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It feels like Autumn

A chill is in the air and the leaves are starting to change. Change, a passing of our longest reigning monarch, the Queen who touched so many of our lives in Tintern. For those who love pagentry, the Funeral was amazing and watched the world over. For those who don't, the extra Bank Holiday fell on a lovely day to get outside and enjoy time with friends and family, the hot weather now thanfully just a faded memory.

Thanks to those who came to the St Michael's Michaelmas Festival, enjoyed the music and recognised the work of the Restoration Committee. Photos by David Hurn are on the [Tintern Village website](#). Great news is that some of the funds raised will go to support the Village Hall Playground Fund.

Vivian Richards will be attending a meeting about a visitor levy – a proposal being consulted upon by the Welsh Government, to give local authorities the powers to introduce a visitor levy. The consultation ends on 13th December 2022. Please don't miss the opportunity to have your say - [Discretionary visitor levy for local authorities | GOV.WALES](#) or talk with Vivian so she can represent your views as accurately as possible (richardsvivien1@gmail.com).

Elsbeth Reid reminds full-time students that funding is available, see Bradford Trust application form. And Great British Bake off is looking for candidates from Wales for the next series - [Sign-up » The Great British Bake Off – S14 \(take-part.co.uk\)](#)

The Halloween Spookyland on **29th October** at the Tintern Hall Village is your best place to show off fancy-dress for kids of all ages and tickets include a hot supper and will benefit the Village Hall Playground Fund.

Monmouthshire County Council has issued a notice of closure of Trellech Road from the 3rd to the 7th of October between 8.00am and 5.00pm. This is to allow BT OPENREACHworks to take place safely. Diversion map is on the Tintern Village website.

Please send me any news to include in the November 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.





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Friday Café is back!

Please join us for tea, coffee and a slice of homemade cake. Everyone is welcome to come along for refreshments and a chance to meet and catch up with friends.

We will be open every Friday during term time from 9am to 12pm in the upstairs room of the Village Hall.

In Its gentle kiss... by Antonio Villafane, local poet

The bright sunlight has so warmed this emerald green grass,
Laying here in warm softness, with eyes gently closed,
My body resting in now.

Oblivious of thought except this,
Quiet joy.
Empty mind,
So clean and so clear.

As I listen to the sounds , as the waterfall flows,
All healing is happening,
My mind and body it knows,
The loving caress,
It is this.

Being present.
The soft beat of my heart,
My breathe gently inhaled,
I almost know sleep,

The cells within me,
They thrive,
So alive...
So at ease.

I feel the warmth,
Sun on my face,
The air I breathe being fresh,
Yes I always want to be in this place,
At least to often be here,
Without fear,
Be present,
Pure compassion for myself.

Yes the bright sunlight has so warmed,
This emerald green grass,
Laying here in warm softness, with eyes gently closed,
My body resting in now.

All healing is happening,
My mind and body it knows,
The loving caress,
It is this.
The beauty of life,
In its gentle kiss.



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Alchemy and Artistry – Tintern Abbey Fire Garden Wye Valley River Festival

Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd October 2022 at 6pm – 10.30pm



A magical evening of fire, flame, and gentle music in the grounds of the iconic Tintern Abbey

Spend time delighting in the Abbey Grounds illuminated with a thousand flickering candles and sculptures by fire specialists Pa-Boom. There will be live atmospheric music, and delicious and warming autumnal treats on site from local independent suppliers offering spiced winter warmers and hot chocolate.

You buy a timed entry ticket, starting at 6 pm – until 9pm, but once you are inside you are welcome to stay for the rest of the evening. Tickets available [here](#).

Pa-Boom are alchemists and artists, specialists in creating fire drawings, stunning sculptural bonfires, enchanting flame filled installations and unforgettable pyrotechnic displays.

WVRF has worked with Dave Chadwick's Pa-Boom for a number of years – who remembers the amazing stag's head and pyro display that closed the 2018 festival? This is very likely to be the last performance they will ever do in the Valley – or anywhere. Beyond the flaming beacons, retirement beckons... So don't miss this opportunity to see Tintern Abbey as never before – a magical night of fire, flame and music in a spectacular setting.

TINTERN VILLAGE HALL *Events Coming Up*

October

- Friday 14th 7.45pm – Tintern Film Nights
- Friday 21st 7.30pm – Tintern Garden Club speaker
- Thursday 27th – QUIZ (in the Wye Valley Hotel)
- 29/31 - Halloween Spooktacular – playground fundraiser!

