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# **St Mary's Church**

## **Services for September**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Evening Prayer	6.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Choral Holy Communion	11.00am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	11.00am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Communion	9.30am
29 <sup>th</sup>	Group Service at Eye	10.00am

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

**Choir Practice Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm in the Church**

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

## **Look out for the 2020 Calendar “A Year In and Around Dilwyn.”**

A stunning full-colour calendar of local scenes will be available to buy from September.

All profits will go to St Mary's Church in order to help fund essential projects 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.

St. Mary's receives no financial support from external sources and is entirely reliant on initiatives such as this to fund these plans for the benefit of us all in the village.

For further information and where to buy the calendar contact Anthea Alexander 07747025077

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# **Wedding Bells in St. Mary's Church Dilwyn!**

**Our Vicar, Matthew Burns is be married in our church on  
Saturday 7th September**

We are privileged that Matthew and Rhiannon have chosen St Mary's Church for their special day and we wish them every happiness in their life together.

## **Churchyard Cleanup**

A great deal of hard work and dedication is required in order to keep St Mary's Church looking so beautiful as the centre piece of our village. We are extremely grateful to Michael Boden, who keeps both the churchyard and cemetery in immaculate condition and I think everyone would agree that we probably enjoy one of the best kept churches in this county.

Over the years, an area at the back of the church (under the large yew trees) had become extremely overgrown and a huge tump of broken branches and debris had accumulated. It was decided to gather a working party in order to clear the area and so help the appearance at the rear of the church.

One evening at the end of July armed with wheelbarrows, forks, shovels, quadbike and trailer we worked away until the whole area was totally cleared and we are pleased to say that our efforts have certainly enhanced the appearance of that area of the churchyard.

A big thank you must go to Edward and Ben Lewis for coming to help us with the task and also for supplying a tractor and trailer in order to take all of the rubbish away and kindly dispose for us.

*Anna Wellings, Carol Lewis and Julie Hanson  
PCC Members*

St Mary's church in Dilwyn is open every day and, unlike so many ancient churches, is open all daylight hours – despite recent vandalism. St Mary's is there for you whenever you need it and whatever your beliefs – for sad times, for celebrations or just a cool spot to escape the summer heat.

The church is in the heart of the village and, over the centuries, has borne witness to the ups and downs of village life. Take some time to wander around the church and burial ground, seeking out its history and the people who have lived here. On the subject of the burial ground, please remember that the planned burial ground extension will be a major financial undertaking by the church for the village – fundraising to follow.

We are lucky enough to have a weekly service and, in addition, a short informal communion service at the Old Forge each Tuesday. This service is followed by coffee and biscuits kindly provided by Marion Willcocks.



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## Carols on the Green

In the July Dilwynner, the article reproduced below was printed; sad to say, there has been no response whatsoever! It would be a great shame if this popular event were to be no more, but I must make it absolutely clear that this will be the case, unless someone comes forward before the end of September. *John. R. Gerrish*



For many years, Dilwyn Parish Council and the Choir of St. Mary's Church, have worked together in the pre-Christmas season, in raising funds for charity, mostly for local organisations, and averaging over £1000 per annum over the period. This has been achieved by means of a Coffee Morning in November, the Choir's carol-singing efforts around the village and at Morrison's, together with the very popular 'Carols on the Green' when everyone joins in the singing, while eating hot-dogs and waiting for the arrival of Father Christmas in his specially-designed sleigh!

For over twenty years I, personally, have been involved in the organisation and delivery of the whole process. Now, I believe, the time has come for change and for somebody else to take over the job I have so willingly undertaken for all those years.

I would be very happy to help with advice to anyone who is prepared to take over so, all that is needed now is a volunteer or volunteers! Please give serious thought to the matter and then contact me on [johngerrish706@btinternet.com](mailto:johngerrish706@btinternet.com).

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## Messages



My thanks to friends and family who sent presents and cards for my 97th birthday.

*Eleanor Fletcher*

### **Local Beeswax Wanted!**

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### **St Mary's CE School, Dilwyn**

The next consultation on the School Admissions Policy will be in the Autumn as the Governors have a statutory duty to ask interested individuals for their views every seven years.

Further details on a new Admissions Policy and how to let the governors know your opinions about it will be published in the October and November issues.

*Isobel Gibson*

### **Kington Arts Society Autumn Art and Craft Exhibition**

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*Judy Weir, 01544 239124*

### **Update on Ella Mary Leather**

Our performance of the Folklore of Ella Mary Leather in Weobley in May this year attracted the attention of the Hereford Art College who applied for funding to promote our Herefordshire history, especially to young people.

