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TINTERN NEWS

March 2026

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SPRING EVENTS 2026

MARCH	* 6TH TINTERN TALKS : AN EVENING WITH KATE HUMBLE	7.30 PM
	* 13TH TINTERN FILM NIGHTS: I SWEAR	7.30 PM
	* 14TH TINTERN MARKET	10AM - 2PM
	* 14TH RUGBY 6 NATIONS - SUPER SATURDAY (FETE FUNDRAISER)	KICK-OFF TBC
	* 20TH GARDEN CLUB: KNOWLEDGE TO FORAGE (ELISE GOARD)	7.30 PM
	* 31ST EASTER PRIZE BINGO!	7.15 PM
APRIL	* 6TH EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA ! CRAFT FAIR & EASTER EGG HUNT	10AM - 4PM
	* 10TH TINTERN FILM NIGHTS : THE CHORAL	7.30 PM
	* 11TH TINTERN MARKET	10AM - 2PM
	* 17TH GARDEN CLUB: HEDGEHOG RESCUE (DYLAN ALLMAN)	7.30 PM
	* 24TH TINTERN TALKS: CANDIDA MEYRICK ~ BE MORE BIRD	7.30 PM
MAY	* 8TH TINTERN FILM NIGHTS	7.30 PM
	* 9TH TINTERN MARKET	10AM - 2PM
	* 12TH GARDEN CLUB : SUMMER GARDEN PARTY (AT MANOR HOUSE)	6.30 PM
	* 15TH TINTERN TALKS: AN EVENING WITH KEGGIE CAREW	7.30 PM
JUNE	* 2ND TINTERN TALKS: PROF RONALD HUTTON - ANCIENT PAGAN RELIGIONS OF MONMOUTHSHIRE	7.30 PM
	* 12TH TINTERN FILM NIGHTS	7.30 PM
	* 13TH TINTERN MARKET	10AM - 2PM
	* 27TH TINTERN FETE!	12NOON TIL LATE

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It feels like Spring is finally here!

The plants are budding out and we're starting to think about plans for our gardens and enjoying glorious Tintern walks in the sunshine. Keep an eye out for hedgehogs emerging and you find one injured or needing care, contact the Tintern Volunteer First Response Unit on 01600 605125.

On St. David's Day, **Sunday 1 March,** John Thomas will be playing harp in Wye Valley Crafts at Abbey Mill. There will be free refreshments too, so come along and soak up the atmosphere.

There will be 20-minute contemplative 'Compline' Lent service on Monday evenings at St Michael's Church at 6:30pm on **Mondays 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 March.** On **Sunday 29 March** the Hope@Easter open space event with art, sculpture, paintings, and ambient music will begin, with noon & nightly readings and art specially created by pupils from Llandogo Primary School. The music is composed and performed by local musician, Stewart Charters.

As a fundraiser for the Tintern Fete, on Super **Saturday 14 March (starting at 4pm)** the Kingstone Brewry is sponsoring a viewing of the Rugby 6 Nations Final Matches on the big screen at the Village Hall with stonebaked pizza – a fun event for the whole family to enjoy.

Tintern's Wye Valley Wellness Center is hosting a free Mindful Mother's Day Workshop on **Sunday 15 March** starting at 13:00 at the Newport Market. Mums, go ahead and indulge yourself, you deserve it!

Get a team together for a Quiz Night at the Wye Valley Hotel to support the Tintern Village Christmas Lights for 2026 on **Wednesday 25 March at** 7pm for a fun evening with a tasty ploughman's supper provided.

Robert Aramayo won BAFTA for Best Actor award for I SWEAR, which is showing at The Film Night at the Village Hall on **Friday 13 March.**

The Tintern Local Produce Market is on **Saturday 14 March.** The Garden Club talk on **Friday 20 March** will feature Else Goard talking about foraging. There will be an Easter Prize Bingo on **Tuesday 31 March** at 7pm to benefit the Village Hall and playground.

Easter is just around the corner so so invite all your friends and family to the Easter Eggstravaganza at the Village Hall on **Easter Monday 6 April**.

Also looking ahead, don't miss seeing Ian Shaw, BBC Jazz Vocalist of the Year, an outstanding jazz vocalist and pianist on **Saturday 18 April** at St James Church, Devauden. Tickets available online at wegottickets.com.

Then on **Friday 24 April** the next Tintern Talk will feature Candida Beyrick author of the book, Be more Bird, in support of the Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust. Tickets available online from ticketsource.co.uk/LWVBPT

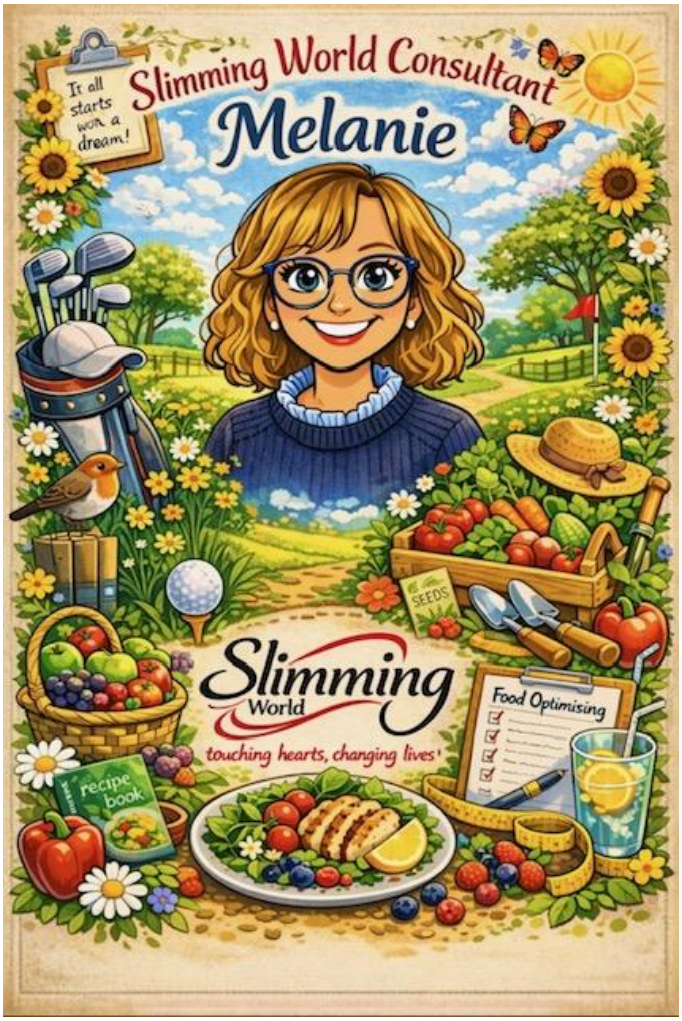
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School Administrator wins Welsh Grand National with help from Year 6 pupils, by Rachel



It might look like school Administrator Mrs Williams is celebrating victory in the Welsh Grand National, but in reality, this image was created using AI as part of an internet safety day at Llandogo and Kymin View primary schools. Pupils took part in a range of creative activities to develop skills, increase their awareness of risks associated with the new technology, and learn how to stay safe online.

