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## Bluebells and finally, sunshine!



I hope you've all enjoyed the amazing mist of bluebell carpeting the woods (photo Judith Dudley). OK, the cover is not Tintern, its Snowdonia, but it feels just right for May, when we are finally escaping the dark dreary days of winter and a very damp spring.

Taking a walk that ended at the refurbished Wireworks Bridge and burgers at the Wild Hare van (plant one is great!) with Lee's dulcet guitar music drifting up from the Abbey Mill, I was struck again at what a magical place Tintern is!

Don't miss the poetry and Bach Cello concert at St Michaels Church on **Sunday 26 May**. Plans are progressing for the two big Tintern summer events; the Tintern Fete on **Saturday 29 June** and the Folk on the Lawn Music Festival, **11-14 July** ([www.folkonthelawn.com](http://www.folkonthelawn.com)).

The Brockweir Village Shop and Café are now open. The "Save the Brock" pub fundraising has now reached over £200k in pledges and there is an Auction, Raffle and Music Event on **23 May** at the Mac Hall. Anyone who wishes to help support the project, however big or small, can pledge their support at <http://tinyurl.com/savethebrock>. It would be great if they can bring the Brockweir Inn into community ownership and see it open to the public again!

The Tintern Local Produce Market will be at the Village Hall on **Saturday 11 May**. The Wye Valley River Festival events are mostly in Monmouth **3-12 May**, but some look really interesting ([wyevallyriverfest.com](http://wyevallyriverfest.com)).

There will be a falconry demonstration at Tintern Abbey on **11-12 May**. The scaffolding will soon be put in place surrounding the Abbey, so enjoy the view while you can, but there is some consolation that the entry fee is reduced by 10% during the work.

Thanks, Toni Harvey ([tinternnews@gmail.com](mailto:tinternnews@gmail.com))

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## **Wye Valley Greenway diversion in place, by Jeremy Cowen, Wye Valley Greenway volunteer coordinator**

The Tidenham tunnel is open, but bikes cannot travel beyond the landslip on the Tintern side. Forestry England have confirmed they intend to deal with the landslip, which is near to the Tintern tunnel entrance towards the end of May. This is due to saturated ground conditions, but also a backlog in engineering works and recent budget cuts for their operations.

In the meantime, we continue to ask the public to avoid the landslip/respect the Forestry England path closure and follow their diversion (although this is unsuitable for bikes not suitable for cyclists ([link to OS Map with diversion for walkers](#)).

We've also had enquiries about the public right of way along the riverbank below the Greenway at this point. As I'm sure you're aware, this right of way was blocked by the landowner several years ago and remains inaccessible. Gloucestershire County Council Rights of Way department are the authority to contact on this issue.

We're doing our best to keep the public informed via our web and Facebook pages. Check <http://www.wyevalleygreenway.org/> for updates.

## **Tintern Philosophy Circle, by John Clarke**

Next meeting on **Tuesday 21st May**, open and free to all. John will talk on 'Philosophy and Mysticism: An odd couple. How did it all work out?' If you would like to join the zoom meeting please contact us for the link on [jjclar7@aol.com](mailto:jjclar7@aol.com) or ring us on 01291 680139.



## **Wye Valley Crafts at Abbey Mill**

Local makers on your doorstep. Pop in and browse! Our two guest makers for May are Karen Rea and Emma Brennan-Pizer.

Karen lives locally and makes the most delicious chocolates and fudge (my favourite is the dark chocolate and raspberry). We have been giving samples of her confectionery in the shop and some comments are: "Lovely dark choc & almond", "Thumbs up for the dark choc, walnut & Kahlua fudge", "Loved the choc. walnut pieces" and many more. Come and try some yourselves.

Emma is a wonderful artist, producing fine botanical and zoological artwork available as prints or applied to useful items from keyrings to home furnishings. I love her nudibranch, a creature that is underrepresented in the art world.

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



# River Wye Action Plan, by Nick Day

On Friday 12th April, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) published their (by then 4 months overdue) 'River Wye Action Plan'. This is interesting for what it says, but perhaps more so for what it doesn't say.

