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Dear Readers...

As I write this the sun is shining and many Spring flowers are in full bloom - things are definitely looking up! We have been contacted by several new advertisers and community groups for this issue, thank you, it is great to know that your community magazine is loved and appreciated, it makes all the hard work worthwhile!

In this April edition we bring you news of the Wye Classic Car Run taking place at the end of the month (p4), along with the Chepstow Walking Festival (p5) and the NSPCC Big Family fun Day at the Racecourse (p2 and 27). For children we have news of the Mojo Active Easter Holiday club (p6), news from local theatre group Stagecoach (p7) and exciting news of a children's summer event for which we have some free tickets to give away (p23). Yarn Shop Day comes along early next month and local store Undy Yarns are offering 20% discount off purchases on this special day (see p10). The season starts this month at the Chepstow Bowls Club (p14). There are many other upcoming events amongst our pages so look out for those too as well as news and updates from other local groups.

A big thank you to all our advertisers and contributors for your continued support - we couldn't do it without you! If you would like to appear in our next issue, the deadline will be 15th April for our May edition.

Have a lovely Easter weekend and don't eat too many eggs!

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The Wye Run

The success and popularity of the last 14 Classic Car Runs organised by the Rotary Club of Chepstow & District has led to this event becoming a welcome addition to the calendar for classic car enthusiasts.

The Wye Run is a non-competitive event for classic and interesting cars and the people who enjoy using them. The aim of the organisers is to provide a memorable and leisurely drive through our lovely countryside, to provide onlookers with the spectacle of interesting cars, and to raise money for worthwhile charities supported by the Rotary Club of Chepstow & District.

This year the Run will set off from **Chepstow Garden Centre from 9am on Saturday 29th April**. The route has been carefully selected, keeping to lesser-used scenic roads through the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Forest of Dean and the Brecon Beacons. Don't worry, those dreadful rains will surely be well behind us by the end of April! Bring your own lunch or picnic and stop to enjoy it where you please along the route. If you choose to dine out there are a variety of eating places along the way.

Entry this year will be limited to 80 cars. The entry fee is £25 for each car for which drivers will receive full route instructions and a Monte Carlo style "Rally Plaque". **The Entry Application Form and details are at the Chepstow Rotary web site: <http://www.chepstowrotary.org.uk/> or by eMail from organiser Rotarian David Eisenhofer at: david.eisenhofer@yahoo.co.uk.**

Entrants should arrive at Chepstow Garden Centre before 8.30am for a 9am start. Breakfast will be available at the Garden Centre. At the end of the Rally refreshments will be on sale and Rally cars will remain on display up to 5pm, at which time participants will be awarded completion certificates, photographs of their cars and, of course, the prizes.



Rotary Club of Chepstow & District's
Classic Car Run - Saturday 29th April

Chepstow Walking Festival Wednesday 19th - Sunday 23rd April

5 days of walks for all abilities, plus events and a chance to see Chepstow and the Lower Wye Valley at it's finest, Chepstow Walking Festival has become firmly established on the walker's map and each year brings something new to those who live locally or are visitors to the area.

As the days lengthen the Lower Wye Valley comes into its own and by joining a walk there is no better way to experience its landscape and heritage. This inclusive festival not only features hidden gems with beautiful views but community events for all the family.

There are 30 walks of various lengths on offer, led by friendly experienced walk leaders. Many are specialists who work in an around the Lower Wye Valley and are happy to share their knowledge and enthusiasm on the walks.

See the website www.walksinchepstow.co.uk for the full programme and further details.

Ticket prices are £5 for a single walk or £10 for a Supersaver ticket; which gives you the option of joining as many walks as you wish.

As part of the Festival, Chepstow Walkers are Welcome have teamed up again with Vicky Yates from Chepstow Children's Hub and Information for Parents (CHIP) in the 'Walk for Health' at Chepstow racecourse on Thursday 20th April. This is a two mile exclusive walk around the inside track of the racecourse, where you get to see this famous venue from a completely different perspective. The main gates open at 10am and the walk will set off at 10.30. All of the children participating will get a certificate as well as a drink and a snack. The grown ups can enjoy a well earned rest and a sweet treat in the racecourse cafe, which will be open on the day.

"This year we want to continue to build on the success of the previous events" explained Vicky. "We had over 250 participants last time which was unbelievable!"

