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Dear Readers...

I hope many of you managed to enjoy a break over the Easter weekend. Our family went down to Woolacombe for a few days in the caravan - I was ill-equipped and had to purchase a new woolly hat! Very beautiful and equally cold, but always nice to get away and recharge for a few days.

We have a lot of events for you this month within our pages, too many to list so make sure you have a good read through so you don't miss out! Chepstow Racecourse have much to offer with their music tribute nights this summer (opposite page) and tickets are selling fast for the Castell Roc events in August - see the full line up on p6-7. There is a Dads & Kids event taking place in Tintern this month, and forward notice of their Community picnic in June (see p16). Chepstow Walking Carnival and fun day takes place later this month in Bulwark and Thornwell (p20) and more events are listed on our community notice board on p32-33. Chepstow Museum brings you news of their latest exhibition on p26 and our cover photo this month promotes the 'Woodland' event taking place at the end of May (p27). The local Mather Mill has an open weekend this month (p10). We also have a competition to win a family ticket for the Little Star BIG DAY OUT in August (p23) so make sure you email your entries in to me!

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Tea Cup Tales

Chepstow Matters was delighted to chat with local resident Amy Burdon about her small business, which evolved from her passion for all things vintage.

Tea Cup Tales offers vintage china hire and catered tea parties for all occasions such as birthdays, baby showers, christenings, weddings, anniversaries and funerals - anything that warrants something a little bit special!

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!

If you are interested in finding out more, you can contact Amy on 01291 420664 or 07803 936 520, or email her on teacuptales@btinternet.com. You can also find her on facebook at /tcuptales.



Chepstow Matters was delighted to hear from Ray Taylor for this issue about a new local branch of the National Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Clubs Organisation.

Ray explained that the core value of the Armed Forces Veteran Breakfast Clubs is the welfare of its members. "When men and women leave the Armed Forces, despite what you hear about resettlement from the Government, the 'Armed Forces Covenant' and the now vast array of charities that exist, the reality is, other than their own families in their home towns (if indeed they are headed back to their home town), there really isn't anyone physically there for ex-servicemen and women, they are alone, and the isolation is something they have never really experienced in the forces where you are always part of a team.

"The Armed Forces trains/'conditions' the individual, constantly, to be a soldier/sailor/airman/marine, but does not 'recondition' men and women to be civilians.

"When leavers are younger, perhaps in their late twenties, it is something they often haven't given much thought to, and because of the 'Pride' which is instilled in them, and their 'conditioning' to persevere, to keep going, no matter what, they simply try and make the best of it. To find a job, find somewhere to live, and all too often are too proud to ask for help.

"This is sometimes so alien to them, that they end up homeless or in prison, and this simply cannot be allowed to continue. It is a dreadful time especially for those that have served for a long period of time, and/or have associated psychological problems. The effects of PTSD are minimized during service, because you have mutual support from those in your unit. After your service is over however, the isolation veterans tend to feel, can magnify underlying psychological issues like Combat PTSD.

"There are plenty of veterans out there not so drastically affected, all working and supporting families, who were once part of a cohesive, professional team for which the military had conditioned them, who are also now struggling with feelings of isolation. This is often greatly magnified if said individuals have experienced

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combat. Many struggle to come to terms with this, and feel guilty because they believe they shouldn't feel isolated when they are part of a family."

The Chepstow & Lydney District of the Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club is a group of local veterans and serving members of Her Majesties Armed Forces, and like other Veteran's Breakfast Clubs around the country and overseas, their ethos is mutual support. Ray concludes "It works because we all have a similar humour and outlook, the social life we enjoy together is like our service days. Our club activities include dinners or other planned events and where personal support is always on hand for those who need it."

New members are very welcome.

Either join the local Facebook group - search for Chepstow and Lydney Veterans Breakfast Club - or just turn up to one of the breakfast mornings (see poster above).

Alternatively contact Ray on 07746 043666 or Gethin Evans on 07590 359583 if you need more information.

