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May bank holidays, the Coronation, and re-opening of the bridge!

We'll all enjoy the holidays on the 1st, 8th and 29th of May and hope you'll join the Coronation Party at the Village Hall on **Saturday the 6th of May** and the Craft Fair on the **8th of May**. After the great success of the first Farmer's Market at The Village Hall you won't want to miss next one on **Saturday the 13th of May**. And make sure you share your ideas at the Village Hall AGM on the **18th of May**.

Local artist Gemma Kate Wood is interviewed this month and her photography will be on display at St Michael's Church during the first of the "**Music on the Wye**" concerts at St Michael's Church on **Friday 14 May** where this first Renewal themed event will showcase compositions by local musician, Fiona Frank, performed by a quartet of members of the very talented St. Woolos Sinfonia Orchestra.

Work is being completed on the Wireworks Bridge as reported on the [Tintern Village website](#) and should be open early in May. The start of resurfacing the Wye bridge at Monmouth work has been reported in the press to start in July, sadly at the height of tourist travel.

Mark your calendar for the Duck race to support the Tintern Fete on the **Saturday 27th of May** with refreshments at St Michaels's Church.

The committee has been working hard behind-the-scenes to make this year's Tintern Fete the best ever, so mark your calendar for **Saturday 24th June** and next month they'll be reaching out for volunteers to help.

Looking ahead to the [Folk on the Lawn](#) at the Abbey Mill (**13th – 16th July**), would anyone allow campers on their property ('guests' who give a token of their thanks)? The closure of the Old Station camping area has limited options for where the artists and volunteers can stay. This family-friendly and eclectic music event may be unique in that it continues to be run by enthusiasts, who give their skills (many of the team are professionals in the field) for no financial reward and, also, in its reliance on donations and other find-raising activities (e.g. raffles) to, at least, reimburse those playing for their travel. In essence, Folk on the Lawn functions on the core value of good will. This fits right into the welcoming and a bit quirky charm of Tintern and our kind residents. Please contact info@folkonthelawn.com if you'd be willing to allow campers.

Do you have any spare bookcases you could donate to the Village Hall ? The Village Hall has a wide selection of books in the Small Meeting room in the hall and also in the Book Sheds located around the village (new one at Fryer's Wharf!). But they have filled the 2 large and 1 small book case in the hall and are now running out of space to display the books on the shelves. If you have a spare bookcase that you could donate to the hall please let Noelyn Allen know on either BookingsTinternVH@hotmail.com or the Village Hall mobile 07512 856024

Thanks, Toni Harvey (tinternnews@gmail.com)

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Thoughts from everyone in our community will continue to be very welcome.





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in Tintern Village Hall

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Artist Interview with Gemma Kate Wood, by Elisabeth Lewis



I interviewed Gemma Kate Wood in the summerhouse at the Wye Valley Sculpture Garden in Tintern. What a wonderful spot: the nearness of the pond and the wonderful geometric sculptures contrast with the hills and forests in the distance; whilst we talked the sound of birdsong was everywhere. It was a cold, slightly damp day, but it felt as though there was no better place to be in the world. Many Tintern residents and visitors look forward to visiting the Snowdrop wood here in February each year. Over 80 different varieties of snowdrops are on display. Visitors also have the added bonus of catching sight of Gemma's sculptures: large, three

dimensional and beautiful. The sculptures don't look out of place, nor do they dominate the gardens. They belong here, as does Gemma, and are an intrinsic part of the landscape.

Gemma's grandfather bought the Nurtons in the 1950s, and her grandparents developed an organically based small holding. Gemma's parents who are both ecologists and botanists have been collecting plants and growing the gardens for many years. Gemma described her childhood as idyllic. Sensing a growing desire to create art she did a foundation course in Art and Design, followed by three years at Westminster University studying ceramics. Apart from the attraction of such a renowned ceramic course, the move represented a deliberate contrast to the quiet and beauty of home. Whilst Gemma loved her studies and thoroughly enjoyed London, she realised that the Wye Valley was where she wanted to be and where she wanted to raise her son: "I didn't want to be anywhere else."

The gardens at the Nurtons represent multi-generational efforts with a shared ethos: organic and sustainable. Gemma devoted her time to child rearing, working in the gardens and renovating her house. We discussed gardening, and the fact that the desire to garden is deeply ingrained in our culture. As Gemma observed: "Gardening requires hard work, dedication and money. It is interesting that we live in an area of outstanding natural beauty, and yet we try to control nature. The eye loves order and resonance is calming, yet nature needs to burgeon. I try to work with the land and not fight it." In common with many gardeners in the Wye Valley Gemma has had to confront the realities of living with deer and rabbits! She encourages pollination and has planted accordingly. Even in February they have had the joy of seeing bees and even butterflies in the garden.

A mixture of financial motives, knowledge and creativity led Gemma to develop a career in landscaping: "I loved it - the challenge of creating three dimensional spaces! I enjoyed devising different living rooms in gardens using local materials and translating my ideas into reality." Comfortable with a range of landscaping tools and machinery this work married well with family life, developing the extensive gardens at home, and being a mother. However, Gemma began to realise that she had an overwhelming ambition to put sculptures in the garden. At first Gemma sculpted in wood, in line with her desire to use local materials. She had a certainty that it was important for her to produce enduring art. The gardens in which she works so hard became a studio. Being a visual person, she is very inspired by light and atmospherics, and was motivated by the need to find and capture beauty. Gemma's sculptures seek to capture the magical essence of the moment. She is now in her second year of sculpting metal and has incorporated the beauty of glass within these structures. A number of these are displayed on plinths, as "the way in which you present your work is as important as the work itself". Whilst the strong geometric shapes speak for themselves their position in the beautiful shape of nature is significant. I was intrigued by Gemma's use of corten steel, a specialist alloy designed to form a rusted surface after exposure to the weather - but which doesn't rust below the surface.

