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Dear Readers...

It's hard to believe that it's time for the children to go back to school already - I really do not know where the summer has gone. For those who were awaiting exam results, I hope you have all achieved your expectations and wish you all the best as you move on to your next adventures.

Our lovely photos on the front cover were taken at this year's Chepstow Show and shared with us by a local reader. See our centre pages for a further selection of photos from a great day out, despite the weather!

We have a number of events for you this month, including the Bulwark Community Event on 22nd September - see opposite page - and the Ways to Peace Festival in Tintern, see page 11 for more information on this. There are also a couple of courses starting this month which may be of interest - Discover The Offa's Legacy (page 31) and 'Explosion in Art' an Art History course at Chepstow Museum (page 27). If you prefer picking up a paintbrush yourself then check out the upcoming Art Workshops on page 15.

Some of our advertisers are offering Reader Discounts in this edition - checkout Toytastik, All Sports Rehab and Critchcraft Tiles to take advantage of these!

As usual there is plenty more besides the above for you to read in this September edition: local people, local groups and local clubs and our all important supporters - OUR ADVERTISERS - without whom we would not be able to bring you all the news. Please do return their support and use their services whenever you have a need. Enjoy!

If you are a business looking to promote your services across the Chepstow and the villages then please do get in touch with us and we will be happy to help. The deadline for our next MONTHLY edition is 15th September. **Jaci x**

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Chepstow School: 'Outstanding GCSE Results'



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Press Release: We are thrilled that our students have achieved outstanding GCSE results once again this year. Students have made tremendous progress in the first year of the new challenging GCSE exams in Wales, in qualifications that have been designed to be more rigorous and robust.

Students excelled in particular in Science and STEM qualifications. 84% of the cohort achieved A*-C in combined Science GCSE. Single Sciences saw exceptional performance in Physics where 61% achieved an A* or A at GCSE; 45% achieved an A* or A in Chemistry; and 41% achieved an A* or A in Biology. 29% of students achieved an A* or A in ICT, with 85% achieving A*-C. 67% of students achieved the core qualifications of A*-C grades in English, Maths and Science qualifications.

Students sat the Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge for the first time this year, and 100% of the cohort achieved A*-C, and 19% achieved A* or A grades in this subject.

Performance at the top grades has continued to be exceptional this year. Nearly a quarter of the cohort achieved 5 or more A*-A grades, and 10% achieved A* - A grades in 8 or more GCSE subjects. 100% of students have achieved qualifications, and all have a chosen progression route.

Particularly noteworthy achievements for students are:

Sophie OLIVER 8 A* grades 3 A grades
Hannah LIDGETT 7 A* grades 2 A grades
Jasmine BARRACLOUGH 6 A* grades 5 A grades
Clare JOHN 5 A* grades 5 A grades
Joseph TRUCKEL 5 A* grades 3 A grades
Lydia ISHMAEL 4 A* grades 6 A grades
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Isobel GILES 2 A* grades 5 A grades
Megan CROOMBS 1 A* grades 4 A grades
Molly MOORE 1 A* grades 5 A grades

Claire Price, Head Teacher says:

"Chepstow School students have excelled once again in GCSE exams. I am proud of all of our students who have achieved outstanding results. They all now are able to move on to the next step of their educational career."



These results have been achieved in partnership with support from parents and carers and through the commitment and dedication of school staff. It is this community approach that makes Chepstow school an inspiring place to be".

Editor's note: As we went to print on this issue, we received news that Head Teacher Claire Price is moving on from her role at Chepstow School. We would like to wish her well in her new role.

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For more information on the Open Days taking place on 5th & 6th October, please go to www.habsmonmouth.org, call 01600 710 433 for **Monmouth School for Boys**, 01600 711104 for **Monmouth School for Girls**, or 01600 713970 for **Monmouth Schools Pre-Prep & Nursery**.



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More than 30 Monmouthshire based business women are expected to gather at the St.Pierre Marriott Hotel in Chepstow on 26th October to take part in the launch of a new business networking organization aimed especially at women.

Women Mean Biz is an established network of businesswomen and entrepreneurs in the South West, which meets regularly for networking lunches to provide training, support and help local business women to connect with each other.

