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## Dear Readers...

Lest We Forget ... As you can see from the front cover, this month is all about Remembrance, it being 100 years since the end of the First World War. There are many events being held across the town to commemorate the fallen, from services to concerts, to art displays. Take a look throughout our pages and we hope to see you at some of these. November also brings Bonfire Night and we share news of two events taking place on 4th and 5th of November, in Chepstow and Devauden.

Christmas really starts to make an appearance in November and we have news of several Christmas Shopping events taking place this month - keep an eye out for these dates and venues as you read through this month's issue.

We also 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 later this month (see page 19-21 for more information).

Thank you to our contributors this month and a big Thank You to OUR ADVERTISERS who make the publication of your community magazine possible. Without them we would not be able to share the good news, and support all the local groups out there doing such good things in our community! Please support local whenever you have a need - remembering to mention that you saw them in Chepstow Matters. Enjoy the read!

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# Chepstow Remembers

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.

In this centenary year we will all reflect on the end of that terrible war and in Chepstow a special event is to be staged to commemorate this most important occasion. 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.

This very special Commemoration will be staged at 3pm on Sunday 4th November 2018 in St Mary's Church, Chepstow. Entrance is free, although there will be a retiring collection for the Armed Forces charity, SSAFA. We hope that you will be able to join in with this unique event.

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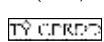
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## Mud and Glory: The Art of World War One

Lecture by Eleanor Bird

Sunday 4th November 2.30pm at The Drill Hall, Lower Church Street, Chepstow NP16 5HJ

In association with the exhibition at Chepstow & Abergavenny Museum and the Centenary Commemorations of the Armistice

As soldiers struggled in the trenches and battlefields of the First World War, the British Government decided that a pictorial record must be kept of this 'War to End All Wars' – both as a warning to the future, and as a means of keeping those who remained at home in touch. The artist Paul Nash believed he could be "a messenger who will bring back word from the men who are fighting." It is an art which still speaks to us today and should be a messenger for our own future.

Although photography could capture the hard facts, only art could express the true experience of life on the front line. A group of official War Artists were appointed, many of whom had already fought in the conflict, and sent out to record every aspect of life for 'Our Boys'.

As part of Monmouthshire's events to mark the Centenary of the Armistice, a lecture is being held to explore the art that was produced during and immediately after the War. 'Mud and Glory: The Art of World War One' is on Sunday 4th November at 2.30pm at the Drill Hall, Chepstow. It will tie in with the exhibitions of striking WW1 propaganda prints, 'The Great War: Britain's Efforts and Ideals', which are currently running at both Chepstow and Abergavenny Museums.

The lecture will look at how this powerful art expressed the bleakness of war through the landscapes left behind as battle wiped out nature and all traces of civilisation. The paintings also show the soldiers as they waited endlessly in the trenches for action, and for the dread order to go 'Over the Top'. It is an art which demonstrates both triumph and tragedy, in a war whose newly powerful weapons created losses on a scale never before experienced.

Lecturer Eleanor Bird MA (Oxon), who runs a series of popular art history classes for Monmouthshire, says: "Because the War happened just as art was exploding into the new style of Modernism, the paintings not only present a record of the conflict, but also demonstrate how painting was changing in response to ideas about abstraction, colour and emotional expression."

Tickets priced £10 full and £7.50 concessions are available from Chepstow Museum tel 01291 625981

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Back to Blighty will be a concert of words, prose, music and community involvement, including the Chepstow singing club (Karl Daymond), Carmina folk/jazz band, Eric Taylor and the Rarebits, plus poetry and a scenario reading.

A commemorative 1st World War concert at the Drill Hall on **Saturday 10th November 2018** at 7.30pm. (doors open at 7pm) entrance cost £5 (all the profits go to charity).

Tickets are available from the Chepstow tourist Office, Chepstow Bookshop or through Roger Kerley on 07790 244623.



**Sunday 4th November, 3pm**  
**Chepstow School**  
**FREE Family Fun**

The Round Table Chepstow Community fireworks will be free again this year thanks to the continued generous funding from Chepstow Town Council and other sponsors. The festivities will start earlier with a family fun day starting at 3pm which will include fairground rides for the little ones as well as the usual musical entertainment.

