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### Dear Readers

Welcome to the December issue - is everyone feeling Festive yet?



This festive edition of your community magazine is iam packed with details of all the local Christmas fairs, concerts, carol and church services that we had received details of at time of going to print. It also contains plenty of Christmas present ideas to fulfil your shopping needs - Keep it Local and support our local businesses where you can.

Thank you to all the local businesses who have supported us over the last 12 months - you make this magazine possible! We would love to hear from more local businesses interested in joining us. We also welcome input from local clubs and groups with news to celebrate, or just updates on what you are up to locally - do get in touch with me.

Wishing you all a fantastic Christmas and New Year!

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It's not everyone who would like a visit from their friendly Funeral Director on their 100th birthday but Winnie James from Usk is the exception!

Popular Winnie, who once owned the Helmaen Club, became very fond of local Funeral Director Martin Watts after he conducted the funeral of Winnie's late son Tony, who sadly passed away earlier this year.

Winnie commented, 'everyone mentioned the respect and dignity with which my dear son's funeral was carried out. I

was so grateful to Martin of Ian Watts & Son Funeral Directors and I repeatedly asked him to visit me on my special birthday.' Winnie added, 'I particularly like Martin Watts in his top hat!'

Martin said, 'We are honoured to know Winnie and her family, who are very special people. We enjoyed cake and tea on her birthday. Winnie is an amazing lady, and has a great sense of humour. She has

great memories of having met Tom Jones, Shirley Bassey and many more stars whilst she owned the Helmaen Club many years ago. She was also a wonderful dancer.'





# **Christmas Message**

The Revd Philip Averay, Vicar, Parish of Chepstow

It's probably a good thing that I have a real passion for the Bible, given that I am a Vicar and all, but my passion is due to how each time I read it I find some new revelation. As we are heading head long into Christmas, I am re-reading the Christmas stories in the Bible. So what has been revealed anew to me this year?

What has become very real to me this year is the 'vulnerability of God' or even the 'weakness of God'. Those of you familiar with church will be used to hearing about how God is almighty, all knowing, all powerful and how he is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and this is all well and good. But when you read the Bible this is not how God chooses to meet with us. God chooses to empty himself of all his 'god' privileges and to meet with us where we are at, he choses to meet with us as a human, Jesus.



Our God is a god who takes risks on us, and even is willing to change his mind from time to time. The biggest risk God took is found in the Christmas story, a story that over the years we have made all warm and fluffy. But it is a story of risk and uncertainty. God chose not to arrive on earth as a powerful leader, with armies and claims to kingship, but as a helpless, vulnerable baby. Born to an unwed couple, to a people under the subjugation of the mighty Roman empire, in an obscure little town on the edge of that empire. This is not God Almighty, but God vulnerable and weak.

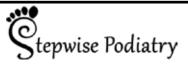
It was risky as Mary could have been stoned to death for having sex outside of marriage, Joseph could have broken off the engagement and left Mary to fend for herself. Later we learn that King Herod sets out to kill Jesus before he even turns two years old. If you were God, is this how you would have done things? This is no warm and fluffy event in the world.

Why might God choose to meet with us, not as the Almighty, but as the all-vulnerable one? Many of us have an image of God which is a mixture of Zeus and Father Christmas, a bearded white man in the sky that keeps a list of what you have done right and wrong and if you are really naughty might send a lightening bolt to fry you. This is not the God we encounter in the Christmas story. Here we encounter a God that meets us where we are at, in our vulnerabilities, our weaknesses, our fears and anxieties. Not a God somewhere out there a long distance away that sometimes is interested in us. No, we have a God

who is found here within us, that loves us beyond our understanding, who walks this life with us each step and mis-step of the way.

In the Christmas story we have a God that is willing to risk everything on you, just to have a relationship with you. So this Christmas I ask you, are you willing to take a risk on God, the all-vulnerable one? If yes, come to one of the many Christmas services, at one of the churches in town (most of which are advertised in this magazine).

Come meet with God this year in Jesus, who is willing to risk all, for you.



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# One poppy for each of the Chepstow fallen

One red poppy each representing one of the men from Chepstow who gave their lives during the first world war are on display in the in the town centre to mark the 100 year anniversary of the end of the first world war.

Each of the 83 poppies will carry the name of one of servicemen who did not return from war.

The display has been put together by Chepstow and District Round Table and the poppies have been secured to the railings near to the war memorial.

