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The Tintern Abbey Sport Club will be hosting a Halloween Party again this year on **26 October** at the Tintern Village Hall. No details on timing or cost yet, so check the [Tintern Village website](#) or [Village Hall Facebook](#) page for details closer to the date.

Do consider supporting our community (better access and increase service provider competition!) by signing up for a a voucher to upgrade government-funded upgrade of Tintern's infrastructure. We need **200 homes and businesses to sign up by the end of October**. There is an article in this edition or look at [OpenReach](#) link.

On Friday **18 October** at 6pm there will be a audiovisual show at Tintern Abbey called [Shadows of Tintern](#) described as 'projections bouncing on ancient stone, harmonic sound and light filling the space to evoke time-past, present and future.

Are you a local resident who is in higher education? The Bradford Charity can provide a bursary to a local student who is engaged on an accredited course either as an apprentice or as a full time student in higher or vocation training or education. If you have completed 12 months of your course or one full academic session you can apply to receive a bursary from the charity. The application form is included in edition or for an electronic version of the application please email noelynallen@hotmail.co.uk. Last year there were three students supported by the charity, so don't miss out on this opportunity.

Lots on St Mary's Church in this edition including a summary of the excellent presentation Jo McCrum gave at the Village Hall in September, in case you missed it.



The Tidenham Tunnel on the [Wye Valley Greenway](#) closed for winter on 30 September. It will reopen on the 1 April 2025 at 8am.

At the Village Hall, there is a FREE Antiques Valuation Day on **Thursday 3 October** 10am-2pm, see the Village website for more info. The Tintern Local Produce Market will on **Saturday 12 October**.

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 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 to preserve moderation and a spirit of good intent in the presentation of arguments (and sometimes just to fit into a page).

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



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Helping Hedgehogs Survive and Thrive, by Dylan Allman



It's a busy time for hedgehogs as they prepare for hibernation, however with little ones (hoglets) making an appearance late in the season, it can be a challenge to ensure they are big enough to settle down until Spring. Hedgehogs in the UK have seen a dramatic decline in numbers since the 1950s when there were around 30 million to an estimated less than 1 million today, so we need to do all we can to help our prickly friends survive and thrive.

As nocturnal creatures, hedgehogs should not be seen out in the day. If they are, it will almost always mean they are very poorly and in need of urgent care, so here are some **top tips on what to do if you see one out in the daytime:**

- Firstly, watch to make sure it's not a nesting Mum – you will see quite clearly if it is as she will be moving quickly, keeping to the sides, and often carrying pieces of nesting material.
- If it's not a nesting Mum, pop on a pair of gloves and gently scoop up the hedgehog, place it in a high-sided box with newspaper, straw if you have some, and an old towel. Offer a shallow dish of water, but no food.
- Carefully place the box in a cool, dark, quiet spot and ring your nearest hedgehog rescue for advice. Make a note of where you found it and the time, and give as much information to the rescue as possible e.g. its shape, whether there are any signs of injury etc.



Hedgehog rescue centres are all voluntary-run and incredibly busy at this time of year, so it can take a while to get hold of someone and/or find a space for the hedgehog. Recognising the importance of a speedy response, local teenage hedgehog champion Dylan Allman established the **Monmouthshire Volunteer Hedgehog First Response Unit** back in January 2024 running it initially as a pilot project funded with support from the Wye Valley National Landscape Sustainable Development Fund. Since then, it has trained a small group of volunteers who work on a rota basis to cover the First Response hotline, and between them they have taken 70 calls and handled more than

60 rescues to date. You can follow The Volunteer Hedgehog First Response Unit over on [Facebook](#) or call them on 01600 605125 if you find a hedgehog in need.

Top tips to help hedgehogs survive and thrive include:

- Placing a few shallow dishes of fresh water out every day, even through Winter (pop a small stone in the dish to stop the water freezing over). Hedgehogs will quite often wake from hibernation and pop out for a bite to eat or have a quick drink, so this will be a lifeline for them.
- Their natural diet can be supplemented with meaty cat or dog food, or kitten biscuits.
- Make sure there is 13cm a gap in fencing to allow hedgehogs to move between gardens.
- Ensure any garden ponds have a ramp of some kind for hedgehogs to escape – they're good swimmers but need some help to exit.
- Leave a part of your garden to nature and build a small log pile – this will encourage all manner of wildlife and be a good natural food source for hedgehogs.

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Openreach recently announced the latest set of rural Welsh locations that could soon become ultrafast with the support of UK Government broadband vouchers and Tintern is among those set to benefit.

Openreach is now urging Tintern residents to get

behind a bid to bring ultrafast, ultra-reliable full fibre broadband to local homes and businesses.

