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Dear Readers...



Well, Spring is supposedly close at hand but, as I sit and type this, it is literally freezing outside and not feeling very Springlike at all! Undeterred, the spring flowers are already raising their heads above ground and in doing so raise our spirits that warmer weather is to come!

This month sees daffodils and Mother's day. These two things have always been closely linked in my family; my mum just loved daffodils. Sadly this will be the first without my mum, who passed away quite suddenly after Christmas and I am still reeling from the shock. So ... to everyone still fortunate to have their mother - make sure you make time to spoil her this month in particular.

Easter will soon be upon us and the SLS Easter Egg campaign is in full swing - see page 13 for how you can help out this year. Thank you to Rev Averary for sharing his Easter message - you can read this on page 12.

The cover photo this month shows Chepstow High Street back in the '50s, courtesy of the Chepstow Society who are celebrating their 70th anniversary this month - turn the page for more.

If you are a business looking to promote your services across Chepstow and the surrounding villages or a local group looking to share your news or raise your profile in the community, then please do get in touch with us and we will be happy to help. Take care until next time,

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Seventy years ago, on 12 March 1948, a small group of people met in the Tudor Café on Beaufort Square in Chepstow.

They agreed to set up a local amenity and historical society, dedicated to studying and protecting the town and its surroundings.

Now, in 2018, that society – the Chepstow Society – is still a thriving part of the town's life.

The Society was the idea of Ivor Waters, a local teacher who became the town's foremost historian as well as a poet, printer, and councillor. He was joined at early meetings by such luminaries as Lord Raglan, Barney O'Neill, and the young Trevor Evans – who, 70 years later and honoured with an MBE, remains the Society's President.

In those first years, the top priority was to set up a Museum in the town. This was achieved in 1949 when the town council gave the Society the use of the room over the Town Gate. As the collection expanded over the years, it outgrew its premises, and the Museum moved, firstly in 1968 to the old Board School on Bridge Street, and then in 1983 to its current site in Gwy House. Responsibility for the

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Museum passed to the County Council in the 1970s.

The early 1950s saw the Society flourish. It organised concerts with nationally-known performers, art shows and regular excursions. Ivor Waters in particular was responsible for producing a series of pamphlets and books on aspects of the town's history, all of them highly regarded, and many now valuable and collectable.

As time has passed, the Society has concentrated more on its core aims of protecting the town's heritage, informing residents and visitors about the history and environment of Chepstow and its surrounding area, and encouraging its protection and improvement.

The Society produced its first Town Trail leaflet in 1975, and has continued with regular publications about Chepstow's history. It was also responsible for helping to set up the information boards and paving slabs all around the town.

Now, the Chepstow Society meets in the Drill Hall in Lower Church Street, on the third Wednesday of each month, to hear talks about aspects of local history, and to discuss current issues important to the community.

We run excursions for members to places of interest – and sometimes longer holidays as well. We also promote and support local initiatives; and lobby organisations and authorities on local planning, transport, and environmental issues.

The Society always welcomes new members.

Membership costs £10 each year, and benefits include discounted meeting entrance fees and a regular newsletter, as well as the chance to join its excursions.

A small committee runs the Society. It welcomes new members who can contribute actively to its work – and can come up with ideas for keeping it relevant for the times in which we live.

As our Secretary, Henry Hodges, wrote at the time of our 50th birthday:



"There will always be people in this ancient town ready to protect its history, architecture and unique environment. Those people are the future of the Chepstow Society."

For more information about joining the Society, please contact Marian Thomas, 01291 625591 – or just turn up at one of our meetings, and talk to the people there.

We also have a website, now being updated and modernised – www.chepsoc.co.uk – and a Facebook page.

Our next meeting at the Drill Hall is on Wednesday 21 March at 7.15pm. The speaker is Simon Draper, talking about Gloucestershire in Anglo-Saxon times.

We hope to see you there!

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Photos show clockwise:
Ivor Waters (1907-92) –
local teacher, historian
and poet, and founder
of the Society; The High
Street in the 1950s,
showing the Tudor
Cafe – the Society's first
meeting place; One of the
Society's plaques beside
the Port Wall



Chepstow Drill Hall Big Lottery Bid Unsuccessful

Chepstow, February 15th: With great regret, the Drill Hall Chepstow can today announce that its bid for £1million of Big Lottery Fund grant funding has not been successful. The Big Lottery Fund has announced the winning projects today.

