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Dear Readers...

October already and, as I write this, we have seen a definite drop in temperature and the nights are already drawing in. Only a few weeks now and the clocks will go back and the Christmas trimmings will start to appear!!

We have another jam packed issue for you this month and look forward to fireworks, Remembrance and more. We look back at another successful Castell Roc festival, Devauden's recent Scarecrow Trail and a positive fundraising story from Tidenham Church. There are plenty of activities to join in with this month, including the annual Chepstow Apple Day and the start of the jump season at Chepstow Racecourse. We also share upcoming dramatics from a 'Bunch of Amateurs' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

We bring you a Focus On on some of our local independent traders to be found in the St Mary's Arcade. Pop down and see for yourself what they have to offer, and make a note to join them on their special Christmas late night opening next month (see page 19-21 for more information).

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Review of Castell Roc Fest

Over the summer, Chepstow Castle entertained in excess of 13,000 people with its incredible Castell Roc shows, with a healthy percentage travelling large distances to see 'the stars performing under the stars'. The festival attracted people from all over the world, with ticket sales to Australia, USA, Canada, Finland and across Europe. No mean feat for the Team of Organisers from the local community.

A massive variety of performances, over three weekends, kicked off with some verve with the brilliant *Monsters Of Roc*, with fans revelling in a night featuring the music of *Whitesnake*, *Guns'n'Roses* and *Led Zeppelin*. The following night saw the masses delighted by *Philippa Hannah*, followed by the incredible *Alabama3*. Night three was an extraordinary evening to remember as *Dr Hook* starring *Dennis Locorriere*, took to the stage. The first weekend was topped off with an astounding show with *King King* and *Buck & Evans* wowing the fans.

Weekend two started in style when the brilliantly uplifting *Magic of Motown* show rolled in to town, swiftly followed by a sold out show featuring the King & Queen of British Country Music, *The Shires*. Next up was an astonishing show performed by *Leo Sayer*, effortlessly proving why he is a Grammy Award winning artist. Rounding off week two was a blast with two tributes in one show – *Michael Jackson* and *Prince*.

The final week stunned the crowds with a top night of reggae with *The Dualers*, followed by a huge party night full of dancing provided by BBC Funk & Soul DJ *Craig Charles*. A wonderful, enchanting evening was loved by all that attended *FastLove* – tribute to George Michael, and finally the totally free *Community Bash* kept hundreds of local people happy all day both inside and outside the Castle.

The team behind the Festival (led by Carol, owner of Hannah's Music) deserve a medal for not only being able to attract shows of this calibre for locals to enjoy, but also for what this festival brings to the town in terms of both general interest and revenue. Many businesses report this as the best three weekends of the year. Castell Roc uses many local suppliers, as well as providing the 'free' show for our local community. The Festival also helped to raise £1,136 for Chepstow Mencap. All we can say is 'Roll on 2019!'.



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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.

The launch is on Friday 26th October at 12 noon.

To find out more, go to www.womenmeanbiz.co.uk or call 01934 835396



Chepstow Apple Day, 28th October 11.30-4.30 at the Drill Hall

Chepstow's Apple Day will this year be held on Sunday 28th October. This will be the tenth Apple Day event organised by Chepstow Town Council and Transition Chepstow in celebration of all things apple-related.

There will be cider, apples and juice on sale, alongside apple pastries and preserves, as well as light lunches and refreshments. There will be a range of activities for adults and children, including the ever-popular Longest Apple Peel competition, children's craft and art, face painting and more. Have a go at guessing the number of apples in the basket, or the weight of the pumpkin, or writing your very own apple limerick. Entertainment will be provided by local singing groups and the Widders dancers.

One of the highlights of the day is always the Apple Cookery Competition, which this year will be judged by Anthony Barnes, Executive Chef at the Marriott St Pierre. Mr Barnes will be looking for apple dishes, sweet or savoury, which look appealing, have a great flavour and have a distinctive story to tell. There are prizes of up to £50, so get out your favourite recipe! **We are also collecting apple recipes with a view to publishing a book next year, so do share yours by emailing it to appleday@transitionchepstow.org.uk.**

If you have inherited a mystery apple tree and would like to know what variety it is, Apple Day gives you the chance to find out. The Marcher Apple Identification team will be there, so bring along three apples, if possible with the leaves still attached. And if you would like to make your own juice or cider, bring along your apples for pressing. Don't forget to bring along a container for the juice too! If you fancy having a go at making cider for the first time, there will be experts on hand to talk to.

