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Dear Readers...

As you can see from our front cover this month, I have been enjoying autumnal walks in the Chepstow Park Woods: we are so lucky to live in the midst of such beautiful scenery.

I was pleased to meet the two French Guys at their new shop in Rifleman's Way - Tell Me Wine - you can read more about them over the page. I've also enjoyed visiting Toytastik again this month (page 13) - they have some fantastic ideas for Christmas! Be sure to take advantage of the 20% discount days on Christmas items at Chepstow Garden Centre this month too (see page 40).

It was lovely to meet the new Vicar of Chepstow and you can read about my chat with him on page 7. Founder of local homeless support group SLS, Claire Day, has been short listed for the Pride of Britain award and you can read more about this on page 9, along with how you can help with this year's Christmas Appeal on page 11. Regular readers of Chepstow Matters might remember our article on the refurbishment of the Cavill Hall at the start of last year, and this month I was pleased to pop down again to see how the renovations are looking - see page 27 for more on this.

Thank you to all our advertisers who continue to support the production of this community magazine, allowing us to share all the good things that go on in our local community - we could not do it without you!

If you would like to appear in our next (December) issue, the deadline will be 15th November. Until then, we hope you enjoy the read!

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Tell ME Wine... by two French Guys

Having been known to enjoy the odd glass of wine from time to time, Chepstow Matters was delighted to pay a visit to Chepstow's exciting new addition to the town, Tell Me Wine in Rifleman's Way. Tell Me Wine is the new venture by ... you guessed it ... two French Guys, Frederic and Fabien.

oil from Italy - perfect for adding flavour to your salads and meals and recycling and sustainability at its best!



The idea for the shop comes from their love of wine, both having lived for many years in the Montpellier region in the South of France and having extensive experience in the local wine producing region. They separately moved to live in England a few years ago and Fabien and his wife Christine settled locally in Beachley. Christine also helps out in the business, as well as coaching Artistic Gymnastics. Frederic fronts the shop during the week and commutes to Chepstow from Newport.

Specific wine tasting events are also planned to offer locals the possibility of discovering new grape varieties and flavours from across the world. Their first event is planned for Sunday 5th November when they are introducing one of the wines from the Montpellier region: Languedoc Wines. There are just 12 places available at £20 per person for this session. If you don't get in on this one, keep an eye on the Tell Me Wine facebook page for future dates.

As well as specialised wine tasting events, every week Tell Me Wine is offering a new wine to taste so feel free to pop in at anytime to enjoy a new flavour. Frederic and Fabien are very approachable and there to help - so if you have any questions or are looking for a wine for a special event or just to compliment your evening, feel free to pop in and speak to them - they would be delighted to assist you, share their knowledge and offer advice.

Frederic and Fabien really look forward to seeing you soon. If you've always wanted to improve your knowledge of wine ... pop in and see them in Rifleman's Way, and stock up on something new this Christmas!

Tell Me Wine offers a large range of fine wines, spirits, beers, olive oils and local produce, and even a selection of non alcoholic drinks, such as perrier and orangina. They are also willing to try and source specific products for you if you have any requests. Something unfamiliar to us which the guys are offering, is the idea of the refillable wine system. It is very simple: you get a bottle from the shop and fill it with white, red or rose and then when it is empty you bring the bottle back and refill it, again and again! Refills make the choice French and Italian wines very affordable at just £6.50 per bottle. There is also a refill service available on cider and authentic extra virgin olive

