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TINTERN NEWS

November 2022

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Celebrating the last autumn days before dark, dank and dreary winter...

The colours are spectacular this year in Tintern! The Spookyland Halloween party at the Village Hall was enjoyed by all and many of the creative costumes can be seen in [David Hurn's photos](#) on the Tintern Village website.

But it's not too late to show off your Halloween finery at events at the Old Station on Thursday 3rd and Saturday the 5th of November. The Old Station is extending their tearoom opening until the 11th of December, and from the 11th of November, they will open from Fridays to Sunday between 10am-3pm. It's a great place to visit, look at the statues and old trains, relax in the tearoom, and let the kids run wild in the play areas.

Have you delayed turning on the heat, worrying that the cost will be hard to meet? Get in touch with your supplier. OFGEM rules mean suppliers must offer payment plans you can afford and there is also an Energy Bills Support Scheme to help people deal with rising bills. Turn2us has a grants and benefits eligibility checker ([Turn2us Benefits Calculator](#)) to help with the application processes.

As the weather turns, it's harder to stay active. There is also a new Fitness Pilates Class starting **3rd November** at 7:15 pm (see [www.clairejardinefitness.com](#)) and Zumba classes continue on Wednesdays at 7:30pm, both in the Village Hall. Anyone interested in starting a Badminton group at the Village Hall? Let me know if you'd be interested.

A bit worrying is the consultation published to re-evaluate council tax for all properties in Wales, so have a look at petition you could sign – which calls on the Welsh Government to reject their proposals for a council tax revaluation <https://petitions.senedd.wales/petitions/245288>.

If you just want some company and warm soup, come to St Michael's Church on Thursday **3 November** at 10:30 for a chat with Reverend Jan Pain.

Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedom and a special service will be the field behind the Village Hall on **November 13 November** at 10:30am.

The Alchemy and Artistry Fire event at Tintern Abbey Fire Garden was dramatic and [Gemma Kate Wood](#) captured lovely photos on her Facebook page. Cadw are working to improve their digital services including Cof Cymru — our online record of Wales' Designated Historic Assets and invite us to take a [survey](#) to help them decide on services for the future.

Please send me any news to include in the December issue or contact me about advertising in the Tintern News. Any articles contributed are VERY welcome.

Thanks, Toni Harvey (tinternnews@gmail.com)

The Tintern News is a vehicle for the expression of opinion by all members of the Tintern community. While it does not necessarily endorse the views of any particular contributor, it does wholeheartedly support the promotion of lively debate on the development of the village and of freedom of speech in general. However, it will reserve the right to edit any contributions in order to preserve moderation and a spirit of good intent in the presentation of arguments. Thoughts from everyone in our community will continue to be very welcome.



Remembering family holidays in Tintern, by Martin Everett

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undertake river activities, or just catch the local train to nearby attractions. The Beeching Cuts in 1950/60s to Britain's railway network brought to the end of this service as many of smaller branch lines along which these coaches were located were closed. The Wye Valley line between Monmouth and Chepstow closed in January 1959. This meant this unique accommodation was no longer accessible to train travelling visitors.

The lodging provided was basic, normally 6-berth with a kitchen, dining/living area with oil or gas lighting with toilet facilities provided at the nearby station building. The Camp Coach situated at Tintern was a GWR 6 wheeled Composite (i.e. originally five compartments Third, Second, First, Second, Third) was built in 1884 and still retained its original livery. The coach's original site now forms part of the Tintern Sewage Works. In the final year of operation in 1958, the weekly charges to hire the coach were £7.05 (Mar/Apr, Sep/Oct), £10 (May/June), £12 (Jun/Sep).

There is no doubt the re-introduction of a new Camping Coach at Tintern Station would enhance our visitor facilities and provide a unique attraction for those wishing to enjoy this area of outstanding beauty. Of course, some modern-day comforts and services inside the coach might be necessary to enhance the experience.

When I look at old family photo albums chronicling holidays in 1930s. These were the days when only a few families owned a car and availability cheap air fares was decades away. Train travel was then king and our UK seaside resorts were very trendy. The UK train companies hit upon the idea of converting old passenger carriages into holiday sleeping and living spaces at static locations around the country. This type of holiday accommodation was provided at Tintern Railway Station. It would be wonderful to see it return.