Remember the regular groups in the Village Hall include:

CLCCB 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

YOGA with Poppy – Thursdays 6pm

Come along and join in!

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Mark McCrum: An author in our midst by Elisabeth Lewis

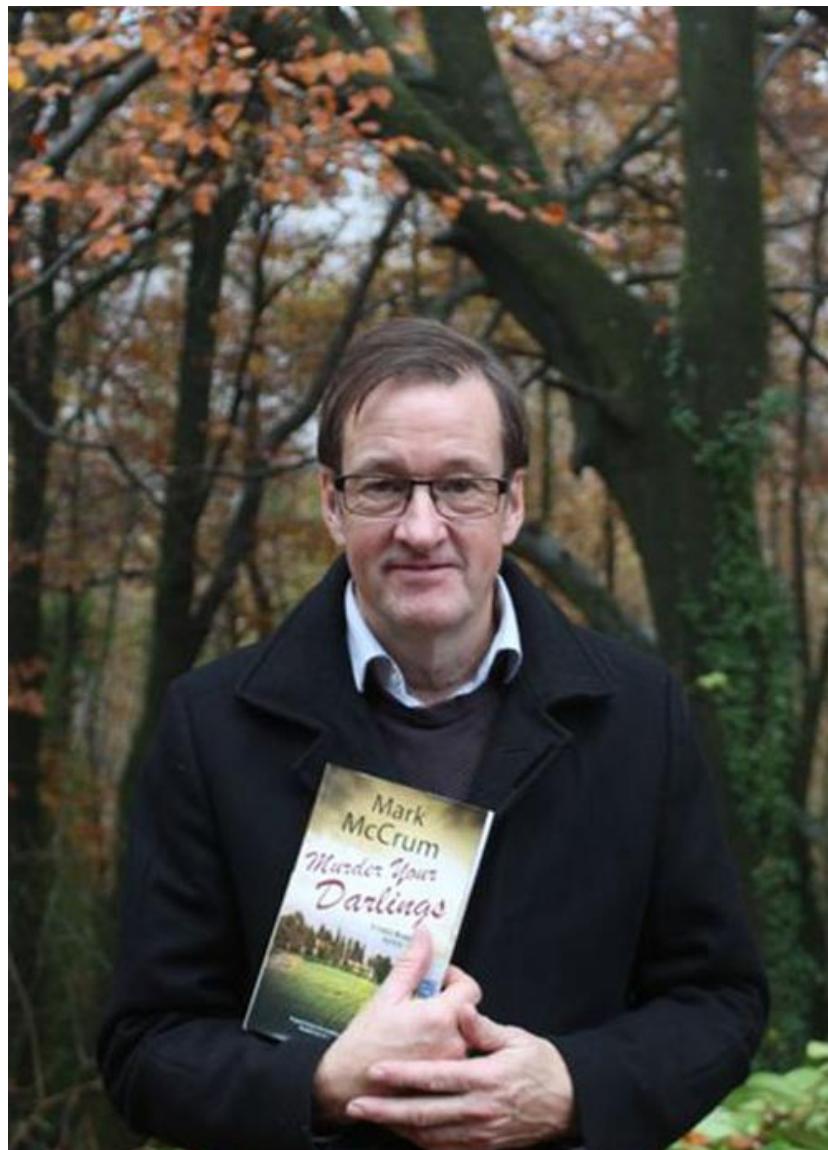
Mark McCrum is a man of many talents. Not only is he a writer, artist and photographer, but also a splendid raconteur and a great mimic! These skills allied with his life experience made meeting him such an enjoyable and fun occasion.

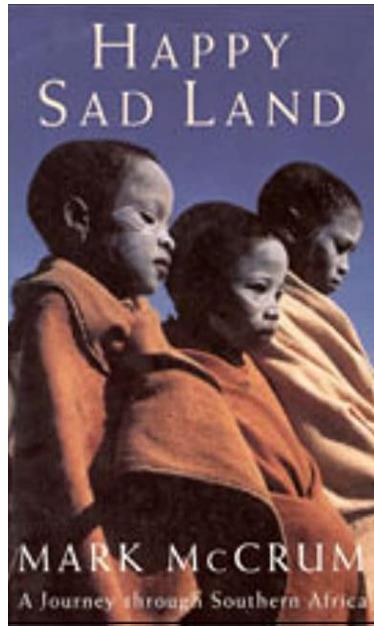
Mark and his family have lived in Tintern for four years. As parents of two teenagers, this move was a dramatic change in life style for Mark and Jo. They left the buzz and stimulation of London for a wooded hillside in Monmouthshire. With views across the Wye Valley, their home hidden up a forest track, offers space and light. The quiet and peace in the garden is a joy.