Year 6 pupils produced a number of AI generated images of school staff. The aim was to observe how realistic AI generated images are, prompting consideration about the reliability of online information, and introducing the importance of consent. As well as producing a picture of Mrs Williams' Grand National victory, they also generated an image of Man United fan Mrs Swann in a Man City kit.

Pupils reviewed their experiences. "I thought AI was just a bit of a laugh" said one, but the class agreed that "it's hard to trust anything when I'm on a phone". The importance of staying safe online was a key message, with pupils reflecting: "Now I know what to do."

Meanwhile pupils in reception and year 1 found out about voice assist. They learnt about some of the useful tasks it can help with and worked out that it is not a person speaking. "I found out that voice assist can tell jokes and play songs" reported one pupil "but I also found out that it has no feelings."

The staff at Llandogo and Kymin View primaries are invested in giving pupils the digital skills they will need for the future, as well as nurturing an understanding of how to manage risks online.

Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade (CLCGB), by Alan Carter



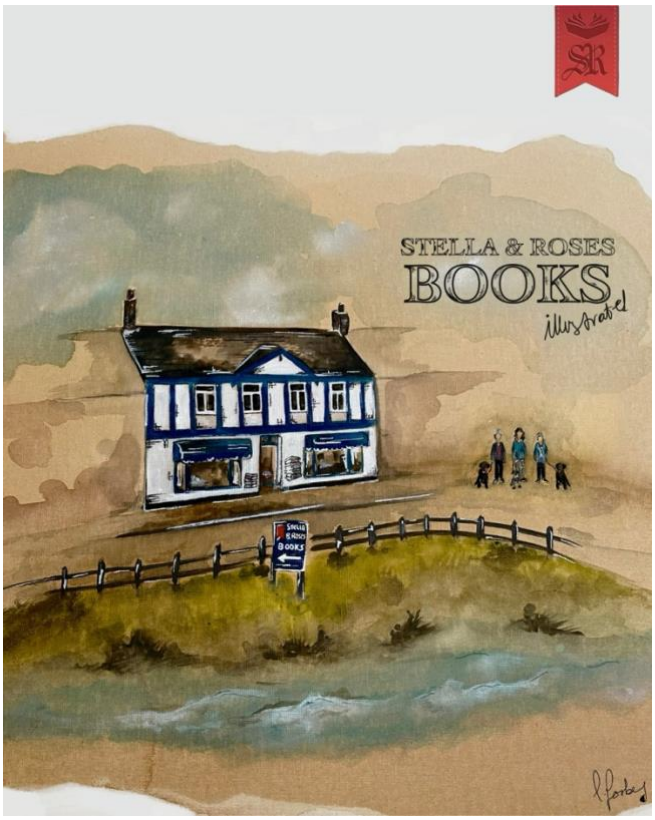
Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade (CLCGB) is delighted to announce that Caitlin Morgan, who has been a member and officer in the Brigade at Tintern has been appointed as **National Development Officer** from 1 March.

Caitlin joined the Brigade in her teenage years and brings both deep commitment and professional experience in finance, operations, and digital communication. She's ready to help drive the CLCGB forward—supporting volunteers, empowering young people, and growing our presence in parishes across the UK.

She is passionate about helping the Brigade grow while remaining rooted in its Christian and Anglican foundations.

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade (CLCGB) meets every Monday night at the Village Hall.

Turning the Pages in Tintern, by Chris, Sonia & Maria



More than thirty years after a spare room first became an office, the heart of Stella & Rose's Books remains much the same - a family surrounded by books, quietly getting on with it.

The shop has grown, shelves have multiplied (as shelves tend to do), and thousands upon thousands of volumes have passed through our hands. Some are rare and collectable, others simply well-loved and ready for their next home. What has never changed is the pleasure of matching the right book to the right person.

Our stock continues to be carefully sourced through long-standing, trusted contacts, which means the shelves are always changing and there is nearly always something unexpected to discover. There have been challenges along the way - floods, rising costs, the steady march of online giants - but there is sell nothing quite like seeing someone light up when they find the book they have been searching for.

We are proud to remain part of Tintern's fabric. An independent bookshop is not just a place to buy books; it is a place to linger, to talk, to discover something you didn't know you were looking for. Thank you, as always, for continuing to turn the pages with us.

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Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust, by Jo McCrum



We had a busy start to the year – a good volunteering session exposing beautiful clumps of snowdrops; a sold-out quiz at the Wye Valley Hotel; and tickets flying out for Kate Humble's talk (6 March) at the Village Hall (even with Itton Hall lending chairs). Then, having welcomed some substantial donations and sponsorship from the solicitors Feakes & Co, we began to negotiate with the Crown Estate for the purchase of St Mary's. A small Cadw grant then came in thanks to the structural engineers O'Brien, Price and Stroud for providing match-funding for the works we need to inform the purchase bid.



With all the trees coming down in this wet and stormy weather we were very concerned that the dangerously leaning oak looming over the west gable would finally topple and come smashing to the ground, perhaps knocking out anyone there, the west gable and tower, and perhaps some modern / Commonwealth War graves at the same time.

Emergency actions from Rev. Jan Pain, churchwarden Alan Carter, MCC tree officer Nick Jones and Wes Brown Tree Services all pulled together to cut the red tape and the tree down. It was quite something to see branch sections being cut and gracefully roped to the ground despite quite strong winds and a swaying trunk. The trunk itself was taken backwards into the woods with a 3.5 ton winch, clear of the church and graves. It was quite something to these courageous professionals tackling this difficult project with such aplomb!