'Camping coaches' as they were called were first introduced in 1933 by the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER), when they positioned ten coaches in picturesque places around their network. The following year, two other railway companies followed suit - the London, Midland and Scottish Railway (LMS), with what it originally called 'caravans', and the Great Western Railway (GWR) which called them 'camp coaches'. In 1935 they were introduced on the Southern Railway (SR). At that time there were 215 coaches at 162 sites through Great Britain. They proved very popular by 1939 there were 439 coaches in use. It was thought that the Camping Coach at Tintern Station appeared in 1936. There were others in Wye Valley at Symond's Yat and Kerne Bridge (near Goodrich Castle). Campers could set out enjoy the local walks,



Photo Towards The Nurtons, showing the Station Master's house



Photo Towards Parva Barns

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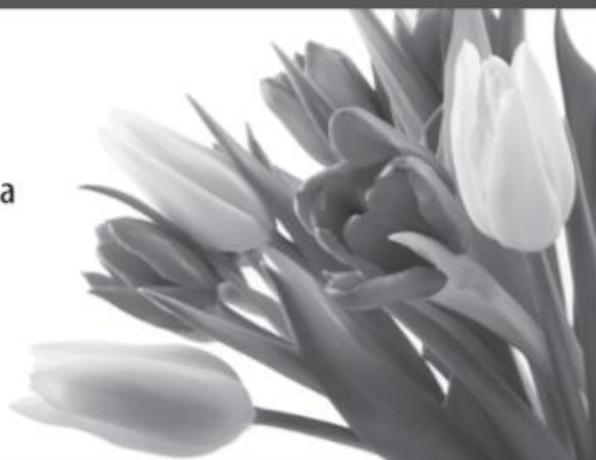
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You will be very welcome. If you have difficulty getting to the church, let us know and we will do our best to help.

A donation at the time will be much appreciated but the most important thing is that you come along. We look forward to seeing you.

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Remembrance Service



**10.30am Sunday
13th November
Leytons Field, Tintern**





Tintern Christmas Lights

Best dressed house competition 2022



We'd love you to join in and give your house a great big Christmas makeover for us all to enjoy.

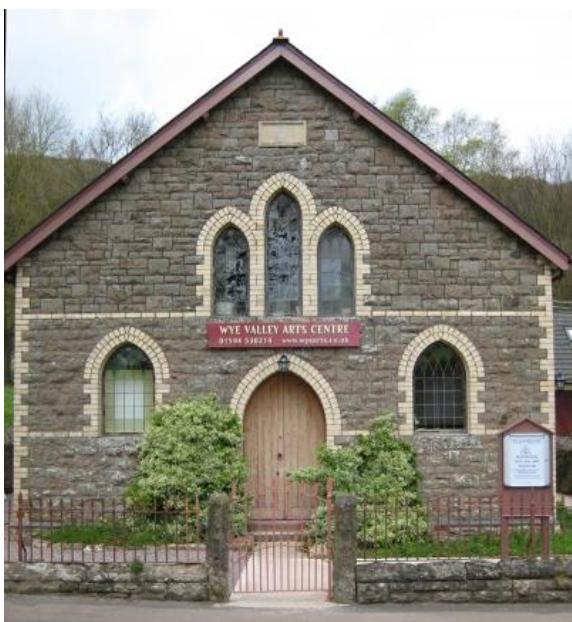
Some easy rules:

- ★ must be visible from a road
- ★ everyone putting up lights is automatically entered - no entry forms!
- ★ it's not just for houses - bungalows, flats, garden sheds all qualify
- ★ ideally, lights will be up and on by 3rd December, in time for the Abbey Torchlight Service
- ★ £25 gift voucher for the winner plus full permission to brag far and wide

Sponsored by Tintern Festivals Association and Tintern Business Forum.

KIDZART by Valerie Welham

We are very pleased to announce that the Welham Kidzart Foundation, or KIDZART, is now a registered charity, and its home is at Wye Valley Arts Centre in Llandogo. The object of this charity is to advance education in the arts for the public benefit among economically and socially disadvantaged primary school children in Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire and neighbouring counties by providing them with access to free creative arts-based activities including visual arts (drawing, painting, sculpture and crafts), drama, dance, music, singing, gardening and cookery where their access to such activities would ordinarily be limited and to develop their skills and interests in the arts.



The state school system has cut back in the Arts and the opportunities offered for engaging feelings and creativity. There have also been cuts in physical education and all that has to offer in connecting mental and physical energies. The 'non-academic' subjects which are difficult to measure and do not support standardisation have been excluded and the pressure is on for national assessment with the emphasis on measurable outcomes in the form of league tables. Not everything that is important is measurable and not everything that is measurable is important. Through the existing state system society is becoming more polarised. Learning about the Arts is essential to intellectual development.