After the walk there is set to be more fun and activities for the families to participate in, making it a great morning out for all of the family.

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Mojo Active's Bristol Holiday Club was voted preferred Holiday Club in the Raring2Go 2016 parent awards and from Easter, the children around Chepstow will be able to experience the Mojo Active Holiday Club too.

Mojo Active realises it can be difficult to occupy the children during the school holidays and aims to ensure children have a fantastic and active time whilst parents are at work or juggle other commitments.

Mojo Active prides itself on giving children amazing outdoor adventures and fostering a love of nature and activity. Children will experience archery, zorb football, shelter building, survival skills, archery tag, assault course, team games and much more.

The days are varied, ensuring that children coming on consecutive days experience new activities and acquire different skills. They have a loyal base of holiday clubbers in Bristol and are looking forward to entertaining the children from the Chepstow area.

Mojo Active Chepstow will be based at Chepstow Race Course and will run during the school holidays.

Bookings for the Easter Holiday Club are now open and parents can select the standard day, running from 9am to 4pm or a longer day from 8am to 6pm.

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Through means of contemporary dance, physical theatre and abstract group speech the children told the tale of a story before 'Snow White'. The children have performed together many times at Stagecoach for group exams and also each year for their end of term performance, however the content of the pieces have always been musical theatre based. This new piece really pushed them to new heights and challenged their skills, bringing contemporary theatre to their audience, an ever growing genre in the performance arts world. The principal of Stagecoach Chepstow and Newport, Sue Hillman, as well as their teachers and parents, were all extremely proud of the children, their hard work and their end performance.

"What another amazing show they all did a fab job, well done to Lauren and Carl (dance and drama teachers) - their imaginations and artistic talent is out of this world! Thanks again Sue" - Laura Stickley, Abbie's mum.

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Stagecoach Performing Arts in Chepstow offer classes in singing, dancing and acting at St.John's on-the-Hill School, Tutshill and are offering a free trial during the school Summer Term for youngsters aged 4 to 18 years. Classes are small which means every child is given attention and allowed to realise their potential at their own pace. The teachers all have performing arts experience and are there to lead and support youngsters as they conquer fears and rise to new challenges.

Principal, Sue Hillman has a passion for the arts and has a fantastic team of experienced teachers at her school. This term, the students are working towards their end of year performance, the schools have been



split with the younger children performing Annie and the older children embarking on the renowned musical Les Miserables, all in celebration of the School's 20th Anniversary.

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This year, Debbie Bliss has designed an exclusive blanket pattern that will be given away free at all participating stores, along with the Rainbow the Unicorn and Coral the Mermaid mascot patterns. Special events vary from store to store, so check in with your local yarn shop to find out what's happening.

When is it?

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Amy told me that a mismatched tea set was even on her wedding list and she has spent much time over the years since rummaging through charity shops and building her collection up to its current level of being able to offer up to 150 place settings. She has also collected special linens, handmade napkins and table overlays which all create the lovely settings you can see in the photographs.

Settings are available to hire from just £3 per person, or Amy can set up the whole event for you. Prices always include the washing up afterwards! Tea Cup Tales can also offer catering for your event, using local food hygiene registered suppliers to support everything Amy herself offers. Catering prices start at £4 per person, with a minimum order of 6 people. One idea that Amy offers is a 'Cream Tea Hamper', everything you need to enjoy a gorgeous cream tea with beautiful settings for just £6.50 per person!

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Tickets can be reserved on line <http://www.wyecycle.co.uk/flamenco-dancing-event/> or purchased at the Tourist Information Centre. The price is £15 including a Sangria and Tapas, and supporting music. The funds raised from this event go towards the Planning Application to restore the disused railway line from Chepstow to Tintern to a shared use path integrating Chepstow with the Wye and Severn Valleys.

The Gospel Pass 160km cycling event held on Saturday 4th March, attracted 123 cyclists starting from the Chepstow Castle and following a route via Monmouth, Hay on Wye, over the Gospel Pass and down via Abergavenny and back to finish in the Three Tuns. The weather broke just on the day to give a glorious though hilly ride. The event raised £290.00 towards the Wander Wye Route Planning Application.

