



Folk on the Lawn, Tintern, July 2022, Photo by David Hurn

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I hope that everyone had a great time at the Tintern Fete, and thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors for making it such a fun and successful day.

I was talking to a visitor to Tintern, and he said that he was amazed on his last visit, when after a meal at the Abbey Mill, he asked for his bill to pay and was told that someone had already paid! He was so pleased by this random act of kindness that he spotted someone else sitting alone and paid their bill before he left. Tintern at its best!

And kindness is also the spirit of the Folk on the Lawn festival at the Abbey Mill, on **11-14 July**, where there are no tickets on sale, just an ask for donations if you like the music. You can get a wrist band if you want to prove you have given, but it's up to you. Like the Fete, it's all volunteers who make it happen and the artists share in the donations and raffle ticket takings. It is kid-friendly and the food, crafts, ice cream and beer will send you home with a new band logo t-shirt and smiles.

If you've not yet seen the Summer Sculpture exhibition at the Wye Valley Sculpture Garden, I encourage you to go. It is open **all July** on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 2-5pm showcasing the work of 22 incredible sculptors in an amazing garden setting.

The Tintern Local Produce Market will be at the Village Hall on **Saturday 13 July** and make sure you take the Monmouthshire County Council Visitor Survey (QR code on advert).

Wye Valley Greenway cycle route is still closed. Forestry England have not yet moved the landslip between the Tintern tunnel and The Monk's Path. The clearance work was scheduled originally for May and has been put back twice owing to delays on another project and is now scheduled for July. The diversion in place for walkers is long and more arduous and there is no diversion available for cyclists.

The acoustic Celtic folk band, Brimstone, will return to Tintern Abbey on **Saturday and Sunday 6-7 July** when you can relax, listen and be immersed in gentle airs, fiery jigs and reels as they resonate through the site and in the afternoon each day, you can learn a ceilidh dance.

On **Saturday 6 July** there is an evening choir concert at the Llandogo church, and during the day there will be a Kidzart Charity Fete opening for an exhibition of the work of the children of the Kidzart Charity and the students and tutors of the Wye Valley Arts Centre which will run from **6-14 July**.

Thanks, Toni Harvey (tinternnews@gmail.com)

