end the soiree with a cheese and wine buffet. Sorry, members only I'm afraid.

Pat Isaacs

Crown 3rd Thursday Review

Thursday 17th October 2019

Around 8.15pm on a wet October night, the bar at The Crown was once again filled with musicians, singers, poets, singer/songwriters and interested listeners for our monthly acoustic session. The event is now into its 3rd year and on these nights players came from as far away as Brecon and the depths of Worcestershire to join in the fun.

There we were, Bob Evans (singer/songwriter); Tony Beckingham (thought provoking poetry); Jackie Lyness (a capella vocals); John Langstaffe (violin); Pam & Phil Brown (a capella folk songs); Steve Purnell (vocals/guitar); Caroline Beaumont (violin); Jeremy Price (vocals/guitar); Katie Phillips (vocals/guitar/ukelele); Phil Heinrichy (singer/songwriter); John & Anna (vocals/banjo/fiddle); Alison Harrington (percussion); and yours truly Valeryan (singer/songwriter).

As usual, there was a wide range of material covered between us including traditional folk to retro pop, amusing ditties mixed in with plenty of light-hearted banter and on many occasions musical collaboration.

Thank you to our audience and, of course, to our hosts Maria and Max and their staff for their excellent hospitality on the night.

The November session will be Thursday 21st – while they may be similar, the line up of contributors is likely to be different and no two events can ever be the same.

Valeryan

Cedar Club

Thursday 17th October and the Cedar Club descended on The Crown. We welcomed Pauline to our group and a happy couple of hours were spent chatting with friends, attempting a couple of light-hearted picture quizzes, sipping tea or coffee and then attempting to do justice to a huge plate of sandwiches and cakes, provided by Max and Maria. Jolly tasty they were too – several guests left with ‘doggy bags’ to finish the feast at home! Maria was the perfect hostess, keeping our cups topped up, all with a cheerful smile. We finished with our usual raffle and departed in fine spirits.

Next month we look forward to Duncan Fox telling us all about Sly Gin – back in the Cedar Hall on November 21st at 2.30pm.

December 19th is our Christmas lunch when we shall once again visit The King’s House in Pembridge – always a high-quality meal and a warm welcome! Bookings and payment will be taken at the November meeting, or by contacting Yvonne on 319262 any time after 21st November. Non-members also welcome.

AR

If Only I Had Time

Clocks go back on Sunday 27th October. This is an arbitrary date signalling the end of daylight saving time for 2019. To the mariner, the movement of clocks aboard a vessel is a necessary event and depending upon your course and speed, you could shift clocks on a daily basis.

Imagine we are on board a vessel capable of 20 knots and bound for Yokohama in Japan from Vancouver in Canada. Setting off on Vancouver time, we are some 8 hours behind GMT. After one day at sea, we will have to retard the clocks one hour to allow the sun to catch up with us. There are 3 watches aboard ship, the 12–4, the 4–8 and the 8–12, and each evening watch will do an extra 20 minutes to take up this hour.

The voyage progresses and the hours are retarded accordingly until we are 12 hours behind GMT, i.e. approaching the International Date Line, again another arbitrary position. Another hour shift and we are now 13 hours behind GMT. However, this is not conducive to world time standards. So what they do aboard ship is to ADVANCE clocks 23 hours, thus moving the clocks back one hour but also advancing by one day. So, for example, if we are on Monday, tomorrow will be Wednesday. This method was used to good effect by Jules Verne when he wrote “Around the World in 80 Days”.

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The price trend from the 21st September was very steady for two days starting at £480 per 900 litres then falling for the complete month to £443 on 19th October. It did stabilise at £469 on 27th September for two days and again on 5th October for another two days at £464, then a downward trend.

I repeat my advice ready for the winter fill, to check your tanks again for any possible defects, cracks in plastic ones and pinholes in metal ones. Any severe leaks can cause serious pollution problems if oil enters drains or water courses, with heavy financial penalties. Bunded tanks are beneficial to elevate any of these unforeseen problems.

Look after yourselves and families, especially the elderly, and a little plug for the Coffee Morning in November (see page 17 of this issue).

Pete

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Dilwyn Weather for Sept 2019

September began well, continued well for 3 weeks then finished with a downpour. Just over 5 inches of rain fell (128mm), with most of it coming in the last 9 days (which were also frequently windy). Pleasant temperatures in the low to mid 20s in the first 3 weeks, soon dropped away to mid teens as the rain arrived. Despite this, the average daytime temperature was 22 degrees and the nights averaged 8 degrees. Half the month had mostly sunny days, with high pressure nearby – not so that final ten days. It sounds as though the really interesting weather came in that final third of the month, when sadly I was with my wife in southern Italy, soaking up the sun!! Thanks for the data, Peter.

AR

Nature Notes

With a distinctive autumn feel to the weather, the first few fieldfares and redwings have been seen and heard in mid October. These winter visitors have left colder climates in Scandinavia and Russia to find plentiful food on our trees and hedges. As more arrive, first hawthorn berries, blackberries etc., are eaten; then apples become the target and orchards are neatly cleaned of any remaining fruit.

Tawny owls have been out hunting after dark in early October. Their calls have been all around Jake (our 8-month-old springer) and me as we pound the lane on our nightly walk. Hopefully there is a plentiful supply of field mice and voles about to satisfy these nocturnal predators.

