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## Dear Readers...

The seasons may be changing but there is no sign of community activity slowing down this Autumn. We are delighted to bring you a magazine bursting with local events to look forward to and to share accounts of those that have recently taken place.

Our focus this month, as you can see from our front cover, has been on a very special man who has been central in the local Chepstow community - the much loved Karl Daymond, whose sudden passing in August has shocked and left a community grieving. You can read our tribute to him, in the words of his friends on pages 18-19.

We also bring you other community news from the Chepstow Cycle Club (p5) as they completed their historic ride this month, the autumn Rotary Wye Run (p14) and news from the local Lions Club (p25). Upcoming events include Strictly Swing (p26), Chepstow Fireworks (p11), an autumn Steampunk festival (p29), the annual Hoggins the Bridge which this year concludes in Caldicot (p31), to name a few. There is exciting news for two performers stemming from this summer's Castell Rock festival - see page 27

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

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## Chepstow Cycling Club Completes Historic Ride

On Sunday 17th September, more than 30 riders from Chepstow Cycling Club launched the modern version of the club annual ride first held in 1888.

The route went from Chepstow along the Wye Valley as far as the original "9 mile marker post" between Monmouth and Hereford before returning via St.Briavels to a well earned lunch at Toast in Tutshill.



Club Chair Mike Gorshkov commented *"Although the roads would have been much quieter in 1888 goodness knows how they managed nearly fifty miles on rough roads and steep hills with heavy bikes such as Penny Farthings, Boneshakers and early versions of the Safety Bike, which was a forerunner of our modern bikes"*

Riders were kept fuelled with a variety of cakes baked by friends and family of the club and even had donations of apples and pears at the feed points from passing locals on a day when the weather was ideal for a long ride.

Club member Geraint Evans, who was first to complete the course commented, *"Absolutely great event, superb organisation, lovely food, Chapeau to everyone who took part in it"*

Mike Gorshkov added *"The aim of the ride is three-fold, firstly to acknowledge our past heritage by following the route used in 1888 as closely as possible, secondly to become a community event to show-case the fun, benefits and freedom cycling can provide and thirdly in future years, to raise funds for local charities."*

**The club has rides every Saturday and Sunday from Chepstow Leisure Centre, for more information visit the club web site**

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In 2016 the RNLI saved 558 lives, launched its lifeboats nearly 9,000 times, and rescued 23 people everyday. The local fundraising branch, RNLI Chepstow Branch, raised nearly £10,000 towards the £177 million it cost to run the service in 2016.

*"The people and businesses of Chepstow are always very generous towards the RNLI and we are extremely grateful," said Branch chair John Gale. "But we also need some new blood! We would love to hear from anyone who is willing to join our committee and help with events and collections and running the branch. It is enormously worthwhile work - without its fundraisers, the RNLI could not go on. Would anyone interested in joining us? Please contact me on 01291 629753 or our secretary, Anne Octon, on 01291 6418918. We'll be very glad to hear from you."*



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Get the party started this Christmas at Chepstow Racecourse with one of our 6 popular Christmas Party Nights!

With live entertainment throughout dates in December with tributes to Michael Buble, Robbie Williams, ABBA, Shirley Bassey, Elvis and also an 80s Night with the Love Cats Band.

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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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Our new nursery and reception children have started. They all look so smart in their uniform and are having a great time in school. They are enjoying developing their physical skills inside and outside. They love working together in the 'Mud Kitchen', digging, building, drawing and writing. Dosbarth Sugar Loaf (year 1) have been enjoying their new 'Mud Kitchen' and outdoor block area, whilst Dosbarth Pen-y-Fan (year 2) have made their role play into a laboratory. They decided what it needed and are now busy working together on experiments!



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## Classic Car Fun at the Rotary Autumn Wye Run

With a cool breeze and a clear blue sky the weather was ideal for the first of the autumn Wye Run events organised by the Chepstow Rotary Club on Sunday 17th September.

The cars lined up at Chepstow Garden Centre, and having parked, the competitors immediately scuttled inside for a rewarding bacon sandwich and coffee after their early start.