We are moving forward, but we still have a long way to go and any support - financial, in-kind, joining, or coming to our events, is gratefully received. Every donation or action you make takes us further on towards our goal of conserving St Mary's a safe destination for locals and tourists.

Tintern Talk – Be More Bird with Candida Meyrick



On **Friday 24 April**, 7.30pm we will welcome falconer and writer Candida Meyrick to the village hall. *Be More Bird* is her debut non-fiction book. It not only illuminates the ancient, worldwide art of falconry, but its urgent relevance for the modern mind: the importance of finding our courage and compassion, the wildness hidden within ourselves, and to think profoundly about our connections with nature and our lives.

If you love hawks and simply want to know more about them or are looking for an uplifting tale on re-discovering the joy in life, family and recovering from cancer, then this talk is for you. Beat the queues and reserve your place at **www.ticketsource.co.uk/lwvbpt**

2026 Volunteering Days
All are welcome to our snipping sessions, whether it's 20 minutes or the full session, whether a one-off drop-in or a regular feature to your diary... Please bring your own hand-tools if you can, otherwise we do have spares. One or two of these dates (tbc) will be allocated to clearing the weeds and silt off of the ancient slipway at Fryer's Wharf, Tintern Parva (by St Michael's). Sessions will be cancelled if heavy rain or winds are forecast.

Saturday Short Snip at St Mary's/Fryer's Wharf: 10.30-12.30: 21 March, 23 May, 13 June, 25 July, 12 September, 17 October and 28 November.
Thursday National Landscapes day: 16 April 10-2.30, St Mary's All tools will be provided as will some tea and biscuits for a tea-break but bring gloves and a packed lunch.

£500 thanks to the Wye Valley Hotel



Congratulations to the Abbey Armadillos who vanquished teams such as Chapel Hill Challengers and WI Wonderful. Participating quizzers. We may have been stumped at times, particularly the phone-a-friend, who was a bit hit and miss on her answers, but we had great fun, not least for Quizmaster & MC Ali Ashman belting out such entertaining and fiendish questions. Barry and Sue were quick on the service and provided a delicious Rancher's chilli that kept our brains ticking over.

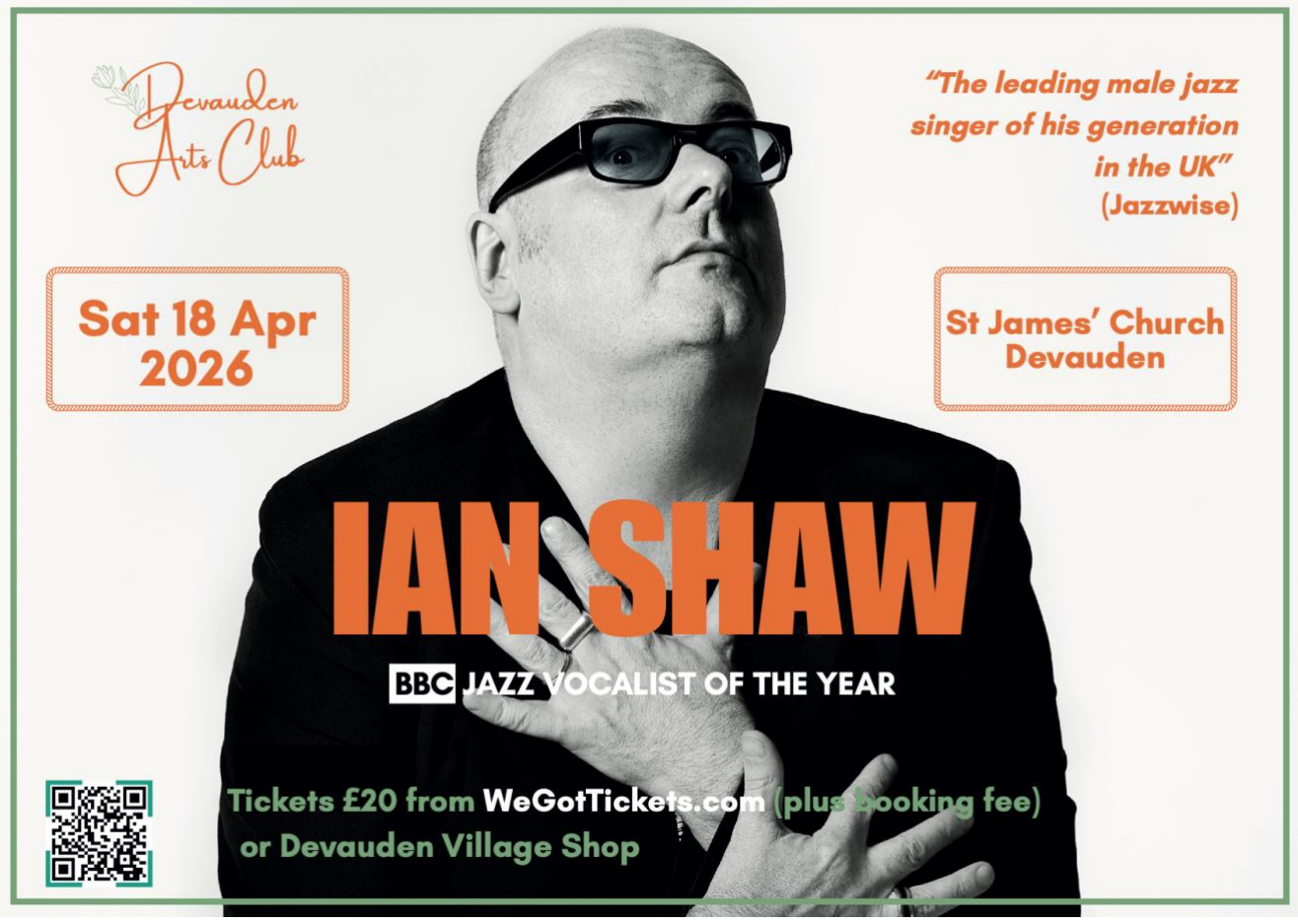
LWVBPT isa volunteer charity which intends to conserve St Mary's, Chapel Hill and Fryer's Wharf Slipway, Tintern Parva for public benefit. Annual membership is £10 and gives members a reduced rate to fundraising events and other special offers. Please email info@lwvbpt.org if you would like to join or have ideas and skills to share. Find us on socials - @lwvbpt.

