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January storms were brutal in Tintern and we're looking forward to calmer weather with longer and warmer days. Check out the snowdrops at the Wye Valley Sculpture Garden to enjoy Spring!

Everyone is talking about the changes planned by the new owner of the Wild Hare and former Abbey Hotel who held a fascinating open day on 18 January with experts talking about their plans and futuristic research for underwater research at the former Chepstow Diving Centre. If you missed it, there is a summary article in this edition, and we hope to see monthly updates going forward.

The local produce market at the Tintern Village Hall will be on **Saturday 10 February** which will be followed by a **Quiz Night at 7pm** to support the Tintern Village Fete. The Fete is on **Saturday 29th June** but now is the time to sign up for a stall to sell to or talk to the thousands of visitors who come.

On **Friday 1 March at 7:30 pm** the outstanding Chepstow Male Voice Choir will return for a **St David's Day Concert** at St Michael's church. Tickets include a hot or cold drink, and a bowl of soup and can be purchased on the door or at Abbey Stores, Hannah's Music in Chepstow and online.

There is a free Friends of the River Wye event at the Blake Theatre in Monmouth on **23 February**.

Vivian is looking for volunteer Tintern Ambassadors (supported by Monmouthshire County Council) to offer a warm welcome to tourists and share information about local attractions, activities and facilities, to ensure visitors have an enjoyable day out in Tintern. The Ambassadors are based outdoors, mostly close to Tintern Abbey and usually work in pairs for a two-hour slot between 10.30am and 4.30pm from April to September, with days and times to suit and weather-dependant. Most volunteers offer 2 hours per week, but this is flexible and it's an ideal volunteering opportunity if you like meeting people, have an enthusiasm for history, the natural world, or outdoor pursuits, want to celebrate and promote Tintern and would like to join a friendly team of like-minded people. For more information, please contact Vivien Richards email: richardsvivien1@gmail.com

There will be an Easter Eggstravaganza craft fair and egg hunt on **1 April**, Easter Monday, at the Village Hall and Bingo there on **Tuesday 12 March**, both to support improvements to the Village Hall.

Work on the Brockweir and Hewelsfield Village Shop is progressing after the fire last June with the opening of an interim shop and café targeted for **early March 2024**.

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.

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St David's Day Celebration Concert

with Chepstow Male Voice Choir and
readings from poetry by Dylan Thomas

**7.30pm Friday 1st March
at St Michael's Church, Tintern**

Tickets £15.00 to include hot or cold drink and a
bowl of soup. Available from Abbey Stores, Tintern
and Hannah's Music, Chepstow and online from
www.eventbrite.co.uk

Music on the Wye – St David's Day Concert, by Vanessa Dodd

St. Michael's church is holding a St. David's Day celebration with Chepstow Male voice choir and readings of poetry by Dylan Thomas by community members on St. David's Day, **Friday March 1** this year. It promises to be packed with Welsh goodies, from stirring Welsh melodies, sublime poetry to daffodils and cawl (a traditional Welsh soup).

The Chepstow male voice choir have long upheld the tradition of giving pleasure through the medium of song whilst raising funds for charitable causes for over 32 years, performing in numerous venues in the UK and overseas including several UK cathedrals, most famously St. Paul's in London. They are set to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in 2024 as part of a male voice choir festival supporting Prostate Cymru and St. Michael's is pleased to host them again after a successful performance last year.

Their extensive and varied music programme will be interspersed with readings of poetry