For the first time this year, the activities will be spilling out into one of the nearby community orchards, with traditional activities such as apple bobbing and a chance to talk about winter pruning. Chepstow has 12 of these community mini-orchards, initiated by Chepstow Town Council and maintained by Transition Chepstow.

Anyone is welcome to pick the apples in the community orchards, which also provide a haven for wildlife. They are now linked by the Orchard

and Wildlife Trail – a walk of up to 6 miles taking in lovely views and parts of the Wales Coast Path. Find out more at www.chepstow.co.uk/Chepstow-Town-Council/Orchard_and_Wildlife_Trail_11239.aspx or

come and see the Orchards display at Apple Day. Transition Chepstow welcomes volunteers who can help with orchard maintenance – no special skills or experience are needed as training will be provided.



Apple Cookery Competition entries (£1 per entry) need to be submitted between 11 and 11.30. Entry forms can be obtained from Chepstow Museum or downloaded from www.transitionchepstow.org.uk

A full programme for the day will be available on www.transitionchepstow.org.uk

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Local amateur dramatic group Cast Adrift has been entertaining audiences since 2013 with a mix of murder mysteries and one-act comedies.

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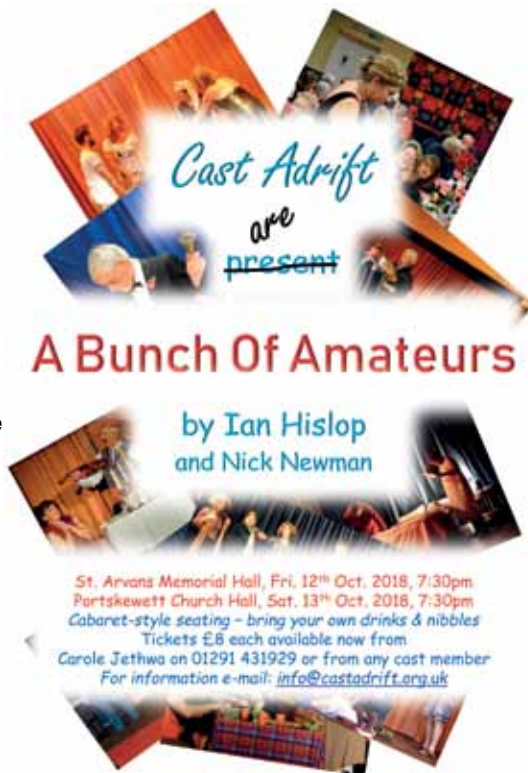
This is an hilarious play about a fading Hollywood star who accepts an invitation to perform King Lear at Stratford – just not that Stratford!

As you might expect from a writing team with credits ranging from Punch and Private Eye to Spitting Image and Have I Got News for You, the dialogue is packed with humour and wry observation of human nature.

Rehearsals are well under way, with the cast determined to prove that a real bunch of amateurs can mix it with the professionals.

Tickets are now on sale for performances at St. Arvans Memorial Hall on Friday 12th October and at Portskewett Church Hall on Saturday 13th October.

Please call Carole Jethwa on 01291 431929 or e-mail info@castadrift.org.uk for further details or to reserve tickets.



NatWest Community Banker Penny Latham hosts drop-in sessions to keep customers financially fit

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.

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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."

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The Sherman Theatre are bringing their winter show specially written and designed for young children aged 3-7 years to Chepstow, with an adaptation of the classic fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood. Their beautiful productions, which are full of music and song, are usually only available in Chepstow for schools, nurseries and playgroups. But this year, Chepstow Museum, which hosts their visits, has organised a special performance, a matinee on **Saturday November 17th at 3pm**, so that more parents, grandparents, families and friends have the opportunity to experience some of the magic of the Sherman's delightful shows with their young children.



