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## Dear Readers...

A warm welcome to the February 2017 issue of Chepstow Matters. It has been a busy January out and about meeting local people and learning more about our local area. Page 5 brings you a story, courtesy of Wydean School, of local archeologist Stuart Wilson who several years ago bought a field in his pursuit of discovering the lost city of Trellech (you may have read about him the national press) - turn over to read more!

There is plenty of encouragement to get fit in this issue with joining offers from both St Pierre and Chepstow Hub Gyms. In addition page 7 brings you news of the re-launch of the Chepstow Cycling Club and page 12 news of my latest visit to Derek's Gym to chat with Gail Olsen. I also met up with Antony Thompson, the motivation behind Chepstow's Community Fit Club (p17).

We have news of music events from Wye Valley Music's Spring season on p11 (yes Spring is on its way!) as well as from the Chepstow Choral Society on p15. Chepstow Museum has much going on this month (see p33 for listings), as well as more information on the current exhibition running through February (p25).

A Big Thank You to the businesses who have supported us once again over the last 12 months - we simply couldn't do it without you! Please do support them by using their services when you have a need. We look forward to hearing from you throughout 2017, we love to share your events and good news stories!

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## School Football

Well done to Wyedean's Year 10 Boys football team for winning the recent inter-school 7-a-side tournament on 18th January.

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## The lad who bought a field and discovered a lost city!

*Wyedean School's own ACL Archaeology tutor - Stuart Wilson was that perspicacious lad!*

In 2002, on discovering that medieval pottery pieces had been found by a local farmer in a field near his home on the English/Welsh border near Chepstow, Stuart went to investigate. The shards were thrown up by burrowing moles and on investigation the molehills were full of clay pottery. Within minutes, Stuart also found what he believed to be the remains of a wall.

On further investigation, he discovered that the pottery, which was domestic, dated back to 1200s (when the lost city of Trellech was at the height of its powers) and the wall proved to be part of a house. In 2003, another building was found on the same plot. This plot provided evidence that the landscape pattern was that of a footprint of a large medieval settlement.

In 2004, an opportunity arose to purchase a field opposite to the one containing these discoveries. Stuart, then 25, took a huge gamble and raised the money - c£40,000 - to purchase the field. However, the commitment of the field has limited his employment: he subsequently can only afford to work within the local area and on a part-time basis. **It was certainly an act of faith: Stuart's quest for the lost city of Trellech was on!**



Since then Stuart has found evidence to pinpoint eight buildings and signs of a large settlement, home to 10,000 people, perhaps a quarter of the size of medieval London. He estimates that the city size was built in one generation and that up to the 1200s there was nothing of comparable size in this area. The settlement was founded by the De Clare family in the 13th century to manufacture weapons, armoury and other military equipment to supply King Edward I's drive to create a Britain. **Could this be the site of the mysterious and lost city of Trellech? On evidence, it appears so!**

In his quest for the lost city of Trellech, Stuart has had around 1,000 people join him on his digs over the last 12+ years, from archaeology students to curious locals. Happy that his expensive gamble has paid off, Stuart is now big news in the local and national press, with the Mail on Sunday and the Guardian recently featuring articles on him and his finds. *"People thought I was mad and that perhaps I should have bought a house rather than a field,"* he commented, *"but it really has turned out to be the best decision of my life."* He has also featured on TV programmes such as Time Team and Digging for Britain. In 2017 Stuart is looking forward to continuing work on the site, focusing particularly on what he says is the skeleton of a moated manor house. **For more information about the site, and how you could get involved, visit <http://www.lostcityoftrellech.co.uk>**

Stuart is also big news at Wyedean School where he is teaching on the ACL evening class 'Discovering Landscape Archaeology' which started mid-January. Stuart is passionate about his subject and very engaging. Students from last term's course appreciate his knowledge and the fact that he is a practical archaeologist, bringing in actual finds like bone and pottery that they can hold, examine and guess at. It sparks intriguing discussions and discovery of the past.

**To find out more about the Discovering Landscape Archaeology course, visit the school website [www.wyedean.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.wyedean.gloucs.sch.uk) (go to 'Community' then 'Adult Learning' then 'Courses' and download the Spring Term brochure). Alternatively ring 01291 625340**



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## Launch of the new Chepstow Cycling Club

*Circa 130 years after Chepstow Cycling Club was first formed, a group of local cycling enthusiasts have got together to re-launch the club.*

Mike Gorshkov, the new club chair said *'We want to create a friendly local club that is open to all riders from racing cyclists to leisure riders. We see lots of people cycling in Chepstow and the surrounding areas and want to bring them together to make new friends.'*

Simon Napper, the club secretary said *'We had over 200 likes on our new Face Book page within a week of it being set up and 40 people came along to an exploratory meeting last year to get ideas about what local people want from their new cycling club. It is really exciting to have such enthusiasm!'*

The official launch evening was held on the evening on Wednesday 4th January and over 80 keen cyclists attended. The cyclists included novices and leisure riders; mountain bikers; time trial specialists and long distance road riders. Hoping to encourage others to take on the challenge, one new member described riding the famous 600km Welsh end to end, from Chepstow to Anglesey and back in 40 hours. Susan Burnett, who helped set up the new club, said *'it was a great evening with lots of enthusiasm to help us make the club a success. I was really pleased to see so many women wanting to join us'*.