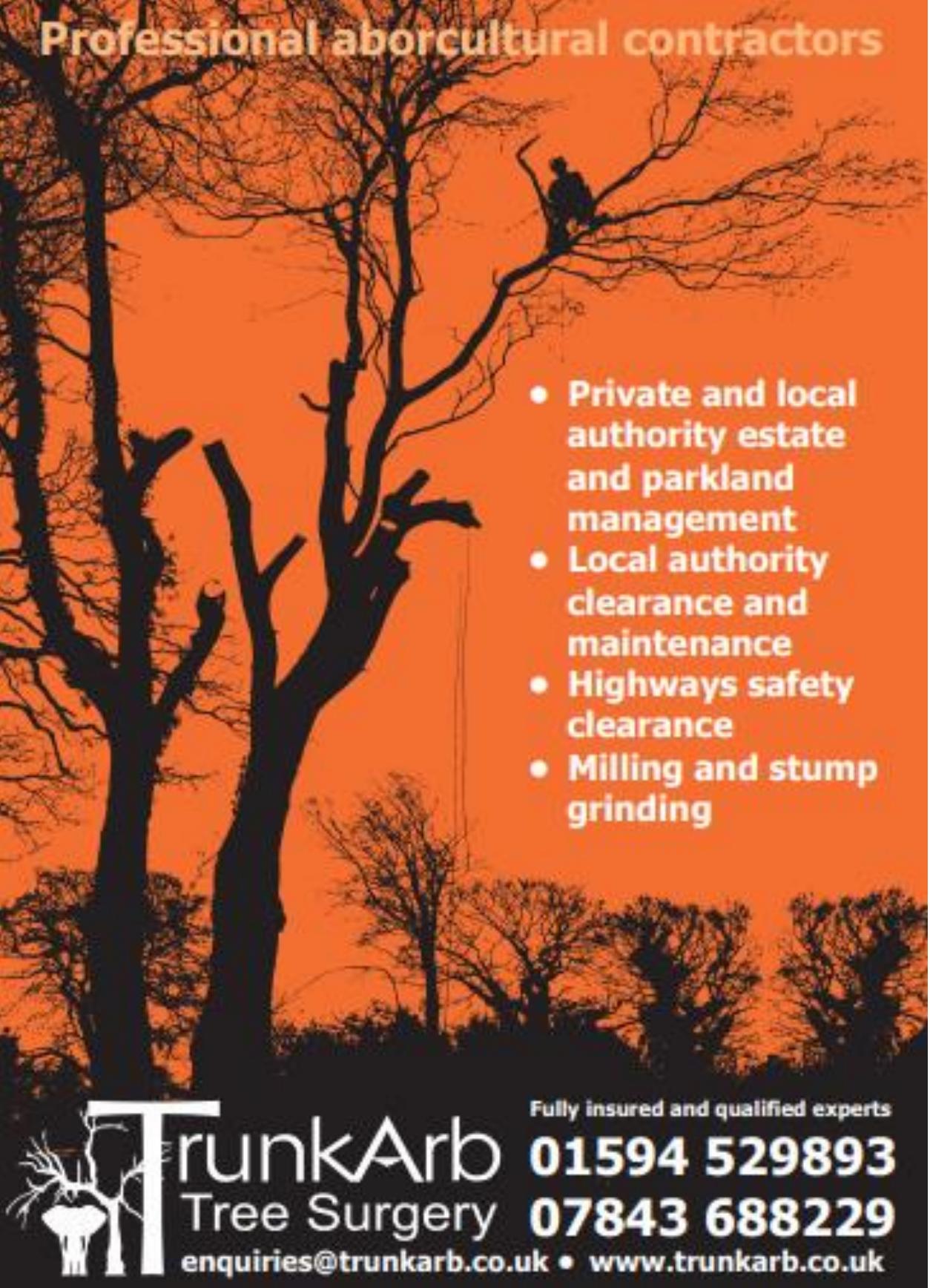
by Dylan Thomas, Wales' most renowned bard. Born in 1914 in Swansea to a Welsh father D J Thomas, a senior master in English at the local Grammar School and mother Florence, Hannah Thomas a seamstress, he died young in 1953 after a meteoric but brief career. He started out as a journalist before becoming one of Wales' most acclaimed poets, working for the BBC radio and travelling the United States on poetry tours. He was also a writer of radio scripts (*Under Milk Wood*) and prose (*The Skin Trade*). Penniless, disruptive and a drinker, he was often referred to pejoratively as the Lord of Laughter, a dangerous cherub and a bawdy Peter Pan. Small in stature, he was a giant wordsmith to whom the properties of words were more important than meaning playing with their colour, shade, shape, size and noise. Born of a Welsh nonconformist heritage, the often-interwoven themes of his poems are perpetually concerned with God, life, death, childhood and an enchanted nature both destructive and constructive.

Tickets for £15 include a free hot or cold drink and bowl of soup. Available at the Abbey Stores in Tintern, at Hannah's Music in Chepstow, online at www.eventbrite.com and on the door.

A footnote: Who was St. David? St. David (500-c.589) was a Welsh bishop of Mynyw (now St. David's). Son of Sandde, Prince of Powys, and Non, daughter of a chieftain, he was reputedly born on a cliff top during a fierce storm. The young David grew up to be a priest, being educated at the monastery of Hen Fynyw under the tutorage of St. Paulinus. According to legend, David performed several miracles during his lifetime including restoring Paulinus' sight. It is also said that during a battle against the Saxons, David advised his soldiers to wear leeks in their hats so that they could easily be distinguished from their enemies, which is why the leek has become one of the emblems of Wales. A vegetarian, eating only bread, herbs and vegetables, and drinking water, he became known as Dewi Ddyfrwr (the water drinker). After his death at 100, his influence spread far and wide, first through Britain and then by sea to Cornwall and Brittany. In 1120, Pope Callactus II canonised David as a Saint.

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Joan Sheldon (1936-2023), by her son Chris Smaje

Joan was born in South Yorkshire, the youngest of eleven children, which perhaps explains why she sought the peace and quiet of Yew Tree Cottage in Tintern, where she lived for many years after retiring.

Her father and many other relatives were coalminers. Her maternal grandfather was killed in the Peckfield Colliery Disaster of 1896 when her mother was a baby. The 1944 Education Act enabled her to get a secondary education, and she was among the first cohort to complete the new O and A level exams in the early 1950s at Barnsley Girls' High School, where she was head girl.



After finishing school, Joan moved to London and trained as a nurse at University College Hospital. She excelled there and quickly rose to the position of ward sister on the male surgical ward. My brother and I were born in the 1960s and she looked after us at our home in Buckinghamshire before retraining as a health visitor. After we'd flown the nest, she took a job as a community health services manager in central London. She finished her career as the general manager of primary healthcare services in the borough of

Hillingdon, overseeing a daunting budget and a large roster of staff. She was a dedicated servant of the NHS throughout her career. After retirement Joan moved to Tintern in 1999.

She was a caring mother and grandmother who always welcomed family visits – perhaps most memorably when my wife and I returned homeless and jobless after 18 months in Canada and stayed at her home in Tintern with our three small boys for eight months while we sorted ourselves out.

Joan loved the Wye Valley, the river and the woodlands. She also had a love for books and history, which rubbed off on me and has been a big part of my life. Although she lost her Yorkshire accent, she retained the air of a gruff, no-nonsense Yorkshirewoman – but with an underlying warmth and humour.

Her health declined in the last couple of years of her life, and she moved to a care home near my home in 2022, where she sadly passed away at age 87 in December. She's survived by my brother Richard and me, and by her four grandchildren, Jake, Oliver, Dan and Alexandra. We will miss her.

We would love you to join us at Tintern Fete? by Helen Carter

We would love you to join us at Tintern Fete ~ **Saturday 29th June 2024!**

Come and chat with or sell to our thousands of visitors at Tintern Fete!



We have a great space here for your stall. Whether you have joined us with your stall in previous years or this will be your first time, we'd be delighted to have you join us.