The proposed build and the voucher pledging process

- Openreach are proposing to build fibre to the premise for **over 600 residents** served by the Tintern exchange, who do not currently have access to Full Fibre. This has been made possible with the help of UK Government funding in the form of Gigabit Vouchers.
- Each eligible property can access up to £4,500 – this is in the form of a voucher code.
- The funding is being made available as the UK Government has a target to connect 85% of properties to gigabit capable broadband by the mid-20s. It recognises that some areas are more challenging and costly to build and has made this funding available to all suppliers who can build. Openreach will make a commercial investment, and the remainder of the cost is funded by vouchers, so it is a co-funded project.
- The ask of the voucher is that when we complete our Full Fibre build, voucher holders then take out a fibre broadband contract with one of the fibre providers on the Openreach network, in the same way that you buy broadband today – pick your provider and package etc.
- We are asking residents who are interested in having full fibre broadband to register via our website – www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity. We need just over 200 homes and businesses to sign up by the end of October.
- If we get enough funding, we will come back and build for those premises in scope. Build usually takes around 12 months, some areas may be done more quickly, others may take a little longer.
- Following registration on our website, residents will then get an email from the government asking them to confirm their pledge and to accept the terms and conditions – namely that they agree to use the fibre broadband and take out a package when build is complete.

What are the benefits of Full Fibre?

- Full fibre technology provides more reliable, resilient and future-proof connectivity; meaning fewer faults; more predictable, consistent speeds and enough capacity to easily meet growing data demands. It's also future proof, which means it will serve generations to come and won't need to be upgraded for decades.

The History of St. Mary's between 1536 and 1695 by Dianne Parker



St. Mary's Chapel Hill was used by the lay population who provided labour for the monks of the abbey until the reformation in 1536. When it became the parish church of Chapel Hill under the care of the Earl of Worcester, later known as the Duke of Beaufort.

The congregation of the parish church of St. Mary's Chapel Hill, until the parish register commenced in 1695, can be partly traced via wills and burials within the church and early gravestones in the churchyard. A calendar of Monmouthshire wills notes "During the 16th century people of standing were buried inside the church."

A notable exception to burial within the church is JOHN GWINNE 2nd September 1591 who requested burial in the churchyard as near the east window as possible. A JOHN GWINNE arrived in Tintern during 16th century, acting as manager of the wire works as Stewart for the Duchess of Worcester.

Executor to his will was his son JOHN GWINNE. Witnesses to his mark included overseers; my brother HUGHE GWINNE, WILLIAM JONES and JOHN GWINNE.

1599 2nd June "JOHN VEALE requested burial within the parish church of chapel hill as near the body of my late daughter ELIZABETH as may be."

He requested payment be made: To the executors of Sir CHARLES SOMERSET £5 10s. He was the son of the countess of Worcester. To JOHN GWYN 47shillings. To WILLIAM COSIN which I received from him my EARL of WORCESTER'S rent 3s 8d. Sealed and delivered in the presence of JOHN GWYN and others.

1600 10th May - THOMAS VEALE Body to be buried in the parish church of Chapel Hill.

Overseers my kinsmen and friends JOHN GWYN and RICHARD GWYN. Such heriots as are due to my honourable good LORD of WORCESTER after my decease to be paid by my executors.

Executor THOMAS HACKETT my son in law. Overseers: my kinsmen and friends JOHN GWYN and RICHARD GWYN. Witnessed by my seal.

Mention of the Gwyn's and of the Worcester's shows the continuing connections between the Gwyn's acting as Stewart's for the Worcester's.

The chancel of the church was chosen by many for their burial and was more prestigious than the aisles. "Bradney" lists several in the chancel of St. Mary's:

