

Clubs and Societies

Chaos Music and Drama Society are always looking for new members, on stage, back stage or front of house. Contact us as Chaos Mad on Facebook or email chaosinchepstow@live.co.uk

Chepstow Archaeological Society. First Thursday every month (Oct-Apr) 7.30pm at 'The Club' (formerly Chepstow Conservative Club), Moor Street

Chepstow Archway Bridge Club. Mondays, 6.45pm at St Arvans Meeting Rooms. www.bridgewebs.com/chepstowarchway/ / 079607 51013.

Chepstow Badminton Club. Tuesdays, 8 - 10pm at Chepstow Leisure Centre. 01291 624438 / pa.jenkins@talktalk.net

Chepstow Badminton Junior Club (8 to 14 years). Wednesdays, 7 – 8pm at Chepstow Leisure Centre. ade250111@live.co.uk

Chepstow and Caldicot Lions. First Wednesday every month 7pm at Mouton Brook Lodge, Pwllmeyric. www.chepstowcaldicotlions.org.uk/ / 0345 833 9565

Chepstow Choral Society. Wednesdays, 7.30-9.30pm at Chepstow School Arts Hall/Drama Studio. 01291 623310 / www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk

Chepstow-Cormeilles Twinning Association (started 1972) would welcome new members who enjoy meeting socially and to raise funds to visit Cormeilles one year and to welcome French guests the next. Please contact Hilary for further information 01291 621680

Chepstow Community Fridge, Moor Street saves food from landfill. Open every Wednesday and Friday morning 11am - 12pm. Please come along and take what food you need. If you can, you can kindly leave a small donation so we can keep serving our community.

Chepstow and District Garden Appreciation Society (CADGAS). Monthly meetings and talk, please see 'Talks' listings for details.

Chepstow & District Royal Naval Association. Open to all serving or veteran RN, RM, WRNS, QARNNS, RFA & RNXS. Other military service personnel & non-military welcome as associate members. Meet on 2nd Thursday of every month (except August), 3pm at the Coach & Horses.

Chepstow Folk Dance Club. Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm at Chepstow Club, Moor Street. New members welcome, no partner or experience needed. Full instruction given. £3. Come to meeting or contact 07840 283847

Chepstow Knitters. Every 1st and 3rd Monday, 7.30pm in the Methodist Church. All levels welcome. 01291 630580

Chepstow Male Voice Choir. Mondays and Thursdays, 7-9pm at The Dell Primary School. New members and visitors welcome. Come along and try us out. secretary@chepstowmvc.co.uk / 01633 400024

Chepstow Musical Show Choir. Monday 7-9pm at Wyedean School. www.cmssc.co.uk/ / staff@cmssc.co.uk

Chepstow Photographic Society. Every other Wednesday, 7.30pm at the Athletic Club, Mathern Road, Bulwark. www.chepstowphotosoc.org/ / 07532370875

Chepstow Probus Club Every other Tuesday, 10am at Chepstow Rugby Club. Come and join us, opportunities for retired, semi-retired business men and professionals, extend your interests and enjoy the company of other like-minded members. We are recruiting new members now: www.probusclub.net/chepstow

Chepstow Members share their time, skills, experience and talents to give back to the community, whether getting involved with Rotary partners or delivering a project close to home. All invited to join Chepstow & District Rotary Club. www.chepstowrotary.org.uk/ / 01291 624641 / cdgthreesalmons@tiscali.co.uk

Chepstow Society meets monthly, please see 'Talks' listings for details.

Chepstow Town Band. Sundays 6.30pm at Wyedean School. brian.ellam@btinternet.com

Chepstow u3a Coffee Morning: First Saturday every month, 11am - 12.30pm at the Chepstow Club. See What's On at www.Chepstowu3a.org.uk

Chepstow u3a Tuesday Live: First Tuesday every month, 1:30pm at the Drill Hall. See What's On at www.Chepstowu3a.org.uk

Chepstow Walkers are Welcome. Visit www.walksinchepstow.co.uk or email chepstowwaw@hotmail.co.uk

Chepstow WI. Fourth Thursday of every month, 7.30pm at Bulwark Community Centre. New members welcome. Contact wichepstow@gmail.com or Chepstow WI on Facebook.