Gemma's creativity also extends to photography, another way in which she can display "the magic of the moment and explore the impact of light." Becoming increasingly well known for her sculptures, she also works with other local artists, constantly asking herself how the gardens can be used in more and more creative ways. What particularly pleases Gemma is how many local people in Tintern enjoy the Snowdrop event. We can all be grateful for its life affirming presence each year.

Come see Gemma's photos at St Michael's Church on **Friday 12 April** as part of the "**Music on the Wye**" event.

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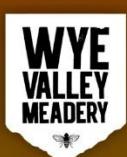


Meet them at Tintern Fete on Saturday 24th June. Living history, Viking village, combat skills, demonstrations.



Tintern Fete for a great day out on Saturday 24th June.

From midday to midnight, the Wye Valley's brilliant village fete once again promises fun and entertainment for everyone. As well as our Viking visitors, there'll be a great range of craft and produce stalls, amazing day and evening live music, children's magic show, fabulous food, and the great-value Kingstone Bar in the village hall. Come along to Leytons Field, Tintern and enjoy!



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Music on the Wye

Renewal
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featuring the music of
Fiona Frank
celebrating Spring and the environment

Friday 12th May 7.30pm
St Michael's Church, Tintern

Enjoy refreshments on the banks of the Wye.
Tickets £10, student concessions £8, children free.
Available at Abbey Stores and at the door.



Music on the Wye by Vanessa Dodd

St. Michael's church, Tintern, a site of worship and gathering place for over 1000 years, is hosting a series of three music concerts celebrating nature and the Wye River.

The music concerts are themed on the environment and celebration of the season, and range from classical, gospel and folk music to the choral. They will take place inside and outside the church, which is uniquely placed on the banks of the River Wye with ancient connections to the adjacent historical wharf and fording point, at distinct times of the liturgical year mapped on the Celtic agricultural year – **Spring Renewal, Michaelmas** and a **Requiem** before Remembrance Sunday.

May is when Beltane is marked, lauding renewal and change, both natural and human, and the first concert on **Friday 12th of May at 7:30** is a music programme composed by award-winning composer Fiona Frank (see more at Fiona-Frank.com) whose work is inspired by the beauty and potency of the Wye Valley. Nature inspires her music, much of which has won awards both at home and in Europe, predominantly in Italy as well as Cyprus, Brussels and Luxembourg. Her most recent awards include being a prize-winner in the 'Spirit' Competition of the Commonwealth Community Music Initiative, performed during the Birmingham 2022 Festival in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games and First Prize at the "Patricia Adkins Chiti International Composition Competition", with her winning piece, "La Pizzica", premiered at the Church of San Carlo Borromeo in Bari, Italy. Her seven-movement suite for piano 'Mystical Swan in Blue', will have its fourth performance at St Woolos Cathedral in August 2023 with Charles Matthews on piano.



On the 12th of May, Fiona's compositions will be played by a quartet drawn from St. Woolos Sinfonia, the Orchestra in Residence at St. Woolos Cathedral (www.stwoolossinfonia.com) in Newport. The quartet will include Huw Griffiths on oboe, Paula Kempton on violin, James Drummond on viola and Sonia Hammond on cello, performing pieces such as 'Cloudcover', 'Life streams', Sunshine and Storms', 'Yearning and midsummer rain' and 'Water of Life'.

The music concert will be complemented by poetry readings and a photographic exhibition by the 'Ambassador of the Wye Valley'

Gemma Kate Wood (see more at Gemmakatewood.com) whose sculptures are permanently on display at the Wye Valley Sculpture Garden. Gemma's interview with Elisabeth Lewis is also in this edition of the Tintern Newsletter.

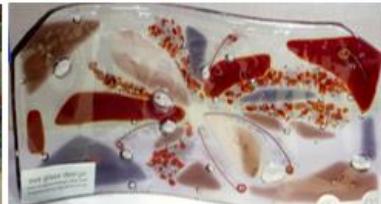


It should be a lovely evening to become more familiar with the work of these local artists and enjoy wine, beer and soft drinks on sale, on the banks of the River Wye. The concert starts at 7:30 on Friday May 12th and tickets are available at Abbey Stores, Tintern or on the door for £10 (student concessions £8, children free).

This project has been supported by Welsh Government's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) in the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).



Wye Valley Crafts at Abbey Mill



Local makers on your doorstep. Why not pop in and browse for Easter. We have handmade cards and gifts for all pockets.

This month, we're showcasing our newest member, blacksmith Smokey Dog Forge.

We also have a guest spot, to promote visiting crafts - this month we have weaving from Retha Durose.

Wye Valley Crafts is supporting the Tintern Playground appeal. We're holding a raffle, closing date end of June. The prize is a £100 voucher to be spent in the shop.

Please see our website, www.wyevalleycrafts.org.uk, for more information or call us on 01291 689346.

Wye Valley Crafts Association



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Action to protect our River Wye, by Nick Day



Friends of the Lower Wye are now a project within the umbrella of Transition Monmouth.

We continue with our sampling and testing of river water. Since 2016 the river has suffered from extreme algal blooms. These threaten to cause ecosystem collapse, with Simon Evans of the Wye Usk Foundation stating that there might only be 2 years left.

Under the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD), the Wye is in theory highly protected, as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Under these, 'Targets' / Limits have been set for SAC and SSSI areas, originally via the EU WFD. These are administered by Natural England (NE), the Environment Agency (EA), and Natural Resources Wales (NRW). The water quality targets vary, from very low values in the headwaters to less low values further downriver.

Citizen Science has stepped in where the agency bodies have been de-funded and their testing is sparse, and in order to try to help understand the processes driving the algal blooms Cardiff University advised testing Water temperature, Electrical conductivity, Turbidity (cloudiness), Nitrates/Nitrites, and Phosphates. Ph testing for acidity levels, and measurements of Ammonia levels are now emerging as being 'of interest', according to the EA. We have been particularly focussing on levels of phosphate in the water.

In the Lower Wye area, sampling locations have considerable overlap with sites covered by volunteers from CPRE(H) and WSA. We generally try to avoid duplicating work done by our fellow groups, and interleave with them wherever possible to maximise coverage and minimise duplication. At the moment, places with the most useful scope to expand are on the Afon Honddu, the Olchon (upper), Monnow (upper), Escley Brook, and the Wye towards Ross.