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Chepstow's Castell Roc 2017

From the minute that visitors approach the imposing entrance to the wonderful venue that is Chepstow Castle you know you're in for something special!

Chepstow's family-friendly, open-air festival returns for its 5th year in 2017 with another exciting line up...

"After a dazzling array of star studded shows in 2016, Chepstow's Castell Roc Festival has been inundated with requests to play at the acclaimed Festival." Organiser Carol Mutlow told us. "We had an amazing 2016, with superb acts including The Proclaimers, The Shires and not forgetting Jools Holland OBE. Visitors came from all over the country to see household names in such ambient surroundings. It was lovely to hear people saying things like "I've lost count of how many times I've seen Jools Holland, but this was the best and by far". As a non-profit making organisation it is very humbling and makes all the hard work worthwhile for the team behind the Festival....."

Thursday 17th August: Monsters of Rock.

Three of the very best rock tributes on the bill: Hells Bells are probably the best known AC/DC tribute in the UK; followed by The Bon Jovi Experience, the only tribute to have played with JBJ himself and in his own words 'the best tribute I've ever seen!'; third up is the UK Guns N Roses, the most established GNR cover band having toured around the world.



Friday 18th August: Craig Charles

The legendary actor, host and broadcaster Craig Charles brings his Funk & Soul Club magic to Chepstow Castle. The Maestro of funk has captivated crowds throughout the UK playing at numerous festivals.

Saturday 19th August: The Magic of Motown

Performing the music of the Temptations, Diana Ross and The Supremes, Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, Jackson 5, Marvin Gaye, Lionel Ritchie and more - Reviving the wondrous, classic Motown hits with all the dazzling dance moves, glittering costume changes and superb musicianship of the original artistes. This show is simply astounding! Chepstow will certainly be "dancing in the streets" and if your feet hurt afterwards you can always "blame it on the boogie"!



Sunday 20th August: Collabro

The world's most successful musical theatre group, Collabro met in 2014 above a pub in London for their first rehearsal and only a month later went on to rouse the whole of the Hammersmith Apollo into a standing ovation during their first ever public performance of Stars in their first audition for Britain's Got Talent. They went on to win the overall competition with one of the biggest majorities ever and have since toured worldwide.

Wednesday 23rd August: Islands in the Stream

Celebrating the queen and king of country, the music of Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton is brought to Chepstow Castle. Stacked with country music's greatest hits you will be able to enjoy a superb score, supreme musicianship and the awesome vocals and gentle humour of Dolly and Kenny's legendary live shows.

Thursday 24th August: The Counterfeit Stones. Celebrating over a quarter of a century of master forgery, the Counterfeit Stones bring big hits, retro fashion, vintage guitars and a huge dollop of Spinal Tap humour: Satisfaction guaranteed!

Friday 25th August - BFG: Antarctic Monkeys / The Killerz / The Oasis Experience.

Formed in March 2006 and firmly established on the tribute scene, the Antarctic Monkeys have the power, passion and creative edge to whip audiences into a frenzy, delivering the powerful tunes of the Arctic Monkeys just as they should be. "The Killerz" are the world's leading tribute to The Killers. The music, the look and the energy the band creates makes you feel like you are watching the real thing. In their own words, the Oasis Experience 'actually sound like the real thing!'

Saturday 26th August: The Quireboys / FM / Gun

Three of the UK's most loved rock bands in a triple headlining show. With over 30 years of pure rock'n'roll and a sound that harks back to the 70s, the rocktastic Quireboys have always remained true to their roots. Another band



celebrating 30 years is the mighty FM, with their absolutely iconic debut album "Indiscreet" just passing the 30 years mark and commemorated with an excellent new re-recording. The third band celebrating 30 years started in Glasgow and hit the rock scene running with their monster debut album "Taking On the World". Gun are probably best remembered for their cover of Cameo's "Word Up" but their latest album "Frantic" is a real belter.

Sunday 27th August: A Chance to Hail 'The King' at the Castle, with Ben Portsmouth who in 2012 won the Elvis Presley Enterprises 'Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest' which took place in Memphis, crowning Ben as The Worldwide Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist, the closest you will ever see to the real thing.. A real treat.