Round Table Chairman, Simon Hicks

said: "The men of Chepstow gave their lives for our country during the first world war. Round Table is an organisation for young men and those who did not return were just like us, this makes commemorating their sacrifice all the more important to us.

"Given this year marks 100 years since the end of hostilities in the first world war we wanted to do something special. The poppies were the idea of one of our members and the Town Council gave us permission to put the poppies on the railings."



On Sunday 4th November the Chepstow school choir sang as part of a town remembrance concert. In addition to the choir's participation, Daniel Keedwell also read out a poem that he and Helena Green had written expressing the feelings of elation at the end of the war. Meanwhile, Jessica Ham read out a poem that was written by Madison Brews.

All students involved did themselves and the school proud. It is great that the young people can get involved in such important town events and it is a great credit to all of them that they did so willingly and with great maturity.

On Friday 9th November Chepstow Matters was pleased to be invited along again to the School's Remembrance service held at St Mary's Priory Church. This service is open to the school's Sixth form along with members of the community, including the Mayor, Governors and members of the Larkfield Old School, to join in remembering those who fought for our country. The choir performed beautiful renditions of 'We will remember them' and 'Let There be Peace'. We also heard beautiful readings from Josh Hudd, Jess Christie, Joe Walliker and Katherine Hicks. To mark the minute silence, Leo Schartz played 'The Last Post' which was incredible.

Back at schgool, the whole school marked their respect by observing two minutes silence at 11am, again with the Last Post beautifully represented by Leo on the Diamonds.



#### **Shirenewton Remembrance**

The 13th century church of St Thomas a Becket in Shirenewton, played host to the annual Rememberence service on Armistace Day, with uniformed groups, military personell and local villagers in attendance.

Following the wreath laying and 2 minute silence at the cenotaph, the congregation proceeded into the church where the remainder of the Rememberence service was very much geared towards the younger members. Beavers and an Explorer Scout from 1st Shirenewton Scout Group were invited to participate in the

interactive sermon, which explored the sacrifices made by servicemen & women. In this, the centenary year, it is poinient to note that the four faced clock which is set within the Norman fortified tower of the church, was paid for by public subscription and installed as a War Memorial after the First World War.



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To commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One Wyedean School held a whole school event.

Students made a poppy each which were planted along the school fence line. Materials used were biodegradable. Some students made white poppies to remember those who were Conscientious Objectors. Over 1000 poppies were planted.

An assembly was held led by Mrs Dalton – Assistant Principal and RSM McCutcheson from 1 Rifles Regiment. Students read the poem 'In Flanders Fields'. Buglers from 1 Rifles marked the start and end of a 2 minutes silence.

35 poppies were made to represent the local men who died in World War One. These will form a permanent memorial in Wyedean School.

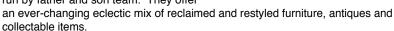






### Wve Reclaim - a different way to Christmas Shop!

Wye Reclaim is a salvage and house clearance yard based in Sedbury and run by father and son team. They offer



These are just a few of the photos I took of some of the treasures on sale when I visited earlier this month. Obviously each piece is a one off and only available until sold so it is well worth popping in from week to week or keep an eye on their facebook page @WyeReclaim where new 'finds' are usually uploaded.

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# Tintern Abbey Carols by Torchlight

On Saturday 1st December the Chepstow Rotary Club will stage its annual Torchlight Carol Service at Tintern Abbey.

This most popular family event is always well supported and last year over 400 people attended. Thanks to free publicity such as this in Chepstow Matters, posters, in-programme advertising and flyers handed out on the High Street, the Club enjoys much local support for this wonderful event.

From 6pm families will form a column in front of the Anchor Inn, Tintern holding their flaming torches on high to light their way, while the smaller members carry their glowing light-sticks. They will then walk slowly in a column around the outside of the Abbey while the wonderful singing of the choir radiates from within and adds to the ambience. It is always most satisfying to see the faces of the young, and not so young, reflected in the flames of the torches as they enter the rear of this beautiful and historic building.



Tintern Abbey is certainly an atmospheric location by day. But by night, in floodlight, with hundreds of flaming torches burning brightly and with the sound of carols sung by the choir, it becomes a positively magical place. "Harry Potter has nothing on this", said one visitor. Once all are within the Abbev the congregation sings together the most popular carols lead by the Wyedean School & Gospel Choir. The carols will be interspersed with seasonal Bible readings while prayers will be led by the Reverend Tony Jones.