At Tintern, water quality is additionally complicated by the effect of the tides, bringing salty seawater up the river twice a day. Our river water comes down the River Wye, with contributions from the River Monnow, the River Trothy, and smaller brooks (Red Brook, Valley Brook, and The White Brook, and the brooks joining in the tidal section), and is affected by the outfalls from Wyesham Sewage Works and Newland Sewage Works.

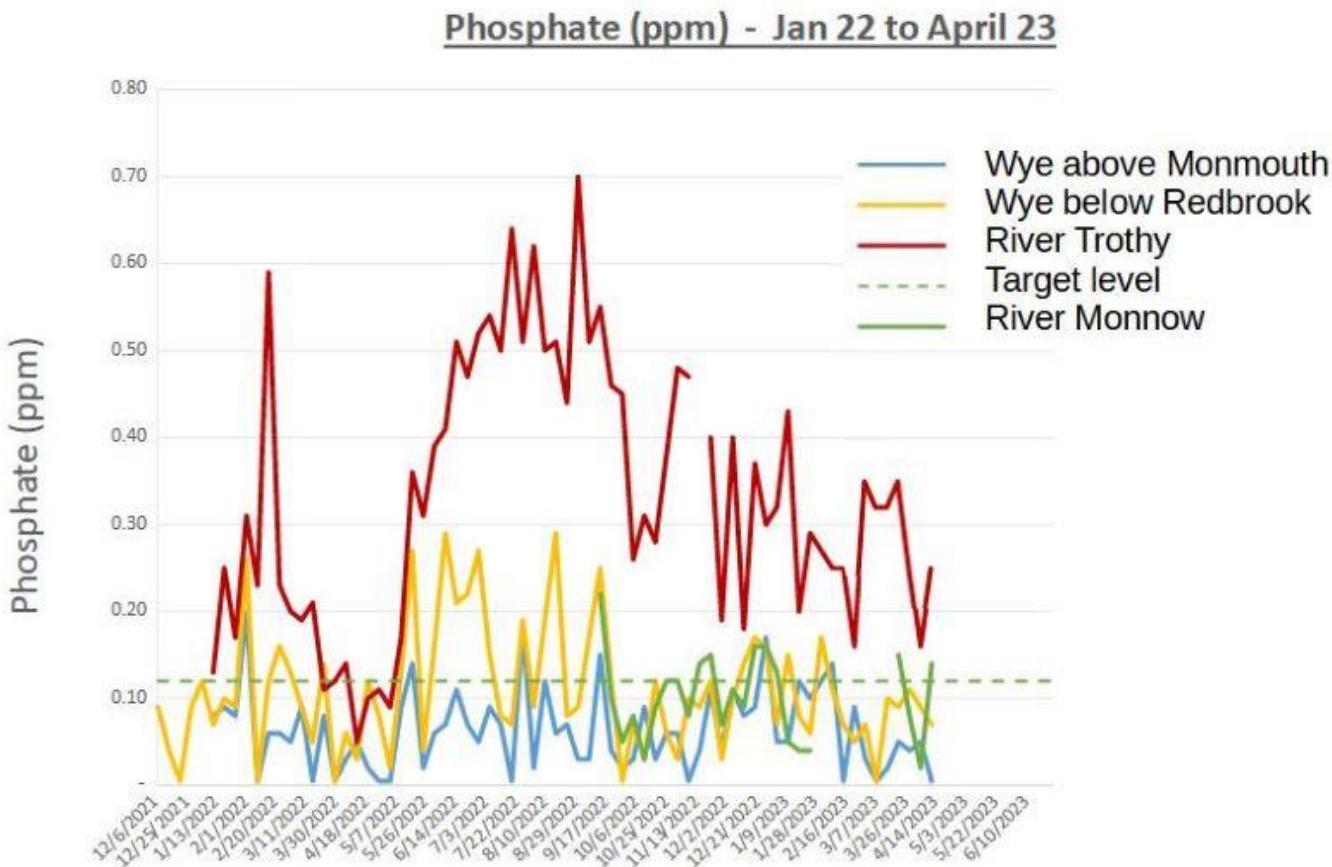
It is interesting to have some idea of what affects the water in the Wye before it reaches Monmouth, and for that, largely we look to the data gathered by our colleagues in FoUW, CPRE(H), the WSA etc. - their data is likely to point out the prime sources of phosphate and the more specific starting points. The general pattern of distribution of phosphate levels across the catchment strongly implicates the River Lugg subcatchment. In a similar but smaller-scale pattern, measurements on the Monnow subcatchment show that phosphate loads on the River Dore are very high, but processes of dilution with cleaner water from other tributaries, together with nature's own restorative effects, result in more acceptable values as it approaches Monmouth.

After over a year of testing, certain patterns are emerging. Although the Wye, by the time it reaches



Monmouth, is almost meeting its targets, below Redbrook measurements are generally higher. If we look at potential causes for this there's one consistent offender, and that's the Trothy. We are working with NRW to pinpoint any specific reasons for this.

As regards the Wye, it seems that contributions from local sewage works may not be the prime drivers raising phosphate levels in this stretch, although improvements to our sewage system are long overdue and would be welcome- it was a good piece of news to hear that Welsh Water have brought forward some planned upgrading of the Monmouth works into the current 5-year financial period.



A piece for solo cello called 'Water is Life', newly written by Fiona T Frank and inspired by the river Wye, will receive its international premiere by Sonia Hammond, at a concert of Fiona's music on May 12th, St Michael's Church, Tintern at 7.30pm, called 'Renewal'. We are trying to save our beautiful river(s) from the results of greed & neglect. Fiona wrote some rounds to sing at a special event, 'Walking the Wye' to raise awareness about the imminent death of our river. On World Earth day, Fiona's 'Flow Gentle River' was performed in Reykjavic, Iceland, by an international group of musicians.