The club was delighted to welcome World and Para-Olympic triathlon champion, Andy Lewis MBE as a new member. Andy talked about his experience of training for the triathlon. He is now a regular rider in and around the Chepstow area and will be joining fellow club

members on their weekend rides.

Marcus Carrozzo from Severn Valley Cycling gave a talk on bicycle maintenance for safe winter cycling and James McManus, the club treasurer, gave an entertaining talk on riding

etiquette, ably supported in a demonstration on stage by Simon Napper, club secretary, and Mike Gorshkov, club chair.

The Lower Wye Neighbourhood Policing Team were in attendance to security tag people's bicycles and register them on the police database. Local Crime Prevention Officer, Geraint Reynolds said, *'we were delighted with the number who brought their bikes, it was very popular with new bikes received as Christmas presents!'*

Matt Duxbury, the club's ride coordinator said *'we really hope that people will join our club rides at the weekends. It will take time for people to sort out which is the best group to ride in for their pace, but we aim to cater for all abilities'*.

To join the rides check the club's website [www.chepstowcyclingclub.wales](http://www.chepstowcyclingclub.wales) and Facebook page.

Joining will give a range of benefits including regular talks on a variety of cycling related themes; races and competitions; and a whole new group of friends. Membership costs £20 plus a £1 administration fee to British Cycling.

The club kit features a picture of the Severn Bridge and the badge first used by Chepstow Cycling Club in 1888, which is on display in Chepstow Museum, linking the new club with its history.

The new club is sponsored by Baa Brewery and was supported on the night by the team from the Filling Station Cafe in Tintern.



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On 5th January 2017 The Chepstow Modern Sequence Dance Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a supper.

The Club meets on a Tuesday evening at the Chepstow Rugby Club, however when it originally formed on the 5th January 1967 it was named the Shirenewton Old Time Dancing Club and it met in the village hall. The leaders at that time were Cecil and Elsie.

The Club moved to the Chepstow and District Leisure Centre in 1979 and the committee then changed the name to The Chepstow Modern Sequence Dance Club.

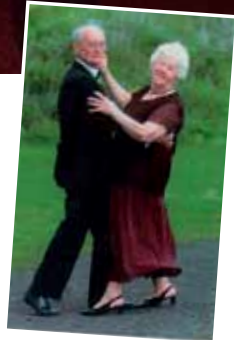
Unfortunately Cecil died and the leadership was taken over by members of the club, Glynn and Lillian, and remained so for 22 years. Glynn retired when he was 80 and the club carried on under the leadership of Gordon and Marie. When age eventually forced Gordon to retire after 7 years, the leadership was then taken over by present leaders Roger and Rosalind.

Like other clubs the membership has fallen in recent years. It has been a thriving club in the Chepstow Area over the past 50 years but new members are needed to enable the club to continue running. It would be very sad to see it close, leaving Chepstow with no sequence dancing!

Sequence dancing is good exercise to lovely music and can be carried on when you cannot 'jig around' any more. The cost is low and everyone is welcome with or without a partner. If you are interested in joining us, please ring 01291 622984 for further information.



photos: Dance festival in Weston-Super-Mare and right, Glynn and Lillian



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## Wye Valley Music's Exciting Spring Season

*Wye Valley Music continues its 50th Anniversary celebrations with another varied programme featuring both returning favourites and exciting new performers.*

The first concert of the season is at 3.00pm on **Sunday 19th February in St Briavels Church** and brings a welcome return of the outstanding young pianist Clare Hammond in a programme that includes works by Beethoven, Fauré and Dutilleux. Already critically acclaimed, in May 2016 Clare won the Royal Philharmonic Society "Young Artist" award for outstanding achievement in 2015. The annual RPS Awards are the highest recognition for live music in the UK.



The second concert is at 7:30pm on **Saturday 18th March in St Mary's Priory Church, Monmouth**. It will be given by Alamire, the early music consort from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge under its director David Skinner. Now in its 10th year, this award-winning group boasts some of the finest consort singers in the world. Inspired by the great choral works of the medieval and early modern periods, the ensemble creates imaginative programmes to illustrate musical and historical themes.

The third concert is at 7.30pm on **Saturday 22nd April at St Briavels Church**, and features the Abingdon Wind Quintet. This young group comprising flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn, was formed in October 2014 just after its members had begun their undergraduate studies at the Royal Academy of Music. The group gets its name from the Abingdon House School where the group is able to rehearse on a regular basis. Their repertoire includes music for wind quintet by Ibert, Ligeti and Hindemith, as well as pieces specially arranged for this combination of instruments.



The final concert of the season is at 7:30pm on **Saturday 20th May at the Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir** and is the by now traditional "Jazz at the Mac" offering. This year sees the return of the popular Bristol-based "Moscow Drug Club" band. Hard to categorise, the group contains elements of 1930s Berlin Cabaret and Hot Club de France, as well as the influence of Django Reinhardt. Combining their original material with songs by the likes of Jacques Brel and Bertold Brecht, the Moscow Drug Club provide an intoxicating and darkly comic evening's entertainment.

**As always, these concerts are open to the general public, as well as to members. Full details of each event, including programme details and prices, can be found by going to [www.wvm.org.uk](http://www.wvm.org.uk) where bookings can also be made. Alternatively, you can phone and leave a message on 01291 330020.**



## Ladies Figure-Training at Derek's Gym

Chepstow Matters was pleased to pop down to Derek's Gym in January, this time to catch up with the ladies! Derek has previously spoken to me about how he offers female figure training and I was pleased to meet up with Gail Olsen who has been training with Derek for around 2 years, and is now pleased to be several stone lighter for her efforts.