From the original story by the Brothers Grimm, the Sherman team has created a new version full of charm, songs and fun, the perfect treat for children aged 3 – 7 and their families.

The Sherman's productions for the very young are also ideal introductions to theatre. They are intimate and interactive, performed in the round with children close to the action, and are written for their audience age group, in a style and at a length that's really appropriate. In the relaxed and informal setting of the Drill Hall, Chepstow it's also great to bring this professional production to the locality so that it's easy to access.

Nurseries, pre-schools, school reception classes, playgroups and mothers and toddlers groups are welcome to book places on the weekday performances on Friday 16th November at 1.30pm, and Thursday 29th November at 11am. There is also a performance in Welsh on Thursday 29th November at 1.30pm. Please contact Chepstow Museum to book as soon as possible (01291 625981)

Tickets are also available for families who find these dates more convenient, and there are a very few places left on Friday 16 November at 11am.

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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 over the summer. 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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There will again be live music from a Blues Brothers tribute band, The Brothers Blue and Kre8tive Kids, and this year they will be joined by the Velha Bataria Samba band, Sarah's Sidekicks line dancers and choirs and community music groups from the local area.

In a break from tradition the event will be held on Sunday, 4 November, but will stay at Chepstow School.

The main family firework show will not disappoint with plenty of 'ooooos' and 'aaahhs' on the cards. 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 with 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. Glow sticks, and other flashing and spinning toys can also be purchased to entertain kids of all ages! There will also be glitter tattoos and festive stalls from local community groups.

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.

The event could not go ahead without the generous support of local business. This year's sponsors include Bethany Nursing Home, Hicks Logistics Ltd and Lincat Catering Equipment.

Chepstow and District Round Table Chairman, Simon Hicks, said: "This is one of our big events of the year and again it will be free to enter this year. The last few years have been so successful that we have decided to expand into the afternoon to make it a fun day for all of the family.

"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."

For more information about Round Table and this year's firework bonanza, search Chepstow Round Table online or on Facebook.

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The St Arvan's & Devauden scarecrow trail this year ran for an entire week from 9th Sept, enabling people more time to vote for their favourite scarecrow in each location.

The annual event now in it's second year, concluded with a social gathering on Sunday 16th September at Devauden village hall, where people were entertained by a terrific local band, Stolen Aces. I don't expect Lenny Kravitz has experienced children flossing to "Are you gonna go my way?" before!!!

The winning scarecrow design was announced as being The Snake, in St Arvans and The Scarecrow's Wedding, which was appropriately positioned outside the chapel in Devauden.

Each village raised £158, with St Arvans adding this to their funds already raised for St Arvan's King George V playground. Devauden will put their share towards the numerous community events that they put on throughout the year.

Thank you to Heidi for sending us the above report and photos - we think they are just fantastic!!

Chepstow School Open Evening Wednesday 3rd October 2018

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After outstanding GCSE and A 'Level results, which saw Chepstow School as the top performing school in the local area, we would love to welcome you to visit us.

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Chepstow School students are celebrating exceptional A-level results again this year. Our students continue to excel at the top grades, with 32% achieving A*-A. 13% of our students achieved 3 or more A*-A grades. Our A*-B% was an impressive 52%.

Take time to look around and meet the team. We are holding our Open evening for Year 6 students from 6pm on Wednesday 3rd October, commencing in the Arts Hall and followed by a tour around the school. We will introduce you to the subjects on offer, the extra-curricular activities and the clubs you can join throughout your time with us. It is an opportunity to ask questions and meet the team here at Chepstow School.



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"The school has something very special and it is fabulous to see our children thrive. You really have to see the school for yourself - our next official Open Morning is on Saturday 13th October but my door really is always open should you wish to arrange a visit. I would be delighted to welcome you to our school."

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Summer Success for Tidenham Parish Church

As the summer drew to a close, a unique event took place in Tidenham - the church car park was blessed by Bishop Robert from Tewkesbury. It was a short, but fitting, conclusion to all of the hard work by the Friends and the community in creating a car park. It was followed by a short celebration with Prosecco and light refreshments thanking all involved - not least the workers, builders, volunteers and Friends who have overseen this development. Along with the many volunteers, generous donors and fundraising efforts, the necessary £70,000 was raised to fund this first stage of the planned major refurbishment of the historic Parish Church.