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. If you are a Star Wars fan you will be excited to learn that this year members of the 501st Legion UK Garrison will be attending the fireworks family fun day too! Hot food and drinks will also be available.

As usual there will be a special firework display for very young children who may get scared by the loud bangs of the main display. The main event will follow shortly after the kids display finishes.

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.

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



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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 Abbey the congregation sings together the most popular carols lead by the Wydean 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](http://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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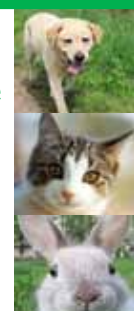
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Local artist Claire Timbrell is organising a fundraising open art exhibition in honour of her partner's Grandfather, an ex-Grenadier Guard, who passed away over the summer. The event will be raising funds for The Royal British Legion Chepstow and The 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](http://www.daffirose.com/jq54artforall) or contact Claire directly on 07951 491 941 or email [Claire@daffirose.com](mailto:Claire@daffirose.com)**

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# Tidenham Parish Remembers

As the Centenary of the Armistice signalling the end of hostilities of the 1st World War approaches on Sunday 11th November, Tidenham parish prepares to gather together for a 10.45 start on the Tutshill Recreation Ground to remember those who lost their lives in the war and subsequent conflicts.

This year's Act of Remembrance will be extra special. Young and older people from the parish will join together in a short service with involvement from across the parish and observe the Two Minutes Silence at 11 o'clock led by Rev. David Treharne. Over 1000 poppies made by members of the community will symbolise the flowers of Flanders Fields at the entry gate, with a personalised cross for every WW1 person listed on the parish memorials. This year, too, there will be covered facilities and seating so that people can take part, no matter what the weather brings. It will be followed by refreshments provided by W.I members in the Tutshill Memorial Hall. All are welcome to attend.

In the weeks leading up to the Act of Remembrance at Tutshill, Tidenham Historical Group will be identifying the locations within the parish where the men who lost their lives in WW1, or as a result of it, lived or worked. Wherever possible a plaque will identify the soldier and the link to an existing house, a relative's house or a street in the parish.

This will be the final part of a community project to find out more about our parish's involvement in



the difficult period of the 1914-18 First World War. Tidenham Historical Group has led the project, with considerable assistance from The Parish Council, Churches, Beachley Old Boys Association, the 1st Battalion the Rifles and many individuals, and has produced 2 books plus an information board at Sedbury about the subject.

The first book Beachley and the First World War revealed the devastating effect on the evicted Beachley villagers; on Tidenham and Tutshill farmers who were forced to abandon their land and livelihoods; on

the Tutshill residents who also had to leave their properties; on Sedbury as the railway and military buildings took over and changed the rural landscape for ever; on the Vicar, Church Wardens and parishioners who had the sudden responsibility of somehow finding homes for over 100 people, including children and babies, as well as providing support for those whose men were serving in the armed forces.

A second book, Tidenham Remembers by Historical Group Member Liz McBride brings a new and greater insight into the 38 men on the local War memorials; their lives, their families and where they lived. It also reveals that a further 17 men died who are not listed on the memorials but who had links to the parish. The detailed research for this book, which has been a labour of love for Liz over many years, shows they came from every area of the parish, ranged in age from 18 to 60 and represented the Army, Navy, Merchant Navy, RAF, and even



the Australian Army. They served all over the globe including China, South America, Gallipoli, Mesopotamia, India, Alexandria, Italy as well as on the Western Front at Ypres, Passchendaele, and the Somme. One lost his life at the battle of Jutland.

There are 3 War Memorials in the parish. One is at St Luke's church and was made by grateful WW1 Belgian refugees (who were supported by the parish and lived and worshipped in Tutshill). Another is at the Memorial Hall in Tutshill and the third at the parish church of St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham, where the book was launched in July at an event hosted by the Friends of Tidenham Church on the opening day of their WW1 themed Flower Festival.

A profusion of nearly a thousand poppies, hand-made by people in the parish, cascaded from the two lych gates. A line of wooden crosses, each one hand engraved with the name of one of the men on the War Memorial in the church lined the path to the church door. Inside the church the ancient font was decorated with poppies and there was another striking poppy cascade. Over 20 stunning floral displays made by local community groups, shops and individuals and young people's groups depicted differing aspects of World War 1. The clever use of WW1 artefacts and images, combined with beautiful flowers and imaginative presentation resulted in a stunning effect.