With teams from as far apart as Cardiff and Devizes, Cheltenham and Weston there was a very interesting mix of vehicles. A Model-T Ford with very strangely dressed passengers (above photo) towered over the modern cars while the stately Armstrong-Siddeley in red and black seemed very long by modern standards. A gleaming silver Morgan, an eye-catching two-tone Citroen Traction Avant and a bright VW Camper with a throaty engine all added to the interest. Roger Evans brought his immaculate Austin A35 and there was a clutch of very cosseted MG sports cars too. A beautiful Austin Healey Sprite lined up with a bouncy, plum-coloured Citroen 2CV. And they were off. Launched at 1 minute intervals by the Rotary Marshalls the cars sped off into the depths of the Monmouthshire countryside following their junction-by-junction navigation instructions. They all completed The Run where the finish was at the Rotary stand within The Big Welsh Car Show.

This autumn event was the second Rotary Wye Run of 2017 and organised to coincide with the Bloodline Welsh Car Show that had moved from Margam Park to Chepstow racecourse this year. Bloodline had sought the support of Rotary who were pleased to arrange a second run that would finish at this major event. The autumn Run was therefore shorter than the Rotary Spring event to ensure that participants had plenty of time to enjoy the car show.

Smiling faces showed that this had been a really enjoyable day and The Rotary Cub was thanked by the entrants for organising this second special event. As always with Rotary, all of the moneys received are to be donated to Rotary charities.

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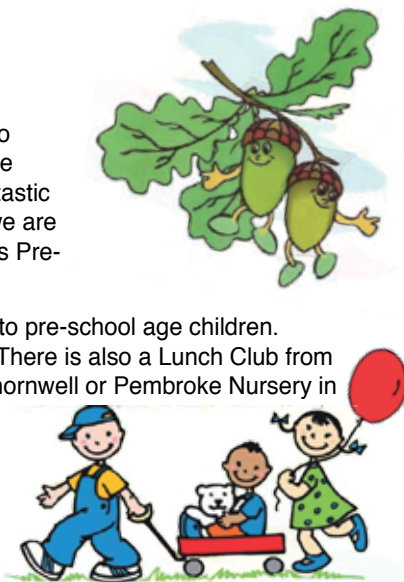


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## Successful Summer at Tidenham!

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 bottom 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 in forthcoming months with a Quiz Night on October 14th, and the year will conclude with a "Christmas Tree Festival" from mid-December onwards (please see press for further details, or contact [secretary.friends@icloud.com](mailto:secretary.friends@icloud.com) for further information).**



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## A Man Well-Loved Karl Daymond Tribute

The sudden and tragic passing of Karl Daymond aged just 52 has been covered in many other media outlets. I wanted instead to focus on the way Karl lived. Following on from the incredible tribute day held on 10th September, where hundreds turned out in bright and colourful attire to honour him and celebrate his life, I spoke with some of his friends, Ruth, Kieran, Frances and Suzanne who were instrumental in putting this amazing day together.

Over 800 people took part in the day, with a procession through the town to a marquee in a field next to Karl's house. The day was full of songs, memories and "Karlsms" (a couple of which are highlighted here).

**Ruth Holdsworth** was the overall coordinator of the day and knew Karl well. She is now looking after Karl's horse Charlie, and learning to ride so that he will always be as loved and cherished as Karl would have wanted. Ruth told me "There are not many people you would contemplate putting on such a day for. In fact I can't think of anyone else. Karl was special. So humble, so warm, open and giving. He did so much for so many people, bringing out the best in everyone he met and making each of them feel they were special to him. He did so much for Chepstow. Organising this colourful, vibrant day was an immediate reaction by so many and reflected what kind of man Karl was. We had over 100 volunteers who wanted to help make the day possible. A community really coming together to honour a man who meant so much to us."

"That was really good. You sang all the right notes, just in the wrong order."

starred **Dustin Hoffman** as **Shylock**. He was just finishing his vocal studies, and made a huge impression as a singer in the Belmont scenes, with a beautiful voice and that star quality charisma which distinguished all his performances. It was clear that here was a god-given stage animal.

Soon after that Adam Pollock cast him in the title role of the Italian premiere on Leonard Bernstein's *Candide*. He proved the *Candide* of one's dreams and consequently Pollack cast Karl in the title role of *Don Giovanni*, as the young sexy protagonist.

By now Karl's career in the UK had taken off with leading roles for Opera North, including wonderful *Papageno* in *The Magic Flute* (in which he sang standing on his head), *Marcello* in *La Boheme*, *Valentin* in *Faust*, *Mountjoy* in *Gloriana*, and the title role in *Thomas's Hamlet*. He also sang for the Welsh and English National Opera Companies, the Royal Opera Covent Garden. He appeared in several other operas at Batignano, arriving on horseback in Rupert Goold's production of *Il Pomo d'Oro*.