This was an essential first step of a much larger project to make the church fit for the next generation and enable it to be used more widely for community activities. This phase will include roof repairs, improvements to the heating and lighting, providing wheelchair access, and putting in facilities such as a kitchen and toilets. It will also give space for a parish office. Applications for Grants for this phase could only be submitted following completion of the car park - so the £70,000 above was raised entirely by the fundraising activities organised by the Friends of Tidenham Church - Summer Flower and Christmas Tree Festivals, concerts, Art Show, Quiz Nights, drama productions, bequests, donations - a truly magnificent achievement since 2014.

The Summer Flower Festival in July commemorated the conclusion of World War One in 1918. The Church was magnificently decorated inside and out, with 25 floral displays each depicting an aspect of the 1914-1918 period - along with hundreds of knitted and crocheted poppies done by the community which decorated the inside and exterior of the Church at the Lych Gate, lower gate, Porch and pathways. A superb theatre production, "No Young Men" by Go2Theatre was performed for 2 evenings during the Festival, and made deep impressions on everyone who attended. The small group made stunning use of the building and the production was written and produced by group members.

Tidenham Church now looks forward to the Christmas Tree Festival, dates/viewing times will be announced in shortly!



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Small and independent businesses (Chepstow Matters included!) are at the heart of our local communities and, when you support local businesses, you are also supporting friends and neighbours.

'Shopping local' also provides a much more independent shopping experience. Local business owners provide a much better quality of service because they are passionate about what they do, and they really care about their customer's satisfaction. Our local high street hosts some amazingly diverse and quirky little shops in which you will find 'where did you get that' jewellery as well as all the other fun products you just can't find anywhere else.

Just off the cobbled street of St Mary's at the lower end of the High Street is the attractive pedestrianised area of St Mary's Arcade. Chepstow Matters was delighted to meet and chat to the owners of some of the local independent businesses that can be found here.

Entering St Mary's Arcade along the internal walkway from St Mary's Street (top photo), you will find Nails Plus Beauty situated in Units 1 and 2. Established in 1999, this small, friendly and welcoming salon is open most evenings and Saturdays for all your basic beauty needs. They often have special offers and packages available so it is definitely worth popping in to see them.

As the corridor opens out into the courtyard of St Mary's Arcade, Sparkle is the latest independent trader to open in unit 3A. The new outlet is a dream come true for owner, Carys, who is very



excited to have opened her store at the start of September. With a wide range on offer including home accessories, gifts, personalised items, dog accessories and hand-painted cards amongst others, there are plenty of reasons to pop into Sparkle and have a browse! Personalised children's backpacks and matching lunch bags are already proving really popular, with Carys commenting that unicorn and flamingo themed goods are as popular with the adults as the children!

Next door to Sparkle is contemporary hairdressing salon, Pierrette's. I was pleased to meet with Pierrette, a lovely lady who I learned originally trained in Paris before moving to Chepstow nearly 30 years ago.

Pierrette's now boasts a team of experts who are great with people as well as with hair, catering for all the family, from classic cuts to the latest in styling trends in a relaxing and welcoming environment. If you're over 60 it's worth visiting on a Monday or a Wednesday as you'll qualify for a discount!



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Another long-time resident of St Mary's Arcade is neighbouring store Manor Carpets & Flooring. Established in 1986, they have been supplying quality carpets to local residents for over 30 years! Manor Carpets also offer alternative flooring types such as luxury vinyl tiles or cushion sheet vinyl, as well as contact flooring for commercial and business premises. Their reputation has been built on offering professional, honest advice along with flexible appointments.

On the opposite side of the Courtyard P Badman & Co Ltd has been in St Mary's Arcade for over 30 years. A family business, the shop is now owned and run by Michael Badman. Ideal for treating the special lady (or gentlemen) in your life, P Badman offers a range of fine Jewellery including the range of Welsh Gold from Clogau. P Badman also offers watch and clock repairs.

