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Autumn drawing in and a time to remember

For Remembrance Day, there will be a special service in Leytons Field, by the Village Hall on **Sunday 12 November** at 10:30 am led by Rev Jan Pain and the Tintern Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade.

There have not been any applications in the last few years for the Bradford Charity Fund and surely there must be a local student in Tintern who is engaged on an accredited course either as an apprentice or as a full -time student in higher or vocation training or education who has completed 1 year and would like to receive a bursary from the charity? Please ask around and make sure students know about this fund! An application form is in this edition, and for more info or for an electronic version of the application please email noelynallen@hotmail.co.uk.

The local produce market at the Tintern Village Hall will be on **Saturday 11 November** and the Christmas Craft Fair will be on **Sunday November 26** 10am-4pm with local handmade items, festive street food, face painting and live music – and a visit from Santa!

Not to be missed is the performance by the celebrated Côr Caerdydd choir, who will sing a Requiem concert in St Michael's Church on **Friday 17 November** at 7.30 pm. Come try Zumba on Wednesdays at 7:30 and Friday at 9:15 and Fitness Pilates on Thursdays at 7:15pm at the Village Hall.

Father Christmas and his elves will be coming to the Old Station Tintern on **Saturday and Sunday 2-3 December**. There'll be a chance for children to meet him, let him know what they want for Christmas and come away with their own gift... £5 tickets are limited, so buy now on [Beyonk | Santa's Grotto at the Old Station Tintern](#).

We'll miss the Wild Hare until it opens again next spring after the renovations are completed! And the Brockweir and Hewelsfield Village Shop is still closed, but the structural engineers report has been completed. There are discussions underway regarding options for a temporary shop and café.

Enjoy the lovely autumn colour and make sure that you check out our lovely local shops for ideas for your loved ones before you buy any Christmas gifts online!

Thanks, Toni Harvey (tinternnews@gmail.com)

The Tintern News is a vehicle for the expression of opinion by all members of the Tintern community. While it does not necessarily endorse the views of any particular contributor, it does wholeheartedly support the promotion of lively debate on the development of the village and of freedom of speech in general. However, it will reserve the right to edit any contributions in order to preserve moderation and a spirit of good intent in the presentation of arguments.

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





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Friends of the Lower Wye, by Nick Day

News just in! The High Court granted consent for River Action to pursue Judicial Review over Environment Agency's failure to protect River Wye from agricultural pollution.

Following a hearing held at the High Court in Cardiff on Thursday 19 October, environmental charity River Action has been granted consent to pursue its legal challenge against the Environment Agency (EA) over its failure to protect the River Wye from pollution.

In its case for [judicial review of the Environment Agency's enforcement of regulations](#), River Action has argued that by failing to prevent the spread of excessive levels of manure across agricultural land in the Wye river catchment, the EA has acted unlawfully by not enforcing the Farming Rules for Water.

We met with John Reed, Agriculture Director of Avara foods, who confirmed that **from January 2024** they will be removing much of the chicken manure produced on their farms out of the catchment area. This will be approx 70,000 tons. We also met with Patrick Lewis, MD of Gamber, the transport firm which will be implementing this policy, who confirmed that they are working on a 'dashboard' to display exactly how the process is working.

We have been working with the other groups in getting all the **Citizen Science figures** published for all to look at. The final site is operational and very near completion.

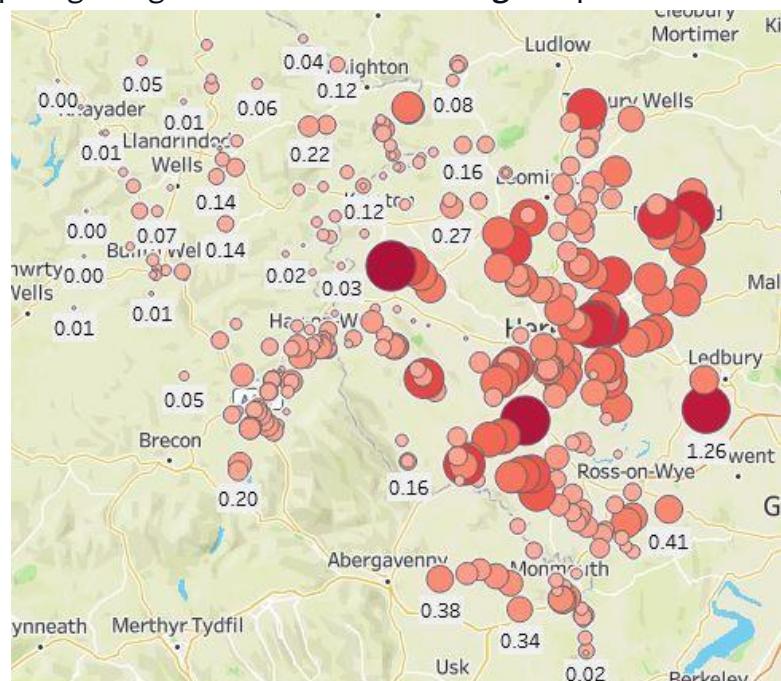
You can view our citizen science data on a web tool called [WyeViz](#) (allow loading time). Michael Carpenter (Friends of the Upper Wye) developed the data platform.