Why did you come to Tintern? “We decided to move from London and looked around Monmouthshire. My wife’s mother lives nearby and mentioned this house. As soon as we saw it, we both fell for it, and it seemed like a chance too good to miss. Fortunately, the Wi-Fi and mobile coverage mean both of us can work from home, and we found good schools for the children. I have a wonderful studio for painting and Jo has a kitchen garden. We love it here!”

In his early twenties Mark rejected the profitable world of advertising and went freelance, hoping to earn his living through painting and writing. With the confidence of youth he found backers for a play, sold caricatures in Covent Garden and attempted to sell a satirical news programme. His description of these early years sound like an explosion of creative ideas and enthusiasm. Luckily, with youth on his side he didn’t always realise that it was a tough path he had chosen. Now his advice to others is “don’t do it like me, get a steady job with some stable income and use that as your base to be creative.” Nonetheless I suspect that this tough path made him the writer he is today.

With aspirations as a novelist and playwright, a chance encounter at a party led Mark in a different direction. He was given £1700 to visit South Africa as a travel writer. A gap year teaching in Botswana meant that he had some knowledge of the African subcontinent, but South Africa in 1992 was a completely different experience. Mandela had been released, but apartheid still existed. The country was in a period of change, but it was not clear to Mark where



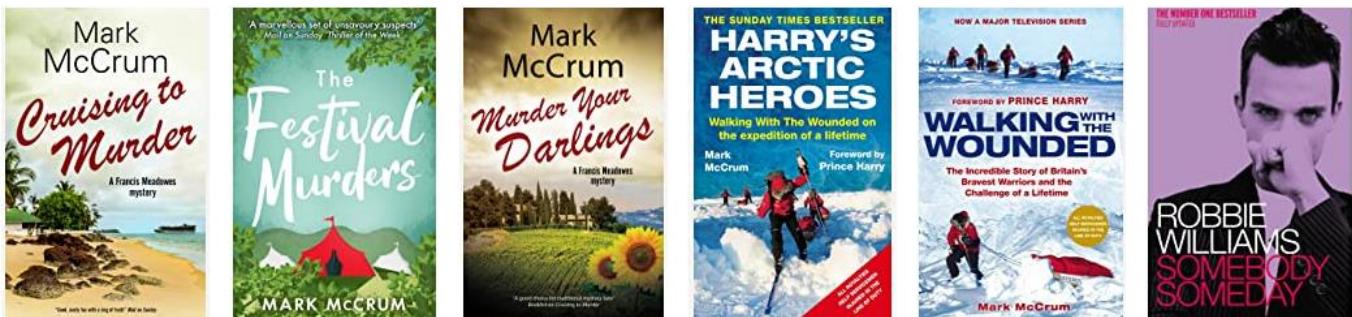


the change was heading. He found himself in challenging and at times dangerous situations, such as meeting senior leaders of the One Bullet One Settler movement, the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress. The publication “Happy Sad Land” was critically acclaimed and featured on Book at Bedtime (BBC radio 4). Mark was played by Richard E Grant.

“I was persuaded by my publisher, after a long wine fuelled lunch, that Australia was the next place for me to write about.” Nine months exposure to the extremes of Australian life followed. From the sophistication of Sydney to far North Queensland or Effin’ Q as his new outback friend David described it. “David’s agenda was to show me how hard they worked on his farm, he succeeded. He also wanted me to understand his view of the Aboriginal situation. I hope I managed to convey in ‘No Worries’

how bewildering and complex this is for a ‘Pom’ to understand.” Ghost writing came next, notably ‘Jack and Zena’ a harrowing account of domestic terrorism in modern Britain, followed by ‘Robbie Williams’. Writing these books was as challenging as travel in South Africa and Australia. Less risky to write were books on modern etiquette and language, wounded soldiers walking to the North Pole and mystery novels.

For the murder mysteries, Mark drew on his knowledge of literary festivals, cruising and creative writing retreats. Francis Meadowes, his fictional writer turned detective is an intelligent, endearing and attractive character, rather like Mark himself.



Throughout these periods of travel and literary productivity Mark has continued to write for newspapers and magazines, to paint, take photographs and teach. His website mark-mccrum.com gives us a good insight into the range of his work. The tough path that he embarked upon in his twenties has been mellowed somewhat by commercial success and family life. Nonetheless Mark vividly described to me the challenge, excitement and sometimes sheer loneliness of a creative lifestyle. He brought to mind Nietzsche’s aphorism “what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger”.