During that week two productions of the play "No Young Men" by Go 2 Theatre were performed which evocatively and poignantly explored the impact of WW1 on a small village community and its response to the tragedies.

Since the book launch the Parish Council has erected 2 silent soldier silhouettes as part of a national campaign by the British Legion to

encourage the nation to say "thank you" to a generation who served and sacrificed their lives for their nation.

**Photos: Opposite** - Poppies at the gate and over the arch plus crosses at Tidenham Church on the occasion of the WW1 themed Flower festival. **Above:** The launch of the book *Tidenham Remembers* - Liz McBride signs copies of her book; and right shows the Parish Clerk Carol Hinton, Chair and Vice-Chair of The Friends of Tidenham Church Peter Gilchrist and Ann Martin, Rev. David Treharne, seated Liz McBride, Chairman of Tidenham Historical Group Keith Underwood, Parish Councillors Nick Evans and Shiela Bollen.





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## St Arvan's & Devauden Scarecrow Trail

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!!**

## Celebrating 10 Years!

Hundreds of people gathered at Ysgol Y Ffin, the Welsh medium school in Caldicot on Saturday 22nd Sept, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the school's involvement within the community.

Traditional Welsh high tea was served as people listened to musical performances from St John's Ambulance Regional band, Kre8tive Kids, Caldicot Musical Youth Theatre and watched the choreographed dance routines of the Powerhouse Dance company. Reflecting the Welsh heritage, Clwb Gwerin a Welsh folk band and the school's own children both past and present continued the musical entertainment, but the highlight of the day was definitely the presence of S4C's Heini who had both children and adults up on their feet.



There were various interactive activities available from 1st aid workshops, reptile handling to science experiments, all of which was captured by BBC Wales and Radio Cymru.

Head teacher Mr Jamie Hallett had literally just reappeared from an interview with the reporter, to discover a silent auction had been taking place, resulting in him having his face painted as a unicorn. Laughing he said "My wife is expecting our baby any day now. Imagine if I get called to the hospital this afternoon – the first thing the baby will see is a unicorn staring down."

**Editor's note:** Congratulations to Mr Hallet who has since seen the safe arrival of his son - who waited until after the facepaint had been washed off before putting in an appearance! It would have made a good story to tell in years to come!

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## The Tidenham Historical Group: A Brief History by Keith Underwood

The Group was founded on January 31st 1990 in Sedbury by Liz McBride, Keith Underwood and Lesley Williams and was hosted initially at the Chepstow museum by Annie Rainsbury, where some of the first regular meetings were held. It was always envisaged that it would be a working group of like minded members keen on the Parish of Tidenham's history and heritage.

One of the first projects in living history was to interview the late Mrs Evelyn Kedward (with a reel to reel Grundig ) about her Second World War time experiences at Chepstow Railway Station and Beachley where she did her war work. With a wealth of knowledge and very voluble she easily filled both sides of a tape, barely stopping for it to be turned over. The invaluable information was used for the Chepstow Society's book, "Wartime Reminiscences".

Many of the early monthly meetings in fact, lasting for several years, took place in the museum, using microfiche readers to scour the pages of the 19th local papers, (Chepstow Weekly Advertiser) sifting through a wealth of material for any reference to activities in the Parish. This led to the initiating of dossiers on houses, their ownership, histories and architecture. This is still ongoing.

Gradually the membership expanded and we were obliged to find a new home. After using the facilities of the several parish meeting places, we settled at the Sedbury and Beachley village Hall, whose centenary we celebrated this year. Although still a working group, it was now open to all those keen on local history and affairs and we began to engage speakers like Dr Naylor



Firth, Peter Strong and Averil Kear who became loyal supporters. We began to engage with other local history groups in the County and the Forest, but also further afield.

We set up displays at day schools at Cheltenham, Lydney, Speech House and elsewhere, and contributed events for the Chepstow Biennial Festival.