Philippa Constable, owner of Women Mean Biz, said: 'I'm so proud of what we've achieved with Women Mean Biz in the South West, and we can't wait to create a new group in Chepstow. We've received fantastic feedback and I believe we've really made a difference in the lives of those who come along. There are so many talented and passionate business women here in South Wales, and Women Mean Biz is all about helping them to network and build really useful relationships to help them to grow.'

The Chepstow group will meet once a month at lunch time for a networking board room style meeting which feature a guest speaker and a 'business surgery' where members can brain-storm ideas and get guidance from others in the group about a particular business issue.

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JQ54 'Art For All' Exhibition - Calling all crafty creatives & budding artists!

Local artist Claire Timbrell is organising a fundraising open art exhibition in honour of her partner's Grandfather, an ex-Grenadier Guard, who passed away last month. The event will be raising funds for The Royal British Legion Chepstow and The Poppy Appeal and will run from the 9th November to 3rd December in Moot Hall, The Greenman Backpackers, Chepstow.

Claire says, 'The event is called JQ54, in honour of our Grandad, who would always refer to himself as JQ54 (his initials plus the last two digits of his service number) whenever he talked about his time as a Grenadier Guard. There are plenty of ways to get involved in the event between now and November, from crocheting or knitting poppies for our 'Curtain of Remembrance' to painting a pebble for the huge community piece of art we are creating - there's something for everyone!'

Ken Davies, Chairman of The Royal British Legion adds, 'We are delighted that Claire is doing this and we are pleased to be supporting her in her efforts. It is so fitting to hold this event in Moot Hall & the Greenman Backpackers, the former Royal British Legion building. We wish her every success'.

To spread the word about the event, numerous painted poppy pebbles with the JQ54 logo on have been hidden around Chepstow for people to find. Claire explains, 'The pebbles direct you to the JQ54 Art For All Facebook page where the hope is people will share/like the page and then re-hide the pebble for the next person to find'.



You can even make and hide one of your own JQ54 pebbles by visiting the Paint On Me Boutique Pottery Studios in Chepstow. Gail Gilliland, owner at Paint On Me, adds 'we are fully behind what Claire is doing, and anyone can pop down into our studios where you will find pebbles, paint and all the inspiration you need to take part in the event!'



For more information on the event please visit www.daffirose.com/jq54artforall or contact Claire directly on 07951 491 941 or email Claire@daffirose.com

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Secret Chepstow, Louise Wyatt

Chepstow's location by a crossing of the River Wye, close to the Severn estuary has meant that the Monmouthshire town has always occupied a strategically important position. A Norman castle still stands above the town and until the 1960s the road bridge across the river was a major routeway between Wales and England, as was Brunel's Chepstow railway bridge across the Wye.

Secret Chepstow explores the history of the town from its early history as an Iron Age and Welsh settlement on the border with the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Mercia, through the Norman invasion of the Welsh Marches and the construction of the castle, to the present day, revealing unusual stories, tucked away historical buildings and remarkable characters along the way. The castle, with its stone Great Tower still stands, extended in the 12th century by William Marshal, but there is also an abandoned mediaeval village by the town with the ruins of its church, and the town was also linked to nearby Tintern Abbey, which became a popular picturesque tourist destination in the 18th century. Chepstow's location on the River Wye has shaped its history; the Old Wye Bridge was the lowest crossing point of the river until the Severn Bridge was built. Its importance as a port is also revealed, as a centre for the wine and salmon trade as well as shipbuilding, and the author also investigates everyday life in the town, including its workhouse.

Secret Chepstow explores the less well-known episodes and characters in the history of the town through the centuries. With tales of remarkable characters, unusual events and tucked-away buildings, it will appeal to all those with an interest in local history. The book is priced at £14.99



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Penny Latham, NatWest Community Banker for Lydney, Chepstow and Chipping Sodbury will host events across the community to educate customers on being financially fit, living in a digital world and preventing fraud.

NatWest has introduced this role in response to the changing ways our customers bank with us. Community Bankers work in local communities recently affected by branch closures. As part of their role, they provide customers with personal assistance in accessing the right banking options for their needs across a range of channels.