MARY wife of HUGH WILLIAMS gent of Tyntern 18/7/1671

MARY wife of NICHOLAS WILLIAMS of Tyntern 5/6/1684

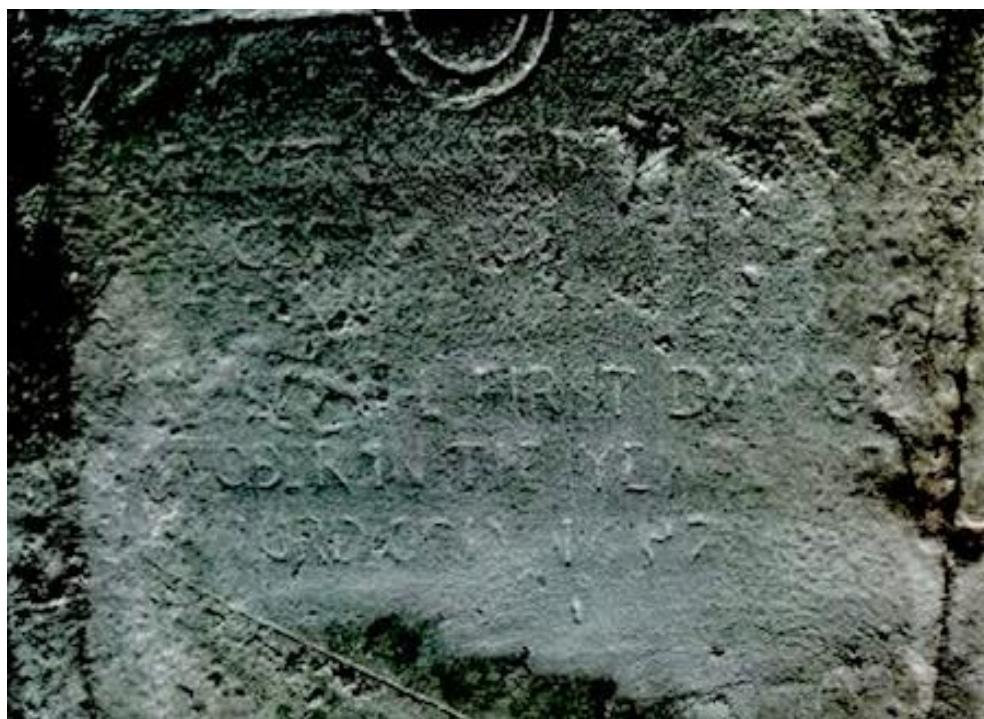
WILLIAM son of WILLIAM LEWIS of Whitebrook aged 27wks 16/11/1687

ANN wife of JOHN HUGHES of Brockweir 21/1/1697

JOHN HUGHES 22/3/1716

Even at this date not all burials were from within the parish of Chapel Hill.

In the porch several gravestones can still be seen. "Bradney" states the flat stones in the porch were formally in the church.



1st October 1657 FRANCIS
BRADFORD (*photo on left*)

ANNE ALLDE she buried
three husbands FRANCIS
BRADFORD, HENRY
THOMAS and RAGER ALLDE
gent **January 1670**

JOHN GROVAR deceased
17th May 1677

RICHARD LASLAT of this
parish gent, who departed
this life **June 1679**

FRANCIS ye wife of PHILIP
EUANS of ye parish of
chapel hill who departed
this life **28th December 1703**

In addition to burials within the church, the following graves can be found in the churchyard pre-dating the burial records.



1659 1 E (*photo on left*)

1667 26th February MARY wife of CHARLES
JONES

1679 May WARREN son of WARREN
BALDWIN

1694 5th April IOSIA son of WARREN
BALDWIN

1684 MARY wife of BASIL TILER

1688 January HABARATE SMITH

1689 small slab W H

1690 3rd February ELIZABETH daughter of
MORGAN THOMAS

1691 24th June HOCTOR PHYSICK

There are several other graves of this period
either partly buried or the date is unreadable.

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It's time to start thinking about buying cards and presents - and items to decorate your house. From Christmas bunting to dog bandanas we have something for everyone - or everydog!



Tintern Garden Club, by Judith Dudley

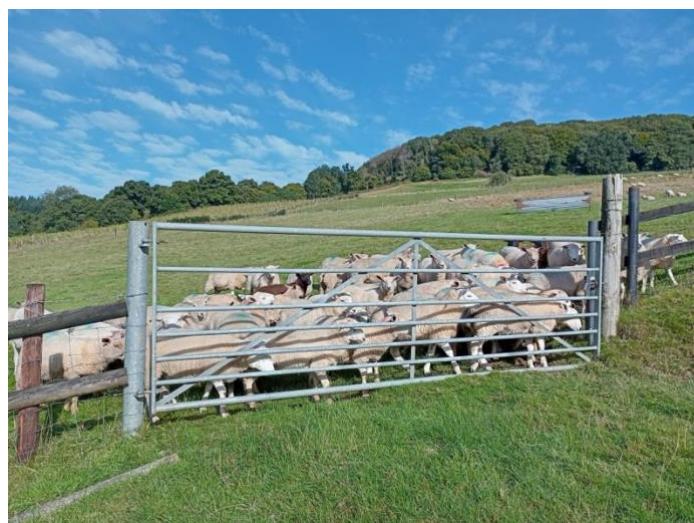
“Gardening for Wildlife” was the title of our talk and slide show in September. Our speaker was Helen Muggeridge from the Forest of Dean. Helen and her husband are wildlife photographers who travel the world taking pictures of animals, but this talk was nearer to home as Helen was telling us about her own garden in the Forest and how they have developed it over the last 26 years to be a haven for wildlife.