Despite many people talking of the need for a catchment-wide approach, there appears to have been no approach made towards integrating an English, Defra, approach with any equivalent in the Welsh part of the catchment. Despite repeated clamour for proper action (including enforcement) by the statutory agencies (and particularly the Environment Agency) there is no mention of increasing their funding or altering their remit. A 'pilot scheme' for on-farm micro-digesters is mentioned, when these have been in action for some years and have frequently been the cause of problems. And while on-farm poultry manure combustors are proposed, there is little detail, beyond what we and others have been saying that the resultant phosphate-rich ash is much more transportable than the original chicken litter, and nothing to reassure that these won't be used as an excuse to enlarge the industrial chicken sector. In the 'plan', there are no specific targets and no deadlines or dates. A fuller rebuttal from the Friends of the River Wye runs as follows:



**FRIENDS OF THE RIVER WYE**  
PROTECTING OUR RIVER'S HEALTH & WELLBEING

## **Friends of the River Wye's verdict on Defra's River Wye Action Plan: Despite marginal improvements, the plan lacks scope and ambition.**

Sadly, this plan falls far short of what is needed to restore the Wye, which is especially disappointing after such a long wait.

Incredibly, this plan only seems to cover England, not Wales. Where is the cross-border plan for the whole river that everyone has long called for? Why has Defra not worked with the Welsh Government to produce a joint action plan?

We're glad the plan frankly acknowledges the facts about the declining state of the River Wye, with the majority of the phosphate pollution in the catchment coming from agriculture (72-74%) and the rest largely coming from sewage.

We wholeheartedly welcome the news that Defra will support the creation of wide, wild river buffers (with trees and shrubs) through a premium SFI payment, that will handsomely reward farmers for better protecting our watercourses. River buffers use land alongside rivers to create habitat corridors for wildlife, provide shade to cool the water, filter and absorb pollution, and prevent soil runoff. This policy is a win for farmers and nature.

Alongside the neglect of Wales, the other glaring hole in this plan is the fact that it doesn't even mention enforcement of environmental regulations. We consistently hear from staff within the Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales that they don't have sufficient resources to investigate pollution incidents and take enforcement action against polluters. This plan offers nothing to address this colossal failure.

Failure to enforce the law only penalises good farming practices. At the moment, farmers and businesses who have invested in good slurry storage and manure management are undercut by less responsible actors. When bad practice goes unpunished, there is no deterrent for it. Farmers and agribusinesses need to compete on a level playing field, and that requires robust and reliable enforcement of environmental regulations.

The immediate thing we need to do on the Wye is to dramatically reduce the application of fertilisers, no matter their source. This plan misses the mark.

The plan promises significant funds of up to £35 million will be made available as grants to poultry producers to install combustors for their manure. We understand that something must be done with the waste from over 20 million chickens, and burning the giant manure mountain and turning it into ash makes it much more exportable outside the catchment, which should reduce input to the river. However, we believe such a policy must, at the very least, be accompanied by a moratorium on all new intensive livestock units and a progressive plan to reduce livestock numbers in the catchment. We also wonder if any assessment has been done showing how this policy is compatible with targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture?

Why not incentivise poultry farmers to reduce their stocking densities? Why not offer grants to farmers who would like to transition away from intensive poultry production and repurpose their buildings? We fear that a myopic focus on ‘tech solutions’ to deal with poultry manure risks locking in an unsustainable model of factory farming which is reliant upon importing feed (including soya from Brazil), exporting waste, and which comes with risks of avian influenza, air pollution, and poor animal welfare - all at the expense of the public purse.

We are also deeply concerned by the plan to equip livestock farmers with micro Anaerobic Digesters. AD plants are highly complex to run and when they go wrong, they’re dangerous. We already have an issue in the Wye catchment with maize being grown to feed into AD plants, which is a waste of agricultural land and a major source of soil erosion and run-off into our rivers.

The plan focusses on ‘permitted’ poultry farms, which we note only applies to farms with over 40,000 birds, as those with fewer birds don’t require a permit. Many free-range egg farms fall below this threshold and therefore go unmonitored, despite posing a serious pollution risk. Why isn’t Defra reducing the environmental permit threshold to ensure these sites manage their manure responsibly?