Showing all the data in one place gives a really incredible view of what is happening across the catchment in near-time.

Here's the latest screenshot visualising the results from all the groups of citizen scientists (FotLW, FOUW, CPRE & WSA) collecting data in the Wye catchment, summarising readings from the last five weeks. You'll see some shockingly high average phosphate readings – although Lower Wye figures aren't as bad as a lot of Herefordshire, there's plenty of room for improvement: bear in mind that readings of 0.12ppm are high. We would really like the agencies to do more, especially in the areas where we find persistently high levels.



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



Tintern Philosophy Circle, by John Clarke

Next meeting on **Tuesday 21st November**, open and free to all. John Clarke will talk on 'Artificial intelligence and the future of humanity'. If you would like to join the zoom please contact us on jjclar7@aol.com or ring 01291 680139.



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Requiem with Côr Caerdydd

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Hannah's Music, Chepstow / at the door

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Remember your loved ones with Côr Caerdydd, by Vanessa Dodd

There will be a Requiem choir concert at St. Michael's Church on **Friday 17 November at 7.30 pm**, the last concert in a series of Music on the Wye events of 2023.

Based in Wales' capital city, Côr Caerdydd as formed by its present conductor, **Gwawr Owen**, on April 1 1992, has become one of Wales' leading mixed choirs with a very fine competitive record. On its first public appearance in August 1992, Côr Caerdydd won first prize in the Chief Choral competition at the National Eisteddfod in Aberystwyth. The choir has gained first prize at the National Eisteddfod twelve times, most recently at the Cardiff National Eisteddfod in 2018.

The choir has formed a close relationship with renowned Welsh composer **Sir Karl Jenkins** appearing on the CD recordings of Requiem and Cantata Memoria and on the DVD of Jenkins' Mass for Peace, a work which the choir has performed with Jenkins at the Wales Millennium Centre, St. David's Hall, the Royal Festival Hall, Royal Albert Hall in London and most recently in the Concert for Peace in Berlin in November 2018. The choir was involved in the première of "The Bards of Wales" in Budapest, the première tour of Jenkins' The Peacemakers, and the televised première of Jenkins' Cantata Memoria in 2016 to commemorate 50 years since the Aberfan disaster.

Their many concert highlights have included two performances at the BBC Proms, Beethoven 9 with Bryn Terfel, Mahler 2 with the BBC NOW, singing at the British Embassy in Paris and numerous appearances at the Wales Millennium Centre. In 2016 the choir performed with Barry Manilow and recorded soundtracks for the Roald Dahl centenary celebrations in Cardiff. Côr Caerdydd has also performed in Vienna, Paris, Budapest, Italy, Prague, Romania, at the Interceltic Festival in Aviles, Spain and in October 2017 travelled to Belgium for a series of concerts in Bruges, Brussels and Gent Cathedrals as well as singing in the Last Post ceremony in Ypres and at the grave of Hedd Wyn, the Welsh poet killed in action at Passchendaele.