Community Orchestra. Alternate Thursdays, 6pm at St Christopher's Church. brian.ellam@btinternet.com

Early Music Group. Alternate Thursdays, 6.30pm Wyedean School. brian.ellam@btinternet.com

Gwent Family History Society. Chepstow & Wye Branch meet the second Thursday of each month except August, 7.30 - 9.30pm at St Arvans Meeting Rooms. Help Desk is in Chepstow Library on the second Tuesday of each month, 2 - 4pm. secretary.che@gwentfhs.org.uk / <https://gwentfhs.org.uk>

Keep Chepstow Tidy. Community Litter Picks on the 4th Saturday of every month. All welcome, including children with a responsible adult. www.facebook.com/KeepChepstowTidy or litter@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Lower Wye Ramblers. Walks held every Sunday, led by experienced walk leaders, offering a warm welcome to novice and experienced walkers. Details of walks programme and contact information: www.ramblers.org.uk/lower-wye

Microjazz Training Band. Wednesdays, 6pm at Wyedean School. brian.ellam@btinternet.com

St John Ambulance Cymru- Chepstow/Caldicot. Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm at Bulwark Community Centre. Siobhan.creane@caldicot.sjaw.org.uk

St Mary's Singers. Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Wyedean School. brian.ellam@btinternet.com

Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA) is looking for lifeboat, land and water rescue crew and also for non-operational support. Thursday evening and Sundays at the Lifeboat Station, Beachley. info@sara-rescue.org.uk

Swingcopation Big Band. Wednesdays, 7.30pm at Wyedean School. brian.ellam@btinternet.com

Tŷ Croeso - Chepstow's Welsh Centre. Call in to 36 Moor St or for events and opening times visit www.cymgymsasgwent.weebly.com or email tycroesoc@gmail.com

Ukrainian Community Hub. Saturdays, 10am - 12.30pm at The Green Room, Unit 1 Thomas Arcade, Chepstow. hannahramsay@monmouthshire.gov.uk or "Ukrainian guests Chepstow Area Activities and Info" on Facebook.

Chepstow What's On



January & February 2024



© Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Claude Monet Painting in his Garden at Argenteuil, 1873

Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse
Exhibition on Screen film at the Drill Hall, 29 February



© William Payne, Tintern Abbey

Wye Tour Gallery at Chepstow Museum, from 10 February

For a digital version or more details of events please visit www.chepstow.co.uk (Our Community/Events)

If you would like to advertise an event in the What's On Guide, please send details to admin@chepstow.co.uk or telephone 01291 626370.

Theatre, Music & Cinema

12 – 14 January. Aladdin - CHAOS Music and Drama's pantomime at the Drill Hall. 7.30pm on the 12th, 2.30pm and 7.30pm on the 13th, and 2.30pm on the 14th. Tickets £8 from Hannah's Music and www.chaosmad.co.uk

19 January. Drill Hall Film – **The Great Escaper** (12A). 7.30pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £5 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

25 January. Dear England - Recorded live from the National Theatre production. 7pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £13 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

26 January. Drill Hall Film – **Oppenheimer** (15). 7.30pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £5 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

28 January. Rusalka – screening from The Royal Opera. 2pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £16 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

2 February. Drill Hall Film – **The Miracle Club** (12A). 7.30pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £5 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

3 February. Castell Roc – **The Simon and Garfunkel Story**. 7.30pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £27.50 from <https://castell-rocticketshop.square.site/>

8 February. Rain or Shine Theatre presents **Frankenstein**. 7pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £12 (Under 18s £8) from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

9 February. Drill Hall Film – **The Old Oak** (15). 7.30pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £5 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

11 February. Manon – screening from The Royal Ballet. 2pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £16 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

16 February. Drill Hall Film – **Past Lives** (12A). Tickets £5 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

22 February. Vanya - Recorded live from the National Theatre production. 7pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £13 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