Gail moved to Chepstow from Bridgend for work just over 2 years ago. Now in her mid-40s, she told me that although once an international athlete having run for Wales in her early 20s, she had avoided the gym for many years after the onset of glandular fever curtailed her training and ended her athletic dream.

Years later having gotten married, had children, undergone four surgeries, and piled on the weight, Gail had very low self-esteem and decided that she needed a coach to help her become the best version of herself. This is where she discovered Derek's Gym: "Derek has been the coach I prayed for; he has taken me under his wing, encouraged and worked with me to help change my body shape. I have now lost several stone and gained strength through the weight training. My back pain has decreased and we've worked around my injuries to strengthen my core. It's the best thing I've done for myself, I'm back in clothes I haven't worn for years and I have more energy, feel fitter, healthier and in better shape. You're never too old to make a new start!"

Derek added "Weight training isn't just about body building for the men, I've helped lots of ladies over the years improve their body shape and physical fitness through training with weights. It shapes and tones the body and burns more fat - this is figure training. Gail has been brilliant to work with - she has never let me down and I enjoy training with her."

Derek's Gym & Fitness Centre was founded by Derek Platt, way back in 1969 and offers support and guidance with general fitness and figure training, and specialises in instruction for strength training, in both amateur and professional bodybuilding. Out of all the ladies that Derek has trained over the years, he has had 18 enter into competition and all of them have won the Miss Wales title - quite a record!

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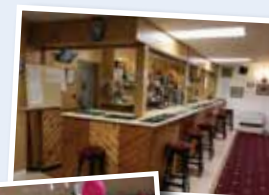
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*Chepstow Choral Society has resumed rehearsals for its major Spring Concert, which will take place on Saturday 1st April (7.30pm) at St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow.*

*Update from Marjorie Duerden (Asst Music Director, CCS):*

As we commence our 2017 programme schedule, a lot is happening at CCS! The Society always aims to make its Spring Concert programme a special one with full professional orchestra and soloists. This year the chosen programme features one of the most famous works in the choral repertoire, **W A Mozart's Requiem**, and this will be complemented by the slightly lesser known, but equally beautiful, **Maria Theresa Mass by Haydn**. Both contain plenty of demanding choral singing - which the choir are enjoying rehearsing - with full orchestral accompaniment of strings, woodwind and brass. The works will be given even greater profile in the wonderful acoustics of St Mary's Church.

The Society will also welcome four professional soloists: Alison Wray (soprano), who lives locally, and Helen Bruce (alto) both making welcome returns; and two new young soloists Peter Brooke (bass) and Alex Bevan (tenor), both based in London. The CCS orchestra will be led by Paula Kempton and will comprise professional instrumentalists gathered from a wide area.

We are proud to bring such a beautiful four-part choral favourite to Chepstow. The concert promises to be a real treat, so make sure the date is in your diaries! **Saturday 1st April 7.30pm, St Mary's Priory Church Chepstow!** Tickets £12.00, students, u/18s free, available from late February at Chepstow Bookshop, and choir members (tel 01291 623310 for further information).

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**Other diary dates –**

**Tea and Tango –Sunday 19th February**, The Drill Hall, music performed by Paula & Elliot Kempton, tea and cakes available from CCS members

**CCS Summer Concert – Wednesday 28th June**, 7.00pm, Arts Hall, Chepstow School.

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## Chepstow Community Fit Club

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At the start of the year Chepstow Matters received an email from a local resident making me aware of the Chepstow Community Fit Club currently running twice a week at the Chepstow Rugby Club. Having not taken part in an exercise class for more years than I can remember, I obviously leapt at the chance to go along and find out more ...



Antony Thompson, Chepstow Community Fit Club

Chepstow Community Fit Club is a not for profit Fit Club designed to give affordable fitness twice a week to the local community. It is the initiative of local resident Antony (Thomo) Thompson, an ex Royal Marine with a speciality in fitness training. Antony joined the Royal Marines back in 2008 and has participated in two tours of Afghanistan. Now a Lieutenant, he unfortunately sustained injury in 2014 whilst undertaking routine training in the Brecon Beacons which has resulted in him being discharged from the army this coming Spring.

Since leaving school Antony has come to appreciate that his vocation lies in helping others "it makes me really happy to help other people out" he told me. Since he has not being able to work to his full capacity, he considered what he could do to help in the community. With this in mind he launched the Chepstow Community Fit Club last summer, initially outdoors in the Tutshill playing fields. Giving his time freely, Antony welcomes all levels of fitness and ages to the club, with ages to date ranging from 10-73 - so, no excuses! The suggested donation is a minimum of £1 per session and all proceeds go to charity. I went along on a Wednesday evening, completely unsure how much I would be able to participate in. Antony was very warm and welcoming and stressed that everyone should only work to their own ability. He led us through the warm up, then a several tiered HIT style workout and finally cool down, whilst keeping energy levels upbeat and fun. It was hard work but the group was feeling great at the end and looking forward to the next session.



At Christmas the Fit Club was able to donate £250 to the Severn View Care Home's Christmas Party, which all members agreed was a great local cause. Antony told me "It's fantastic that the Fit Club raised this money in just a few months. Charity starts at home, in the community, and we wanted to give to a project locally where our donation would make a difference. I loved visiting the residents at Severn View and also saw this as an opportunity to brighten their afternoon by having somebody new to chat to. Hopefully it will encourage others to do the same! Severn View has a great project that they require further funding for. It's a dementia garden which is designed so that all paths lead back to the start, so you can never lose your way - a brilliant idea!"