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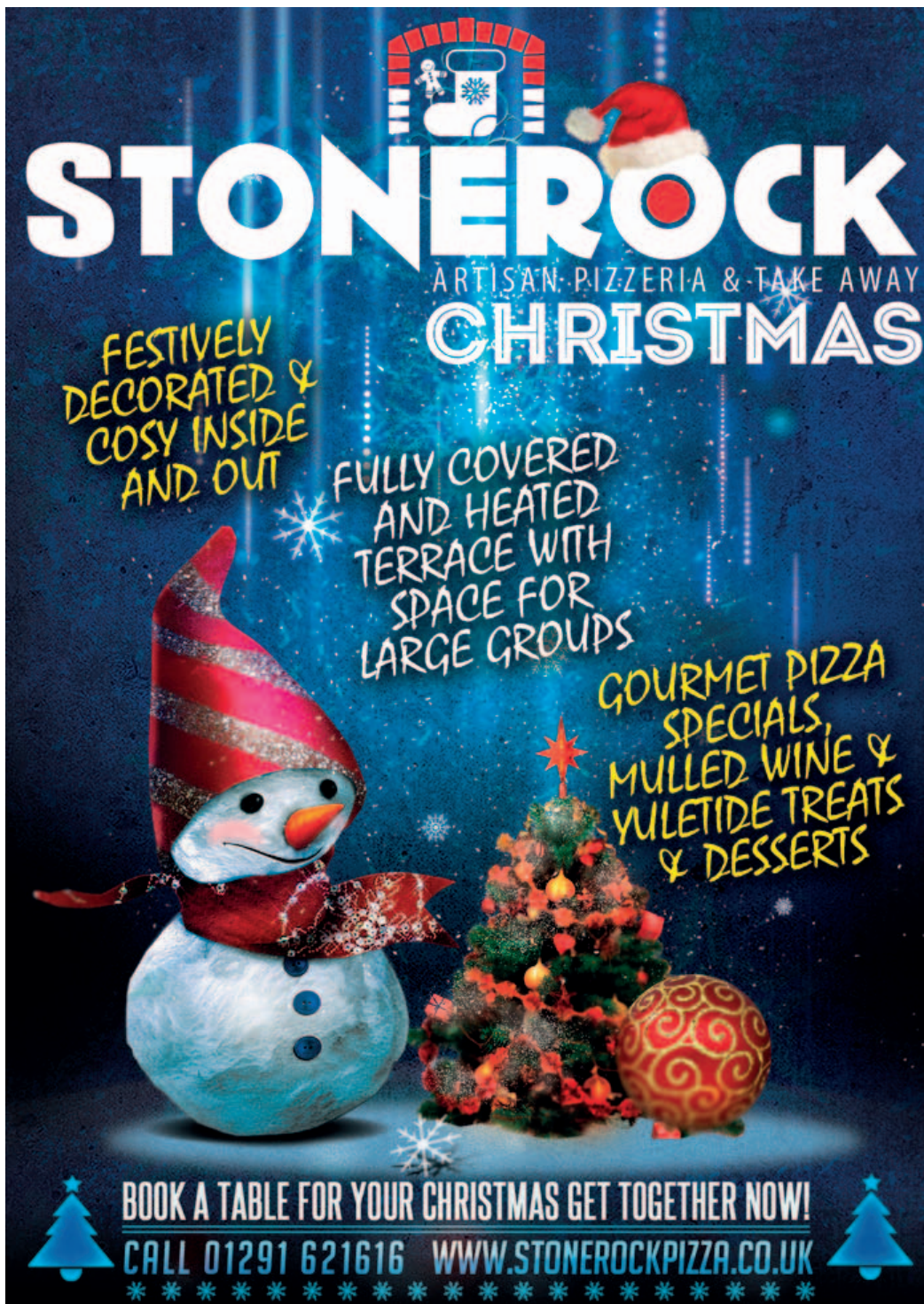
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Meet the New Vicar of Chepstow - Rev Philip Averay

Chepstow Matters was delighted to meet up with the new Vicar of Chepstow, Rev Philip Averay for this issue of Chepstow Matters. Rev Averay (Philip) took up residence in the Vicarage at the start of September and was ordained as Minister at St Mary's Priory on Monday 25th September.

The 'Vicar of Chepstow' title is a throwback to years gone by and signifies leadership of the Anglican Church in the area. It means that the holder has the duty of care for lives in Chepstow - to pray for all and be there if anyone requires spiritual input, whether they are of Anglican faith or not.

Philip is Australian, making the UK his home since 2003. His first career was in Social Work and it was as a Social Worker that he moved to the UK and started working for Gloucestershire County Council in acute Mental Health and Child Protection, he particularly enjoyed working with Adults with Learning Disabilities. Philip told me that he has always had a strong Christian faith and that he genuinely believes that the only thing that transforms people is a relationship with Christ. Gradually he found his career in Social Work limiting as, whilst he could live out his faith as a Social Worker, he could not profess it.

Philip comes to Chepstow following his 3 year curacy in the Forest of Dean, having previously spent 6 weeks in Chepstow under Father Chris Blanchard as part of his training. It is daunting taking over from Father Chris, who had held his position here for 18 years before moving into semi-retirement earlier this year. He is excited to be part of such a historic, long established Church in Chepstow and looks forward to helping to build upon the Church community, to lower the average age of the current congregation by developing what the Church can offer, to genuinely care for each other and for that love to flow out into the local Chepstow community. Philip told me "My job is to love the Christian community that God has given me here in Chepstow and to make links with the people on the fringe of that community who have no thoughts of 'Church.'" He loves school ministry and is pleased to have established links with the Dell, Thornwell, and Pembroke Primary Schools. He also plans to take a place on the School Governing Body at Chepstow School. Already a regular of the Queens Head, Philip recognises the civic importance of the town, the Church being one

of the oldest buildings, second only to the Castle itself. It has historic importance and he realises he is custodian of not only the spiritual heritage but the historic building itself, and of the major refurbishment works planned for the inside of the church and its tower so that it will still be standing in another 950 years!!