We have so much entertainment planned and a full days programme of **LIVE MUSIC**, family fun, and great food and drink. Tintern Fete takes place on Leytons Field, right next door to our famous Abbey. We

run from 12noon until 12 midnight, with our stall traders active until at least 5pm. As a trader at Tintern Fete, you can look forward to excellent support from the Fete team and a fantastic day trading in the beautiful surroundings of Tintern Abbey and the Wye Valley.

Trade stalls (non-food/drink) cost £30 (per 3m pitch) and Food/drink traders should contact us for price details. For more information and for your Fete stallholder booking form, please contact Helen Carter at helencarter2006@yahoo.co.uk



Wye Valley Crafts at Abbey Mill

The Wye Valley Crafts shop in Abbey Mill will be reopening for the year on **Friday 9th February**. We have spent the weeks when closed refreshing and improving the shop to improve the customer experience.

We are happy to welcome Sarah, a Macrame artist, as a new full-time member. Sarah came in as a guest at the end of last year and has decided to stay.

We also have Cath returning as a guest with her beautiful ceramics inspired by the forest where she lives.

This is the shop's 30th Anniversary, so we will be celebrating! Thank you to all the local people who have supported us over the years.

If you are going to the Village Hall Quiz on 10th Feb and are lucky enough to win a prize, why not choose one of the vouchers to spend in our shop? We look forward to seeing you in the shop to help make this a successful year.



Wye Valley Crafts Association <http://www.wyevalleycrafts.co.uk>

Update on the Abbey Hotel and Wild Hare, by Sentiem

A huge thanks to everyone who attended the Sentiem Group public consultation on 18 January in the Tintern Village Hall. The event was attended by more than 350 local residents, neighbours and interested parties and it was lovely to see such passionate engagement across the board. We especially enjoyed hearing personal insights into the local history and flavour of the area. It was great to finally be able to discuss our company's new proposals for the tranquil Wye Valley. By investing in a new boutique hotel, upgrading the facilities at The Wild Hare and expanding the facilities at the former National Diving & Activity Centre (now DEEP), the local community and surrounding areas will benefit from an economic boost.

Many locals are familiar with the derelict site of the former Abbey Hotel. After years of neglect, the buildings are in a terrible state and attract criminality and vandalism. We have applied for a complete demolition, as the building is unlisted and too unstable to be saved. Wherever possible, materials from the existing structure will be incorporated into the new building. The new destination, boutique hotel will reflect the history and heritage of the landscape and environment, positioned to make the most of the stunning views of the Wye Valley and historic Tintern Abbey. With plans for a fine dining restaurant, wine bar, spa and event space, the current hospitality offering in Tintern will be greatly improved. The hotel will be available to local residents and visitors from further afield, creating local employment and supplier opportunities, increasing the overall reach and impact of the area. The plans submitted to Monmouthshire Council include the creation of a new footpath along the existing frontage of the hotel, contributing to the overall traffic calming sponsored by the council. The footpath improvements will also include an upgrade to the bus stop and dropped kerbs to make the Abbey more accessible. Following a detailed ecological impact report, the team have designed a bat roost where both maternity and hibernating bats can be relocated, in advance of demolition. The aim will be to limit noise and disruption during the demolition, for local residents, the environment and wildlife.

After months of activity under the veil of secrecy, DEEP has finally been launched on the world. Many of you attended the launch day at the quarry and were dazzled by a marine technology and engineering company with the focused mission to radically advance how humankind can access, explore and inhabit underwater environments. DEEP will bring an international audience to the area, with an interest in discovering and preserving the ocean. Plans for the DEEP campus around the former quarry will bring employment and international visitors to the area. The team at DEEP are also invested in the ecology and biodiversity enhancements of the surrounding area including the creation of new habitats for the protection of native species, as well as public access to woodland walks and gazebos, for the community to enjoy. Additional enhancements include creating cliff ledges to encourage Peregrines to the area, new roosting boxes for owls, bats and birds and the installation of a pond to encourage invertebrates and amphibians. This rewilding is part of a long-term woodland management plan to rebalance existing soil and future plant establishment.

Many of you will be thrilled to hear that the Wild Hare will be re-launched in Late Spring as **The Royal George**. Your feedback was overwhelming in this request and we are happy to open the pub under the “new”, old name. The refurbishment centres on enhancing the rustic charm of the country pub and elevating the fittings, with a wholesome cosy atmosphere. The Royal George is delighted to re-open its doors to the community and will continue to serve the best Sunday roast, exceptional quality food with award winning wines and ales. Accommodation will include a number of traditional rooms in the historic pub plus more contemporary garden rooms within the original chalet buildings areas. Organic and natural materials will evoke the nature of the historic landscape, and use local material such as oak, birch and reclaimed Welsh slate and stone.



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Tintern is one of 'The Seven Creepiest Villages in Europe' by Jo McCrum

'The Seven Creepiest Villages in Europe' were recently announced and, surprisingly, Stress Free Car Rental put Tintern at number seven - behind Romania's Bran, Italy's Triora, and Pluckley, the UK's most haunted village (this must be true as it's also in the Guinness Book of Records). Some national newspapers were as elusive as any ghost with any explanation as to why - perhaps the clincher for a Welsh listing is a two hour drive from London (hired from Stress Free). Yet one article teased: 'The ghostly monk, the guardian knight, the lost Saxon soldier...' and another elaborated 'Home to the old church of St Mary's, Tintern is said to be haunted by monks and shadowy figures, which have been frequently spotted in the churchyard. Evidence of satanic rituals adorn the church ruins and locals steer clear because of a looming dark presence'. I felt sceptical reading this, not least because the feature solely devoted to Tintern's St Mary's erroneously centred on a photo of Tintern Abbey. However, they are intriguing tales, so let's briefly take each haunting in turn:

The Saxon soldier appears in Further Stories from Lord Halifax's Ghost Book (1937). Lord Charles Halifax collected credited supernatural fiction and (usually anonymous) eyewitness accounts of paranormal events that he retold at Christmas. After Charles' death in 1934 his son Edward, an eminent politician, published the collections which were so popular that they stayed in print for over sixty years. Halifax writes that in 1895 a couple were exploring Tintern Abbey when the wife, who had some experience of automatic writing, felt compelled to channel a spirit. The contact claimed to be a Saxon buried hastily after a battle but without last rites. The apparition was troubled by this and requested that two Masses should be said for his soul. Four were eventually arranged. A decade later, at a seance in the couple's London home, a message rapped 'Very many thanks for the Masses said'. Behind his wife the mediums (who did not know of Tintern) saw a faint apparition of a bearded, middle-aged man in close-fitting grey garb.