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

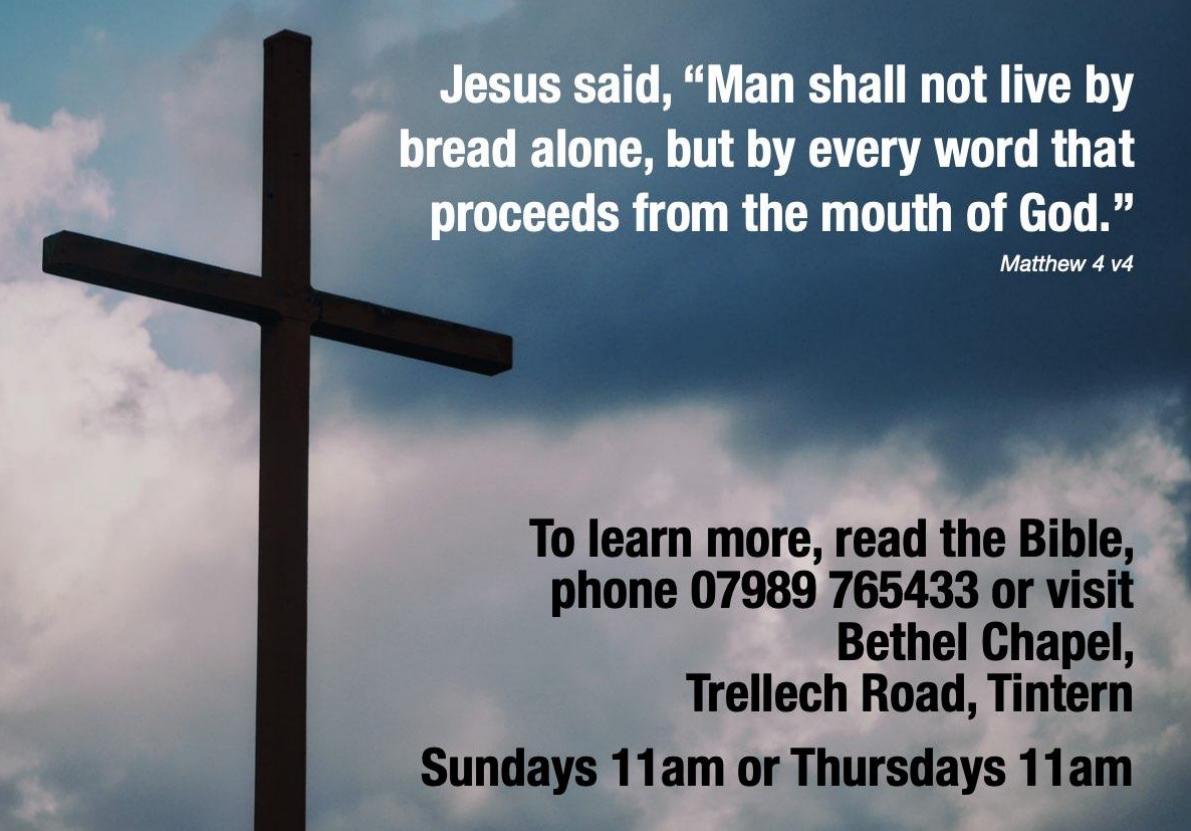


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Matthew 4 v4

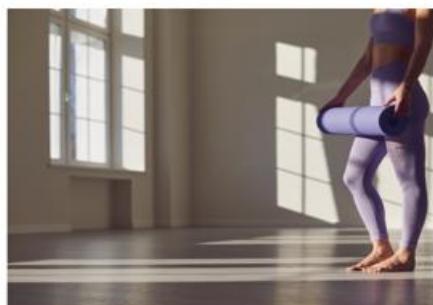
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Folk on the Lawn Thursday will start with a bang, by Jon Airdrie

We have, this year, the most energetic and populous start to the Folk on the Lawn event at the Abbey Mill in Tintern. Five slots, **6pm to 10.30ish on Thursday 11 July** – the first day of this 4-day music festival.



We start at 6pm with **The Ghost Writers**, acting as musical amanuenses and interpreters to a wide variety of sources, but consistently inserting their own nuance, and channelling also their own muse.

Moonface the Mage follows with 'a compendium of tales that

traverse the realms of godless things and mountain kings in thematic existentialism'. We're not sure what this means, but thematic existentialism has always been an undercurrent in the life of Tintern, and so we're very excited about it.



eulogies. Expect tangents from traditional folk, skipping to folky psychedelia.



Following on is **Auntie Margaret**, a 4-piece, original, Cardiff-based, alternative rock band. Old themes reborn with a jolt within a very 21st century context. Screaming guitars matching the screaming fiddles and clattering strings of past ages.



Finishing the evening, **The Long View** emerge from the Forest with not just range of perspective but manifold perspectives. Simon Richards (guitar and vocals), Tracey Dixon (vocals, guitar and glockenspiel), Steve Stockham (bass guitar) and Gabe Mckie (percussion) have been playing together for many years, drawing on a massive range of influences and, from all this, deriving their own signature sound.



Sixteen or more performers, the tranquil setting of the Wye, good company, good food: we anticipate an unprecedented kick-off to FotL 2024.

Folk on the Lawn is a not-for-profit festival run by

volunteers, with all donations shared amongst the artists. We do not provide tickets in advance but encourage donations in exchange for a wristband. You can donate in advance or come anytime and donate. Pay what you can, but please do help us out. Most of all, just come and enjoy the music!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/folkonthelawn2024>.