Mindful Mother's Day Workshop, by Lucy Fear



Date: 15 March starting at 13:00 at the Newport Market – FREE ENTRY
Highlights:
• Tracy Pink from And Exhale will be joining us at the Better Living Fair
Tracy will be offering a free 60-minute Mindful Mother's Day Workshop at 1pm — a nurturing space for mums and caregivers to pause, breathe, and reconnect with themselves
• Nicola Crawley – Inner Belief
Nicola joined our team at the Wye Valley Wellness Centre last year and has been a true asset ever since. Her knowledge — particularly around women's health — is exceptional, and her passion and kindness make her the perfect fit for our Wye Valley Wellness ethos.
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March Quiz night at the Wye Valley Hotel, by Liz Klinkert

Following on from the successful fundraising for the LWVBPT in February at the Wye Valley Hotel, there will be a Quiz Night to support the Tintern Village Christmas Lights for 2026 on **25 March at 7pm** for 7:30 start.



We really want Tintern to look its festive best for the holiday season and if we would like more lights we need to put up more connections, as not all lampposts have the connections. Last year the lights we had cost £1200 (paid with thanks by generous business and private contributions) and with more connections, I think it would be about £1500.

The Quiz Night in aid of Christmas Lights 2026 promises to be a fun evening with a tasty ploughman's supper at the

Wye Valley Hotel

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(please inform us if you have any allergies)
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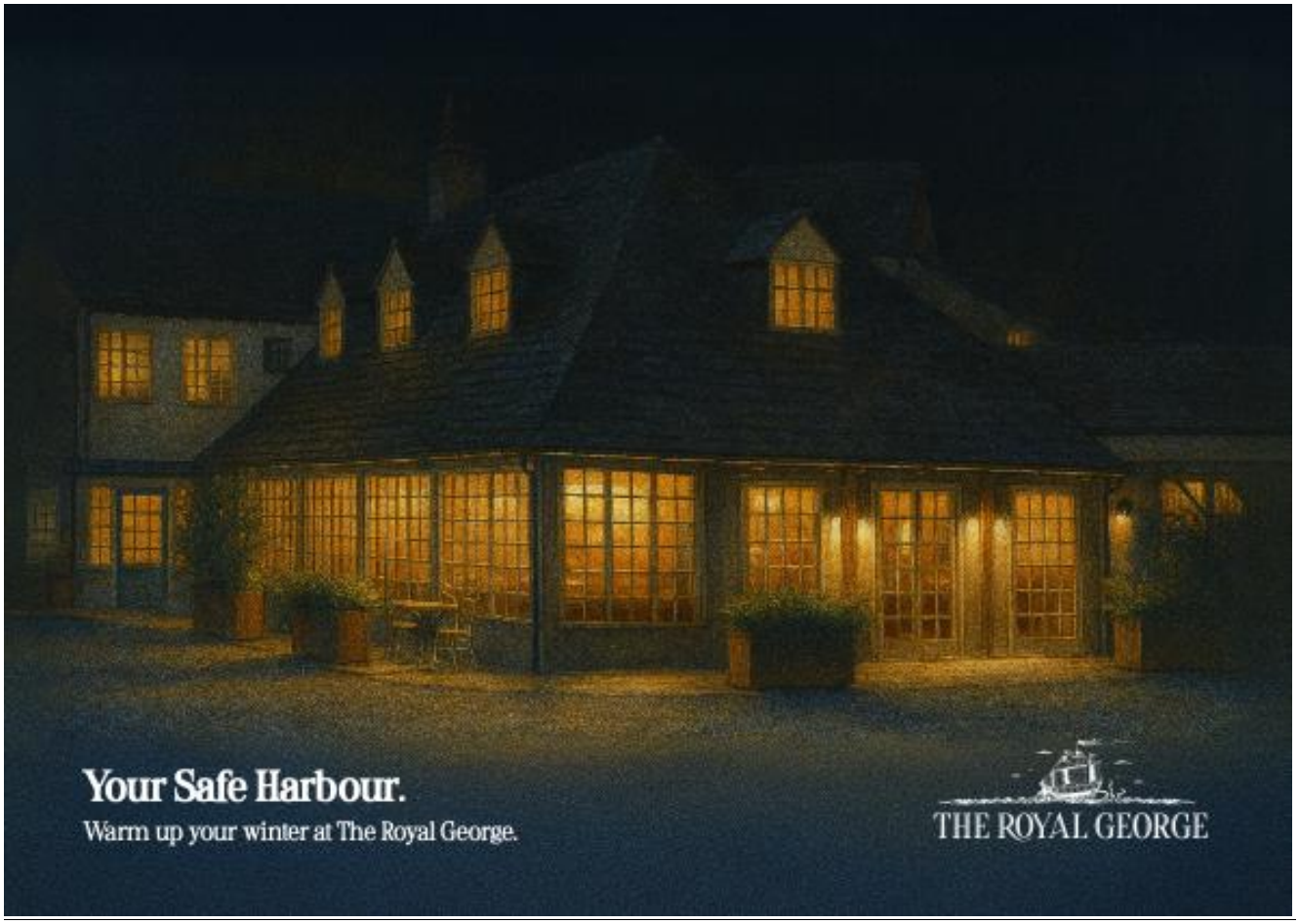
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Tintern Abbey Sports Club - Cricket Nets

Following advice from the ECB we would just like to remind people that the nets are for public use and should be used as intended.

Bowling machines and "ball throwers" are not permitted. We would also advise that anyone under the age of 18 should where a helmet with fitted neck protection when using the nets. Any accidents or injuries are not the responsibility of Tintern Abbey Sports Club or the Anchor. They are used by the general public at their own risk.

Women's Institute by Gilly Flashman

Hi there! We've had a busy time since we last wrote, so much to tell you! There have been visits to Painswick Rococco Garden to see the wonderful snowdrops. We went to Nepal (well, an armchair visit!) with an amazing talk from Rebecca who shared her Nepalese heritage and culture. We had a Nepalese traditional dance too. Fascinating and a fabulous evening! Other events coming up in our programme: On **11 March Medical Mysteries**, we have a speaker, Tamzin Powell, who will be talking about King Arthur's Welsh connection (date changed from original programme).