Shadowy monks have been spotted in the Abbey grounds, including, in the 1970's, a spate of staff sightings of a full-bodied kneeling figure. However, one white monk that can absolutely be guaranteed to be seen (aside from the tea-rooms) is the monkish pattern caused by weathering within the left trefoil arch inset of the main wooden doors. Moonlit photos of this pareidolic monk have featured in tabloids, then a few years on, others debunk it as moonshine. He is, in fact, lurking in plain sight of whatever time of day (or night) you visit. Ditto the black and grey monkish shadows behind the stone lacings of the upper windows.

Two apocryphal stories, and the most Gothic of our village, tell of two disinterred skeletons. The first begins at the Abbey where a group of men remove two skeletons and other artefacts whilst picnicking and searching for treasure. Their

disrespectful laughter fell silent as a sudden electric storm thundered up the valley. Terror then took hold as thick mist rolled around them before brightening to reveal a host of monks led by a knight in full armour. The men bolted for safety followed by an intense wind which blew their picnic after them and, I'd like to imagine, slammed the door.



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In the next Tintern News I will detail the 1973 Black Mass scandal at St Mary's, the fire, ghost-hunts and other histories of the village, but I'd love to include your paranormal experiences for this or future articles. Do you know more about the ghostly fluting of a tin whistle in The Anchor or of the spirit searching for her missing son? Seen hooded figures at St Mary's, St Michael's or the Abbey? What of the Abbey Hotel - spooky in its dereliction or haunted? All submissions received in confidence and anonymised (unless you wish to be credited). Please email your thoughts or contacts for an interview to Jomccrum@gmail.com.

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Tintern Abbey in the media, by Martin Everett



On 4 January a 'Digging for Britain' programme entitled 'A Norman Panic Room and a Mesolithic Fish Trap' on aired, in which Professor Alice Roberts reviewed the results of the excavations ongoing to place scaffolding at the Abbey. You can still view the programme up on BBC iPlayer enter 'digging' in search, select 'Digging for Britain', then Series 11:3. *The Guardian* published similar info on the same day, which included:

In the heyday of the wonderful church, it was used as the final resting place for the rich and powerful: high-ranking clergy, wealthy landowners, lords who guarded the borderlands. But excavation work carried out at Tintern Abbey has found that after the gothic masterpiece fell into ruin following the dissolution of the monasteries, ordinary local people took advantage of the chance to bury their dead within the sacred – and beautiful – grounds.

To the surprise of archaeologists and historians, two graves that have been examined at the abbey in south-east Wales at the start of a major restoration project were found to contain the remains of an adult and two children who had clearly lived tough, unprivileged lives.

Archaeological investigations began on the site in the summer. CADW has launched a multimillion-pound five-year conservation project to protect Tintern's soft medieval stonework, which has been eroded over the centuries. Archaeological investigations began on the site in the summer to help understand what lay beneath the ground and so avoid damaging any ancient fragile features and ensure that the scaffolding that will be erected has a stable base.

Artefacts dating from the late 13th century to the modern period have been discovered, including rare medieval window glass, floor tiles and pottery, and coins from the reign of Henry III onwards. Most graves have been left intact, but it was felt that 18 had to be excavated. Of these, three have been looked at more closely and yielded some surprising insights.

They include a person who was wrapped in a cow's hide in an impressive tomb – clearly someone of high status – but the more interesting were found just outside the main body of the church. One grave contained the remains of a woman who appeared to have been disabled and may have died in her 30s or 40s. Another contained the skeletons of two children, aged about one and five, who showed signs of chronic ill health potentially related to poor nutrition or disease. Madgwick said the woman's grave was shallow and appeared to have been hastily cut, suggesting she had been buried secretly. "The key thing is, this burial postdates the dissolution, and this was probably someone who wouldn't have been able to normally access a prestigious burial spot. It's clear the abbey really retained special status to some people."

"It conjures up images of cherished family, of someone who had been cared for though life going to some effort to bury her in the best place possible." It is the first time that the abbey church, long celebrated in literature and art, has been investigated in such detail for a century. Madgwick said: "I thought our main window would be looking at higher-status individuals – the monks, the clergy – but this is giving us the chance to see how ordinary people were using the abbey after the dissolution." The remains will be returned once the work is complete.

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Tintern Garden Club Report, by Judith Dudley

The December meeting of the Garden Club was the Christmas party which was held in the Village Hall on December 15th. This was well attended and enjoyed by all.

January's meeting was the AGM- never very popular and the cold night didn't help people to leave the warmth of their homes! However, it is a necessary meeting and the thirteen who did turn out enjoyed a pleasant evening after the business had been dealt with.

Dave Tuffery (chairman) was away so the meeting was presided over by vice-chair Colin Dudley. The minutes of the last AGM were read & approved. The chairman's report was read in which Dave thanked all the officers for their hard work running the Club in 2023. He also spoke of the talks & visits we had enjoyed throughout the year and thanked Matt & Freyja for hosting our garden party in June.