Now at No 7 St Mary's Arcade, delicious Château Bonbon recently celebrated its first anniversary by moving across the street into new premises! Perfect for sweet treats and gifts, I loved the idea of the 'Sweet Cakes' and can thoroughly recommend the Salted Caramel Fudge which is just one of the flavours that owner Wendy handmakes herself - I will definitely be back for more!

Silk Road Bazaar is another business in St Mary's Arcade celebrating its first anniversary this autumn. Owned by mother and daughter team Maria and Jenny, Silk Road Bazaar offers handcrafted semi-precious jewellery and gorgeous, unusual knitwear and accessories. They also offer a repair and reinvention service for your broken but much loved jewellery and all

their knitwear in kit forms for those who love making their own things. With embroidered handbags, purses and many other treasures on display, if you need inspiration this Christmas I can certainly recommend a visit!

A corridor just off St Mary's (by Château Bonbon) takes you into Bensons Court where you can find Jealous Nails & Beauty and Lucy Fear Massage Therapy. Jealous Nails offers a variety of services including nails, lashes, waxing, tanning. However, owner Leah tells me that their main business is nails, for which they have a passion! Jealous Nails often runs special offers and likes to treat their loyal clients, which they have worked very hard to build over the last few years. They are generally open from 10am Mon-Sat but can offer early appointments or evenings by request.

Lucy Fear offers a prescriptive multidisciplinary approach to treatment which may include a combination of Manual Therapy, Sports and Medical Massage as well as Myofascial Cupping Therapy and Thai Yoga Massage. **Lucy is offering Readers of Chepstow Matters a 10% discount off any treatments booked between now and Christmas, including the purchase of Gift Vouchers - a great way to treat someone special!**

Last but by no means least is another interesting independent shop. Anne and David have been running Undy Yarn Crafts for 25 years, the last 6 of which has been from number 10 St Mary's Arcade. It is definitely more than just a wool shop! Dedicated to all crafts that involve yarns and fibres including: hand or machine knitting, crochet, spinning, weaving, felting and needle felting, rug making and more, they offer wonderful yarns, fibres, supplies, tools, patterns and books for just about any yarn or fibre craft! You don't have to make everything yourself however - the shop also has some lovely gift ideas including hand woven wraps and scarves and children's items.

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For more information please contact Debra on 01291 629134 or email tutshillpreschool@talktalk.net

You can also find us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/tutshillpreschool



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 acornspaygroup@aol.com, phone 07904 212135, or visit the website www.littleacornspaygroup.co.uk



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Remembrance Commemoration

Sunday 4th November, 3.00pm
at St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow



Chepstow Choral Society is now rehearsing for its autumn season, and a full programme of great music beckons! In addition to our regular 3-concerts per year programme, we are privileged and proud this year to be organising Chepstow's special Remembrance commemorating the centenary of the end of the Great War, World War I, which will take place on Sunday 4th November, 3.00pm at St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow.

At the beginning people said not to worry since it would all be over by Christmas. Thousands of young men flocked to the recruiting offices to join up and the comrades marched off to the front-line smiling. But as the trenches and barbed wire reached out for mile after mile; after the mud of Flanders fields, after the shells exploding around their ears, the pals realised that this was to be a very different war to any experienced previously.

By the time the fighting ceased at 11 o'clock on 11 November 1918 over 700,000 British soldiers had perished while overall casualties totalled some 37 million. The carnage of this war to end all wars had resulted in families throughout the land losing fathers, sons, relatives, neighbours and friends.

For this special commemorative event, the town has assembled the Chepstow Choral Society, the Buglers of 1 Rifles, a solo violinist, Children of Chepstow School and a number of local personalities who will read previously unseen letters from the front line, poems of the time all interspersed with relevant musical pieces by The Choral Society. Standards will be presented. Medals may be worn. This will be both a reflective and uplifting occasion for everyone present, many of whom will wish to remember those who fell or were injured in that war.