27 February. The Mingus Project featuring Coren Sithers – a night of live music. 8pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £10 (Concessions £8) from www.eventbrite.co.uk

29 February. Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse – Exhibition on Screen film. 7.30pm at the Drill Hall. In support of MonLife Heritage Museums, tickets £10 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

Talks

17 January. Gwent Wildlife Trust Chepstow Group illustrated talk **'The Floral Mile - restoring the biodiversity of the Greenway (between Sedbury Lane and the Tidenham Tunnel)'** by Marc Carlton & Keith Bryant. 7.30pm at Chepstow Leisure Centre. Admission £3 cash - all welcome, no booking required.

Bulwark Community Centre

01291 624138 www.bulwarkcommunitycentre.org

15 January and 6 February. Police surgeries 11am-12 midday.

9 February. David Davies MP Surgery 10am – 1pm.

Weekly Activities:

Mondays & Fridays 7-9pm - Chaos amateur dramatic rehearsals

Mondays 10am-12midday – Little Fledglings Baby & Toddler group

Tuesdays 7-9pm - St John Ambulance

Wednesdays 12.30-2pm Light Lunch Community Cafe / 5-6pm Rainbows followed by 6.45-8.45pm Girl Guides & Rangers

Thursdays 10am-12midday - MS Society / 1-4pm - U3A Art / 6-8pm Top Stop Coffee Shop Youth, for young people with additional needs

Fridays 1.30-6.30pm Caroline School of Dance

Also Monthly Activities:

U3A History, Chepstow WI

17 January. Chepstow Society meeting and talk **'Blue Plaques – made in Chepstow!'** by Ned Heywood. 7pm for 7.30pm start at Chepstow Drill Hall. Tickets £1 for members and £3 for non-members on the door.

18 January. Music Talk – **'Classical Music, What's It All About?'** 10.30am at the Drill Hall. What are concertos, operas and symphonies? Should I be scared of them? The third of four talks by musician Michael Turner aiming to debunk the myth that classical music is elitist, difficult and complicated. Tickets £4.50 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

18 January. Book Talk – **'Dirty Vegan'**. 7pm at the Drill Hall. An evening chatting with the Dirty Sanchez's Matt Pritchard about his career and latest cookbook Dirty Vegan Fast and Easy: Totally Awesome Vegan Recipes. Tickets £3 (redeemable against the price of the book) from www.chepstowbooks.co.uk

24 January. Chepstow & District Garden Appreciation Society's talk **'Albania - Exploring a World of Diversity in Food & Flora'** with renowned expert on heritage vegetables Adam Alexander. 7.30pm at Chepstow Leisure Centre. Visitors to our meetings always welcome - £5. 01291 626913.

1 February. **Chepstow Archaeological Society's Talk** by Richard Osgood, Ministry of Defence. 7.30pm at The Club, Moor Street, Chepstow.

15 February. Music Talk – **'Classical Music, What's It All About?'** 10.30am at the Drill Hall. Turner's recommended 'points of entry' into the world of classical music. The last of four talks by musician Michael Turner aiming to debunk the myth that classical music is elitist, difficult and complicated. Tickets £4.50 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

21 February. Chepstow Society meeting and talk **'The Verderers of the Forest of Dean'** by Ian Standing. 7pm for 7.30pm start at Chepstow Drill Hall. Tickets £1 for members and £3 for non-members on the door.

21 February. Gwent Wildlife Trust Chepstow Group illustrated talk **'Our Local Otters'** by Lee Jenkins, South Wales Otter Trust. 7.30pm at Chepstow Leisure Centre. Admission £3 cash - all welcome, no booking required.

28 February. Chepstow & District Garden Appreciation Society's talk **'A History of Perennial And Their Gardens'** by David Wyndham Lewis, former Head Gardener at Virgin Roof Gardens. 7.30pm at Chepstow Leisure Centre. Visitors to our meetings always welcome - £5. 01291 626913.