The result is funding to produce an App of Ella Mary Leather folklore. People will be able to go to various locations described in her book, tap into the App on their mobile phones, and the story of the place will be narrated, either by a storyteller or acted out. The scene will also be animated with creatures, spirits etc.

The phone can be scanned 360 degrees, so viewers will be immersed in the scene and it can also be viewed as 3D. There is an opportunity for us to take part in scripting some of these scenes and participating in their production (eg. acting). Initially 8 scenes will be filmed. One obvious scene is the Dragon at Brinsop.

Also, the Hereford Art College students will choose a saying/ short story etc from the book and produce a work of art for the project. Initially 100 pieces of art will be produced, but possibly 365, one for each day of the year. This is a serious project to promote EML and Hereford Folklore.

Filming starts in about a month and the App will be launched in April 2020.

*Graham Saunders*





# Neighbourhood Watch



Our Neighbourhood Watch group has now joined the national network (look on the site [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)).

We aim to work in partnership with the local policing team, who will be available to offer advice on crime prevention. We can help the police by providing local knowledge and acting as extra pairs of eyes.

## How can you help?

If you regularly walk or drive in the parish, you are helping already.

See anything out of the ordinary? Someone acting suspiciously?

Let the coordinator know or contact the local police on 101.

Join the team of local residents (many are married couples) as Neighbourhood Watch volunteers – a couple of hours once or twice a year is all we ask of you. Keep an eye on elderly neighbours, especially if they live alone.

Dilwyn Parish has one of the lowest crime rates in Herefordshire (possibly the country) and the police have told us that being a Neighbourhood Watch area, and having signs posted at regular intervals, is at least part of the reason why crime is so scarce.

## Help to keep our community a safe one – join Neighbourhood Watch.

To find out more, come along to our annual meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7-30 in The Crown.

*Alan Rudland (scheme coordinator)*

## Neil Griffiths

It is with great regret that The Dilwynner must announce the untimely death of one of our regular advertisers. Neil Griffiths died in early August after a short illness.

He advertised with us for many years and lots of Dilwyn folk will have bought hardwood logs or had their car serviced by Neil. He lived in Norton Canon, as did his father, who ran the local garage. We understand that Neil was only 52 (possibly 53) years of age when heart problems had him admitted to Hereford Hospital, where sadly he died.

Neil had been a local councillor and assisted local fund-raising events. He was a cheerful character with a twinkle in his eyes. He will be sadly missed.

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In July we were fascinated to watch the preparation, mixing and tasting of different gin cocktails. For those who weren't able to join us, you not only missed trying the mouthwatering samples, but a most convivial evening to boot. Again the rain threatened to dampen our visit to Brobury House & Gardens in August, but on the day we were favoured with a brief interval from the wet weather. Beautiful sunshine to warm our spirits, stunning lawns and flower beds to stroll around and admire, followed by tea and somewhat large slices of cake.

We're holding our annual Quiz in September and then our next big event is in October when our speaker will be bewitching us with the multiple healing properties of Hedgerow Medicine. Tuesday 1st October is the date for your diary, 7.30 pm in the Cedar Hall. Doesn't the subject tempt you, maybe just a little bit perhaps?

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September    Annual Quiz

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October        Hedgerow Medicine

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November    Annual Review followed by Cake Toppers

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December    Christmas Dinner

*Pat Isaacs*

## Cedar Club

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September there will be a talk entitled 'Strange Antiques' by Nigel Christie. As usual this will be followed by tea with delicious sandwiches and cakes.

**All welcome. Non-members £2. Starts 2-30pm, finishes by 4-30.**

Great place to meet people and have a chat. Transport can be arranged. For further information contact Alan Rudland (319262).

## Future meetings

October 17<sup>th</sup> Tea and cakes in The Crown

November 21<sup>st</sup> Sly Gin - a talk by Duncan Fox

December 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas meal at The Kings House, Pembridge

**New members will be made very welcome!**

# 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 17

## Easy

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## Hard

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# Weobley & District Bowling Club

The bowling season has gone very well and we have attracted several new members. Three of our ladies were county champions in the triples and went to the National finals at Leamington and four of our men also went to play in the rinks at Leamington. Congratulations, members of the club are very proud of their achievement.

The green closes on Sunday 15th. September, then we start our indoor "short mat" bowling on Monday 7th. October at 2pm. until 4pm. We have a lot of fun so please come along if you would like to try it, you would be made most welcome.

One note for your diaries. We are having a return visit from the comedian/magician on Saturday 16th. November at Hopelands Village hall. If you saw him before you will remember what a very entertaining time we had, so tell your friends. More details will appear in the October issue.