Monday 28th August: New Model Army.

Respected world-wide and massively influential in 'post-punk', 'folk-rock', political-rock', 'goth', 'metal' and all kinds of musical sub-cultures, NMA have steadfastly refused to belong to any club that would have them as members.



For more information check out the Festival website www.castellroc.co.uk.

Strictly limited tickets are already on sale for all of the above shows via the above website or by calling the Festival Box Office on 01291 627122 .

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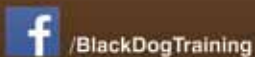
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Mathern Mill will be open to visitors from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2017 as part of National Mills Weekend, the annual festival of the UK's milling heritage, and the chance for everyone to explore their local windmills and watermills.

Mathern Mill is a watermill dating back to at least the late 17th century. It was once part of the St. Pierre estate and continued to serve the community of Mathern and surrounding area until the 1960s. It was one of at least eight mills on the Mounton brook but is the only one to have always been a corn mill. It was powered by an overshot water wheel, the skeleton of which can still be seen. Then in Victorian times an engine house was added to house a steam engine to increase the power and capacity of the mill. Much of the Victorian machinery remains in situ and visitors can get a good idea of what the mill was like and how it worked.



From their own research the family have a lot of information about past occupants of the mill who were not only millers, but also farmers and publicans.

The weekend is coordinated by the Mills Section of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB). The National Mills Weekend is Mathern Mill's biggest open day of the year but it will be open again four times during the summer. It is the chance for local people to look inside and find out more about the role of the mill in local life over the centuries.

There is plenty to see in the mill, with audio and visual displays and lots of information explaining the milling process, the role of the miller and the



social history of the time. There are also some activities specially for children. Entrance is FREE.

National Mills Weekend is a fantastic opportunity for people to explore their local heritage, and Jan and Dave Bowen look forward to welcoming visitors and sharing this wonderful building with them. Contact them on 01291 622282 for more information. Postcode reference is NP16 6LG.

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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

CHEPSTOW COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTRE
Enjoy and achieve!

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, is now open for the season 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.

If you are looking for gentle exercise, fresh air and good company why not join our friendly club. Experienced bowlers and beginners equally welcome. For more information contact: Peter Shapland on 01291/422208 or visit the Club Website www.chepstowbowlingclub.co.uk

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"At Fresh Air Fridays we call it 'filling yourself up first' and it's one of our key themes. If you look after yourself it supports not just your wellbeing but, because you'll feel happier and more relaxed, it has the knock on effect of supporting the people around you too."

"I'm a qualified coach and mentor, supporting and challenging people to live their best life, whatever that means for them."

"I also love being outside and know that changing my physical space changes my brain space, giving a different perspective and helping me to think more clearly."

"Fresh Air Fridays is all about this - the sessions give you time and space in the great outdoors with like-minded people, walking and talking around the theme of the month, sharing your thoughts and making a commitment to take action in the months ahead."

"On my sessions we'll be taking in some of the beautiful countryside around Chepstow on the last Friday of each month. There'll be tea, and maybe cake too!"

"I LOVE Fresh Air Fridays. And I really think you will too."

If this sounds like it's for you, please come along and give it a try - the first session's always free. You can sign up by contacting Saranne through Facebook @ [freshairfridayssarannepostans](https://www.facebook.com/freshairfridayssarannepostans), on 07557 226473 or via email : saranne@tandemcc.co



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The children's behaviour, sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the Eisteddfod was exemplary! We have a wealth of talented musicians, singers, poets and artists and to be able to celebrate their talents as a whole school community was a joy for everyone! As a competition it was a closely fought battle with USK being the winning house for Foundation Phase and WYE house winning the Junior competitions. WYE house were the overall victors in the end! Anna (Y6) was the crowned Bard of the Eisteddfod and Carys (Y5) was the highest individual points scorer.



Huge thank you to our School Council who made and sold leeks and raised £201.12 for the British Heart Foundation.



