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## Dear Readers...

Wishing you all a very happy New Year, I hope 2019 is a great one for us all.

After all the indulgences of Christmas and the craziness in the run up to it, in this issue we encourage you to take some time for yourself this year. Whether this be joining a local gym, signing up to the local slimming club, deciding to dance or may be learning French, expanding your knowledge on the wines that you drink, or trying something new like hypnotherapy – we have a resource of local business/groups in our pages this issue that are ready to assist you get into great shape - body and mind!

The big event this month is the annual Chepstow Wassail and Mari Lwyd. You can read all about this brilliant, fun for all the family event on pages 18-19.

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## Poppy for Great, Great Nephew of Chepstow fallen serviceman

The great, great Nephew of one of the men who gave their life during world war one has been presented with a poppy bearing his great, great uncle's name.

The poppies were part of a display put together by Chepstow and District Round Table to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the first world.

Gordon Pidsley and his daughter Emma Gudgeon spotted the name of his great, great uncle W C Williams and asked if he could have the poppy so Round Table Chairman, Simon Hicks, presented him with the framed poppy.

One red poppy representing each of the men from Chepstow who gave their lives during the first world war were on display in the in the town centre. Each of the 84 poppies carried the name of one of servicemen who did not return from war. 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."*

*"It was fantastic that Gordon spotted the name of his great, great uncle. He asked if he could have the poppy and we were only too delighted to present him with it."*

You can read more about the heroic Able Seaman WC Williams on the next page.



**Photo shows Gordon Pidsley with Round Table Chairman, Simon Hicks**

## William Charles Williams VC -

*an extract from an article first published in Chepstow Matters in 2015 and provided by Bryan Rendell*

Able Seaman William Charles Williams was awarded a Victoria Cross, posthumously at the age of 34, for his bravery at V beach on the 25th April 1915. He was one of only 39 people to receive the VC in the Gallipoli campaign, which saw 100,000 allied lives lost.

William Charles Williams was a crew member on the River Clyde, a collier converted by the addition of ports in her side and ramps, into an assault ship for the landings at V beach. When the ship was being beached it went awry and the steam tug, manned by Greeks, failed to position itself properly to manoeuvre the towed barges into position to form a pier.

William Charles Williams was born in Stanton Lacy North of Ludlow, Shropshire and registered in 1881 in the District of Ludlow, Herefordshire. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Williams of Chepstow, they lived at No 11 Nelson Street in Chepstow.

Before joining the Navy he worked as a labourer and lived at The Gardens in Chepstow. He joined the Boys Service in Portsmouth in 1895 and was promoted to Boy's First Class in 1896, Seaman in 1898 and Able Seaman in 1901. He joined the Royal Fleet Reserve in 1910, and was called to serve in the war in August 1914. During his career, he served on eighteen different ships, more than once on some.

On 25th April 1915, during the landing on V Beach Cape Helles, Gallipoli, Able Seaman Williams, with four other men George Leslie Drewry, Wilfred Malleson; George Samson and Sub Lt. Tisdall RN



**William Charles Williams V.C**

were assisting the Commander Edward Unwin of the HMS River Clyde in securing the lighters. All were awarded Victoria Crosses. Large holes were cut in the ship's side level with the decks, and sloping gangways suspended by wire hawsers were run out so that the men could rush down them as soon as the ship touched the ground.

Barges were made fast to the sides of the steamer so that a floating bridge might be formed from them if she grounded too far from the

beach. Alongside were 'tows' of five boats each, packed with men of the Dublin Fusiliers, who were to land first and cover the disembarkation of the troops.

The open boats and River Clyde touched almost at the same moment and no sooner had the first of them grated on the bottom, than terrific machine gun fire was opened up from the whole of the surrounding hills that dominated the beach.

For a considerable distance to seaward, the bottom had been strewn with barbed wire and as the Dublin Fusiliers leapt into the water they found themselves entangled in the wire and were shot down where they stood. The open boats were held fast and their naval crews were wiped out.