Chepstow Community Fit Club currently runs at the Chepstow Rugby Club on

Monday evenings 8-9pm and on  
Wednesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm.

No need to book, just turn up and join in. Bring a drink of water and a minimum £1 donation. Come on your own or bring a friend, it's a very friendly group and Antony would love to see more of the local community joining in with his regular workouts.

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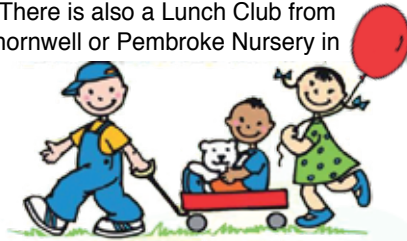


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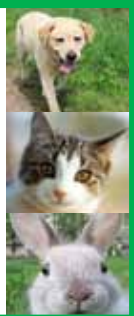
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Border Country by Raymond Williams is one of the great Welsh novels. Published in 1960 this influential autobiographical novel explored the changing lives of people on the Welsh borders, in town, village, farm and industrial valley, from the 1920s to the 1950s.

In this exhibition, originally created for the 2016 National Eisteddfod, works by four Welsh artists, Joan Baker, Charles Burton, John Elwyn and Bert Isaac, all contemporaries of Raymond Williams, have been brought together. They represent a fascinating period in South Wales in the 1930s, 40s and 50s when artists wanted to record ordinary life around them in direct and truthful ways.

Border Country, which was set in and around Abergavenny (fictionalised as the town of 'Gwenton') told the story of a young lecturer who comes home from London to help look after his dying father and in the process remakes connections with the life of his working-class community. It was set on the border of Wales and England, but Williams was interested in other kinds of borders too – between town and village, vale and coalfield, generations, classes, men and women.

Peter Wakelin who curated the exhibition, chose four artists who examined their own surroundings in South Wales as Raymond Williams looked at his – without 'a false or sentimental note anywhere'. They were all born within a few years of Williams. They came out of the same culture and environment. They lived similar experiences, they saw what he saw, and they too explored boundaries between places, people and communities in south Wales.

In the sixty years that have passed Wales and Welsh lives have changed dramatically. So it is rewarding to see an earlier time and place, vividly conjured up, as these four artists and this writer saw it.



*Farm Entrance by John Elwyn, 1955  
(Aberystwyth University)*

This exhibition is bursting with fascinating works from Brecknock Museum, Aberystwyth School of Art, the University of South Wales, Richard Burton Archives at Swansea University, the National Library of Wales, Newport Museum & Art Gallery and private collections.

Chepstow Museum is the last venue in a short tour following the Eisteddfod, and there is a lasting memento in a beautifully illustrated and informative book and catalogue available at the Museum.

The Museum is staging two special events in association with the exhibition at the Drill Hall, Lower Church Street:

**Wednesday 1st February 7.30pm  
'Border Country in Paint'**

Peter Wakelin talks about the works and the artists selected to complement Raymond Williams' autobiographical novel of 1960 'Border Country' for the Eisteddfod exhibition "Ffiniau". Peter Wakelin is a writer and curator, specialising in Welsh art and heritage, previously head of Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Wales, and a director of National Museum Wales.

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## News from the Lions Den... Chepstow & Caldicot Lions Club: "Serving the Community"

### Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Christmas Effort

This Christmas Chepstow and Caldicot lions surpassed last year's record food collection for those in need.

The Club spent many days canvassing in Tesco and Waitrose Supermarkets for non-perishable goods to enable them to supply much needed comfort to those less fortunate at Christmas.

On Saturday the 10th of December, the club members congregated at the Methodist Church in Caldicot to assemble the food parcels for delivery, and with the goods provided they were able to make 165 hampers, passing last year's total of 160 hampers.



The photo above shows club members and their wives with the food donated.

All Saturday afternoon and until the middle of the following week members then delivered the parcels to those families chosen by social services and other volunteer organisations.

The club members would like to thank the people of the Chepstow and Caldicot area for their generosity for the donations made during the collecting days and a big thank you must go to Tesco and Waitrose for allowing the club to collect at the store.

In addition to the 165 parcels the club responded to two late requests for help from Social Services a few days before Christmas Eve, the club was asked to provide food for a young family in dire need in Abergavenny. Lion Ray Nash Chairman of the Welfare Committee and his Wife Barbara were able to dash to the supermarket to buy several bags of food and drove to Abergavenny to deliver them personally. Also Lion Ray was able to get one of the friends of the club to purchase another parcel for a family in Caldicot identified by the social services.

After a well earned rest over the Christmas period it was back to work for Lion President Brian Prout, Brian travelled to see one of our Founder Members, Lion Malcolm Sanger at his home in Parc Seymore.

Due to Malcolm's ill health, he is now finding it difficult to attend club meetings, but after serving the club loyally for 45 years it was a special occasion for President Brian to present Malcolm with his chevron marking such distinguished service.



Photo above shows Lion President Brian presenting Malcolm with the Chevron.