By “wildlife” Helen was not talking about deer, badgers and wild boar but about creatures at the bottom of the food chain- bugs, insects, butterflies and then small animals such as newts, frogs, mice, voles and birds and hedgehogs. She showed us how we can all encourage these creatures into our gardens. Even if we don't turn the whole place into a wildlife garden, we can leave rough places & woodpiles which are great for small creatures. Of course, the whole talk was illustrated with some wonderful photographs.

Next month our meeting is on **Friday 18 October** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The talk will be on “The Scented Garden” by Gail Plant. Visitors are welcome at a cost of £2.00 per person. The talk is followed by free tea & biscuits. If you would like to become a member of the Garden Club, please come along to a meeting or contact Dave Tuffery on 01291689919 or Liz Greatorex-Davies on 01291689861.

News from Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley



It is beginning to look rather autumnal around the farm. Quite a number of trees are changing colour as are the vine leaves. Apart from a few nice days last week, the weather has been pretty awful for vines and our small grape crop is being eaten by hungry birds, foxes etc. before the grapes have even ripened! We have been at Parva Farm for 28 years now and I know farmers always moan about the weather, but I would say this is one of the worst years for growing grapes that we have experienced.

On the bright side, we sold all the young bulls and the lambs are growing well and some will soon be ready for market. As many of you know, Colin had an operation to fix a hernia at the beginning of September so is taking things rather easily at the moment- no lifting - which he is finding very difficult! Hopefully he will be back to normal in a few weeks.

The shop is still keeping us busy with our lovely gold award winning Bacchus dry white and white & rose sparkling wines for sale. We also have a good selection of home grown plants for sale. Autumn is the best time for planting as the soil is warm and moist and it gives them a good start. We are open from 1.00pm until 4.00pm every day except Tuesday & Wednesday



Saving St Mary's: The Chapel Hill Challenge, by Jo McCrum



Like many people in the village, St Mary's is our first place to take guests - even before we visit one of our excellent local pubs. We grab their bags, give them a cuppa, suggest they go to the abbey on their way home and then walk them on the short round to the village's hidden and lesser-known treasure. The impact of this enchanting ruin against the rolling hills, with views over the village and river never disappoints. St Mary's is wild and romantically indicative of how Tintern Abbey would have looked to one of those early tourists experiencing Gilpin's notion of 'the picturesque', a term coined in and for this valley. Our dog Jasper is also a keen fan of this walk, so we're often there. And because he loves people (and has hopes of a biscuit) we usually end up chatting. As well as catching up with locals, we meet visitors from all around the country, sometimes the world. There are walkers, pilgrims, and relatives tending or visiting family graves, as well as creative types: artists, photographers, film makers, enjoying the rare beauty of the place. St Mary's is not such a secret after all, and my love for it is widely shared.

Earlier this year I heard that there were plans to demolish St Mary's. Appalled, I began looking into ways in which the village might save the ruin intact, and at the same time researching the kind of detailed and accurate history that is necessary for grant proposals. Here is what I discovered: The previous owner of St Mary's, the film producer Stephen Weeks, failed to submit paperwork in 2021, so the freehold passed to the Crown. The Crown has disclaimed what is clearly a liability, but can pass the freehold on to an appropriate owner. Meanwhile the Church in Wales (CiW) own and manage the ancient Celtic churchyard and boundary walls. Concerned with safety, and the possibility of being sued on a no-win no fee basis by a risk-taking and negligent person who might foolishly injure themselves, the CiW has, understandably, fenced off the ruin and some of the churchyard. Alex Glanville, CiW Head of Properties, has proposed, in the absence of buyer coming forward, that St Mary's should be demolished to 3ft, leaving the tower intact.

Reasons to save St Mary's

But St Mary's is not just a church on a remote hill somewhere - it is here, at the heart of the famous Wye Valley. Whether a villager has just arrived or comes from a family who has lived here for generations, we all - 2,000 of us - have a vested interest in making this a beautiful and safe place. Tintern is, for many of the 200,000 annual tourists that come here, their first stop in South Wales. Currently, visitors are greeted by scaffolding on the Abbey, a fenced off St Mary's, the Royal George boarded up. The Beaufort Arms / Abbey Hotel - once the host of the very first Regency tourists, then of rock stars recording at Rockfield Studios - is about to be demolished to make way for a new hotel. We

have already lost, with 1997 flood defence works, a 16th century wireworks mill and a floating tidal dock.



Reviving St Mary's and linking her to our other heritage destinations in the village, will spread trade, give additional value to visiting tourists, and create a sense of progression and maintenance over dereliction and decay. All this helps our local businesses and creates employment.