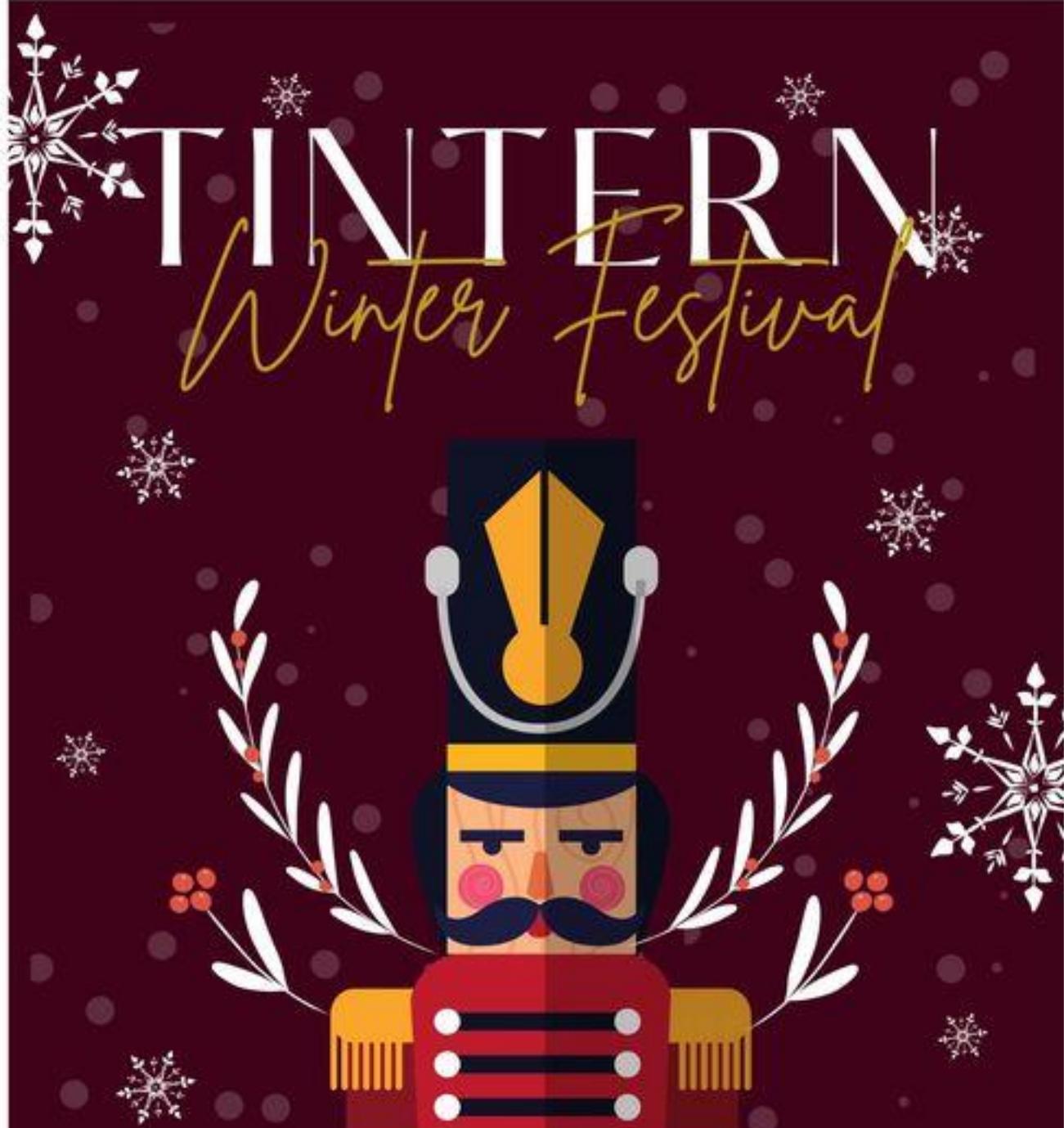
On the note of remembrance, their programme for St. Michael's will include Mozart's 'Laudate Dominum' and the Benedictus from Karl Jenkins' 'Armed Man' amongst many highlights, readings of poems from WW1 and 2, the Welsh hymn 'Arwelfa', in a plea for a quiet rest at the end of life's journey, as well as a full performance of Faure's Requiem.

We are looking for old photos of Tintern families and local folk from yesteryear to display in St Michaels Church over Remembrance Sunday and for the week up to our Concert. Please contact Ric Staniforth, email ricstan@aol.com to contribute to the display. After Remembrance Sunday, all photos will be returned in prime condition.

£10 Tickets are on sale at the Abbey Stores, at Hannah's Music in Chepstow, on the door or from Eventbrite (with a fee)

This project has been supported by Welsh Government's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) in the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).





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WVCC found family, by Steve Evans

You'll remember last month WVCC asked if anyone knew Sidney John Williams, who died age 77, of Hale End, Tintern and who was buried at Chapel Hill on 2nd December 1982? The WVCC had to remove a damaged bench with his name on a memorial plaque and wanted to find his family. I have just handed it over to a friend of the man's granddaughter who was very close to him. Strangely, none of the family knew the bench existed. The granddaughter, Heather, lives in Essex but word was passed to her. Thanks to everyone who helped find her!