Finally, we were pleased to see the “great work” of our citizen scientists acknowledged in the introduction to this plan, though disappointed that we weren’t consulted about its content. Actions speak louder than words, and the best way to respect the work of our army of volunteers would be to draw on our local expertise. Instead, all of our approaches to collaborate on this plan have gone ignored by Defra. We lament this as a missed opportunity to co-create an ambitious plan that could actually restore the river.

We’re wary of another plan being added to the many others already in development, especially when it lacks timescales and delivery targets. A great deal of time, effort and money has gone into a new plan being developed - collaboratively - by the Wye Catchment Partnership. Will the government commit to aligning with this plan, which is being driven by the latest science?

We hope to meet with the newly-appointed ‘River Champion’, Anthea McIntyre, at the earliest opportunity. Whilst she reportedly lives in the region, we’ve not encountered her to date.

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PS in possibly her first interaction with matters riverine, Anthea McIntyre paid a visit to a Citizen Science group meeting in Hereford, where Nick briefed her and the citizen scientists on the latest data they had gathered, Lydia Ashworth from the EA set our water quality project in the wider context of Citizen Science initiatives, and Alan Evans showed us some of the details in the data that can be investigated using the 'WyeViz' web tool. Meanwhile, we ran a set of calibration checks on Hanna meters, which, happily, showed that the ones tested have suffered no detectable ageing effects in their operation.



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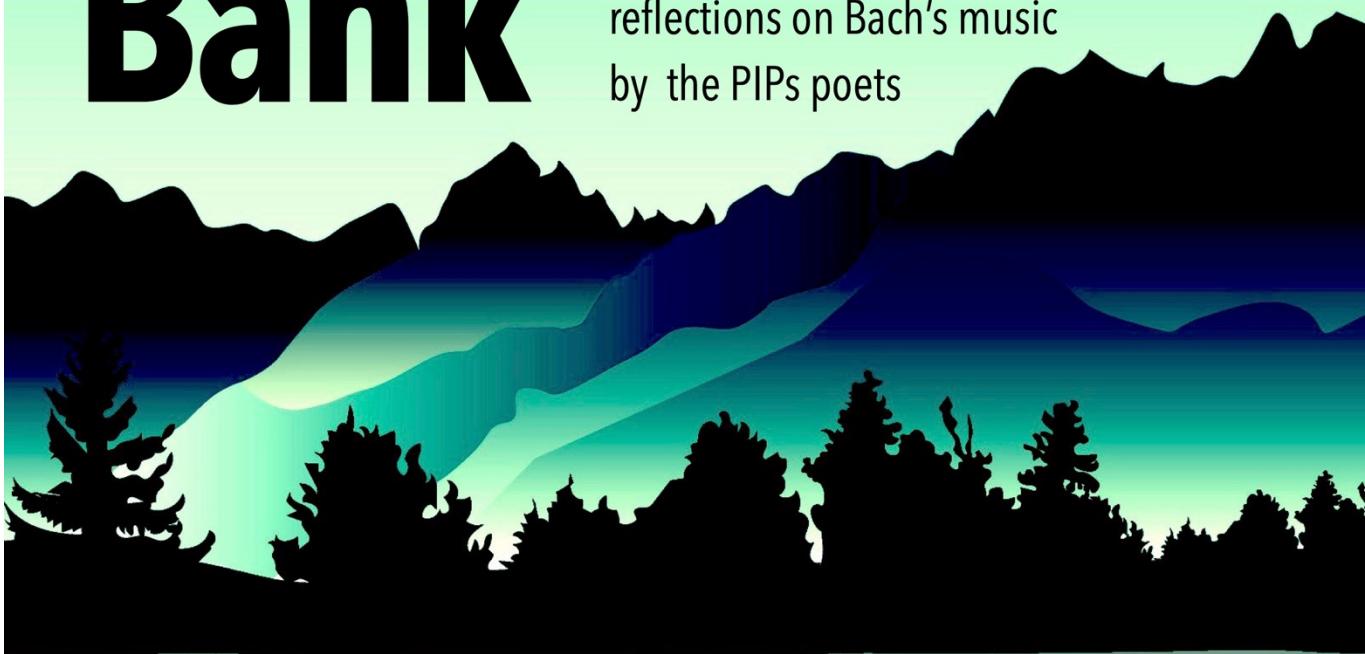
# Bach on the Bank