The new programme for 2026/7 will be released at the March meeting. We have a fantastic lineup of events do follow us on Facebook to see which events are coming up. You are more than welcome to try us out!
Our members come from a wide area, please do join us, you can try us out for £5 a visit with refreshments included. We are a friendly group catering for a wide range of interests and activities from supporting the local community and businesses, to engaging with ecological and environmental causes. You can see some of our past visits and talks on our Facebook page (Google Llandogo WI, other search engines are available).

Why not dip into our new 2026/7 programme? You'll find a warm welcome. 7.30pm every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Llandogo Village Hall. You can contact us via the QR code, our facebook page or by phoning Sue on 07881 951137. Hope to hear from you soon!



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An update on The Prickly Patch wild hedgehog rehabilitation centre, by Dylan Allman, Hedgehog Aware on behalf of the Trustees of The Prickly Patch

Work is now in full swing as we prepare to open our doors to poorly or injured hedgehogs in the Monmouth area. The final electrical and plumbing work will be completed soon, then we're ready to set everything up, install the hedgehog hutches, and receive our first in-patients.



The timing couldn't be better as we start to move out of traditional hibernation season – some hedgehogs will bounce back quickly, but others may be very low on reserves and need support. If you can, please keep putting out shallow dishes of water and supplementary food of kitten biscuits or meaty cat or dog food.



Please don't hesitate to rescue a hedgehog seen out in the day and not moving with purpose (keeping the sides, moving swiftly, sometimes with nesting material in its mouth), and call us as quickly as possible.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers now undergoing their training, and our Amazon wish list can be found at https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/Y2PSNYNC6CXW/ for anyone wanted to help by purchasing day-to-day supplies – everything from hedgehog food to essential PPE.

There are still a small number of hedgehog hutches available for sponsorship (3 months, 6 months, or 1 year.) Please message us admin@thepricklypatch.org.uk if you are interested in this.

The Volunteer First Response Unit helpline is open as always if you do find a hedgehog out in the day and/or injured and in need of urgent care. Call us on 01600 605125 or depending on where you are, your nearest rescue centre.

Thank you once again for all your interest and support and please do follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/MonmouthHedgehogFRU.

Wye Valley Crafts at Abbey Mill



The shop reopened on 11 February with a new, brighter, open look and our new members happily selling along with the other long-standing craftspeople.

On St. David's Day, **Sunday 1 March** we will have the accomplished harpist and harp teacher, John Thomas playing in the shop for us. There will be free refreshments too, so come along, soak up the atmosphere and, hopefully, buy some of our top-quality crafts.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our March guest, Tintern's Bill Harvey. See his beautiful wood turning from St. David's Day onwards.

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Friends of the River Wye- February 2026, by Nick Day

With all the rain we've been having, you might be seeing soil washing onto roads and into rivers. This is a real pollution risk to the Wye. If you see excessive soil run-off, please take a photo or video, note the location and report it via our Run-Off Reporter (follow the link you can find at https://friendsoftheriverwye.org.uk/).

Also have a look at WyeVis (the Wye Alliance citizen Science Dashboard) for sampling data reported.

Three of our Wye MPs - Ellie Chowns (North Herefordshire), David Chadwick (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe) and Jesse Norman (Hereford and South Herefordshire) - have written to Minister Emma Hardy requesting a meeting to discuss how progress can be made to restore the Wye and tackle flooding. It's an excellent letter which presses the need for a Water Protection Zone to be fully evaluated and asks crucial questions - read it here. We look forward to the Minister's response.

In a recent Westminster Hall debate about protecting and restoring river habitats, Ellie Chowns celebrated the "amazing work" of our citizen scientists collecting 50,000 samples, whilst calling for more government action to tackle agricultural pollution because it's the greatest threat to our rivers. She also called for more support for farmers and for a Water Protection Zone for the Wye.

Good news: Herefordshire Council has refused planning permission for the controversial proposed Anaerobic Digester at Whitwick Manor that wanted to take an annual 100,000 tonnes of poultry manure. We previously revealed that local Environment Agency officers had serious concerns that the development would negatively impact the River Wye. The proposal received hundreds of objections.

Radnorshire Wildlife Trust want your help to understand the current status of beavers on the River Wye. If you have seen beavers, or have any information about potential beaver activity anywhere within the Wye catchment please contact Alicia, their Welsh Beaver Project Officer, directly at Alicia@rwtwales.org

Over in Oklahoma, USA, the federal court has issued a judgement against several major poultry companies, finding them liable for polluting the Illinois River Watershed and ordering a decades-long remediation plan. The cleanup effort is expected to last at least 30 years, acknowledging that removing “legacy phosphorus” from the soil is a long-term process.

The court orders that the poultry companies must pay for this, starting with a $10 million fund that must be constantly replenished. There are also stricter standards for applying poultry litter to land and a team will be established to inspect farms and ensure compliance. Oklahoma's Attorney General made a statement saying, "These companies, not individual growers, designed, controlled and profited from a system that mishandled poultry waste for decades. They failed to act, even as they knew the damage being inflicted year after year on Oklahoma's soil and water."

Given Leigh Day's pollution claim on the Wye, it is interesting to see what's happening across the pond. The Office for Environmental Protection has said that it suspects that Defra and the Environment Agency are failing to comply with environmental law and this is negatively impacting water quality in our rivers. They have two months to formally respond. We'll be keeping a close eye on this.

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St Michael's Church, Tintern Parva





Please join us in St Michael's Church for 'Compline' - a short (20 minutes), contemplative service - at **6.30pm on Monday evenings during the first weeks of Lent (2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 March**). The ancient office of 'Compline' derives its name from a Latin word meaning completion' (completorium) and dates back to at least the 6th Century. It is, above all, a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

Then During the week leading up to Easter, Sunday **29 March - Friday 3 April**, St Michael's Church will be hosting an open space with art, sculpture, paintings, and ambient music called Hope@Easter.

The art will be specially created by pupils from Llandogo Primary School and the music composed and performed by local musician, Stewart Charters, to reflect the story of Easter week. The centre of the church will feature a cross decorated with found local materials where prayers can be placed during the week.

Every day at **12pm and 6.30pm from Monday to Friday** there will be a short reading from the Bible story of Easter week, a brief meditation and prayer for local, national and international issues. Entry will be free all day from Sunday to Easter Saturday with free refreshments available.

It is hoped anyone can come in, reflect on the Easter story and it's message of hope for our fallen world and, if wanted, can leave their own prayers. For further information and if anyone would like to contribute please email hopeateaster@gmail.com



Is anyone willing to adopt the old church organ?