NatWest Community Banker Penny Latham will be available to meet customers at the following locations and times:

- **Lydney Library on Mondays 10am-12.30pm**
- **Chepstow Library Tuesday 1pm – 3.00pm**

Commenting Penny said: "I'm looking forward to hosting these new events to help educate customers on being financially fit, training them on the different ways to bank in a digital world and how they can protect themselves from fraudsters. Holding events such as these around Chepstow, Lydney and Chipping Sodbury is a great way for me to develop and maintain a strong relationship with our local customers, helping to ensure that NatWest remains an important part of our communities."

As part of their role, NatWest Community Bankers:

- Host regular events across the community to educate customers on being financially fit, living in the digital world and preventing fraud.
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Ways to Peace is being produced by Tintern Festivals Association as a contribution to the United Nations' International Day of Peace. The aim is of the festival to encourage ideals of peace within and amongst all nations and peoples.

The festival will coincide with Cadw's Heritage Open Doors weekend, so visitors will have the opportunity to connect with peace in a variety of talks, dance, poetry, drumming, and meditation workshops. Dance workshops on the Saturday will be lead by Cardiff's own Rubicon dance company, and they will be performing two unique dance pieces – all for free!

The opening concert, The Spirit of Peace, on Friday, September 21st, will feature keynote speakers of outstanding international repute: Indian activist and former Jain monk Satish Kumar and peace builder and Nicaraguan advocate of human rights, Bianca Jagger.

The talks will be followed by Eisteddfod winners, Côr Caerdydd, singing excerpts from Sir Karl Jenkins' The Peacemakers and Armed Man, a Mass for Peace. A torch-lit Buddhist meditation led by Andy Wistreich in the nave of the Abbey will conclude the evening. **Ticketed event. (Ticketed event £12, £10 concs.)**

Connecting with Peace on Saturday, September 22nd 11am-4pm, there will be a rich variety of activities & events including 'Peace as a Way of Life' with Satish Kumar, 'Harmony in the Wheel of Time' with Andy Wistreich, Djabot African drumming group, Buddhist meditation led by Ven. Chjoe Lama Rabsang, Japanese tea ceremony and flower arranging, Tales of the World with Cardiff storyteller Richard Berry, Earth mandala creation with Fiona Frank, Parva Strings Quartet, young and old Poets and Philosophers for Peace, to experience and celebrate the many ways to inner and outer peace, and harmony with Nature, in a world of continuing conflict.

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The Saturday night concert, Working for Peace, features Renewal Gospel Choir, the UK's leading Green poet Martin Kiszko, and kora player Mamadou Cissokho. The headlining speakers will be: Dr. Scilla Ellworthy, author and founder of Peace Direct, and Robert Harrap of Soka Gakkai International. **Ticketed event. (Ticketed event £12, £10 concs.)**

Everyone is welcome and warmly encouraged to attend this very special WAYS to PEACE event!

For the latest updates, follow Ways to Peace on Twitter (@waystopeace2018), and like our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/tinternfestival/>). There is also crowdfunding page (<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/ways-to-peace-festival>) to raise money to rent a stage to support the festival's wonderful performers. All donations will contribute towards making this event as special as possible.

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Frequent wine tasting events are also offered giving locals the possibility of discovering new grape varieties and flavours from across the world. Keep an eye on the Tell Me Wine facebook page for news of forthcoming events.



To celebrate their first anniversary, Chris and Fabien are inviting locals to a special open evening on Thursday 27th September from 5pm-8pm. Drop in and say hello and enjoy a free glass of wine with some appetizers, or sample various Gins from Eccentric Gin - Tell Me Wine is the exclusive supplier of this Welsh-made Gin in Chepstow. Please pop in and say Hello!!