If it had proceeded, the funding would have allowed the Drill Hall to expand its programme of activities and broaden its already considerable appeal, securing the future of the Hall for generations to come.

The bid fell under the Big Lottery's 'Community Asset Transfer 2' programme. The programme provides grant funding to enable the transfer of ownership of buildings like the Drill Hall to a charitable trust that is run on behalf of the community.

The Drill Hall bid, submitted by The Drill Hall, Chepstow Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO), was prepared largely by volunteers with input from building professionals. It included a detailed business plan and comprehensive blueprints for the development of the building and upgrade of its infrastructure. In total, many hundreds of hours of voluntary work were invested.

The Drill Hall bid progressed to the second stage of the funding process in February 2017, and the final bid was submitted in September 2017. It was then scrutinised by a panel of professional assessors employed by the Big Lottery Fund, and recommended for funding to the final selection panel. However, it was one bid in a very strong field of nine, of which only five could be funded.

Chair of The Drill Hall CIO, Ned Heywood, comments: "This felt like a once in a generation opportunity to secure the future of the Drill Hall for Chepstow and its communities. Naturally, we are all hugely disappointed, particularly as we understand that the panel liked the bid and were complimentary about it."

This is the moment to thank all of the Drill Hall volunteers for their commitment. Not just those directly involved in creating this bid, but also those who ensure that the hall operates a full programme of activities week in, week out."



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150 pupils from Offa's Mead Academy, Islwyn High School and The Dell Primary School attended the matinée performance on Tuesday and the school hall was full of parents, friends and family for the evening performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Dave Mitchell, Director of Music at St John's on-the-Hill, said: "Every pupil in the production brought something unique and exciting to the show, bringing their characters to life and giving this tale its own identity. From the wonderful music, singing and acting to the awesome costumes and castle sets, the pupils produced a truly outstanding production. We were thrilled that so many people came to watch our production."



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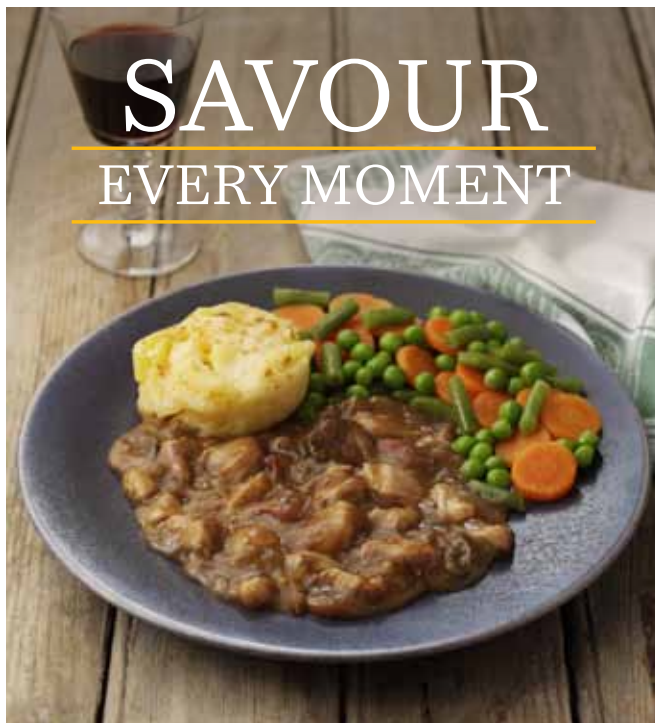

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Review your financial objectives

It helps to start with a clear idea of what your goals are - have they changed? Think through what your key saving, spending and investment plans are for the next 12 months and decide what you want your money to do for you. For instance, are you looking to become debt-free, save for your children, or plan your retirement spending?

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Review your savings and investments

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Chepstow Matters recently had the great pleasure of meeting with local artist and art historian, Keith Underwood.

Keith, now 83 years young, has lived in the Beachley/Sedbury area of Chepstow since his parents moved here from Portsmouth following his father's posting to Beachley way back in 1939. Keith is a well-known member of the local community being an active member of several local community and historical groups across the town. Keith is such an interesting chap and very passionate about local history - it was delightful to spend time with him.