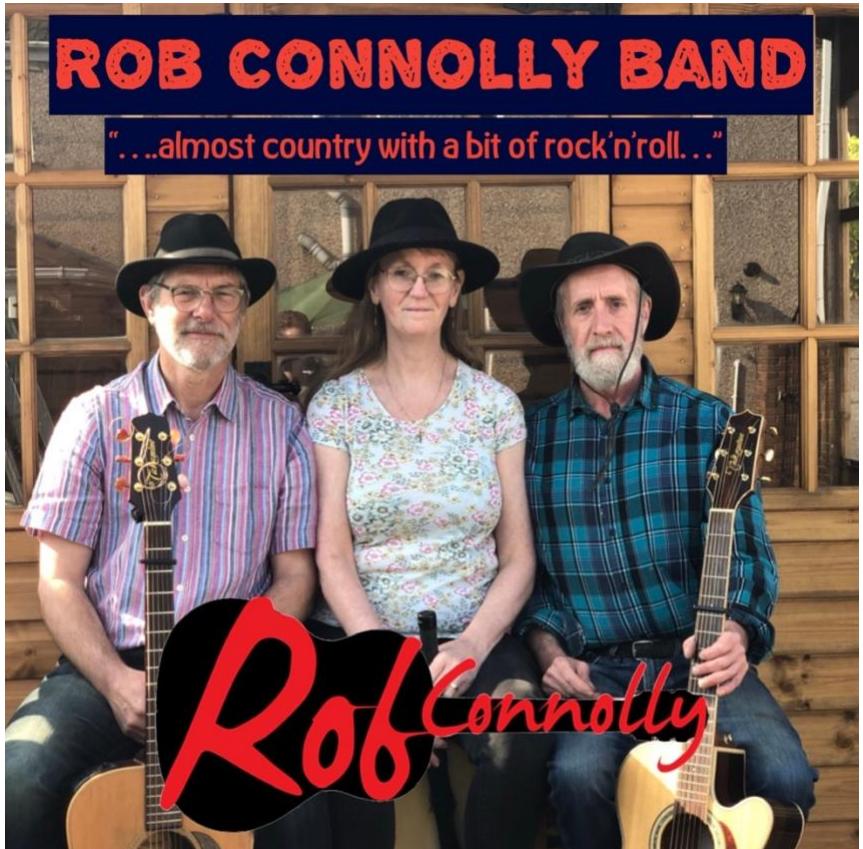


The Wild Warblers



Allan Yn Y Fan

If you missed local Rob Connolly Band at the Fete, you can catch them here too. Bios of other amazing performers who will play over the next three days can be seen on the Folk on the Lawn Facebook page, some with links to music clips, can be found on <https://folkonthelawn.com/lineup.html> so you can pick out the musicians you truly don't want to miss!



Folk on the Lawn

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Art Show at the Wye Valley Sculpture Garden by Toni Harvey

A friend and I went to see the Summer Sculpture Exhibit at the Wye Valley Sculpture Garden and it was a wonderful afternoon touring the garden, spotting the sculptures and enjoying tea and tasty cakes. The exhibition, set within the serene confines of a 3-acre garden, features an impressive array of over 100 sculptures by 22 artists, meticulously curated and thoughtfully positioned throughout the landscape. We had a chance to talk with resident artist Gemma Kate Wood.



Gemma, who has generously opened her garden to fellow artists for the first time, expressed her enthusiasm about sharing this creative space. She noted, "It feels absolutely right to be sharing the space and all the artists have absolutely loved the garden and are all delighted to be taking part. The focus of the Wye Valley Sculpture Garden is on wellbeing, seamlessly blending art, plants, and wildlife. This harmonious integration provides visitors with a sanctuary where they can unwind and momentarily escape the demands of everyday life".

The garden is an inspiration, each curve of the path finds a new private space, with dramatic plantings surrounding the sculptures and vistas across the Wye Valley.

Gemma's vision for the garden shines through in

every detail. Her philosophy that art helps us to express emotions, communicate thoughts, and explore our imagination is evident in the way the garden is structured. The exhibition underscores the fundamental role of art in our lives. "By engaging with art, we can discover more about ourselves and the world around us." Her philosophy is particularly poignant in an era where public funding for the arts is dwindling, yet the public's interest in art remains robust.



I was moved by the craftsmanship and diversity of the works on display, which range from abstract pieces to more traditional sculptures, each resonating with the garden's natural beauty.

The Summer Sculpture Exhibition is open to the public from 2pm to 5pm continues every Wednesday and Saturday until mid-September, see www.wyevalleysculpturegarden.co.uk and is a must-visit for anyone seeking a blend of artistic inspiration and natural serenity. And the cakes are lovely too!

Just a note that for **this** exhibit you can't bring your dog, as Gemma's insurance won't cover other people's artwork.

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Will it take Spin? By Martin Everett

Some years ago, I was invited to dine with John Waite and his wife at their impressive house, St Anne's, just above Tintern Abbey. Their dining room was the original nave of a 13th century chapel with its three-light decorated East window. On the walls were two full length oil paintings of the Prince and Princess of Wales (later to become HM King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra). Thanks to my genial hosts, I still recall occasion as a very enjoyable evening, particularly having said farewell to my hosts, I only had to walk home and not drive.



St Anne's house, Upper Leytons was originally the part of gatehouse to Tintern Abbey. In 19th century it became the 'grace and favour' home of the Warden of Tintern, a position in the gift of the Duke of Beaufort. A notable Warden was **John Loraine Baldwin** who was appointed in 1873. He made many improvements to St Anne's make it into a comfortable home for himself and the wife, Lady Elizabeth. The house featured as one of the Tintern photographic views taken by Valentines of Dundee in the 1880s.