"St Mary's Priory is a place where all are welcome, wherever you find yourself - we are an inclusive church whether you are currently in faith or have no faith, whatever social gender issues you may have - you are welcome."

Rev Philip Averay

Philip is looking forward to 'creating a buzz' about the place, he strongly believes in prayer and the power of people praying together and there are already several weekly sessions in place where people are welcome to join in, with meditative prayer where you can be still in the presence of God to more sociable praying together at Coffee #1 in town. He is enthusiastic for the vision of the Cavill Hall (see page 27) to be a Community Hub and supportive of its potential future use with the homeless, subject to consultation with the PCC and local groups. Philip is looking at bringing in some more contemporary style music at some of the services, and is excited that Brian Ellam has been appointed Musical Director. One of the first things Brian is introducing is 'St Mary's Singers', starting the first Tuesday in November, a new choir for St Mary's (there has not been a choir in the Church for a long time). Open to people of all ages and abilities, the repertoire will be mainly Sacred music and also include contemporary Christian music. For more information on this email brian.ellam@btinternet.com.

Chepstow Matters would like to extend a warm welcome to Rev Averay and wishes him well in his new role. If you see him in the Queens Head, or walking his Springer Spaniel Dunstan, do say hello!



Chepstow Fireworks **FREE** again this year

Round Table Chepstow are pleased to announce that entry to the community fireworks will be free again this year, thanks to the continued generous funding from Chepstow Town Council and other sponsors.

The annual event will be held Sunday, 5th November at Chepstow School.

The family firework show will not disappoint with plenty of 'ooooos' and 'aaahhs' on the cards. It is not only the fireworks that will keep everyone entertained, there will be live music from a Blues Brothers tribute band as well as choirs and community music groups from the local area.

As usual there will be a special firework display for very young children who may get scared by the loud bangs of the main display. The main event will follow shortly after the kids display finishes.

As well as a spectacular fireworks display hot food and drinks will be available to keep everyone fed and warm. Glowsticks, and other flashing and spinning toys can also be purchased to entertain the little ones, and not so little ones. There will also be a climbing wall for the more adventurous.

Although entry to the event will be free, any donations to the Round Table will be welcome. All proceeds from this and other Round Table events, such as the Santa's sleigh that tours Chepstow and surrounding villages at Christmas, will go to support local good causes.

Chepstow and District Round Table Chairman, Kevin Jordan, said: "This is one of our big events of the year and again it will be free to enter. The Round Table members give their time freely to organise this and other events to raise money for good causes and have some fun along the way. Whether they are working on arranging the professional fireworks, organising food or letting people know it is happening, this event would not happen without their unstinting support. We are always looking for new members so if anyone fancies coming along then just get in touch."

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Pride of Britain (& Chepstow) - Claire Day, Founder of SLS

Congratulations to local resident Claire Day, founder of Street Life Sarnies, who has been nominated a finalist in the Pride of Britain awards, which celebrates people who help others. Claire does so much to coordinate supplies and provisions for the homeless, since initiating SLS in 2014, as a pipeline of provisions which now supplies centres in Bristol, Newport and Cardiff.

Claire stated "Bart & I were very honoured to attend the Pride of Britain launch reception at the House of Commons, London on 11th October thanks to SLS being shortlisted for the TSB community partner award recognised for the work we do to help the homeless & vulnerably housed across Bristol & South Wales. In our 4th year we have grown and achieved amazing levels of donations to make a real impact on those in crisis and suffering.

"We stood alongside some amazing nominees and feel so proud that SLS was shortlisted. SLS is an amazing team effort. Anything that raises awareness of homelessness, raises the profile of SLS and helps us spread kindness and vital resources to those in critical need gets my thanks."



From the thousands nominated, just 10 finalists were shortlisted and attended the launch event. The overall winner of this group will go through to the televised Pride of Britain awards.

Starting with just a facebook page, SLS is now supported by thousands of volunteers.

Each year SLS runs a Christmas campaign to distribute shoeboxes full of essentials and presents, receiving more than 1,500 boxes last year. The group has now launched this year's campaign - see our article on page 11 for how you can help!

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As we do all year round, we are really trying to help those struggling at this time of year and running up to Christmas especially spread some kindness & support.