For many years Keith guided at Tintern Abbey as the original Brother Thomas and produced a statuette of the Blessed Virgin Mary, together with other artefacts including an illuminated manuscript book of pressed plants which was recently on show at Chepstow Museum. He has also guided at Chepstow Castle, mainly as Edmund, the Seneschal for Richard de Clare, but was sometimes also seen in full Cavalier kit as Thomas Underwood (photo right).

Back in the early 1990s, Keith was commissioned by Monmouthshire County Council to provide the murals at the Drill Hall at a time of major renovation (see bottom photo of one of the murals). He also gave presentations after the murals were completed, the first being in 1992 (photo above far right). Other accomplishments include creating the Earl of Worcester's heraldic achievement for the Town Gate, as well as the Chepstow map. He also worked with Ned Heywood on the design for the illustrative ceramic plaques to accompany the Town Trail in the streets of Chepstow.

As a boy, at Monmouth School, he was taught by the late Otto Macaig, the hundredth anniversary of whose birth will be celebrated in Monmouth next year, and Keith hopes to be a contributor.

Keith has just completed a piece to celebrate the 950th anniversary of William FitzOsbern, Norman builder of Chepstow Castle which was commenced in 1067. FitzOsbern, 1st Earl of Hereford and a relative and close counsellor to William the Conqueror, was known to have fought in The Battle of Hastings 1066 and was one of the great magnates of Early Norman England. He was one of the earliest and most vigorous advocates of the invasion of England.

As part of the assertion of Norman control over England and Wales, FitzOsbern was one of the major Norman castle builders with King William tasking him to build castles as launching points for Norman military expeditions and provide refuge for the King's men. Chepstow Castle, it has been reported, was his greatest achievement and became a springboard for westward Norman expeditions and the focal point of Norman settlement in Wales. FitzOsbern died in February 1071 at the Battle of Cassel in his native Normandy.

Keith's latest commission to celebrate FitzOsbern is an A5 parchment booklet (which you can see Keith working on in the main photo above) all of which will be hand written, in calligraphy, along with Keith's hand drawings for which he uses acrylic paints. Keith has been working on the booklet for some time and had just sent it off to be published as we went to print on this March edition. It is now available to purchase from the Chepstow Bookshop.



Drill Hall and Keith in costume photos reproduced with kind permission from the Chepstow Society



The Promise of Easter

Perhaps I am odd, well lets face it I am odd, but I love Lent. The Church over the centuries in their wisdom recognise the reality of life. Christians who are true to their faith know to expect that life is not always going to be fun or easy and they may even experience push back for their faith. Christians in the West are unlikely to experience anything more than ridicule or, as happened recently, a TV programme comparing Christian belief to mental illness. Many other Christians in the world experience genuine persecution for their faith and may even face death for it, just as they did in the early days under the Roman Empire.

The Christian year reflects this reality of life, that it is both dark and light, there are great moments of joy, such as Christmas and moments of great heartache such as Good Friday. This is perhaps what I love about Lent. It is a time of self-reflection and repentance for all that has gone wrong in our lives. It forces us to own up to our own problems, our own darkness, not to blame it on anyone or anything else; such self honesty is truly liberating. If we deny our own darkness it is bound to come out in very destructive ways, but if we acknowledge it, shine a light on our darkness it loses all its power.

Also what I love about Lent is the journey we undertake. We start with self-reflection, which helps us identify the things in our life which need to be addressed, some of which we will be very attached to and are part of the identity we have created for ourselves. But we come to the point at the end of this self-reflection where we have to let go of these things that bind us, we need to let them die; we come to Good Friday. We need to let these things be nailed to the Cross with Jesus, and anytime you nail something to a cross it's bound to be painful and may feel like death, but it is unavoidable if we want true liberation from all that holds us back. Many people these days spend their lives trying to avoid the Good Friday experience, and given the luxury we have in the West it is easier than ever to do. But if we avoid Good Friday we can never know true freedom from fear, we can never truly live life to its fullest, we can never fully grow up and mature into the people we were always meant to be. We only have to look at the extreme example of this in the current President of the United States. It is only by going through Good Friday that our journey can continue.

But the thing I love most about the Lenten journey is that it does not end with the desolation of Good Friday, but the joy and hope of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday! We have journeyed through self-reflection to death on Good Friday, but now God, who is Love, restores us and destroys death itself. We are freed, liberated, released from all that binds us and holds us back from living life to its fullness. This is the message of Easter, this is the example that Jesus shows us, this is what it means to follow him. Following Jesus will not stop the tough reality of life affecting us, but it does promise that even in the mist of real life we will be set free to live life to its fullness, full of joy. The Christian journey always ends with the promise of resurrection to new life. So no matter what you have done, who you have been, what has happened to you in life, the promise of Easter is all that can be transformed into something brand new and something precious, if you are willing to follow Jesus in taking the journey through Lent, via Good Friday, to the glorious new life of Easter.