As the River Clyde grounded, the lighters that were to form the bridge, were run out ahead, and the troops began to pour out of the holes in her sides and down the gangways; but the lighters failed to reach their proper stations. A gap was left between two of them, which it was impossible for men .../...

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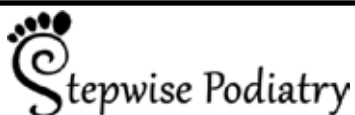
Commander Unwin and Able Seaman Williams made a line fast to one of the drifting lighters and, dropping over the side, waded through the water and towed the barge towards a spit of rock that gave direct access to the shore. In the meantime, Commander Unwin and Williams had nearly reached the rock with the lighter in tow when they found that the rope they had was not long enough.

Midshipman Drewry at once went back to the ship to get another length of rope, whilst the other two were waiting.

Williams was shot as he stood breast deep in the water. Commander Unwin carried him back to the lighter, but Williams was already dead. When Drewry returned with the rope it did not take long to make the lighter fast, and then the troops began to pour across the shot-swept bridge.

Commander Unwin said that William Charles Williams was the bravest man that he had ever known. The citation reads:

*He held on to the rope for over an hour, standing chest deep in the sea, under continuous fire. He was eventually dangerously wounded and later killed by a shell whilst his rescue was being affected by the Commander, who described him as the bravest sailor he had ever met.*



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

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### 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 tax-efficient 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 on.

The value of pensions and investments and the income they produce can fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you invested.

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## Tintern Abbey Carols by Torchlight

On Saturday 1st December the Chepstow Rotary Club staged the annual Torchlight Carol Service at Tintern Abbey. This most popular family event is always well supported and this year well over 600 attended the celebration.

Families started arriving from 5pm and the supporting Rotarian marshals reported that the car parks were filling quickly since there was a 50% increase in the numbers attending.

Families gathered in The Anchor pub where they warmed up prior to the event. After lighting their flaming torches and illuminating their light sticks the people formed a very, very long procession on the road adjacent to the Abbey. At precisely 6pm the assembly, led by the Rotarian David Burr, slowly marched off, up the road.

Once inside the Abbey grounds the column filed down the outside of the south wall on this cool evening to the voices of the Wydean School Choir that rose from within those ancient ruins. The buzz of the crowd had changed entirely into a hushed reverence for the sounds and the sights of our beautiful Tintern Abbey. Then, as people entered the main Abbey building in an unfamiliar direction through the east door, one heard the gasps of the children as they saw those ancient walls illuminated from within and the view of the choir assembled on the dais at the far end.

As this Christmas service was led by Reverend Tony Jones, carols were sung with much energy, lessons read with passion and there was a genuine feeling of goodwill towards one another throughout. Rotary President Richard Wickham thanked everyone for coming to the event and made an appeal for donations to Rotary charities



that support so many causes in our own community and beyond. He wished everyone a very happy Christmas. The service was closed by Reverend Jones after which the assembly exited the Abbey and dispersed into the darkness. The Christmas celebrations had certainly started well. Anyone interested in Rotary should check out [www.chepstowrotary.org.uk](http://www.chepstowrotary.org.uk).

The event raised over £4,300 and after all expenses were paid, including programme printing, flambes, light sticks, marshals and St John's Ambulance, the club was able to add over £2,800 to its charity fund. In 2019 the Rotary Torchlight Carol Service will be held once again on the first Saturday in December, that is 07 December, beginning at 6pm.

Every member of the family remembers Tintern for a very long time to come and so the date should be marked in your diary now or visit [www.chepstowrotary.org.uk](http://www.chepstowrotary.org.uk) for details

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## British Championship success for Chepstow Taekwondo

Two members of Chepstow Taekwondo came away from the PUMA British championships with medals and a third secured a fourth place.

Chepstow Taekwondo instructor Tom Baxter got a silver medal in the adult black belt sparring competition. Nine year old Zack Selway also won silver in the junior green belt sparring category, fighting off stiff competition. Eight year old Luke Butcher came fourth in junior yellow belt patterns, which shows how well competitors have learnt a series of between nineteen and twenty six consecutive moves.