Last year we collected just over 1500 boxes and helped over 40+ points of need including night shelters, outreach kerbside teams, family hostels, safe houses as examples. It would be wonderful if we could beat this figure this year and make our 2017 appeal the biggest yet helping more people in need.

If you are an individual, family, group, school, club, church, hospital, organisation, business ... then we would love your support by collecting donations of either a filled wrapped shoebox, an unwrapped new toy or a chocolate selection box.

Please see the attached SLS poster for all the details you need on contents. The important change is that the boxes must be able to take the lid off so we can check contents. The content is also slightly different this year so please check. If you want to give gloves, hats, scarves or extras please donate in a bag alongside the boxes and we will add these to the rough sleeper projects. **Please note we collect clothing, camping resources, new toiletries & foodstuffs all year round but these cannot be dropped at the depots below due to business space. Please contact sls.homeless@gmail.com for a local member drop off.*

The drop off points are listed below.

The closing date is the 8th December but the earlier the better with drop offs across Bristol & South Wales. If you are a member of SLS then you can also drop to local members.

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Chepstow Matters was very pleased to catch up with Jon (and Malcolm) at the Toytastik toy shop in Moor Street for this issue. (To learn more about Malcolm and his exploits around Chepstow, follow Toytastik on Facebook!)

When I popped in they were both very busy unpacking a huge pile of boxes filled with lots of exciting new toys and games ready for Christmas! I loved the four feet tall giraffe which you can buy dress up outfits for too, sadly I think my 13-year-old may no longer appreciate it! I also left with a couple of games to play at my forthcoming weekend away with friends, as recommended by Jon - Obama Lama and Gheistes. I love visiting Toytastik, there is so much choice and plenty of new ideas for presents too!

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The Sherman Theatre are touring a show for 3-7 year olds in the run up to Christmas and Chepstow Museum is hosting just 2 performances in English, and 1 in Welsh at The Drill Hall, Chepstow and places are limited at each **Thursday 16th November** at 11am and 1.30pm English **Friday 17th November** 10.30am Welsh Language show

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Pembroke Primary School Update - KS2 – An exciting beginning

It is almost half term already (as we write this) and KS2 has been very busy. Mrs Knight has moved to teach year 3 – Dosbarth Plymlimon – and they are deep into their topic, Scrumdiddlyumptious. They are thoroughly enjoying their Penny Whistle session with Mr McKeon. Recently they visited Tesco as part of the Farm to Fork initiative. They loved their goody bags.

Miss Evans has moved with her class to year 4 – Dosbarth Great Orme. As part of their topic, Misty Mountains, they visited the Sugar Loaf and had a fantastic time. They are also enjoying their Taiko drumming sessions.

Dosbarth Cadair Idris, with Mr Giles, are looking forward to their trip to Hilston Park. They are also participating in the Spring Bulbs for Schools competition to investigate how changing seasons are affecting spring flowers. They will be able to compare data with 1000s of schools.

Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) began the year with a visit from STEMworks. The children had to build and programme robots. The competition was fierce but everybody had a good day. They have been attending swimming lessons this half term and it is delightful to see non-swimmers finally having the confidence to 'let go'.

Two teams attended the cluster football tournament, where they won, drew and lost but everybody had a good time.

As a team, KS2 are working towards constructing and developing an enhanced outdoor space to hopefully include quiet working stations, a performance area and sensory planting.



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Successful Summer at Tidenham!

report by Marjorie Duerden

The Friends of Tidenham Church can report a highly successful 2017 summer. Two events generated a welcome boost to fundraising coffers, towards the essential Refurbishment Project.

The "Flower Festival with a Difference" asked for displays representing stage shows, and created much interest and enthusiasm. The church was bedecked with lovely flowers and displays illustrating tremendous imagination. Displays ranged from "War Horse" (photo right) to "Cats", "Sound of Music" to "Rocky Horror Show" and much more! Visitors over the 5-day period had much thought-provoking enjoyment as they filled in quiz sheets to "guess the show"! The event raised £450, well worth all the hard work and effort of all concerned.

A "Summer Gala Concert" for the same Refurbishment Project took place on a lovely warm evening. Angharad Morgan (WNO), David Fortey (tenor) and Stephen Hamnett (bass), both from Only Men Aloud, were joined by Ruth Rusling (trumpet), with Marjorie Duerden and Sophie Adams (piano) for an unforgettable night of music to a capacity audience of over 150 people.