The importance of St Mary's

- St Mary's has a considerable landmark value within a conservation area. The tower can be seen not just in two counties, but two countries – in our Welsh village and by those in England walking Offa's Dyke.
- The chapel and churchyard is on an ancient Celtic religious site. St Mary's has national interest as part of a historic ecclesiastical grouping with Tintern Abbey – which has the highest visitor numbers of all Cadw's properties. There is an historical social interest in it being the primary place of worship and burial for the Cistercian's lay-tenants and artisans, then the Angidy wireworkers - the community at the forefront of industrial advancement in the 16th century. Offering the closest aerial view of Tintern Abbey, the Wye and Tintern village, a visit to St Mary's appeared on the earliest examples of tourist itineraries. The first, and highly regarded, photographer/postcard manufacturer George Washington Wilson took 1872 photos of the church with its new fashionable neo-gothic bell-tower and views down to Tintern Abbey. He was followed by other postcard manufacturers including Francis Frith and Caleb Coy (a warden of Tintern Abbey who is buried in the churchyard) until postcards fell out of favour in the 2000s.
- St Mary's is a cherished part of the Tintern's heritage and community identity. Services, weddings, funerals and christenings are still within living memory. The Facebook pages 'Tintern Memories' (membership 2,300) usually has a picture or memory associated to St Mary's each month. 274 people have signed up to a dedicated 'Save Chapel Hill Church' within a month of launching and

engagement is strong.

- There is potential for long-term community engagement in the future regular and consistent care of the site. Volunteering could increase local participation in community life, pride in the village, health and well-being. Learning new skills on training days, events and activities around future fund-raising could also help improve employability and skills levels in the local community.
- A possible site for cultural activity and engagement. The church is already popular with artists and photographers and has also been a backdrop for fashion shoots, music videos, and short films.
- Footfall at the site is very high, with positive health and well-being benefits for tourists and villagers. Many villagers walk to St Mary's to sit and enjoy a moment of peace and contemplation. St Mary's is currently recommended on three MCC designated circular walks and, with zero tourist policy in place, as a go-to destination on national and newspaper listings for those recommending beautiful ruins.

What should it be and who does the work?

Past attempts to convert the church to an outward bound or religious centre and even for residential purposes have all been turned down. Access is via a narrow path whose setts and revetment wall are Grade II listed and over a churchyard and chapel that has at the very least 2,000 burials. Church in Wales, Monmouthshire County Council, Landmark Trust, Friends of Friendless Churches, Spitalfields Trust, Cadw and private investors have all declined guardianship. Reasons included the lack of a roof, no endowment with the project, sensitivities over holiday lets, the lack of access and storage for building contractors, lack of parking and the challenge of utilities and sewerage works to be arranged within a working graveyard. A fully restored building would need huge investment and then a commercial income to fund and maintain it.



So it makes sense to conserve it as a ruin. Preserving ruins is not an unusual task, there are many all across the UK, but the closest example is St James' at Lancaut. Now owned by the [Forest of Dean Building Preservation Trust](#), this small chapel is freely open on a remote and steep riverside peninsula near Wintour's Leap (photo on left). St James' had passed, in a very dangerous state and needing complex works, to the Crown. Over ten years FoDBPT did three stages of work, spending and investing a total of £150,000 for conservation, insurance and ongoing maintenance. The success of this project led to larger schemes, as well as more and larger grants. FoDBP are now working on renovating Gunns Mill and negotiating to buy Clearwell Church.

Here in our own village there is the [Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust](#) which is a registered charity and has existed for 10 years. It can receive grants and would be deemed to be an appropriate body by the Crown and the grant-giving organisations that deprioritise private landowners. Its volunteers, including

myself as a very new committee member, live in the village and are experienced in grant applications having worked on a campaign to restore T. With the support of villagers LWVBPT would be a suitable coordinator of a conservation project involving anyone who is interested in supporting our campaign.

Our vision

Our initial intention would be, following a full structural survey and contractors quote, to secure the freehold and de-risk the ruin for free public access. As part of the project we would like to work with CiW to reveal lost views down to Tintern Abbey, restore the churchyard boundary walls, the now overgrown wildflower meadow, and place more seating at the site.

After detailed consultation with villager John Topp, a highly-experienced structural engineer specialising in heritage buildings, I can confirm that the church is salvageable and can be retained in current form. There are two immediate areas of priority: to fill in what is now an exposed Victorian cellar; and to repair the right hand side of the medieval eastern gable which has issues stemming from a 19th century repair. My next article will go into more details of the condition of the church and the work done there over the centuries, how you can help and the partnerships that are already in place. I hope we have your support. St Mary's has been deconsecrated and is now derelict and abandoned. It is ownerless once more, but it doesn't have to be. I believe that as a village we can work together to love and rescue this very precious part of Tintern.