Tintern Fete 2023 Report, by Vivien Richards and John Livermore, Tintern Festivals Association (Fete Committee)



Remember our outstanding Tintern Fete held on Saturday 24th June 2023? It is hard to calculate precise numbers of people attending but feedback received by the Fete Committee has been overwhelmingly positive. The report on the Fete is now available on the Tintern village website <https://www.tinternvillage.co.uk/resources/Tintern-Fete-2023> and it highlights the fun events, music and stalls and notes the hard work of the committee, and generosity of the sponsors and other volunteers.

Fete Committee

The Committee is a sub-committee of the Tintern Festivals Association and this year its hardworking members were Rod Adshead, Helen Carter, Paul Christie, Fiona Gillespie, Elle Graham, Julian Idon, Nichola Foreman (General Manager, The Anchor Inn), Harry Hoskins, Jessica Carter James, John Livermore (Treasurer), Andrew Reid, Vivien Richards (Chair), John Topp, Giles Ward and Julie Ward. Do talk to them about next year's plans!



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Back to school at the Llandogo Primary School

Year 5 and 6's topic around World War 2 is well underway and the children are developing their knowledge to become ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the wider world. They are learning to form, express and discuss their opinions on a range of issues after considering evidence and the views of others. To support this the children have been spending some time analysing the usefulness and reliability of different sources that were shared with us by Monmouthshire Heritage in a WW2 discovery box. This challenged the children to be curious and to question, to think critically and to reflect on the evidence that was presented to them.

The children have been getting creative both in their writing – with beautiful poems and with their whole class artwork to outline the key events during the war and to further develop their cross-curricular skills the children have been using our very own 'green screen' to record World War 2 Blitz interviews. They interviewed Winston Churchill, soldiers, nurses, factory workers and German pilots -



developing their oracy skills through discussion, role play and adapting the presentations for audience and purpose.

This year's remembrance service will be even more poignant for the children in Year 5 and 6 with their deeper understanding of the events and the sacrifices that were made. We invite all members of the community to join us at the War Memorial in Llandogo for our whole school remembrance service on **Friday 10 November**. We will aim to arrive at Llandogo Cenotaph at 10:50 to start the service.

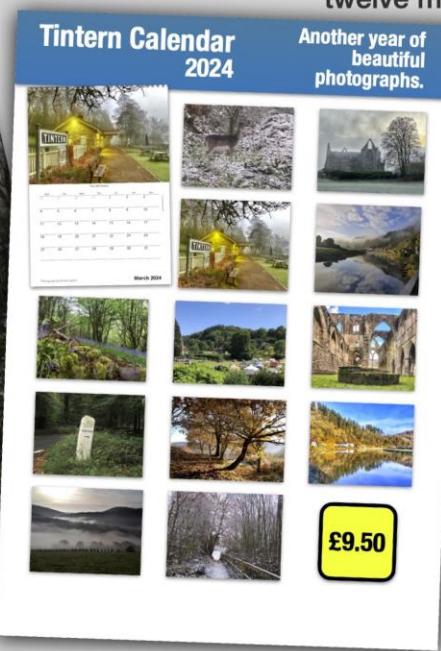
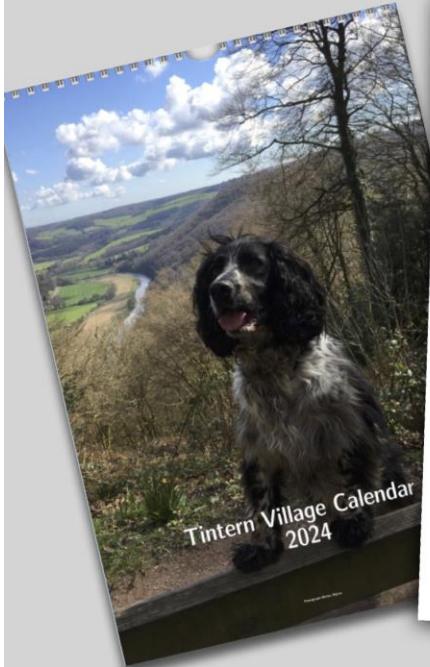
The Final Blow - By Ivy, age 9

Bombs falling over buildings,
Placing nightmares within,
Death and destruction, lives at risk
Hear the bombs ready for the final blow,
Falling to the firm ground, KA-BOOM...
and there it all goes.