Two years ago, the church bought a modern digital piano/organ which was necessary because the lovely old Viscount Classic 450 organ was no longer reliably working. Bernard Bradshaw had heroically kept it working for many years but found it increasingly difficult to source replacement parts.

It now mostly works but needs a lot of TLC; some stops stick and the volume pedal is erratic. The foot pedals have not worked for some time and aren't currently properly attached. This could be a great project for someone to restore or be a source of parts. We don't need it but don't want to send it to landfill! If you are interested contact Andy at hopeateaster@gmail.com

St Michael's, Tintern
March Services

Sunday 1st, 10.30am - Holy Communion

Monday 2nd, 6.30pm - Lent Compline Service
Tuesday 3rd, 7.30pm - Bible study group

Sunday 8th, 10.30am - Holy Communion

Monday 9th, 6.30pm - Lent Compline Service

Sunday 15th, 10.30am - Brigade Breakfast service

Monday 16th, 6.30pm - Lent Compline Service
Tuesday 17th, 7.30pm - Bible study group

Sunday 22nd, 10.30am - Holy Communion

Monday 23rd, 6.30pm - Lent Compline Service

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Monday-Friday 12pm and 6.30pm - Hope@ Easter prayers
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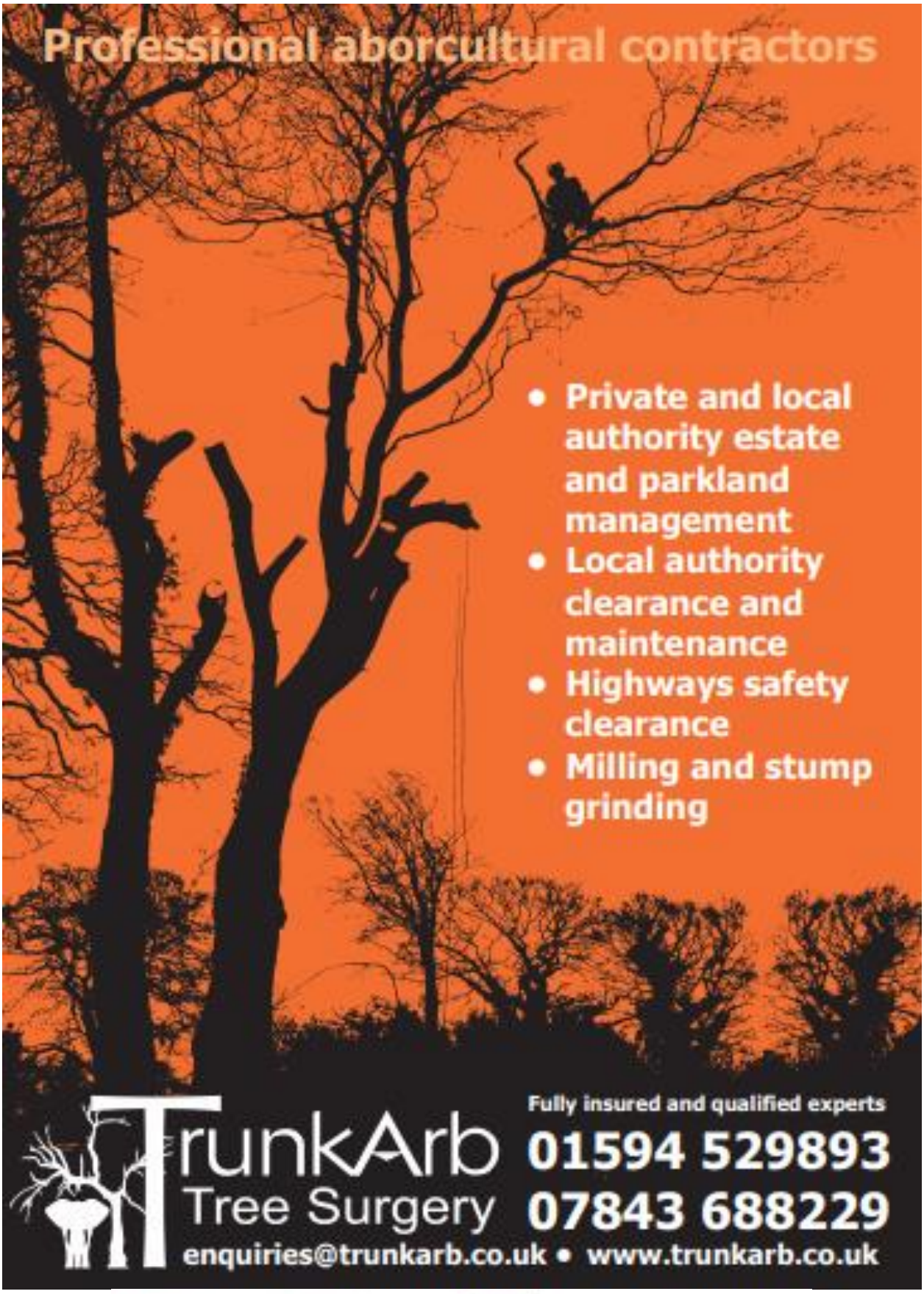
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Tintern Garden Club, by Judith Dudley

The Garden Club met on Friday 20 February in the Village Hall. It was our chairman Dave Tuffery's sad duty to inform us of the passing of Alan Parker, one of our long-standing members. He will be missed by us all and our thoughts are with Diane his widow and his family.

Our evening talk was about Gladioli. We thought there was not a lot to learn about gladioli, but we were wrong! Gill Hazel from Somerset kept us entertained for the evening with her vast knowledge about them. She told us that mostly they originated in South Africa but the many species there are quite small and not very hardy. Over the years they have been bred to produce the large, decorative varieties we know today. Gill explained how she & her husband bought a "gladioli business" and learned about growing them & producing bulbs for sale. They bought many bulbs from Holland where millions of gladioli bulbs are produced each year. She also told us the best way to grow the bulbs to produce blooms for showing and what the judges look for in a good stem of gladiolus. Altogether it was a fascinating talk.

Next month, on Friday 20th March, our talk is entitled "The Knowledge to Forage" by Elise Goard. The meeting will be in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome. Visitors can come along to the talk at a cost of £2.50. For more information about the Garden Club please contact Dave Tuffery on 01291 689919.