If you're interested in supporting the petition to Restore the disused railway line from Chepstow to Tintern for a shared use path, please see the below link for more information: <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/restoring-the-disused-railway-line-from-chepstow-to-tintern-for-a-shared-use-path>



Against a national backdrop of cuts to the Performing Arts, we in the Chepstow area have great cause for celebration!

According to Brian Ellam, who runs the recently founded Chepstow Community Music Centre, ANYONE with musical aspirations can gain access to an instrument, an inspiring tutor, and even somewhere to practise whether they can afford it or not.

Several kinds of COMMUNITY GENEROSITY have come together to make this possible. One strand is a fund called the Joan Ellam Musical Legacy Charitable Trust, which Brian founded in loving memory of his mother. She didn't have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument as a young person, but made sure her children's, grandchildren's (and now great-grandchildren's) lives are enriched in this way.

Money is raised through performances of Music Centre groups such as the community big band, through gifts from generous individuals – either one-off or termly amounts, and through some of the 100 or so members of the Music Centre deliberately over-paying on their membership subscription to help others enjoy and achieve. So far, every request for help has been supported with at least a term's worth of free lessons!

A group of local fundraising musicians heard about the Trust and Brian met with Paul Hobday of the Electric Landlady Project to explore common ground. As well as the fact that both Alison Beasley and Joan Ellam were lost to cancer, there was a shared passion for the next generation of local musicians, and a very generous amount of money was donated to the fund.

Soon after this, local musicians began to donate instruments to Paul, who did any necessary work on them and brought them to the Music Centre for immediate use. Several good quality guitars

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and bass guitars were donated, followed by other instruments as word got around. The idea of giving instruments no longer in use for whatever reason to a new generation of learners has caught on and left Brian and Paul delighted with the incredible generosity of local people!

The Music Centre has also benefitted from the donation of a large monitor screen to display information on the ever-increasing number of individual lessons and groups. Over 120 people have individual lessons, most of whom are Wydean School students, but over 30% come from other schools and the adult community. For the dozen or so regular groups meeting at the Centre, the community involvement rises to 70%.

So, if anyone reading this has a strong desire to try a series of lessons on a musical instrument, or to work with a vocal coach, please get in touch via the website chepstowcommunitymusiccentre.weebly.com (whether you have an instrument or money for lessons or not), and Brian will be happy to help you. If you have an unused musical instrument that you'd like to donate, you can be assured that every effort will be made to get it into the hands of someone who can make use of the wonderful opportunity this would provide.



Chepstow Bowling Club

Chepstow Bowling Club, part of Chepstow Athletic Club in Mathern Road Bulwark, opens for the season on Saturday 15 April at 2.30 pm on one of the best Bowling Greens in Monmouthshire.

The Men play in four different Monmouthshire Leagues at weekends and mid-week. The Ladies bowl in the afternoon SW & Mon League and in the evening Casnewydd League. Mixed Friendly matches against teams in Gloucester and Avon are played in mid-week afternoons.

Club Competitions and Tournaments are organised during the summer with away days to Bath and Weston this season. Club Members enjoy playing on Monday afternoons in a relaxed atmosphere with time for tea and a chat. This is ideal for newer members to learn the game and enjoy the company and coaching is also available.

Off the Green a number of social events are held including Coffee Mornings and a BBQ mid-summer.

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School News from St John's on-the-Hill

Fruity fun to raise funds for Diabetes UK

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The children organised a fruit fayre and created and ran their own fruit themed stalls, such as grape hoopla, fruit juggling and orange obstacle racing. Competitions included a fruit quiz and design an animal made from fruit and vegetables. The children and staff also dressed as film characters (see photo across the top).

Ruth Frett, Head at St John's on-the-Hill, said: "Our children wanted to do something to help their fellow pupils and to show that healthy food choices can be fun. We had a great time eating lots of different types of fruit and certainly got our five a day.

"Learning to cope with type 1 diabetes can be scary and emotional. Diabetes UK works to support children, families and schools. We are lucky to have a brilliant school nurse and matron who do a wonderful job of caring for our children and helping them to understand how to manage their diabetes, so they have the same opportunities as their friends. Our pupils worked really hard to raise the money and would like to thank Tesco's, for supplying the fruit, and Chepstow Bookshop, for the fruity quiz prizes."