(Editors note – I really enjoyed Mark’s murder mysteries, *The Festival Murders*, *Cruising to Murder* and *Murder Your Darlings* - [published by Canongate/Severn House](http://www.canongatebooks.com) which are classy, well-plotted and fun whodunits. Festival Murders gave me an idea of what goes on behind the scenes at the Hay Literary Festival just up the river, except murder of course!)

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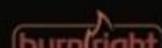
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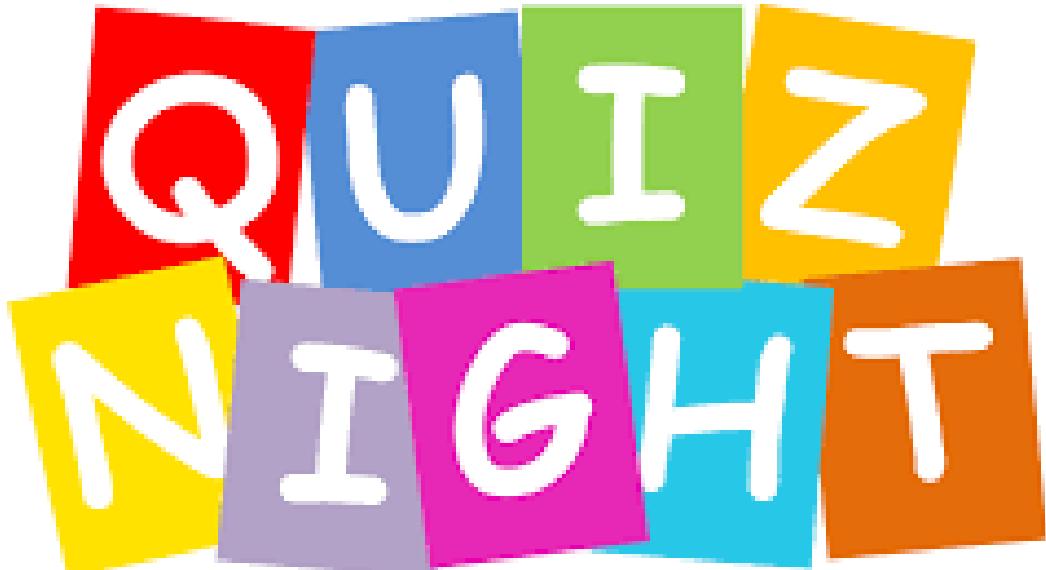


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**Thursday 3rd November 12.30pm
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If you would like some company, you're invited to have delicious hot soup and a roll, coffee or tea, and as much - or as little - chat as you like.

St Michael's now has a kitchen, a toilet, comfortable seating and effective heating. These make it ideal not just for 'churchy' hymns and prayers but as a gathering place for all Tintern villagers and those nearby. And where better to start than by inviting anyone feeling they'd like a short time in the company of others to come along and share in some bread and soup and a chat?

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

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

With the hot summer we have seen a significant fall in water levels and in the flow of water. The low wash-off from fields has meant nutrient levels in the water have not risen as badly as some years. The high water temperature in the river in August was particularly bad for fish. However the Water Crowfoot and the swans have been staging a remarkable recovery. Some late summer rain proved to be relatively light and did little to flush through and raise the water levels.



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

We get regular updates from Natural Resources Wales:-



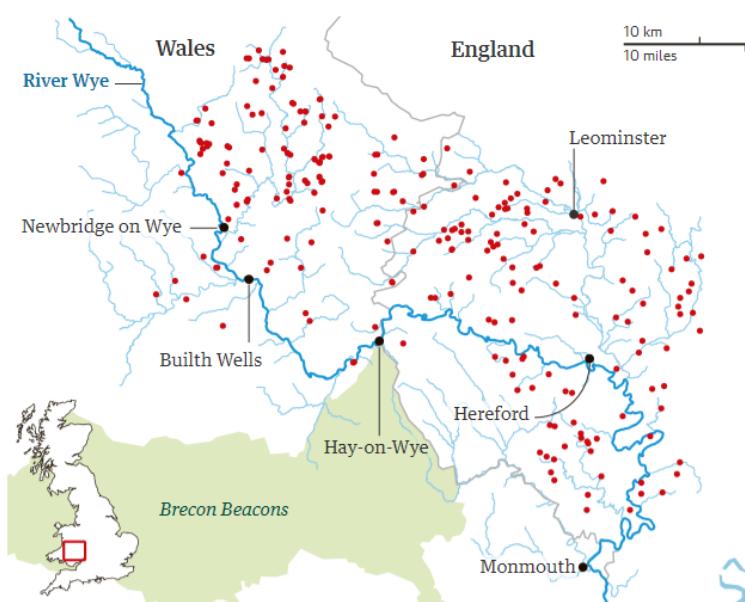
“The Wye catchments have been affected by the summer drought. SE and Mid Wales are now officially in ‘drought status’ - environmental reasons not public water supply. This means we have enacted our drought plan, such as, additional regulation of abstractions, more liaising with water companies and other abstractors and enhanced monitoring.”