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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

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

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www.chepstowchurchestogether.org.uk

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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

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 acornsplaygroup@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

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

Tutshill Baby & Toddler group, Tutshill Memorial Hall, Tuesdays, 9.30-11.15am Glos term times only. Contact Jane Penny 07856 679377



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bluebellisplaygroup@outlook.com

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for ages 3m–4 yrs. 01291 628344 hedgehogs@
deanclosenurseries.co.uk

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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

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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

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(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
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Thornwell Primary and Nursery Unit Thornwell
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thornwellprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Tutshill C of E Primary School, Coleford Rd, Tutshill,
Chepstow NP16 7BJ 01291 622593 admin@tutshillcofe.
gloucs.sch.uk

Ysgol Y Ffin (Welsh medium), Sandy Lane, Caldicot, NP26
4NR 01291 420331 Headteacher: Mr J Hallett

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Chepstow School Ms Claire Price, Headteacher, Welsh
Street, Chepstow, NP16 5LR 01291 635777
www.chepstowschool.net

Mounton House Special School Mr P Absalom, Headteacher
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Wyedean School Robert Ford, Headteacher Beachey Road,
Sedbury NP16 7AA 01291 625340 www.wyedean.gloucs.
sch.uk

SPORTS CLUBS

Archery – St Kingsmark Bowmen www.st-kingsmark.co.uk
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chepstowathleticac.co.uk Tony and Shirley Hardy 01291
622126

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Tues 8-10 Leisure Centre. Miss P Jenkins 01291 624438

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Ponting 07872 532145 secretary@chepstowboatclub.co.uk

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Mike Roy 01291 626137

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Chepstow Darts League contact Rob Murdin - 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 Jamie Clifton (Secretary) email:
jamie.clifton@hotmail.co.uk

Chepstow Mountain Biking www.chepstowmtb.co.uk
chepstowmtb@tiscali.co.uk

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01291 624818 email: chepstowrfc@outlook.com

Chepstow Swimming Club www.swimchepstow.org.uk
information@swimchepstow.co.uk

Chepstow Tennis Club www.chepstowtennisclub.co.uk,
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400957 meet at Chepstow Athletics Club

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Chepstow Athletic Football Club www.clubwebsite.co.uk/
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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

The Great War: Britain's Efforts and Ideals

First World War propaganda prints by celebrated artists of the day go on display at both Chepstow Museum & Abergavenny Museum

As soldiers marched to war in summer 1914, most of them expected to be back home within a few weeks and surely by Christmas. But instead, the fighting continued and intensified over years and the First World War was fought not just by soldiers on battlefields, but also by citizens at home.

"The Great War: Britain's Efforts and Ideals" a striking set of prints, being shown now in exhibitions at Chepstow and Abergavenny Museums in Monmouthshire, was commissioned by the British Government in 1917 as propaganda. After three years of hard fighting and unprecedented loss of life, the images were intended to encourage a war-weary public and raise support for the war effort. They show modern political propaganda in its early stages.

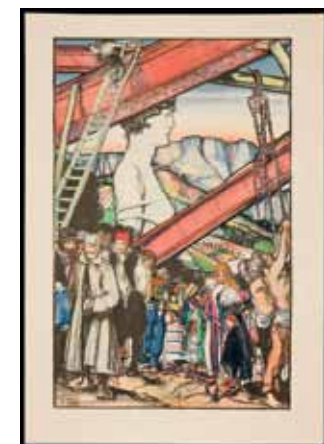
Designed in two sets of portfolios, "Ideals" and "Efforts", the "Ideals" addressed the reasons why Britain was at war and what it aimed to achieve. These images are dramatic and symbolic and use historical and mythological figures to express ideas.

The "Efforts" prints illustrate some of the activities of the war effort. Nine artists were commissioned to produce six prints, each taking on a different theme, such as Making Soldiers, Building Aircraft or Work on the Land.

As images of propaganda, they purposely avoided showing the horrors and atrocities of war, as was typical of the work of the official war artists. The works, by some of the most celebrated artists of the day such as Augustus John and Frank Brangwyn, are very different, reflecting the varying trends in British art at the time. The artists did not have full artistic freedom, they were given their subjects and each image had to pass censorship regulations. The prints were produced as a limited edition of 200 and were first exhibited in London in July 1917. This set of prints was donated to Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales in 1919 by the Ministry of Information.