So my prayer for us all is that at this Easter time we will be brave enough to be truly honest about ourselves before God and allow God to transform our brokenness and darkness into something beautiful and new.

Happy Easter.

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Gymnastic Success at Welsh Championships

A fantastic weekend of success for Kestrel gymnasts at the Welsh NDP Championships in Haverfordwest.

Seven gymnasts are now through to the British Semi Finals in Birmingham in June representing Wales. The gymnasts have been training very hard for this event, working on three set tumble runs, aiming for the top two places with perfect executions to get qualifying scores, and we are all very proud of their success.

James Davies from Tutshill won Silver in 11/12 yrs Level 1. In Girls Level 2 Section - 11/12 yrs, Charlotte Jones was Champion followed by Maisie Edwards winning Silver. Level 2 13 yrs+ Lily Brain was Champion. 13 yrs+ Level 2 Boys Finley Stenner won Silver, all from the Gloucestershire area. In Level 3 Girls 13 yrs +, Georgie Davies was Champion, and 13+ yrs Level 3 Boys' Champion was Joseph Dunster, both from Chepstow. They are all excited, and looking forward to the next stage competing in Birmingham.



Three very happy little Kestrel gymnasts had a great day in Cardiff performing their NDP Grades on all apparatus. They all did their best in their routines on Beam, Bars, Vault, and performed a Floor routine to music, then had to show strength and flexibility in the Range and Conditioning set work. 7yr old Amelie Thomason passed Grade 6 with Commended, and 8 yr olds Eva Lawn had Commended, with Elsie-Mae Williams passing Grade 5.



Top: Lily Brain, Charlotte Jones, Maisie Edwards, Finley Stenner; right: Georgie Davies, James Davies, Joseph Dunster



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Devauden Races - Next Race 7th May 2018

The Devauden Races is an entirely off-road event open to all ages and abilities with distances to suit all the family - from 10k to just 60m! It is held annually on May Bank Holiday Monday and starts and finishes at the Hood Memorial Hall in Devauden which is situated on the northern edge of Chepstow Park Woods. This year's event is on Monday 7th May 2018.



Since 2016, in recognition of its growing status and popularity, Devauden Races became an affiliated event with Welsh Athletics through the Spirit of Monmouth Running Club.

The charity event raises funds for the Hood Memorial Hall, in Devauden, and SARA (Severn Area Rescue Association) who provide invaluable assistance in many areas leading up to and throughout the event.

Online registration is now open at the website
<http://www.devaudenraces.com>

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It's also a great way to introduce the kids to walking. Even if you usually walk only as a family unit or by yourself, it's rewarding to occasionally share your walking experience with others who enjoy the countryside. If you are new to country walking, unsure about where to go, or need an incentive to get your boots on, then this might be just the answer to get you started with experienced friendly walk leaders.

There are 34 guided walks ranging from 2 – 15 miles on offer.

A Supersaver Ticket of £15 gives you the opportunity to join as many walks as you wish or £5 for a single walk. Children Under 16 are free. Both tickets include transport and free parking at Chepstow where applicable.

The full programme and how to purchase your tickets can be found online www.walksinchestow.co.uk or visit Chepstow Tourist Information Centre 01291 623772 or Chepstow Museum 01291 625981. We're looking forward to meeting you!



Giving the Gift of Time, at Joy's Gift Shop, Bulwark

Joy's is a unique gift shop in Bulwark at the site of the old post office. Their motto is **"giving the gift of time"**.

The shop is open 6 days a week. Mondays to Friday from 10am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm. All profits from sales at Joy's are donated to both the Alzheimer's Society and Dementia UK.

In addition to raising funds for charity, Joy's gives the gift of time by arranging activity sessions every afternoon for people with a Dementia related illness.



Joy's is the brainchild of local lady Kate Lewis who is a Registered Nurse and runs her own social care training and consultancy business which helps to fund Joy's continuing support of the local community.

