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TINTERN NEWS

September 2026

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AUTUMN-WINTER EVENTS 2026

SEPT

* 4TH TINTERN TALKS: A LIFE IN RUINS - ANDREW ZIMINSKI	7.30 PM
* 8TH 6 WEEK COURSE: INTRO TO DOWSING & PSYCHOMETRY	7PM - 9PM
* 11TH TINTERN FILM NIGHTS : THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2	7.30 PM
* 12TH TINTERN MARKET	10AM - 2PM
* 18TH GARDEN CLUB: INDUSTRIES OF LOWER WYE VALLEY (PAT LACY)	7.30 PM
* 19TH VILLAGE HALL GARDENING - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!	FROM 10AM
* 27TH ART WORKSHOP - CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING TECHNIQUES	10AM - 12.45PM
* 27TH CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP - AUTHOR ALBA LINDEN	1.15PM - 3.30PM

OCT

* 9TH TINTERN FILM NIGHTS : TUNER	7.30 PM
* 10TH TINTERN MARKET	10AM - 2PM
* 16TH GARDEN CLUB : ARCHAEOLOGY OF MANOR HOUSE (DAVE TUFFERY)	7.30 PM

NOV

* 6TH TINTERN TALKS: PROF MIRANDA ALDHOUSE-GREEN - ENCHANTED WALES	7.30 PM
* 8TH REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	10AM
* 13TH TINTERN FILM NIGHTS: MY MOTHER'S WEDDING	7.30 PM
* 14TH TINTERN MARKET	10AM - 2PM
* 20TH GARDEN CLUB : TREES & SHRUBS FOR AUTUMN (DAVID COOMBS)	7.30 PM
* 29TH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR - VISIT SANTA!	10AM - 4PM

DEC

* 8TH CHRISTMAS BINGO	7.15PM
* 11TH TINTERN FILM NIGHTS: THE CHRISTOPHERS	7.30 PM
* 12TH TINTERN MARKET	10AM - 2PM
* 18TH GARDEN CLUB : CHRISTMAS PARTY	6.30PM

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Autumn is approaching, bringing new energy for exploring and learning

There is a welcome break from summer heat, so enjoy walking or cycling the Wye Valley Greenway. The Tidenham Tunnel will close on 1 October, but until then, the gates are open between 8am and 6pm. Membership is now open at the newly resurfaced community tennis court at Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir and tuition is available, so get out and enjoy the glorious weather while it lasts!

On **Friday 4 September** at 7:30- 9:00pm the WVBPT will host a talk at the Village Hall titled *A Life in Ruins* with Andrew Ziminski, author of *The Stonemason: Building Britain & Church Going*.

Rob Campbell is teaching a dowsing class at the Village Hall on **Tuesdays 8 September-13 October** from 7-9pm. For info contact him dowsertintern@btinternet.com, and there is an offbeat comedy and acapella music show at the Catbrook Village Hall on **Friday 11 September** at 7:45pm.

At Tintern Abbey on **Sunday 13 September** at 3:00pm the Friends of Our Lady of Tintern are hosting a free ecumenical sung vespers service, like one the sung by Cistercian monks who lived there over 400 years ago. Benedictine monks of Belmont Abbey, together with the Newport Cathedral choir will help re-create something of the beauty and spirituality that once filled the Abbey each day.

The Tintern Film Night show on **Friday 11 September** at 7:30pm is the long-awaited, guilty pleasure of *THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2*. And the **Tintern Local Produce Market** takes place on **Saturday 12 September** - a chance to support local growers, makers and producers while stocking up on delicious treats and gifts. The Garden Club is hosting a talk in the Village Hall on **Friday 18 September** at 7.30pm. The subject of the talk is "*Industries of the Lower Wye Valley*" by Pat Lacy.

Angela Palmer's popular Life Drawing classes (morning and afternoon sessions) are starting up again at Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir on Tuesdays from **22nd September** until 8th December.