20 million chickens in crowded spaces can have disastrous results in the name of 'cheap' food! Fiona has also written and illustrated a children's story about it which will be published at the beginning of May.

River pollution is a rapidly escalating crisis. Every single English river is polluted beyond legal limits by human, agricultural and industrial waste. In Wales, where agricultural pollution is at ever-increasing levels, the majority of rivers also fail to meet 'good ecological status'.

On **May 19th** Friends of the Lower Wye are hosting '**The Wye - Working Together**' along with Monmouth Rotary – an evening at Bridges Community Centre, Monmouth, with presentations from both Natural Resources Wales & the Environment Agency. The event is ticketed but free; early booking via [Eventbrite](#) is strongly advised, as the evening we held in November was booked very quickly.

Tintern Folk Session at the Wild Hare, by Joe

As usual on the third Sunday of the month - the **21st May at 7:30**, at the Wild Hare, there will be an informal folk session. Bring instruments and music to get involved! It's free to come and play, sing or listen. We will mostly have sheet music, or you can play by ear and we can start tunes slowly so new people can get to grips with them. See www.facebook.com/tinternfolksession for more info. Just a note that for parking you need to register your vehicle in the pub reception to avoid paying any charge.

“Walk The Wye 2023” going ahead on Sunday 14th May

The annual “Walk The Wye” event is taking place on **Sunday 14th May**. Organised by Monmouth, Chepstow and Ross on Wye Rotary Clubs, the event will again be raising funds for the breast cancer research team at Velindre, Cardiff.

The event is based at Monmouth Show Ground and there are 5 separate walks to choose from with distances of between 3.5 and 13 miles. All walks start and finish at the Show Ground and follow well used footpaths in the Wye valley; with written route instructions available for each walk.

Why not choose a walk; invite your friends to join you, and have a great day out in the beautiful Wye valley, whilst raising money for breast cancer research.

There will be the usual free car parking at Monmouth Show Ground. Burgers, bacon rolls, coffee and tea will be on sale at the start, plus ice cream, for when walkers return from their walk.

The previous walk event, run last May, was very successful with over 200 walkers taking part, despite Covid-19 uncertainty at the time, and raising the incredible sum of £8,140 for charity. This was split with 75% going to the breast cancer research team at Velindre and 25% to other charitable causes supported by Rotary.

Rotarian Norman Williams commented “The Rotary Clubs of Monmouth, Chepstow and Ross on Wye enjoy organising the event each year, in order to raise much needed funds for the breast cancer research team at Velindre. Over the past 14 years, the event has raised £135,000 for breast cancer research, plus £45,000 for other charitable organisations supported by the Rotary Clubs.

Rotary believes that research into a cure for breast cancer is a very worthy cause to support. Every year, thousands of women, and some men, are diagnosed with breast cancer. Almost everybody knows somebody who has been affected by breast cancer, either directly or through a relative or friend or work colleague. Survival rates are improving but much more research is needed to ultimately defeat it”.

Full details and entry forms can be found at www.walkthewye.com, or
Contact Norman Williams, Monmouth Rotary Club, Telephone 07748 853 328

Coronation Day in Tintern, by Martin Everett

Victoria's Coronation 1838 (from The Monmouthshire Merlin)

The Coronation of her gracious Majesty afforded an occasion of much enjoyment to the inhabitants of Brockweir and in the neighbourhood. Loyalty and cheerfulness were happily blended with more moderation than has been usual at such times, in a village where drunkenness has hardly been ranked among the catalogue of human crimes.

At an early hour, a company of about 200 children, with shipwrights and mechanics in Mr Thomas Swift's employ, and many other inhabitants, assembled on the banks of the river with a band of music, whence they proceeded in due order to the chapel close at hand. After a short service, in which the Te Deum was chanted, and the appropriate Psalms were read, the procession was marshalled in a neighbouring meadow, and proceeded through the fields and which so beautifully the playful meanderings of the Wye. As they moved onwards up the winding and gradually ascending road, the villa of Coed Ithel, Norton House, and the village of Tintern successively appeared in the "lovely light of morn", till down the pillared isles, intermingled with numerous colours of varied hue. Having reached the nave, these, no longer fluttering in the breeze, sunk in quiet response to their standards, and became picturesquely grouped in their midst: the central pillars were encircled by the children waving branches of laurel and flowers, whilst the melody of their infant voices, the stirring music of the band, and the cheering of the mixed multitude died away in the distance echoing of the cloisters. Amidst this scene of enchanting delight, there happened a circumstance deeply and affectingly reminding the partial few who witnessed it that "in the midst of life we are in death". There stood one amongst the number of those attracted by the scene, who, while her eye was resting on the happiness of all around, sunk down and helpless into the arms of her surrounding friends, who quickly bore her to the chamber which witnessed her expiring breath!

The procession, unconscious of this event, so pathetic and impressive to the reflective mind, now issued from the ancient gateway, and passing St Anne, met a second party assembling in a thickly populated glen, chiefly occupied by the from the summit of the woody knoll, the beauteous Abbey was seen towering up in queenly majesty from the vale below – The gay and floating banners, the bugles, and the pealing drum now announced the approach, and many of the neighbouring inhabitants hastened to the opposite banks of the river, to witness their steep and winding descent. Passing in boats they soon entered the venerable and august ruins which tell the glory of departed days the time-worn structure of the far-famed Tintern Abbey. A crowd were already grouped around her massif basements to bid a welcome – the brought sunbeams were pouring their noontide lustre on every high projecting arch, while ivy-crowned pillars of this grassy chamber of poetic imagery were canopied by the deep blue ether of Heaven. Above the heads of the lively throng, devices of ships and anchors, Hope with the Wheel of Fortune, and flowery wreathes, beside many other emblems of commerce and industry, were seen sailing workers of H.S.Brown Esq.

On **Saturday the 6th of May** Tintern residents will be able to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles at a party in the Tintern Village Hall. Way back in 1953, I can vaguely remember watching the Coronation Service of our late Queen sat at home on a small 12-inch black and white television surrounded by neighbours. We were one of the few families who owned this latest technology; only one TV channel in those days.