The St John's Lions came first, followed by Rogiet Sharks in second place and both Berry Hill teams (Rhinos and Leopards) in joint third place. Lisa Duncan, Head of PE and Girls' Games at St John's, said: "This year's Triathlon tested the children's fitness, agility and determination. The school teams put their all into each event and we were particularly impressed with the running – the children took turns to run for a total of 15 minutes – each completing between two and four 400m laps – they kept up a strong pace throughout and the standard of running was very high."



Sunflowers Art Exhibition

Children exhibited their artwork in an exhibition for parents in March. The colourful and beautifully painted sunflowers were produced during an Art Day for children in reception and Years 1, 2 and 3.

Visiting artist, Paul Priestly, came to St John's completely in character as Van Gogh. He firstly captured the children's interest in the artist's life, with pictures of the man himself from an early age. He then talked about his great works of art and how treasured they are today.

Each year group was then shown the techniques and colour mixing used to produce the famous Sunflowers painting and the children got the opportunity to create their very own masterpiece.

Ruth Frett, Head at St John's on-the-Hill School, said: "We were so impressed with the children's paintings we decided to have them framed and displayed at our special exhibition to celebrate their artwork. The amazing paintings each have individual flair and the children were justifiably very proud of their achievements when they saw their paintings in a symphony of yellows in our Pre Prep hall."



Triathlon

Four local schools competed in the second annual Open Morning Triathlon at St John's on-the-Hill School on Saturday 4th March. Pupils from Primrose Hill Church of England Primary Academy, Berry Hill Primary School, Rogiet Primary School and St John's on-the-Hill School competed in teams in swimming, indoor athletics and running races.

Eco-Day

On 17th February 2017 Pembroke Primary School held an eco-day to celebrate attaining Eco-Schools Platinum status. The day started with an assembly about energy usage and renewable energy sources presented by Mark from Severn Wye Energy Company. He then conducted workshops about energy with years 2, 3 and 6. Rebecca Blount – Monmouthshire Waste Services - spent the day with us. She worked with all the classes to help them understand how important it is to recycle. Tesco provided Fairtrade tea, coffee and cooking ingredients. They also ran a workshop for the reception class and their grown-ups, on the theme of healthy eating. Chepstow Fairtrade helped us out with aprons and bunting. Year 5 spent the day in our Forest School area.

In the afternoon we invited our community to a flag raising ceremony where all the children recited our eco-code and their own class pledges. The parents then went with their children to work on an activity relating to being environmentally friendly. The day finished with a Fairtrade 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'. The children had all made hats and bunting. Parents had made cakes and biscuits and donated them to school. We had 3 lovely volunteers who baked all morning making goodies from Fairtrade ingredients. Our 'Friends of Pembroke' served the cakes and Fairtrade drinks. It was extremely busy but everyone had a lovely day.

Creative Schools

Pembroke Primary School has been part of the Creative Schools Project and have been working with Shirenewton and Thornwell Primary in order to develop the creative skills of their learners through a topic based approach. The Creative Schools Project is run by the Arts Council of Wales and aims to promote new ways of working within schools through a bespoke programme of learning.

A creative practitioner was interviewed and appointed in the Summer Term of 2016 and Rhys Thomas from Caldicot has been working with the children throughout this ten week project. The project in each school has been pupil led and year 4 pupils in Pembroke Primary have



been busy designing and making a bridge in their school grounds. The pupils came up with the idea after a walking tour around Chepstow and wanted a permanent structure that was in the theme of their local community.

The pupils have absolutely loved being part of this project and are very proud of their bridge which will have a variety of purposes, including a bird watching area, supporters stand for our Mile a Day and a Buddy watching area for playtimes. The purchasing of materials, managing of a budget and measuring of the bridge dimensions has been a fantastic opportunity for pupils to be part of real life skills and all at Pembroke are looking forward to the grand opening of their bridge, which will be in the next few weeks.

Eisteddfod

The school Eisteddfod this year was a huge success, as ever. The children had a fantastic morning filled with speaking Welsh, performing and singing.

It all started with the chairing of the bard, this year's bard was Arron Davies, who gained the position after writing a fantastic poem about Wales. Headteacher, Helen Hampson, announced the chair with lots of dramatic music and Arron was very surprised and proud as he took his place at the front of the hall for the rest



of the morning with a welsh flag draped around his shoulders.

Each class entered competitions in the run up to our Eisteddfod, including art, craft, handwriting and poetry, all to gain house points for their team.