The following week, parents and grandparents were invited to an Eisteddfod coffee morning where they were treated to performances from every class and enjoyed listening to all the first place winners from the various competitions. I think the part they enjoyed the most was joining in the country dancing with their children!!!

MUSEUM AT SCHOOL!



KS2 classes were transformed into museums as the pupils exhibited all the excellent Ancient Egyptian learning they have produced this term. This was a truly exciting and innovative way for the pupils to share their hard work and we were delighted with the huge number of parents and grandparents who attended. Foundation Phase parents are invited to come and 'Delve into Dinosaurs' with their children and see what fantastic learning they have produced at the end of term.

TECHNIQUEST WORKSHOPS

All classes were treated to a series of workshops in school led by Technquest last week. Reception to Year 3 classes had a "maths party" and Year 3 to Year 6 enjoyed learning about electricity.

FIRST AID



Year 6 have had a First Aid training session learning about basic skills of saving someone's life - practised CPR on Annie dolls, put each other in the recovery position and learned about Dr ABC (Danger, Response, Airways, Breathing & Circulation).

Check out the class blogs on our school website & find out more about what each class is doing: www.shirenewton.monmouthshire.gov.uk

Picnic in the Park

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For more details call Lindsay on 07717 496369 lindsaycobb1@btopenworld.com This is a community event to help improvements and upkeep of Tintern Village Hall so please do support us. [Follow us at Tintern Village Hall](https://www.facebook.com/tinternvillagehall)



Year 9 Wydean Pupil's Success at FameLab Gloucestershire Final

FameLab Academy is a competition for Year 9 students in Gloucestershire, sponsored by EDF Energy. Students have just three minutes to explain a scientific topic in a dynamic and engaging way to a panel of judges who will adjudicate the presentations based on their content, clarity and charisma.

Co-ordinating Teacher Stuart Motson at Wydean School said: *'We're delighted to take part in FameLab Academy because it gives students a chance to learn more about an area of Science that really excites them, increases their confidence and allows students to practise their public speaking ready to face interviews, deliver presentations and thrive professionally and academically. In January, Year 9 students had the opportunity to create and deliver their own talk in front of their peers. We held our school final on 8th February where nine Year 9 students each delivered their talk in front of an audience of 160 students, staff, governors and VIP visitors. The students all performed brilliantly and the team of three VIP judges from Cardiff Metropolitan University (Dr. Michael Beeton), Cheltenham Science Festival (Sharon Pearson)*



and the School Governing Body (Sarah McLellan) spent twenty minutes deliberating the final result because the standard was so high".

The Wydean Finalists were : Tom Wright, Tom Stenson, Josh Thomas (£50 winner), Owen Burgess, Logan Arendell, Toby Bruton, Ryan Morgan (£20 runner-up), Milla Dunlopp-Biggs and Finnley McNeil (£20 runner-up). As the winner, Josh received a 2 day communication training masterclass, a 1 day work STEM visit and the opportunity to compete against students from 12 other Gloucestershire schools at the Regional Final held on 23rd March.



The day of the final dawned and a group of excited Year 9 Wydean supporters watched transfixed as Josh Thomas gave a dazzling performance on stage at the EDF Energy stage at Barnwood, Gloucester. Competing against a formidable array of students handpicked from top secondary Gloucestershire schools, Josh delivered an impressive, fluent and charismatic talk on the Scale of the Universe.

His fantastic delivery and content earned him joint second place, narrowly being beaten by a student from Pate's Grammar School. This is a truly impressive achievement for Josh. The judges agreed the field "keeps improving year on year.../... and this year the judging was incredibly tight".

Congratulations to Josh who walked away with £75 worth of technology vouchers to spend and a £25 ticket to the Cheltenham Science Festival.

Watched by around 150 students, proud parents and teachers the students from all 13 schools gave polished performances on subjects ranging from Spots, Hormones, "Would it be possible to walk up a wall?", Alzheimer's Disease and Dreams.