The shop is managed and run by Toni Murphy who has a passion for bringing the community together and raising funds for Dementia related charities, a cause that is close to her heart. Toni has relaunched Joy's and transformed it into a lively hub where you can buy gifts and greeting cards. They also have a photocopying service and a coffee lounge providing free teas, coffees, squash and biscuits, all just for a donation!

The activity sessions are available by booking in advance on **01291 629392** and are run every day from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Toni works hard to ensure that she can provide activities that are of interest to customers and are worthwhile. The environment is happy and safe, giving people a little bit of respite from the everyday pressures that living with dementia can bring. Sometimes a change of scenery, a cuppa and a chat is all that is needed!

Local artists are also encouraged to display their goods at Joy's and they happily donate a percentage of their profit to the chosen dementia related charities. Joy's is currently showcasing upcycled garden pots, cards with local scenes of Chepstow, T-towels, T-shirts, cosmetic bags, handbags, knitted animals, decorated glasses, trees of life, moon catchers, fairy doors and stones crafted into animals.

Last year from the donations of the refreshments and the commission of sales from the local artists and chocolates plus raffles...over £1,200 was made....this year Toni hopes to better that!

This year at Joy's, Chocolates are on sale from the catalogue "Chocoholics" which include a Fair Trade range also there are chocolates for Mother's Day and Father's Day and also Easter

Comments from customers: **"Joy's is a godsend to me, I really enjoy coming here!"**

"I can't believe the activity sessions are free! Mum really enjoys it and we know she is happy and safe whilst we have a couple of hours of free time!"

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Sporting Achievements at Chepstow School this term

Chess: Chepstow School Chess team does it again! Huge congratulations to our chess team who have now gone through to the national finals of the ECF Team Challenge after winning the West Country Regional final in February. Our A team (David McIntosh, Madeleine Smith, George Smith and Rachel McIntosh) scored 12 points out of a possible 16 to finish just half a point ahead of Sir Thomas Rich's and Churchill Academy to secure their place in the final.

Rugby: Chepstow School hosted a very successful rugby tournament for Newport Schools and Wyedean. Students from years 7 to 9 took part in a fun-filled day of competitions kicking off with a strong team performance against St Julians B, winning 40-0. Our second game was against Newport High, it was a very tough game where our defence shone but unfortunately we lost 12-5, still managing a bonus point. The third game, probably the most contested game, was against Wyedean. It was a hard game and after 8 minutes Chepstow went down, strong performances especially from Siem Yohannes, Morgan Burrett and Owain Jenkins however saw a comeback for Chepstow with the game ending 12-12, this gave us the 2 points we needed to get through to the final against St Julian's A's. St Julian's were always going to be the team to beat with 5 Newport schools players making up the majority of their back line. Unfortunately they proved too strong for us with the game ending 32-5 leaving us as runners up in the competition. All of the boys represented Chepstow School with pride and passion throughout the day and were a complete credit to the school.



Football: The senior football team made it through to the semi finals of the Newport schools cup on Monday after a 4-3 win over Monmouth. Well done and good luck in the semi's!

Badminton: Chepstow Badminton team travelled to Aberystwyth to compete in the Wales Top Schools final. Our team of Matteo Goddard, Dafydd Price, Iwan Price and Luke Reid have been proudly representing the school for five years. They did not disappoint on Tuesday playing fantastically and demonstrating great badminton skills and determination. Unfortunately they narrowly missed out losing 3-2 in the final against Crickhowell A team to finish runners up in the whole of Wales; an amazing achievement, well done boys!

Gymnastics: Five of our talented gymnasts represented Chepstow school in the SE Wales Schools Tumble and Vault competition. In the U14 Girls Category, Georgie Davies took Gold in a tough competition and Erica Denby came a well deserved 8th place in her first year at this age group.

In the U19 Girls Category, Jessica Ham was also delighted to take the Gold medal, with Clare John taking a great 5th place. Finally Will John completed the medal haul with Gold in the U19 Boys. Georgie, Jess, Will & Clare will now go on to represent SE Wales schools in the Welsh finals next month. We wish them luck!

We are incredibly proud of our sporting achievements here in Chepstow School. Even more so when our students go on to represent us in regional teams. Josh Morgan, Ben Hope-Bell, Taylor Reid and Owain Jenkins all made it into the Newport Schools U15 rugby team. At the end of the season there is a chance for the boys to be selected to go into the Newport Dragons U16 team which is an amazing opportunity and we wish them luck with this.