The winners of each class competition were announced after the fantastic Welsh performances from the children with a lot of tension building over who our winning house would be this year. There were only 2 house points between our 2nd and 3rd place houses! There were lots of cheers and applause as our winning house, yellow, was announced by the bard.

Our celebrations came to an end with a heartfelt Welsh national anthem sang by all of the children and staff.



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Welsh Schools Tumble and Vault Championships

East Wales Schools did well at the Welsh Schools Tumble and Vault Championships held at
Sport Wales in Cardiff, with gymnasts from Chepstow School, Monmouth School, and Primary
schools - Shirenewton, St Mary's, The Dell, George Street and Duffryn.

William John won Bronze in the U19 section, with Hannah Foster winning Silver, and Lilly Brain
Bronze in the girls' U19. Jessica Ham was Champion in U14 girls, and together with Heather Dent,
Georgie Davies, Ruby Tugwell and Amelia Basham, won Team Gold. Evan Kennedy was Champion
in U14 boys, and together with Joel Kohler-Hoon, Iwan Scrivens, William Dent, won Team Silver.

Joseph Dunster was Champion in the U11 boys,
Holly Jones and Ella Burley joint second place in
U11 girls, and together with Isabelle Jones, Iris
Bell, Olive Dunster and Chloe Brown won Team
Silver. Holly Jones and Joseph Dunster were also
awarded their Feathers for representing Wales in
the 2016 British Championships.

This year's British Schools Championships
qualifiers are Evan Kennedy and Jessica Ham
from Chepstow School, Joseph Dunster from
St Mary's, and Holly Jones from George Street.
Lilli Edwards, Olivia Hathaway, Clare John, Ellis
Hodkinson, Kayden Woodberry, Riley Clayden
all had a good competition resulting in the East
Region finishing in second place.

WOW well done everybody!

PHOTO L TO R shows: BACK ROW Heather Dent, Jessica
Ham, Lilli Edwards, Lilly Brain, Olivia Hathaway, Georgie
Davies, William John, Clare John, Evan Kennedy, Joel
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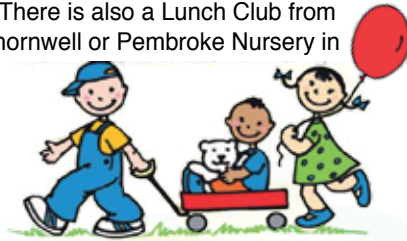
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Little Star BIG DAY OUT: Chepstow Castle, Saturday 5th August

This Summer sees the first ever family-friendly day festival in Chepstow, proudly organised by local business Little Star Workshops. The independent, unique Little Star BIG DAY OUT festival will be held at the historic Chepstow Castle on Saturday 5th August, with a star guest appearance from children's presenter Andy Day.

Combining children's entertainment, activities and workshops, families will be guaranteed to have bucket loads of fun. Live music, food and drink add to the mix, offering something for parents to enjoy too. The Little Star BIG DAY OUT ethos is very similar to the Little Star Workshops offering of providing a safe, fun and creative space for little ones while parents are able to relax in the stunning grounds of Chepstow Castle.

"We wanted to create a family-friendly festival like atmosphere in an intimate and unique setting that both parents and their children will love. We are excited to be the first people to offer this in Chepstow and very much see Little Star BIG DAY OUT as an extension of what we are offering day-to-day through our workshops and unique children's parties" – Ghalia Francis, Little Star Workshops.

Little Star BIG DAY OUT will host over 25 stalls, including many local businesses. The inflatable Dino Slide, Quaser Laser Tag Maze and bouncy castle provides perfect entertainment for little ones and some of the family activities include crazy golf, a giant games area and 'test of strength'. There will also be a photo opportunity to meet Andy Day, who will also be performing his 'Dino Rap'. On the practical side, there's a deck chair area that is perfect for picnics and a baby feeding and nappy changing area.

Tickets are to attend from 10am-2pm or 2pm-6pm. Prices are £7.50 for children aged 3-16, £12.50 for adults and £28.50 for a family pass. Under 3's are free.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Little Star Workshops – 01291 627657 / 8 Moor Street, Chepstow, NP16 5DE facebook @littlestarworkshops



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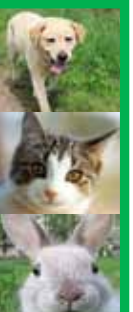
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Elsie-Mae Williams, Megan Kear, Eva Lawn, Lola Lewis and Tia Beard passed Club Grade 6, with Lola and Tia achieving Commended.