The judges were Jo Durrant (BBC Radio Gloucester), Jonny Brooks-Bartlet (Data Scientist at News UK) and Gwen Parry Jones OBE (Generation Development Director, EDF Energy). Many thanks to Sharron Pearson from Cheltenham Festivals for her superb organisation and to all the Staff at EDF Barnwood who made everyone so welcome.

Mr Motson concluded: *"We look forward to competing again next year and taking away the top prize perhaps in 2018".*



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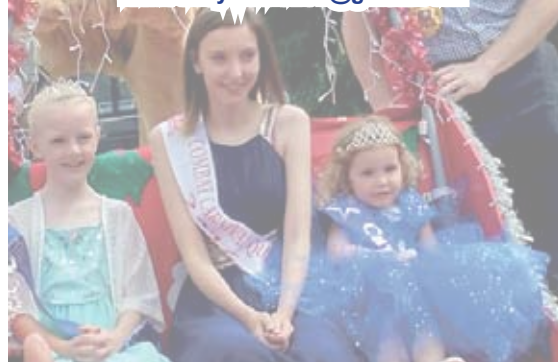
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Chepstow Walking Carnival & Family Fun Day Sunday 28th May

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Little Acorns is a childcare setting run during term time for 2 to pre-school age children. Monday to Friday 9.15-12pm, cost for this session is £7.50. There is also a Lunch Club from 12-12.45 after which children can be collected or taken to Thornwell or Pembroke Nursery in Bulwark, cost for this session is £3.50.

For more information please inbox Rachel on email acornspaygroup@aol.com, phone 07904 212135, or visit the website www.littleacornspaygroup.co.uk



Little Acorns Playgroup, Burnt Barn Club, Bulwark NP16 5AR
Tel: Rachel on 07904 212135

Burnt Barn Community (Sports) & Social Club

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Club activities

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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

COMPETITION TIME!!

Chepstow Matters is pleased to have TWO family passes up for grabs to the **Little Star BIG DAY OUT** on **Saturday 5th August**.

To be in with a chance of winning a free family pass, please email: community@mattersmagazines.co.uk with the answer to this question

What will visitors be able to see Andy Day perform during the day?

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 Work shops – 01291 627657 / 8 Moor Street, Chepstow, NP16 5DE facebook @littlestarworkshops

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Kestrel's mini squad aged 5 yrs to 7 yrs, were off to the South East Wales Level 1 Prelims Championships in Ebbw Vale at the start of April. It was the first competition for the little gymnasts, and they had been perfecting their two tumbles and two Vaults during many weeks of training.

Laci Watkins won Bronze on Tumble and 4th Ribbon Overall, Carys Fullerton was Tumble Champion taking Gold, Amelie Thomason was Vault Champion winning Gold and 5th Ribbon Overall. The girls went on to win Team Silver with good tumbles from Hollie Smith and Mollie Greenhalgh.

Good competition in the Boys' section from Brereton Trim who won two Gold medals, becoming Tumble and Vault Champion, and Overall Champion Trophy, and Louis French was in second place winning two Silver medals for Tumble and Vault and Second Overall Trophy. The boys, together with Carys, took Overall Team Bronze.

In the 9-10 yrs Boys' section there were good performances from all three gymnasts. Haydn Thomason won Silver on Vault, 5th Ribbon on Tumble and 5th Ribbon Overall. Harri Jones won Bronze on Vault, 4th Ribbon on Tumble and 4th Ribbon Overall, and Henri Jones-Dekerf won 4th Ribbon on Vault, Bronze on Tumble, and Bronze Overall Trophy.

What a great start to their competition year!

Top photo: Amelie Thomason, Hollie Smith, Laci Watkins, Mollie Greenhalgh, Rose James; Front row: Louis French, Carys Fullerton, Brereton Trim; Bottom photo: Henri Jones-Dekerf, Harri Jones, Haydn Thomason



Tutshill Nature Tots - An outside group for children under 5 years old

Tutshill Community Pre-School run an outside toddler group for all children under 5 years old on Friday's 9.30-11am (term time), from March till Christmas. It is held in a field the middle of Tutshill so parking and access is good. Parents and carers enjoy this group as their children are safe to run and explore nature.