This Torchlight Carol Service is a very special local event that launches the Chepstow Christmas Season. Every member of the family will remember Tintern for a long time to come and so the date 1st December should be marked in your diary now or visit www.chepstowrotary.org.uk for details. As always, entry is by personal programme that may be purchased on the night or, from the end of November, from the Tintern Abbey shop. Do remember that all profits go towards Rotary charities. See you there!

So far this year the Chepstow Club raised over £2,100 for Rotary charities. These include global polio eradication, Young Chef, Young Citizen, Young Photographer, Young Writer, Youth Speaks & Young Musician competitions in our local schools and a Life Education bus.



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The children of Ysgol Y Ffin in Caldicot supported Children in Need on Friday 16th November by means of a cake sale at school. Whilst many of the children wore Pudsey pyjamas and onesies, year 6 pupils wore clothes traditional of the opposite sex, as part of this year's theme "Do Your Thing".

The school raised £180 for their efforts. One family wished to pursue "their own thing" of dog walking and took their little dog Arlo on a 2.5 hr sponsored walk straight from school, raising a whopping £120! Dylan (8), Frankie (5) and twins Louie & Pippa-Jane (3) who were each dressed in their Pudsey pyjamas for the walk about, were thrilled that their idea had raised so much money as their initial target was to raise £10 each.





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# Santa Claus is coming to Town!

It is that time of year again when Father Christmas pays his annual visit to Chepstow to help the lovely volunteers from the Chepstow and District Round Table bring some festive cheer to the local children.

Santa will be out on his sleigh throughout December visiting children in the town and local villages. Kids will have the chance to meet the jolly old man and remind him what they would like on the big day.

He will be helped by friendly elves from Round Table who will be rattling buckets to help raise money for local good causes and keeping the kids safe. All donations that we receive on the runs are greatly appreciated and go straight back into local charities and the community.

Santa usually arrives in Chepstow at 4.30pm on Sundays, and 6.30pm on weekdays (after a busy day toymaking in the workshop with his elves). Look out for the 'Santa Stops Here' signs which will be out on each route with approximate timings.

Do keep an eye on his facebook page for updates - search for:

"Santa's page, just for his visits to the Chepstow area"

Dates and times are subject to change in circumstances such as traffic and weather.

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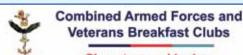
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Modern Languages teacher, Charlotte Moore, has just finished running her Italian for Beginners course at Mythos, where students enjoyed weekly classes with all resources included and access to online summary videos. Charlotte is now advertising her upcoming French for Beginners course, which will take place for the second year running at The Three Tuns, Chepstow (starting in January).

This cosy establishment recently featured in the Guardian's 'Top 50 Pubs In The UK' list so a huge bravo to owners Giles & Lisa and to manager, Tracev Warnock!

One of last year's students called the French course "very professional, friendly & great fun!". Another said, "Charlotte has an engaging and entertaining style which really helps when learning a new language. She is clearly very expert in her subject."

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# **Are YOU A Financially-Aware Family?**

In many families, having a frank discussion about money remains a taboo.

Many married couples reportedly don't know how much money their spouse earns. Well off parents can sometimes shy away from letting their children know too much about their wealth, in an effort to prevent them becoming complacent about what they might inherit in the years to come and losing their work ethic.

#### Teaching the basics

With financial issues rarely discussed. children can sometimes find it hard to manage their money when they get older.

Involving children in decisions that impact the family finances will help them understand that sometimes, choices have to be made in order to keep within a budget. Knowing how interest rates affect the amount you have to repay on a loan or credit card is a valuable lesson that will stand them in good stead in later life.

Explaining the positive effects of compound interest on money that's saved over the years can spark a child's interest in opening their own savings account, especially when they hear that Einstein referred to compound interest as "the eighth wonder of the world".

Although retirement is a lifetime away, it's worth talking about pensions too: ideally. everyone

should start contributing to their pension the day they begin work, so understanding the need to save for retirement as early as possible makes good sense.

A Junior ISA is a great way to teach children about taxefficient savings, giving them an opportunity to watch their money grow over the years.

#### Looking to the future

Experiencing difficulties in talking openly about money isn't a problem confined just to teenagers. The Bank of Mum and Dad is often called upon to help their offspring get on to the housing ladder. Discussing



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as a family the impact this could have on their living standards in retirement is an important conversation for parents to have.