Parva Farm Vineyard, by Judith Dudley

I shouldn't always talk about the weather, but this year's rain has certainly been something to talk about! I don't think we have ever known the ground this wet in the 30 years we have been at Parva Farm. We are lucky that we are on a hill so at least the water drains off fairly quickly.



Between showers I am getting on with pruning the vines, but it is certainly a nicer job on the dry days. I am on schedule to finish by the end of March when we will start lambing.

Colin is trying to do some fencing but is being hindered by the wet ground. He is using the tractor as little as possible to avoid making too much mess. His next job will be to replace the rotten vine posts in the vineyard, of which there are quite a number. Again, it would be an easier job if it was drier!



It is nice to see the spring flowers starting to bloom. Daffodils, hellebores, primroses, rhododendrons, camellias, cherries and various bulbs are flowering now and helping to brighten up the dull days.



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WYE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL note: new website www.wyevalley-cc.gov.uk

Minutes of meeting held on 15 December 2025 at Tintern Village Hall

Attendance Cllr Stephen Evans, Cllr Angus Ashman, Cllr Lynne Parker, Cllr Stephanie Shewell, Cllr Ian Mawdsley Cllr Ann Webb – County Councillor Jacob Richards-Powell (Clerk)

4029. Apologies for absence Cllr Jamie Morrison, Cllr Carla Snell 4030. Declarations of Interest None

4031. Police Reports Noted received Llandogo report – Tintern reports are still not being received. This has been raised with Gwent Police.

4032. County Councillor Report Ongoing issues with Abbey lights – a broken cable has been identified as the issue and CADW and National Grid are working to carry out repairs.

4033. Public Participation No members present

4034. Approve the Minutes from October and September meetings Minutes approved for September and October meetings

4035. Clerk's Report & matters arising from last Meeting Site visit to Tintern Wharf with Chair, Clerk and contractor to ascertain work needed and prepare a three-part quotation. This will be used to gather additional quotations for the work required. The payroll service for Clerk's monthly salary has now been setup, and the accountant is reviewing any historic issues with HMRC to ensure they are put right. Clerk has spoken with the flood officer from MCC who is happy to attend a meeting to discuss ongoing works in the area for flood prevention and mitigation. Christmas tree has been ordered with delivery to the village green in Tintern. Cllr Ashman and his son sited the tree and installed the lights.

4036. Financial Report Each year MCC asks community councils how they'd prefer to receive the annual precept. Either as a single payment at the start of the financial year or as three payments throughout the year. Currently WVCC receives three payments throughout the year. Councillors agreed that they would be happy to receive one payment at the start of the year for the benefit of accruing interest. Total expenditure October: £906.64 Total expenditure November: £876.03 Current account balance: £4,123.97 BMM account balance: £32,454.10

4037. Approval is sought for the following payments - Christmas Tree Bluebell Farm - £160 - Clerk's salary November, December - Merlin £113.78 (November) - Merlin £113.78 (December)

4038. Internal Audit Effectiveness Review The Internal Audit Effectiveness Review did not identify any issues with the current framework for WVCC carrying out its internal audit. The report has been marked as compliant for the year 2024/2025, this will be carried out annually.

4039. External audit report response Item to be discussed at January 2026 meeting to allow councillors sufficient time to read the report and recommendations.

4040. Car park terms of use at Fryer's Wharf Clerk and Councillor to visit car park to ensure boundaries are not being encroached upon. Clerk to find quotations for a set of signs and posts that will identify WVCC as the owner of the car park and include a liability waiver.

4041. Quotation for remarking Wharf Car Parking bays Proposed by Cllr Parker and seconded by Cllr Evans to accept Roman Roadmarking's quotation of £250 + VAT for a disabled parking space at Tintern Wharf car park

4042. finance committee budget review for 2026-2027 Date booked for Monday 19th January 2026 to review and agree budget for the financial year 2026-2027 and to review monthly ordinary meeting dates from March 2026

4043. Planning applications: DM/2025/00495 – Proposed change of use and temporary drink / food stand Whitestone Llandogo Comments: WVCC objects to the application on the grounds that increased traffic will be a danger on the narrow roads and will create more fumes and reduce air quality in an area dedicated to natural preservation

DM/2025/01365 – Alterations to existing dwelling Wyemeadow View Llandogo Comments: No comments

DM/2025/01383 – Conversion of house into two dwellings – Stream Cottage Tintern Comments: No objections

DM/2025/01391 – information only – Harvesting track Cuckoo Wood, Llandogo for treatment of infected Larch trees Noted

4044. Grant applications received: - **Tintern Village Hall** - Proposed by Cllr Shewell, seconded by Cllr Ashman to pay the following: Insurance premium for the hall £1235.53 Contribution towards business rates £395.33 Contribution towards utilities £250 Contribution towards manhole repairs £250 –

Tintern Village Fete – More information required prior to the January meeting. Clerk to contact treasurer for additional information.

Lads & Girls Brigade – proposed by Cllr Shewell and seconded by Cllr Mawdsley to pay a grant of £500 to allow the club to reduce its costs to its members 4045.

Councillor Reports & update - Cllr Mawdsley: Tracks and Trails reports received

Cllr Shewell: Raised the matter of the rent agreement between WVCC and The Filling Station Café, the wall outside Tintern Village Hall still requires repair. The road markings by Tintern Village Green needs to re-applied and clarified to show that it is a 'no parking' area.

Cllr Stephens: had a request for the damaged wall at Tintern Village Hall to be partially removed to widen the junction

Cllr Parker: Replacement keys have been produced; Cllr Parker has one. Lock to be removed from the 'public' side of the notice board to allow access. Flood relief work in Llandogo is ongoing and due to be complete in January.

Cllr Ashman: The white lines on the main road as you pass by the shop is causing issues with people knowing where to position their vehicles on the road.

4046. Other Reports -Churches: Church report and list of upcoming events provided. -School: nothing to report -Village Halls: Llandogo hosted a murder mystery night which was well attended. In response to a letter sent to LVH in May 2025 concerning its annual accounts LVH has instructed a local accountant to carry out the work as set out in the letter with a view to submitting a grant application in early 2026.