The wide-ranging programme, from classical and light opera favourites - and the "Trumpet Shall Sound" solo from Handel's Messiah oratorio, all resonating brilliantly through this historic church, mixed wonderfully with contrasting Rodgers & Hammerstein, Ivor Novello, trumpet solo and fun items. The finale of "You'll Never Walk Alone", involving all 6 performers, was a fitting emotional conclusion, and the enthusiasm and appreciation shown by the audience reflected the evening's stunning success, which included light refreshments and drinks. The efforts of performers, workers, ticket buyers, local businesses and organisations who helped publicise the event - and those donating generous sponsorship, which covered costs - meant that every single penny of ticket money,



raffle proceeds and gift aid resulted in just £18 short of £3,000 profit raised! An amazing result from a truly amazing musical evening! Thanks to all!

The Friends of Tidenham (Reg, Charity no 1159658) will be continuing their fund-raising efforts with a "Christmas Tree Festival" from mid-December onwards (please see press for further details, or contact secretary.friends@icloud.com for further information).



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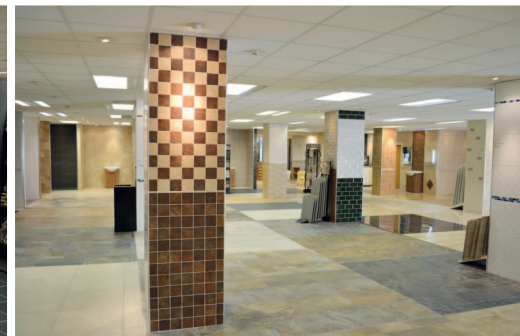
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Surgeries will also be held at the following locations in the coming months:

Saturday 18th November 2017 (10am - 12pm) – Bargoed Library, Hanbury Road, CF81 8QR

Saturday 9th December 2017 – Blaina, Blaenau Gwent (venue to be confirmed)

Saturday 20th January 2018 (10am - 12pm) – **Chepstow Community Hub, NP16 5HZ**

Mr Cuthbert said: *“I want to hear people’s views in order to ensure the service we provide reflects the police and crime issues facing our diverse communities. Only by listening to people’s issues and concerns and by putting the needs of the individual at the heart of what we do can we seek to provide the best possible quality of life for our citizens. This is why hosting surgeries during times which are convenient to the public is vital.”*

To register your interest in attending any of the surgeries or to book a one to one session with Jeff Cuthbert, please email commissioner.@gwent.pnn.police.uk or telephone 01633 642 200.

Chepstow Museum Events

Workshops

Thursday 2nd November, 2-4pm
Chepstow Museum’s Drop-in-and-Make Craft
afternoon for kids at half term
At The Drill Hall, Lower Church St
Suitable for children of all ages, must be accompanied, suggested donation £2 for children aged 3+

Saturday 18th November
DANCE WORKSHOPS - see article on page 25

Events

Thursday 16th November 11am & 1.30pm & Friday 17th November 10.30am
THE MAGIC PORRIDGE POT/ HUD Y CROCHAN
UWD - see article on page 14

Saturday 18th November, 7.30pm
Stories & Steps - Krishna in the Garden of Assam
- see article on page 25

Tuesday 21st November 7.30pm
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Saturday 2nd December 2pm
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Throughout November, open daily 11am -4pm, Chepstow Museum, Bridge Street
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Help shape the Future of Monmouthshire

Monmouthshire is facing some pretty big challenges, demographic shifts, climate change and adapting to the potential of new technology. Our current way of delivering public services will need to change if we are to address these issues head-on and maximise well-being for current and future generations.

The Well-being of Future Generations Act is about improving social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. It requires public organisations like councils, The NHS, Police and Fire and Rescue Service to think more about the long-term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach.

These organisations have come together with others like social landlords and the voluntary sector to form public service boards or PSBs. During 2017 Monmouthshire PSB published a Well-being Assessment highlighting the biggest challenges facing the county and also some of the opportunities. You can see a copy of it at www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/our-monmouthshire. The Board subsequently agreed their purpose – building sustainable and resilient communities – and four draft well-being objectives:

- *Providing Children and Young People with the best possible start in life*
- *Addressing the challenges associated with demographic change*
- *Protect and enhance the resilience of our natural environment whilst mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change*
- *Develop opportunities for communities and businesses to be part of an economically thriving and well-connected county*

The objectives will be included in a draft well-being plan that will form the basis of a twelve week public consultation from mid-November. In the meantime the PSB is exploring some of the ideas that could help to deliver the objectives and address these big challenges. Public services don’t have all the answers, we need to harness the knowledge and creativity of people and communities. This is likely to be a mix of

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You can hear more about this work, get involved and share your ideas at a special meeting hosted by Transition Chepstow on 23rd November - see above for details. If you can’t make the meeting, or just can’t wait that long to get involved, then you can share your ideas to help shape the future of our county at <http://www.monmouthshire.madeopen.co.uk>

The formal consultation will begin on 10th November and you’ll be able to access it at www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/our-monmouthshire.

