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Dear Readers...

This year seems to be moving way too fast and it is hard to believe that we are on our June edition already! As I write this summer feels like it has definitely arrived and we have enjoyed some beautiful family walks recently (such as our front page photo taken in Wentwood).

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There are lots of forthcoming events promoted within our pages this month, including the Chepstow Big Lunch (p4-5), Tintern picnic (p31), Monmouth Show (p31), Mathern Mill Open Day (p12), Chepstow Choral Society (p29), Chaos Mad's production of Peter Pan (p30), Chepstow Male Voice Choir (p24), Chepstow Racecourse events (p28,35), to name a few! More are listed on our Community Noticeboard on pages 36-37.

We also bring you updates from the local Lions, news from local schools, information from the Armed Forces breakfast club and the Royal British Legion, a fundraising concert from the Friends of Tidenham Church, amongst others! **Enjoy the read!**

If you would like to appear in our next issue, the deadline will be 15th June for our July edition.

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Prizes to be won for Best Healthy, Best Green and Best Historical Picnic! FREE entry to all local residents with 'Group Invitation' from 950 Celebration Programme or Cadw/town pass.

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Wye Classic Car Run



The Chepstow Rotary Club staged the 14th Wye Classic Car Run on Saturday 29 April.

Some 56 cars took place, ranging from a 1923 Crossley with a canvas canopy roof through Hillman Imp, Swallow Doretti, a couple of Citroen DS, MG's and two splendid Jaguar E-Types.



Every year a different route is identified taking the competitors through some of the wonderful scenery that we enjoy in our area. Competitors left from the Chepstow Garden Centre marshalling area where many fuelled up with a bacon sandwich beforehand. At 2 minute intervals they received the chequered flag and drove away into the sunshine.

This year the route went through the lanes westwards to Llandegfedd Reservoir with its splendid waterside cafe where many stopped for coffee while enjoying the view. Just outside Abergavenny we stopped at Goytre Wharf where we strolled alongside the many narrow boats in the morning air. A good leg stretch. The route then headed north and through narrow winding lanes with long views across the splendid open country that is Herefordshire. Here lay Weston's Cider Mill where several enjoyed lunch and a tour of the site and leaving with a couple of special bottles in the boot, no doubt. Later it was Ross-on-Wye where the drivers enjoyed a stroll through the High Street and stood to admire the Wye flowing past this interesting town. The final leg took us past Monmouth and over the top through Trellech after which they dropped down into the Wye Valley at Tintern where they finished at the Anchor Inn where they were marshalled by Rotarians in Day-Glo jackets. It was clear that everyone had enjoyed the drive, the waypoints and meeting the other competitors. And they also spoke of the magnificent Monmouthshire and Herefordshire scenery that everyone had enjoyed.

All the teams completed the 100-mile 2017 Wye Run and received their Finishers Certificates that included a photograph of the car starting The Run. Some £1,500 was raised for charity. Prizes were awarded by Rotary President Mac McCarty for "The President's Choice", an elderly Austin 7, 'The Oldest Car', was the Crossley, 'The Youngest New Entry' was a red Hillman Imp, the 'Best Presented Car' was an A35 owned by Roger Evans and 'The President's Wife's Choice' was a Morris Minor Traveller. Much discussion, both social and technical, followed but all involved spoke of our beautiful location, splendid cars and those narrow lanes. The 2018 Rotary Wye Run will take place on Saturday 5th May, so get this date in your diaries for next year!

The Rotary Club are organising an Autumn Wye Run on Sunday 17 September. This will be a much shorter event and finish at the Bloodwise Big Welsh Car Show at Chepstow Racecourse where you will enjoy free entry.

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Chepstow Matters was delighted to hear from Ray Taylor last month 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.

St John's raises money to train guide dogs

Pupils at St John's on-the-Hill School raised more than £660 for Guide Dogs Cymru.

Frank Greig, community fundraising officer from the charity, visited the school, along with Hilary Lester and her guide dog Yelena, to give a special assembly on Wednesday 3 May.

Lynne Summerfield, head of learning support at St John's, said: *"This was a lovely opportunity to hear about the work the charity does and how it changes lives. The money raised will go towards sponsoring a class of three puppies."*

The children are very excited to find out how the puppies get on with training and we will keep up-to-date with their progress."

The pupils dressed up in neon clothing and took part in a range of fun games, a cake sale and a raffle to raise the money.