Dazzling lights, deafening sirens,
He seeks death and pain,
With a strange vampire like thirst for blood,
Surrendering as the bomb falls, like a river
they don't stop,
KA-BOOM... and there it all goes.

Tintern Village Calendar 2024

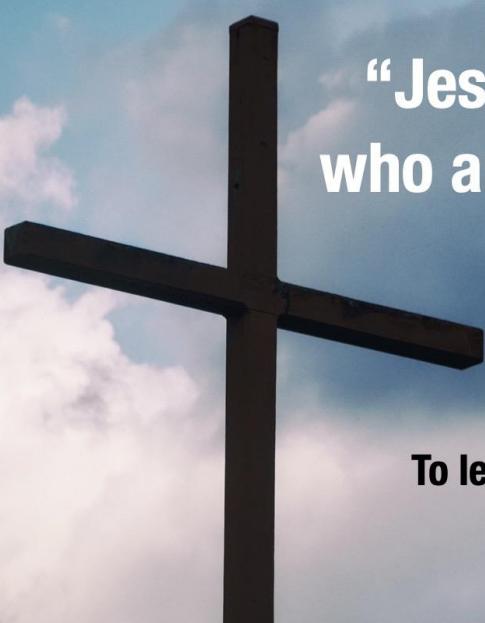
Just arrived from the printers, the new Tintern Calendar once more displays our area in its outstanding beauty with twelve months of exceptional photographs.



It is size A4 with a wire binding and hanging loop and comes sealed in a polywrap cover accompanied by a card envelope.

Priced at £9.50, calendars are available from Abbey Mill, Abbey Stores and The Anchor Inn - each has an inspection copy if you wish to examine one before you buy. You can also buy direct from Andrew Reid, tel. 07774 726860, email andrew.reid@huntermillerreid.co.uk.

All proceeds from calendar sales will go to support the 2024 Tintern Fete.



“Jesus said: Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11 v 28

**To learn more, read the Bible or visit Bethel Chapel,
Trellech Road, Tintern
Sundays 11am or Thursdays 11am.**

Llandogo Womens Institute Report, by Elspeth Reid

Llandogo WI has been busy with the Macmillan Coffee morning at the end of September, and continued the campaign to reduce waste, especially clothing.

90% of clothes donated to charity shops never get worn again. Some textiles get recycled for upholstery padding, but most ‘fast-fashion’ clothes end up in landfill. So the message is clear, buy clothes to last and look after them.

Our October Meeting was ‘Sewing Bee by Local Talent’: Everyone arrived wearing ‘Old Clothes’ either bought in a Charity Shop, homemade from 2nd hand material, repaired, or just treasured for many years. Members produced dresses and jackets with Renowned Labels of yesteryear, a very

fetching summer dress and blouse tailored from a fine printed duvet cover, and jeans embellished with a ‘Day off the Dead’ motif patch covering accident damage. Then we refilled our glasses and swapped tips on mending things and places to get clothes (and furniture) repaired professionally – like new zips for outdoor gear. Our Monday Walking group have been out with their dogs, and the Wednesday Amblers have been out for slow Nature Walks. Both welcome anyone who would like to come too.

Our next meeting is **Wed 8 November**, and we have a talk by an Eye Surgeon. Unfortunately quite a few of us are getting eye problems that come on in middle age, and want to look after our eyesight to stay independent.

And taking advantage of the lovely Autumn sunshine, we’ve draped our poppies, made by lots of lovely people, on the War Memorial. We will remember them.

Llandogo WI meets on the 2nd Wednesday in the Month, 7.30pm at Llandogo Village Hall, It’s a great place to make friends and have fun, we come from all over the area round Tintern, Llandogo and both sides of the Wye Valley and we welcome new members.

Why not give us a ring? Phone Sue tel 07881951137 Or Carol-Ann tel 07875622135
See [Llandogo WI Facebook group](#) for more info.

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St Michael's Church, Tintern Parva

For Remembrance Day there will be a special service by the Village Hall on **Sunday 12 November** at 10:30 am.



In September, as part of **Music on the Wye**, the church-hosted the inspiring **Renewal Choir** and their gospel music was fantastic. The next day was the Michaelmas **Ecofest** with classical music from the Morganna Quartet and folk music from the Rob Connolly band, alongside environmental speakers, storytellers, poetry trail and land art which raised awareness of the current state of the river Wye.