The competition was organised by PUMA, Professional Unification of Martial Arts, which is part of the International Taekwondo Federation. The event held in Swindon attracted competitors from across the UK.

Chepstow Taekwondo instructor, Tom Baxter, said: "We had a really successful British Championships. To win two silver medals and to just miss out on a bronze against the competition from across the UK was a real feather in our caps. I am really proud of the attitude and sportsmanship on show from both Zack and Luke, they have worked really hard in our training sessions and both showed real bravery in their sparring bouts."

Chepstow Taekwondo meet twice a week, on a Monday at 6pm for Juniors and 7pm for adults at Chepstow Rugby Club and on a Thursday at the same times at Itton village hall. For younger children aged between 4 and 7 there is a once weekly session of our Little Puma club at 5:15 at on Monday at Chepstow Rugby Club. For more information visit [www.chepstowtkd.org.uk](http://www.chepstowtkd.org.uk).

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## Could this be YOU in 2019?

An inspirational slimmer in Chepstow has transformed her life after achieving an amazing 12 stone weight loss.

Heather Haines was also voted this year's 'Miss Slinky' in her local group after her fellow members were wowed by her emotional story and achievements. Slimming World's annual Miss Slinky competition recognises those members who have transformed both inside and out by becoming healthier and happier, slimmer and more confident.

Before joining Slimming World, Heather was over 23 stone and after seeing her picture on the swing she knew she had to change her life for the sake of her health and her life with her family. She could barely walk up and down the stairs and wasn't able to play with her children in their early years.

Heather joined a local Slimming World group and began following the Food Optimising healthy eating plan, which encourages members to satisfy their appetite on healthy foods like pasta, rice, potatoes, lean meat, fish, fruit and veg and more. Slimmers are able to lose weight without ever going hungry and still enjoy treats without feeling deprived, so there's no need to miss out on their favourite foods.

Heather has never looked back and is now able to enjoy a more physical and fun relationship with all her 3 children, something she feels she deprived her first child of. Her family and fellow Slimming World members are so proud of her and the way she has changed her life forever.

*"It has changed my life completely, I can do anything with the kids now and I can even fit in the seats for rides and on the plane for holidays, when before I would have avoided these embarrassing situations. I am more confident and much happier. This is something Slimming World has helped me to achieve and I will never go back. The ultimate thing is all the help and support you get from the group. I've made some wonderful friends that support me on my journey and I wouldn't have been able to do it without them".*

**Anyone who has been inspired by Heather is welcome to join us in on of our friendly welcoming groups in Chepstow.**

**New members can simply pop along or if they'd like more information they can call one of the local consultants David, Amanda or Lisa for more details.**



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**'Miss Slinky' - Heather Haines, who has lost an amazing 12 stone with the local Slimming World.**

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## Primary Maths Challenge

Severn Beach Primary School (photo right) took 1st place at the inaugural Primary Maths Challenge at St John's on-the-Hill School on Tuesday 27 November. Rogiet Primary School came second, followed by Raglan VC Primary School in third place.

Eight primary schools (St John's on-the-Hill, Severn Beach Primary School, Raglan VC Primary School, Rogiet Primary School, Bream C of E Primary School, Offa's Mead Academy, Llandogo Primary School and Blakeney Primary School) entered 12 teams in a full day of maths competitions.

There were four rounds testing a range of mathematical skills. The first tested the children's ability to work as a team. The second was about strategy, testing the best way to approach questions to gain the most points. The third tested accuracy and the final round tested speed.