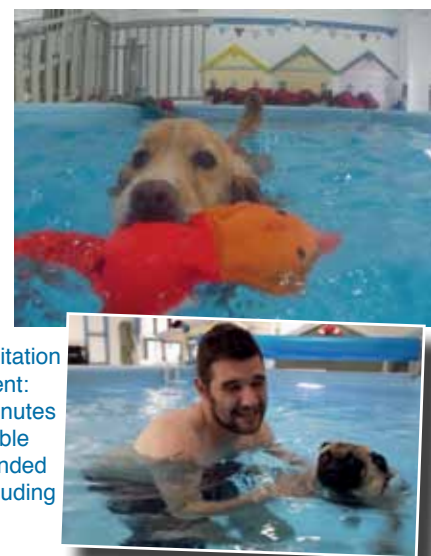
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From their own research the family have a lot of information about past occupants of the mill who were not only millers, but also farmers and publicans.

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.

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"Fresh Air Fridays is for you if you'd like your life to be different. We're often so busy, working, taking care of family and friends that we forget to look after ourselves. Taking time out for you can feel like a luxury but it's really important."

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"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, on 07557 226473 or via email : saranne@tandemcc.co



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This summer will see more activity. There is a **Flower Festival** planned over the first weekend of July (30th June – 4th July), followed by **A Summer Gala Concert** held at the Church on Saturday 8th July, 7.30pm. This



promises to be an outstanding evening of musical entertainment with refreshments featuring three superb professional singers – Angharad Morgan (Soprano, Welsh National Opera), David Fortey (Tenor) and Stephen Hamnett (Bass) – both from “OnlyMenAloud” – joined by local musicians Ruth

Rusling (Trumpet) and Marjorie Duerden & Sophie Adams (Piano). The music will be wide-ranging – from popular well-known items from opera, light opera, musicals, wonderful songs, fun items – from Handel, Mozart, Bizet, Rossini and Verdi to Lehar, Rogers & Hammerstein, Cole Porter, Ivor Novello – and more!

Wine and refreshments are included in the ticket price (£15), already available via the Friends Trustees, and Chepstow Bookshop. For further information, please phone 01291 623310, or e-mail bduerden@outlook.com and view www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk

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New welfare support for Armed Forces in Chepstow

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The Royal British Legion service will be available on the first Monday of every month between 10am – 12pm.

The Royal British Legion's work is encapsulated within its ethos: Live On – To the memory of the fallen and the future of the living. The Legion is the nation's biggest Armed Forces charity providing care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces past and present and their families. It is the national custodian of Remembrance and safeguards the Military Covenant between the nation and its Armed Forces. It is well known for the annual Poppy Appeal, and its emblem the red poppy. www.britishlegion.org.uk.

The Hive Information Centre is one of a number of planned new outreach locations across Wales which will make the Legion's welfare services more accessible to the Armed Forces community past and present, and their families, across the UK.

Alexis Walker, Advice and Information Team Leader for The Royal British Legion in Wales, told us:

"Though we're an UK national organisation, we work in local communities across the UK, delivering information, advice and support where it is needed most. Whether it's money worries, housing support, a seaside break with the family, careers advice after Service, independent living or care in later life, we're here to help. This latest partnership with Beechley Barracks in Chepstow will make our welfare services as accessible as possible to our beneficiaries across the region"



Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Support Paediatric First Aid Courses

Chepstow and Caldicot Lions were more than delighted to support a call for Paediatric First Aid Courses in Chepstow, the courses have been set up by Alexis Francis-Lang who has already run two First Aid Courses in the area.

The courses are designed to make first aid, especially for young children more accessible to struggling families in the area.

Along with the support from Children's Hub Information for Parents (Chip), Chepstow, and Caldicot Lions these courses will help parents understand the importance of knowing what to do in an emergency.

The Chepstow and Caldicot Lions have provided the funding for parents who are in receipt of benefits to attend these Courses. Lion President Brian Prout said this were the kind of project the club is always looking to support.

The first Paediatric First Aid Course was held on Saturday 20th of May at the Burnt Barn Club in Bulwark.

Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Club keep the first responders kitted out.

Further to the Chepstow and Caldicot Lions providing three new defibrillators and medical kits to the Chepstow and Newport First responders, they have now been able to supply the First responders with new clothing, consisting of polo shirts, sweaters and wet weather gear.

All the clothing comes with the Lions emblem embroidered on them for members of the public to



Paediatric First aid: Left to right Vicki Yates (Chip), Alexis Francis-Lang, Lion President Brian Prout, Lion Sandra Bushell, Chairman of the Lions welfare committee Ray Nash, Front row Isabelle Francis-Lang, Amelia Francis Lang, Holly Avent.

see that the club supports the emergency services in the area.