## Weobley & District Branch of The Hereford Wildlife Trust

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## Bertie's Column "It's a dog's life!"



Hello everybody. Bertie here. I just wanted to tell you what sort of a dog's life I lead.

I live on either side of the church, which may sound complicated, but this is what happens.

Most of the time I live with THEM in Perrymead, but when they go away, which seems to be rather a lot, I move in with my dear friends Linda and Billy. When I'm at Perrymead I am made to sleep down in the kitchen by the Aga. Every morning when SHE gets her tea I go first to wake her up by jumping on the bed and doing lots of licking. Very soon I realize I have forgotten something important and I go and bring her a little present – my red ball. She is supposed to throw it for me but she just lies there, so I push it under the chest of drawers, where I can't get it and then I yip and I yip and I yip. Eventually he comes and throws it out of the window and I have to go and find it in the garden. I am very good at that and as soon as I have found it we start all over again. I think it is my favourite game!

When I move in with Billy and Linda I snuggle up to Billy and we watch tele together until it's bed time. I sleep on the big bed and I let them snuggle up in my basket.

I have another special friend – Michael. As soon as I hear his car come up the drive I rush out into the garden and give him lots of kisses. I am not supposed to let on about this but in return he shares his lunch with me.

One or two unkind comments have recently been made about my figure, but I think – talk about the pot...

Anyway I have just heard my friend the pigeon calling so must dash.

**With love  
Bertie**





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July order was down a little on June at 6350 litres and with the settled weather was quite good, the prices were again allowing Beacon Fuels to win the order at 46.25p per litre with the main point of delivery in three days from making the order. Other prices were 50p (OIL4Wales) 48.50p (Callow Fuels) other quotes were too slow coming forward, and I was not very well so had to make the order.

The price trend for the month started at £435 on 20th July and stayed steady with slight increases to a peak of £441 on 1st August, stable again for 5 days then dropping slowly with stable periods to £434 on the 20th, hopefully dropping again before the order.

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*Pete*

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# Crown Unplugged Session Review

## ACOUSTIC MUSIC SESSIONS JULY & AUGUST 2019

Yet again the bar at the Crown was filled with musicians, singers and listeners for our monthly acoustic sessions in July and August - there were 19 players in July and 11 in August which was of course the holiday season for some.

Thanks to players and listeners alike and to our lovely welcoming hosts Maria and Max and their staff.

Hope to see a good turn out on Thursday 19th September when we'll be back at The Crown for the next session.

*Valeryan – August 2019*

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# Dilwyn Weather for June and July 2019

June was very wet, July was warm and sunny (in a nutshell). Five and a half inches of rain fell in June (140mm), mostly in the first two weeks, bringing the year's total to 16 inches (400mm). Temperatures averaged 22 degrees during the daytime and 9 degrees at night. Sunshine was in short supply until the last 10 days, when pressure finally climbed above 1020 to give us some more settled conditions and temperatures in the upper 20s (although a stiff breeze persisted).

July was a far more settled month with temperatures in the upper 20s and lower 30s (average 27 degrees during the day, 12 degrees at night). Only just over an inch (30mm) of rain fell bringing the total for 2019 so far to 17 inches (425mm). 24 days had sunshine for most of the day and only a couple were actually dull days, so this felt rather more like summer as it should be.

*AR*

## Nature Notes

Now that we have a growing puppy, we are once again out and about the paths and lanes of Dilwyn, and trying to enjoy the beautiful scenery and its wildlife. This had not been easy in June and early July as the footpaths were horribly overgrown. Once the harvesters had cleared the barley, the footpaths too were trimmed back and a host of thankful walkers, many with dogs, have taken to their healthy exercise once again.



During the wet days of June we drove to Weobley most days for our walk, where one day we saw a family of red kites. We were walking near The Leys when a strange whistle-type noise kept being repeated. As we neared a large ash tree, 3 red kites took to the air and circled us. One was clearly a youngster and kept producing the strange whistle. For at least 5 minutes we stood and watched as these beautiful, majestic birds soared effortlessly above us at little more than hedge height. It was a quite magical experience, and even Jake (our puppy) watched with interest – but kept very close!

The trees on the pasture near to the Dilwyn Common water treatment plant gave us our next treat, when 2 green woodpeckers landed in one of them. We last saw a green woodpecker about 8-9 years ago, feeding on ants on our front lawn, so this was rather an occasion for us. We were enjoying a rest from puppy-walking with a cup or glass in hand, when we heard the laughing-type call (known as yaffling) and saw 2 birds fly up into a nearby tree. We soon had the binoculars focussed on them and with the help of a bird recognition book, realised that we were watching a female and her young. They played around on the upper branches for nearly 10 minutes before making off.