Mr Matt Allen, Head of Mathematics at St John's on-the-Hill, said: *"It was wonderful to have so many schools taking part. The children showed a real talent for some very tricky maths and did incredibly well, given the fast pace of the event. We will definitely repeat the event next year and hope to inspire mathematicians of the future."*

*"Studying maths helps develop skills in logical thinking, problem-solving and decision-making skills, which are highly valued by employers."*



## News from Pembroke Primary School

As always, it's been an action packed Autumn Term here at Pembroke Primary and, as I write this, we are full into the excitement of our Christmas concert rehearsals ready for our performances, where our children get to showcase their fabulous talents. We are also looking forward to a Christmas Ball, a Movie Night, Class Parties and a whole school trip to The Riverfront Theatre.

The children have recently shown their excellent entrepreneurial skills during our Mini Enterprise week. This has been an annual feature at our school for many years and consists of all the classes designing and making a product to sell. The week involves the pupils taking on various roles, such as; designing, budgeting, marketing and selling, which all prepare them for possible future careers and support them in becoming lifelong learners; something we are very passionate about here at Pembroke. The pupils then decide how to spend their hard earned profits.

We have also launched 'Enrichment Afternoons' which will take place every half term.

Our first afternoon was a great success and enabled staff, parents and other members of the community to share a passion / hobby of theirs with a group of interested pupils. The children choose which activity they would like to experience and opportunities this term included; dog grooming, photography, bread making, cross stitch and origami.

We hope to further develop the range of activities we can offer our pupils and if any community members would like to share a passion of theirs with our pupils, please get in touch with the school office.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jade Wakley - Deputy Headteacher



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The Chepstow Wassail Mari Lwyd is a very popular annual FREE community event suitable for the whole family combining the mainly English tradition of Wassailing, the Welsh Mari Lwyd tradition, plus a unique social meeting of the English and Welsh on the Welsh/English border (The river Wye bridge, main photo).

The Mari Lwyd is a Welsh mid-winter tradition which dates back many centuries. The Mari is a decorated, shrouded horse skull which is carried by the Mari Lwyd group who go door-to-door, singing and challenging the families inside to a battle of rhyming insults in Welsh. At the end of the battle of wits (known as pwnco) the group are invited into the house for refreshments. There is usually singing and rowdy banter, after which the Mari group bless the house and it's inhabitants (thlwncestyng), wish all a happy New Year and move on to the next port of call.

**Gather at Beaufort Square for dancing, music and daft capers from around 12.15pm**

- 1.00pm** Mari Lwyd Ceremony at the GREENMAN BACKPACKERS, Beaufort Square, Chepstow Town Centre. **BAR AND FOOD**
- 2.30pm** Meet at the Castle Dell car park for the Wassail of The Castle Dell apple trees. Your Wassail Butler this time Mr Robin Burton. Lots of singing, dancing, toast cider and party poppers. Followed by morris dancing and music.
- 4.00pm** Drill Hall - Mari Lwyd Pageant. As many as 30 Mari Lwyd's from all over Wales plus other horse traditions including creatures from Nottingham, Cornwall, Shropshire and beyond. Food vendors and a bar plus our stall selling event merchandising. **BAR AND FOOD**
- 5.30pm** Riverbank for more Morris Dancing, Music and Noise in Preparation for the Famous "Meeting on the Bridge". Food vendors and merchandising stalls.
- 6.15pm** Meeting of the English and the Welsh in the Middle of the Old Iron Bridge. *"It's like going to War and then all Peace breaks out!"* **SEE IT ON THE BIG SCREEN**  
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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, 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 Synchronicity', '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 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 high 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 Tornados and Ry Cooder through to Los Lobos and even Roy Orbison. This show also features firm festival favourites Mad Dog Mcrea.

Saturday 18th August - **Abba Mania** comes to Chepstow Castle. From London's West End, Abba Mania has been delighting audiences since 1999!

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 the Organisers have been quite simply been inundated with fan requests to bring them back, so they have!

Friday 23rd August is a chance to see two full shows for the price of one, firstly with '**Fleetwood Bac**' the world's first and best Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band. A band that are proudly endorsed by Big Daddy himself, Mick Fleetwood. Rounding off the night and being performed by The Bohemians is a high energy roller coaster ride of a concert, featuring the back catalogue of one of the world's most popular and iconic rock acts of all time, Queen.