With the older generation living longer and potentially needing help with their finances in their later years, it's important for children of any age to be able to communicate effectively about financial issues with their parents. With more families finding themselves drawn into the Inheritance Tax net. effective planning strategies can reduce the amount of tax payable.

Taking the time to discuss important matters like Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney with other family members will help to ensure that the right plans are in place to safeguard family interests and help prevent misunderstandings, squabbles and administrative problems arising later

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### **News from Chepstow School**

As a school we have been extremely busy raising money and awareness for some worthy causes.

Our Invisible Army in school is a group of students of all ages who are committed to helping others. Last term, they held events to raise funds for a very worthy cause 'BulliesOut', it was an honour to be able to present the charity with a cheque for £442.35. Following on from the fundraising activities, we were extremely lucky to have a

session of Peer to Peer training for students provided and paid for by Bullies Out. Over 40 students from Y7 to Y13 took part in the training and all received information on applying to be Ambassadors for Bullies Out. This is well-deserved and a real credit to them as individuals and as a group.

We also held extremely successful Macmillan coffee morning here at Chepstow School, we have raised over £240.

On 10th October, our Head Student team responsible for wellbeing staged a cake sale and signposting service to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day. This was supported by Monmouthshire Youth Service, who came along to offer a listening ear, and to notify students of services in the locale they can access. We are proud of our students'

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### It's been an exciting year for Chepstow Male Voice Choir!!

Choir News Update by Elvin Hart & Christmas Concert Saturday 15th December

The Chepstow Male Voice Choir Summer Concert in June was a fantastic success with ticket sales such that the last audience members to arrive struggled to find seats. The participation of the Wyedean Gospel Choir on top form (photo below), brought a wonderful youthful exuberance to proceedings. A great night all round with lovely compliments about the singing of Chepstow Male Voice Choir under the direction of Richard Fry.



All this was followed by a hectic July when we delivered 3 concerts and two private functions. Our regular appearance with Bream Silver Band for their Proms Concert in Lydney Town Hall was yet again a truly musical event with a bright and moving mixture of brass band and choral music. Mind you it was a hot summer evening so jacketswere off with shirt sleeves the order of the day! I regret to report that quite a number of the musicians, brass and choral, were seen having to slake their thirst during the interval, no names no pack drill, sufficient to say the music was even more lusty in the second half! The rendition by

all present of the ever-popular Land of Hope and Glory rounded off the event a treat.

Oh, by the way, though we can't reveal the details of private functions, we participated in one in the Cotswolds during July that had us performing outdoors after a symphony orchestra and before the Reading Scottish Pipe Band which lead the guests to dinner whilst we got on our bus home! My what a night that was!!

In the second half of July we had our annual session on the Chepstow Bandstand sponsored by Chepstow Town Council. Twelve months previously, you may recall, saw us trying to perform in thunder, lightning and a torrential downpour. We had to abandon the event after 2 or 3 songs when the PA guy said his "tannoy" was about to explode. This year it was a complete

contrast! Hot glorious sunshine, a huge happy crowd using whatever shade they could find and our guest performers, Chloe Rayworth, violinist, and Chepstow Musical Show Choir, making it possibly the best ever singout we have had on the bandstand, even taking requests from audience members!



Our last July fixture was a concert in Usk in aid of St David's Hospice Care. The Choir was joined by Emily Harris who enchanted the audience





with her wonderful harp playing, demonstrating her agility and the delightful range of music she and her harp can deliver. We raised well over £1000 and Derek Anstey, the



instigator of this concert recently presented the cheque to Skye Lewis of St David's Hospice Care. Cance affects most extended families at some time. St David's Hospice Cancer Care is there for anyone that needs their help and support.

August is normally a rest period for Chepstow Male Voice Choir but this year was different in that we agreed to sing at a wedding.

Very sadly in August, two of our long serving and active baritone choristers, Peter and Graham died suddenly within days of each other. Singing at their funerals in the early days of September was a sad honour for the choir.

We have to move on and the new music year has got off with a "bang". Richard Fry our cherished top tenor, soloist and Music Director decided that he needed to step aside from the choir and the very arduous responsibilities of the MD role so that he could give more time to his family and work commitments. Though this was a great disappointment for us, Chepstow Male Voice Choir is the luckiest choir around in that we were able to swiftly recruit a new MD. Ian Russell is a fine, widely experienced musician in both instrumental and choral music and lately was MD of Monmouth Male Voice Choir for 6 years. Ian took the reins on Monday 1st October and has hit the road running. His experience, humour, skills and different methods are making us sit-up and adapt.

