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Fresh start after the long winter months..

The big news is of course the Farmer's Market at The Village Hall every 2nd Saturday of the month (starting **April 8th**). But some may be celebrating more that the Abbey Stores now carries wine, spirits and beer as well as free recycling bags. And of course we're looking forward to the re-opening of Stella's books and the Old Station. Lots of Easter activities and the Spring Fling this month!



Work on the playground is almost done and progress being made on the Abbey Hotel, which now has the same owner as the Wild Hare and the Chepstow Diving Centre.

I wish we knew Wireworks Bridge will re-open. The Greenway (the old railway tunnel) is now open all the way to Chepstow, but bypasses Tintern with the bridge closed. I did hear from VolkerLazer that it would NOT be open for the Easter holidays, but no update on their best estimate, so keep checking their website
-[Tintern Wireworks Bridge Improvements - Highways \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](http://Tintern%20Wireworks%20Bridge%20Improvements-Highways%20(gloucestershire.gov.uk))

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

And although the 20 mph is now permanent, some cars still travelling much too fast. Finding this dead dear is sad, but this could have been be someone's pet or a child. What can we do to slow down the cars?

Beavers are facinating to watch and might help reduce flooding on the Wye. The Welsh Beaver Project led by North Wales Wildlife Trust has been working to re-establish beavers as a native species in Wales. The University of Exeter is leading an independent survey to explore the attitudes towards beaver reintroduction in Wales. All residents in Wales are invited to take part before 13 April, regardless of their view

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Thanks, Toni Harvey (tinternnews@gmail.com)

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Chepstow Walking Festival: Walk 21, 10am in Tintern on Friday 14 April

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This walk on **Friday 14 April** will explore man's impact on the landscape of the Wye Valley, discovering hillforts, a lost village, abandoned industrial landscapes, a picturesque landscape and a 'future landscape' - the One Planet Dôl-Wen Project in Tintern.

One Planet is the Welsh Government's flagship sustainable development goal, that within a generation Wales only consumes its fair share of the world's resources. One Planet planning policy provides a way for people to live and work on their own land, establishing off-grid, low impact smallholdings in Wales, transitioning to a more sustainable way of life.

Mat and Freyja run the Dôl-Wen project, the first One Planet project in Monmouthshire. They will give a short tour and discuss how they are transforming a 4-acre field into a productive off-grid smallholding including fruit and veg growing, managing a coppice, and running a land-based business so they meet their basic needs from the land.



Book Tickets: <https://bit.ly/400XdmB> £5.00 for adults, under 16 free with adult

“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
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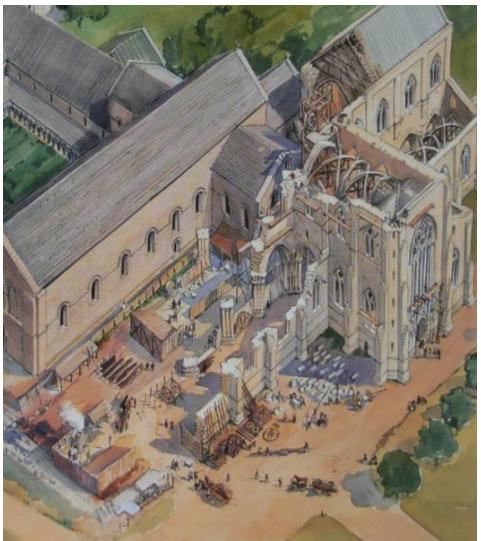
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Cadw new app to find Tintern Abbey building stones by Mason Lifter



Elgin's "purchase" of the Parthenon marbles, masterpieces of Greek art created over 2500 years ago, remains one of the most controversial holiday souvenirs in the entire history of art, but here in Tintern, the missing Tintern Abbey building stones did not likely travel so far. Some were used in later construction and Cadw wants to identify them! A new Cadw initiative is being developed to identify building stones that have been re-used from historic

monuments. A new phone app, called **iBuilding Stone** or 'iBS', is being developed for the general public to aid in the assessment.



The app is described as the "Stonemason Encyclopaedia" with information on toolmarks, mason's marks and geology. Users of the app can simply take a picture of a stone they see in a building and it will be uploaded to the [Heritage Crime | Cadw \(gov.wales\)](#) department who are leading this new crowd-sourced effort to fit the pieces back together and reconstruct (virtually at least) Tintern Abbey.