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## Poetry in Progress Poets Preparing for Bach on the Bank event on 26 May

We sit entranced as internationally acclaimed cellist Kathryn Price explains that the Bach cello suites are the ‘absolute bible’ and ‘pinnacle of playing’ for a cellist. We, being the PIPS poets (Poetry in Progress), gathered at the equally exquisite home of the hosts, the Girardets, to experience *live* the powerful tones of the Bach cello suites on which they will write. ‘Whether you have a religion or not’ Kate explains further, ‘Bach’s mantra ‘Soli Deo gloria’ (for the glory of God) is written into every note of his music, transcending the numerous forms of religion to speak of the human emotions and to the human spirit. And we are transported as she reveals the beauties and emotional depths of the preludes and sarabandes of cello suites 1 (in G major), 2 (in D minor) and 3 (in C major) as a foretaste of three of the six full cello suites, she will play at the *Bach on the Bank* concert in May, interspersed with the revelations and reflections of the poets present.

Johann Sebastian Bach, German composer and musician of the late Baroque period was something of a tearaway as a young man in Weimar, who soon settled down to being a husband, father, and family man, marrying twice to singers, with whom he had 20 children. Prolific in all areas of his life, he wrote hundreds of cantatas, both sacred and secular, choral and orchestral Passions including the St. Matthew and St. John Passions and oratorios the most famous being the Christmas Oratorio. He also wrote extensively for the church organ in which he was well schooled, concertos for orchestra and chamber music for quartets. The number 6 was of great importance to Bach, signifying the 6 days of creation. There are for instance 6 Brandenburg Concertos as well as the 6 cello suites which are divided into 6 movements each (all dances): prelude, allemande, courante, minuets, bourrées or gavottes, and gigue.



One hundred years later, head down, lost in the devotional music, Kate becomes one with her cello, breathing and revealing the bounty of Bach’s phrases which keep giving. Deploying the free bowing technique, she draws musical pictures of the human soul for which Bach is renowned, expressing the hopefulness of Suite no.1, the personal agonies of Suite no.2 and the unbridled joy of Suite no.3. Afterwards, the poets share their personal relationships they have with Bach’s music, one gets up at 6am to have private listening time to set her up for the day.

Not such an early start for visitors and residents alike who will all have the opportunity to encounter these remarkable cello suites on **Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in an equally re-

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## Walk The Wye 2024 going ahead on Sunday 12th May by Norman

For the past 15 years, the Rotary Clubs of Monmouth, Chepstow and Ross on Wye have organised a sponsored walking event in the Wye Valley. Known as “Walk The Wye”, this years’ event is taking place on **Sunday 12 May**. The event will again be raising funds for the breast cancer research team at Velindre, Cardiff.

The event is based at Monmouth Show Ground and there are 6 separate walks to choose from with distances of between 2 and 15 miles. The concept for the event is unique. Registration on the day is at Monmouth Show Ground. But for 4 of the walks, walkers are taken down the Wye Valley by a free bus to the start of their chosen walk. They then walk back to Monmouth Show Ground on riverbank footpaths. The remaining 2 walks start and finish at the Show Ground: again using well defined footpaths in the Wye valley. Comprehensive route instructions are issued for each walk.

Why not choose a walk; invite your friends to join you and have a great day out in the beautiful Wye valley, whilst raising money for breast cancer research. There will be the usual free car parking at Monmouth Show Ground. Burgers, bacon rolls, coffee and tea will be on sale at the start and finish, plus ice cream, for when walkers return from their walk. Full details about the event are at [www.walkthewye.com](http://www.walkthewye.com)

## Tintern Garden Club Report, by Judith Dudley

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Garden Club members and several visitors gathered at the Village Hall for the monthly meeting of the Garden Club which was a talk about “Local Moths” by Gail Reynolds. Gail lives in Llandogo and has been trapping moths in her garden for about 10 years. After she has photographed them, they are set free. She showed us photos of many that she has trapped. Most are common in this area but she has also found a few rare ones and some which are immigrants! There are many more moths than butterflies in the British Isles and they vary in size, being classed as Micro or Macro. There are moths which fly at different times of the year, even in winter, so it can be an all year hobby. As gardeners, Gail encouraged us to leave patches of weeds in our gardens as food for the caterpillars. Nettles seem a popular foodstuff and they appear in most gardens so we can be of help if we leave some for the moth population!