His arrival is most timely as he is now steering us towards our Christmas Concert with new songs and revitalised songs from our existing catalogue. We will be joined on the night by the Lydney Training Band to give us all that bright brassy glow so favoured at Christmas tide. We will also be joined by the Allegra Ladies Choir from Caerleon who will bring their own brand of musical entertainment.

Tickets for the Chepstow Male Voice Choir's Christmas Concert on Saturday 15th December in the Leisure Centre Chepstow at 7pm are now available online, just search for "Eventbrite" and "Chepstow Male Voice Choir" and pay securely by card at the same price as you would pay through any other provider, £10.

We were pleased to have David, Bill and Andrew join the choir last season and already this choir year Matt and Chris have bagged their places in the choir. So with new choristers and a new MD, whose style and methods we all have to get used to, there isn't a better time to come and try us out, even if you have no experience of choir singing. We practice every Monday and Thursday in the Dell School from 7pm until 9pm so come along and sample our wares. You don't have to give us advance warning and you can just come along to see and listen or to join in. You don't have to pay anything at all until you have caught the bug and want to join our family long term!

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# Focus on St Mary's Arcade

One of the things that makes Chepstow High Street so special is its independent traders.

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!







# Focus on St Mary's Arcade, Chepstow (cont)

### **뮏 Pierrette's Hair Salon** ┖

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From classic hair cuts, including perms, colouring and highlights, to the latest in styling trends

Appointments not always necessary

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St Mary's Arcade, Chepstow



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🐉 Silk Road Bazaar

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Handmade Jewellery, Accessories, Yarn Kits and

other wonderful Gift ideas

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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 vinvl. 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



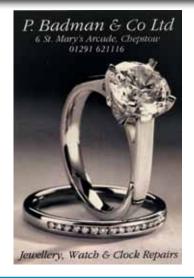
making their own things. With embroidered handbags, purses and many other treasures on display, if you need inspiration this Christmas I can certainly recommend a visit!

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 oftens 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 indepent 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 varns 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 fibrecraft! 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.









01291 629797 10 St Mary's Arcade





#### **Competition Results for Kestrel Gymnasts**

In early November Kestrel gymnasts were competing in the South East Wales Regional Championships on all apparatus, performing new routines and new skills in Level 5 12+ Girls Section.

The team took 4th place Overall Ribbons - Erica Denby, Maisie Edwards, Georgie Davies, and Jessica Ham who also took 4th place Ribbon on Beam, 6th place Ribbon on Bars, 5th place Overall Ribbon, and went through to the Welsh Finals at SWNC in Cardiff as part of the South East Team.

Jessica put on her best performance, placed 4th on Vault, 5th on Bars, 7th Overall, and Team Gold, and also Welsh Team Champions.



In Level 6 12+ girls - the team consisting of Cora Chisholm, Daisy Macharg, Lilli Edwards, and Martha Linden worked well, with the girls performing new floor routines to music, and the Team took 4th Overall Ribbons . Martha also took 4th place Ribbon on Bars

Photos show top: Erica Denby, Maisie Edwards, Jessica Ham, Georgie Davies; middle: Martha Linden, Lilli Edwards, Daisy Macharg, Cora Chisholm: bottom: Jessica Ham



# **Kestrel Gymnastics Club**

# Artistic Gymnastics and Trampoline Classes for Girls & Boys

PeeWees (Pre-school 2-3 years): A structured class where children together with parent/carer, supervised by a qualified coach work towards British Gymnastics Awards. Mondays 13:00-13.45 & Fridays 09:30-10.15

Tweeties (Age 3 1/2 - 4 years): A class led by a qualified coach working on various apparatus. Mondays 13:45-14:30 & Fridays 13:00-13:45

Recreational Classes (Age 4 years +) Mondays 16:15-17:15, Wednesdays 16:15-17:15 & 17:30-18:30, Thursdays 16:15-17:15, Friday 16:15-17:15, Saturday 10:30-11:30