Identifying re-used stones can be a difficult task, but by examining surface wear, carvings, dimensions, stone type and the timing of subsequent construction, it is possible to determine whether a stone has been re-purposed. If you suspect that a stone has been re-used from a historic monument, the iBS app will assess the key factors that can help determine if a stone came from the Abbey.



Once a stone has been photographed and re-use confirmed in the app, CADW will use the dimensions in an AI-powered software, "deReform" to recreate the Abbey in 3 dimensions.

Whilst heritage crime can take many different forms, there is specific legislation in place which makes it an offence to undertake certain activities on historic sites. For example, under Section 2(2) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, it is an offence to remove a scheduled monument or any part of it without the consent of Welsh Ministers. Prosecution is unlikely, however, if a stone is identified in an older home.

Action to protect our River Wye, by Nick Day

The interest and media coverage keeps building!

Through the constant pressure and all the issues highlighted on TV & radio, we hope that the various authorities -and certainly Central government- will be persuaded to act to rectify the river pollution. We need many more prosecutions, with significant penalties handed out.



Paul Whitehouse on the River Wye

Paul Whitehouse's 'Our Troubled Rivers' was aired (in two parts) this last month. The programme was light but gave a very good overview of the issues facing all the UK rivers and featured the Wye.

On Sunday 19th March the whole *CountryFile* programme was dedicated to rivers, with most of it focussed on the Wye. Although they asked Friends of the Lower Wye for lots of information about Citizen Scientist work, on this occasion they concentrated on the Upper Wye, showing how bad things have become even high up in the catchment.

Events are hotting up throughout the catchment (and beyond, with all the UK's rivers suffering)... With the English local elections looming, we have been helping compile a list of environmental 'asks' for the river, to put to each of the candidates.

Recently we have also been to Hereford for an afternoon which gave an alarming view of some of the other pollutants that are likely to emerge as problematic in coming years, and to Goodrich to hear about nature-friendly approaches to farming and flood management... Webinars have included one from the CaBA (Catchment Based Approach) group, and several from Insights Wales / Cipolwg Cymru, and we're still liaising with 'the Agencies' and with other groups locally (both across the catchment and beyond- the Usk and Teme, and the Forest of Dean Waterways group).



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



CountryFile's Anita Rani with Tom Tibbits. (Chairman Friends of the Upper Wye)



Nick gave a talk at a recent Save the River Usk meeting...

While the EA's feedback has slowed due to money and staff limitations, we're still working on amalgamating all the data from the different groups across the catchment ourselves. A prototype dataset of Phosphate levels has been tried in the remarkable 'Tableau' data visualisation tool, showing the way forward, and backs up previous mapping efforts to understand the distribution of excess nutrients across the catchment.

The 'Tableau' approach is interactive and lets the viewer try various 'tricks' with the data, for example choosing which months to view, and providing a choice how to use data obtained in different ways...

Welsh Water recently published a new version of their Source Apportionment model which suggests that on average in the Upper Wye (down to just below Hay on Wye) the proportions of contributions to phosphate are around 72% due to agro-industrial sources, 23% treated wastewater, 2% CSOs, and 3% 'other'... - very similar to previous estimates, but it's good to see that they're 'keeping their eyes on the ball'... Those 20 million chickens are clearly having an effect.

We joined with other groups to stage a demonstration in Chepstow against Tesco's range of 'cheap' chicken (only cheap when you don't account for the environmental costs...)



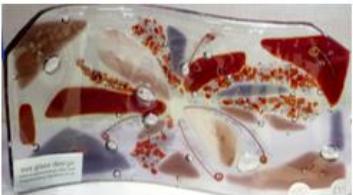
'Lady Wye' complains about Tesco's unsustainably sourced chicken

In the coming months we have a number of events planned. More details nearer the dates.

- **Wednesday 17th May** Coleford Festival of Words. Adult event. 6.30pm at Art of Coffee
- **Friday 19th May**, at the Bridges Centre, Monmouth. 'Working Together' Presentations from both the NRW & EA of the work they do and their future plans. There will be special presentation from River Action plus our chairman for the evening is a BBC investigative reporter and producer with great knowledge of the river.
- **Saturday 10th June**. St Briavels Carnival. Lots of kids' activities.
- **Thursday 16th June**. Farm visit and tour of Ben Taylor-Davies' Regenerative Farm near Ross on Wye.
- **Saturday 25th June**. Redbrook. Planning lots of kids' activities.
- **June & July**. Balsham Bashing in the meadows below Tintern Station and at Brockweir.
- **Sunday 9th July**. WYE JULY event. Chippenham Fields, Monmouth. Many clubs, groups and organisations that have a connection to the river & valley exhibiting. There will be the procession with the Algae monster and lots of other attractions.
- **November** will bring the second symposium and a follow up of the November 2022 evening where we expect to hear the steps taken to have the river back to full health.