In Club Grade 5 Amelia Evans, Jordain Gibbons passed and Olive Dunster awarded Commended.

In Regional Grade 4 the skills required were a little harder, and the girls did very well avoiding falls in their Beam routines, and Erin Roberts passed, with Evie Forrest, Maisie Edwards, Charlotte Jones awarded Commended, and Katie Smith Distinction.

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Hidden in the Lining – Krishna in the Garden of Assam

A special exhibition at Chepstow Museum in partnership with the British Museum (April 13 – September 3)

This exhibition is centred on a remarkable object, which to outward appearances is an elegant 18th century gentleman's dressing gown, known as a banyan. What makes it very special, is its lining. This is made from a woven silk textile from Assam in north-east India. It is one of a group of similar textiles known as Vrindavani Vastra, which means the cloth of Vrindavan, - a forested region in north India where the Hindu god Krishna is believed to have lived as a young cowherd early in his eventful life. Dramatic scenes from Krishna's life are woven into these vibrant strips of cloth.

Only about 20 pieces of this type of textile survive today, in collections around the world.

In 2016 the banyan from Monmouthshire Museums Collections featured in the exhibition at the British Museum *'Krishna in the Garden of Assam: the cultural context of an Indian textile'*. That exhibition focussed on the largest surviving example of the Vrindavani Vastra type of textiles, now in the British Museum. At over 9 metres in length, it is made up of 12 separate lengths of cloth woven in Assam, which were stitched together later, probably in Tibet, with strips of damask and brocade along the top.

As it was impossible to display the original British Museum textile here in Chepstow, it has been reproduced by digitally printing onto fabric.

The British Museum textile and the lining of the Banyan, were probably made in the same workshop and at about the same time. They both have the same brown background colour, the strips of cloth are of similar width, and the same scenes are shown.

The textiles probably date from around 1680 and are associated with the worship of Krishna. They are decorated with the same scenes from Krishna's life that also feature in plays and dance dramas performed to music and with elaborate masks that are distinctive to the region. The exhibition also includes some spectacular masks made in a monastery in Assam where the dramas are enacted at a festival in late October. The monastery is one of a number on the island of Majuli in the great Brahmaputra river. Some spectacular film made on the island during the

festival will also be part of the exhibition.

Assam is dominated by the immense Brahmaputra river and enclosed by mountainous terrain, including the Himalayas. The British Museum Vrindavani Vastra textile travelled from Assam to a Buddhist monastery in Tibet, while the textile that was cut to make the lining of the banyan that stars in the exhibition, travelled a different route to the West. Combined with a subtle Chinese blue green damask silk the dressing gown was probably made in Calcutta for a European man who had made his fortune in India to wear in the West. New light has been shed on the possible identity of the owner, and how it came to be amongst a collection of 18th century costume in Monmouthshire....

This exhibition at Chepstow Museum explores the origins of these two amazing textiles and their intriguing history. The exhibition opens on Thursday 13 April, coinciding not just with the start of Easter, but with the Assamese New Year Festival of Rongali Bihu.

Become a Volunteer Gallery Guide at Chepstow Museum's new Exhibition – 'Hidden in the Lining – Krishna in the Garden of Assam'

We are looking for volunteers to help visitors enjoy and engage with this new exhibition.

Training will be provided, and there will be opportunities to meet experts and to learn and understand more about this subject.

If you are able to commit about two and a half hours on a morning or afternoon one day a week from mid April to the beginning of September please get in touch and register your interest. Tel: **01291 625981** or e-mail chepstowmuseum@monmouthshire.gov.uk



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Welsh racehorse owner and entrepreneur Alan Peterson is the chair of the NSPCC Appeals Board and he is aiming to raise £3million over the next three years for the NSPCC's three centres in Wales (in Swansea, Cardiff and Prestatyn), the Schools Service and ChildLine, with events like this one.

It really will be a great value day out with lots of the entertainment under cover so we will be ready for all types of weather! Once you have paid your admission, all the entertainment is free of charge. Picnics are allowed too (excluding alcoholic drinks).

Make the most of Easter this year and come to the biggest Family Race Day in Wales in aid of the NSPCC on Easter Monday. Gates open at 12 noon and the first race is at 2pm.