After the meeting, geranium plugs were handed out to members for them to grow and then bring along to the Village Show in August. If anyone has not had their geranium, please contact Judith Dudley on 012910689636.

The next Garden Club meeting is our annual Garden Party. This is a month earlier than usual and will be held on **Friday 17 May** at St. Tewdrics, Chapel Lane, Tintern, kindly hosted by Louise Angove. Can members please bring along a plate of food and a drink of some kind and weather permitting, it should be a very enjoyable evening.

New members are always welcome to the Garden Club. Please contact Dave Tuffrey on 01291 689919 or Liz Greatorex-Davies on 01291 689861 for more information.

## News from Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley



At last it seems like spring and Colin has been able to get on with harrowing and rolling the fields. This is very welcome as the cattle have made such a mess during the wet weather that it has been difficult to walk in the fields where they have been. Hopefully we will have some dryer weather now and will be able to get on with planting the potatoes and vegetables. I have plenty coming along in the greenhouse but am still a bit wary of a late frost.

A frost could of course damage the new shoots which are growing on the vines, so we have to keep our fingers crossed that there is nothing too severe. Dave is at last able to get on with the job of replacing rotten vine posts and then the grass in the vineyard will need mowing and strimming under the vines. There is always plenty to do at this time of year!



Lambing is nearly over. We have lots of twins and luckily have had very few problems. There are only 2 lambs needing a bottle of milk to top them up as their mum hasn't got much milk. 2 friends for Colin whenever he goes into the field! The cows will be calving in May so more babies to look forward to.

The Vineyard shop is open from Thursday through to Monday (closed Tuesday & Wednesday) from 1.00 until 4.00pm. The self-guided vineyard tours can be taken again now that the ground has dried up a bit. I have a good selection of plants for sale as well as the wines & other local produce so do call up. To arrange a visit outside opening hours, please ring 07484670302.

## **Women's Institute Update, by Jane Avery**

Our speaker for this meeting was Paul Barnett with an illustrated talk on the subject of Lydney's Lost Fleet. He is an excellent speaker, and the images and information were so interesting. In the 1800's and early 1900's Lydney was a major coal exporting port and saw the passage of pig iron, timber, bark and paving stones in over 200 vessels. Difficult to imagine nowadays.

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We were also encouraged to sign up for some garden trips in June and July, a wetland walk in May, ideas for craft activities and - very important - the wine list!

The meeting drew to a close with a social time and we look forward to our next meeting, the Annual Meeting on **May 8<sup>th</sup>** with a very popular Pot Luck Supper.

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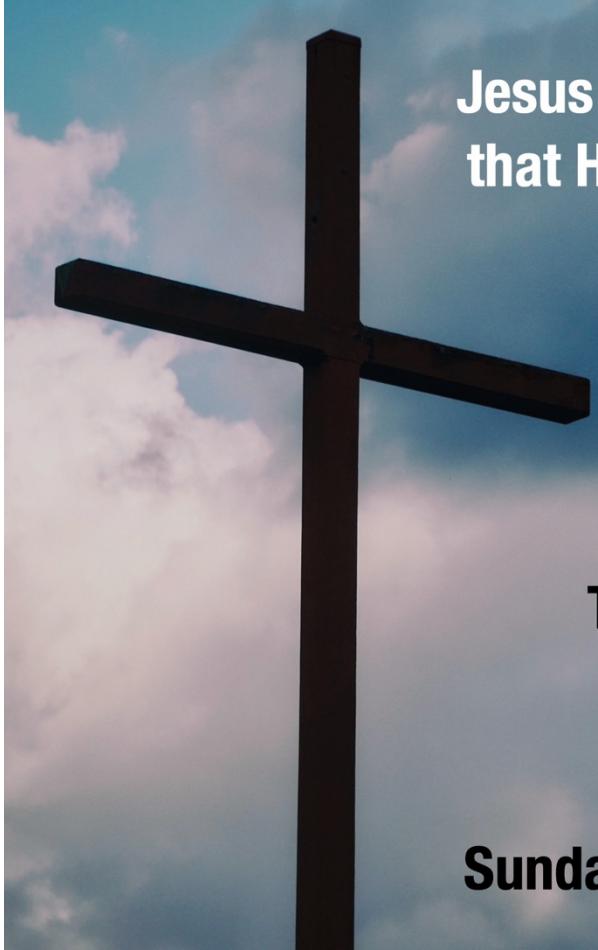
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## **St Michael's Church, Tintern Parva**



April's high tide barely made it to the church door, but many people came down to offer to help.