Now, thanks to partnership with the Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales, they are being shown in two complementary exhibitions so that the collection of over 60 prints can be seen together. At Chepstow Museum, the 'Efforts' prints shown include 'Building Ships' and 'Transport by Sea' as the town was transformed by the establishment of two National Shipyards during the War; and 'Tending the Wounded' as the Museum's home, Gwy House became a Red Cross Hospital for Wounded Soldiers from 1915. Both Museums share the Efforts, 'Making Soldiers' 'Making Sailors' and 'Women's Works' as well as the large and impressive "Ideals" series of prints.

The exhibitions run until 6th January 2019 so there's plenty of time to see the whole collection. Both museums are open daily 11am-4pm (Abergavenny Museum is closed on Wednesdays) and admission is FREE.



Above Prints:
The Gun
Over the Top
Ideals The Restoration of Serbia

Chepstow Walkers are Welcome

Saturday 27th October Tenovus Light up the Night Charity Walk
Meet 3.30 pm Redbrook Football Car park

approx 2.5 miles south of Monmouth and 14 miles north of Chepstow on the A466 Wye Valley Road.
 NP25 4LR (£1 car park fee)

Gather your friends and join Chepstow Walkers are Welcome for a 4 mile walk around Redbrook and the forgotten valley to raise money for the Light Up the Darkness campaign for Tenovus Cancer Care. Deck yourself in led battery lights, tinsel & sparkle! Wear something warm and bring a torch as back up. Please see www.walksinchepstow.co.uk for more information regarding donations or email: chepstowwaw@hotmail.co.uk



Sunday 25th November Starlings over the Severn.
Meet 2.30 pm at the RSPB Cafe Newport Wetlands
Centre Nash Road NP18 2B

Join Chepstow Walkers are Welcome for our annual Starlings over the Severn Walk and hopefully see the murmuration as we have done in previous years. Approx 4 miles. Advisable to bring a torch.

For more information visit www.walksinchepstow.co.uk or email: chepstowwaw@hotmail.co.uk

Chepstow Choral Society welcomes new members!

The past 2 years have seen an increase in membership, which is enabling us to present programmes that are challenging as well as enjoyable and varied. We welcome new members from all voice parts, especially joining our friendly tenor and bass sections, and there's always room for more sopranos and altos. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evenings, 7.30 – 9.30pm, at Chepstow School. If you would like to come along and sing – you will NOT have to face an audition and previous choral experience is not essential – please call Marjorie Duerden (Asst Mus. Director, CCS) on 01291 623310 for further information about singing membership and what is involved.

We would love to hear from you! Come along, meet new friends and receive a warm welcome – CCS is your local choral Society, please help us to keep it thriving and active as we enter our 40th year!

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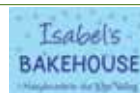
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The Lion's have a New Den

Chepstow and Caldicot Lions are moving to Mountain Brook Lodge, at the bottom of Pwllmeyric Hill. Our picture shows Lion President Brian being welcomed by Charlotte Hayes, the owner of this spectacular wedding and events venue. The Club will meet here once a month, on the first Wednesday, and like many other clubs we are looking for new members.

If you are interested in putting something back into the community as a Lion, then please contact Nigel Gibby on 01600 869151.

It's Just Not Cricket

Recently, the Club was pleased to assist in the purchase of a defibrillator to the Caldicot Cricket Club. Sited on the outside wall near the front entrance of the Cricket Club, where it can be accessed by members of the general public.

Left to right: Treasurer David Cutts, Chairman Clive Cullinane, Denny Wallace, Cricket Chairman Matthew Spencer, Lion President Brian Prout, Molly Curtis and Lion Director Ray Nash



News from the Lions Den...

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Forest School, Dell Primary

The Dell Primary School is introducing a number of initiatives which are designed to encourage the pupils to develop outdoor learning skills. At the "Forest School", which is situated within the school grounds, the children will take part in engaging and motivating activities in all weather. Responding to a request from the "Forest School" leaders, the Club has provided 10 protective rainwater suits so that work can go on whatever Mother Nature throws at the pupils.

Our pictures show Lion President Brian, talking to the children who were keen to show off their new clothes.



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