Saturday 24th August sees '**A Country Night in Nashville**' starring **Dominic Halpin** and **the Hurricanes**. Transporting you on a musical journey through the history of country featuring songs from the biggest stars past and present.

Sunday 25th August - back by incredible popular demand after his 2017 performance, the No1 Elvis impersonator **Ben Portsmouth** returns with his show, **Taking Care of Elvis**.

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## Exciting Developments at Chepstow Racecourse

A range of new facilities will be available to customers at Chepstow Racecourse in 2019. A major refurbishment of much of the Premier Grandstand is now almost complete.

Facilities which have undergone a transformation include the restaurant previously known as Silks. Our large track facing restaurant has had a luxurious makeover and has been relaunched as 'The View'. We are now taking bookings for 2019 and carvery packages start at just £40 in January. The large Premier Bar will reopen in February, while a number of our hospitality boxes have also been improved and updated.

New facilities include the Native River Lounge for annual members, a sophisticated Gin and Fizz Lounge and the popular Cwtch Coffi coffee shop.

The Native River Lounge is a brand new track viewing suite with a full length balcony directly opposite the winning line. It offers our annual members the very best view in the house! Membership is a great option if you're a racing fan, it gives you free access to over 500 race meetings annually in addition to the use of Chepstow's new lounge. See the advertisement opposite for details.

The Gin and Fizz Lounge also offers a superior view of the racing. Limited spaces will be available each meeting in our stylish bar, so you're guaranteed comfort and space. The Cwtch Coffi coffee shop in the Premier Grandstand entrance offers seating plus hot drinks, jacket potatoes, soup, sandwiches and paninis.

All of these facilities can also be hired for non racing events such as parties, dinners, conferences, meetings and exhibitions. If you'd like to make an appointment to view any of these facilities, or to discuss your requirements, please give



us a call. If you'd like to come racing, we have some great offers this winter and spring.

### 'January Sale' Racedays

Entry tickets are just £10 in advance for our Monday 7th and Friday 19th January fixtures. Hospitality options start from just £40 per person for entry and a two-course carvery in our brand new View Restaurant.

### Super Six Nations Raceday

Saturday 23rd February is Super Six Nations Raceday when, as well as the 7 exciting jump races at Chepstow, we will also be showing live coverage of the Six Nations third round games in our Wales vs England Fan Zone. There will also be a brilliant Tom Jones tribute performing before racing.

Again tickets are just £10 if you book in advance.

### Grand National Raceday

Grand National Raceday on Saturday 14th April is one of the biggest days of the year at Chepstow – enjoy seven races at Chepstow plus all of the televised action from the Grand National at Aintree. After racing there will be live music from Oasis tribute band Noasis. Tickets from £20 in advance.





## Competition Results for Kestrel Gymnasts

The younger Kestrel gymnasts had good results in the South East Gymspire Championships held in Newport.

The gymnasts were competing on Vault, Trampoline, and a set Tumble routine on Floor. In the 6-7 yrs Level 1 Section which had 50 gymnasts competing, Phoebe Morris won Silver on Trampoline, Laci Watkins won Silver on Floor, Bronze on Vault, and the Overall Champion Trophy. Together with Carys Fullerton, Emme Crabbe and Maisie Browning, the girls took Team Silver.

In the age 8 yrs Level 2 section, Niamh Trott won Gold on Floor, and Overall Silver and qualified to be part of South East Wales Team competing in the Welsh Finals in Deeside where she went on to win Silver on Trampoline, 4th Ribbon on Tumble and winning Regional Team Bronze.

In the Boys' section Leo Childs won Gold on Vault and Trampoline and Silver on Floor. Ted Watson won Silver on Vault, Trampoline and Floor. Charlie Jones won Bronze on Vault and Trampoline, and Gold on Floor. All three boys qualified for the Welsh Finals with Leo winning 4th place Ribbon on Vault and Trampoline, Silver on Floor. Ted won Silver on Vault,



Bronze on Floor, 4th place Ribbon on Trampoline and both boys tied in Silver Overall position.