But what times past in Tintern? No doubt there are many Tintern residents who have their own family stories of past coronation parties.

When searching the archives, newspaper report (left) published in the local newspaper, *The Monmouthshire Merlin*, of celebrations in Tintern in **June 1838**. The teenaged Princess Victoria had succeeded to the throne on the death of her uncle, King William IV. Her Coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on 26 June 1838; the new Queen had just turned 19 years old.

To understand this 1838 newspaper report, then, the main thoroughfare through the valley was the tidal river Wye; other routes were merely uneven dirt tracks although a new road (now A466) was beginning to be constructed. The bridge crossing points at Brockweir (1906) and the Tintern Wireworks Bridge (1876) did not exist. The only way to cross the Wye were small boat ferries at Brockweir and Tintern which would have been expensive to use for the ordinary villager.

It would seem in those days, the nearby village of Brockweir had a lawless reputation; they adopted a 'bit of hard work and hard play' approach to life. Then in early, 1830s the Moravians were invited by the local landowner, the Duke of Beaufort, to bring a feeling of sobriety to the community. Their church, mentioned in the text, was completed in 1832 on a site used previously by villagers

for cockfighting, gambling, and wild drunken dancing.

On Coronation Day the Merlin journalist seems to be overawed by the scenery and enjoyable festivities. The text is very poetic and romantic but lacks vital detail as it narrates an outing by Brockweir villagers to a festive Coronation Day fete held in the Tintern Abbey grounds. The Abbey would be covered in ivy as depicted by Turner's in his famous 1794 painting. Perhaps, the reporter had been somewhat encouraged by William Wordsworth, those words published just four years after Turner's masterpiece. The revellers from Brockweir would have walked the riverside path via the Bigsweir bridge (1827), through Coed Ithel and the Nurtons to reach Tintern, and then after the festivities turned home for a grand barbecue feast of roast lamb. Sadly, on the day during events, it seems a villager died.



(Editors note: I did find an interesting “History Calling “ youtube [video](#) about Victoria’s coronation from extracts from her diary)

“The STORY OF QUEEN VICTORIA and her record breaking reign began with a COMICAL CORONATION in Westminster Abbey on 28 June 1838. Indeed it is one of the fun facts about Queen Victoria, a woman who would go on to become arguably Britain’s most famous monarch, that her time on the throne began in such a haphazard fashion, with a peer of the realm who literally fell at her feet (though not on purpose), a painful mishap with the coronation ring, an altar which was turned into a buffet table and an ill-prepared and perhaps rather dozy Bishop, who managed to miss out crucial bits of the ceremony when he accidentally turned two pages in a book at once. The British coronation ceremony is supposed to be a sombre affair, full of meaning and centuries of tradition, but this young woman’s became one of the many funny royal stories which pop up within the British royal family through the ages. This teenage monarch and record breaking royal took it all in good spirits however and it certainly had no negative impact on the life of Queen Victoria.”



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Tintern Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade, by Alan Carter

Monday evenings 6 - 7:30 at Tintern Village Hall.

As published last month, we have some really good young leaders coming through but we really need older and / or experienced leaders to ensure that we can continue to provide an exiting and challenging program for all of our members. So, if you have experience of outdoor activities, youth leadership, Duke of Edinburgh Award or any other skills or knowledge and you are willing and able to give up some of your free time, please come and speak to us.

This months family service at St Michael's on the **14th of May** will also include presentations of badges and awards. These services are becoming increasingly popular with our young members and their families as well as the general public with many of our young members contributing and taking part in the service. It shows that what goes on behind those big oak doors isn't really that scary and can be fun. So why not come and see?

As from the 15th of May we will be joining with the new company starting at Llandogo (see below) once a month at the Botany Bay Scout camp where we hope to carry out more outdoor activities.

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Shirley Petherick 1939-2023, by her sons Gary and Andrew, and neighbour Jane Benson



Shirley was born in Tintern at the start of second World War, the eldest daughter of Edna and Trevor Baynton, with a following family of sisters and brothers – Carol, Angela, Robin, Rex, Jackie and Paul.

A Tintern girl through and through, Shirley loved the village. She had a typical country childhood with a close circle of friends and she enjoyed many interests as she grew up. Dancing, both ballet and tap, singing in a choir, Sunday School, chapel and putting on shows with Carol and Angela in the parish rooms. She often talked about visits to the cinema above Tintern garage. She attended the school in Tintern and passed selection to go on to Larkfield Grammar School.

Shirley married Malcolm in 1957 in St Michael's church and started work with the Forestry Commission at Crown Lodge before starting the family. Gary came along in 1958 and Andrew followed in the hard winter of 1963. While the boys were growing up, Shirley had a variety of jobs and worked at The

Anchor, The Beaufort, the Moon and Sixpence and the Royal George. She enjoyed her years working at the Triangle Stores in Brockweir. During her time at the Stores, she was a finalist for the Miss Vivo 1972 competition, and at the finals in London she was awarded the prize of an exciting family holiday in Ibiza. This was an amazing holiday for the family – their first abroad, and it sparked an interest in further adventurous holidays overseas. Shirley loved her holidays with family in Cornwall, Poole, Tenby, and later, in retirement, holidays were taken in Greece, Canada and Spain. The joys of choosing the right outfits for these holidays! Shirley later returned to work with the Forestry Commission at Tintern and latterly at Wentwood until she retired in 1999. She enjoyed the variety of work there and kept in touch with many colleagues.

She loved sport and played -and was pretty good at - hockey, and also joined the first Tintern Ladies' Football team in the 1970's. Later she also played skittles in Chepstow and took up line dancing. Shirley was one of the last of the old Tintern families, and was often sought out for information on the recent history of families – who lived where, who married who. She often said she should have written a book.