If you would like to know more about your local Lions Club, please ring Club Secretary Glyn Williams on 0845 833 9565 or Lion Nigel Gibby Membership Secretary on 01291 408457







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### LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

**Baby Rhyme Time and Under Fives Story Time** at Chepstow library 01291 635730 Rhyme Time Thurs 2.15-2.45 Story Time Fri 10.15-10.45

**Bingo** Wednesdays 2pm Palmers Community Centre

**Bulwark Senior Citizens Club** Contact Joan Johnson 01291 623352 various social trips and get togethers. Bingo Thurs and Sat 2-4pm and Whist on Wed 2-4pm.

**CHAOS Music and Drama** chaosinchepstow@live.co.uk Jon Stow 07926 584 661

**Chepstow Archaeological Society** www.chepstow.org.uk 1st Thursday of the month 7.30 Chepstow Conservative Club

**Chepstow (Archway) Bridge Club** meets Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday at the Palmer Centre, 7-10pm http://chepstowarchwaybc.org.uk or call Pete on 01291 - 627599 for more information.

**Chepstow Carers Group** Scout Hut, off Pembroke Road, Bulwark first Wed of the month 10-12 chepstowcarers@yahoo.co.uk 07592 503757

**Chepstow Choral Society** www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk info@chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk Wed 7.30 Chepstow Leisure Centre

**Chepstow Community Big Band** Meets on Wednesday evenings during term time at Wydean School NP16 7AA 6pm – Microjazz Training Band; 7pm - Swingcopation Big Band. http://chepstowcommunitybigband.weebly.com

**Chepstow Cormeilles Twinning Association** www.chepstowtwinning.wordpress.com

**Chepstow and District Amateur Radio Society** www.gw4lwz.org.uk contact James Hewitt chairman@gw4lwz.com, meet at Chepstow Athletic Club

**Chepstow and District Gardening Club** Caroline Duchet cdgclub@gmail.com

**Chepstow and District Lions** www.caldicot.com/lions 0845 8339565

**Chepstow Folk Dance Club** Wednesday 7.30pm Severn Bridge Club 01291 641537

**Chepstow Hill Walking Club** an informal group of people of all ages who like to walk on the hills and moorland. www.chwc.org.uk

**Chepstow Jubilee Townswomen's Guild** meets at Chepstow Leisure Centre on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Contact: Maureen Dale 01291 623257

**Chepstow Knitters** first and third Monday of the month Chepstow Methodist Hall 7.30-9.30 and third Wednesday 10-12. Contact Margaret Payne 01291 630580

**Chepstow Male Voice Choir** www.chepstowmvc.co.uk Mon & Thurs 7pm The Dell School contact Stuart Vigus on 01291 626566 / 07733 804317 or stuartvigus@aol.com.

**Chepstow Photographic Club** www.chepstowphotosoc.org admin@chepstowphotosoc.org

**Chepstow Probus Club** fortnightly meetings for retired business gentleman. Contact Ian Whitford - Secretary for PROBUS of Chepstow 01291 622 193

**Chepstow Round Table** www.chepstow.roundtable.co.uk community voluntary organisation for men aged 18-44. 'find them at Facebook/Chepstow Round Table'

**Chepstow Society** local group exploring history and developments of town, meet each month in Drill Hall. www.chepstowsociety.co.uk Secretary is Henry Hodges, Tel 01291 625865.

**Chepstow Town Band** meet Sundays 6.30-8.30 at Bulwark Community Centre, contact Alen Lane 01291 629580

**Chepstow Walk for Health.** Meets 10.00 am every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at the rear of Chepstow Leisure Car Park. Walks no longer than 3 miles with few if any stiles. Come and make new friends and get fitter at the same time. For further information contact Helen 01291 641856

On these pages we have tried to collate many of the non-profit making groups, clubs and organisations that regularly meet in the area, along with Church and School information. If we have got your details wrong, or missed out your club completely, please contact us on **community@mattersmagazines.co.uk** and we shall do our best to put it right for you!

**Chepstow Womens Institute (WI)** www.thewi.org.uk Shirenewton, St Arvans and Tidenham

**Chepstow Group of Gwent Wildlife Trust** Contact Hilary Lee 01291 689326 hilary-lee@tiscali.co.uk

**ComBat Communities of Bulwark and Thornwell**, community group Chairman Ric Hayes ric.hayes@talktalk.net

**Library Friends Group** aims to support and promote the library through a variety of activities. Please contact 01291 635730 for more info.

**Lower Wye Ramblers Sunday Walks** (meet CLC) www.lowerwyeramblers.org.uk 01291 637416

**Movie Night** at Bulwak Community Centre and St Arvans Memorial Hall see www.monmouthshiremobilemovies.co.uk

**Musical Youth Theatre** www.cmyt.org Chepstow Baptist Church Tues and Thurs

**Pottery** Thursdays 7-9 Chepstow Comp School Cathy 07917 261511 www.monmouthshirepotters.org hello@monmouthshirepotters.org.uk

**Rotary Club of Chepstow and District** www.chepstowrotary.org.uk

**Royal British Legion Chepstow Branch** meets at the Beaufort Hotel in Chepstow monthly on 4th Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Contact Tom Moran on 01291 477266 tmoran@btinternet.com.

**Royal Naval Association Chepstow Branch** meets at the Conservative Club, Welsh Street monthly on 2nd Thursday (except August) at 8.00 pm Contact Ken Davies on 01291 621485 kendavies131@yahoo.co.uk

**The Singing Club** for anyone who wants to sing www.singingclubber.co.uk Karl@operaplayhouse.com

**University 3rd Age U3A** www.u3asites.org.uk/chepstow Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month 2pm, Chepstow Drill Hall. Check out the website for more information.