“SE flow sites (where we measure water quantity) are all below normal, notably the low Wye and Usk gauging stations have seen their lowest June, July, and August flows on record. There are concerns for the environment and water quality across the area – especially for the Wye. As a result we have recently shifted our regulatory effort to focus on high risk water abstractions. NRW has increased its monitoring capacity on the River Wye to better understand the impacts of nutrient pollution and other water quality pressures in the catchment, including the development and duration of algal blooms; and to target improvement actions. Supported by funding from Welsh Government, NRW has invested in a suite of automatic monitors, known as sondes. These have been installed at six points on the River Wye and its tributaries. Probes within the sonde measure six parameters: temperature, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, nitrates, turbidity, total algae, and pH.”

The volunteer water quality testing groups across the catchment continue gathering to discuss more generally what can be achieved together, and collaboration is growing stronger, using expertise from within the groups and from external bodies. Friends of the Upper Wye (FoUW) have been

provided free consultancy from Mott Macdonald (through their social responsibility scheme) and have invited us and representatives of other citizen science groups to their meetings. Further meetings regarding how best to gather, check, process, and present Citizen Science data from across the catchment have seen significant progress. Together with FoUW we have recently submitted a bid for funding for our citizen science activities in Wales.

Locations of intensive chicken farms along the course of the River Wye and tributaries



Guardian graphic. Source: cpreherefordshire.org.uk

What should be done with all the Poo?

While new budgets are being discussed at the Senedd in the next few days, a lot more pressure is coming on the main pollution makers. **Cargill, the owners of Avara**, are one of the largest food

manufacturers in the world. We met with Avara last week- they have some 120 chicken factory units in the catchment- and they confirmed that they have a 'major' initiative to announce. Meanwhile the Guardian recently published an article ["Chicken farm giant linked to River Wye decline was sued over water blight in US"](#) pointing out that Cargill was taken to court 20 years ago in Oklahoma over the same pollution issue it is now linked to in UK.



One approach is to use a BioMass Boiler as used by James Wright, manager at Whittern Farm Estate, South Herefordshire. They have 625,000 birds which produce around 5000 tons of manure a year. The phosphate-rich ash from the boiler, weighing a lot less, is then shipped to Norfolk.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2X_Nci09xHo

See also Twitter:- **@Joe_Crowley** on ITV, ["Who's Polluting Our Water?"](#)

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This will keep you updated about:

*challenging environmentally damaging planning applications (with templates/ examples, and highlighting in our communications)

*group litter picks, and invasive species culls in conjunction with AONB 'WISP' events

*water sampling (citizen science) -together with Cardiff University, WUF, WSA, CPRE, etc.

Llandogo Women's Institute, by Carol Skolimowski

Back to School. And with it exciting news, Friday Café is back with a team from the WI, upstairs in the Village Hall from 9-12 during term time. An opportunity for the community to meet up, have a coffee or a tea and catch up on the news. Of course there is cake involved and lots of friendly faces.

Our September meeting was inspiring. Tamayo Hussey demonstrated the art of Ikebana, although it was more than that. It is hard to describe but she had us mesmerized and it gave us space to reflect on Her Majesty the Queen while we were in National Mourning. We also had our Member's Day Out in September, our chance to learn something new while having time to chat and get to know one another. This year we went to Inspiring Creativity at Lydney with Rachel Shilston and had the most wonderful day learning to mosaic and also understand the basics of needle felting. Of course there was also a glass of Prosecco involved!

As I am writing this, I am reminded its The Great Big Green Week and our October speaker will no doubt challenge us to think about what else we can do to reduce our single use plastics. As keen litter pickers, our WI is very aware of the amount of single use plastics we find in our hedgerows. Wendy from Wye Weight in Monmouth will show us alternatives and talk about changing habits.

Llandogo Village Hall, **Wednesday 12th October at 7:30pm**. Visitors and new members welcome.

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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.