Many have seen the value of an education with the emphasis on creativity and there are a number of private schools with this approach. However, these schools are independent of the state system and require fees so they are only available to the financially privileged sector of society. The kids at state schools have little or no access to the 'non-academic' subjects unless their parents pay for extra-curriculum activities. This means that kids from poorer backgrounds are at a tremendous disadvantage in their education. Sadly, with the pandemic this gap has widened. We aim to help redress the imbalance and endeavour to give free the opportunities to the disadvantaged kids that so many of their peers enjoy.

Children will be encouraged to believe in their individual creative potential and to have the opportunity to learn in small groups. Helping children to connect with their personal creative capacities is the surest way to release the best in them. The word education literally means to lead out and all children have individual interests and learning styles to develop.

We shall start here in our corner of the UK on the border between England and Wales working with our local primary schools to provide free educational creative days for disadvantaged children. We shall shortly have our own email address and have already got a preliminary website (www.kidzart.uk) which has more information. In the meantime, please contact us through WVAC. We would be delighted to hear from you.

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Autumn Covid booster campaign from Wye Dean Practice, by Nurse Sally



We are delighted to inform you that we will be offering an autumn Covid booster campaign starting in September 2022. You will be sent a letter with your appointment. The clinics will be held in Tintern Village Hall.

We will also be offering flu vaccinations from October 2022 and again we will be contacting you with an appointment.

We will be vaccinating in the order recommended by the JCVI to ensure our most vulnerable persons receive the vaccination first.

If you have not received an invitation by the end of September and you are in one of the following groups, please telephone the practice on **01291 689355**:

- frontline health and social care workers
- all adults aged 50 years and over
- persons aged 18 to 49 years in a clinical risk group
- persons aged 18 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- persons aged 16 to 49 years who are carers

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WEDNESDAY 08:30 - 18:30

THURSDAY 08:30 - 18:30

FRIDAY 08:30 - 18:00

Tintern Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade Update, by Alan Carter



We have now started up again. Meeting at 6pm on Mondays at the Village Hall. Unfortunately, due to a lack of leaders all sections will run from 6 – 7:30 for the foreseeable future. The family service at St. Michael's is on the second Sunday of the month and we hope that our young members will attend and take part.

We desperately need leaders who can commit to Monday nights or at least every other Monday night and possibly some weekends so that we can start running some weekend activities again (climbing, caving, trips etc.). All helpers and leaders will need to be DBS checked and we are able to provide training. If you are interested, please contact Alan Carter on 07873514255

On a more positive note: 2022 is a significant year for the Brigade in Tintern. The company was first started in 1972, 50 years ago, and re-started 10 years ago in 2012. We hope to have an open night this autumn (Date TBA) to celebrate these achievements. More details will be published once finalised together with an open invite to all parents, supporters, and former members. If anyone has any old photographs of the Brigade in the 70's and 80's it would be nice to have copies to make up a display.

Tintern Playground Appeal



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Classes at the Wye Valley Arts Center, Llandogo, by Katherine Carruthers



We are very pleased to say that we shall be running the following classes in our lovely restored and converted building in the village of Llandogo and hope that you will be able to join us.

Our classes are informal and friendly and the number in the group is limited so please let us know promptly to reserve your place. 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.

- Saturday, 5 November 9.30AM - 4.00PM £58 FOR THE DAY
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CLAY DAYS with Val Welham

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- Saturday, 12 November 9.30AM – 4PM £58 FOR THE DAY
- Saturday, 26 November 10.00AM – 1PM £29 FOR THE HALF DAY

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 Arts Centre, Llandogo, NP25 4TW

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Bryan Scott Jones 1944 - 2022 Eulogy, included at the request of his family



Sidney Jones was the 5th child in a family of 7 children living in Sunnyside in Tintern. As an adult he worked in the family building business at The Mill and married Rose Scott who was brought up in Scotland. On the 3rd of September 1944 they had their first child: Bryan Scott and 4 years later Michael was born. In 1955 Bryan being a bright lad, passed his entrance exam for Monmouth School for boys where he developed his love of cricket, playing for the under 14s, the colts and captained the seconds. He remained in touch with the school.....evident from the innumerable old boys magazines we discovered in his home.

He inherited his father's interest in construction and studied Civil Engineering at Imperial College London where he later studied for his Masters. After graduation he worked in London and Bristol having gained some experience during vacations being involved in the first Severn bridge. At Imperial he made two very good and faithful friends: Adrian Joseph and Martyn Johnson. They travelled around Europe together and remained in contact throughout his life despite Adrian emigrating to Canada and Martyn living in Devon. Adrian last visited Bryan in 2018 and had hoped to visit again this winter and Martyn in the spring of this year. He later studied for a Masters at Imperial and after graduation worked in London and Bristol and was even involved in the construction of the first Severn Bridge whilst a student.