Colin then gave out the sad news that Jackie Langdon, one of our long-standing members, had passed away. Jackie had been an active club member and served as social secretary for several years. She will be sadly missed.

Bernard Bradshaw gave us the treasurer's report followed by Lindsay Cobb with the report of the Village show.

Officers for 2024 were elected and remained unchanged from 2023.

Social secretary Liz Greatorex-Davies gave out the programme for the year and the garden visits were discussed.

In any other business a discussion was held about the date for the Village show and it was decided to hold it on **Saturday 3rd August**. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Our February meeting will be in the Village Hall on **16 February at 7.30pm**. New members are welcome to come along. The talk will be "Growing cacti and their history" by D. Hartnell.

For more information about the Garden Club, please contact Dave Tuffery on 01291 689919.

News from Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley



After a busy December selling Christmas trees, wine and other local produce, the Vineyard shop is now only opening at weekends from 1.00 until 4.00pm until the end of February. We are happy to open at other times by arrangement. Please ring Judith on 074846 70302 to arrange a day & time.

The extremely wet, then very cold, then more wet weather has meant no work has been done in the vineyard. Once (if ever) the weather settles down, Dave will be busy pruning the vines.

We will be having the ewes scanned at the end of January to find out how many lambs each is

having. They will then be split into different bunches so that ewes with twins & triplets can be fed extra food.

Colin has been busy cutting up fallen trees and doing the never-ending job of fencing, when the weather permits. Otherwise, it's inside to do the paperwork (which also seems never ending!)

Merger of 'Friends groups', by Nick Day

Since Friends of the Lower Wye began, we have highlighted a number of times that becoming a single group for the Wye and all the catchment is, we believe, the best way to go.

Save the Wye began with a pilgrimage 3 years ago, and the progress that has been made by all groups since then is fantastic, and we should all be proud of the effort and results that we are achieving.

We now feel that it's time to get into real detail and focus on specifics. Therefore Nick & Mike approached Friends of the Upper Wye to join forces as we were often doubling up on work. This is progressing and we now expect to become 'Friends of the River Wye' on Thursday 1st February 2024. We have begun work on a strategy plan to launch in the next few weeks.

The two groups will still retain local identity:- 'Friends of the Upper Wye' & 'Friends of the Lower Wye', so we can continue locally organising presentations to local groups, having local events etc.

Our Facebook page will continue but now be under the banner 'Friends of the River Wye', and a new Twitter account will be opened. So, please keep putting on comments, issues and news.

Monthly Newsletters will be sent and we welcome your thoughts and comments. You can write to our new email address:- hello@friendsoftheriverwye.org

Lots of information, facts and news will be on our new website:- www.friendsoftheriverwye.org.uk

If you wish to- although we hope you don't want to- unsubscribe from any future emails, this can be done by clicking a link at the bottom of the Website.

Linking into Save the Wye group, Wye Salmon Association, Campaign for Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) and others will be still very important as it's only through effective, constant pressure that we shall get the authorities and ultimately the governments to change.

We will continue to meet, discuss and keep the pressure on all governments, authorities and organisations with the aim to Restoring the River back to full health for both the wildlife and ourselves. We look forward very much to meeting many 'Friends', and if you would like to volunteer on projects, activities and events in the coming year please do email.

Other news:-

Environment Agency engagement hub

The **EA (Environment Agency)** operates an 'engagement hub'. This website has information on some of the key challenges facing the catchment and highlights the work to make improvements.

<https://engageenvironmentagency.uk.engagementhq.com/hub-page/river-wye-water-quality-2>

Combined Storm Overflows (CSOs)

Over Christmas, BBC News reported on the government's announcement that all of England's **storm overflows** are now electronically monitored <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-67842294> - Here is the link for **Welsh Water's figures**.

<https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/community/environment/event-duration-monitoring>



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

FRI 23 FEB, 2024 | RESTORE THE RIVER – HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER WYE



On the evening of **Friday 23rd February**, Friends of the River Wye are holding a landmark event at the Blake Theatre in Monmouth called 'Restore the River'. This follows on from our previous public meetings, 'Solutions', 'Working together', and (in partnership with Herefordshire County Council) the 'Building Bridges over troubled waters' event.

The focus of the evening will be addressing the main pollution issue, which all agree is rural land use. (So we're not addressing the problem of human sewage at this event).

We are inviting speakers from DEFRA and the Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales, and Natural England. The Chair of the Environment Agency, Alan Lovell, is already confirmed.

We will have speakers from River Action, Soil Association, Wildlife Trusts and WildFish.

We will also have speakers from major chicken and egg companies in the region, including Avara Foods. We have invited the British Egg Industry Council, Noble Foods, Stonegate, Tesco, Red Tractor and the National Farmers Union.

The event will be chaired by Nicola Cutcher, a freelance investigative journalist.

The event starts at 7pm sharp. Doors open at 6.30pm. Expected finish 9.30pm.

Audience members are invited to bring a small offering of water from the River Wye with them. The Goddess of the Wye will pour these offerings into a vessel on stage, representing the Voice of the River.

FREE tickets are available through The Blake theatre's website: www.theblaketheatre.org

Women's Institute Update, by Sue Smith

The WI have had a busy couple of months. At our December meeting we had a demonstration of adult ballet which involved the teacher putting us through the paces of some of the dance sequences in the classic Christmas ballet "The Nutcracker". Good fun was had by all and it was an excuse for many members to don sparkly tutus and other dance clothing. I think there are some frustrated ballerinas amongst the members, although I don't think there will be any calls from the Royal ballet!

In January we don't have a meeting as we go out for our post-Christmas meal. This year we went to The Globe in Alvington and we were impressed with the service and welcome they provided.