“People turn up from far and wide, from Ross to Chipping Sodbury to Newport, as well as locals. There is always a wide variety of entertainment for the audience, which often includes holidaymakers from many parts of the UK.

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 **4 October** - 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 **16th October 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 talk at 7.30 on Tuesday 18th October, by artist John Clive on the subject of *Paradox*. 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;

John Clive has won many awards for his work, and is regarded as a leading innovator in the digital applied arts, playing a pioneering role in imaging techniques such as computer animation.

Tintern Garden Club News, by Judith Dudley



It was yet another lovely evening for the third Garden Club garden visit this year. Seventeen members met at Wyndcliffe Court, St Arvans. Many of us had visited the garden in the past but the present owners, who moved in in 2017, have worked hard to improve it, especially the old kitchen garden which had fallen into disuse. We were shown around by

owner Sarah Clay and learned some history of the house as well as the garden. The beautiful, grade 2 listed, stone built house appeared to be really old but was actually built in 1922 and it looked lovely in the evening sunshine.



The garden was designed in the Italianate Arts & Crafts style by Henry Avray Tipping and has yew topiary, stone walls and formal terracing as well as a pond and stone summer house. The kitchen garden has now been replanted with fruit trees and formal plantings of lavender and other low growing shrubs. After the garden walk, we enjoyed tea/ coffee and cakes in the dining hall. It was a very pleasant way to spend our last visit of 2022.

Our next meeting will be back in the Village Hall on Friday **21st October at 7.30pm** when we will have a demonstration on planting winter tubs and hanging baskets by Alexandra Luker. The competition is for an autumn leaf.



New members are always welcome. To find out more about **the Garden Club**, please Contact: Colin Dudley on 01291689636 or Liz Greatorix-Davies on 01291689861.

News from Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley

Here we are at the end of September and we are still desperate for rain! We have been at the farm for 26 years now and cannot remember such a dry summer/ early autumn. We are having to feed hay to the cattle as the grass is just not growing and we have sold some of our lambs earlier than usual so that the others can have a bit more to pick at.

The fruit trees have all done really well despite the drought and we will have plenty of apples to store for the winter and lots of jars of jam in the cupboard! The grapes have suffered a bit from the dry weather and the crop will be smaller than usual this year. The birds are eating more than their fair share of grapes this year but there has been less wasp damage than usual. The harvest will start early October and the grapes should have plenty of flavour to make up for less juice.

The shop is still open from 1.00 until 5.00 pm from Thursday through to Monday and visitors are welcome to try the wines. We also have garden plants for sale and will be having a plant sale later in the month with many plants reduced to half price.





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St Michael's Church, Tintern Parva

Alan Carter heroically rang the bell for an hour as residents and walkers joined at the church after the announcement of the Queen's passing. We really need to get the pulley working right so it's not so hard to ring it! Sue arranged a lovely flower display in memory of Queen Elizabeth and people are invited to write in the commemorative book in the church.

Rev Jan Pain hosted a two-day Michaelmas Music Festival at St Michael's Church **Friday and Saturday 23- 24th September** commemorating the work to restore the church. On Friday night The Chepstow Early Music Group and harpist John Thomas transported us back to the past and Stephanie's Kingstone Brewery keg put us all in the right mood in this ancient church. Thanks to Colin and Judith for allowing parking in their field.



Saturday, the focus was enjoying the restoration, with cream teas and beverages served from our new kitchen! Outstanding performances by Fiona Frank and Nick Day on violin/viola, the Rob Connolly Band with their folk/blues fusion music and Simon Cottle, playing the Spanish guitar, were enjoyed by all on a lovely autumn day. The Restoration Committee even donated wine!



And on Sunday this was followed by a special service led by Venerable Jonathan Williams, Archdeacon of Newport and Chaplain to the Bishop of Monmouth to commemorate the church restoration.

A Harvest Supper will be held on **Saturday 8th October at 7pm**, jointly with Llandovery St Oudoceus Church. Bring food to share with others – Everyone is welcome! Then the Harvest Sunday Service will include the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade on **Sunday 9th October**.

St Michael's Church, Tintern

The comfort of soup in the company of friends.



Thursday 3rd November 12.30pm
at St Michael's

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.

Harvest Supper
at St Michael's Church, Tintern
Saturday 8th October 7.00pm
Jointly with St Oudoceus, Llandovery.



Bring & Share **Everyone welcome**

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!

Contacts:

Minister: Jan Pain - 01291 624017

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



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TINTERN'S POST OFFICE VAN TIMES

On hold for some time..... Tina is covering for a colleague with a broken leg

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Monday to Friday

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LLANDOGO (Shop)	0807	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1644	1744	
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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	

WYE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Precis Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held 22nd August 2022 in Llandogo Village Hall.