Tragically Bryan and Michael were involved in a serious accident in which Michael sadly died and Bryan suffered serious injuries which were to affect the remainder of his life significantly and led to his early retirement on health grounds. Bryan returned to Tintern where he remained for the remainder of his life. Having a lively and curious mind he interested himself in environmental issues, climate change European Law, current affairs and railways among many areas.

He involved himself in the local community: being a faithful member of the local church, where he sat on the PCC for many years, attending whist drives [very competitively], joining the Village Produce Association [entering a trifle at the annual show] and joining the monthly village hall soup lunches [again demonstrating his love of second helpings].

He loved to walk the many beautiful paths in the Tintern area, he never needed a map, he knew exactly where the best bilberries, snowdrops and primroses were. Becky has fond memories of picking bilberries with him and making bilberry and apple pies and I of looking for primroses and snowdrops.

Food had an important place in Bryans affections, sometimes he used to visit Becky's home for Sunday lunch, always enjoying second helpings. I regularly took him out to a local hotel or teashop where he would enjoy tea and cake or rather cakes... to the amusement of staff.

After he sold his car, he, as a creature of habit, caught the same bus to Chepstow every morning before 8.00 to purchase the Telegraph, provisions from M&S, visit the bank and library to use the computer and the Palmer centre for tea and biscuits before returning home for lunch on the same bus. In the afternoon for many years, he always had to be home at a certain time in order to watch Countdown with his good friend Mrs Dexter. I suspect there was also some liquid refreshment in a glass.

For many years Bryan enjoyed the faithful friendship and support of 2 neighbours: Elizabeth Craig and Bernard Bradshaw. Bernard saved the day on many occasions: replenishing his fridge, sorting out the central heating and plumbing problems to name but a few of the many tasks.

As he became less mobile, he enjoyed the support of a wonderful team of carers who enabled him to spend the last years of his life in his own home. He enjoyed and appreciated visits and attention greatly.

Bryan experienced many sadnesses, losses, disappointments and ill-health in his life and had, what one might consider, a restricted life for one so gifted but despite this he was a person with a wonderful sense of humour and wit, always ready to tease and be teased without offence and was always contented and always grateful for any help and support he received.

Indeed, Bryan has left us with many memories and amusing stories and will be remembered fondly by both family and friends.



TINTERN VILLAGE HALL

Events Coming Up

November

- **Friday 11th 7.45pm – Tintern Film Nights**
- **Friday 18st 7.30pm – Tintern Garden Club**

Remember the regular groups in the Village Hall include:

CLCGB Brigade (for ages 5-21) – Mondays 6pm

Wye Valley Community Council meetings – last Monday of each month

Wye Valley ZUMBA – Wednesdays 7.30pm and Fridays 9.15am

Fitness Pilates – Thursdays 7:15pm

Come along and join in!

TINTERN CHARITIES

A vacancy has arisen for a Secretary to the Tintern Charities
(The Francis Bradford & Chapel Hill United Charities)

The Charity Committee meets twice a year and deals with administration of the two Charities.

This is very much a part-time responsibility and would include submitting yearly returns to the Charity Commission, taking minutes at the meetings, liaison with the Village Hall Committee regarding the annual Senior Citizens Lunch/Tea and insertion of the bursary form in the Tintern News.

Remuneration payable for the post of £30 per annum and the post will commence in January 2023.

Applications in writing (by post or email) to the Clerk of Wye Valley Community Council,
The Poplars, Whitelye, Catbrook, NP16 6NP
Email: clerk@wyevalleycc.co.uk

THE BRADFORD CHARITY

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Applicants must be presently engaged on an accredited course as either an apprentice or as a full-time student in higher or vocational training and education.

Applicants may only apply to the Bradford Charity after they **have completed 12 months of their course or one full academic session.**

The closing date for applications is 30th November, 2022

The successful applicant will receive a once only payment of an amount to be decided by the Trustees of the Charity. No further application may be submitted to the Bradford Charity. Applicants are not restricted according to age, sex and political and/or religious persuasion but must be a resident (when not at a place of training or education) within the ecclesiastical boundary of the Parish of Tintern.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IN BLOCK LETTERS:

Name:

Home address:

Post code: Tel. Number:

Address of the Institution at which the course takes place:

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Stage and title of the course to which this application applies:

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Signed:

Please return this completed application form to the Secretary of the Bradford Charity.
Mrs. Elspeth Reid, Wye Barn, The Quay, Tintern, Monmouthshire, NP16 6TB (07780 566610) or by email to: ellielynette@icloud.com

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Friends of the Lower Wye- SoS for the Wye, by Nick Day