Environmental speakers included Herbie Girardet, telling us about the changes in the environment in Tintern and globally over the last 50 years spanning his time in Tintern, and Nick Day on his 15 years in the locality and discussing the current state of the river. Not everyone knows that Salmon catches on the Wye have plummeted by 95% over the last few decades, or that the explosion of intensive farming has imposed a burden equivalent to 8 Million people (that's almost the size of Greater London) with no provision for disposal of the resultant waste. Meanwhile, for some, the joy has gone from 'wild swimming' with the riverbed coated in slime resulting from algal blooms and this of course has completely altered the ecological balance of, and around, the river. Friends of the Lower Wye together with other groups throughout the catchment are getting some traction in the struggle on behalf of nature. And we had some delightful storytelling from Richard Berry, including the tale of the Three Sisters who sprung from Plynlimon and found their various ways downhill to be reunited in the sea...

With tea and cakes in abundant supply throughout, this was a special celebration both of our church and its beautiful surroundings, and we ended with a Celtic prayer and blessing of the river by Rev Jan Pain. Both events were well attended by the local community and beyond. Thanks to the WVCC for funding for the Ecofest!



The last **Music on the Wye** event this year is a Requiem concert by the world-renowned choir, **Côr Caerdydd** on **Friday 17 November** who under its present conductor Gwawr Owen will sing extracts from Karl Jenkins compositions such as the Iron Man, and Faure's Requiem.

Minister: Reverend Jan Pain - 01291 624017

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

'Sacred Harvest Pool' on September 30th 2023, by Fiona Frank

After creating the mandala at the 'Ways to Peace Festival' in Tintern Abbey a few years ago, I was excited to have another opportunity to design and arrange another display to celebrate the beauty

& magic of the waters of the Wye on her banks which has extra significance in these current times. There were many days of collecting nature's gifts on early autumnal walks whilst gathering the complimentary palette of colour and wonder prior to the event which took place on the last day of September for the Michaelmas Festival. It was so exhilarating to create this wonderful celebration of Nature's generous beauty and abundance as part of a mini eco fest at St Michael's Church. The thinking behind this was obviously inspired by our beautiful River Wye! Here she tumbles/spills over the banks into the deepest pool of the heart. It is a river blessing on her banks to accentuate her beauty as opposed to the demise of her sullied waters which we so keenly feel. Our precious rivers are on the brink of collapse plagued by a toxic cocktail of sewage, agricultural and chemical pollution. It took roughly 6 hours to complete this joyous depiction of a waterfall spilling over the banks into a deep pool of glorious colour.



During the high tide that evening, some 6 hours after completion, the goddess Vaga came and reclaimed her sacred pool and floated away the flowers etc!!! At one point the watery pool became a starry nebula, as the silent infiltration of the tidal waters carried the flowery buds & blooms into a spiralling galaxy of stars, spinning under the darkest skies.

I am immensely grateful to the generous donors for the bountiful palette she was able to glean from their very special gardens. Also big thanks to Nick for aiding in the collections and invaluable pruning department and to Barbara for extending her Forest Gardens to the very banks of the Wye and Gemma & Elsa & Adrian for also remotely allowing us to gather some beautiful materials from their stunning gardens & orchard and to the beautiful forest for a tidy harvest! Also, to Helen Beardsell for kindly contributing her beautiful spray and waterfall boosters which appeared at the perfect moment and for your lovely pictures and help.



Thank you!

Tintern Garden Club News, by Dave Tuffery

At the garden club meeting this month, Justine Scouller of Far Hill Flowers gave a fascinating talk about how she started a business at her property at Llanishen growing flowers. Although most florists in this country rely on the numerous Dutch importers for their displays, Justine sows and grows fresh and scented local flowers for weddings, funerals and other events.

While working on a display in a pot with foliage and flowers that are in season now, she explained how she discovered that there is a network of commercial growers in this country producing local flowers. All her plants are grown without chemicals and include more unusual varieties. She also described how she makes her compost and gave us a recipe for compost tea that can be watered on any beds.