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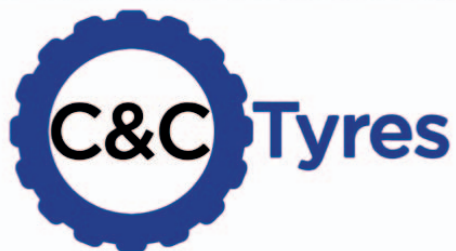
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Evening performance Saturday 18 November 7.30pm

Stories And Steps – Krishna in the Garden of Assam

With Georgie Pope and Megan Lloyd

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The wonderful woven textile from North East India created in the 17th century which was used for the lining of the magnificent gentleman's gown spectacularly displayed at Chepstow Museum, shows images that tell stories from the life of Krishna and other incarnations of Vishnu. The complicated weaving technique has long died out in Assam, but what does still survive there, is the telling of those same tales through dance dramas. The dances practised by the monks have been recognised as a distinct artform known as Sattriya dance. Georgie Pope has studied literally at the feet of the monks at Majuli Island in Assam for her PhD research at King's College, London and she will be giving two introductory workshops on Saturday 18 November, one for beginners, the other for those with some experience of dance (of any kind!). The workshops, open to all ages, give a very special opportunity to learn some positions which form the basic grammar of this unique dance form and put together a short dance.

Georgie Pope says "Sattriya dance is an energetic and joyous dance in praise of Lord Krishna, the mischievous flute-playing Hindu God. The soft, flowing gestures of this little-known artform reflect the grace and poise of the monks from northeast India who have cultivated it since the 15th century. In this introductory workshop, we will learn some Mati Akhara positions, which form part of the basic grammar of Sattriya dance. Then we will piece together a short group dance, with light footsteps and delicate hand gestures. The dance shares some vocabulary with other Indian dance forms, but retains a strong, uniquely Assamese character, which you will only taste once you've tried it!"

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In the evening of the 18th November at 7.30pm, Georgie Pope will give a demonstration of Sattriya dance and talk about this art form, and Megan Lloyd, accomplished storyteller and herself a practitioner of classical Indian dance, will tell some of the Krishna tales that are embodied in the dances. Stories and Steps promises to be a beautiful as well as intriguing event.

To book places on the dance workshops and tickets for the performance contact Chepstow Museum 01291 625981



New Season for Chepstow Choral Society

Chepstow Choral Society is now underway with its new 2017/2018 season. The Society has been preparing for a very busy one, with a varied, challenging and enjoyable programme for singing members and audiences alike already scheduled.

Rehearsals take place in Chepstow Leisure Centre, Drama Room, 7.30pm – 9.30pm on Wednesdays during term time. If you can sing – or would like to! – and wish to be part of a friendly crowd, and experience performing with professional instrumentalists and soloists, we would be delighted to meet you!

The Society's annual Christmas Music Presentation will take place on Sunday afternoon, 3.00pm, 10th December at St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow. The Spring 2018 Concert will take place on Saturday April 21st, 2018.

Chepstow Choral Society, like many choral societies, is looking for new singing members. There is a huge legacy in this country dating over many centuries, of mixed choral singing, with varied repertoires – classical, and lighter popular, music, Christmas music, ballads, medleys, part songs to name but a few! We sing them all! Please 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! -- so try a break from the football, cricket, squash etc and spend one evening a week singing with Chepstow Choral Society as well!

For information about singing membership, concerts etc, tel 01291 623310 (Marjorie) or see our website - www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk - which is full of new information and photos.



Cavill Hall Given New Lease of Life by Volunteers

Chepstow Matters was delighted to pay another visit to the Cavill Hall this month to follow up with local resident Steve O'Sullivan who, as reported in Chepstow Matters back in April 2016, has voluntarily made it his mission to reinstate the Hall which is situated behind the St Mary's Priory in the centre of the town. The Hall is named after George I H Cavill who was the Church Warden at St Mary's from 1960-1977.

Sadly, the once well-used hall had fallen into a terrible state of disrepair, which was the reason for its discontinued use over six years ago. The brambles had done a good job of disguising the building and inside the spiders had done a redecoration job too, creating a black mesh of web that completely covered the kitchen ceiling!