John Loraine Baldwin was born in Halifax, Yorkshire in June 1809; the only son – (he had nine sisters!) – of Lieutenant Colonel John Baldwin of the 9th Dragoons and his wife Eliza Loraine. After school at Westminster and studying at Christ Church College, Cambridge, he

seems to have devoted most of his time to cricket and drama. He was one of the founders of 'I Zingari', one of the world's oldest amateur cricket clubs. On the club website today, this quote caught my eye: "My wife had an uncle who could never walk down the nave of an abbey without wondering whether it would take spin....."

In 1868 whilst on a visit to Badminton House in Gloucestershire, the home of the Duke of Beaufort, Baldwin drew up the first standardise rules for the game of badminton. Surely, his subsequent appointment of the Wardenship of Tintern was a grateful thank you gift from the Duke himself.

One of only images of John Baldwin which has survived is a Spy cartoon published in the 5 September 1875 edition of the magazine 'Vanity Fair'. The caricaturist 'Spy' was artist Leslie Ward who over four decades painted some 1,325 watercolour portraits of the 'great and good'. These portraits were reproduced in better quality and became very collectable particularly those depicting Theatre Artists, Lawyers and Sportsmen. My modest Spy collection contains just six cartoons of military officers. Interestingly, Ward's 1875 cartoon of John Baldwin shows him in a wheelchair which suggests that he had some mobility problems in later life. Back in July 1873 Baldwin had married Lady Elizabeth Russell, the widow of Commander Lord Francis Russell RN. She died age at Dover in February 1888. Her body was transported back to Tintern by train, and she was buried at St Michael's at Tintern Parva. One can only assume that this choice of last resting place was made because it had become too difficult for John Baldwin to climb Chapel Hill to St Mary's churchyard. In his will, John Baldwin left £39,190 which probably equates to about £6M today. Incidentally, the current visitors' information board outside St Michael's church gives John Baldwin's death incorrectly as 1855 not 1896.





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Holly Moore - seeded cards - Something I have never seen. Greetings cards which can be planted and grown. Much better than throwing them away after a few days.

New members and guests are always welcome. Call at the shop or go to <http://www.wyevalleycrafts.co.uk>

Wye Valley Crafts Association



Friends of the River Wye, by Nick Day

With the general election called for 4th July, the Save the Wye group were pleased to announce their manifesto for the River Wye, inviting all candidates to sign up to it, but equally critically setting out the extent of the help that the river needs. You can read it at www.wyemanifesto.org

FotRW put on a big display at this year's Hay Festival, which is summarised below:



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Citizen Science on the River Wye started in 2020 after the river turned green from harmful algal blooms. Since then, Citizen scientists have reported over 4,200 cases of visible pollution. Soil loss is a major area of concern. The majority of the catchment has nitrate levels indicative of very high pollution, and Phosphate targets are being exceeded by a factor of three in locations across the Wye Catchment.

Citizen Science in action has seen action from the authorities accelerated in Holywell Dingle, on the Cage Brook, and on the Trothy.

Of course, we'd far rather be monitoring nature's recovery-
Alongside monitoring pollution, citizen scientists are also on the lookout for wildlife. These maps show sightings of otters (which include evidence of otters, such as otter spraint), kingfishers and dippers since September 2023.

Exploring our Citizen Science data with WyeViz Mobile

You can look at our data, updated weekly, via the WyeViz dashboard on our website. You can even look at it now on your mobile. To start, scan this QR code...

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Tintern Garden Club, by Judith Dudley

On Friday 21 June, the Garden Club members enjoyed a visit to *Chase End* in Tidenham. This beautiful garden opens for the National Open Gardens Scheme on various Sundays but was opened specially for our visit. We were shown around by the owners who told us about the way the garden had evolved since they became the owners. They said it is an ever changing canvas as they are continually adding new features and plants to an already extensive collection.



Members were very impressed with the amount of work they must have put in over the years. One of the things they were especially proud of was the wild flower meadow which was looking lovely at this time of year as many flowers were blooming including spotted orchids in abundance, ox eye daisies, yellow rattle, knapweed, self heal & buttercups to name a few! There was a large pond and a bog garden to attract insects

which was studied by several members to get ideas for their own gardens. There were many roses in full bloom as well as interesting shrubs and perennials. All in all, it was an amazing garden and the weather stayed dry, despite the forecast of rain, until we were leaving. The evening ended with tea & cakes- a very enjoyable visit.