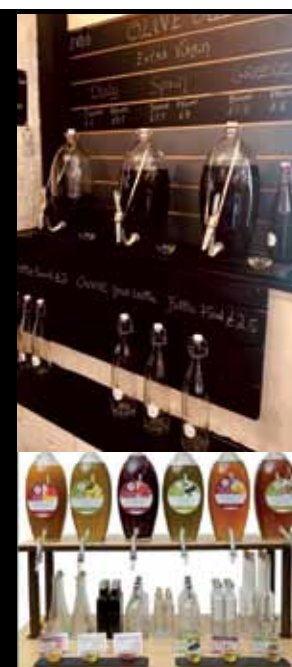
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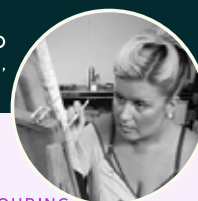
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Armistice Centenary - Monmouthshire Remembers

School children across Monmouthshire who are part of the world's largest youth organisation, are commemorating the centenary of the end of WW1.

Across the county, 811 youth members of the Scouting association from 6 year old beavers to 18 year old explorers and 206 uniformed adult leaders have taken part in various activities throughout the summer months.

Every uniformed member of the Monmouthshire district has created by hand, a ceramic poppy, with each representing a Monmouthshire resident who has lost their life in conflict over the past 100 years. Each poppy is stamped with the name of a fallen serviceman and the date they fell and will act as a symbolic piece used to demonstrate the human cost of war.

Following local Remembrance services, there shall be a district scout event held on 18th November at Raglan Castle, where these poppies shall be a poignant focus. They shall remain in circulation at significant venues throughout the year until Remembrance day next year, when it is hoped they will be on public display somewhere in Cardiff.

A chance encounter with **HRH the Prince of Wales and HRH the Duchess of Cornwall** at the start of July, gave members of Monmouthshire Scouting the opportunity to showcase their proposal to create 1200 ceramic poppies. The Royal couple were so impressed with the scale of the project that they too insisted in getting their hands dirty and moulded the clay to perfection, even endorsing the base of their poppy with an HRH approval. The Royal poppy shall be included in those placed at Raglan Castle on 18th November.

For the younger members of the association the two World Wars are studied in history lessons, yet many have personal family connections with present day service personnel, some of whom have



lost their lives in conflicts since the Great War.

The Scouting association has a long standing connection to the British services, with their founder Robert Baden-Powell holding the rank of Major-General in the British army.

Baden-Powell served in India and Africa between 1876-1910 and amongst other decorations for service, was invested as a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB), which is the fourth most senior of the British Orders of Chivalry.

At the age of fifty seven, Baden-Powell put himself at the disposal of the war office at the outbreak of WWI in 1914, but he was not given a command. There are thought to be rumours that this was due to Lord Kitchener saying at the time that **"he could lay his hand on several competent divisional generals, but could not find anyone who could carry on the invaluable work of the Boy Scouts."**

It is hoped that the sacrifice and human cost of conflict and war is made a present and personal reality by undertaking these commemorative events, which will remain in the hearts of generations to come.



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The Pre-School itself is a registered charity which means that we rely on fundraising activities and grants to enable us to upgrade our facilities and equipment. Currently we are trying to update our décor and also our wider equipment by purchasing an Interactive Whiteboard which will make a huge difference to how the children see the wider world.

If you've visited either Tesco in Chepstow recently then you might have noticed that we are fundraising for this by their bags of help initiative and so if you can, please do vote for us until 31st August.

If you'd like to find out more or have any questions then please don't hesitate to email us on tutshillpreschool@talktalk.net or message our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/tutshillpreschool as we will be closed for the summer and may not pick up phone messages over this time.



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Our Nursery offers children a seamless education into Reception where our small friendly classes and family approach to education provides bespoke learning for every child. As an independent school, pupils stay until aged 13 (Year 8) where we work closely with them and their parents to identify the best next step for them. We have an enviable success rate in delivering entry into their first choice senior schools with many being awarded scholarships in Academia, Sport, Music, Drama and Design Technology.

Outdoor activities are a key part of our curriculum, ensuring all pupils have regular access to our dedicated sports pitches, cross country trails and our national standard all-weather pitch. Our children begin weekly swimming lessons in Nursery in our onsite 25m indoor heated swimming pool.

Located just 4 miles from the Old Severn crossing and with a daily school minibus service from Chepstow, the school and nursery also offer extended hours and wrap-around care so children can join us for breakfast at 7:45am and supper at 6:30pm should you wish.