In 2014 we published our first book, on the Churches and Chapels in the parish, a volume that attracted good reviews from influential organisations like the Bristol and Gloucester Archaeological Association. This book was published after many years of intensive research, during which we lost several supporters - Renee Cook, Anthony James, Mervyn Prothero, Joyce Pullinger, Mercedes Waters, Linda Waters, Rose Evans and Eric Wiles, many of whom had been actively involved in the churches book. Their contribution will always be remembered. New members, Carol and Richard Clammer, having retired from their professions, focussed on the publication of the book and went on to produce their own intensive research - on the national Shipyard and its rail work at Beachley, so following up on earlier research for the local history association display at Lydney. This seemed to be admirably timed to coincide with the commemoration of the Centenary of the Great war.

In 2018 our Treasurer and co-founder Liz McBride published her invaluable research, a record of the lives and deaths of the men from the Parish who fell during the Great War. This was very much a labour of love for Liz, whose skill in researching family history is considerable.

On 29th September, member Dick Finch set up a day school in the Drill Hall on the latest findings

on Offa's Dyke, a substantial length of which lies in the Parish. An ongoing project, this may well result in another publication.

We are also embarking on another long term project in the manner of our first book. The topic will be on Education in the Parish and will cover all the schools that have existed as well as the existing four institutions.

We meet at the Sedbury and Beachley village Hall in the autumn and winter months when there is a programme of speakers and other activities. In the late spring and Summer there are walks and excursions.



A regular visit is to Redwick where we are hosted by two of our early members, Chris and Andrew who are now also involved in Redwick History Group.

In the 1980s the Group was active successfully in initiating the protest against the plans build a bypass through the parish, accompanying huge ancillary development of warehousing. The route would have caused considerable and irreparable damage to the landscape, turning a largely rural

environment into a suburban and industrial hell. It would also have risked the considerable section of Offa's Dyke at Buttington.

*Photos - Opposite page: Founder Keith Underwood with his 'doppelganger' on a visit to Wells; photo displayed at Beachley Centenary. This page: book cover of Tidenham Remembers; photo from the Army Garrison school used in a talk and display at the centenary of the Village hall in Sedbury in June;*



This year we paid a splendid visit to Usk, hosted by the Usk Castle friends - and a reciprocal visit to our parish will follow next year. We are also hosting a visit by the Gloucestershire Local History organisation. We have also exchanged visits with Olveston History Group and had guided tours around several local villages.

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**Saturday 15th December**  
Carols by Candlelight  
@ St Mary's 4pm

**Sunday 16th December**  
Crib Service @ St Christopher's  
9.30am

**Saturday 22nd December**  
Carols around the Christmas Tree  
@ St Mary's 2pm

#### Christmas Eve

Carol Service  
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@ St Mary's 11.30pm

#### Christmas Day

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**Sunday 9th December**  
4:30pm Christingle Service,  
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**Sunday 16th December**  
10:45am Nativity Family Service,  
St Luke's, Tutshill

3:00pm Festival of Nine Lessons  
and Carols, St Mary & St Peter,  
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#### 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  
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10:00am Family Service followed  
by Holy Communion, St Luke's,

#### Sunday 30th December

10:45am Parish Christmas Songs  
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## Focus on St Mary's Arcade

One of the things that makes  
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heart of our local communities and, when  
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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.

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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 offers 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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## Little Red Riding Hood

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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**. 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. Tickets are £6, with a £20 family (2 adults + 2 children) offer and are available from Chepstow Museum on 01291 625981.



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La Sylphide takes place in Scotland, where James who is about to get married is awoken by an ethereal winged creature, a Sylph, with whom he becomes obsessed, but in trying to possess the unobtainable he risks everything...



**Little Red Riding Hood**

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**Saturday 17 November 3pm &**

**Thursday 29 November 11am**

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## Remembrance Sunday in Chepstow Sunday 11th November

10.45am Parade will leave Welsh Street Car Park, through the Town Arch to the War Memorial for the laying of the wreaths and Act of Remembrance before the 2 minutes silence at 11am.

The parade will then continue to St Mary's Priory for the Remembrance Service.

At 12.15pm following the service the parade will journey back to Welsh Street Car Park.

Following the event, refreshments will be provided from 12.30pm at the Chepstow Club in Moor Street.