The Bach on the Bank poetry and cello concert on **26 May** will be inspiration for personal creativity and to also better understand the foundations of Bach's music in his faith. It promises to be a great evening and tickets are only £15 (available on the door, at Abbey Stores, Hannah's Music and on Eventbrite.com). Wine, beer and soft drinks will be on sale.

The £20 prize drawing for the church questionnaire is on **28 May**, so fill one in and drop it in the yellow box in the church.

An EcoFest will be hosted at the Church on **28 September** with local speakers and artists, so mark your calendars!

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**11 am** A Service of Healing

**3 pm** Chair Yoga with Lejla Damon

**6 pm** Vinyasa Flow with Lejla Damon

### **SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**Bank Holiday Break**

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- **Debbie Devauden's Botanical Painting: Saturday Day Courses 18 May, 8 June 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.

Proceeds from the art courses help support the KIDZART charity **KIDZART** ([www.kidzart.uk](http://www.kidzart.uk)).

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

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## Monmouth | Tintern | Chepstow

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**Mondays to Fridays** except bank holiday Mondays

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

**Saturdays**

**Sun & public hols**

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Monmouth bus station	0710	0910	1110	1310	1510	1710	1006	1206	1506	1710			
Wyesham St James Church	0719	0919	1119	1319	1519	1719	1015	1215	1515	1719			
Redbrook Newland Road	0724	0924	1124	1324	1524	1724	1020	1220	1520	1724			
Llandogo Hudnalls View	0733	0933	1133	1333	1533	1733	1029	1229	1529	1733			
Tintern The Wild Hare	0741	0941	1141	1341	1541	1741	1037	1237	1537	1741			
St Arvans The Peacefield	0748	0948	1148	1348	1548	1748	1044	1244	1544	1748			
Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	0752	0952	1152	1352	1552	1752	1048	1248	1548	1752			
Chepstow bus station	0756	0956	1156	1356	1556	1756	1052	1252	1552	1756			

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## Chepstow | Tintern | Monmouth

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

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Mondays to Fridays except bank holiday Mondays

Chepstow bus station	0735	0735	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1516	1530	1615	1730
Chepstow Comprehensive School	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	1525	▼	▼	▼
Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	0740	0740	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	▼	1534	1620	1735
St Arvans The Peacefield	0744	0744	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1533	1536	1623	1739
Tintern The Wild Hare	0752	0752	0922	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1541	1544	1631	1747
Llandogo Hudnalls View	0801	0801	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1550	1553	1640	1756
Redbrook The Bell	0809	0809	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1557	1600	1647	1803
Wyesham St James Church	0817	0817	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1604	1607	1654	1810
Monmouth Comprehensive School	▼	0825	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Monmouth bus station	0827	0832	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1456	1614	1617	1704	1819

Saturdays

Sun & public hols

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Chepstow bus station	0806	1006	1206	1406	1606	1806	0900	1105	1305	1605
Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	0810	1010	1210	1410	1610	1810	0904	1109	1309	1609
St Arvans The Peacefield	0814	1014	1214	1414	1614	1814	0908	1113	1313	1613
Tintern The Wild Hare	0822	1022	1222	1422	1622	1822	0916	1121	1321	1621
Llandogo Hudnalls View	0830	1030	1230	1430	1630	1830	0925	1130	1330	1630
Redbrook The Bell	0838	1038	1238	1438	1638	1838	0932	1137	1337	1637
Wyesham St James Church	0845	1045	1245	1445	1645	1845	0939	1144	1344	1644
Monmouth bus station	0854	1054	1254	1454	1654	1854	0948	1153	1353	1653

# WYE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Precis Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held in Llandogo Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Present:** Cllrs Mawdsley, Parker, Snell, Ashman, Shewell & Morrison, County Cllr Webb & the Clerk. Members of the public – CSO Andrew Jones, CSO Elis Park.