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Washingpool Hill Road, Tockington, BS32 4NY www.tockingtonmanorschool.com



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The Chepstow Show, organised by the Chepstow Agricultural Society, took place on Saturday 11th August at Chepstow Racecourse. The weather was not on its best behaviour but luckily most of the competitive horse, dog and livestock events had completed before the rain came in.

Chepstow Matters was pleased to participate in the equine competitions and enjoy a family day out, as well as being one of the sponsors of this year's Dog Show organised by Perfect Pet Services and judged by Richard Morris, Kennel Club Judge.



Little Acorns Playgroup

Little Acorns Playgroup @The Burnt Barn Club, Bulwark is a Pre-school Playgroup providing a fun and educational start to life in a friendly and stimulating environment, encouraging the development of social and communication skills through fantastic play opportunities. Children start from age 2 to pre-school, we are Social Services inspected and members of the WPPA (Wales Pre-School & Playgroup Association)

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 acornplaygroup@aol.com, phone 07904 212135, or visit the website www.littleacornplaygroup.co.uk



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Kestrel Gymnastics Recreational gymnasts put on their best performance in this year's Club Championships. Gymnasts aged from 4 yrs onwards had to perform two Tumbles and two Vaults for the Judges. All enjoyed the competition with a full house of proud parents and friends.

The Club also had two gymnasts in the British Tumbling NDP Finals which took place at the Motorpoint Arena in Nottingham. Competing in the 13 yrs plus section, executing three tumble runs, Finley Stenner in NDP Level 2, had an excellent day in his first British Finals taking the Bronze Medal, Joseph Dunster competing NDP Level 3, did his utmost best, finishing in 6th place.

Both Finley and Joseph should be very proud of themselves having qualified through the Welsh Championships and British Semi-Finals to then be ranked in the top six at the British Finals.

The Club is enrolling new members to start September -
kestrelgymclub@live.co.uk



Kestrel Gymnastics Club

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Are you interested in learning to speak in front of others with more confidence?

Or in developing your existing public speaking skills?

For many people the thought of speaking in public is a truly terrifying prospect, so many never make the attempt because they feel too daunted.

Yet with the opportunity to practice in a supportive, encouraging environment anybody can learn to speak confidently and eloquently.

On Wednesday 26th September a new club will open its doors in Chepstow: WHY KNOT SPEAKERS

The aim of the club is to help people feel confident and positive about speaking in front of other people and, for those who have learnt to speak in public, to assist in developing and improving their speaking skills.

The launch meeting of the new club will be held at Greenman Backpackers, Beaufort Square, Chepstow at 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. start.

Everybody is welcome and invited to attend and we hope to see as many people as possible.

The meeting will be run by experienced speakers who are members of other clubs and will bring their enthusiasm and knowhow to Chepstow to assist others.

There will be no obligation on anybody attending to speak (unless they want to!) so please come along to watch, listen and see what you think. The meetings are held in a very friendly atmosphere and are as encouraging and supportive as possible.

At speakers clubs we deliver prepared speeches, impromptu speeches and also carry out constructive and supportive evaluations.

WYE KNOT SPEAKERS is part of the Toastmasters organisation which has hundreds of clubs throughout Britain and the world. The organisation is an acknowledged source of excellence for those who wish to develop public speaking skills.

There will be an opportunity to hear from experienced members about how much they have enjoyed and benefited from their involvement and how the club will operate to the benefit of the people of Chepstow and its localities.

For those of you who have not been to Greenman Backpackers you will be amazed at how fantastic the venue is, there is free car parking in Chepstow main car park at the rear of the Backpackers and after the meeting there will be an opportunity to go downstairs to the bar to socialise and meet new people, make friends and talk to experienced members.

Meetings are always interesting, fun and entertaining and we promise you an enjoyable evening.

So, come along and see the club in action, let us know what you think and hopefully you will be inspired to join!

If you would like further information please call Stephen Dance on 01291 620819.



The Benefits of Taking Advice and Assessing Your Risk Profile

Many people make their first foray into investment on a DIY basis, perhaps based on advice from a friend, or after reading a report in the media. Over the years they may save in ISAs, or take out a personal pension plan, or dabble with investments without really having an overall investment strategy in mind.