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.

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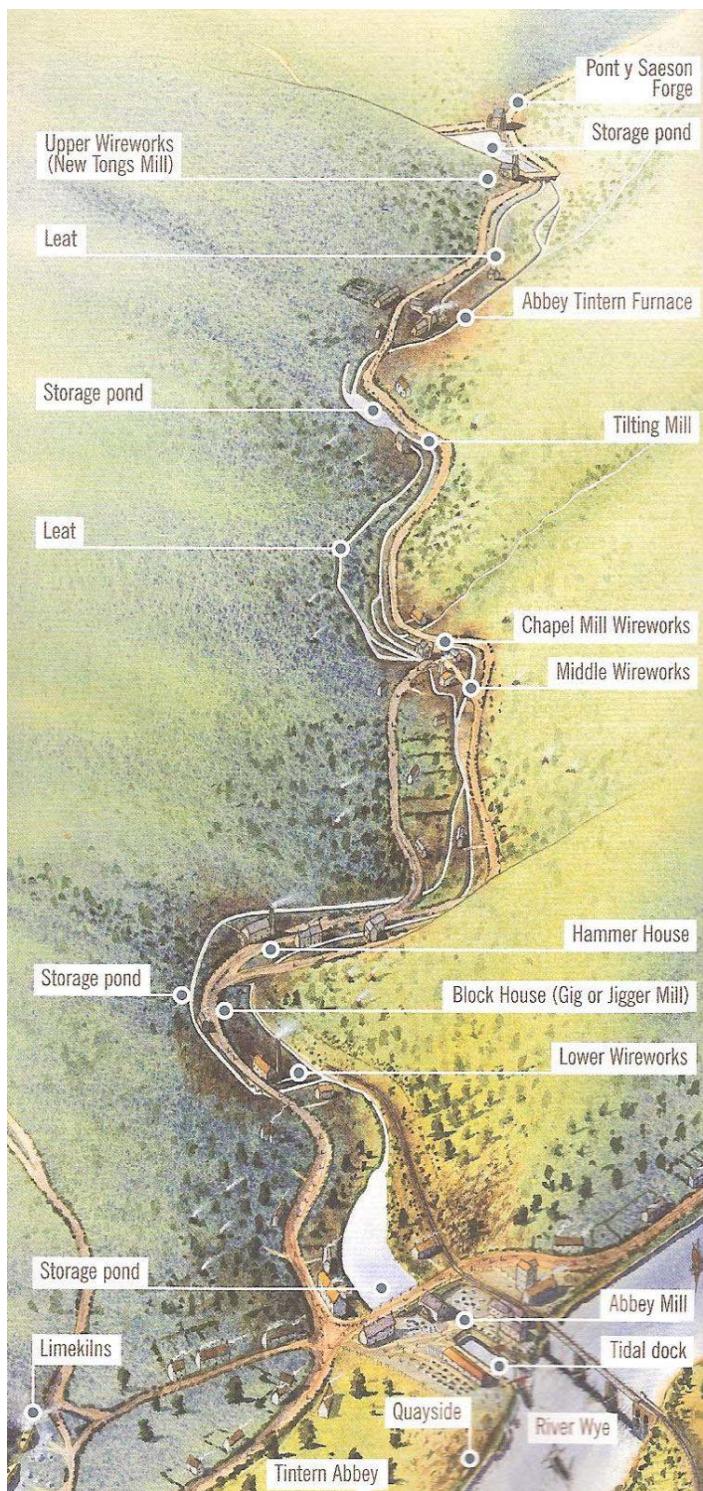
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Tintern has always touched the world, by Martin Everett



Tintern has touched the world in many ways. It was the centre of industry for hundreds of years - conservation work has revealed that there were countless forges and furnaces along the river Wye and its tributaries in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Brass was first made in Britain at the Abbey Forge, and it was the first place to make wire on an industrial scale, used notably in the manufacture of the first transatlantic cable.