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'A' in Maths for 12 year old Charlie

Congratulations to 12-year old Charlie Davies, a Year 8 pupil at St John's on-the-Hill, who had the nervous job of opening his iGCSE results in Mathematics four years early this month. He received the fantastic news of being awarded an A; just missing out on the A* by 1 mark!



Mr Allen, Head of Mathematics at St John's, said: "Receiving an A at the age of 16 is a fantastic achievement, but to do it at the age of 12 and with only eight months' preparation is truly staggering; an outstanding reward for the incredible amount of work in school and at home. Congratulations Charlie!"

Charlie has always had an interest in maths. In addition to his school lessons, he did 1-2 hours of maths homework every day after school, before taking the exam in October.



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Castell Roc Festival all set for a spellbinding 2018

Castell Roc Festival held inside Chepstow Castle announces another show for its incredibly varied 2018 shows.

19th August is a chance to enjoy a stunning evening of “**Blues & Grooves**”. The first act added for this show is the superb Scottish blues sensations “King King”, dubbed as “*The best blues/rock band in the world*” by Pete Francis of the Blues/Rock review.

Further top Artistes for this show will be announced shortly.



The show takes place in what can only be described as one of the most special Concert Venues in the UK with an incredibly intimate ambience, full bar facilities, food outlets, big stage & big production.

Shows previously announced for 2018 include:

Thursday 16th August “Monsters Of Roc”; a night of rock music featuring Letz Zep, UK Whitesnake & Women In Rock.

Friday 17th August - “Alabama3”. The band are notable for their fusion of styles, ironic lyrics, intentionally humorous personae, and outrageous live performances. Oh. and of course they wrote the intro music to the hit TV show ‘The Sopranos’.

Saturday 18th August - the incredible “Dr Hook” starring Dennis Locorriere. All the hit singles including Sylvia’s Mother, A Little Bit More, When You’re in Love with a Beautiful Woman and Sexy Eyes, plus many, many more.

Friday 24th August sees the welcome return of a 2017 sell-out show: back by popular demand “**The Magic Of Motown**” bring top Motown hits, glittering costumes, dazzling dance routines and an incredible party atmosphere to the castle.

Sunday 26th August flying in from Australia is none other than the Grammy award winning, International chart topping, British music legend “**Leo Sayer**”! Also including support from “**Mari Wilson & The New Wilsations**” an amazing evening awaits!

Monday 27th August is a unique chance to see two full theatrical show’s in one evening with “**Return Of The King meets Prince Experience**”. Leading tributes to Prince & Michael Jackson, both Artist’s with their full bands and backing singers in a show never seen before.

Thursday 30th August “**The Dualers**” the incredible UK stars of ska and reggae.

Friday 31st August “**The Craig Charles Funk & Soul Club**” yes, the TV legend Craig Charles is also a DJ legend!

Saturday 1st September, fresh from the big theatres is “**Fastlove**”. An opportunity to re-live the passion, flare and the unique sensitivity of George Michael. Accurate, captivating and heart-warming, with all the big hits.

All shows are standing. Guests are welcome to bring foldable chairs or blankets (for use in dedicated areas).

Full details of all shows are available from the Festival website at www.castellroc.co.uk or via the Festival Box Office at Hannah’s Music, Chepstow (01291 627122). Limited, discounted tickets are currently available from both.

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Little Acorns is a childcare setting run during term time for 2 to pre-school age children. Monday to Friday 9.15-12pm, cost for this session is £8.00. There is also a Lunch Club from 12-12.45 after which children can be collected or taken to Thornwell or Pembroke Nursery in Bulwark, cost for this session is £4.00.

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



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Tuesday 13th March 2.00 – 4.00pm
Chepstow Museum Dementia Friendly Memory Café

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of reminiscence, refreshments, music and chat. The Drill Hall, Chepstow NP16 5HJ Free but booking essential. To reserve a place please contact Chepstow Museum tel 01291 625981 or e-mail: ChepstowCustodian@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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FameLab Academy Final at Wydean School

Six impressive Year 9 students presented their 3 minute STEM talks (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) in front of an audience of 160 Year 8 students, Wydean Staff and expert independent judges. The students were taking part in the annual FameLab Academy competition linked to the Cheltenham Science Festival sponsored by EDF Energy.