However, when it comes to planning and investing for the future, perhaps for retirement, or to fulfil a life's ambition, getting financial advice can make a significant difference.

Having clear goals and assessing your attitude to risk

You really need to spend time considering what you want your money to achieve for you in the short, medium and longer term. This will provide you with an effective roadmap for your financial future. We can help you focus your mind to determine clear financial goals, helping you devise a realistic, achievable plan to turn them into a reality.

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Wednesday 26 September 2018

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7.30pm Chepstow Leisure Centre

All Welcome Visitors £4

Chepstow Museum's Art History Course
Autumn 2018

An Explosion in Art: Modernism in the 20th Century

The Drill Hall, Chepstow, Mondays 2-4pm, from 24th September 2018
(Half Term October 29)

From the Cubism of Picasso to the explosive paintings of Jackson Pollock, explore how art changed in the first half of the twentieth century. Get to grips with all the 'isms', from the 'wild beast' colour of Fauvism to the madness of Surrealism, as this course looks at why and how art changed. As well as paintings, this series of classes will examine the radical new buildings of architects such as Le Corbusier and Walter Gropius, which altered for ever our built environment.

Exploring this fascinating moment of change, we look at the roots of developments in art, and the ideas which inspired them.

These ten art appreciation classes are taught by popular local lecturer Eleanor Bird, and involve no homework – just come with a thirst to understand and enjoy a chance to challenge your preconceptions. Spend a few hours on a Monday afternoon looking at inspiring art and architecture and finding out more about it, a chance to learn for enjoyment.

If you aren't sure whether art history is for you, we are offering the first talk, on Monday 24th September as a "taster" session for £10 – to book a place for this or on the whole course contact

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Saturday 29th September 10am

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Tuesday 23rd October 7.30pm

The Lost Village of Trellech

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Sunday 11th November 10.45am

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Tuesday 27th November 7.30pm

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Local Clubs, Groups & Community Organisations in and around Chepstow

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!

CHEPSTOW COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Chepstow Castle Bridge Street, Chepstow, NP16 5EZ 01291 624065

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.

Sedbury Space, 11 King Alfred's Rd, Sedbury NP16 7AG, info@sedburyspace.org.uk, 01291 626158, community activities & rooms for hire

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Vauxhall Surgery Vauxhall Lane, Chepstow, NP16 5PZ 01291 636100

Police Station 14 Moor Street, Chepstow NP16 5XW 01633 838111

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.

Care Support: Joy's Gift Shop, Bulwark. Free Activity Sessions for people with Alzheimers \ Dementia Related Illness. Phone Toni to book a place on 01291 629392

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 Elvin Hart on 01291 620438 or 07956 891 234.

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

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 tmoran@btinternet.com.

Royal Naval Association Chepstow Branch meets at the Conservative Club, Moor 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

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
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<http://www.chepstowparish.co.uk/>

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

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Lion President Brian Prout received the cheque from Caishna Baum Community Champion in Waitrose Caldicot, and thanked the store for their continued support.

At the end of the summer term Lion President Brian was delighted to present to Wye Dean School, ten new I-Pads to assist with the work in the computer class. Each of the I-Pads had the Chepstow and Caldicot Lion badge attached to endorse the clubs commitment to the youth of the district.



At the latest Club meeting, Zone Chairman Lion Glyn Williams was delighted to present to President Lion Brian a silver key in recognition of his work in recruiting members to the club.

The Club is actively seeking new members and volunteers to help them with their work in the community. If you feel you could spare a few hours of your time why not give the Lions a try, if you are interested please ring 0845 833 9565 for more details.



Last, but not least August saw the club at the Chepstow Agricultural Show, controlling the entrance gates, supervising the car parking and general duties around the ground.

On a very damp and dismal day, the Club managed to raise over £600 on the Annual Raffle, and again this money will be put to good use in the community.

Great fun was had at the Pig Racing table and the game raised £70 on the day, the Club would also like to thank the cadets of Caldicot Air Training Corps for their help during the day as they did a great job, especially with the car parking.



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