When Karl moved to Chepstow circa 17 years ago, he left behind his previous career, for a quieter life where he could be closer to community and to nature. He had a real

appreciation for his quiet time in the woods, and in later years riding his horse. His love of music and community lead him to set up first one and then multiple local singing clubs (Duke's Yard, Usk, Lydney and the biggest Chepstow Castle) where he encouraged everyone who had a voice to be the best they could be "If you can speak you can sing!"



**Karl's early career, from Allan Watkins:** Karl's first 'public' appearance was in 1989 in the Peter Hall production of *The Merchant of Venice*, which



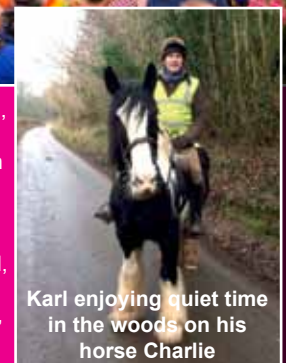
**Kieran Lyons:** I met Karl here in Chepstow, in the second phase of his career. Karl was a man who loved the idea of community and being central within it. He loved his home and all his animals - very different to his previous career as a jet setting opera singer, which he always made light of. When I first met him he used to refer to his 'two leading ladies' which were his two chickens named after opera stars! Karl has always been a keen equestrian and when he acquired his own piece of land he bought his horse, Charlie. He also loved gardening.

It became important to him to develop a community around song - "Everybody has a voice" he used to say. Karl was everything, a brilliant actor, singer, entertainer, wickedly funny. He took no prisoners and had a driving desire that everyone should do their best - but beware the Karl glare!

He would teach all four singing groups the same songs, in theory so that we could all come together to sing - but not always taught the same way! "Sing what you know - if you make a mistake do it confidently!" He inspired us all to punch above our weight, taking us to the National Eisteddfod when none of us spoke Welsh and taking the theme of entertainment quite literally - 180 of us rocked up on to the stage complete with Samba band. We created "Choral Chaos" and although "We didn't Win!" we had a huge response from the audience! Karl was a great friend.

**Suzanne Moore Osley:** My first memories of Karl were in 2001 I think... of a red cheeked face peering one winter night through a window of The Three Tuns pub. He had an accordion strapped to his chest, and I was playing in an Irish music session and I waved him in to join us. Karl had just moved to Chepstow. We chatted and he asked if he could join in, he was ever so nervous that he was playing it right. I laughed and said, it's folk music, just do your own thing. Looking back, it's hard to ever imagine now, knowing him as well as I do, Karl being unsure about anything musical. He always said I was the first person he spoke to in

The day itself was beautiful. There were so many magical moments, so much beautiful music and words. It was a big top full of love and the day truly honoured our beautiful Karl Daymond, husband, brother, son, uncle, godfather and friend, he meant so much to so many, he was one of a kind.



Karl enjoying quiet time in the woods on his horse Charlie

Chepstow and for me I blessed fate that night as it brought our paths together."

One thing I learned from Karl was to be generous in kindness and love to people, be as kind as you can. If that day can carry that forward and show that community spirit can make a change, then I'm sure Karl would be absolutely beaming, wherever he is.

**Frances Phillips:** Karl was so generous with his talent. His uncontainable inventive genius resulted in many memorable, often brilliantly bonkers, public musical ventures. But actually the moments to be truly treasured were our weekly practices, where we had Karl just being his beautiful self, with his unabashed passion for music and his mission to impart this 'birthright' to everybody. Every session was a ball. He was hilarious - whether playing some complete musical non-sequitur in response to a random remark, or lapsing into his Les Dawson impression when our harmonies weren't quite what they should be, or coming up with daft sign language to remind us of lines. And of course the famous glares....

Karl was the most inspiring gifted teacher you could ever have but more importantly the most beautiful, kind-hearted, generous-spirited person. He came from a rarified musical world, and yet genuinely saw the beauty in ordinary far less musical people discovering the joy of singing. He led the busiest life and yet always had the time to give equal attention to everyone and make each individual feel valued. He was a true, caring friend; and hilariously funny.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed on behalf of Karl, to the 100+volunteers and the half a dozen people involved in this article. Our deep condolences go to Karl's husband Ian and his family and friends. Karl had such an affect on so many here in Chepstow. Quite simply, I wish I'd known him. Photo credits go to Paul Blakemore, Suzanne Moore Osley and Dr Glyn Jones.