Chairman of Welfare Lion Ray Nash was able to present the clothing to the First Responders at the Chepstow Ambulance station on Tuesday 16th May.

June 2017 sees the end of the Lions Calendar and it is the time of handover to the incoming President. The coming year will see Lion John Robinson, currently Vice President, take over from Lion Brian Prout. The official handover will take place on the 21st of June at a dinner to be held at the Huntsman Inn Shirenewton. All the other officers of the club have now been nominated and a full list will be available in next month's issue.

Some Diary dates

10th June Shirenewton Church Fete
15th June Zone Social Burnt Barn Club
1st July Garden City Celebration
7th and 8th July Bucket Collection Tesco Chepstow

If you would like to help the Chepstow and Caldicot Lions why not come and join us at the Chepstow Castle Inn on the first Wednesday of every month, come and put something back into the community and have some fun doing it.

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Pembroke Primary loves Forest School

Update from Mrs Jade Wakley, Deputy Head

We are very lucky to have a wonderful Forest School area here at Pembroke Primary with amazing trained staff who are dedicated to outdoor learning and lead exciting and adventurous activities for all our pupils. These activities provide excellent learning opportunities for all and focus on developing pupil wellbeing, as we believe that pupils' happiness is paramount to a successful education.

Forest School can provide children with new, memorable experiences and helps them to connect with nature in a relaxed, calm environment, where they are motivated and eager to learn.

Activities are often child led and spontaneous depending on what is happening on the site at the time, recently the pupils have been in awe of the frogs, butterflies and bumble bees which are dominating the site. Tree climbing, pond dipping, kite flying and den building are just a few of the children's favourite activities at the moment.

"We love our forest school! We do all sorts of activities e.g. kite flying, tree climbing, pond dipping and bird watching. Sometimes we have campfires and toast marshmallows with sticks which is so much fun. We love to observe the interesting birds who make nests in our trees and the many other insects we find here. Our forest school is a large area, it has a lot of trees, plants and flowers which we learn a lot from and a large pond full of interesting wildlife. We get so excited when we are free to explore because we love to be adventurous."

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Foundation Phase children were surprised to find a knight in school and very excited that he invited them to visit his castle in Caldicot the very next day! They helped the chef with his cooking and learned about what life was like in medieval times with Lady Alianore.

DEFIBRILLATOR



We are now the proud owners of our very own defibrillator thanks to one of our Governors, Laura Saysell who ran the London Marathon last year, raising the money to buy us one. All staff have had training on resuscitation techniques and were shown how to use it.

www.shirenewton.monmouthshire.sch.uk

TOOTY FRUITY DAY



Thank you to our Healthy Schools Committee for organising a 'Tooty Fruity' day and encouraging us to taste some exotic fruits ... Mmmm!

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Our Eco Committee ran a competition to see how many batteries we could collect & recycle ... they saved 1184 batteries from going to landfill.

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A team of 4 pupils from Chepstow School will be competing against teams across the United Kingdom for this year's UK Team Maths Challenge trophy.

The team, Rhiannon Craig (Y8), David McIntosh (Y8), Rachel McIntosh (Y9) and Matthew Drew (Y9) finished in first place at the Regional Final held in Aberdare at the end of April, winning the opportunity to compete in the National Final at the Royal Horticultural Hall in London on Monday 19th June 2017.

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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.

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More Men Wanted!

Chepstow Male Voice Choir Needs You!

The choir committee have organised a "Taster Evening" to encourage more local men of all ages to come along and give the choir a try. This will be taking place at the Choir's usual rehearsal venue at The Dell Primary School, Welsh Street on June 6th from 7.00pm-9.00pm. Any gentleman who may have an interest in possibly joining will be made very welcome and encouraged to join in with some singing.

There is no pre-requisite for the ability to read music, or to speak Welsh, please remember that every one of our choristers had to start somewhere! Importantly, no-one will be asked to sing in front of anyone, but you'll be welcome to join in if you feel so inclined. The choir is a great social thing, with a weekend away trip planned every couple of years. This September they are off to Cumbria to join up with two other male voice choirs - Darlston MVC from Carlisle and K Shoes Male Voice Choir from Kendal.

DO come along to our Taster evening, you will be made welcome. Also check out our website at www.chepstowmvc.co.uk

Local Gym Members off to Welsh Championships

Chepstow Matters was pleased to hear of more competition success from the members at Derek's Gym, who have qualified for the British Drug Free Power Lifting Association Welsh Championships to be held in Cardiff on 11 June.

Those qualifying and taking part in the Championships later this month include Gail Olso (previously featured in our February edition of Chepstow Matters), Ross MacFarland, Alex Blanchard and Mark Barbosa.