With a background in building but now having retired due to a variety of health problems which prevent him from working, Steve was offered the 'opportunity' to voluntarily try and bring the hall back into a state of use. The Hall is unrecognisable today to how it looked back at the start of 2016! A stunning new kitchen has been installed, courtesy of support and funding from the local Chepstow & Caldicot Lions, and the male and female toilets have been renewed with the addition of a separate disabled toilet also - which Steve was proud to remind me used to be the Scouts storage cupboard in previous years! New windows and blinds have been provided throughout and heaters also installed. The wooden sprung floor still needs an industrial sanding down and varnishing but Steve is confident it will come up good as new.

The Hall is already being used by a select number of community groups. It's central location in Chepstow makes it attractive to all areas as it is easily accessible from the Sedbury side of Chepstow as well as Bulwark and Thornwell too. It also benefits from limited free parking behind the church.

Back at the start of the project in 2016, Steve was passionate about his vision to use the hall as a temporary night shelter, giving food and warmth during the winter months for a small number of homeless men and women. There is nowhere in Monmouthshire offering this at present and he



would love to see it set up in Chepstow. This was proposed to the local PCC last year but progress is currently slower than Steve would like. Liaison is taking place with others working with homeless projects in the area and the new Vicar of Chepstow Philip Averay is also keen to advance this in time.

Steve would also like to see the hall become a community hub offering counselling/comfort or just somewhere to bring your young children to a playgroup for an hour or two which doesn't have a huge price tag. Interest from local groups in using the hall is welcomed or private hire for parties, along with any entrepreneurial ideas for use of the space - ie if anyone is looking to set up a new business locally which needs a space like the hall to start up in, the Church would be pleased to hear from you.

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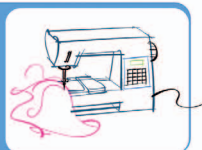
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This last month saw Chepstow and Caldicot Lions along with the Late Lion Kay William's family, present to the Haematology ward in the Royal Gwent Hospital a new information hub, to be used by the patients and families with blood cancer illnesses.

Lion Glyn Williams thanked the Ward Sister Alyson and the staff for their care and kindness shown to his wife during her illness and also the President of the club for the kind donation helping to purchase the hub.

A plaque in memory of Lion Kay and Chepstow and Caldicot Lions was unveiled at the same time.



Picture shows members of the club, wives and nurses.

Zone F Chairman Glyn Williams and Club Secretary of Chepstow and Caldicot Lions club joined Newport and Usk Vale Lions Chepstow and Caldicot Lions sister club at the DragonDaze exhibition on Saturday the 30th of September at the Newport Centre, helping to sell raffle tickets and this was not the only job given to the Chairman, it turned out that it was also a time for recruiting.

The exhibition was of interest to those who enjoy space fantasy and gaming, and also to raise funds for several local charities. Lion President James Thompson and the members of Newport and Usk Vale worked extremely hard, taking entry fees and talking to the members of the public about Lions Clubs International.

The highlight of the afternoon for the Zone Chair was trying to recruit Darth Vader and his

group of Imperial Troopers into becoming Lions, unfortunately they decided to stay on the Dark Side.



Picture shows Zone Chair Glyn with the Dark Side.

Unfortunately due to the lack of support from stall holders, the Christmas Craft fair which was to be held in the Choir Hall in November has been cancelled.

But on a brighter note with support from the Community team at Tesco our Annual Christmas Parcel collection will proceed as normal, it is also hoped that once again Waitrose will support one of our major projects, and a new venue to collect for the hampers will be The Coop in Magor, watch this space for more news.

Chepstow and Caldicot lions are always happy to recruit like-minded people who wish to put something back into the community and have some fun at the same time, last month the Club members and their partners dined out at Mama Mia's in Chepstow, the food was excellent and Matteo and his staff worked wonders to ensure all the members had an enjoyable evening.

If you would like to know more about Chepstow and Caldicot Lions or Lions Clubs International please contact the Secretary Glyn Williams on 0845 8339565 or arrange to come to one of our meetings at the Chepstow Castle Inn on the first Wednesday of every month.



“Like to Get to Know You Well ...” 80s Music Fans: “You Can Dance if You want to”

Who else was a fan of Howard Jones

in the 80s!! It was in 1983 that multi-instrumentalist Howard Jones first burst onto the contemporary music scene with his very British songwriting, pioneering synthesizers and thought provoking lyrics. He set out his manifesto in his very first single ‘New Song’ where the lyrics called on the listener to challenge their preconceived ideas, to see both sides and “throw off your mental chains”.