This initial telegraph cable was laid at the beginning of the 1850s from Valentia Island, off the west coast of Ireland to the Bay of Bulls, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, a distance 3200 kms. The first official communications occurred on 16 August 1858, when congratulatory telegram from Her Majesty Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan at his summer residence in the Bedford Springs Hotel in Pennsylvania, was sent expressing hope that the cable would prove "an additional link between the nations whose friendship is founded on their common interest and reciprocal esteem".

The President responded: "It is a triumph more glorious, because far more useful to mankind, than was ever won by conqueror on the field of battle. May the Atlantic telegraph, under the blessing of Heaven, prove to be a bond of perpetual peace and friendship between the kindred nations, and an instrument destined by Divine Providence to diffuse religion, civilization, liberty, and law throughout the world".

These initial messages were hard to decipher; Queen Victoria's message of 98 words took 16 hours to send! Efforts by the engineers to improve the speed caused this cable to fail after three weeks.

Over subsequent years much more powerful cables were laid across the Atlantic. By late

Victorian times the metal production in Tintern has largely disappeared. Meanwhile, the UK and USA would have to wait until 1962 before the first transatlantic communications via satellite were available.

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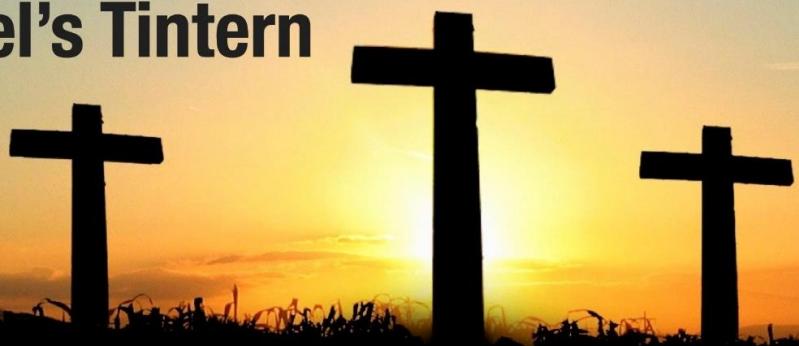


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Tintern Photo Competition, by Andrew Reid



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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 [REDACTED] 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 Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade (CLCGB), by Alan Carter



The Brigade in Tintern is going from strength to strength with more members than ever. Although this is obviously good news it does mean a great deal of hard work for the leaders. 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 exciting and challenging program for all of our members.



So, if you have experience of outdoor activities, 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. We meet Monday evenings 6:00 - 7:30 at Tintern village hall.



The new style of family services (second Sunday of the month) at St. Michael's are becoming increasingly popular with our young members and their families 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.

As well as our regular program we will be holding a weekend camp at Barbados Scout camp over the weekend of the 10th of June as well as an activity day during the summer

holidays. Some of our members will also be joining with Bristol in August for a week- long camp at Viney Hill.

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Tintern Garden Club News, by Judith Dudley

Roger Umpelby was our speaker at the Garden Club meeting on 17th March in the Village Hall. His talk was about fruit growing and he had many interesting facts and useful advice for those of our members who grow any sort of fruit in their garden. This ranged from top fruit such as apples & pears to bush and cane fruits such as gooseberries and raspberries to fruits which can be grown in a greenhouse like strawberries. We all learned something helpful.

The competition was for a piece of pottery with fruit decoration which Roger judged for us. His first place choice was a mug decorated with illustrations of apples, brought by Colin Dudley.

Our next meeting is on Friday April 21st at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It is a talk on “Invasive & non-invasive plants” by Gwent Wildlife Trust. The competition is for a vase of spring flowers.

Anyone interested is welcome to come along to our meetings at a cost of £2.00 per person. If you would like to become a member, the annual subscription is £10.00. Please contact Liz Greatorex-Davies on 01291689861 or Dave Tuffery on 01291689919 for details.

News from Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley



By the time this is in print, we will have lots of woolly babies running around in our fields and we will feel spring has really arrived. Lambing is due to start on 28th March. It is a busy but rewarding time for us and we are hoping for lovely, sunny weather for the lambs to go out in the fields. We had our ewes scanned at the end of January so we know there are no triplets expected this year which is less for us to worry about.

Poor Dave has just suffered a bad bout of Covid which has left him feeling very tired. However, he has nearly finished the pruning

in the vineyard so is not too far behind with the vineyard work. The next job is tightening the wires ready for tying the canes down. The buds on the vines are definitely swelling so it will not be long before we see some shoots.