Gwent Wildlife Trust – Chepstow Group

## “Wildlife of the Falkland Islands”

– an illustrated talk by Roger Beck of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

**Chepstow Leisure Centre**

**Wednesday 21st November- 7.30 pm**

Admission £3 – all welcome

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Inspired by the life of NINA SIMONE  
Written and performed by APPHIA CAMPBELL  
**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11th in DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**  
Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start.  
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## Christmas Shopping Evening

@ Caerwent Village Hall

**Friday 23rd November**

**7pm – 9pm**



Local retailers will bring a delight of gifts, crafts, Christmas joy and much more to the Village hall.

Come along with your friends and your Christmas lists! You are sure to find lots of fabulous products

**HAPPY SHOPPING!**  
Refreshments - Licensed Bar - Raffle

All proceeds raised will go to the Village Hall & Playing Fields

## Tintern Village Hall

## Christmas Craft fair

**Sunday 2nd**

**December 2018**

**11.00 am to 4.00pm**

Light refreshments and mulled wine

Local crafts, gifts and produce.  
**Christmas Raffle**

Tables only £6 each

For further details 07512 856024

Follow us at Tintern Village Hall



## Chepstow and District Garden Appreciation Society (CADGAS)

Jonathan Briggs who is a Mistletoe expert will be giving a talk entitled

## ‘Mistletoe Miscellany’

**7.30pm Chepstow Leisure Centre**

**Wednesday 28 November 2018**

All Welcome Visitors £4

Christmas Raffle, Mince Pies and Refreshments at this meeting

## Chepstow Walkers are Welcome

**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 murmur as we have done in previous years. Approx 4 miles. Advisable to bring a torch. For more information visit [www.walksinchestow.co.uk](http://www.walksinchestow.co.uk) or email: [chestowwaw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chestowwaw@hotmail.co.uk)

Commemorating the Centenary of the End of World War One

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Sponsored by Shirenewton Community Council

Dressing in period costume encouraged - prize for the best one!

Your entertainment will be provided by fabulous Local Artists

Bar and Raffle

Pack Up Your Troubles and sing along

**Earlswood and Newchurch West Memorial Hall**  
**Friday 9th and Saturday 10th November 2018**  
Doors open at 7pm, performance starts 7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include a light buffet supper  
phone 01291 641150  
email [earlswoodhall@gmail.com](mailto:earlswoodhall@gmail.com)

IN SUPPORT OF **HELP for HEROES**

Stalls are £20 for the day. Please get in touch

## Christmas Craft Fayre

**THE PALMER CENTRE CHEPSTOW**  
**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 10AM-4PM**

**JOIN THE GESTALT CENTRE WALES FOR OUR FUNDRAISING CRAFT FAYRE. STALLS FULL OF WONDERFUL GIFT IDEAS AND HANDMADE CRAFTS.**

**HOT DRINKS AND MINCEPIES SMILES AND WINTER WARMTH**

**IN AID OF TOAD FUND - A FUND THAT SUPPORTS CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCESS LOW COST THERAPY SERVICES IN THE LOCAL AREA.**

Contact [admin@gestaltcentrewales.com](mailto:admin@gestaltcentrewales.com) to book a stall





## 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 636100

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

### LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

**Bingo** Wednesdays 2pm Palmers Community Centre

**Bulwark Senior Citizens Club** Contact Joan Johnson 01291 623352 various social trips and get togethers. Bingo Thurs and Sat 2-4pm and Whist on Wed 2-4pm.

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

**CHAOS Music and Drama** chaosinchepstow@live.co.uk Jon Stow 07926 584 661

**Chepstow Archaeological Society** www.chepstow.org.uk 1st Thursday of the month 7.30 Chepstow Conservative Club

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

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

**Chepstow Choral Society** www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk info@chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk Wed 7.30 Chepstow Leisure Centre

**Chepstow Community Big Band** Meets on Wednesday evenings during term time at Wydean School NP16 7AA 6pm - Microjazz Training Band; 7pm - Swingcopation Big Band. <http://chepstowcommunitybigband.weebly.com>