**Trampoline Fridays 16:15-17:15 and Saturdays 10:00-11:30** 

**Competitive Squad Gymnasts** - Selected Gymnasts with potential to compete at regional and national levels.

Parkour: Wednesdays 20:00 - 21:00 pm



Open Gymnastics Fun Session

Saturdays 9.00am-10.00am

For children aged 4yrs onwards -£4.00 per session payable on entrance

#### 01291 620780

Please email us at: kestrelgymclub@live.co.uk

Kestrel Gymnastics Club, Bulwark Industrial Estate, Bulwark Road, Chepstow, NP16 5QZ

### **Tutshill Community Pre-School**

# Tutshill Community Pre-School now have SPACES AVAILABLE for the January 2019 term.

If you are looking for high quality childcare that promotes independence and encourages child-based learning then why not get in touch?



We are able to take children from 2 years of age and we accept the 15 hours (NEF) free funding for children living in England AND Wales. We offer 30 hours extended funding for eligible families without any restrictions on when you can use these hours for children over 3 years of age. We also have no formal catchment and accept children from all the surrounding counties.

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 equipment.

Thanks to the local community we recently were successful in winning the Tesco Bags of Help vote in Chepstow which means that we can now buy an interactive whiteboard for the pre-school. Thank you to everyone who voted for us – it really will make a huge difference to the children's learning.

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.





# Christmas Around

#### **Chepstow Baptist Church**

Lower Church Street . NP16 5HJ

#### Saturday 22nd December

2.30pm Community Gift Wrap, Card Making and Rock Decorating 4 pm Family Film

#### **Sunday 23rd December** 10.30 Family Carol Service

# **Christmas Day**

10.30 Christmas Day Family Celebration

#### **Chepstow Parish** St Mary's Priory & St Christopher's

Please come and join us on these dates.

#### **Sunday 9th December**

11am Crib Service @ St Mary's

#### Saturday 15th December

4pm Carols by Candlelight @ St Mary's

#### Sunday 16th December

9.30am Crib Service @ St Christopher's

#### **Christmas Eve**

3pm Carol Service @ St Christopher's 11.30pm Midnight Mass @ St Mary's

#### **Christmas Day**

9.30am St Christopher's 11am St Mary's 11am

#### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Old Bulwark Road . Chepstow

#### & St. Paul's Catholic Church

Longcroft Street, Caldicot

#### **Christmas Eve**

at St. Mary's, Bulwark, Chepstow 6pm Vigil Mass 11.00 pm Prayer & Reflection 11.30 pm. Carols 12.00 am. Midnight Mass

#### **Christmas Day**

9.00 am Christmas Morning Mass at St. Paul's. Caldicot 11am Christmas Morning Mass at St. Mary's, Chepstow

#### **Stroat Church**

#### **Sunday 16th December**

11am Christmas Messy Church @ Stroat Church, where we will be making lanterns for ...

#### 21st December

6pm - Lantern Walk through the village of Woolaston/Netherend, finishing off at the Rising Sun, for carols.

#### **Sunday 23rd December**

10.30am Open air Carol Service Newerne Street, Lydney

#### Sunday 23rd December

5pm, Carols by Candle-light at Stroat Church followed by a light supper.

For more information checkout www.stroatchurch.org.uk or find Stroat Church on facebook.

#### The Bridge Church Chepstow

Unit 1a Critchcraft Buildings. Bulwark Industrial Estate. NP16 5QZ www.thebridgechurchchepstow.org

#### **Sunday 16th December**

4.30pm. Christmas all-age celebration service. Come and discover the true meaning of Christmas with us, in our family themed service. Suitable for all ages.

#### Sunday 23rd December

10.30am Usual service, all welcome, includes children's church

#### **Christmas Dav**

10.30am Join us for a 45 minute service celebrating the birth of Jesus.



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#### **Sedbury Evangelical Church**

#### **Sunday 23rd December**

10.30am Carol service 5pm Family Christmas tea

#### **Christmas Day**

10.30am Family service

#### **Tidenham Parish**

#### **Sunday 2nd December**

4.00pm St Michael & All Angels' Church, Tidenham Chase – ADVENT CAROL SERVICE (a service with Advent NOT Christmas music/readings)

#### Friday 7th & Saturday 8th December

Christmas Cracker III. GO2 Theatre Production. Tidenham Parish Church. Tickets £10 available from Anne Martin 01291 627800

#### **Sunday 9th December**

4:30pm Christingle Service, St Luke's, Tutshill followed by light refreshments

From 14th December onwards.... CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL -Tidenham Parish Church