Our next meeting is another garden visit, this time to Longhouse Farm, Penrhos, Raglan. This will be on 9 July starting at 6.30pm. If anyone needs a lift, please contact Dave Tuffery on 01291689919 or Liz Greatorex-Davies on 01291689861.

Chairman Dave Tuffery asked for volunteers to help on the Garden Club stall at the Village Fete on **29 June** and also for donations of plants to sell.

Photos from Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley



Women's Institute Update, by Sue Smith

We have had a busy time in June. In the beginning of June, the National WI Conference was held and one of our members attended as a delegate for the local group of WI's. Other members attended as observers or watched the day online. As well as completing the business aspects of the Annual Conference there were a few interesting speakers reflecting the theme of addressing violence against women. They included Nazir Afzal former Chief Prosecutor for Northwest England, Mel B from the Spice girls who was interviewed by Journalist Victoria Derbyshire and Timothy Watson the actor who played Rob Titchener, the abusive husband in the Archers.

The Conference also voted on the resolution to improve access to Dental Care, which will now be developed into a campaign. It is not widely known that the WI has a long history of campaigning for change on a wide range of subjects. Many of the social reforms related to family health, women's Rights and environmental issues have been instigated or supported by the WI.

We also had a garden visit to Weston Hall near Ross on Wye which had some lovely specimen trees as well as colourful flower borders. At the end of the visit, we enjoyed tea and cake in the beautiful courtyard and the sun even shone! We have another garden visit planned for the beginning of July.

The speaker at the June Meeting was Jennie Christie from Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA), who also happened to live locally. Jennie explained originally due to her interest in climbing this led to her volunteering for the land based rescue part of SARA. It was interesting to hear how SARA operates, and the training programmes volunteers must complete. It was interesting to hear that when conducting a search there is a person profile completed according to age, mental health or if the person is diagnosed with dementia which will influence how the search is conducted. SARA are currently fund raising for a new tractor, so if you see a SARA members out and about collecting please consider donating to this worthwhile charity, which is so relevant in an area with 2 significant rivers and an estuary.

The walking groups still are meeting regularly. We recently went to Llandegfedd Reservoir, near Usk for a walk and lunch. Various groups did different length of walks, and other members just joined us for lunch. Unfortunately, the weather was more "Juneuary" than June, but we managed to have a good time.

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Llandogo Early Years, by Rachel Davies



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Local author, teacher and artist Trudy Friend taught a drawing workshop on 12 June that took us back to basic strokes of pencil on paper. Hopefully we will be able to host more sessions over the summer.



In August, the Tintern Church Lads and Church Girls are switching the Sunday that they will contribute to Sunday church services from the Second to the **Third Sunday of every month. But July is still 2nd Sunday – 14 July.**

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Precis minutes of meeting of above Council held in Tintern Village Hall 20th May 2024.

Present: Cllrs Evans, Ashman, Morrison, Shewell, County Cllr Webb & the Clerk. Members of the public: Two representatives from Savills & Sentiem.

3698. Police Reports: None received.

3699. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Mawdsley & Parker.

3700. Public Session: The above representatives for the Wild Hare & former Abbey Hotel were present to update the Council on proposed plans for the buildings.

3701. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: None.

3702. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

3703. To receive Financial Report: Community A/C £20,707.97, BMM A/C £3,222.29,

3704. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-

Merlin Environmental Services, Clerk's Salary & Expenses, St Michael's Church Tintern PCC – Churchyards maintenance grant - All approved for payment.

3705. To discuss Planning Applications:-

DM/2023/01502 – Abbey Hotel, Tintern - clearance of the site through demolition of existing range of former hotel buildings. Approval recommended.

DM/2024/00592 – Sunnyside, Botany Bay (installation of air source heat pump). Approval recommended.

DM/2024/00617 – Garage at Dan-Y-Coed, Trellech Road, Tintern. Approval recommended.

3706. Matters Arising from Minutes: As a result of discussions at the previous meeting duplication of village events was brought up and it was felt by Cllrs present there is definitely still a need for external body reports to be discussed.

3707. To receive Reports from outside bodies:-

Schools – Governors Meeting held 20th May. Positive Estyn Report now on line.