Following on from the lapwings that visited us at the end of last year, when we had a bit of snow at the beginning of March, a small, white egret paid us a visit. He stayed for several days in the field by the road keeping the cattle company. While writing this on 24th March, I happened to look out of the window and saw a red kite being chased by two crows. It is the first time we have seen a red kite on the farm although I know they are in the area. Another two birds to add to our list!

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

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.

We had intended re-opening the shop at the beginning of March but due to various commitments, we will not re-open until Saturday 18th March. However, we are happy to open the shop for wine sales if you ring on 07484670302 to arrange a visit.

The Wye in flood at high tide on 24th March



Tintern Folk Session at the Wild Hare, by Joe

As usual on the third Sunday of the month - the **16th of April 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 and discussion via Zoom, open and free to all. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 18th of April at 7.30** by Dr Vanessa Dodd on 'We are such stuff as dreams are made on'. If you would like to come please contact us on jjclar7@aol.com or ring 10291 680139, or look us up on <http://www.tintern-philosophy.org>.

Vanessa, a compulsive dreamer, will be surveying the varied and often contrasting philosophical theories about the nature of dreams, their functions, causes and properties, concluding with a speculative hypothesis of her own.

She is a former senior lecturer in English and Creative writing at the University of South Wales. She trained in acting at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and has worked as an actor and theatre director at home and abroad. A lifelong interest in theatre, human psychology, and the philosophies of human consciousness, led to her doctoral thesis *The Theatre of the Mind* which she is currently expanding for publication by Routledge

St Michael's Church, Tintern Parva



Over 200 people came to the Church on 21st March to pay their respects to Paul Edward Davies, also known as “Tommer”, a well-loved Tintern resident, who is survived by his partner Michelle and two children, Oliver and Ruben.



Jan officiated at the funeral and Paul's brother Richard shared memories of his older brother - his time working at Cross Farm all the local teams and clubs he was involved with over the years.

Paul's summer weekends were spent playing cricket for Tintern and then for Tintern's football team in the winter, most recently as a player and manager. He played darts for every pub in the village before he defected to Llanishen. Paul will be missed by so many in Tintern.

The high tide on the 24th of March did make its way to the doors of the Church, and fast action by Alan Carter tested the flood gates purchased by the Restoration Committee. Some leakage under the gates had to be mopped up by Jan, but with a bit more padding in place we can make the Church really secure for the next flood. Hope that damages were avoided in the rest of Tintern.





On Good Friday there will be a joined up Good Friday service with St Oudoceus, Llandogo church. Reverend Jan Pain and Reverend Dan Damon will lead the service at noon, which will be followed by hot cross buns and refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 2 April 10:30 Palm Sunday
Friday, 7 April 12:00 Good Friday
Sunday, 9 April 10:30 Easter

The organ in the church has finally reached retirement age and so the musicians in the church

have been looking at possible replacements, but they are expensive!

We're planning the first in a series of ***Music on the Wye – River Renewal: a Wye Valley celebration through music*** events, the first will be on **Friday 12 May** so save the date!

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.

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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)

| | A | H | | | | PHIL ANSLOW COACHES | | | | |
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| CHEPSTOW (Bus Station) | 0745 | 0920 | 1020 | 1120 | 1220 | 1320 | 1420 | 1520 | 1620 | 1720 |
| CHEPSTOW (Com. Hospital) | WS | 0924 | 1024 | 1124 | 1224 | 1324 | 1424 | C | 1624 | 1724 |
| ST. ARVANS | 0751 | 0928 | 1028 | 1128 | 1228 | 1328 | 1428 | 1528 | 1628 | 1728 |
| TINTERN (Royal George) | 0759 | 0936 | 1036 | 1136 | 1236 | 1336 | 1436 | 1536 | 1636 | 1736 |
| LLANDOGO (Shop) | 0807 | 0944 | 1044 | 1144 | 1244 | 1344 | 1444 | 1544 | 1644 | 1744 |
| REDBROOK (Bell) | 0815 | 0952 | 1052 | 1152 | 1252 | 1352 | 1452 | 1552 | 1652 | 1752 |
| WYESHAM (Woodland View) | --- | --- | 1059 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1759 |
| WYESHAM (St. James Church) | --- | 0958 | 1100 | 1158 | 1258 | 1358 | 1458 | 1558 | 1658 | 1800 |
| MONMOUTH (Bus Station) | 0825 | 1005 | 1107 | 1205 | 1305 | 1405 | 1505 | 1605 | 1705 | 1807 |