The group leader is a qualified member of staff from Tutshill Community Pre-school and she leads fun activities to explore the natural environment. The children carry these out with their parent or carer which can be a very special one to one time with their child. Activities are introduced to the children by 'baby squirrel' (see photo) and include making bird feeders, various types of small boats to sail, small dough creatures, puppets, hobby horses, grass paintbrushes, paddling, and playing with ice embedded with flowers. The children can make dens, play hide and seek and hunt for bugs. Active games and singing using story, bubbles, hoops, balls and a parachute are enjoyed each week. Snacks and drinks are provided.



It is a happy group where children have freedom to be active which is so good for them, and to learn about, and care for the natural environment. If children then later join our Pre-school we carry on this outdoor learning by spending a whole morning a week at Nature School.

Further details can be found on the Tutshill Nature Tots Facebook page, the Tutshill Community Pre-school website or on 01291 629134. There is no need to pre book so come along and try these outside adventures!



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Discover Assam's New Year Celebrations – In Chepstow!

The new exhibition at Chepstow Museum 'Hidden in the Lining, Krishna in the Garden of Assam – the tales of two textiles' featuring wonderful woven temple textiles made in Assam, in the far north east of India in the 17th century, opened to coincide not just with Easter, but the Assamese New Year. This is celebrated by a national festival, called Rongali Bihu.

Chepstow Museum is delighted that members of the Assamese community in the UK are coming to demonstrate and talk about the dances, music, customs and traditions that surround the festival and you can see this at the Drill Hall Chepstow on Saturday May 13, from 3pm – 5.30pm

Assam is one of the most beautiful, serene and magnificent states of India. Assamese culture distinguishes itself from the rest of India through the cultural festivities that happen throughout the year. Bihu is the official state festival of Assam, which is celebrated three times in a year and marks the three distinct phases of the farming calendar. Assam is a fertile land surrounded by Blue Mountains and replenished by the mighty Brahmaputra River. The main occupation of the people is agriculture. Bihu is basically a celebration of the change of the seasons. Each of the three Bihu celebrations marks an important phase in the farming year: Rongali Bihu in April, Kaati Bihu in October and Magh Bihu in January which marks the end of the harvest.

Bihu is also an irreligious festival and is celebrated by all Assamese people irrespective of caste, creed, religion, specific faith or belief.

Rongali Bihu is the most important of the Bihu festivals and is celebrated with enthusiasm and joy. It marks the Assamese New Year (April 14th of every year), which is the advent of seeding time. At this time of the year the Assam valley becomes vibrant and colourful and the air is filled with the sweet fragrance of exotic spring flowers and song from migratory birds. Women are busy weaving Gamusas scarves and Mekhela Chadors (the traditional Assamese 3 pieces costume) and making different types of traditional snacks called 'Pithas' (made out of rice flour, coconut, molasses



or sugar).

The first day of the festival is dedicated to the animals, the second to people. That's the day when the community comes together, people visit each other, and feast on delicacies. Old quarrels or differences are settled so the New Year can begin afresh. The handwoven Gamusa scarf (red patterning on white cotton – there's an example in the museum exhibition) is given as a present. The third day is dedicated to the gods. The festival lasts for seven days, people cook traditional meals, wear traditional costume and song, music and dance are an important part of the celebrations.



Discover these traditional dances, songs, music and musical instruments, and the beautiful Assamese costume that is worn. Find out much more about the festivities and festivals, the customs and celebrations in this unique opportunity. To book telephone Chepstow Museum 01291 625981.



Woodland French & Mottershead A love poem to the forest and body

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Chepstow Tourist Information Centre Castle Car Park, Bridge Street, Chepstow NP16 5EY. 01291 623772 chepstow.tic@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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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.

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

Chepstow (Archway) Bridge Club meets Mon, Weds, Thurs 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

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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

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

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

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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

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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 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

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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 acornspalygroup@aol.com Tuesdays term time 1-3pm.