General Interest

4 January. Chepstow Archaeological Society's Social Evening and bring and share supper. 7.30pm at The Club, Moor Street, Chepstow.

7 January. 2 for 1 Raceday at Chepstow Racecourse. Gates open 10.50am, for full details, timings and ticket prices visit www.chepstow-racecourse.co.uk

15 January. The Art of Spain. 10 week art history course, 2 - 4pm at the Drill Hall. Explore the Art of Spain from medieval to 20th century in this new art history course from MonLife Heritage Museums with popular lecturer Eleanor Bird, live in-person. 10 x 2 hour lectures on Monday afternoons. Online options also available, to book: www.visitmonmouthshire.com/arhistory

16 January. 2 for 1 Raceday at Chepstow Racecourse. Gates open 10.55am, for full details, timings and ticket prices visit www.chepstow-racecourse.co.uk

20 January. Chepstow Wassail and Mari Lwyd. 12 midday – 6.30pm, around Chepstow Castle, Orchard & Town. See 'Widders Border Morris' on Facebook for full details.

27 January. Keep Chepstow Tidy/Transition Chepstow community litter pick All welcome. For location details visit www.facebook.com/KeepChepstowTidy or email litter@transitionchepstow.org.uk

30 January. 2 for 1 Raceday at Chepstow Racecourse. Gates open 11am, for full details, timings and ticket prices visit www.chepstow-racecourse.co.uk

From 10 February. Discovering Hidden Herstories. Daily 11am – 4pm, except Wednesdays at Chepstow Museum, free. The volunteer nurses at Chepstow Red Cross Hospital WWI. An exhibition from the National Lottery Heritage Fund project working with local volunteers to research and tell the life stories of the women who volunteered in the Red Cross Hospital at Gwy House, Chepstow in World War I, including film, photos and fascinating objects and their stories, and with new additions for 2024.

From 10 February. A whole new set of works of art capturing views on the Wye from Ross to Chepstow in the Wye Tour Gallery at Chepstow Museum. Daily 11am – 4pm, except Wednesdays, free.

10-18 February. Draw Your Own Lovespoon. 10am – 3pm at Chepstow Castle. What better way to celebrate the week of Valentine's Day than by designing and drawing your own lovespoon to give to that special person in your life. Discover the meanings behind the symbols traditionally used in lovespoons and add them to your design, or make your own symbols to create a unique lovespoon drawing! Normal admission charges apply. www.cadw.gov.wales

14 February. Drill Hall Quiz - an evening of quizzing with rounds including TV/film, Welsh musicians and actors, capital cities, British entrepreneurs and a little bit of romance. 7.30pm at the Drill Hall. Tickets £2 from www.drillhallchepstow.co.uk

15 February. Drop-in-and-Make half term crafts for kids. 2 – 4pm at the Drill Hall. With MonLife Heritage Museums creative volunteers. Free but donations welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

24 February. Six Nations Raceday at Chepstow Racecourse, with jump races and live coverage of Wales v. Ireland in the Guinness Six Nations. Gates open 11am, for full details, timings and ticket prices visit www.chepstow-racecourse.co.uk

24 February. Keep Chepstow Tidy/Transition Chepstow community litter pick All welcome. For meeting details visit www.facebook.com/KeepChepstowTidy or email litter@transitionchepstow.org.uk

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We recommend that you check event details with the organizers.

Palmer Centre

01291 628725 www.palmercentre.org.uk

Cafe open 9am-2pm, Monday-Saturday

Mondays: 10.30-11.30am Zumba

Tuesdays: 10-11am Tai Chi / 2.30-4pm U3A Choir / 5-7pm Brownies

Wednesdays: 9-10.30am Slimming World / 1.30-3pm Bingo /

6-7.30pm Dancing with Friends

Fridays: 9.30-10.30am Morello Clinic / 11am-12midday Memory Lane Singing Group

Saturdays: 9.30-11.30am Martial Arts

Also Monthly Activities: U3A Classical Music (every 3rd Tuesday), Memory Cafe (First Thursday 11am-1pm) and U3A Films (every 3rd Thursday)