**3653. Police Reports:** CSO Jones was notified that Tintern Village Hall have applied for a Premises Licence to sell alcohol at events, but a query was raised by them that they wished CCTV to be installed. He agreed to look into this.

**3654. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Evans.

**3655. Public Session:** No one present.

**3656. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda:** None.

**3657. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting:** Circulated, approved & signed as correct.

**3658. To receive Financial Report:** Charitable A/C £15,299.47, BMM A/C £3,206.78.

**3659. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-**

Merlin Environmental Services, Tintern Village Hall Services, Tintern Village Hall Room Hire, Llandogo Village Hall Room Hire for February, St. David's Day Celebrations for St. Michael's Church, Tintern. Clerk's Salary & Expenses Llandogo Village Hall Insurance - £1,118.57, Cllr Ashman - line paint for Fryer's Wharf parking area - All approved for payment.

**3660. To discuss Planning Applications:-**

DM/2023/01774 – Reinstatement of NRW Flood Warning Station, Old Tintern Bridge

DM/2022/01379 – Reconsultation for glamping at Cross Farm, Pontysaeson. Treatment plant was installed after previous application and capacity more than capable.

DM/2023/00233 – Woodlands, Trellech Road, Tintern – Roof Replacement, erection of rear dormers & garage.

Approval of all recommended.

**3661. Matters Arising from Minutes:** None.

**3662. To receive Reports from outside bodies:-**

**Schools** – Next Governors Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Tintern & Llandogo Churches** – Tintern – St. David's Day Concert by Chepstow Male Voice Choir 1<sup>st</sup> March. Easter Services advertised in newsletter.

Llandogo – The Lent Course will be held every Tuesday in Lent in Llandogo & Tintern Churches.

World Day of Prayer 1<sup>st</sup> March. Lent Lunch in Llandogo Church 14<sup>th</sup> March. Spring Nature Day 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Village Halls** – Tintern - Explanation from VHC why Tintern Village Hall Hall is applying for a Premises Licence to sell alcohol. There is a maximum number of Temporary Event Notices per year and with the establishment of the Produce Markets the Hall will exceed the annual limit. Clerk to respond saying WVCC are supportive of the proposals.

Village Hall closed while redecorating takes place, new carpet in small room, new heaters in main hall. Next event monthly Produce Market 9<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Bingo Event 12<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Extravaganza, Craft Fair & Easter Egg Hunt 1<sup>st</sup> April. Garden Clear-up Weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March.

It was reported that the roof leakage around the windows in the Hall is insignificant but they are making provision for the future replacement of one part of the roof.

Llandogo – Currently reviewing the booking form & charging structure. Also putting together a programme of fund-raising events for the coming year. Village Litter-Pick 23<sup>rd</sup> March organised by the WI.

**3663. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance.** It was agreed that any village events that are charging for tickets must in future provide proof of expense before any contribution can be made by WVCC.

**3664. Correspondence:** Letter from MCC re Notice of Traffic Regulation, Speed Limits & Parking Regulations Consolidation Order.

Email from Savills, Agents for the former Abbey Hotel re attendance at May meeting.

Email from MCC Passenger Transport Manager re request for bike racks at Fryer's Wharf, Tintern.

**3665. AOB:** Tracks & Trails drop-in sessions 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> February.

The issue of the continued closed permissive footpath up to Cleddon Shoots was raised. Cllr Mawdsley had asked AONB the reason for the continued closure but had no reply. County Cllr Webb will raise this with MCC.

The issue of the very bad state of repair of the road surface at the bottom of Trellech Road by the Wye Valley Hotel was once again raised. County Cllr Webb will report this again.

Report that the School garden path is very overgrown. The Council were informed the hedge belongs to the School and they are responsible for clearing it.

Reports of potholes on the A466 by The Falls where the spring comes out and once again outside Tintern Village Hall roadside entrance.

Slat missing on the Wireworks Bridge. County Cllr Webb asked about the provision of life-saving equipment on the River Wye. It was suggested Throw-Lines would be more useful. County Cllr Webb will look into this.

**3666. Date of next meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - St Arvans, Llandogo and Tintern



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