| | H | | | | B | | | | | | |
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| MONMOUTH (Bus Station) | 0750 | 0910 | 1010 | 1110 | 1210 | 1310 | 1410 | 1505 | 1610 | 1710 | 1810 |
| WYESHAM (St. James Church) | --- | 0919 | 1019 | 1119 | 1219 | 1319 | 1419 | 1519 | 1619 | 1719 | 1819 |
| WYESHAM (Woodland View) | --- | --- | --- | 1120 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1720 | 1820 |
| REDBROOK (Bell) | 0802 | 0925 | 1025 | 1127 | 1225 | 1325 | 1425 | 1525 | 1625 | 1727 | 1827 |
| LLANDOGO (Shop) | 0810 | 0933 | 1033 | 1135 | 1233 | 1333 | 1433 | 1533 | 1633 | 1735 | 1835 |
| TINTERN (Royal George) | 0818 | 0941 | 1041 | 1143 | 1241 | 1341 | 1441 | 1541 | 1641 | 1743 | 1843 |
| ST ARVANS | 0827 | 0949 | 1049 | 1151 | 1249 | 1349 | 1449 | 1549 | 1649 | 1751 | 1851 |
| CHEPSTOW (Com. Hospital) | C | 0953 | 1053 | 1155 | 1253 | 1353 | 1453 | 1553 | 1653 | 1755 | 1855 |
| CHEPSTOW (Bus Station) | 0835 | 0957 | 1057 | 1159 | 1257 | 1357 | 1457 | 1557 | 1657 | 1759 | 1859 |

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C - Operates via Welsh Street and Chepstow Comprehensive School on school days and via Chepstow Community Hospital during school holidays
WS - Operates via Welsh Street
H - Operates via Hillcrest Road in Wyesham

Saturday

69 CHEPSTOW - TINTERN - MONMOUTH **PHIL ANSLOW COACHES** **Ref. 69/060921**
SATURDAYS (Not Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Day)

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| CHEPSTOW (Bus Station) | 0740 | 0920 | 1120 | 1520 |
| CHEPSTOW (Com. Hospital) | 0744 | 0924 | 1124 | 1524 |
| ST. ARVANS | 0748 | 0928 | 1128 | 1528 |
| TINTERN (Royal George) | 0756 | 0936 | 1136 | 1536 |
| LLANDOGO (Shop) | 0804 | 0944 | 1144 | 1544 |
| REDBROOK (Bell) | 0812 | 0952 | 1152 | 1552 |
| WYESHAM (Woodland View) | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| WYESHAM (St. James Church) | 0818 | 0958 | 1158 | 1558 |
| MONMOUTH (Bus Station) | 0825 | 1005 | 1205 | 1605 |

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|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| MONMOUTH (Bus Station) | 0830 | 1010 | 1410 | 1610 |
| WYESHAM (St. James Church) | 0839 | 1019 | 1419 | 1619 |
| WYESHAM (Woodland View) | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| REDBROOK (Bell) | 0845 | 1025 | 1425 | 1625 |
| LLANDOGO (Shop) | 0853 | 1033 | 1433 | 1633 |
| 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

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Precis Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held 30th January 2023 in the Tintern Village Hall.

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

3431. Police Reports: Attached.

3432. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Morrison.

3433. Public Session: No one present.

3434. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: Cllr Snell re 3340.

3435. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

3436. To receive Financial Report: BMM A/C £4,148.92, Charitable A/C £25,779.73p.

3437. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-

Clerk's Salary & Expenses, Llandogo Village Hall Meeting Room Hire, St Michael's Church, Tintern Welsh Festival, Friends of Llandogo School – Donation towards Book Shed

- All approved for payment.

3438. To discuss Planning Applications:-

DM/2023/00013 – Listed Building Consent for solar panels, Penterry House. Now in St Arvans CC area.

DM/2022/01835 – Conservation Area Consent Heritage, Browns Stores, Llandogo – Approval recommended.

3439. Matters Arising from Minutes:-

Wye Valley Villages Delivery Group & Visitor Signage Project – Meeting to update on 30mph zones, Village Gateway signage and update from community councils on adoption of AONB Plan for the Future. MCC in process of prioritising the various signage intervention options to determine which are most urgent. Cllr Mawdsley attended and reported they are planning to get rid of some of the actions on the plan and only take a selection forward. Meeting to take place in February to make a decision.