Derek Platt, owner/trainer at Derek's Gym told Chepstow Matters how proud he was of each member's success and would like to wish each of them the very best of luck at the forthcoming championships.

Hopefully we shall bring you news of more Welsh Champions in the next issue!



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Great Tumbles from Kestrel gymnasts at the Welsh Tumbling NDP Championships in Cardiff last month!

The gymnasts had to compete three set Tumbles, and a Range and Conditioning routine showing flexibility and strength, whilst aiming to achieve the required scores in the top two places to gain a place to represent Wales at the Regional Championships in Birmingham this month (June).

In Grade 1, 8 yr old Olive Dunster was totally focussed, and won Gold in the 9/10 yrs age group. In the 11/12 yrs Grade 2 section, the girls worked well, with Charlotte Jones taking Bronze, and Maisie Edwards in Silver position.

The 11/12 yrs boys went on with harder tumbles in Grade 3, Joel Kohler-Hoon won Silver, and Joseph Dunster was Champion winning Gold. Georgie Davies had great tumbles in 13 yrs+ section also taking Gold.

It was a fantastic day to have five gymnasts, Olive, Maisie, Joseph, Joel and Georgie, presented with qualifying trophies, and going on to represent Wales at the Regional Championships later this month. We wish them lots of luck!

*Top photo: Charlotte Jones, Olive Dunster, Maisie Edwards
Bottom photo: Joel Kohler-Hoon, Georgie Davies, Joseph Dunster*



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Chepstow Choral Society

Summer Gala Concert

Wednesday 28th June, 7.00pm at Chepstow Leisure Centre (Arts Hall)

As the end of the traditional choral season for CCS beckons, Chepstow Choral Society members are preparing for the final concert of the annual cycle.

Following our hugely successful Passiontide Concert which took place 2 weeks before Easter, this Summer Gala Concert – to be held on Wednesday 28th June, 7.00pm at Chepstow Leisure Centre – will be a complete change of mood and style, with items appealing to all tastes. The Society always aims to offer different styles of music for the Summer programme – CCS is also NOT a “one-style choir” – and a whole range of music is out there and available!

The programme chosen for 28th June will offer a wide-ranging selection of music – oratorio choruses, madrigals, some traditional part songs, a “Sounds of the 60s” section with 2 wonderful medleys and song arrangements – “Classic Pop Ballads”, a touch of James Bond (with an amazing medley entitled “The Best of Bond”), and a medley of popular Abba songs. Along with two or three surprise items, plus young guest instrumentalists, this is an ideal way to spend a mid-week summer’s evening – and the concert price includes refreshments/wine/soft drinks!

Tickets (£10, students/u18s free) available from Chepstow Bookshop, or choir members – tel. 01291 623310, 620414, 408624. Further information can be obtained from our website (see below).

Prior to this concert, CCS will also be singing at the “Big Lunch” to celebrate Chepstow’s 950th Anniversary at the Castle (Sunday 18th June).

After 28th June, rehearsals resume in early September for the 2017/2018 season at Chepstow Leisure Centre, Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm–9.30pm. If you can sing – or would like to! – and wish to be part of a friendly crowd, and to experience performing with professional instrumentalists and soloists, as well as participating in Chepstow’s annual Christmas Music Presentation in St Mary’s Priory Church, CONTACT US (see website details below). Without singers, choral societies cannot exist! All voice sections (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) are welcome – particularly tenor and bass recruits (try a break from all the football, cricket, squash etc and spend one evening a week singing!)

**For information about singing membership, concerts etc, tel 01291 623310
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The Countryside Area remains a firm favourite with the return of the Black Mountain Falconry display with their birds of prey and stunning Andalusian horse. There are farm animals to pet, and for the braver one's amongst you, stroke and hold an exotic reptile! There will be vintage vehicles, and heavy horse demonstration. Watch the professionals work their gun dogs or have some fun with your own in the fun dog show. The whole family can join in and to let off steam there are children's races. Plus many more rural displays for you to take part in.

Home and Gardens have fantastic competitions for all ages! It will be a marquee full with a riot of floral colour and wonderful aromas. **Closing date for the classes is 24th June, so get planting now!** There will be lots of tradestands once again with many new traders this year in the Craft & Shopping Mall. For the children we have Jitterbug Circus and Professor Crump to entertain, along with choirs and bands to stop and listen to around the showground and the wonderful Mr Frog Treasure Hunt.

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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 Henry Hodges, 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, Mounton 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 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

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 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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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

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

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

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

SPORTS CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chepstow Darts League contact Rob Mordin - 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

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