But above all, Shirley's all-encompassing interest was her family. She belonged to a close-knit family with her Mum and Dad and siblings living next door, and Rex and Hazel living on the other side, for many years. She loved a good family party – meals out, barbecues, a good Sunday roast, getting dressed up for special occasions especially for Gary and Lyn's wedding, and for her own special anniversaries. She was proud of all the family's achievements, and was especially joyful when 2 grandsons, Stuart and Richard, and twin great-grand daughters, Abigail and Leah, joined the family. As long as her family was happy, she was happy too.

The family also wish to thank the Angiddy neighbours who, especially after Malcolm died, kept the watchful eye of friendship over her. That was so reassuring to them all, to know that Shirley was so loved and respected by the community around her.

Jane Benson spoke on 18 April at the funeral at St Michaels Church as one of Shirley's neighbours.

"She called us the Ladies of the Valley - we've all been neighbours for a number of years. We visited Shirley on a regular basis, sharing news of family, events, and discussing local and world news. Little gifts of home grown produce, posies of flowers from a garden, not hers (!), freshly picked apples, half a dozen eggs – were left by her door, tokens of friendship. She delighted in the children who moved into the area – and loved to see the babies as they developed into interesting and engaging little persons; and to hear the chatter of the children as they passed by.

She loved her place in the valley – her family, her garden, her home and the comings and goings outside her house. The birds on the feeder and the squirrels which ran off with the fat balls, the sound of bird song, the owls that called from the wood. Her garden brought her great pleasure, and she could spot a weed at 100 yards, and it would be gone. One day she spotted a passing walker who had been busy picking the sweet peas in Shirley's garden. The walker said that she thought they were there for the taking, but Shirley said, well, you're welcome to them, but it would have been better if you'd asked first.

Shirley, much loved neighbour and friend, we miss you".

Tintern Photo Competition, by Andrew Reid



Sponsored by the Tintern Fete, we are delighted to announce that the Tintern Photo Competition is happening again.

We'd like to invite as many entrants as possible into this year's competition. Open to all ages, the subject can be of your choosing, in and around Tintern in colour, or Black and white.

The winner will be chosen by the Tintern Fete Committee and announced later in the year. A photography book prize will be awarded and all entries will be considered for inclusion in a Tintern Village Calendar which will be produced for 2024 and on sale in the Autumn.

Your picture should be submitted in JPEG format at a recommended size of over 3MB (as created by most digital cameras and smartphones). Please mail your entry with a brief description of the subject, your name and contact details to andrew.reid@huntermillerreid.co.uk. By submitting an entry, you will be certifying that the work is your own and that you are happy to release any image you send for use on the Tintern village website, social media and in a calendar for 2024. Closing date is **21st July 2023**. Please contact Andrew at email above for further information.

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Tintern Garden Club News, by Judith Dudley

We had a very interesting talk at the Garden Club this month but unfortunately several members were not able to attend so our numbers were lower than usual. Gemma Bode from the Gwent Wildlife Trust gave us a talk about “Invasive, non-native plants”. Most of us knew and understood about Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam being a nuisance along the Wye but were surprised by some of the others, especially plants that we have in our gardens and can be purchased from garden centres. Many of these plants were brought back by plant hunters in the 1800s and presented to Kew Gardens. From there they were distributed to interested people but have since got out of hand and grow and spread so well that they are killing our native plants. Gemma finished off by telling us about a few animal species that have done the same thing, such as the American mink which is decimating the native water vole.

The competition was for a vase of spring flowers and was won by Judith Dudley. There will not be a competition next month as we are going on a garden visit.

Our next meeting is a garden visit to “Ramblers”, Lower Aylburton Common, GL156DS. We have been asked to arrive at 6pm to start at 6.30pm. The cost is £5.00. It will be nice to get outside again and we will pray for a fine evening! If anyone needs a lift please ring Dave Tuffery on 01291689919.

If anyone would like to join the Garden Club, we meet on the 3rd Friday of the month in the evening. For more details please contact Liz Greatorex-davies on 01291689861 or email her at greatorexdavies@aol.com

News from Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley

Lambing went off well this year with few fatalities and not many problems which was just as well as I broke my ankle on 2nd April and therefore have been no help to Colin in the lambing shed. He has had a hard time looking after the livestock, walking the dogs, manning the shop and cooking the dinner! He has now earned the title “Superman”. Things are a bit easier now that I can walk around indoors and serve in the shop but the cows are due to start calving now so still plenty to do.

The vineyard hasn't shown many signs of spring growth yet as the weather has not been very warm. However, it is probably better that way if we get the frosts that have been forecast. Dave suffered a bad bout of Covid so has not been able to get much done in the vineyard recently but he is feeling better now.



It's not been the best of Aprils for us this year so we are looking forward to May with warmer days and lots of baby animals frolicking in the fields!

We recently had our ewes scanned to find out what to expect when the lambs start arriving. We are glad to say that there are no triplets but plenty of twins. Lambing is due to start at the end of March but we have had four ewes which have lambed early so already have some lambs around.

The Vineyard shop is now open from Thursday until Monday 1.00pm until 5.00pm.

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Tintern Philosophy Circle, by John Clarke

Monthly talks and discussion via Zoom, open and free to all. The next meeting is on Tuesday 16th of May at 7.30. John will give the fourth of his talks on the history of Western philosophy, on 'Bertrand Russell and the revolution in philosophy in 20th century Britain.' If you would like to come, please contact us on jjclar7@aol.com or ring 10291680139, or look us up on <http://www.tintern-philosophy.org>.

Women's Institute Update, by Carol Skolimowski

A busy few month for Llandogo WI and lovely to see Judith Dudley and Jane Avery having success at the Gwent Federation of WIs biennial Competition Day in March. Several of our members play Walking Netball and had their first match against English Bicknor WI, which was great fun. Ann and Frank Mansell joined us for our April meeting which was very informative, and we learnt a lot about Ukraine and its people and the work they are now doing with Ukrainian refugees here in Monmouthshire. April is the start of our new membership year and the full programme for the year is now published. It can be found on the NFWI website in Programme | Gwent (thewi.org.uk), or as events on the Llandogo WI Facebook page.