Along with ‘New Song’, his first two albums, the twice Platinum, Number 1 selling Human’s Lib (1984) and Dream into Action, the Gold selling record that peaked at Number 2 in 1985, brought Howard a host of Top 10 hits including ‘Things Can Only Get Better’, ‘What Is Love?’, ‘Pearl in the Shell’, ‘Like to Get to Know You Well’, ‘Hide and Seek’, ‘Look Mama’ and ‘No One Is To Blame’, which reached Number 1 in the USA. He also performed at Live Aid (Wembley Stadium) in 1985.

Howard Jones returns for a UK tour in November, his first since 2014, with his new and extended Electric Band; following a 24 date Headline tour of the USA. The closest venue will be in Cardiff Tramshed on 29th (see below).

The tour will also coincide with a brand new ‘Best Of’ Howard Jones release Entitled ‘BEST (1983-2017)’. Audiences can expect to hear many of Howard’s chart topping singles as well as new songs that featured in the recent Eddie the Eagle film (2016) and his 2015 multi-media ‘ENGAGE’ project.

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Exciting News for Chepstow Musical Youth Theatre!

This summer the organisers of the annual Chepstow Castell Roc music festival invited Chepstow Musical Youth Theatre to support one of their headline acts, Collabro, past winners Britain’s Got Talent.

The Chepstow Musical Youth Theatre group are based at Chepstow Community Music Centre at Wydean School. They have over 80 students who meet weekly to learn Singing, Dancing, Acting and performance skills.

The CMYT Show Choir was formed after being invited to support Collabro at Castell Roc in late August. The Choir were so well received by the audience and Collabro themselves that they have been invited to perform on stage with the group in Cardiff on their ‘Home’ tour this Autumn, at St David’s Hall in Cardiff. This is an incredible opportunity for the Choir who, having thoroughly enjoyed their performance at Castell Roc, are now thrilled and excited to be invited to be part of such a big event in Cardiff.



This is the second invitation for local support acts. On the last night of this year’s Castell Roc event, New Model Army was headlining. Long-time NMA fan, Lee Mccrory, attended the concert and was playing in the pub afterwards when Justin Sullivan of NMA came in. To cut a long story short, from this meeting Lee has now been asked to support Justin at one of his solo concerts in Shoreham-on-Sea in November!!! Lee posted on his facebook page “*JS is the best song writer I’ve ever met and his songs have kept me alive as a busker for over 25years. Totally blown away to be supporting such a genius.*”

Two fabulous opportunities to have come out of Castell Roc! Good Luck to all of you!

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Chepstow Hub Manor Way, Chepstow, NP16 5HZ 01291 635730 chepstowlibrary@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Chepstow Museum Bridge Street, Chepstow 01291 625981

Chepstow Town Council The Town Council Offices, The Gatehouse, High Street, Chepstow, NP16 5LH 01291 626370 clerk@chepstow.co.uk

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

Community Centres

Palmer Community Centre, Cormeilles Square, High Street, Chepstow, NP16 5LH 01291 628725 main hall and lounge available for hire, Tea Rooms open for all!

The Drill Hall, Lower Church Street, Chepstow, NP16 5HJ Hall available for hire including weddings 01291 628552 or e-mail Mike at ctcdrillhall@aol.com

Bulwark Community Centre, Laburnam Way, Bulwark, Chepstow, NP16 5RF 01291 624138 bccbulwark@btconnect.com Large Hall, seminar room, café, kitchen and garden area.

Doctors Surgeries and Community Hospital

Chepstow Community Hospital, Tempest Way, Chepstow, NP16 5YX 01291 636636

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LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Bingo Wednesdays 2pm Palmers Community Centre

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

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

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

Chepstow (Archway) Bridge Club meets 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

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

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

Chepstow Cormeilles Twinning Association www.chepstowtwinning.wordpress.com

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

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

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

Chepstow Folk Dance Club Wednesdays 7.30 pm Function Room Conservative Club, Moor Street. http://chepstowfolkdance.weebly.com/

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

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

Chepstow Knitters first and third Monday of the month Chepstow Methodist Hall 7.30-9.30pm. 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 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 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.freeserve.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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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 mountainhouse@monmouthshire.gov.uk
www.mountainhouse.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. 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
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Chepstow Cricket Club www.chepstow.play-cricket.com
markburch1228@hotmail.com 01291 622126

Chepstow Cycling Club www.chepstowcyclingclub.wales/

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

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for more information email
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Helen 01291 641856

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St John's-on-the-Hill	12

Social Club

Burnt Barn Social Club	12
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Tiles - Critchcraft

	19
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Toyshop - Toystatik

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TV/Aerials - The Aerial Man

	20
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Voluntary/Social groups

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