## Golf Facility Open to All

This summer saw the opening of a brand new facility for golf enthusiasts of all ages and abilities, from beginners through to professionals.

Chepstow Matters was pleased to be invited down to visit the Liam Bond Golf Academy and see what it has to offer.

Based just outside Chepstow, next to the Hanley Farm Shop in Tidenham, the golf academy has been initiated by Class AA PGA Professional golf player Liam Bond, who has been a tournament professional for over 20 years, and played on the European Tour since 2005. It has long been Liam's dream to open an academy of golfing excellence - one that has now been realised:

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Very much a family venture, Liam is aided by wife Emma in the running the facility, which features an indoor teaching studio fitted out with the latest technology to offer professional golf tuition and coaching tailored to developing your game and having more fun on the golf course.

In addition, the academy has a brand new, purpose built 10 bay golf driving range, boasting the very best in range equipment that Liam and Emma are confident will be appreciated by all local golfers, old and new alike.

Following a successful open day in early July, the academy is now fully open for business. With one-on-one coaching available, ladies only sessions, senior group coaching and also a Junior Academy starting in September, there is plenty for everyone.

For Opening Times and further information email [emma@liambondgolfacademy.co.uk](mailto:emma@liambondgolfacademy.co.uk), visit their website [www.liambondgolfacademy.co.uk](http://www.liambondgolfacademy.co.uk) and follow them on Facebook.



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## 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. On Wednesday 18th October, the Society will hold an "Open Rehearsal" – an invitation for all who enjoy choral music and singing and who would like to come along, see us rehearse – and hopefully participate! – and meet choir members informally afterwards, with some light refreshments, to learn more about us.

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, December 10th at St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow.

Our Spring 2018 Concert will take place on Saturday April 21st, 2018. . AND -- PLEASE! - watch out for our TV appearance (Channel 4, "Britain's Ancient Tracks" with Tony Robinson, when the Society participated in the episode filmed at Tintern Abbey in June – to be screened this autumn.

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](http://www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk) - which is full of new information and photos.



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

Last month saw our intrepid Vice President Lion Brian Prout (aged 80) taking to the air again. Not satisfied with a Tandem parachute jump last year, this time he decided to do a wing walk! Lion Brian stayed in the air for nearly twenty minutes enjoying a flight around the airfield.



The flight was a birthday present from his children, but Lion Brian saw it as chance to raise money for local causes and in total he raised over £250.

Continuing with the Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Defibrillator project, machines are now installed in Llanvair Discoed, Rogiet, Mathern Village, Itton village, Mynydd Bach and in Garden City, this brings the clubs total number supplied to local communities to twenty.

Chair of Welfare Ray Nash and Club Secretary Glyn Williams were delighted to present to the Lions District Cabinet, a presentation on the club's Defibrillator Project at a recent Cabinet meeting held in Newport. The club received praise from the District Governor for its hard work bring this very important service to the community.

The club is also proud to announce that Lion Secretary Glyn Williams has been chosen as Zone Chairman for the district and will be responsible for Ross on Wye Lions, Severn Dean Lions, Monmouth Lions, Forest of Dean Lions,



Lion Zone Chairman  
Glyn Williams

Newport Lions as well as Chepstow and Caldicot Lions.

On a very sad note the club lost one of its staunchest members in August with the passing of Lion Eric Russell, Eric has been a member of Chepstow and Caldicot Lions for the last nineteen years and has served as a valued member of the Welfare team. Eric will always be remembered for his own distinctive style of his very elegant clothes, Members and friends would like to pass on their sincere condolences to his wife Pam who is also a great supporter of the club.

Early in September, members of the club and friends enjoyed a fun afternoon at Cavill Hall St. Mary's Priory, after a wonderful buffet provided by the lions Ladies, a lot of fun was had playing silly games the highlight being the club's new Pig Racing table.

Chepstow and Caldicot Lions are also pleased to announce the introduction of three new very valued members to the club, Lions Denise Harrison from Chepstow and John Jenkins and Chris Davidson from Caldicot.

September also saw the Lions making a presentation to the U3A members at the Choir Hall in Caldicot about the work that Lions carry out in the community and in the world at large, Lions Brian Prout Vice President and Glyn Williams Club Secretary, received a very warm reception from the U3A members and thanked for the work they carry out in the district.

The Club is progressing with its plans for the coming months which will include its Annual Parcel Collection at Tesco and Waitrose Stores, it is also looking forward to the Christmas Lights switch on in Caldicot.