#### **Sunday 16th December**

10:45am Family Nativity Service, St Luke's, Tutshill followed by light refreshments

3:00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham

followed by mince pies and wine

#### **Christmas Eve**

4:30pm Family Crib Service. St Luke's, Tutshill

11:15pm Midnight Mass, St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham

#### **Christmas Day**

9:00am BCP Holy Communion, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

10:00am Family Service followed by Holy Communion, St Luke's,

#### **Sunday 30th December**

10:45am Parish Christmas Songs of Praise, St Luke's, Tutshill





Meet the real Santa and his helpers, the naughty elves & help them in the Workshop, write your letter to Santa & share the joy of Christmas!

Saturday 15th December 2018 1-2pm, 2:30-3:30pm or 4-5pm

at the CMTS hub@Castlegate



(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Limited places available Ticket entry only

Call 07727 921466

Book now to avoid disappointment!



# Carols Around the Village Christmas Tree



with Chepstow Town Band

Sunday 9th December - 6.30pm Tredegar Arms Car Park, Shirenewton

Bring a torch and loud voices!

(if wet will be inside Church)

Tin collection for local charities

## **Chepstow Walkers are Welcome**

Sunday 9th December 2018
Millstones, mince pies
and multed wine

Meet 10:30 at Redbrook Rovers car park, Redbrook NP25 4LR SO536098. Modest car parking charge applies.

Join Chepstow Walkers are Welcome for a lovely circular walk up the wooded side of the Lower Wye Valley to the Penalt Plateau.

Highlights include a walk past The Argoed former home of Robert Plant of Led Zepplin fame, an ancient church and the remains of the old millstone manufacturing industry.

On the walk we'll stop for a drink of mulled wine (alcoholic and non alcoholic) and a mince pie.

Please bring your own drinking vessel.

Approx 6 miles with 1 short steep climb.

Optional pub lunch at the Boat Inn Penalt afterwards.

For further information please contact Chepstow Walkers are Welcome email: chepstowwaw@hotmail.co.uk or 01291 641856

## Musical Welcome to Christmas

### **Sunday 16th December**

St. James Church, Devauden

Songs and instrumental music with Alison Wray, soprano, Rosanna Pagliaro, soprano, Sophie Adams, keyboard, Annette Pagliaro and Moira Fraser-Hook, recorders, at St. James Church, Devauden on Sunday 16th December 2018 at 3:00pm.

Admission free.

Retiring collection in aid of church funds

Chepstow Choral Society
Chepstow Christmas Concert
Sunday December 9th
3pm at St Mary's Church.



An Evening of

# Chepstow Town Band

Sunday 9th December - Carols in Shirenewton, 6.30pm

Saturday 15 December -Carols by Candlelight @ St Mary's Chepstow, 4pm

Friday 21 December - Carols at St Arvans, 6pm

Saturday 22 December - Chepstow Town Centre busking (mid morning)

Sunday 23 December - Carols at The Three Tuns, 4pm

Monday 24 December -St Christopher's Bulwark Carol Service, 3pm

Tuesday 25 December - Chepstow Hospital, 10am

# Global Soundscapes Concert by renowned pianist Belle Chen



Stunning destinations from around the world, recreated through music, soundscapes, and perfumes.

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# Saturday 1st December, 7:30pm The Drill Hall

ower Church Street, Chepstow NP16 5HJ

From the Gare du Nord of Paris to the tropics of Java, the spice markets of Istanbul to outback Australia, this one-of-a-kind programme takes the audience on a multi-sensory journey around the world, With music by Ravel, Piazzolla, Poulenc, and Chopin, and incorporatina Belle Chen's original compositions.

Tickets from Chepstow Museum £10 & £12 or Book now at http://bit.ly/chepstow-belle-chen (booking charges apply) Presented by Break and Bell

Shirenewton Village Local Produce & Christmas Market 15th December 2018 10.30am-12.30 in the Rec Hall

# Chepstow Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert

7pm Saturday 15th December Chepstow Leisure Centre

The programme includes performances by Allegra Ladies Choir Tenor William Sharma Lydney Training Band

Tickets £10 can be bought on-line through "Eventbrite" and from Choristers, the Chepstow Tourist Information office (0930 until 15:30) and Chepstow Leisure Centre.

If you still need help with tickets call Paul on 01633 400295.