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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 7.30-9.30pm. 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

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

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!

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

Mathern, Mounon and Pwllmeyric Villages in Bloom Meet 7pm last Thur of the month, bi-monthly (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov) Mathern Village Hall. https://www.facebook.com/MMPVB/ email: mmpvb@btinternet.com

Movie Night at Bulwark 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 427266 tvmoran@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

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

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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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.littleacornsplaygroup.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
www.pembrokeprimaryschool.co.uk

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

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

01291 635642 mounonhouse@monmouthshire.gov.uk
www.mounonhouse.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 Murrin - murrin@
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



As reported in last month's
issue, the Chepstow & Caldicot
Lions Club, were about to
celebrate their 45th Charter
Anniversary, which took place
on the 18th of February at the
Royal George Hotel Tintern.

The Members and Guests
were treated to a wonderful
three course meal and
entertainment; the main guests
were District Governor Godfrey
Morris and his wife Anne,
Councillor Paul Pavier Mayor
of Chepstow and his consort
Mrs Louise Pavier, Mr Mark
Avent and Ms Sharan Davies
of Avent Interiors Bristol, the
club's major Sponsor. There
were also representatives from
several other Lions Clubs from
around the district.

After the meal both District Governor Godfrey
and Councillor Pavier were full of praise for the
work carried out by Chepstow & Caldicot Lions in
the community and the way in which they affect
people's lives.

The District Governor was pleased to present to
Lion David Atwell an award for 45 years continual
service. David is currently Mayor of Newport and
has also been a past District Governor for Lions
Clubs International.

Locally Chepstow & Caldicot Lions have
just completed the first phase of supplying
defibrillators to outlying communities, making a
total of twelve now sited and ready for use.

The St. Arvans Community has taken the
defibrillators very seriously, and are about to hold
their fourth training session for using the machine
and learning about CPR.

The latest presentation of four machines was
to the Shirenewton, Earlswood, Myndd Bach
communities and the Huntsman at Shirenewton
these were presented, by Lion President Brian
Prout to Mr Phillip Moles owner of the Huntsman,



District Governor Godfrey Morris
and wife Anne



Mayor of Chepstow Cllr Paul Pavier and
Mrs Louise Pavier with Lion President
Brian Prout

who has kindly helped with
the funding for the machines.

Chepstow & Caldicot
Lions club are delighted to
announce, that they have
received a major boost, to
assist with their work in the
community, from Chepstow
Race Course who have
offered to become one of
their major Sponsors. Lion
Secretary Glyn Williams
stated that this is a huge step
for the club to now have two
major sponsors, willing to
help the club continue their
good work in the community.

A full report on the new
sponsorship will be available
next month, but the club
would like to publically thank

Mr Phil Bell of Chepstow Races for his support.

If any company would like to be a sponsor to
Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Club please contact
the secretary on 0845 833565 for more details.

The Club is now looking forward to a busy year
of activities, the Easter egg Competition will be
announced shortly and the club is in the process
of arranging a Pub Charity Quiz to be held in April
if you have a quiz team so look out for further
news.

Even though the Chepstow Agricultural Show
is not until August, Lion Graham Probert is
already in the early stages of planning with
the Agricultural Show Committee. Last year
the attendance was over 20,000 and the club
were instrumental in providing members at the
entrance to the show and carparking stewards.

**The Chepstow & Caldicot Lions Club are
actively seeking new members and even
volunteers. If you would like to give something
back to the community and feel you could
contribute to the Lions Club good work, please
contact the secretary on 0845 833 9565.**



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Come for a coffee with Chepstow RNLI!

Saturday 22nd April, 10.30-12noon
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You are warmly invited to a coffee morning in aid of the RNLI Everyone is welcome, and entrance costs only £2.

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We look forward to seeing you.

Shirenewton Village Market every third Saturday 10am-12pm in the Rec Hall

A variety of stalls including fresh bread, homemade pickles, honey and an assortment of locally made produce. Also enjoy coffee and a slice of cake in the cafe!

Car Boot Sale

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Sunday 9th April, 4pm Bolshoi Ballet live broadcast 'Hero of our Time'

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Thursday 13 & Thursday 20 April, 2-4pm
The Drill Hall, Lower Church St, NP16 5HJ

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