**Wye Cross Stitch Club** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. 7.30pm to 10pm Sedbury Village Hall. A warm welcome to any fellow cross stitchers/embroiderers. Contact: Elaine Moore 01291 629666

**Wye Valley Railway Society** - for all model engineering enthusiasts, we run miniature trains at Tintern Old Station from Easter to September, on Bank Holidays and the last Sunday of the month. Contact Peter Kenington peter@trap-farm.freemove.co.uk

### CHURCHES

**www.chepstowchurchestogether.org.uk**

**Chepstow Methodist Church**, Albion Square, Chepstow, NP16 5DA 01291 627014 www.chepstowmethodist.org.uk

**St Marys Priory**, The Vicarage, Mount Way, Chepstow NP16 5NF Father Chris Blanchard 01291 620980 www.chepstowpriory.org

**St Christophers**, Bulwark, (linked to St Marys) www.chepstowpriory.org

**Chepstow Baptist Church**, Lower Church Street, Chepstow, NP16 5HJ 01291 622987 chepstowbaptist.org.uk

**St Marys Catholic Presbytery Church**, Bulwark Road, Chepstow, NP16 5JE 01291 622649 admin@stmarysrchepstow.org.uk www.stmarysrchepstow.org.uk

**St Luke's Church**, Coleford Road, Tutshill NP16 7PT 01291 624868 **www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk**

**Stroat Evangelical Church**, Gloucester Road, Stroat, Chepstow, NP16 7LR 01594 529209 pastor@stroatchurch.org.uk www.stroatchurch.org.uk

**The Bridge Pentecostal Church**, Unit 1A Critchcraft Buildings, Bulwark Road NP16 5QZ 07943 851799 thebridgechurchchepstow@gmail.com

**Victory Church**, Palmer Community Centre, High Street, Chepstow, NP16 5LH 0845 4092449 www.victorychurch.co.uk

### BABY AND TODDLER GROUPS

**Chepstow Leisure Centre Playgroup.** Contact: Karen Isaac 01291 623392 karenisaac61@aol.com

**Chepstow Methodist Church Parent and Toddler Groups** mornings 10am term time www.chepstowmethodist.org.uk

**Cylch Ti A Fi Cas-Gwent** Chepstow Library contact Mai Jones mai.jones@meithrin.co.uk Tuesdays 10.15-11.15

**Devauden Mother and Toddlers**, Devauden Village Hall contact sarah\_trim@rocketmail.com Mondays 10-12 including holidays, babies to school age

**Mini Acorns Toddler Group**, Burnt Barn Club, Burnt Barn Road, Bulwark. Contact Rachel Llewellyn-Bennett 07904212135 acornsplaygroup@aol.com Tuesdays term time 1-3pm.

**Parent and Toddler Time at Whirlkidz** Unit 2, School Hill Business Centre, 01291 628700 Mondays 10-12 term time

**Shirenewton Parent and Toddler** Shirenewton Recreation Hall, contact Paula Siddall p.rimmer10@btinternet.com every Thurs 1.30-3pm

**St Arvans Baby and Toddler** St Arvans Memorial Hall contact Sabrina 07701027313 sabrinaortner@yahoo.co.uk every Wed 10-12.

**St Christophers Under Fives and Familys** St Christophers Church, Bulwark contact Babs Middleton 07594172720 babsmiddleton80@gmail.com Wed 3.45 term time, all age siblings welcome FREE



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## Local Clubs, Groups & Community Organisations in and around Chepstow continued

### NURSERIES / PRESCHOOLS

**Bluebells Playgroup** Fairfield Road, Chepstow 01291 628908  
bluebellspg@outlook.com

**Hedgehogs Nursery**, in Tutshill Open 7.30am–6.00pm  
for ages 3m–4 yrs. 01291 628344 hedgehogs@  
deanclosenurseries.co.uk

**Little Acorns Playgroup** Burnt Barn Road, Chepstow 01291  
628031 www.littleacornspg.co.uk

**Little Scamps Pre-School** and Nursery Beachley Barracks,  
Chepstow Nicky Morgan 01291 645381

**Penguins Pre-School**, c/o Offas Mead Academy, Beachley  
Road, Sedbury NP16 7DT Michelle 07923548584

**Robins Nursery**, in St Arvans Open 7.30am – 6.00pm for  
ages 3m–4yrs. 01291 624893 robins@deanclosenurseries.  
co.uk

**Shirenewton Playgroup** contact Beverly Lindsay, Playgroup  
Supervisor 07881 480764 shirenewtonplaygroup@gmail.  
com

**Tutshill Community Pre-School** Debra Hockin 01291 629134  
www.tutshillpreschool.org.uk tutshillpreschool@talktalk.net

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**(The) Dell Primary** Welsh Street, Chepstow NP16 5UQ  
01291 635641 thedellprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk  
www.dell.monmouthshire.sch.uk

**Offa's Mead Academy** Beachley Road, Sedbury, Chepstow  
NP16 7DT 01291 622932 www.offasmeadacademy.org  
contactus@offasmeadacademy.org

**Pembroke Primary School** Fairfield Road, Bulwark NP16 5JN  
01291 622310 pembrokeprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk  
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**Shirenewton Primary School** Shirenewton, Chepstow, NP16  
6RN, 01291 641774 shirenewtonprimary@monmouthshire.  
gov.uk

**St John's on-the-Hill**, Independent, co-educational  
school for ages 4 -13 years. 01291 622045 enquiries@  
stjohnsonthehill.co.uk.