In January, the Friday café at Llandogo Hall resumed after the Christmas break. The café appears to have become popular with a wide range of age groups across the community. Everyone is welcome and there is always a WI volunteer available to have a chat if you come on your own. The cakes are exceptionally good.

We have just finished compiling the programme for the next year. We have a varied selection of talks and activities. The November 2024 talk is about the witches of the Wye. Were they witches or just skilful herbalist treating the local population in pre- NHS days ? Perhaps one of your ancestors was one of the Witches of the Wye? All the details of our upcoming meetings can be found on the Llandogo Facebook page.

Our next meeting is on the 14th February and is a demonstration on hats. We also have a trip to Slimbridge planned in February. Llandogo WI Meet every 2nd Wednesday in the month in the Village Hall. New Members are always welcome.

Contact Details: Sue President 07881951137 and New Members Officer Carol Ann 07875622135



Shwmae! Dw i wedi bod dysgu Cymraeg am ers blwyddyn a dw i'n angen ymarfer siarad! Hoffwn i gwrdd â rhywun i siarad Cymraeg ag unwaith yr wythnos am hanner awr (hyblyg) - mewn caffi, tafarn neu yn fy nhý - yn yr ardal leol. Dw i'n dysgu Cymraeg ar-lein, cwrs Sylfaen. Os oes ddiddorel, anfonwch e-bost ata fi paulagibson67@gmail.com.

St Michael's Church, Tintern Parva



St David's Day Celebration Concert

with Chepstow Male Voice Choir and
readings from poetry by Dylan Thomas

Many local people don't know that the Church is open every day dawn to dusk! So don't wait for a wedding or funeral to enjoy this historic and peaceful place for reflection. The heart of your community. ❤

Of course everyone is welcome to our regular Sunday 10:30 services, and the church is dog-friendly!

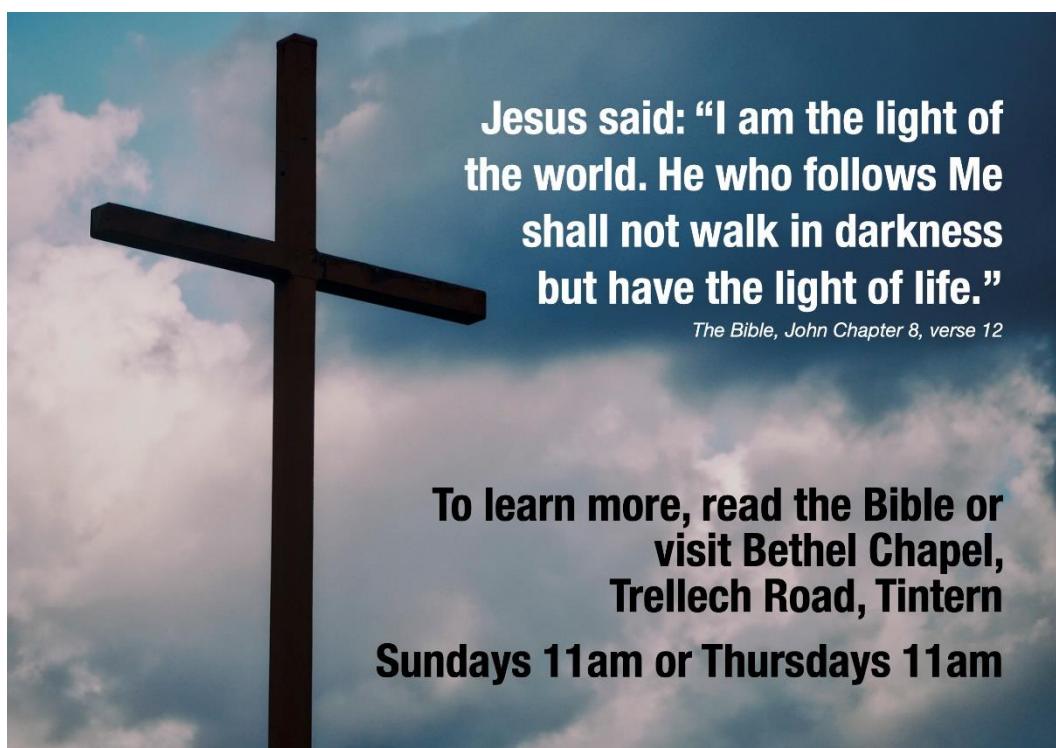
On St David's Day, on **1 March 2024 at 7:30 pm**, Rev Jan Pain and the church are hosting the return of the outstanding Chepstow Male Voice Choir to celebrate the patron saint of Wales, Saint David, through music, song and the poetry of Dylan Thomas, to highlight Welsh culture.

Recent comments in the visitor book include:

- *Beautiful spot, my Dad brought us here, and now I've brought my daughter.*
- *In twenty years of visiting Tintern, this is the first time we've visited this peaceful and simple church.*
- *A real sense of God's presence.*
- *Thank you for the joy, laughter, music and love you bring the community.*
- *Visiting the area where my Gran was born and amazing to think that she would have sat in this church.*

Minister: Reverend Jan Pain - 01291 624017

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



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.

For more information call Rachel Davies on 07786831401 or Rachellou9@aol.com or or find us on Facebook

Classes at the Wye Valley Arts Centre, Llandogo by Eleanor



Future courses

If you are a tutor and would like to run a course at the Wye Valley Arts Centre then please get in touch with Valerie Welham.

- **Ann Hulme's Painting and Drawing Saturday Day Courses 3 FEB, 2 MAR, 6 APR**
9:30 – 4:00 pm (£60 per day)
- **Ann Hulme's Painting and Drawing Friday Morning Courses 19 Jan – 22 March**
9.30-12.30 (£300 for 10 sessions)

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.