Leila Creed competing in 9-10 yrs Level 1 Section, took Silver on Vault, 4th place Ribbon on Floor and took the Overall Champion Trophy, and together with Tia Thomas and Libby Arthur and Ella-Ruby Freeman won Team Silver. Leila also qualified for the SE Team in the Welsh Finals, winning Regional Team Bronze. In age 10-11 yrs Level 1, Willow Summers won Silver on Trampoline and 4th place Ribbon on Floor.

In the 13 yrs+ age group, Clare John won 4th place Ribbon on Floor and Vault, Bronze on Trampoline, and Bronze Overall, and qualified for the Welsh Finals, and in Deeside won Silver on Vault, 4th place Ribbon on Trampoline, and Regional Team Bronze.

## Kestrel Gymnastics Club

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The Pre-School itself is a registered charity which means that we rely on fundraising activities and grants to enable us to upgrade our facilities and equipment. Currently we are trying to update our décor and also our 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](mailto:tutshillpreschool@talktalk.net) or message our Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/tutshillpreschool](https://www.facebook.com/tutshillpreschool).



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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

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**Chepstow Hub** Manor Way, Chepstow, NP16 5HZ 01291 635730 chepstowlibrary@monmouthshire.gov.uk

**Chepstow Museum** Bridge Street, Chepstow 01291 625981

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Palmer Community Centre, Cormeilles Square, High Street, Chepstow, NP16 5LH 01291 628725 main hall and lounge available for hire, Tea Rooms open for all!

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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

**Mahjong Group** meets weekly on Monday afternoons in Tidenham Chase. For new and current players please contact David Green on 07813 200808

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

**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 Rec Hall, Paula Siddall p.rimmer10@btinternet.com every Thurs 1.30-3pm

**St Arvans Baby and Toddler** St Arvans Memorial Hall. T: Sabrina 07701 027313 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  
bluebellisplaygroup@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  
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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  
markb1228@hotmail.com 01291 622126

**Chepstow Cycling Club** www.chepstowcyclingclub.wales/  
**Chepstow Darts League** contact Rob Murdin - murdrobe@  
sky.com or Chris Smith - smudger391@hotmail.com, tel -  
07445 287018.

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

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

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

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

**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

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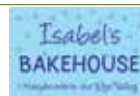
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### Who are you buying from?

If you're buying online from a trader or online store

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- If there is a problem within 30 days of buying the goods, you could get a replacement or repair.
- If it can't be repaired or replaced, you're entitled to a full refund.

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- Goods have to be as described, but the seller doesn't have to disclose faults.
- Goods can't be misrepresented, such as saying they are new when already used.
- If you have a problem try to resolve it by contacting the seller directly.
- If they have used an online market place see if it has a dispute resolution system.

All purchases or orders for goods involve Term and Conditions or the small print. These will affect how problems are dealt with so it is worth reading them. When buying and paying online make sure the site is secure and keep copies of paperwork.

### My goods haven't arrived - what can I do?

- Contact the seller to find out where the item is. Call or email their customer services.
- The seller should chase the delivery company and let you know what's happened to your item.



- If the item doesn't turn up, you're legally entitled to a replacement or refund. You can expect a refund within 14 days of the retailer agreeing you're entitled to one. If you don't get your money back, follow the company's complaints procedure.
- It is important to keep a record of all contact with the customer services department and confirm the problem to them in writing (email/text/letter).
- Some traders belong to an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme. This is a way to try to solve the problem without going to court

Lost, damaged or delayed post

- You can claim compensation from Royal Mail if your item was lost, damaged or delayed. Complain using their online form, or by phoning or writing to their customer services department.
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  - o follow the courier company's complaints process - find this on their website, or email or phone their customer services.

Further information and advice: Ring Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **03454 040506** go online at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales/consumer](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales/consumer) or drop in to your local Citizens Advice office

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