As the long, dark nights get ever closer, it is time to clean up the bird feeders, restock the wild bird food larder and save any useful scraps which could be put out as food. As daylight diminishes, our garden birds have less time to find food, so a helping hand here could be a life saver – for some smaller species in particular. Bits of apple, cheese, nuts and animal fats can be put out, with a seed mix and the rewards can be well worth it.

AR

Neighbourhood Watch

The new rota should be with all members by early November. We could really do with some new members to replace those who have moved out of the village. A couple of hours per year is all we ask! Everyone in the community can help – by reporting suspicious behaviour, people, or vehicles which look out of place – and by looking out for elderly or infirm neighbours, especially in very cold spells. Be a good neighbour – be a friendly neighbour! A smile and a kind word can work wonders.

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Dilwyn YFC

Welcome to the new Young Farmers' year (beginning in August) – here's a brief report of what we've been up to!

The club has been busy raising money, firstly for St Michael's Hospice – £250 via the Venus walk completed by Nicole Davies, Polly Aubrey, Hannah Williams, Fi Griffiths and me. Nicole Davies, Ross Farndon and Ben Lewis raised £400 in Builth, Tup Taxing at the Ram Sales. Muck selling has been a success again, with thanks going to Daintree Griffiths and the Voogds. The current tally is at £325 – if you would like some, there's plenty still available.

Competitions have come thick and fast. Most notably with Daisy Jones and Hope Farndon winning the National Cookery Competition, judged by Jean Christophe Novelli. Well done girls!

The club pulled together for a great ploughing match, with George Williams having a fantastic day being our only ploughman. The club came 5th overall, with all the young members coming away with a prize card!



The most recent competition was the stock judging, overall coming 4th, Tom Bennett with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Ed Rees 2nd and Matt Pudge with lots of points!

Thank you to the fantastic committee so far, that has put on some great socials, including steak and bowl at The Grove and a wonderful social with Golden Valley at the Wellington Social Club.

We look forward to seeing you all at our bingo (see opposite) and in the pub for carol-singing season!

If you want any more information of what we do or meeting times, contact me, Beth Mills, on 07917 616457.

Weobley Bonfire and Fireworks

On Tuesday 5th November. Torchlight procession from the village centre to Weobley Village Hall. Bonfire lit at 6.30pm, professional firework display from 7pm. Entry: adults £5, children £2.50.

Weobley & District Bowling Club

The "short mat" bowling has started well. Monday afternoons 2pm until 4pm at Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley. Please come along if you wish to try a new sport –you will be made very welcome.

A reminder for the comedian/magician, Paul Ray, at Hopelands Village Hall on Saturday 16th November, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (includes a light buffet supper), available from Diane (01544 318178), Brenda (01544318727), Christine (01544 318742) or any club member.

Then on Monday 2nd December, we are holding a Christmas Bingo at Hopelands Village Hall, 7.00pm for "eyes down" at 7.30pm. There will be many seasonal prizes, so come along and bring your friends.

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust: Weobley & District Branch

Harriet Carty, director of the organisation 'Caring for God's Acre', kicked off our autumn programme of talks on 3rd October. The charity is dedicated to conserving the wildlife and promoting better management of burial grounds of all types. The forthcoming 7th November meeting, "Diseases of Trees", will feature Chris Johnson, honorary secretary of the Herefordshire Division of the Royal Forestry Society (7.30pm at Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley). To cover costs, we ask members to donate a minimum of £2.50. Visitors (non-members) are welcome and we respectfully request a donation of £3.50.

Weobley & District Local History Society

Our September talk by David Hill was a wizz round 100 of Herefordshire's churches, giving us views of the great variety of external appearances and some of the important internal features. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm in Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley when Duncan James will talk about "The 12th Century Herefordshire School of Romanesque Architecture". This is a fascinating opportunity to hear about the unique style of carving that flourished in Herefordshire for only a short period almost 900 years ago and fortunately much remains today.

Leominster Choral Society Concert

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Difficult

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Sat 2 nd	Village Market and Café	10.00am–12.00pm	Cedar Hall
Sat 2 nd	Children's Halloween Party	3.00pm–5.00pm	The Crown
Sat 2 nd	Family Friendly Bonfire Night	5.00pm	School Field
Sat 2 nd	Halloween Party	8.00pm	The Crown
Tue 5 th	WI Annual Review/Cake-Toppers	7.30pm	Old Forge
Tue 5 th	Pop-up Boutique	7.00pm	The Crown
Tue 5 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	St Mary's School
Sat 9 th	Coffee Morning	10.00am–12.00pm	The Crown
Sun 10 th	Remembrance Service	11.00am	St Mary's Church
Sat 16 th	Cedar Art Group Exhibition	10.00am–4.00pm	Cedar Hall
Tue 19 th	RBL Speaker Meeting	7.30pm	The Crown
Thu 21 st	Cedar Club: Sly Gin	2.30pm	Cedar Hall
Thu 21 st	Crown Acoustic Session	8.30pm	The Crown
Sat 30 th	Live Music with Footprints	9.00pm	The Crown

St Mary's Church services can be found on page 4

Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

October 1st John Colling £20.
2nd Gerry Duncan £10. 3rd Sue Rowe £10.

Absolute deadlines for December Dilwynner copy are:

20th November for very small items and also regular items

18th November for new and non-regular large items

Normally we expect to receive copy much earlier than these dates.

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(or to report non-urgency crime, ring 101)

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