- **Botanical Painting: Saturday Day Courses 10 FEB, 9 MAR, 13 APR 10:00 – 4:00pm (£60 per day)**



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.

CLAY DAY – Saturday 23 March 9:30 – 4:00pm (£60 per day)

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.

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 or 07796 697226, Wye Valley Arts Centre, Llandogo, NP25 4TW

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

(note two months meetings notes included due to no January 2024 Tintern News published)

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

Precis Minutes of a meeting of the above Council on 30th October 2023 in Llandogo Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Evans, Shewell, Ashman, Morrison, Snell, Parker & Mawdsley, County Cllr Webb & the Clerk. Members of the public – CSO Andrew Jones & CSO Toby Wall and 5 members of the public.

3590. Police Reports: No incidents to report from Llandogo. Be aware of disreputable builders giving large quotes for minor repairs.

3591. To receive apologies for absence: None.

3592. Public Session: The issue of the blue plastic at Tintern Parva Vineyard was raised. It was felt by members of the public present that this is unsightly in the AONB. The Chairman advised that this is not a matter for the Community Council but should be taken up with MCC Planning & AONB Officers.

The Treasurer of St. Michael's Church, Tintern was present to explain the need for the Church to apply to MCC for a licence to sell alcohol. Temporary licences having previously been obtained for fund raising events, it was more cost effective to apply for an annual licence.

3593. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: None.

3594. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

3595. To receive Financial Report: Charitable A/C £9,578, BMM A/C £3,189.68.

3596. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-

Merlin Environmental Services Ltd, Cllr Mawdsley Cllr Allowance,
Tintern Village Hall Insurance, Clerk's Salary & Expenses - All approved for payment.

3597. To discuss Planning Applications:-

DM/2023/01408 & 01409 – The Wild Hare, Tintern. Full planning permission & listed building consent for internal alterations. Approval recommended.

3598. Matters Arising from Minutes: Cllr Evans reported that the plaque that was removed from the damaged bench at Tintern Village Hall has been claimed by the family of the person who it belonged to.

3599. To receive Reports from outside bodies:

Schools – A lightning strike at Kymin View damaged the control boards for the automatic skylights. The Federation will have to pay for repairwork.

Tintern & Llandogo Churches - Tintern held a Quiz on 12th October. Next event the Requiem on 17th November. Llandogo – Advent Supper 2nd December.

Village Halls – Tintern Produce Market 11th November. Bingo 5th December. Darts Night & Quiz Night being run by the Football Club. Craft Fayre 26th November. Llandogo Hall – Successful Race Night. Well attended Halloween Event. Christmas Fayre 2nd December. Whist Drive held once a month. New Year's Eve Party.

Discuss future maintenance programme for Tintern Hall Wall: Recommendations received from Mark Bearcroft. It was agreed a maintenance programme needs to be put in place for the future, to be taken into account when setting the next budget.

3600. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. Discuss payment towards hall hire for Wye Valley Villages Delivery Group. It was agreed to discuss this at next finance sub- committee.

3601. Discuss future of the Village Pound & its future maintenance: Recommendations received from Mark Bearcroft. It was agreed that Cadw should be asked to take over ownership of this historic structure. Clerk to write to Cadw.

3602. Maintenance planning for villages report from Nigel Leaworthy, MCC Highways: Not present but report subsequently emailed.

3603. Report back from Wye Valley Villages Delivery Group Meeting: Signage & lining now done in all Wye Valley Villages. The Arup Report had been prioritised into four issues, namely Broadband, road safety, sustainable transport (including public transport), river quality and environment. Due to

limited funds its role is to lobby and influence people. There was an issue identified over a mis-match between the timetables available from Google searches which give different but undated timetables for local buses. This is caused by old search references which should have been detected by web administrators for MCC, Traveline & Ainslow. There is a Nature Recovery Plan being put in place in the Lower Wye Valley Area by MCC and partner organisations. Consultation on Tracks & Trails in the Lower Wye Valley has commenced. There is a Website to access for information on this piece of work to allow people to complete the survey.

3604. Correspondence: Email from Nicola Edwards, MCC Destination Manager re update on visitor experience improvements to Tintern.

3605. AOB: Work to provide marked parking spaces at the Wireworks Car Park, together with electric charging points, will commence 6th November.

Cllr Snell thanked County Cllr Webb for chasing up the issue of overgrown hedges on the roadside in Llandogo.

Cllr Mawdsley raised the recent issue of jet skis coming up the River Wye. He reported it to Gloucester Harbourmaster who are taking it to their Trustees Committee next month.

Welsh Water Report circulated following last Christmas' water shortages. They have agreed to improve the supply of temporary water in future and have, they say, updated their list of vulnerable people.

Cllr Parker produced a document in circulation from Halls Together with information relating to funding of village halls by community councils. Some of the information relating to Llandogo & Tintern was inaccurate so concerns were raised that this gives an inaccurate picture of how much Llandogo residents receive back from the increase in precept.

Cllr Morrison reported that the 40mph sign coming out of Tintern towards Brockweir is overgrown and not visible to motorists.

Cllr Ashman reported that the damaged bench at the end of St Anne's Lane has now been removed. The bench at the bottom of the landslide also needs removing. He also reported that Brockweir Bridge is temporarily closed.

3606. Date of next meeting: 27th November 2023

Precis Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held on 27th November 2023 in Tintern Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Evans, Mawdsley, Ashman, Morrison, Parker, Snell, County Cllr Webb & the Clerk. 3 members of the public present.

3607. Police Reports: No reports received.

3608. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Shewell.

3609. Public Session: The business owners requested information on the process for development of the former Abbey Hotel and asked that they are given at least 8 weeks advance notice of what is happening and when. The Agents Planning Representative, who was also present, explained that the owners are keen to work with the business owners and other local community and keep them informed. Demolition work is due to start in April/May. Decision on planning likely to be January or February. There will be a Public Consultation Event on 18th January in the Village Hall.