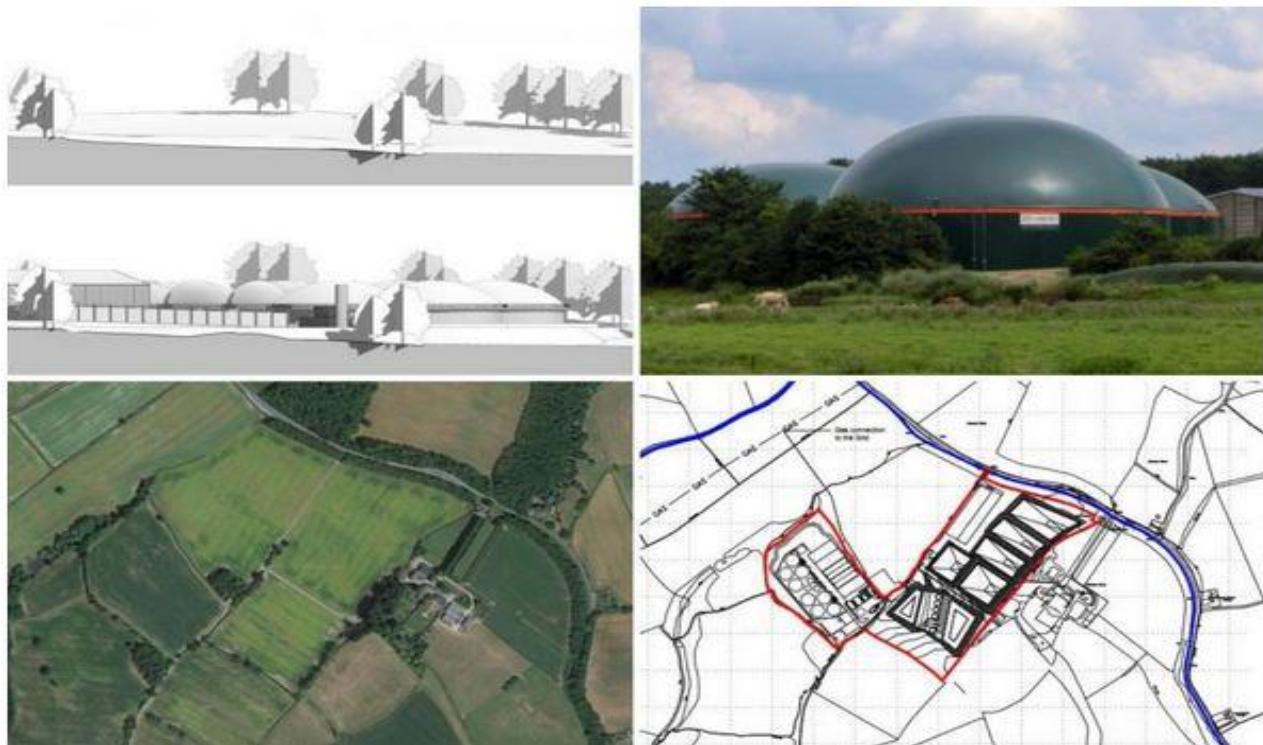
I can hardly believe another month has passed and here I am typing another newsletter! Another very busy month, so here's a bit of a flavour of what's been happening...

Chepstow Singing Club is hosting an evening of comedy and music, in celebration of the River Wye, on 12th November at the Drill Hall. For tickets see Eventbrite or the Chepstow Book Shop.

At a recent meeting of the Wye Catchment Nutrient Management Board, the Wye Salmon Association announced that they've expanded their citizen science efforts from their usual aquatic environment, and they have been doing some soil sampling in the Garren Brook sub-catchment, north of Whitchurch. The results of their preliminary set of samples made interesting reading. They investigated the 'Olsen-P' measures of how much phosphate was present in each sample. There were rigorous checks comparing present levels with previously recorded values and comparing cropped soils with grassland areas. From their 22 sample sites, four showed extremely high levels. For three of these, it was possible to access manure management plans for the nearest Intensive Poultry Units (IPUs), which all showed that IPU waste was being spread locally,



Friends of the Lower Wye
Protecting the river's health & wellbeing



Before and after drawings, a similar plant in Germany, and satellite and map view

suggesting a very strong correlation between the presence of IPUs and the presence of excess Phosphate levels in the environment. The excess phosphate inevitably gets washed into the river and that encourages excess growth of algae, which is what has been strangling the river.

With the umbrella group ‘Save the Wye’ (like Friends of the Lower Wye, another group with an active Facebook feed) we’ve been researching the background to certain planning applications. Readers who’ve looked at planning applications may be familiar with the need to read the meaning of the words very carefully and check for any important information that might be missing. For example, for a waste processing plant, what does it achieve in terms of concentration of the resultant ‘waste’? Where will the resultant waste be disposed of? And how certain can we be of generating potential beneficial by-products?