Wye Valley Villages Gateway Signage Project - Email from Sadie Beer asking the best location for the outstanding Tintern Sign at the northern end of the village. Cllrs agreed to the suggested location by the 30mph sign. Clerk notify her.

3440. To receive Reports from outside bodies:-

Village Halls – Llandogo – working on the newsletter. Film Night reasonably well attended. Plans to replace the film equipment ongoing.

Tintern – Next events 11th February – Valentine's Family 70's Disco. Fete Fund Raising Quiz 23rd February. Easter Bingo 4th April. Plans for the Coronation Event - The Coronation will be shown on the screen in the hall. Coronation Party 6th May. Craft Fayre 8th May. Hosting St David's Day over 60's Lunch on 28th February sponsored by Tintern Charities. Pre-installation meeting for the playground 1st February with the contractors.

Llandogo School – Budgets at schools are very tight with costs going up, Welsh Gov't has decreased the funding.

Tintern & Llandogo Churches – Llandogo - Cllr Snell met the new Vicar, who has some good ideas for the Church and village and wants to hold a Summer Fete at The Rectory. He has spoken to Alan Carter with a view to expanding the Brigade into Llandogo. Pancake Supper Shrove 21st February in Llandogo Church.

Tintern – St David's Day Celebration Concert 24th February with Chepstow Male Voice Choir. Quiz Night 30th March.

3441. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. No further report since meeting held.

3442. Consider Draft Contract for Dog Waste Collection with Merlin Environmental Services: Cllr Mawdsley drawn up a Purchase Order & Contract which has been circulated to Cllrs to be put on the website.

3443. Correspondence: Email from Sadie Beer/AONB with list of Halls included in the AONB Sustainable Landscape Places Funding. Llandogo Hall have been awarded a grant for solar panels.

Email from One Voice Wales re Finance & Government Toolkit and Training Plan which has been circulated to Cllrs.

3444. AOB: Email from Susan Parkinson, MCC stating they wish to remove the litter bin at the bottom of Forge Road as it is constantly being abused with household waste deposits. Mark Cleaver asks whether the capacity is adequate or if it should be relocated. Cllrs felt a bin with recycling facilities would be an idea at this location. They also felt another permanent bin is required by the bench/letterbox/St Anne's House, also a temporary bin by the entrance to Wireworks Bridge and another bin between the Filling Station Cafe & Leytons Field entrance. Llandogo would like one at the end of footpath leading to the river meadows behind The Sloop (near the dog waste bin). Clerk request.

It was reported that the former Abbey Hotel has been sold and is going to be converted back into an hotel.

It was reported that at the meeting with Mark Hand, MCC in Llandogo last autumn about new speed limits they promised a consultation meeting, but this did not happen. Cllrs were asked if they wanted a further meeting. Cllrs suggested WVCC write to him asking him to confirm they have followed a due process of consultation with regard to the variation of speed limits in Llandogo.

Cllr Mawdsley is in the process of drawing up a letter to Welsh Water regarding the recent burst water main and subsequent problems.

Roadside wall by Tintern Village Hall – Clerk to arrange for two quotations for the repairwork as Cllrs agreed that the wall is in a dangerous condition and should be repaired as soon as possible. Discuss at next meeting following receipt of quotes.

Cllr Parker asked if the council noticeboard by the shop in Llandogo can be moved. Clerk ask John Griffiths to move it to the small green opposite the road by Browns.

Cllr Ashman asked if the pavements and gulleys could be cleaned along the main road. County Cllr Webb will report.

Cllr Evans re ongoing problem of off-road motor cycles. County Cllr Webb will report, but she stated there is a meeting by MCC next week re off-rovers.

Cllr Shewell raised the matter of clearance of The Pound. This did not get cleared last year. Clerk asked to arrange for this to be done.

County Cllr Webb reported that MCC have had meetings with the Post Office and it is unlikely the post-van will come back to Tintern.

She also reported that the Llandogo School access road was frozen in the recent cold weather. Ownership of the road was discussed and it is now on MCC's gritting schedule.

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

Email: clerk@wyevalleycc.co.uk

Meetings to be held alternate months in Tintern Village Hall or Llandogo Village Hall
commencing at 7.00pm

YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - St Arvans, Llandogo and Tintern

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