**Chepstow Cormeilles Twinning Association** www.chepstowtwinning.wordpress.com

**Chepstow and District Amateur Radio Society** www.gw4lwz.org.uk contact James Hewitt chairman@gw4lwz.com, meet at Chepstow Athletic Club

**Chepstow and District Gardening Club** Caroline Duchet cdgclub@gmail.com

**Chepstow and District Lions** www.caldicot.com/lions 0845 8339565

**Chepstow Folk Dance Club** Wednesdays 7.30 pm Function Room Conservative Club, Moor Street. <http://chepstowfolkdance.weebly.com/>

**Chepstow Hill Walking Club** an informal group of people of all ages who like to walk on the hills and moorland. www.chwc.org.uk

**Chepstow Jubilee Townswomen's Guild** meets at Chepstow Leisure Centre on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Contact: Maureen Dale 01291 623257

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

**Chepstow Male Voice Choir** www.chepstowmvc.co.uk Mon & Thurs 7pm The Dell School contact Elvin Hart on 01291 620438 or 07956 891 234.

**Chepstow Photographic Club** www.chepstowphotosoc.org admin@chepstowphotosoc.org

**Chepstow Probus Club** fortnightly meetings for retired business gentleman. Contact Ian Whitford - Secretary for PROBUS of Chepstow 01291 622 193

**Chepstow Round Table** www.chepstow.roundtable.co.uk community voluntary organisation for men aged 18-44. 'find them at Facebook/Chepstow Round Table'

**Chepstow Society** local group exploring history and developments of town, meet each month in Drill Hall. www.chepstowsociety.co.uk Secretary Henry Hodges, 01291 625865.

**Chepstow Town Band** meet Sundays 6.30-8.30 at Bulwark Community Centre, contact Alen Lane 01291 629580

**Chepstow Walk for Health.** Meets 10.00 am every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at the rear of Chepstow Leisure Car Park. Walks no longer than 3 miles with few if any stiles. Come and make new friends and get fitter at the same time. For further information contact Helen 01291 641856

**Chepstow Womens Institute (WI)** www.thewi.org.uk Shirenewton, St Arvans and Tidenham

**Chepstow Group of Gwent Wildlife Trust** Contact Hilary Lee 01291 689326 hilary-lee@tiscali.co.uk

**ComBat Communities of Bulwark and Thornwell**, community group Chairman Ric Hayes ric.hayes@talktalk.net

**Library Friends Group** aims to support and promote the library through a variety of activities. Please contact 01291 635730 for more info.

**Lower Wye Ramblers Sunday Walks** (meet CLC) www.lowerwyeramblers.org.uk 01291 637416

**Mathern, Mounton and Pwllmeyric Villages in Bloom** Meet 7pm last Thur of the month, bi-monthly (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov) Mathern Village Hall. <https://www.facebook.com/MMPVB/> email: mmpvb@btinternet.com

**Movie Night** at Bulwak Community Centre and St Arvans Memorial Hall see www.monmouthshiremobilemovies.co.uk

**Musical Youth Theatre** www.cmyt.org Chepstow Baptist Church Tues and Thurs

**Pottery** Thursdays 7-9 Chepstow Comp School Cathy 07917 261511 www.monmouthshirepotters.org hello@monmouthshirepotters.org.uk

**Rotary Club of Chepstow and District** www.chepstowrotary.org.uk

**Royal British Legion Chepstow Branch** meets at the Beaufort Hotel in Chepstow monthly on 4th Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Contact Tom Moran on 01291 427266 tmoran@btinternet.com.

**Royal Naval Association Chepstow Branch** meets at the Conservative Club, Moor Street monthly on 2nd Thursday (except August) at 8.00 pm Contact Ken Davies on 01291 621485 kendavies131@yahoo.co.uk

**The Singing Club** for anyone who wants to sing www.singingclubber.co.uk

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

**University 3rd Age U3A** www.u3asites.org.uk/chepstow Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month 2pm, Chepstow Drill Hall. Check out the website for more information.