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

3345. Police Report: None received. Clerk request reports.

3346. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mawdsley.

3347. Public Session: To receive & consider any matters raised by members of the public for future consideration. No one present.

3348. Declarations of interest: None.

3349. To receive & consider minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

3350. To receive Financial Report: BMM A/C £4,132.52, Charitable A/C £18,470.23.

Allocated payment from Trellech United Community Council reserves of £6,164.00 transferred to WVCC.

3351. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-

Merlin Environmental Services, SLCC Membership, J. Griffiths/L. Parker – Installation of Council Noticeboard, Clerk's Salary & Expenses - All approved for payment.

3 other requests for financial contribution received from:- Tintern Village Hall for £400 for tree works. Llandogo Church of £500 for contribution towards new servery and hot water heater. Cllrs agreed to the payments.

St. Michael's Church, Tintern - request for financial contribution towards a community event.

Cllrs discussed whether the Council had powers to make such a payment and it was agreed they did, therefore agreed to full payment of £331.

3352. Discuss Planning Applications:- DM/2022/01058 – Dan-Y-Coed, Trellech Road, Tintern.

Removal of existing shed & canopy & construction of new garage. Approval recommended.

DM/2022/00980 – Modification/removal of Conditions 2, 3 & 6 for planning decision on Plot of Land North of A466, Catchmays Court to Bigsweir Bridge. Cllrs suggested MCC get more information on the access and future agricultural use, but objected to the removal/ modification of the conditions in the application.

3353. Updates:-

Report back from MCC Highways on open meeting re 20mph proposed speed limit – The meeting had been well attended and many issues raised. The Order will now be prepared where matters raised are taken into account, followed by a Formal Consultation Process.

Wireworks Bridge – Bridge closing week commencing 8th August. Plant for the work arriving 9th August prior to works commencing.

Dog Bin Waste Contract – This has been advertised for one month, bids closing 9th September. The Three companies who have expressed interest will be informed.

3354. Reports from outside bodies:-

Village Halls – Llandogo - Investigating solar panels and some quotes received; boiler replacement will be done shortly as parts now received.

Tintern – The National Lottery have agreed the application for £10,000 and a grant from Renishaw of £1,500 has been confirmed. Race Night 24th September to raise funds for the playground; Quiz Night at Wye Valley Hotel 27th October, Halloween Event; Xmas Fayre 27th November. A request that the Xmas tree & lights be erected by the 26th November in readiness for the Craft Fayre.

Clerk look into the possibility of this being done. County Cllr Webb agreed to ask the Lucas' if they can supply and deliver one. Cllr Shewell reported that it is hoped to provide an Over 60's Xmas Meal again in January. St. Valentine's Disco 11th February.

Tintern & Llandogo Churches – Llandogo - Servery being installed next month. The Vicar leaves at the end of August, no replacement as yet appointed. Tintern – now re-opened following restoration works. Michaelmas Festival 23rd/24th September.

Request received from St Michael's Church, Tintern for a contribution towards a community event on 23rd/24th September to celebrate the restoration works at the Church. Request received from Llandogo Church for contribution of £500, as budgeted, towards new servery and replacement hot water heater.

3355. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. Cllr Shewell reported that a plan to support a local radio station is not going ahead so the £500 budgeted towards this project would be available elsewhere. Finance Meeting 28th September.

3356. Discuss & Approve Draft Freedom of Information Plan: Draft circulated to Cllrs. Cllrs agreed to its approval once minor amendments made.

3357. Discuss Annual Report for 2021/22 & obtaining quotations for printing: Two quotations obtained. After discussion it was agreed that due to the effects of the boundary review an Annual Report would not be produced for 2021/22.

3358. Training Policy: Approve Training Plan & check Cllrs Training plans. It was agreed all Cllrs will attend New Cllr Induction, Code of Conduct & Finance Courses.

3359. Correspondence: Email from Nicola Edwards, MCC Destination Manager re Brilliant Basics Tintern Welcome Project update. Cadw provided a prize draw incentive for the Tintern Visitor Experience Survey. Deadline now closed for receipt of tenders for the Visitor Welcome, Orientation & Wayfinding Signage Review. The three tenders are being assessed. A Scheduled Ancient Monument consent application has been submitted to Cadw for resurfacing Lower Wireworks Car Park.

3360. AOB: Cllr Evans has received a report of sightings of large rats coming out of the former Abbey Hotel. County Cllr Webb will report to the owner.