Our talk next month is about “Trees – a veritable feast for fungi” by Lynne Boddy. The competition is something with fungi on. The date will be **Friday 17th November at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome at a cost of £2.00. If you would like to join the Garden Club, please come along to one of our meetings or ring Dave Tuffery on 01291689909 or Liz Greatorex-Davies on 01291689861

News from Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley



This year has not been an easy one for the vineyard because of the unusual weather conditions. The cold spring meant a late start to bud burst then the hot May & June helped the vines to catch up and flowering was good because of the dry weather. This meant there was a large crop of grapes but July & August were disappointing although they did bring rain to swell the grapes. A sunny September would have ripened everything nicely but of course that did not

happen and so we were left with plenty of grapes still on the vines, not quite ready to pick but ripe enough for the birds to eat! The blue nets did a good job and the vines which were covered survived with little damage.

Unfortunately, the rest of the vineyard suffered badly and a lot of the crop was lost. The harvest was finally completed on Sunday 22nd August. Dave would have liked to have left the Pinot Noir grapes on the vines for longer but the weather forecast was very bad so he decided to pick them and make a rose wine instead of red.

The grapes have now gone off to Dave's winery at Catbrook to begin the wine making process. The vines are now having



a rest for the winter until after Christmas when the pruning will begin. Dave will have a busy couple of weeks in the winery and then there will be the job of gathering in the bird netting. This is a job which needs dry weather- there seems little hope of that at the moment!

Llandogo Early Years, by Rachel Davies



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

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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 Center, Llandogo by Shelia Woodward



HOUSEKEEPER VACANCY

The Wye Valley Arts Centre has a vacancy for a regular housekeeper. This will be about 14 hours a month in total and will include the occasional full day on a Tuesday. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Val on 07796 697226 or email info@wyearts.co.uk.

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 Val.

Ann Hulme's Painting and Drawing day - Saturday 4 November 9:30 – 4:00pm

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. fee £60.

CLAY DAY – Saturday 2 December 9:30 – 4:00pm

Enjoy the art of hand building in clay with Valerie Welham. Working from various sources; photographs, objects and nature, you will be encouraged to experiment with abstract forms as well as literal interpretations. Fee £60

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

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

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MONMOUTH (Bus Station)	0750	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1505	1610	1710	1810
WYESHAM (St. James Church)	---	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	1519	1619	1719	1819
WYESHAM (Woodland View)	---	---	---	1120	---	---	---	---	---	1720	1820
REDBROOK (Bell)	0802	0925	1025	1127	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1727	1827
LLANDOGO (Shop)	0810	0933	1033	1135	1233	1333	1433	1533	1633	1735	1835
TINTERN (Royal George)	0818	0941	1041	1143	1241	1341	1441	1541	1641	1743	1843
ST ARVANS	0827	0949	1049	1151	1249	1349	1449	1549	1649	1751	1851
CHEPSTOW (Com. Hospital)	C	0953	1053	1155	1253	1353	1453	1553	1653	1755	1855
CHEPSTOW (Bus Station)	0835	0957	1057	1159	1257	1357	1457	1557	1657	1759	1859
<p>A - Operates via Monmouth Comprehensive School on school days, and arrives at Monmouth Bus Station at 0835.</p> <p>B - Operates via Monmouth Comprehensive School on school days and departs Monmouth Bus Station at 1510 during school holidays.</p> <p>C - Operates via Welsh Street and Chepstow Comprehensive School on school days and via Chepstow Community Hospital during school holidays</p> <p>WS - Operates via Welsh Street</p> <p>H - Operates via Hillcrest Road in Wyesham</p>											

Saturday

69 CHEPSTOW - TINTERN - MONMOUTH		PHIL ANSLOW COACHES								Ref. 69/060921	
SATURDAYS (Not Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Day)											
		A					H				
CHEPSTOW (Bus Station)	0740	0920	1120	1520							
CHEPSTOW (Com. Hospital)	0744	0924	1124	1524							
ST. ARVANS	0748	0928	1128	1528							
TINTERN (Royal George)	0756	0936	1136	1536							
LLANDOGO (Shop)	0804	0944	1144	1544							
REDBROOK (Bell)	0812	0952	1152	1552							
WYESHAM (Woodland View)	---	---	---	---							
WYESHAM (St. James Church)	0818	0958	1158	1558							
MONMOUTH (Bus Station)	0825	1005	1205	1605							
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MONMOUTH (Bus Station)	0830	1010	1410	1610							
WYESHAM (St. James Church)	0839	1019	1419	1619							
WYESHAM (Woodland View)	---	---	---	---							
REDBROOK (Bell)	0845	1025	1425	1625							
LLANDOGO (Shop)	0853	1033	1433	1633							
TINTERN (Royal George)	0901	1041	1441	1641							
ST ARVANS	0909	1049	1449	1649							
CHEPSTOW (Com. Hospital)	0913	1053	1453	1653							
CHEPSTOW (Bus Station)	0917	1057	1457	1657							

WYE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Precis Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held 31st August 2023 in Llandogo Village Hall.