Parent and Toddler Time at Whirlikidz 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

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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.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
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

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

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

Wyedean School Robert Ford, Headteacher Beachey Road,
Sedbury NP16 7AA 01291 625340 www.wyedean.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
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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



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

The members of the Welfare and Activities committees have been very active this month. Although there is only four members on each committee, the amount of work carried out has been amazing! Lion Brian Prout stated that he was extremely proud of the way the members have reacted to various requests for help, and in the professional manner in which the members carry out their projects.

Some of this months projects include:

The purchase of High Visibility Jackets for all the Primary School children in the area. This project will allow every pupil that walks to school to be seen clearly by road users. The jackets will be supplied to the schools by the beginning of the winter term.

Continuing the club's work with Pembroke Road Primary School a donation of £3,600 has been made towards the new running track in keeping with the schools interest in allowing the pupils to stay active.

A major project for the club is to provide St.Mary's Priory with new kitchen facilities for the Cavill Hall. This project has been led by one of our new members Lion Steve O'Sullivan, who has been renovating the church hall during the past months. The new kitchen will provide light meals and snacks for the homeless during the winter, and hopefully bring new associations to use the hall.

Other donations included £500 to Homestart, which helps families with children under five years of age through difficult times.

Gwent talking books for the blind received £500 to purchase sound equipment, and devices to assist those with poor sight. Undy Primary has also received a donation towards the cost of purchasing a new defibrillator.

One of the largest pledges was made to the Garden City Project to assist with their work in renovating the area and Century Garden.

The Activities Committee is busy preparing for Lions International Centennial Year, as this year is the 100th Anniversary of the Lions Clubs International. Plans are in place to make a permanent reminder

to the communities of Chepstow and Caldicot as to how much work the Lions Club of Chepstow and Caldicot put in to the area. Several ideas have been looked at, and discussions with the local councils are on going as to the most appropriate.

A new project for the club is the Young Leaders in Service Project. This scheme is designed to recognise those young people who contribute to their local community, by volunteering to help where ever there is a need. The scheme will be rolled out to Caldicot and Wyedean sixth form prior to the new September term.



Saturday 8th of April saw the club at the Races, as guests of Chepstow Racing and Events who are now one of our major sponsors. Members interacted with the public describing the work that they do and promoting Lions Clubs International. Although we were unable to sign up any new members it turned out to be a great success as a show case for the club. (photo shows Lions Glyn Williams, Nigel Gibby and Steve O'Sullivan)

At the latest monthly business meeting Lion President Brian Prout was pleased to induct our newest member into the club. Stephen O'Sullivan, who lives in Bulwark, said he was 'over the moon' to become a Lion.

If you feel you would like to put something back into your community, why not come and see what we do, give the Secretary a ring on 0845 8339565, or come along to the club, which meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Chepstow Castle Inn on Bridge Street starting at 7:30 pm.



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Chepstow Museum Events

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Current Exhibition at the museum:

Hidden in the Lining: Krishna in the Garden of Assam, the tales of two textiles

Chepstow Museum, Bridge St, NP16 5EZ
throughout May open Mon-Sat 11-5, Sun 2-5, Free
A partnership exhibition with the British Museum, which explores the origins, stories and meanings of wonderful silk woven temple textiles from 17th century NE India,
for associated events tel 01291 625981

Saturday May 13, 3pm- 5.30pm

The Drill Hall, Lower Church Street, Chepstow
Assamese New Year traditions with dance, music and explanation

Members of the UK Assamese community come to Chepstow to demonstrate and talk about their traditions at Rongali Bihu, the Spring festival
In association with the Museum's new exhibition
- tel Chepstow Museum 01291 625981 for more information and to book

Gwent Wildlife Trust Chepstow Group

- Grand Plant Sale & Bazaar -

Saturday 13th May 9.30 - 12.30 at the Palmer Centre, Cormeilles Square, Chepstow
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Mathern Mill Open Days

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