‘Save the Wye’ have also been discussing how best to coordinate catchment-wide campaigning in the future- there’s a lot of people (in a number of different groups) who are keen to see a healthy river, and it would be good to get the same message out from all!

On the citizen science front, there is continuing progress in getting coordination across the groups. Although we all collect the same basic data using the same techniques, the different groups each compile their data into separate databases which have different formats. This requires some shuffling to get all the data into a jointly compatible format- at some stage in the not-too-distant future it will be good for us all to contribute in identical format into a single database. This will eventually allow live display of a wide variety of selectable options on a map, using the ‘Tableau’ tool. Currently, for the whole catchment we are limited to maps with static displays of pre-processed data, which shows the nature of information that might be reported through citizen science, with the overall pattern giving us some preliminary feel for what’s happening.

More locally, our citizen science team is recruiting again for volunteers, especially in the Monnow and Towy sub-catchments, and on the Wye between Symonds Yat and Monmouth. This expansion in numbers has become possible through the kind offer of our local Rotary Clubs to fund setting us up with more equipment.

Monmouth Rotary club are also hosting a discussion evening at the Bridges Centre in Monmouth on Friday 25th November. This will highlight positive approaches to improving the water quality in the river and the urgency of bringing it back from being on the edge of an ecological collapse. We hope to see you there!

To hear the latest about Friends of the Lower Wye, visit our Facebook page, and /or Email us at FriendsoftheLowerWye@gmail.com to be put on our newsletter distribution.

This will keep you updated about:

- *challenging environmentally damaging planning applications (with templates/ examples)
- *group litter picks, and invasive species culls in conjunction with AONB ‘WISP’ events
- *water sampling (citizen science) -together with Cardiff University, WUF, CPRE, etc.



Newly received Secchi tubes for measuring the water's clarity

Llandogo Women's Institute, by Carol Skolimowski



Llandogo WI took the opportunity at their October meeting to understand more about the NFWI (National Federation of WIs) campaign End Plastic Soup, how it came about and the progress it is making. An interesting meeting discussing everything from the clothes we wear and the micro fibres they shed to the alternatives for single use plastics. It made us think and there were a lot of practical things we can do to make a difference as well as support the NFWI campaign. You can read more on [End Plastic Soup](#) from the National Federation of Women's Institutes (thewi.org.uk)

Our Drama Group have been rehearsing for a couple of months with a lot of hilarity. On Saturday 22nd October they got to perform their mini play in Usk along with 9 other WIs. It was a very entertaining evening and inspiring that there is so much local talent. We are hoping they will perform it again at our December meeting.

Friday café in Llandogo Village Hall will be taking a break on 4th November for Half Term and will be back on Friday 11th. We will be putting our poppy display on the Llandogo War Memorial a head of Remembrance Day, it is out of storage and some new poppies are being added.

The history of Christmas and Wassailing is on the agenda for **November 9th at 7:30pm** in Llandogo Village Hall. Looking forward to learning more about this topic and finding out what else our WI is doing that we can get involved in. Visitors are welcome. If you want to know more, please contact Carol on 01594 531019.

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Tintern Garden Club News, by Judith Dudley

At the beginning of October, Garden Club members heard the sad news that Jane McCorquodale, a long standing and popular member and former chairperson, had passed away. We will all miss her.

Members who attended the October meeting should now all have beautiful winter hanging baskets as our speaker was Alexandra Luker from Chepstow Garden Centre who demonstrated how to make these and talked about suitable plants to use. The talk was well attended and enjoyed by all.

November's meeting will be on Friday 18th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Paul Bennell will be giving a photographic presentation of bridges and other local places of interest. Non-members are welcome to come along at a charge of £2.00 (which includes tea and biscuits).

We are always happy to welcome new members so if you would like to join us, either come along to the next meeting or ring Colin on 01291689636 or Liz on 01291689861.

News from Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley



The Vineyard is having a well-deserved rest now that all the grapes have been picked. The vines drop their leaves now and go dormant for the winter. No more work will be done until the pruning begins in the New Year.

The shop is quieter too with less holiday makers around. It is the time for our Autumn Plant Sale which begins on

Saturday 30th October for a couple of weeks. All plants (mostly perennials & shrubs) will be reduced to half price.

At the end of November, we will be collecting our Christmas trees ready for sale from the beginning of December. They are British grown, needlefast, Nordmann trees.



We have had an amazing crop of apples this year (along with most other growers). The Cox tree was laden with good quality fruit which should store well during the winter. The Bramley apple tree has also produced a huge crop of large apples (how did they manage it with no rain this summer?).