Follow the Facebook groups [Save Chapel Hill \(St Mary's Tintern\)](#) (bit.ly/3BoKUPR) for weekly updates and the [Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust](#) (bit.ly/3XaAjkc) for general details including Fryer's Wharf. The next clearing date of scrub in the churchyard is **Saturday 19 October**, 10.30-12.30 - all welcome.

Women's Institute Update, by Jane Avery



We have 'Escaping to the Country' by Sarah Orchard on **9 October**. Sarah is a marketing consultant and creator of fully-booked.com and host with her husband Adrian of the



Hudnails Hideout Treehouse. Sarah and Adrian were guests on the British TV show 'Escape to the Country' when they were looking for their own piece of land to build a holiday rental business.

Then we are hosting 'Was your ancestor one of the Witches of the Wye?' on **12 November**. We do like a bit of variety. Do come and join us. You will be most welcome.

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St Michael's Church, Tintern Parva



We hope everyone enjoyed the Michaelmas Gospel choir and Ecofest Afternoon hosted at St Michael's with support from the Tintern Festivals Association. Music is important in our Sunday services too, we enjoyed a Psalm 1 sung with Cello and Piano compliment in September (photo left).

There will be a Harvest Service on Sunday **20 October** led by the Church Lads and Church Girls.

Join us for our regular Sunday Services at 10:30 am or join us on **Sunday 17 November** for Remembrance Sunday outside the Village Hall.

We're deciding where to [twin a toilet](#) (you might want to consider this too!) A £60 donation goes to teaching communities about hygiene and supplying sustainable resources for families to build their own toilets.

New look Toilet Twinning

Toilets, Sanitation and Training. A life-saving trio.

[Twin a toilet](#)



Twin your toilet and fund a project in a community that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives

Prayers of intercession upon request. Do you have a family member or friend recently deceased, with health problems or struggling with difficulties? Just email your message to us so that we can include a mention in Sunday prayers to prayersatstmichaels@icloud.com

Minister: Reverend Jan Pain - 01291 624017

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



Shadows of Tintern offers a magical night in an outstanding setting, an evocative journey through this spectacular site-specific installation. Suitable for all ages.

Delight in the Abbey grounds as your eyes are drawn to spaces less seen, listening to sounds typically unheard, in a place not usually accessible after dark.

Shadows will dance across walls, with projections bouncing on ancient stone, harmonic sound and light filling the space to evoke time- past, present and future.

Ephemeral blue flames will rise into the night air, breathing life into this magnificent structure.

Wye Valley River Festival in partnership with Cadw and Tintern Abbey, commissioned lead artists Mark Anderson, in collaboration with Liam Walsh and Ulf Peterson, alchemists of sound, light and space, to create this unique event.

There will be delicious autumnal treats provided by local independent suppliers: spiced winter warmers, hot chocolate, tasty food and a bar.

Doors Open: 6.00pm

Event Ends: 10.15pm

Adult: £10.50 + £0.44 booking fee

Child & Student: £7.00 + £0.30 booking fee

Group / Family Ticket: £33.00 + £1.39 booking fee

Assistance Ticket: £0.00

Under 5's: £0.00

Tickets sold via Ticket source: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/tintern/tintern-abbey-abaty-tyndrynn/shadows-of-tintern-an-excavation-in-light-sound-and-fire/e-yemqlq>

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

TINTERN VILLAGE HALL

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| THUR 3RD | ANTIQUES VALUATION |
| SUN 6TH | TRACK & TRAIN PLAY |
| FRI 11TH | NHS FLU CLINIC |
| FRI 11TH | FILM NIGHT 'RUDY' |
| SAT 12TH | PRODUCE MARKET |
| FRI 18TH | GARDEN CLUB
'THE SCENTED GARDEN' |
| SAT 26TH | HALLOWEEN PARTY |

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| FRI 8TH | FILM NIGHT 'TEACHERS LOUNGE' |
| SAT 9TH | PRODUCE MARKET |
| FRI 15TH | GARDEN CLUB
'GARDENING & CLIMATE CHANGE' |

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| SUN 1ST | WINTER FESTIVAL |
| | XMAS CRAFT FAIR & VISIT SANTA! |
| TUE 10TH | XMAS PRIZE BINGO |
| FRI 13TH | FILM NIGHT
'SWEDE CAROLINE' |
| SAT 14TH | PRODUCE MARKET |
| FRI 20TH | GARDEN CLUB |

FOR MORE INFO FOLLOW
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TINTERNVILLAGEHALL](https://www.facebook.com/tinternvillagehall)

Holmleigh Cottage in Tintern

WE'VE JUST FINISHED
THE COMPLETE
REFURBISHMENT OF
THIS HISTORIC HOME

Spacious living area
with an open plan
kitchen/ dining room

- 3 double bedrooms
- 3 w/c shower
rooms, (1 ensuite)
- Parking
- Two two-tiered
terrace over-
looking the river



Holmleigh is a gorgeous 19th century cottage, centrally located in the valley of Tintern. It has stunning views, all the home comforts you could wish for and is within easy walking distance of all Tintern's shops, pubs, restaurants and of course, Tintern Abby.