4047. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

4048. Items for next agenda (at Chair's discretion) Licence agreement with Filling Station Café To add Llandogo Village Hall accounts to January agenda

4069. Date of next meeting 26 January at Tintern Village Hall

DRAFT Minutes of meeting held on 26 January 2026 at Tintern Village Hall

Attendance Cllr Angus Ashman, Cllr Ian Mawdsley, Cllr Carla Snell, Cllr Lynne Parker County Councillor Ann Webb Clerk; Jacob Richards-Powell

4050. Apologies Cllr Stephen Evans, Cllr Jamie Morrison, Cllr Stephanie Shewell

4051. Declarations of Interest Cllr Lynne Parker declared an interest in item 4064 'Llandogo Village Hall' as she is a member of the Llandogo Village Hall Committee but were allowed to provide information on behalf of the village hall.

4052. Police reports Not received

4053. County Councillor Report Cllr Ann Webb reported that the lights are now working on The Abbey in Tintern. An active enforcement notice is ongoing in the community. They are due to meet with the Police Commissioner so will bring it forward that WVCC are not receiving timely reports for Tintern and no reports for LLandogo.

4054. Public Participation No members present

4055. Approval of Minutes – December meeting The Minutes of the December meeting were found to be an accurate record of the meeting and were accepted. Monday 26th January 2026 – Llandogo Village Hall Ordinary Meeting The Clerk's Office, 15 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HL

4056. Clerk's Report & matters arising from last Meeting

- Clerk and Chair had met with contractors at Tintern Wharf in December for the purpose of quotations for the culvert wall works.

-Clerk has instructed Roman Road Markings to mark a disabled parking bay on The Wharf Car park

- Clerk has sought a quotation for signage for The Wharf Car park
- Clerk has paid approved grants to Tintern Village Hall
- Clerk has submitted The Tintern Village Hall car park wall to an MCC scheme to review small jobs that need to be carried out
- Clerk has re-directed the old website link to the new website. The new WVCC website is now live: WWW.WYEVALLEY-CC.GOV.UK
- Clerk has amended the budget in accordance with suggestions from the Finance Working Group
- Clerk has notified Merlin Waste company of the additional dog waste bin which has been installed by the Abbey.
- Clerk has produced laminated information cards for the noticeboards signposting the new website and contact details
- Clerk to draft a letter to The Filling Station regarding a previously agreed licence for outdoor furniture / seating on Council land adjacent to Tintern Village Hall

4057. Financial Report The current account balance at the time of the meeting is: £10,997.83 The total spent in December 2025 was: £1236.03

4058. Approval is sought for the following payments - noticeboard repair invoice £50.55 - Clerk's salary - Merlin £113.78 (December) - Payroll invoice £24

4059. Purchase of car park signs as quoted £163.39 (+VAT) and the cost of two bags of post-crete to install two signs on The Wharf Car park stating ownership of the carpark and insurance waiver for vehicles stored there. Proposed by Cllr Ashman seconded by Cllr Parker

4060. Quotations for Wharf culvert works Monday 26th January 2026 – Llandogo Village Hall Ordinary Meeting The Clerk's Office, 15 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HL A quotation of £17,690.69 provided by ALD Plant Hire (This total is inclusive of VAT at 20%) has been accepted for the work. Clerk to ask for the additional cost of a small fence to be included and factored into the current quotation.

4061. Work with website and ways to promote new link The new Council website is live, and Council documents are policies have been uploaded. To help with signposting new notices for the noticeboards have been drafted and a note has been added in the February Tintern News to include the new website link. The information has been shared on the Council's Facebook page, and The Clerk will write to partners informing them of the new email address and website. The old email addresses are being monitored.

4062. Approve budget for 2026-2027 Councillors approved the budget for 2026-2027 recognising that there is a requirement to bolster The Council's reserves following an anticipated large spend this financial year on the cost of repair works at The Wharf car park in Tintern.

4063. Approve precept for 2026-2027 Councillors agreed not to increase the precept for 2026-2027 and it will remain at £32,488.00 this will be submitted to MCC.

4064. To consider grant applications received:

- Tintern Village Fete – A decision has not been made as it is unclear on what the requested total will cover in terms of spending. Clerk to clarify this with the treasurer for the next WVCC meeting.
- Llandogo Village Hall – A grant of £1261.56 has been granted to Llandogo Village Hall to cover the cost of the insurance premium. WVCC recognise that Llandogo Hall have discrepancies in their end of year accounts and that these will need to be rectified to allow further grants to be considered in the financial year 2026-2027.
- Llandogo Village Fete – A grant of up to £500 for the cost of an audio / PA system has been granted. WVCC will buy the equipment directly and donate it to The Village Fete group. Monday 26th January 2026

– Llandogo Village Hall Ordinary Meeting The Clerk's Office, 15 Caerau Road, Newport, NP20 4HL

4065. Councillor Reports & update

Cllr Snell raised the matter of multiple road closures with in the Tintern and Llandogo communities causing issues with local traffic flow and school bus routes. Road closure signage has been installed in Llandogo that has led to considerable disruption but the closures have not been included in the lists provided by MCC.

Cllr Parker reported on work to improve drainage during heavy rainfall. Opposite the rear of the Sloop Inn, a better gulley chamber and larger drain, improved pipe run to Cleddon Brook Further work to prevent excess water flowing along the lane towards Llandogo House, is under consideration. Cllr Parker reported on the One Voice Wales Area Committee on 22 January, in particular the question of whether defibrillators require servicing after 10yrs – further advice to be sought from professionals WG has increased the number of training modules provided free of charge, Clerks are encouraged to ensure Training Plans and records are up to date.

4066. To Receive Other Reports -Churches – No news

-School – Llandogo School Governors' meeting 10th February Llandogo Village Hall.

-Village Halls – Cllr Parker shared 'what's on information' pertaining to Llandogo Village Hall.

4067. To Consider Correspondence: WVCC asked if they had interest in a double-width bin to be installed at the Wireworks car park should one become available, WVCC agreed to have the bin installed if possible. This would be added to MCC's emptying regime.

4068. Items for next agenda (at Chair's discretion) To consider change of meeting date in the new financial year due to conflicting bank holidays

4069. Date of next meeting 23rd February at Tintern Village Hall

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St Arvans The Peacefield	0819	0819	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1555	1555	1703	1758	1913
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Chepstow Community Hospital Main Road	0752	0952	1152	1352	1552	1752
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Tintern The Wild Hare	0916	1121	1321	1621
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Peter Bradshaw, Guardian

Friday 13th March, 7.30pm, Tintern Village Hall

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