Please share any interesting experiences you have had with nature recently by sending an email, phoning or just having a chat when you see me.

*Alan Rudland*



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# Theatre Review Canterbury Tales

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The Canterbury Tales is adapted from Chaucer's original tale. This reinvented show has elements of slapstick comedy, fantastic one liners and fun for all the family. The Senior Youth Theatre have worked with directors Dan Pegler and Rebecca Cook to devise and explore each tale to create six tremendous tongue-tingling performances narrated by the characters Chaucer met along the way. These tales were from The Knight, The Wife of Bath, The Reeve, The Franklin, The Miller and The Friar.

All of the performance was delivered competently with very confident and fluid acting. The dialogue was modern English and so completely accessible to all the audience. There was plenty of interaction and participation with the audience that was particularly enjoyed by the children with me. The costumes were simple as was necessary for the staggering number of quick changes required by the cast but the knight looked like a Knight; the Friar a Friar and the Hobby Horses became cantering beasts in the imagination of the audience.

All in all a rip roaring performance that would bring a tear of joy to the eye of old Geoffrey himself. Based on this experience, performances by Courtyard Youth Theatre group, can be recommended for all Dilwyn families and are certain to engage with children of seven years old onwards. The only awkward question raised was "is the backside stuck out of the window real".

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## The Crown Acoustic Music Session – Valeryan

We thought you might like to know a little more about our resident songstress who runs the acoustic music session at The Crown. So, here are some snippets from a 2014 promotional article, with a few later updates too.

In the mid 1960s, schoolgirl Valeryan (then Valerie Anne Lawrence) was a winner of 'Opportunity Knocks' and landed a Decca recording contract – her first single was the folk-pop hit 'My Love Loves Me', the English language version of the French number one 'Plaisir d'Amour'.

Prior to being part of the famous Midlands-based hit band The Settlers, Valeryan was known in both folk and cabaret circles, appearing on BBC2's 'Poems and Pints' with Max Boyce and playing a series of pantomime princesses alongside such major stars of the time as Harry Worth, Cannon and Ball, Johnny Tudor and Stan Stennet.

After leaving The Settlers, Valeryan continued to tour globally as a solo cabaret artiste, stopping off along the way to raise a family and to write a library of original material.

Then in 2011, after a gap of 35 years from showbiz, she was persuaded by Thunderclap guitarist, Pete Goodall, to get back in the studio and resume her recording career. Valeryan and Pete had first worked together in 1976 when he produced the single 'Whichaway Billy' (using the name Al Famous) for Riverdale, which featured Valeryan while she was in The Settlers.



Releases clockwise from top left: My Love Loves Me (1965), Whichaway Billy (1976), Who Knows Where The Time Goes (2011), Moving Shadows (2012), The Settlers Anthology (2013), Guide to British Folk (2013), Groovy Reflections (2017), July 14 (2015), As The Nights Draw In (2014), White Christmas (2013), Reflections (2014) and Rolling Road (2012), Valeryan with The Settlers in 1976 (centre picture).

# September Events Diary

Date	Event	Time	Place
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	St Mary's School
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	WI Meeting (Annual Quiz)	7.30pm	Old Forge
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Village Market and Café	10.00am–12.00pm	Cedar Hall
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rhiannon & Reverend Matthew's Wedding		St Mary's Church
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Neighbourhood Watch Meeting	7.30pm	The Crown
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ride & Stride, Churches Open Day	Daytime	Herefordshire
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Crown Unplugged Session	8.30pm	The Crown
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Strange Antiques, Cedar Club Talk	2.30pm	Cedar Hall
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Kindle Singers	3.00pm	Cedar Hall
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Alice in Wonderland	11.00am	The Courtyard
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	RBL Talk, The Battle of Mirbat	7.30pm	The Crown
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	MacMillan Coffee Mornings	10.00am-noon	The Bramlings
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	at Dot Teather's House	10.00am-noon	Common Road

## October

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hedgerow Medicine	7.30pm	Cedar Hall
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## Cedar Hall 100 Club Draw

**July**      1<sup>st</sup> Emily Beach £20.  
                  2<sup>nd</sup> John Hartley £10.    3<sup>rd</sup> Martin Thomas £25.

### Absolute deadlines for October Dilwynner copy are:

20<sup>th</sup> September for very small items and also regular items

18<sup>th</sup> September for new and non-regular large items

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