**Wye Cross Stitch Club** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. 7.30pm to 10pm Sedbury Village Hall. A warm welcome to any fellow cross stitchers/embroiderers. Contact: Elaine Moore 01291 629666

### CHURCHES

[www.chepstowchurchestogether.org.uk](http://www.chepstowchurchestogether.org.uk)

**Chepstow Methodist Church**, Albion Square, Chepstow, NP16 5DA 01291 627014 [www.chepstowmethodist.org.uk](http://www.chepstowmethodist.org.uk)

**St Marys Priory**, The Vicarage, Mount Way, Chepstow NP16 5NF  
**St Christophers**, Bulwark, (linked to St Marys)  
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@stmarysrchepstow.org.uk [www.stmarysrchepstow.org.uk](http://www.stmarysrchepstow.org.uk)

**St Luke's Church**, Coleford Road, Tutshill NP16 7PT 01291 624868 [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk)

**Stroat Evangelical Church**, Gloucester Road, Stroat, Chepstow, NP16 7LR 01594 529209 pastor@stroatchurch.org.uk [www.stroatchurch.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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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## Local Clubs, Groups & Community Organisations in and around Chepstow

### NURSERIES / PRESCHOOLS

**Bluebells Playgroup** Fairfield Road, Chepstow 01291 628908  
bluebellspg@outlook.com

**Hedgehogs Nursery**, in Tutshill Open 7.30am–6.00pm  
for ages 3m–4 yrs. 01291 628344 hedgehogs@  
deanclosenurseries.co.uk

**Little Acorns Playgroup** Burnt Barn Road, Chepstow 01291  
628031 www.littleacornsplaygroup.co.uk

**Little Scamps Pre-School** and Nursery Beachley Barracks,  
Chepstow Nicky Morgan 01291 645381

**Penguins Pre-School**, c/o Offas Mead Academy, Beachley  
Road, Sedbury NP16 7DT Michelle 07923548584

**Robins Nursery**, in St Arvans Open 7.30am – 6.00pm for ages  
3m–4yrs. 01291 624893 robins@deanclosenurseries.co.uk

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

**Tutshill Community Pre-School** Debra Hockin 01291 629134  
www.tutshillpreschool.org.uk tutshillpreschool@talktalk.net

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**(The) Dell Primary** Welsh Street, Chepstow NP16 5UQ  
01291 635641 thedellprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk  
www.dell.monmouthshire.sch.uk

**Offa's Mead Academy** Beachley Road, Sedbury, Chepstow  
NP16 7DT 01291 622932 www.offasmeadacademy.org  
contactus@offasmeadacademy.org

**Pembroke Primary School** Fairfield Road, Bulwark NP16 5JN  
01291 622310 pembrokeprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk  
www.pembrokeprimaryschool.co.uk

**Shirenewton Primary School** Shirenewton, Chepstow, NP16  
6RN, 01291 641774 shirenewtonprimary@monmouthshire.  
gov.uk

**St John's on-the-Hill**, Independent, co-educational  
school for ages 4 -13 years. 01291 622045 enquiries@  
stjohnsonthehill.co.uk.

**St Marys RC Primary School** (Voluntary Aided) Bulwark  
Road, Chepstow NP16 5JE, 01291 623006 stmarysprimary@  
monmouthshire.gov.uk

**Thornwell Primary and Nursery Unit** Thornwell  
Road, Bulwark, Chepstow, NP16 5NT 01291 623390  
thornwellprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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

**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  
Pwllmeyric, Chepstow, NP16 6LA, 01291 635642  
www.mountonhouse.org.uk/

**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  
Wed & Fri 7pm Chepstow Athletics Club

**Chepstow Amateur Boxing Club** www.welshboxing.org  
Stephen Woods 07793 047 941

**Chepstow Athletics Club** (Sports and Social Club) www.  
chepstowathleticac.co.uk Tony and Shirley Hardy 01291  
622126

**Chepstow Badminton Club** www.gwentbadminton.co.uk  
Tues 8-10 Leisure Centre. Miss P Jenkins 01291 624438

**Chepstow Boat Club** www.chepstowboatclub.co.uk Ben  
Ponting 07872 532145 secretary@chepstowboatclub.co.uk

**Chepstow Bowling Club** www.chepstowbowlingclub.co.uk  
Mike Roy 01291 626137

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

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

**Chepstow Darts League** contact Rob Mordin - murdrobe@  
sky.com or Chris Smith - smudger391@hotmail.com, tel -  
07445 287018.