Tintern & Llandogo Churches – Tintern – The new organ has been installed. The Vicar thanked the community for their support for recent Arts Festival & Quiz Nights which enabled the Church to purchase the new organ. Bach on the Bank 26th May – Evening of poetry and music recitals. Drawing Workshop in June. Tintern Church in association with Fêtes & Festivals will be running a September Michaelmas Festival.

Llandogo – Church Fete 8th June. Request from Llandogo Church for donation towards this Fete.

Village Halls – AGM held, Helen Carter still chairman, Lindsay Cobb is Treasurer, all other officers remain the same. Produce Market 8th June. Quiz 14th September. Notification of playground inspection in June received from ROSPA.

3708. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. Date for committee meeting to be agreed for June.

3709. Update on proposals for the former Wild Hare & Abbey Hotel from Representatives from Savills & Sentiem. The former name of the Royal George will now be reinstated. Two Planning applications in at present and awaiting signature on a document re Habitats Regulations from NRW. Planning to try and reopen for Xmas.

3710. Correspondence: Request from Mind Monmouthshire for donation to their charity.

Email from MCC Regeneration Project Manager with Wye Valley Villages Street Cleansing schedule. Clerk ask for timetables of when this work is going to be done as it was felt the roads should be swept after the hedges have been cut.

Email request from Jill Rundle, Llandogo PCC for donation towards Llandogo Church Fete. Clerk respond saying in principle WVCC are happy to make a grant but do need a breakdown of costings and subsequent receipts/invoices. If payment is required before the Fete and proof of intended expenditure can be supplied authorisation can be given to make this payment beforehand up to £500.

3711. AOB: Cllr Evans reported on the condition of the bottom of the Trellech Road was once again brought up as it creates a noise problem when vehicles cross it. County Cllr Webb will once again report this.

3712. Date of next meeting: 24th June 2024.

Precis Minutes of meeting of above Council held Tintern Village Hall on 29th April 2024.

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

3681. Police Reports: None received.

3682. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Ashman.

3683. Public Session: No one present.

3684. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: None.

3685. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting: Circulated, approved & signed as correct.

3686. To receive Financial Report: Community A/C £12,320.23, BMM A/C £3,222.29.

Amount spent to date £567.00. Bank Charges £8.60.

3687. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-

Merlin Environmental Services - £131.04 (Ch. No. 300531)

One Voice Wales Subscription - £213.00 (Ch. No. 300532)

Data Protection Registration Fee - £40.00 (Ch. No. 300533)

Zurich Council Insurance - £543.97 (Ch. No. 300534)

Internal Auditor's Report Fee - £90.00 (Ch. No. 300535)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £444.45 (Ch. No. 300536)

Llandogo PCC – Churchyard maintenance grant - £500.00 (Ch. No. 300537)

All approved for payment.

3688. To discuss Planning Applications:-

DM/2024/00372 – Single storey extension, Maple Cottage, Llandogo – Respond saying WVCC have concerns about anomalies on the plans submitted with the application and landscape on Google maps so could MCC please investigate.

DM/2024/00233 – Reconsultation, The Woodlands, Trellech Road, Tintern. Approval recommended.

DM/2024/00415 – The Wild Hare, Tintern. Landscape Gardens & erection of tent structure. Approval recommended.

3689. Matters Arising from Minutes: None.

3690. To receive Reports from outside bodies:-

Schools – Governors meeting cancelled as Estyn inspection last week.

Tintern & Llandogo Churches – Tintern. Bach on the River Concert 26th May. Awaiting purchase and delivery of a new organ. Insurance claims being submitted for flood damage.

Llandogo – Village Fete 8th June on the Memorial Green, Church & Churchyard. Every Saturday in May there will be a Service of Healing in the morning and Wellness Activity in the afternoon.

Village Halls – Tintern. Security cameras in place and the Hall now has a full licence for events. Next Produce Market 11th May. Future events planned are Writers Forum in September, Quiz & Xmas Bingo. Full audit of Hall accounts due this year. The VHC are starting to raise money towards future maintenance to the roof. Offer was received from Wicksteed Leisure quoting for playground inspection but when compared with ROSPA Councillors agreed to continue with ROSPA. The Hall have received their business rates demand and this is again a nil return. AGM held last week and Cllr Shewell was elected as WVCC's representative.

Llandogo – Have a number of events planned. River Festival is running early May and will be in Llandogo next Monday using the Village Green for a picnic. Village Hall will generate funds by running a bar. Barn Dance 8th June. Possible Quiz in September. AGM due July.