Our May meeting on **10th May** is our Annual Meeting followed by a Potluck supper, an opportunity for everyone to chat and make new friends.

For those of you who loved the Easter Bingo at the Tintern Village hall, Liz Grace reminds us that there is one at the Llandogo Village Hall every 3rd Wednesday of the Month, starting at 7:30.

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St Michael's Church, Tintern Parva

Thanks to the nine teams who came out for the exciting Quiz night and the grand total raised was £630! Winning team was the “St Michael’s and All Angels”, but it was close throughout and so much fun that we’re planning a re-match on the **12th of October**.



Tickets are now on sale at the Abbey Stores for the first in a series of Musical events the church is hosting – but you can also buy tickets at the door for ***Music on the Wye – River Renewal: a Wye Valley celebration through music on 12 May at 7:30.***



Local artist, composer and musician Fiona Frank’s compositions will be performed by a quartet drawn from St. Woolos Sinfonia- the Orchestra in Residence at St. Woolos Cathedral.

And Gemma Kate Wood (interviewed in this newsletter) has also agreed to also display some of her outstanding Wye Valley photographs.

There will be a family service at St Michael’s on the **14th of May** with the Tintern Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade awards.

On Sunday the **25th of June**, the day after Jan’s ordination, , the Bishop of Monmouthshire, Reverend Cherry Vann will be leading the 10:30 service followed by coffee and tea. The following Sunday, the **2nd of July**, Jan will lead her fully service fully-ordained and then we’ll all share food and drink we’ve brought on the lawn outside, before she has a well-deserved leave for the rest of July and August. Hopefully it will be a warm and sunny day! Come and congratulate Jan.

The Thursday-night Zoom Bible Study group continues to discuss the Gospel of Mark and leader, Rev. John Dearnley, welcomes diverse points of view! Please let us know if you’d like to join us.

Minister: Reverend Jan Pain - 01291 624017

Churchwardens: Alan Hillard - 01291 689772 and Alan Carter 07873 514255

The Great Outdoors, by Mike Moffatt

As a new boy to the area, which is a slight fib as such, having moved into my daughters cottage from a very short hop away in Trellech. Enabling me to write a couple of books over the next year or so. I am now fully retired having travelled the globe over the past fifty years. Although I have many interests it would be fairly accurate to say that I fell in love with the mountains as a young boy and whilst at boarding school. Since then, I have climbed and walked in them for over fifty years under both summer and winter conditions. Along the way I picked up professional qualifications to enable me to pass on skills and give back something to others who respected the mountains and wanted to learn how to cope in them. These qualifications I no longer use I should add as I am fully retired.

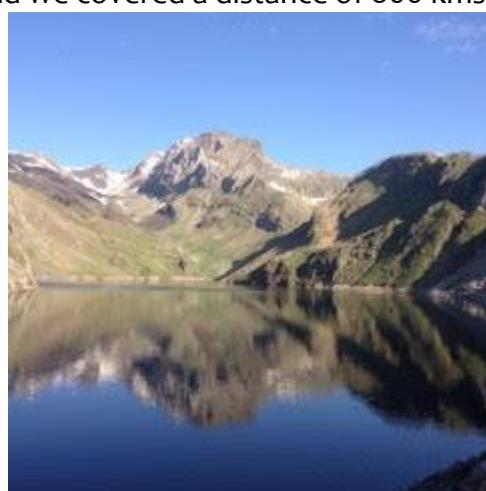


Tilicho Lake in the Annapurna region reputed to be one of the highest lakes in the world

I suppose the two most fascinating countries, among the many that I have been fortunate to visit, are Nepal and Patagonia (S.America). I made a dozen or so trips out Nepal in the late 1990's - early 2000's covering most of the high-altitude classic treks. My partner and I have walked over many of the European classic GR walks and in fact we traversed the French/Spanish Pyrenees in 2015. It took us six weeks and we covered a distance of 800 kms with over 51,500m using both the GR10 & GR11.

Prior to this we covered the infamous GR20 in Corsica rated as one of the toughest walks in Europe. In 2022 we took on

the the Tour of the Ecrins GR 54, a beautiful but challenging route taking walkers across some high passes where one requires a head for verticality and some good navigational skills.



French Pyrenees

Mount Everest in the background with Lhotse in the foreground taken at 5644m from Kala Patthar.

Anyone interested in back packing or mountaineering in general and wishing to have some advice before setting off on their big challenge in the mountains whether in the UK, Europe or further afield are very welcome to contact me via my email address for any guidance and just general helpful tips.



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Newcomers and beginners are very welcome on all our courses. Please contact us (info below) if you have any queries.

PAINTING AND DRAWING DAYS with Ann Hulme

The basic approach to it all, is seeing and applying relative measurement, learning perspective, foreshortening and handling space. Painting on this course can be in watercolour, acrylics or oil paint. You can make good progress in a short space of time and try a new medium or mix media. Ann specializes in using a structured approach to help students gain confidence.

Proceeds from the art courses help support the KIDZART charity. Please get in touch for further details. We look forward to hearing from you.

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WYE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Precis Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held in Llandogo Village Hall on 27th February 2023.

Present: Cllrs Shewell, Evans, Ashman, Morrison, Snell, Parker & Mawdsley, County Cllr Webb & the Clerk.

3446. Police Report: None received, clerk to ask for reports.

3447. To receive apologies for absence: None received.

3448. Public Session to receive & consider any matters raised by members of the public for future consideration: Gareth Llewellyn, MCC/Monlife Heritage re 3458.

3449. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: None.

3450. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

3451. To receive Financial Report: Charitable A/C £22,460.73, BMM A/C £4,148.92.

3452. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-

Merlin Environmental Services Ltd, Clerk's Salary & Expenses, Payments to Cllrs, Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – Tintern Playground Equipment, Richard McKeand – Defibrillator Batteries & Pads, Tintern Village Hall Room Hire, Joe Carter – Clearance of The Pound - All approved for payment.

3453. To discuss Planning Applications:-

DM/2022/01798 – Storage Shed for Fete Committee in grounds of Tintern Village Hall – Approval recommended.