Local crafts, gifts and produce. Christmas Raffle

Tables only £6 each

For further details 07512 856024

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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

#### **Doctors Surgeries and Community Hospital**

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

**Town Gate Practice**, Tempest Way, Chepstow, NP16 5XP 01291 440065; Beachley Road, Sedbury NP16 7AA 01291 626041

Mount Pleasant Practice, Tempest Way, NP16 5XR 01291 440154; 12A Main Rd, Portskewett NP26 5SG 01291 425242

Vauxhall Surgery Vauxhall Lane, Chepstow, NP16 5PZ 01291

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 Wyedean 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 tymoran@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

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Rev Phillip Averay 01291 620980 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@stmarysrcchepstow.org.uk www.stmarysrcchepstow.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.iones @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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# **Local Clubs, Groups & Community Organisations** in and around Chepstow

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Castell Roc Festival all set for a spellbinding 2019

Castell Roc Festival attracted more than 14,000 avid fans to enjoy the brilliant shows at Chepstow Castle in August 2018, with tickets being sold not just locally but all over Europe, Finland, Canada, USA & even Australia – attracted by the wonderfully varied line-ups and of course a stunning Castle as the perfect 'somewhere special' Venue.

We caught up with organizer Carol Mutlow from Hannah's Music Shop in Chepstow, who is already busy putting acts together for 2019 and, with the line up near completion, was able to reveal the dates for next year which will be from 8th-26th August with 4 shows on each weekend and also announce the first 5 shows for this eagerly awaited festival:

Thursday 8th of August 2019 is "Legends Of Roc", featuring three of the finest UK tributes to 'The Police & Sting', Dire Straits & U2 performed meticulously by 'Police Sycronicity', 'Dire Straits UK' and 'U2UK' respectively.

Sunday 11th August is 'Big Girls Don't Cry' showcasing the amazingly talented Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. This theatrical masterpiece will be enjoying its 10th anniversary and The East Coast Boys with a full live band will be will be authentically recreating Sherry, December 1963 (Oh What a Night), Walk Like a Man, Rag Doll and Big Girls Don't Cry, Grease, Let's Hang On, Working My Way Back to You, Beggin', I've Got You Under My Skin, Who Loves You and many more.

Thursday 15th August will see Chepstow Castle become 'el Cantina', (complete with Taco's, Tequila and thigh slapping tunes) when one of the UK;s most popular touring bands 'Los Pacaminos' rides in to Town. Featuring non-other than 80's superstar Paul Young the Stetson wearing band will play the very best in Tex Mex Border music, from The Texas Tornadoes and Ry Cooder through to Los Lobos and even Roy Orbsion. This show also features firm festival favourites Mad Dog Mcrea.

Thursday 22nd August is a night for the lovers of reggae and ska as the infectious '**Dualers**' roll back in to Town, supported by The Navarones. The nine piece Jamaican Rhythm & Blues band from South-East London were an undeniable highlight show of 2018 and

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The choir's emphasis is very much on bringing the community

together through music, by performing with other local choirs and undertaking charitable events. They returned to their humble beginnings at Ysgol Y Ffin recently, where they performed along side both the pupils and staff to raise funds for new playground equipment at the school.

With each choir performing on their own, the finale saw the entire cast singing "This is Me" from the Greatest Showman and it was phenomenal!! Soloist Bryn Geary, a year 6 pupil at Ysgol Y Ffin lead the piece and the sound of harmonies that filled the room

brought some to tears and concluded with a rapturous applaud. Head teacher Mr Hallett thanked Serenata for not only giving up their time, but for the special rendition of songs from Les Miserable, a personal favourite of the Head's, sung as a tribute for his return from paternity leave. A spokesperson for Serenata turned to the 60 strong children's choir and said she hoped that they (Serenata) would one day be as musically competent as the children were!

It was an incredible evening which bought the community together and in doing so, raised over £300.



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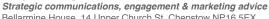
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We Lions love our badges and not to be outdone our new club Treasurer, Sandra Bushell is seen here receiving her badge of office from the visiting Lions District Governor, Sally Marsh.

Left to right: Lion President Brian Prout, Lions District Governor Sally Marsh and Club Treasurer Sandra Bushell



We will soon be standing outside Tesco's and Waitrose collecting extra food items from you to make up food parcels for the old and needy in Chepstow and Caldicot. Here are the

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