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

3553. Police Reports: Llandogo had one report of a tree falling on the A466.

3554. To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Snell, Mawdsley & Morrison.

3555. Public Session: to receive & consider any matters raised by members of the public for future consideration. No one present.

3556. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda: None.

3557. To receive & approve minutes of previous meeting: Circulated, with one minor amendment to 3547, approved & signed as correct.

3558. To receive Financial Report: Charitable A/C £11,300.33, BMM A/C £4,172.53. Amount spent to date £16,822.75.

3559. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-

Merlin Environmental Services Ltd - £127.40, Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £335.59,

St Michael's Church Michaelmas Festival, Plants for planters – £65.92 (Ch. No. 300494)

Mark Bearcroft – Work to The Pound - All approved for payment.

3560. To discuss Planning Applications:-

MCC Enforcements were asked to re-visit the site of supposed illegal foundations in an area at the rear of the former Abbey Hotel car park. Cllr Evans supplied them with photographs and they are going to check on the Land Registry who owns the land.

3561. Matters Arising from Minutes: None.

3562. To receive Reports from outside bodies:-

Schools – School on holiday until 4th September.

Churches – Tintern holding an Art Festival on 25th/26th August with displays from local artists and refreshments for sale. 30th September - Michaelmas Festival. Quiz 12th October. Llandogo – Newsletter circulated.

Village Halls – Successful farmers market held 19th August. Meeting of VHC committee held with Wicksteed Leisure to address the issues in the Safety Report. Report awaited.

Llandogo – Solar panels installed. New Kitchen units being installed after successful grant obtained. VPA Show 25th August. Film Nights continue.

Tintern Village Hall projector for film nights has broken down and needs replacing. Request for funding from VHC. After discussion it was agreed in principle WVCC would assist with funding for the projector subject to a second quotation being obtained, together with confirmation of the appropriate specification and a breakdown of the costs of the projector only. Cllr Shewell proposed WVCC purchase the projector at the lower of the two quotes and then include it as part of WVCC's assets. All councillors present agreed.

3563. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance. No report.

3564. Discuss replacement of some benches in Tintern: The 3 benches under the boundary wall of Tintern Village Hall playground are in a poor condition, but are not currently owned by WVCC. The one next to the landslide along the A466 is also in poor condition as is the one at St Anne's Lane. Fryer's Wharf bench has been removed. A decision about replacement was put on hold until prices for repairs/replacements could be obtained.

3565. Discuss maintenance of planters: It was suggested the Church Lads & Girls Brigade be approached to maintain these.

3566. Correspondence: Mike Moran, MCC re improvement works at Lower Wireworks Car Park.

3567. AOB: Mark Bearcroft has completed the maintenance work on The Pound and will be starting work on the Village Hall wall early this week. It is now structurally sound but might need re-pointing in future.

Cllr Shewell brought up the subject of the blue camper van parked on the promenade.

Cllr Shewell & County Cllr Webb attended a very positive meeting with Sgt Stephen Hayward & the New Inspector, Emma Sowrey. They are very keen to build up good relationships and be supportive of community policing. Several issues were raised with them. They agreed to endeavour to send someone to a council meeting quarterly. They will also supply an explanation of what their CSO's role is to go on the web site and in the Tintern News.

Cllr Morrison has agreed to do checks on the defibrillator by the Drs Surgery.

Cllr Parker reported that the multi-use Games Area behind the School needs attention. Mike Moran from MCC had informed her they were hoping to have it re-surfaced, but there is no money in the budget at the moment. County Cllr Webb will look into this.

Cllr Evans reported some people were electric treating the Japanese Knotweed at the rear of the former Abbey Hotel. AONB currently have a programme to carry out some eradication measures by this method this September.

Cllr Parker reported the notice board from near the Llandogo Shop has not been relocated at the new location. Clerk to chase.

County Cllr Webb reported she had met with MCC Highways and looked at overgrown hedges and pavements in Tintern. Clerk to report these areas too. Llandogo speed signage is being rectified. Subsidence work on the road near Pontysaeson is being dealt with. Plastic fencing near Tintern Abbey has been reported to Cadw.

3568. Date of next meeting: 25th September.

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

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

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