DM/2022/00980 – Report on Modification/Removal of Conditions 2, 3 & 6, Land to North of A466, Llandogo – Report received from MCC.

DM/2023/00225 – Sunnydene, Botany Bay – Approval recommended.

Former Abbey Hotel, Tintern – Email update re future of the property.

3454. Matters Arising from Minutes:-

Wye Valley Villages Delivery Group & Visitor Signage Project – The Group are trying to get the plan delivered. Cllr Mawdsley felt WVCC should meet and go through the report. Next meeting of the Delivery Group 25th March.

3455. To receive Reports from outside bodies:-

Village Halls – Llandogo. Fund raising meal 4th March. Cllr Mawdsley is obtaining a quote for the sound equipment.

Tintern – Work started on new playground. Fund raising Disco, well attended. Easter Bingo 4th April. Organising Coronation Event & Craft Fair over the Jubilee weekend. The Hall now has a TV licence and will be hiring the Hall out to watch Rugby matches, etc.

Tintern & Llandogo Churches – Tintern Church recently held a Welsh Festival with Chepstow Male Voice Choir which was well attended. There is a programme of future community events including a Quiz on the 30th March.

Llandogo Church are having a Palm Sunday event on the Memorial Green, Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Service. The Vicar explained he would like to hold a Fete in the Rectory Garden on July 8th, but this date to be confirmed.

3456. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. No report.

3457. Approve Dog Bin Emptying Contract: Draft circulated to Cllrs. Approval needed before sending to Merlin Environmental Services. Clerk chase Sue Parkinson re request for more bins at bottom of Forge Road, St Anne's Lane, Wireworks Bridge, near Filling Station Café & by riverbank footpath in Llandogo.

3458. Representative from Tintern Old Station with update on improvements: Gareth Llewellyn from MCC/MonLife attended to update WVCC on improvements at the site. New shower blocks and toilets are in. They will be wrapped to blend in with the environment. Railway carriages have solar panels on top and the interpretation panels are done. Electric charging point now active. Miniature railway has been taken up, having secured a grant, it will be reinstated and increased to a 10 gauge railway. Actively recruiting for volunteers to help with the railway. Re-opening 1st April. Alcohol

licence was approved. The issue of the security lighting was raised and he explained they were the ones passed at planning level.

3459. Discuss quotations for repairworks at Tintern Village Hall boundary wall: Two quotes have been obtained for the repairwork.

3460. Discuss Section 6 of Environment Act: Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystems Report: All Community Councils have a statutory duty under this Act to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of their functions in relation to Wales and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems. They should embed the consideration into their early thinking and business planning and publish a report to this effect on how they have complied. These can be published on a website or made available on request.

Cllr Morrison has drawn up a draft report. Cllrs were asked to look through the draft and re-agenda for further discussion at next meeting.

3461. Introduction by new Llandogo Vicar: Cllr Shewell introduced Dan who attended the meeting to appraise the Council of his plans for the village and his role within the Church. He would like to start a Llandogo newsletter. He explained that the Tintern Brigade will meet initially in Llandogo once a month and then hopefully start their own group. Cllr Shewell explained that if they wish for financial support from WVCC they can request this as a sum has been set aside in the budget towards setting up a Church Lads Brigade plus a sum for Village Fêtes.

3462. Training Needs Survey 2023: Cllr Shewell & the Clerk will go through the survey.

3463. Correspondence: MCC - Traffic Regulation Order for 20mph speed limit in Tintern & Llandogo.

Email from Huw Owen, MCC Environmental Health Officer re Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Controls. Clerk respond saying WVCC endorse the proposed PSPO.

Jane Benson – request for grant towards First Aid Training Course for the Church Lads Brigade. £500 approved for payment.

3464. AOB: Joe Carter has cleared The Pound, but noted there were a few coping stones loose and asked if the Council want him to quote for these. Cllr Ashman will look into this.

Cllr Parker has received complaints about the state of footpaths in Llandogo. Clerk email MCC re footpaths and ask them to investigate and carry out a survey of what is required.

Cllr Evans reported there is a continuing problem with motor bikes. County Cllr Webb informed him a report is coming out following a meeting re off-road motor bikes. Cllr Morrison also reported 4x4 vehicles have been using Old Stony. Also asked when the Wireworks Bridge would be re-opening. Cllr Evans reported there is a report on Glos CC's website but County Cllr Webb will check.

Cllr Shewell raised the matter of a combined newsletter. Cllr Shewell proposed we ask Toni Harvey to enquire how many residents require a printed version and we may then have to increase the donation towards printing costs. Friends of Tintern will need to be reassured there will be no further burden on them if production is increased. Cllr Shewell agreed to meet with Toni Harvey & a representative of Friends of Tintern to discuss proposals.

All enquiries to the Clerk, Mrs. E. Greatorex-Davies

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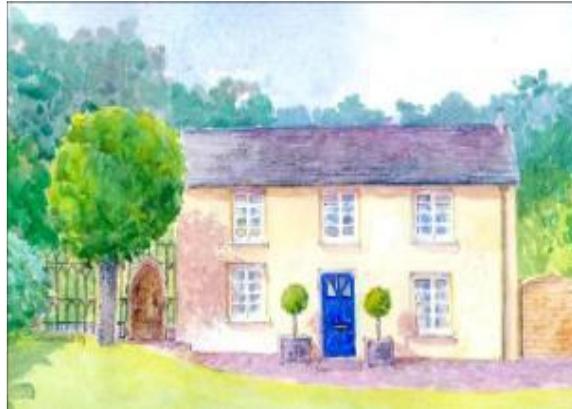
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The duty manager of a seaside cinema, who is struggling with her mental health, forms a relationship with a new employee on the south coast of England in the 1980s.

Friday 12th May 7.45pm

Tintern Village Hall

You're welcome to bring your own wine, other drinks, and snacks. Teas, coffees and Brookes Ice Cream will be on sale. Card transactions only.

Ticketing online and at the door. See www.tinternvillage.co.uk for more details.