The sheep & cattle are now much happier as the rain has made the grass grow again. They were a bit fed up with having

winter rations in the summer!



The Rose and Crown hosts the Wye Valley Acoustic Music Club Open Mic, by Sue Skinner

Sally and Jason at The Rose and Crown continue to support the popular monthly open mic nights. All musicians, singers and poets are welcomed by hosts Sue Skinner and Adrian Birch.

We particularly encourage those who may not have performed much before, and are a friendly, welcoming bunch" said Sue.

Open mics take place on the first Tuesday of the month, from 7.30pm. So next is **1 November** - Why not pop along and give it a go! For more information, please contact Sue Skinner at sue.tcbel-fry@btinternet.com or Adrian Birch at adrianbirch1@gmail.com.

Tintern Folk Session at the Wild Hare, by Joe

As usual on the third Sunday of the month - the **20th November 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.

Tintern Philosophy Circle, by John Clarke

Monthly talks via Zoom, open and free to all. Next is at **7.30 on Tuesday 15th November**, by Dr Fauzia Rahman on Justice.

If you would like to come please contact us on jjclar7@aol.com or ring us on 01291 680139, or look us up on-line: www.tintern-philosophy.org

St Michael's Church, Tintern Parva

Alan Carter shared his thoughts at the Harvest Sunday Service with the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade on Sunday 9th October about water.

“Tintern is all about water and the river – historically for food, communications and trade. We often look at the sun shining on the fields opposite and wonder why they didn’t build Tintern over there. The reason is water. The stream that runs from Penterry past the Abbey, the Anghidi and the Cat – all used to power the mills and furnace’s in Tintern.

Despite the last few weeks of rain, we should remember that it was only in August that we were being told of water shortages after the driest summer since 1976, some of us remember it, although I was only a teenager then. But imagine if that happened **every** year, and you depended on that rain for your crops to grow. Not exotic crops, but your basic crops – wheat, maze, rice. Let alone the provision of the basic water that you need to live. The World Health Organization estimates that around 55 million people are affected by droughts every year. That’s not 55 million different people every year – many of those millions are the same people year on year and water scarcity impacts an estimated 40% of the world’s population. Around 700 million people will be displaced due to water shortages and drought by 2030.

About 1 in 10 of the world’s population or around 10 times the population of the UK about 771 million people - live without clean water. Think of the problems with nitrate runoff into our river and the sewage discharge that happens from the pumping station in the village after heavy rain. We are up in arms – campaigning – rightly shouting that we should have clean rivers and seas. Even when we fear the worst – we are still so privileged in this country compared to so many others around the world. And we shouldn’t be too smug or complacent. Tintern only had the sewage system put in in the late 60’s and fresh piped water not that long before. When I was young, I can remember friends’ parent and grandparents talking about fetching water from wells and springs around the village. My house, in 1972 when my parents bought it, had an outside tap off the mains and the inside tap was fed from the stream via a large steel tank at the back of the house.

So, it should be within our grasp to provide that necessity of life – clean water – to all of God’s people. It is up to us, with faith and compassion, to push our leaders and those with power and influence to act. There are a number of NGO’s / charities such as [Water Aid](#) who are trying to fulfil this work and I would urge everyone to look at their web sites and literature and see if you can help.”



A Soup Lunch will be held on **3rd November at 12:30**, for anyone who wants to gather and share a meal and chat. Please come and let Jan know if you need help in getting to the church.

John Dearnley’s Zoom weekly Bible Study discussion group is on Thursdays at 7:30, and is progressing thoughtfully through the book of Mark. Join us!

Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedom and a special service will be the field behind the

Village Hall on **November 13 November at 10:30am**.

Contacts:

Minister: Reverend Jan Pain - 01291 624017

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



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Monday to Friday

69 CHEPSTOW - TINTERN - MONMOUTH		PHIL ANSLOW COACHES								Ref. 69/060921	
MONDAY - FRIDAY (Including Good Friday, But Excluding Other Bank Holidays)											
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Saturday

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LLANDOGO (Shop)	0804	0944	1144	1544							
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TINTERN (Royal George)	0901	1041	1441	1641							
ST ARVANS	0909	1049	1449	1649							
CHEPSTOW (Com. Hospital)	0913	1053	1453	1653							
CHEPSTOW (Bus Station)	0917	1057	1457	1657							

WYE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Precis Minutes of a meeting of Wye Valley Community Council held 26th September 2022 in Tintern Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Shewell, Evans, Morrison, Parker, Mawdsley & the Clerk. Mr David James, MHA.