Cllr Ashman reported the gable end is coming off St. Mary's Church. Clerk report to Amy Longford, MCC.

Cllr Shewell & County Cllr Webb are attending a meeting on the 24th August with David James, MHA & Affordable Housing Officer to look at a potential site in Tintern for low cost housing.

3361. Date of next meeting: 26th September.

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

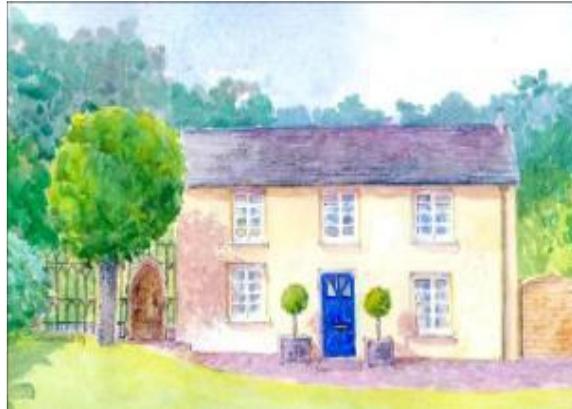
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Meetings to be held alternate months in Tintern Village Hall or Llandogo Village Hall
commencing at 7.00pm

Monday 31st October – Llandogo Village Hall
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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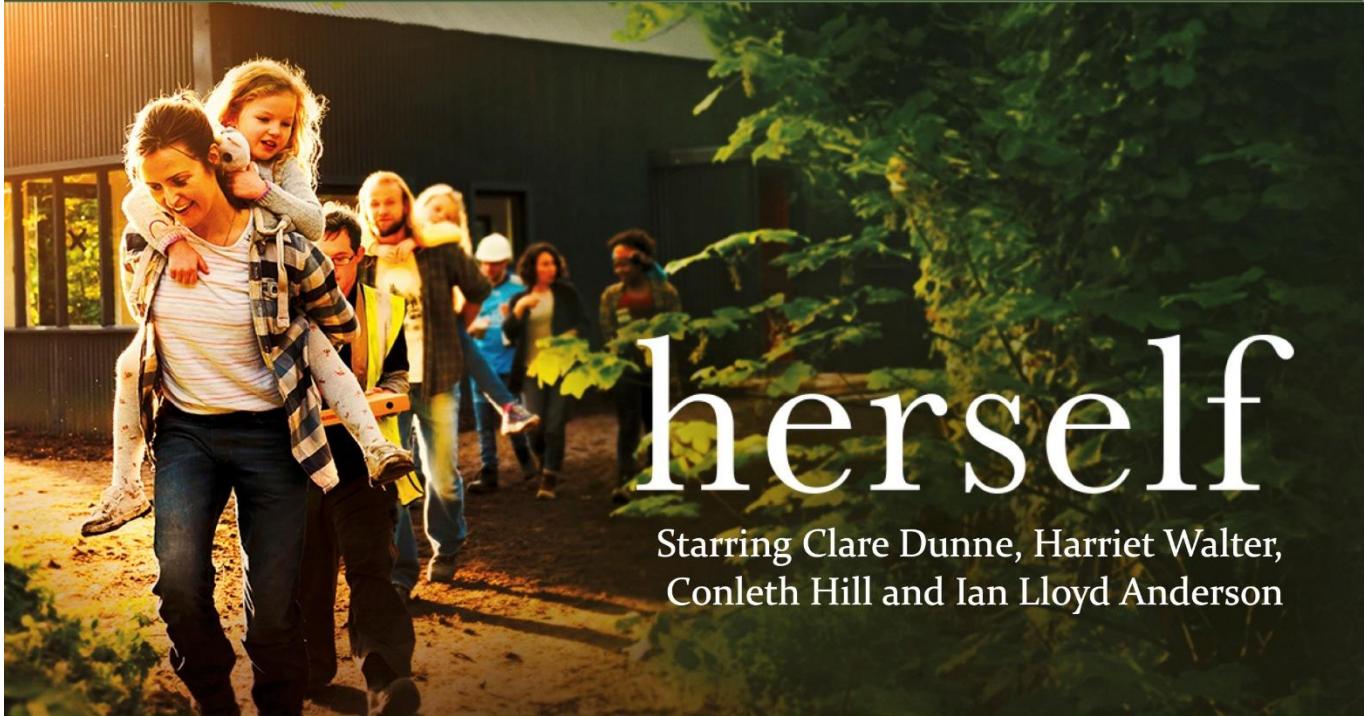
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