Before Christmas, all Year 9 students were encouraged to prepare, practise and deliver a short 3 minute talk on a STEM subject of their choice to their peers. Notes are not allowed to be used, nor any other form of visual aid other than props that can be carried on stage unaided.

On Thursday 8th Feb 2018, six brave Year 9 students volunteered to perform their talks on stage in front of a large student audience, Staff and VIP judges. The judges were looking for clarity, content and charisma. Will Coleman, Izzy Searle, Lyall Wood, Amelia Heaman, Rosenwyn Rees and Ella Byrne-Jones provided plenty of evidence of all three in abundance.

Judge Sharron Pearson (Education Manager at Cheltenham Festivals) commented: *"This is our third year of FameLab Academy at Wydean School and the standard keeps on increasing year on year. Judging this year has been incredibly tight given the very high standard of delivery and accurate scientific content in all the talks performed"*.

The overall winner (£50) was Lyall Wood (centre photo) with his talk entitled "Particle Zoo" which touched on the elusive Higgs-Boson particle, the large Hadron Collider, sub-atomic particles, $E=mc^2$, up-quarks and down-quarks and particle acceleration. Ultimately, Lyall concluded: *"You can't trust particles. They make up everything"*. Supported by his fellow finalists, Lyall now goes forward to the Gloucestershire Regional



Yr9 (from left): Rosenwynn Rees, Ella Byrne-Jones (runner up), Lyall Wood (winner), Amelia Heaman, Izzy Searle (runner up), William Coleman



Lyall Wood - Winner of Wydean School FameLab Academy Competition 2018

Final on 22nd March at EDF Headquarters, Gloucester. He will receive further training to hone his delivery and also meet the other finalists from thirteen other schools. Lyall also gets to visit Renishaw Engineering for a day and learn more about STEM careers and experience hands on science in the workplace.

Ella Byrne-Jones gave an enthusiastic and informative talk explaining the biological reasoning behind why it is advantageous for animals to look "cute". With a range of cuddly props to help her, Ella produced a charismatic and confident talk to secure a joint runner up spot (£20).

Izzy Searle performed assuredly, and with zeal to also win £20 as joint runner-up. Her talk on animal communication was polished and well-structured. Izzy impressed the judges with her clarity, non-verbal communication and measured answers to probing questioning after her talk.

Whilst not prize winners, the other 3 students shone very brightly. Performing first, never easy, Will Coleman's talk on Space Travel was inspiring and informative. Armed with a 4 foot Lego Apollo rocket as a prop, Will gave an enthusiastic and informative talk discussing how

and why we might travel through space. Amelia Heaman produced a detailed presentation on Colour Perception explaining how we see colour using the specialised cells of the retina and electrical impulses sent to the brain. Using red, green and blue lights Amelia demonstrated beautifully how coloured lights mix to give colours of the spectrum and also those colours not in the ROYGBIV range. Rosenwyn Rees explained why we might feel anxious. Rosenwyn unravelled some of the mysteries of the brain (including amygdala function) to explain how and why we might feel worried. She certainly didn't show any signs of anxiety stood in front of nearly 200 people when she spoke perfectly and with conviction on the subject! Mr Motson (Science teacher and Wydean competition organiser) said: *"Well done to all the Year 9s who took part today and thanks to the Year 8 audience who will themselves soon be part of the FameLab Academy process themselves next year"*.

Our sincere thanks to each of the visiting judges.



Wydean Students are Oxford Bound

Students from Wydean Sixth Form experienced a rare treat when visiting Oxford University last week, when they were shown around by Malala Yousafzai. The Wydean students were visiting Lady Margaret Hall College with Director of Sixth Form, Johnathan Lane, and despite being well aware that Malala attended Oxford, they didn't realise that the Nobel Peace Prize winner would be the one to escort them around the university.

"It was an enormous privilege to meet such an inspirational figure," Mr Lane reflected. *"The students were able to ask Malala about life at university, about studying at Oxford and about what they can do to enhance their own university applications."*

Wydean Sixth Form regularly collaborates with Lady Margaret Hall College, Oxford, as a way of inspiring the next generation of would-be applicants. In addition to meeting Malala, the students received a lecture from Marrium Khan and were put through their paces in one of Oxford University's renowned tutorial sessions.