3362. Police Report: No report from Tintern. Nothing to report from Llandogo.

3363. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Snell & Ashman, County Cllr Webb.

3364. Public Session.

3365. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: None.

3366. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

3367. To receive Financial Report: BMM A/C £4,144.55, Charitable A/C £27,892.34.

3368. To consider & approve accounts for payment:- IONOS – Website Hosting Fee, OVW Cllr Training Course, Llandogo Village Hall – Boiler Installation, Merlin Environmental Services, Tintern Village Hall Treeworks, Clerk's Salary & Expenses.

Request for a donation towards grass cutting on the Llandogo Memorial Green.

All approved for payment.

3369. To discuss Planning Applications: None received.

3370. Updates:-

Proposed 20mph speed limit in Llandogo – Email from MCC with update on proposals. Mark Hand, MCC offered to attend a meeting to update the council. Clerk to inform him we wish him to attend the October meeting.

Wye Valley Villages Project/Wye Valley Villages Steering Group – No report on this project. MCC wish to reconvene this Group and are looking for councillor volunteers. Cllr Mawdsley volunteered but Cllr Evans does not wish to continue.

3371. To receive Reports from outside bodies:-

Village Halls – Tintern Village Hall Race Night cancelled due to lack of ticket sales. Halloween Celebration on 29th October. Quiz on 27th October as a fund raiser for playground equipment. VHC have been successful obtaining getting Lottery Grants and currently have £31,000 from the £50,000 required. Maintenance Day in October.

Llandogo Village Hall is struggling financially.

Llandogo School – School resumed following summer break. Next Governors meeting at Kymin View in early October.

Tintern & Llandogo Churches –

Llandogo – Advert for new Priest has now gone live, closing date 7th October. Weekly Sunday Services are continuing and being led by Jane Avery, Jill Rundle & Paul Stafford.

Tintern – Michaelmas Festival last weekend which was very successful. Cream Teas on Saturday with three music bands. The Archdeacon held the service last Sunday for the Michaelmas service.

3372. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. Finance Committee meeting on 28th September.

3373. Approve Freedom of Information Form: Form circulated to Cllrs for approval which Cllrs approved.

3374. Tintern Visitor Signage Stakeholder Workshop: Workshop held in Tintern 15th September. Report circulated.

3375. Disclaimer on Emails: All Cllrs should now have this on their emails.

3376. David James, MHA/Low Cost Housing: Update on earlier meeting regarding a potential site in Tintern which he has visited. He has asked MHA to look at the property in question to see if it could be suitable, but there are numerous criteria to fulfil including flood risk management and difficulties with meeting development quality requirements. Alternative use could be a co-operative housing scheme where people work together to provide a type of affordable housing. They are continuing to explore all options.

He updated the meeting on a potential site in Llandogo. Spoken to the land owners and they are very close to completing a deal with a developer. If so a planning application could be submitted next year for a maximum of 18 units with a requirement to provide 35% affordable houses on the site.

Cllrs felt a formal request should be made to MCC for them to compulsorily purchase the former Abbey Hotel. Clerk write to Mark Hand and ask him to report back at next meeting.

3377. Correspondence: Email from Social Justice Innovation Manager, MCC re Cost of Living Sum- mit. Clerk inform them Cllr Shewell will try and attend the Monmouth meeting.

3378. AOB: The Community Café in Llandogo every Friday morning during term time has now re- opened, run by the WI and has been well supported already.

Cllr Shewell reported that a meeting of the Tintern Charities was held. Elspeth Reid has been secretary for many years and now wishes to resign. Clerk to advertise the vacancy in the Tintern News & Village Website. The Charities have agreed a Christmas, Epiphany or Seasonal Luncheon or Afternoon Cream Tea can be held.

Cllr Evans reported that the bottom of Trellech Road is still in very bad state of repair. There is also a large pothole on the A466 just the Tintern side of the Linen Well. Clerk report both to MCC Highways. Cllr Mawdsley reported that MCC has in the past carried out strimming/repair works to footpaths in Llandogo. This has not been done for at least 2 years. Clerk report to MCC Countryside. Cllr Mawdsley will also report this independently.

3379. Date of next meeting: 31st October.

Future Meeting Dates - All enquires to the Clerk, Mrs. E. Greatorex-Davies

Email: clerk@wyevalleycc.co.uk

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commencing at 7.00pm

Monday 28th November – Tintern Village Hall
Monday 2nd January 2023 – Llandogo Village Hall
Monday 30th January – Tintern Village Hall
Monday 27th February – Llandogo Village Hall
Monday 27th March - Tintern Village Hall

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Tintern Wine Tasting 1 st Monday of each month	Alan Hillard	alan.hillard@gmail.com



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