3610. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: None.

3611. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting: Approved & signed as correct.

3612. To receive Financial Report: Charitable A/C £7,715.76, BMM A/C £3,189.68. Total spent to date £27,547.76.

3613. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-

Merlin Environmental Services Ltd, Christmas Tree for Tintern Village, Clerk's Salary & Expenses - All approved for payment.

3614. To discuss Planning Applications:-

DM/2023/01517 – Demolition of former Abbey Hotel. Approval recommended.

DM/2023/01502 – Conservation Area Consent Heritage, clearance of the site of the former Abbey Hotel, Tintern through demolition of the existing range of former hotel buildings. Approval

recommended.

DM/2023/01503 – Construction of footway along frontage of former Abbey Hotel. Cllr Subject to the comments of MCC Highways approval recommended.

3615. Matters Arising from Minutes:

The Village Pound, Tintern – Cadw responded saying due to the fact the structure is not of significant national historical importance, they would not seek to take ownership of it. Clerk to ask the District Valuer for a valuation.

Cllr Evans suggested that our representative on the Wye Valley Delivery Group submit a claim for refreshments at meetings in our villages.

3616. To receive Reports from outside bodies:

Tintern & Llandogo Churches – Llandogo – 2nd December Bring & Share Advent Supper. 3rd December Lunch with the Tintern Congregation after the services at 12.30pm. 8-10th December Xmas Tree Festival.

Village Halls – Tintern – Successful Xmas Fair on 26th November. Bingo Night 5th December.

Llandogo – Xmas Fair Saturday 2nd December.

Church Lads & Girls Brigade – Report from the Brigade on their activities this year. They are hoping to do their first aid training January/February.

3617. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. Draft Report from IRPW circulated for consultation and for Councils to refer to when setting their budget. Closing date for consultation 8th December. The Panel considers members of Community and Town Councils should not be out of pocket for carrying out their duties. It therefore proposes the following:-

Basic payment for extra costs of working from home -

All councils **must** pay their members £156 a year towards the extra household expenses of working from home.

Set payment for consumables -

Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

3618. Discuss the Council's Lawnmower: This is now in poor condition and not worth repairing. A villager has advised that he is happy to continue mowing the grass areas informally for the foreseeable future and may be able to source a second-hand mower to enable him to do this. Clerk to inform him that the Council would like to take him up on the offer.

3619. Correspondence: Email from Nicola Edwards, MCC with update on visitor experience improvements in Tintern funded under Welsh Government's Brilliant Basics Scheme. Replacement brown & white and other highway signs will be installed in approximately two weeks time. Morgans Consult installed visitor welcome and orientation signs at several locations in Tintern on the 24th November.

3620. AOB: Request for possible bike racks at Fryer's Wharf. County Cllr Webb will make enquiries of MCC who provided the hoops at the Village Hall & Tintern Old Station.

Work to provide parking spaces and resurfacing at Lower Wireworks Car Park is progressing well. Work likely to be completed late December/early January, weather dependant.

Gulleys and pavements being cleared from St Arvans to Llandogo in the next few days.

It was reported that further street lights are not working. Clerk to report.

Fencing along the riverbank by Tintern Abbey car park has been erected.

The building at Ravensnest Fishery is being left as it is as it is now a habitat for bats.

Complaints from Llandogo residents that they have nowhere to get their recycling bags. As the Shop is now closed they had ordered them to be delivered to the Village Hall, but this has not happened yet. County Cllr Webb explained that new reusable bags will shortly be distributed for use.

3621. Date of next meeting: January 8th 2024. All enquires to the Clerk, Mrs. E. Greatorex-Davies Email: clerk@wyevalleycc.co.uk

YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - St Arvans, Llandogo and Tintern

Ann Webb has provided the following update from Natural Resources Wales about tides.

Telephone: 01291 689559 or 07816678948 email: annwebb@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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	
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			British Summer Time (BST) ends: 27/10/2024

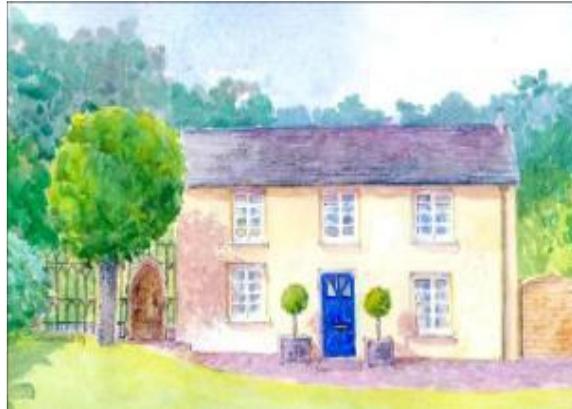
Note:

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

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Tintern Angling Club	Phil Hill	07747626928
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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



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Clarisse Loughrey, Independent

“The final message of hope is resolutely upbeat and desperately needed.”

Wendy Ide, Observer



THE OLD OAK

A fitting finale to Ken Loach's remarkable career.

The story of a village where the mine closed and people feel deserted by the system. Many young ones have left and what was once a thriving, proud community struggles to keep old values alive. There is growing anger,

resentment, and a lack of hope. Houses are cheap and available, making it an ideal location for Syrian refugees. How will they be received? And what will be the future for the last remaining pub in the village, The Old Oak?

**Friday 9th February 7.45pm
Tintern Village Hall**

You're welcome to bring your own wine, other drinks, and snacks. Teas, coffees and Brookes Ice Cream will be on sale. Card transactions only.

Ticketing online and at the door. See www.tinternvillage.co.uk for more details or call Andrew Reid on 07774 726860.