The club is at present preparing for its first Charity Christmas Fair which will be held in the Choir Hall in Caldicot on the 19th of November, it is inviting anyone with Christmas items to take up a stall and for further information please contact Lion Brian Prout on 01291 420015.



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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!**







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

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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

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**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

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**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 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

### NURSERIES / PRESCHOOLS

**Bluebells Playgroup** Fairfield Road, Chepstow 01291 628908  
bluebellisplaygroup@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

**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  
Peter Shapland 01291 422208

**Chepstow Cricket Club** www.chepstow.play-cricket.com  
markburch1228@hotmail.com 01291 622126

**Chepstow Cycling Club** www.chepstowcyclingclub.wales/

**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

## Hoggin' the Bridge 2017 Caldicot Town Team invites you to join them for Hoggin the Bridge 2017

This year the ride will take place on Sunday 8th October  
2017 and will start in the Brightside Group PLC car park  
which is behind Severn View Services, Aust, Junction 1  
M48, near Bristol. The parade ride will begin at 11.00 am  
by Hoggin the Severn Bridge then follow the usual route  
through several local towns and villages and this year will  
finish at Caldicot Castle.

This fantastic venue will spoil you with bigger and easier parking  
areas, more bands, loads more traders and stalls, and a great range  
of food outlets.

As last year, the Hoggin the Bridge ride, which is great in itself, will  
finish with a parade of bikes right through the very heart of Caldicot  
giving all the riders a chance to show off their finery and giving all  
spectators a chance to see a really great spectacle.

This is a charity fundraising event open to all motorcyclists and for  
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## We need YOU!

SLS is a community group in action helping the homeless, collecting across Bristol, Monmouthshire, Newport, Cardiff, Merthyr, Abergavenny and more.

We really need very good condition clean or new clothing, especially men's, and small sizes such as 28-34 waists. Street clothing: underwear (bras, knickers, boxers), socks, hoodies, jeans/joggers, waterproof coats, thermals, jumpers/hoodies, hats/gloves/scarves and resources such as ; rucksacks, trainers/boots, pop up tents, sleeping bags (for minus conditions), wind up torches, new basic toiletries & foodstuffs (eaten cold or with water/milk).

## Please help this Autumn/Winter #makeadifference

Homeless hostels, day centres, street outreach, night shelters, refuges ...

\* NB: SLS can take ALL clean, vgc clothing

For more info please check us out on Facebook :

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/streetlifesarnies/>  
or email us [sls.homeless@gmail.com](mailto:sls.homeless@gmail.com)



## Starlings over the Severn

Saturday 25th November 2017  
Meet 2.30 pm  
Newport Wetlands Cafe Nash Road  
NP18 2B

Join Chepstow Walkers are Welcome for a walk around the periphery of Newport Wetlands including the Wales Coast Path with a strong chance of seeing a Starling Murmuration 4 miles Easy

for more information email [chepstowwaw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chepstowwaw@hotmail.co.uk) or call Helen 01291 641856

### Tintern Film Nights

Big-screen movies close to home from Friends of Tintern

Friday 13th October

### The Sense of an Ending

A compelling adaptation with Charlotte Rampling & Jim Broadbent

Friday 10th November

### Churchill

The scalpel-sharp, timely lesson in leadership with brilliant Brian Cox

Friday 8th December

### The Time of Their Lives

Join a feel-good escapist treat with Joan Collins and Pauline Collins

All shows start at 7.45pm Tickets £4.00 at the door, Village Hall

## Chepstow Hub

Baby Rhyme Time  
Every Thursday at 2.15pm  
30 minutes session

Under 5's Story Time  
Every Friday at 10.15am-10.45am



Wednesday  
25th October 2017

Chepstow and District  
Garden Appreciation  
Society (CADGAS)

## "The Winter Garden - Landscape, Plants and Tasks"

a talk by Marion Stainton, Horticulturist and Journalist giving an insight into the 'brighter' side of winter with practical suggestions and advice on what to plant, what jobs are best done in the winter and how best to approach that all important job of winter pruning

7.30pm Chepstow Leisure Centre

All Welcome Visitors £4

Gwent Wildlife Trust,  
Chepstow Group

## "Magical Magor Marsh"

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Sunday, 29th October 2017

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Bring your own apples for pressing juice, and start a traditional cider on the day before, Saturday, 28th October 2017!

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to find out more please contact [food@transitionchepstow.org.uk](mailto:food@transitionchepstow.org.uk).

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**Halloween Activity Bag**

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