**St Marys RC Primary School** (Voluntary Aided) Bulwark  
Road, Chepstow NP16 5JE, 01291 623006 stmarysprimary@  
monmouthshire.gov.uk

**Thornwell Primary and Nursery Unit** Thornwell  
Road, Bulwark, Chepstow, NP16 5NT 01291 623390  
thornwellprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk

**Tutshill C of E Primary School**, Coleford Rd, Tutshill,  
Chepstow NP16 7BJ 01291 622593 admin@tutshillcofe.  
gloucs.sch.uk

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**Chepstow School** Ms Claire Price, Headteacher, Welsh  
Street, Chepstow, NP16 5LR 01291 635777 info@  
chepstowschool.net, www.chepstowschool.net

**Mounton House Special School** Mr P Absalom, Headteacher  
and enrolment contact Pwllmeyric, Chepstow, NP16 6LA,

01291 635642 mountonhouse@monmouthshire.gov.uk  
www.mountonhouse.org.uk/

**Wydean School** Robert Ford, Headteacher Beachey Road,  
Sedbury NP16 7AA 01291 625340 www.wydean.gloucs.  
sch.uk

### SPORTS CLUBS

**Archery** – St Kingsmark Bowmen www.st-kingsmark.co.uk  
Wed & Fri 7pm Chepstow Athletics Club

**Chepstow Amateur Boxing Club** www.welshboxing.org  
Stephen Woods 07793 047 941

**Chepstow Athletics Club** (Sports and Social Club) www.  
chepstowathleticac.co.uk Tony and Shirley Hardy 01291  
622126

**Chepstow Badminton Club** www.gwentbadminton.co.uk  
Tues 8-10 Leisure Centre contact Miss P Jenkins 01291  
624438

**Chepstow Boat Club** www.chepstowboatclub.co.uk Christine  
Norman 01291 624897  
secretary@chepstowboatclub.co.uk

**Chepstow Bowling Club** www.chepstowbowlingclub.co.uk  
Peter Shapland 01291 422208

**Chepstow Cricket Club** www.chepstow.play-cricket.com  
markbirch1228@hotmail.com 01291 622126

**Chepstow Darts League** contact Rob Murdin - murdrobe@  
sky.com or Chris Smith - smudger391@hotmail.com, tel -  
07445 287018.

**Chepstow & District Yacht Club** www.cdyc.co.uk Roger  
Nasey 07968495124

**Chepstow Harriers Running Club**  
www.chepstowharriers.org.uk Tues and Thurs 7pm Leisure  
Centre

**Chepstow Ladies Hockey** www.pitchero.com/clubs/  
chepstowladieshockeyclub Pat Morris 01291 621498

**Chepstow Mountain Biking** www.chepstowmtb.co.uk  
chepstowmtb@tiscali.co.uk

**Chepstow Rugby Club** www.chepstowrfc@mywru.co.uk  
01291 624818 email: chepstowrfc@outlook.com

**Chepstow Swimming Club** www.swimchepstow.org.uk  
information@swimchepstow.co.uk

**Chepstow Tennis Club** www.chepstowtennisclub.co.uk,  
admin@chepstowtennisclub.co.uk contact Ian Russell 01633  
400957 meet at Chepstow Athletics Club

#### Football:

**Chepstow Athletic Football Club** www.clubwebsite.co.uk/  
chepstowathletic

**Chepstow Town Football Club** www.clubwebsite.co.uk/  
chepstowtownafc. Contact Stuart Carter 07592 323 770

**Chepstow Garden City Junior Football Club** www.  
gardencityjfc.com

**Thornwell Red and White Football Club** www.teamstats.  
net/thornwellfc

## Digital Disclosures

### Autumn Statement update

On Wednesday 23 November the Chancellor Philip  
Hammond presented his first, and last, Autumn Statement  
along with the Spending Review.

His speech and the supporting documentation set out both  
tax and economic measures. Some of the pertinent tax and  
employee welfare measures announced were:

- the government reaffirming the objectives to raise the  
personal allowance to £12,500 and the higher rate  
threshold to £50,000 by the end of this Parliament
- a reduction of the Money Purchase Annual Allowance  
for pensions to £4,000
- a review of ways to build on Research and Development  
tax relief
- tax and National Insurance advantages of salary sacrifice  
schemes to be removed
- anti-avoidance measures for the VAT Flat Rate Scheme  
including the introduction of a higher 16.5% rate for  
some businesses
- autumn Budgets commencing in autumn 2017
- National Living Wage to rise from £7.20 an hour to £7.50  
from April 2017
- Universal Credit taper rate to be cut from 65% to 63%  
from April 2017.

### Making Tax Digital update

Over the summer HMRC published six consultation  
documents on Making Tax Digital. The six consultations set  
out detailed plans on how HMRC propose to fundamentally  
change the method by which taxpayers, particularly the self-  
employed and landlords, send information to HMRC. Two  
key changes proposed are:

- From April 2018, self-employed taxpayers and landlords  
will be required to keep their business records digitally  
and submit information to HMRC on a quarterly basis  
and submit an End of Year declaration within nine  
months of the end of an accounting period (accounting  
periods are typically 12 months long).
- HMRC will make better use of the information which  
they currently receive from third parties and will also  
require more up to date information from some third  
parties, such as details of bank interest. Employees and  
employers will see the updating of PAYE codes more  
regularly as HMRC use the data received from the third  
parties.