To book contact Rebecca at HOLMLEIGHHOLIDAYLET@GMAIL.COM

Llandogo Early Years, by Rachel Davies



Join our excellent playgroup run in Llandogo with fantastic facilities and emphasis on learning outdoors.

Monday – Thursday 9-3 & Friday 9-12. Children welcome from 2 years old. We offer Nursery Funding the term after children are three and the 30 hour Childcare Offer. We are registered with Estyn and CSSIW, Forest School Sessions with a trained practitioner and have Creative Gardening sessions with Miss Daisy.

Classes at the Wye Valley Arts Centre, Llandogo

Val Welham's CLAY DAY – Saturday 21 September 9:30am – 4:00pm

Cost £70 for the day including clay, tuition and firing.

Enjoy the art of hand building in clay. Working from various sources; photographs, objects and nature, you will be encouraged to experiment with abstract forms as well as literal interpretations.

Students who have a specific piece of work in mind that they would like to produce will be assisted by the tutor in any techniques that may be needed.

An inspiring workshop to encourage your creative skills. Suitable for all levels including complete beginners. No previous experience is necessary. The emphasis will be on creativity and enjoyment.

Debbie Devauden's Botanical Painting: Saturdays 19 October and 7 December, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Cost £70 for the day including all materials.



There are still spaces on this Saturday course. Debbie's classes are noted for their relaxed and informal atmosphere – always good fun! Her teaching methods inspire her students, from beginners to more experienced artists to enjoy producing beautiful botanical paintings.

All materials are provided for use on the day.

Ann Hulme's Painting and Drawing Saturdays 5 October and 2 November 9:30am – 4:00pm

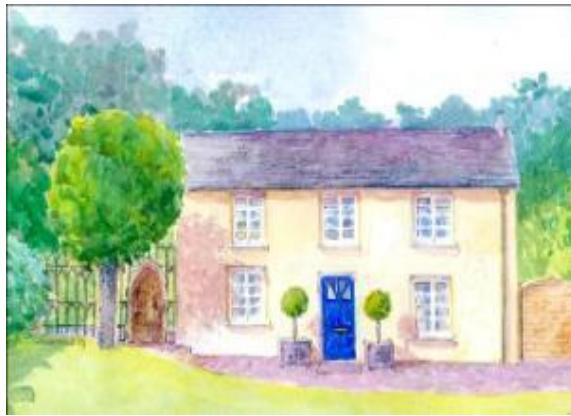
Cost £70 per day

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

We also still have a couple of spaces for our regular 10 weekly Friday morning and afternoon classes with Ann through the Autumn Painting and Drawing with Ann Hulme **beginning September 7**. Please ask for details.

Proceeds from the art courses help support the KIDZART charity **KIDZART** (www.kidzart.uk).

Please get in touch for further details about classes or the KIDZART charity contact Val via info@wyearts.co.uk, Tel 01594 530214/ 07796 697226, Wye Valley Arts Centre, Llandogo, NP25 4TW



Tintern Abbey Cottage

In a premier position with unparalleled Abbey views. Our totally refurbished 5-star 18th Century cottage now has a smartly contemporary interior offering deliciously comfortable, comprehensively equipped holiday accommodation.

Sleeping up to 6 in three bedrooms, it has two bathrooms (one en suite), and attractive facilities including superking 6 ft beds, a whirlpool bath, a shower with dinnerplate head, cosy woodburner, range cooker, flatscreen 37" TV, more TVs in bedrooms and kitchen and superfast WiFi internet access. A well-behaved pet is welcome (large unfenced front garden to protect the stunning view but the back garden is fenced and wonderful walks adjoins)

- Private off-road parking for three cars.
- Bike/Golf club store.
- Warmly heated and open all year for full weeks or short breaks.
- New! Electric car charging point from Spring 2022

Perfect for honeymoons, significant birthdays, families and relaxing escapes. An easy stroll to pubs hotels and wedding venues. Our other 5-star cottage, Foxes Reach, also sleeps 6 in four bedrooms, with two bathrooms, up the hill at Catbrook, approx. 2 miles from the Abbey. Credit cards are welcome and full details www.monmouthshirecottages.co.uk or telephone 01600 860341

- Three individual 5-star self-catering cottages in stunning scenery in the Wye Valley Monmouthshire. Wales.
- Twice Winners of the Visit Wales National Tourism Award Best Self-Catering Place to Stay
- Spotlight Awards Best Family Business
- Twice Winners of Monmouthshire Best Hospitality Travel and Tourism Business.
- Winners of Forester Best Eco Business Award
- Winners of the Visit Wales National Tourism Award Best Visitor Welcome

Now booking ahead

WYE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

August meeting notes will not be approved until 30 September, too late for inclusion in this edition.

YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - St Arvans, Llandogo and Tintern

Ann Webb

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High Tides in Tintern 2024			
Date	High Tide Time (Tintern)	Estimated Height (m)	Comments
12/02/2024	09:42	7.4	
13/02/2024	10:23	7.3	
11/03/2024	08:40	7.5	
11/03/2024	21:02	7.3	
12/03/2024	09:22	7.7	
12/03/2024	21:42	7.4	
13/03/2024	10:01	7.6	
09/04/2024	09:15	7.5	
09/04/2024	21:36	7.3	
10/04/2024	09:57	7.6	
10/04/2024	22:15	7.3	
11/04/2024	10:36	7.3	
21/08/2024	22:14	7.2	
22/08/2024	22:55	7.3	
18/09/2024	21:09	7.4	
19/09/2024	09:33	7.2	
19/09/2024	21:52	7.7	
20/09/2024	10:13	7.3	
20/09/2024	22:32	7.6	
17/10/2024	20:43	7.4	
18/10/2024	09:06	7.3	
18/10/2024	21:27	7.6	
19/10/2024	09:47	7.3	
19/10/2024	22:09	7.4	
			British Summer Time (BST) begins: 31/03/2024
			British Summer Time (BST) ends: 27/10/2024

Note:

This information is intended as a guide only. If you are concerned about flooding you are advised to check river levels and flood warnings on the Natural Resources Wales website: www.naturalresources.wales/flooding

The above levels are those forecast at Newport. Natural Resources Wales typically issue Flood Alerts and Flood Warnings for the Wye Estuary at Tintern when tides at Newport are forecast above 7.2m and 7.5m respectively. However, Flood Alerts & Warnings may also be issued at other times should weather and atmospheric conditions result in increased water levels.

COMMUNITY GROUPS IN TINTERN - CONTACT INFORMATION

Group	Contact	Contact Details
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Tintern Angling Club	Phil Hill	07747626928
Tintern Heritage Watch	Nick Day	01291 680023 nick.day@uwclub.net
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Tintern Cricket Club	Sam Hayward	01291 689339 07986028031 swghayward79@hotmail.com
Tintern Garden Club	Dave Tuffery	01291 689919 dave.tuffery@talk21.com
Tintern Wine Tasting 1 st Monday of each month	Alan Hillard	alan.hillard@gmail.com
St Michael's Church Prayers of Intercession	Rev Jan Pain	prayersatstmichaels@icloud.com

69 Chepstow - Tintern - Monmouth

from 1 September 2024

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Chepstow Hospital	7:40	7:40	9:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10		15:34	16:20	17:35		
St Arvans Piecefield	7:44	7:44	9:14	10:14	11:14	12:14	13:14	14:14	15:33	15:36	16:23	17:39		
Tintern Wild Hare Inn	7:52	7:52	9:22	10:22	11:22	12:22	13:22	14:22	15:41	15:44	16:31	17:47		
Llandogo	8:01	8:01	9:31	10:31	11:31	12:31	13:31	14:31	15:50	15:53	16:40	17:56		
Redbrook	8:09	8:09	9:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:38	15:57	16:00	16:47	18:03		
Wyesham Church	8:17	8:17	9:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	16:04	16:07	16:54	18:10		
Monmouth Comp		8:25												
Monmouth Bus Station	8:27	8:32	9:54	10:54	11:54	12:54	13:54	14:54	16:14	16:17	17:04	18:19		

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Wyesham Church	8:45	10:45	12:45	14:45	16:45	18:45	9:39	11:44	13:44	16:44		
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Tintern Wild Hare Inn	7:41	9:41	11:41	13:41	15:41	17:41	10:37	12:37	15:37	17:41		
St Arvans Piecefield	7:48	9:48	11:48	13:48	15:48	17:48	10:48	12:48	15:48	17:52		
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Tintern Film Night

Rudy



**“A beautifully realised and
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**FRIDAY 11TH October 7.45PM
TINTERN VILLAGE HALL**

Tickets available from **TicketSource** and at the door.
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