Wye Valley Wellness is offering an *Introduction to Massage* class on **25 September** or book your team for a trivia quiz at the Catbrook village Hall on **Saturday 26 September**.

Michelmas is special in Tintern, as the Angel Michael is the patron saint of St Michael's Church. On **Saturday 26 September 2-5pm** the free Michaelmas Ecofest will showcase talks from ecological experts along with music and a bee-themed singing workshop for all ages. Then on **Sunday 27 September** at 6:30pm the church will host a special Evensong Service led by The Martin Singers.

There are two workshops offered at Tintern Village Hall on **Sunday 27 September** on Creative Writing and Chinese brush drawing.

The Royal George is hosting another Wine Club event on **Tuesday 29 September** from 6pm where four special Tuscan wines will be paired with a bespoke tasting menu. The last one was sold out so reserve your spot now! And it's your last chance to see the **Wye Valley Sculpture Garden**, open **Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10.30am-4.30pm** but only until **14 September**.

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 contributor, it does wholeheartedly support the promotion of lively debate on the development of the village but reserves the right to edit in a spirit of kindness (and sometimes just to fit into a page). Thoughts and articles from everyone in our community will continue to be very welcome.

Toni Harvey (tinternnews@gmail.com)





WYE VALLEY SCULPTURE GARDEN

Summer Sculpture Exhibition

Set on the gentle slopes of the beautiful Wye Valley in Tintern, this *award-winning sculpture garden* hosts one of Wales' largest outdoor sculpture exhibitions. Discover work by over 40 artists placed throughout three acres of gardens, orchard and woodland, where contemporary sculpture meets a remarkable natural setting.

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Tintern Abbey Sports Club, by Rachel Davies

After a Summer of cricket which saw some good matches including a great match a couple of Sunday's ago between Tintern and St Briavels which allowed both teams to showcase the young talent coming through both clubs!

We move onto football with our first match at home on **5 September at 2.15** we hope to see a good home crowd supporting the new season.

On Friday 30 October we are again hosting a Halloween Party with a slightly different format this year so see the October Tintern News for detail.

WVCC is looking for companies or people to sponsor planters

The Wye Valley Community Council is seeking local businesses and organisations who would like to adopt / sponsor our planters in Tintern. If any business or group is interested, please contact The Clerk (Jacob) on the Council's email address: clerk@wyevalley-cc.gov.uk



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Tintern Sung Vespers

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Organised by Friends of Our Lady of Tintern.

Tintern Garden Club, by Judith Dudley



On Saturday August 1st, the 51st Annual Tintern Village Show was held in the Village Hall. It was organised by Tintern Garden Club and entries were accepted from all village residents.

With the exceptionally hot and dry weather, it was thought that entry numbers would be down on previous years but apart from a couple of classes, entries were much the same as last year with a total of 262 entries over the whole show and 38 competitors making entries. Our thanks go to everyone who made the effort to enter and support the show as

without you there would be no show! (photo credit Fiona Wilton)

Thanks are also due to all who helped with the setting up and running of the show and clearing up afterwards. Huge thanks go to Lindsay Cobb, our show secretary who not only organised everything but also managed to enter some of the classes! We hope all who visited the show enjoyed it and maybe were inspired to have a go next year.

The trophy winners were as follows:-

- Rosaline Wiggins cup : most points in the Flower section- Judith Dudley
- Sid Jones Memorial cup : best entry in flower section, for "An arrangement to celebrate David Attenborough's 100th birthday"- Judith Dudley
- Jane McCorquodale Trophy: most points in the fruit & vegetable section – Colin Dudley
- Members Challenge Cup: best entry in fruit & vegetable section, for "5 tomatoes"- Sue Evans
- Perpetual Challenge Cup: most points in cookery section – Marina Wynne
- W.J. Wiggins Cup: best entry in cookery section, for "5 Abbey Biscuits" - Gilly Flashman
- B.E. Young Cup: most points in photography, art & handicraft-Eden Angove
- Judy Bartholomew Trophy: best entry in photography, art & handicraft, for "A painting or drawing"- Heather Bristow
- Peoples' choice Award: (public vote) – Eden Angove for "An item made of wood".
- Junior Perpetual Shield: most points gained by a child aged 16 & under- Ellen Dare

Our September meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 18th at 7.30pm. The subject of the talk is "Industries of the Lower Wye Valley" by Pat Lacy. New members and visitors are always welcome. Just come along to our meeting or ring Dave Tuffery on 01291689919 for more details.