Year 12 student, Lily Motson, added, *"It was a great way to learn exactly what sets Oxford apart from other universities and to get a genuine feel for what it would be like to go there. Talking to undergraduate students themselves about what to expect and how to apply, made the prospect of considering going to Oxford or another top university a lot less daunting."*

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Friday 13th April:

'Murder On The Orient Express' - (see p14 for description)

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TIDENHAM HISTORICAL GROUP NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday March 29th, 7.30pm
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Chepstow Archaeological Society www.chepstow.org.uk 1st Thursday of the month 7.30 Chepstow Conservative Club

Chepstow (Archway) Bridge Club meets Mon, Weds, Thurs at the Palmer Centre, 7-10pm <http://chepstowarchwaybc.org.uk> or call Pete on 01291 - 627599 for more information.

Chepstow Carers Group Scout Hut, off Pembroke Road, Bulwark first Wed of the month 10-12 chepstowcarers@yahoo.co.uk 07592 503757

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 Corneilles 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

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Chepstow Knitters first and third Monday of the month Chepstow Methodist Hall 7.30-9.30pm. Contact Margaret Payne 01291 630580

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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

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, Mouton 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

Tidenham Historical Group meets from September to April on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Sedbury Village Hall NP16 7AQ. Visitors are welcome. For details ring 01291 623736 or e-mail info@tidenhamhistory.co.uk.

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

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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

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St Luke's Church, Coleford Road, Tutshill NP16 7PT 01291 624868 www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk

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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

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Chepstow Leisure Centre Playgroup. Contact: Karen Isaac 01291 623392 karenisaac61@aol.com

Chepstow Methodist Church Parent and Toddler Groups mornings 10am term time www.chepstowmethodist.org.uk

Cylch Ti A Fi Cas-Gwent Chepstow Library contact Mai Jones mai.jones@meithrin.co.uk Tuesdays 10.15-11.15

Devauden Mother and Toddlers, Devauden Village Hall contact sarah_trim@rocketmail.com Mondays 10-12 including holidays, babies to school age

Mini Acorns Toddler Group, Burnt Barn Club, Burnt Barn Road, Bulwark. Contact Rachel Llewellyn-Bennett 07904212135 acornsplaygroup@aol.com Tuesdays term time 1-3pm.

Parent and Toddler Time at Whirlkidz Unit 2, School Hill Business Centre, 01291 628700 Mondays 10-12 term time

Shirenewton Parent and Toddler Shirenewton Recreation Hall, contact Paula Siddall p.rimmer10@btinternet.com every Thurs 1.30-3pm

St Arvans Baby and Toddler St Arvans Memorial Hall contact Sabrina 07701027313 sabrinaortner@yahoo.co.uk every Wed 10-12.

St Christophers Under Fives and Familys St Christophers Church, Bulwark contact Babs Middleton 07594172720 babsmiddleton80@gmail.com Wed 3.45 term time, all age siblings welcome FREE

Sedbury Stay & Play, Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall, Wednesdays 9.30-11am. Glos term times only. Contact Jane Penny 07856 679377

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Shirenewton Playgroup contact Beverly Lindsay, Playgroup
Supervisor 07881 480764 shirenewtonplaygroup@gmail.
com

Tutshill Community Pre-School Debra Hockin 01291 629134
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Mounton House Special School Mr P Absalom, Headteacher
and enrolment contact Pwllmeyric, Chepstow, NP16 6LA,
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net/thornwellfc



This month's news is one of sadness as the club
has lost one of its founder members and one of
it's greatest supporters with the passing of Lion
Past District Governor David Atwell.

David joined the club in 1971 and has continual
service until his recent death, a well known figure
in the Chepstow and Caldicot district as a local
councillor for firstly Langstone and eventually
becoming Mayor of Newport.

After a long illness Lion David passed away
peacefully at St David's Hospice in Malpas. Our
thoughts are with his wife Carole and their Daughter
Portia. David will be sorely missed by all the
members of the club.

Plans are well underway for this year's activities and
a Calendar of future events will be available in the
next issue.

The club is pleased to announce that the Activities/
Fundraising Team has a new Chairman Lion John
Jenkins. John lives in Caldicot and is retired from
the Fire Brigade. He has extensive knowledge
of fundraising and the club is looking forward to
some new fundraising schemes for this year. The
Members would like to wish John every success in
his new role.

In the wake of the OXFAM scandal it is felt that
a clarification of the Lion Clubs International
Fundraising process needs to be explained,

The Lions Way of Working

Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Club are members
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Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Club supports a range
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For more information about Lions Clubs of the
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