Report from One Voice Wales Area Meeting – Cllr Parker elected as OVW representative on WVNL Joint Advisory Group. Cllr Rita Edwards, St. Arvans CC voted onto OVW National Executive Committee.

Cllr Allowance – HMRC have confirmed that the allowance may be treated as a Home Working

Allowance and as it is under the PAYE threshold it does not need to be reported to HMRC or paid through payroll unless another HWA is being claimed. Consumables Allowance remains tax free.

3691. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. Meeting to be fixed after AGM.

3692. Discuss the need for a Grants Policy: The basic principles were discussed and it was agreed to discuss this at the next Finance meeting. Discussed the need to regularise financial grants to all bodies to whom WVCC makes payment. This will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and reported back to the full Community Council for discussion. All Councillors agreed to this course of action.

3693. Discuss possible replacement of Benches by Landslide & Village Green: These are both in a poor state of repair. Agreed to remove the bench on the Village Green. Cllr Ashman has offered to try and repair the one by the landslide.

3694. Report from Wye Valley Villages Delivery Group Meeting: Attended by Cllrs Mawdsley & Parker. 4 key strands of work ongoing. River quality – trials working on upper reaches. The trial on chicken pellets is looking positive. Broadband – Likely to be 10 years until Superfast Broadband is installed in the area. Trying to improve 4G signal by increasing the height of masts. BT have handed over their residential lines to EE.

Road safety – 20mph speed limit is going to be reviewed in some locations. Welsh Government feels there is no need to have traffic calming & 20mph signs. Also going to remove repeater signs. Request for Community Councils to contribute towards street cleaning.

3695. Correspondence: Request from Llandogo PCC for the annual grant of £500 towards Churchyard maintenance. Councillors agreed to this being paid as it was budgeted for.

Request from MonLife for a donation. Councillors agreed that as this organisation is part of MCC any funding should come from them.

Email from MCC re proposed introduction of 40mph speed limit on A466 between St Arvans and Tintern.

3696. Any Other Business: Concerns were raised over the length of time it is taking for renovation work at The Wild Hare, Tintern. County Cllr Webb confirmed she had spoken to Amy Longford, MCC re the issue of internal alterations and certain planning issues that had to be authorised. Clerk to write to Ms Longford stating we understand there are issues relating to the Wild Hare and are anxious that any steps that can be taken to progress matters should be done as soon as possible. We are mindful that the hotel currently employs a significant number of local people who are at present on furlough and the business cannot indefinitely sustain this extended closure. It was felt as much as possible should be done to bring matters forward and ask that they set out the issues.

Potholes at the bottom of Trellech Road still an issue. Report to Ross Price at Highways.

Cllr Parker brought up the issue of accessibility to the play equipment in Llandogo Hall Playground. County Cllr Webb has met Mike Moran, MCC. They have agreed to put rubber matting at the bottom entrance to the Playground and cut vegetation away along the pavement.

Cllr Parker raised the matter of an article in the Llandogo Newsletter.

County Cllr Webb & MCC Officers are looking into the question of whether the Freedom Lane should be restricted to use by residents only.

Cllr Evans reported that there is a caravan parked on the A466 past the Livox Quarry.

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Racecourse, Chepstow Community Hospital

Monday to Friday except Bank Holiday Mondays

	Hol	Sch	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1517	1625	1720	1830
Monmouth Bus Station	0745	0745											
Monmouth Comprehensive School	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1517	---	---	---
Wyesham St James Church	0755	0755	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	1526	1526	1634	1729	1839
Redbrook Newland Road	0800	0800	0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	1531	1531	1639	1734	1844
Llandogo Hudnalls View	0809	0809	0933	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1540	1540	1648	1743	1853
Tintern The Wild Hare	0817	0817	0941	1041	1141	1241	1341	1441	1548	1548	1656	1751	1901
St Arvans The Peacefield	0824	0824	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1555	1555	1703	1758	1908
Chepstow Comprehensive School	---	0830	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	0828	---	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1559	1559	1707	1802	1912
Chepstow Bus Station	0833	0834	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1604	1604	1711	1806	1916

Sch Operates on schooldays only

Hol Operates school holidays only

Saturdays

Monmouth Bus Station	0710	0910	1110	1310	1510	1710
Wyesham St James Church	0719	0919	1119	1319	1519	1719
Redbrook Newland Road	0724	0924	1124	1324	1524	1724
Llandogo Hudnalls View	0733	0933	1133	1333	1533	1733
Tintern The Wild Hare	0741	0941	1141	1341	1541	1741
St Arvans The Peacefield	0748	0948	1148	1348	1548	1748
Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	0752	0952	1152	1352	1552	1752
Chepstow Bus Station	0756	0956	1156	1356	1556	1756

Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays

Monmouth Bus Station	1006	1206	1506	1710
Wyesham St James Church	1015	1215	1515	1719
Redbrook Newland Road	1020	1220	1520	1724
Llandogo Hudnalls View	1029	1229	1529	1733
Tintern The Wild Hare	1037	1237	1537	1741
St Arvans The Peacefield	1044	1244	1544	1748
Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	1048	1248	1548	1752
Chepstow Bus Station	1052	1252	1552	1756

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Chepstow | Tintern | Monmouth

via Chepstow Community Hospital, Chepstow Racecourse, St Arvans, Llandogo, Bigsweir Bridge, Wyesham

Monday to Friday except Bank Holiday Mondays

	Hol	Sch			Sch	Hol		
Chepstow Bus Station	0735	0735	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406
Chepstow Comprehensive School	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1525
Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	0740	0740	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410
St Arvans The Peacefield	0744	0744	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414
Tintern The Wild Hare	0752	0752	0922	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422
Llandogo Hudnalls View	0801	0801	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431
Redbrook The Bell	0809	0809	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438
Wyesham St James Church	0817	0817	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445
Monmouth Comprehensive School	---	0825	---	---	---	---	---	---
Monmouth Bus Station	0827	0832	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1456
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								1704 1819

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Saturdays

Chepstow Bus Station	0806	1006	1206	1406	1606	1806
Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	0810	1010	1210	1410	1610	1810
St Arvans The Peacefield	0814	1014	1214	1414	1614	1814
Tintern The Wild Hare	0822	1022	1222	1422	1622	1822
Llandogo Hudnalls View	0830	1030	1230	1430	1630	1830
Redbrook The Bell	0838	1038	1238	1438	1638	1838
Wyesham St James Church	0845	1045	1245	1445	1645	1845
Monmouth Bus Station	0854	1054	1254	1454	1654	1854

Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays

Chepstow Bus Station	0900	1105	1305	1605
Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	0904	1109	1309	1609
St Arvans The Peacefield	0908	1113	1313	1613
Tintern The Wild Hare	0916	1121	1321	1621
Llandogo Hudnalls View	0925	1130	1330	1630
Redbrook The Bell	0932	1137	1337	1637
Wyesham St James Church	0939	1144	1344	1644
Monmouth Bus Station	0948	1153	1353	1653

Fares from 1 April 2024



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ADULT SINGLE

	Fare Zone Name	Day/Weekly Ticketing Options
Monmouth Bus Station	Monmouth	Monmouth Local Fare
Wyesham		
£3.80	£3.80	Redbrook Newlands Road
£3.80	£3.80	Redbrook The Grove
£3.80	£3.80	Wyeval Farm
£3.80	£3.80	Bigswier Bridge (English side)
£3.80	£3.80	Bigswier Bridge (Welsh side)
£3.80	£3.80	Llandogo Pant-glas
£4.80	£4.80	Brockweir Bridge
£5.80	£5.80	Tintern Old Station
£5.80	£5.80	Tintern Abbey
£5.80	£5.80	The Livox
£5.80	£5.80	St Arvans
£5.80	£5.80	Chepstow Racecourse
£5.80	£5.80	Chepstow Bus Station
	Chepstow	Chepstow Local Fare
		Monmouth District Fare
		All Zones Ticket

CHILD/YOUTH SINGLE

	Fare Zone Name	Day/Weekly Ticketing Options
Monmouth Bus Station	Monmouth	Monmouth Local Fare
Wyesham		
£1.15	£2.55	Redbrook Newlands Road
£2.55	£2.55	Redbrook The Grove
£2.55	£2.55	Wyeval Farm
£2.55	£2.55	Bigswier Bridge (English side)
£2.55	£2.55	Bigswier Bridge (Welsh side)
£2.55	£2.55	Llandogo Pant-glas
£3.20	£3.20	Brockweir Bridge
£3.85	£3.85	Tintern Old Station
£3.85	£3.85	Tintern Abbey
£3.85	£3.85	The Livox
£3.85	£3.85	St Arvans
£3.85	£3.85	Chepstow Racecourse
£3.85	£3.85	Chepstow Bus Station
	Chepstow	Chepstow Local Fare
		Monmouth District Fare
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