**Chepstow & District Yacht Club** www.cdyc.co.uk Roger  
Nasey 07968495124

**Chepstow Harriers Running Club**  
www.chepstowharriers.org.uk Tues and Thurs 7pm Leisure  
Centre

**Chepstow Ladies Hockey** www.pitchero.com/clubs/  
chepstowladieshockeyclub Jamie Clifton (Secretary) email:  
jamie.clifton@hotmail.co.uk

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

**Chepstow Rugby Club** www.chepstowrfc@mywru.co.uk  
01291 624818 email: chepstowrfc@outlook.com

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

**Chepstow Tennis Club** www.chepstowtennisclub.co.uk,  
admin@chepstowtennisclub.co.uk contact Ian Russell 01633  
400957 meet at Chepstow Athletics Club

#### Football:

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

**Chepstow Town Football Club** www.clubwebsite.co.uk/  
chepstowtownafc. Contact Stuart Carter 07592 323 770

**Chepstow Garden City Junior Football Club** www.  
gardencityjfc.com

**Thornwell Red and White Football Club** www.teamstats.  
net/thornwellfc

## 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:  
Ready for Service; Over the Top; On Munitions Heavy Work; Assembling Parts***



## 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.

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

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

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

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

As part of their role, NatWest Community Bankers:

- Host regular events across the community to educate customers on being financially fit, living in the digital world and preventing fraud.
- Conduct financial health checks with customers to identify opportunities to help them with new products or services appropriate to their goals, needs and priorities.
- Engage with the community through a number of channels such as charity events, social groups and other community activities.
- Use social media to share useful and relevant financial and digital information and tips.
- Signpost or coach customers through NatWest's online application process for new products and services, providing them with the skills to self serve for future needs.
- Help customers understand the different ways to bank, supporting them in choosing the right service options for their needs.

**For more information or to book an appointment contact Penny Latham on 07584 509 259 email [penny.latham@natwest.com](mailto:penny.latham@natwest.com)**



**NatWest Community Banker**



**Your local NatWest Community Banker is available to meet customers at the following locations and times:.**

**Lydney Library: Mondays 10am-12.30pm**  
**Chepstow Library : Tuesdays 1pm – 3.00pm**

*for more information or to book an appointment, contact*

**07584 509 259**  
**[penny.latham@natwest.com](mailto:penny.latham@natwest.com)**




## Chepstow Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Supporting Local Business

Chepstow Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is a long-standing group of local businesses who work together to benefit the economy and community in and around Chepstow. Our Members are varied and diverse. Email [secretary@chepstowchamber.com](mailto:secretary@chepstowchamber.com) for further information. [www.chepstowchamber.com](http://www.chepstowchamber.com) / [www.facebook.com/ChepstowAGreatPlaceTo](https://www.facebook.com/ChepstowAGreatPlaceTo)



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 T: 01291 408240 [www.baabrewing.com](http://www.baabrewing.com)



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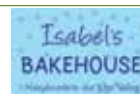
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## News from the Lions Den...

**Chepstow & Caldicot Lions Club: "Serving the Community"**

### Mr & Mrs Lion

The Club held a very successful Coffee Morning in aid of McMillan Nurses, raising £214.

Our picture (left) shows Lion Denise Harrison together with Lion President Brian Prout (heavily disguised).

### Sitting Pretty

Together with fellow Lions, our President Brian Prout presented Councillor Tony Redhead, Mayor of Chepstow with four benches for use by the general public (photo right).



### Burnt Barn Social Club

The Burnt Barn Social Club Committee welcomed President Brian for the formal presentation of a defibrillator (photo left).

The Committee are currently waiting on the delivery of a wall-mounted container, when the defibrillator will be available to all residents in the area.

From left to right - Dan Marfell, Peter Spencer Vice Chairman, Tony Shilling, Lion President Brian Prout, Lion Director Ray Nash and Chris Bowen.



### Pressing the Flesh

So far, the Club has been able to fund 24 defibrillators in the Chepstow and Caldicot area. Training in the use of these machines is essential and Peter Richards of First Responders gives freely of his time to show us what to do. Recently Peter (pictured) carried out training in CPU at Mathern Village Hall.

## 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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