HMRC received over 3,000 responses to their consultations  
which are now closed.

The government has announced it will publish its response  
to the consultations in January 2017 together with  
provisions to implement the changes.

Meanwhile HMRC's Tax Assurance Commissioner Jim Harra  
has written to the Financial Times stating HMRC's point of  
view that 'Digital tax should not be a burden to businesses'  
in a move to allay the concerns that changes will place an  
additional burden on businesses and their agents.

### Recognising genuine contact from HMRC - spotting phishing

HMRC have updated their guidance on how to spot genuine  
contact from HMRC, and how to tell when an email or text  
message is phishing or bogus.

Phishing is the fraudulent act of emailing a person in order  
to obtain their personal and financial information such as  
passwords and credit card or bank account details. These  
emails often include a link to a bogus website encouraging  
you to enter your personal details.

### 'No excuses' for auto enrolment mistakes say The Pension Regulator (TPR)

The Pensions Regulator is reminding employers and their  
advisers that they need to comply with their auto enrolment  
duties or face penalties: *'Being ill or short-staffed isn't a  
good enough excuse for your clients failing to comply with  
their legal duties. Our latest compliance and enforcement  
report shows that the number of small and micro employers  
receiving fines has risen after tribunal judges rejected what  
the employers claimed were 'reasonable excuses. As with  
any other business activity, if an employer is too unwell to  
complete their AE duties, they'll need to find someone else  
who can. Automatic enrolment is ultimately the employer's  
legal responsibility, so whether it's due to pension provider  
failings or illness, a judge won't consider an excuse to be  
'reasonable', if there's something they or someone else  
could have done to remedy the situation in time.'*

TPR's latest 'Compliance and enforcement Quarterly  
bulletin' reports that instances of penalties have risen but  
so have the amount of employers who are 'staging' for auto  
enrolment.

They have also sent over 6,000 letters to employers  
reminding them that their deadline for compliance is 31  
December 2016.

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**Saturday 4th February 7.30pm**

Tintern's Annual Village

## QUIZ NIGHT!

Check back here for entry details coming soon.

**Anchor Inn**  
Tintern

All proceeds to support the Tintern Village Fete  
Saturday 24th June 2017

**Gwent Wildlife Trust  
Chepstow Group**

**Wednesday 15th February 7.30pm**

### "Caves in the Forest"

an illustrated talk  
by Paul Taylor,  
Chair Forest of Dean Caving and  
Conservation Access Group

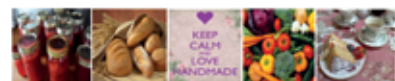
Chepstow Leisure Centre  
Admission £3

**Chepstow and District Garden Appreciation  
Society (CADGAS)**

**Wednesday 22nd February 2017  
7.30pm**

**A presentation on the history, importance  
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Races are run entirely on the trails of  
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Online entry for the 10k, 5k and 2k races is  
now open.

For more information visit the website <http://www.devauden.org.uk>

## Chepstow Museum Events

*Throughout February (ends 26th)*

### FFINIAU / BORDERS Exhibition

Four painters in Raymond Williams' Border Country. Joan Baker, Charles Burton, John Elwyn and Bert Isaac four Welsh artists, contemporaries of author Raymond Williams reflect the reality of daily life in South Wales from the 1920s - 1960s. Curated by Peter Wakelin for 2016 Eisteddfod Visual Arts Exhibition, this is the last chance to see it on its special short tour.

Free event at Chepstow Museum, Bridge Street,  
Chepstow, NP16 5EZ  
Open: Mon-Sat 11-4, Sun 2-4

**Museum Events at the The Drill Hall,**  
Lower Church Street, Chepstow NP16 5HJ

*Wednesday 1st February 7.30pm*  
**'Border Country in Paint'**

Peter Wakelin the exhibition curator, talks about the works and the artists selected to complement Raymond Williams' autobiographical novel of 1960 'Border Country' Tickets £3 from Chepstow Museum tel 01291 625981 (deductable from catalogue bought on night price £6), free tea & coffee

*Saturday 18th February 2pm*  
**Special event to celebrate the exhibition**

**Ffiniau:** Four Painters in Raymond Williams' Border Country  
Raymond Williams' biographer Professor Dai Smith and one of the four artists, Charles Burton, in conversation with exhibition curator Dr Peter Wakelin  
Followed by tea and a special viewing of the exhibition at Chepstow Museum  
Tickets £4/£3 from Chepstow Museum tel 01291 625981

*Sunday 5 February 3pm*  
**Bolshoi Ballet SWAN LAKE captured live in Moscow**

Screened at The Drill Hall

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*Tuesday 21 February 7.30pm*  
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*Thursdays 16 & 23 February 2-4pm*

Chepstow Museum's popular  
**Drop-in-and-Make Half Term Craft workshops for kids.**

Get creative and have fun with friends and family. Suitable children of all ages – must be accompanied by an adult up to 3 children per adult.

Suggested donation £2 for children aged 3+

## Devauden Local History Talk

**Saturday 4th March 2017  
St James Church**

**"Devauden from 370,000 years  
ago until (nearly) present"**

The talk starts at 7.30pm and light refreshments will be served.

This an updated version of the fascinating talk which Dr Naylor Firth gave in 2014 and includes plenty of new information which he has unearthed during the past 24 months.

Entry by donation.  
Proceeds to St James' Church.

**Fox Trot Friday Tea Dance  
Bulwark Community Hall  
Every Friday 10.30am-12.30pm**

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