News from Parva Farm Vineyard by Judith Dudley

We are pleased to report that all our puppies (except for the one we are keeping) have found homes. Most of them are staying fairly local so hopefully we will be able to watch their progress. We have already had photos of some of them showing us what they are up to! Our own puppy will now have to

start learning how to be a good sheepdog, but he will learn lots of other things besides such as how to greet customers without jumping all over them.

Because of the dry weather, we are feeding hay to the cattle. Colin has put hay out for the sheep too, but they don't seem very interested, preferring to forage around to find little bits of grass to eat. He is feeding the lambs now that they have been weaned from the ewes to keep them looking well.



The grapes are starting to ripen, and the red varieties are quite a dark colour already. Colin has been putting nets over these vines to stop the birds from eating the grapes. Harvest will be early this year but although there is a large crop of grapes, we do not expect them to weigh very heavily unless we get a lot of rain in the next couple of weeks to swell them. We expect to start picking about half way through September so if anyone would like to try a day harvesting grapes, please do get in touch- (phone Judith on 07484670302) extra pickers are always welcome!

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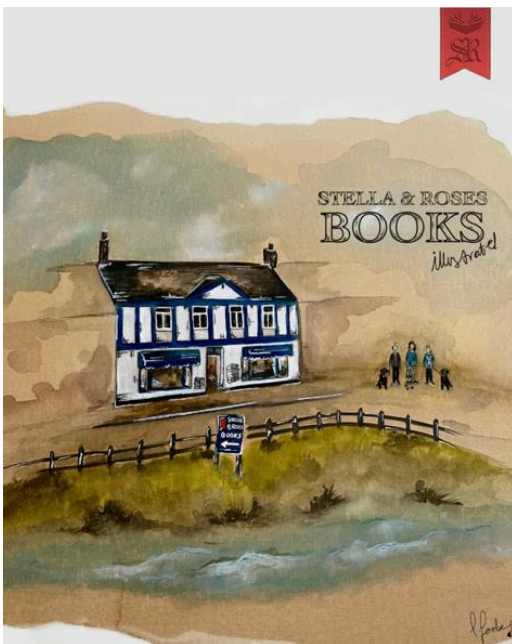
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Summer in Tintern - and why it matters that you're here



There are few places quite like Tintern in summer. The valley fills with green, the river catches the light in that particular way it only does in July, and the village hums with a quiet kind of life that is genuinely hard to find anywhere else. We are lucky to live and work here, and we don't take it for granted for a moment.

But beautiful places need people in them to survive. The independent shops, the cafés, the small businesses tucked along the road through the village - we are all here because people choose to visit, to stop, to spend a little time and a little money in a place they love. When footfall drops, we all feel it. When visitors come, we all benefit.

So, if you live locally, this is a gentle nudge. Pop into the shops you haven't visited in a while. Recommend Tintern to friends and family looking for a day out this summer. Leave a kind review online. Like and share our posts on social media - it costs nothing and genuinely helps push the village out to a wider audience.

We are a community, and communities thrive when they look after one another. Tintern is worth looking after.

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For many people, their pension is one of the largest assets they will ever own, yet it is often one of the least reviewed. Whether you're still working, approaching retirement or already retired, taking the time to review your pension could make a real difference to your future income and financial security.

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Important change from April 2027

From April 2027, unused pension funds form part of your estate for Inheritance Tax purposes.

For many people, this means that pension wealth which was previously outside their estate may now be subject to Inheritance Tax at 40%.

In addition, if you die after the age of 75, your beneficiaries will pay Income Tax at their own marginal rate on any pension benefits they receive.

As a result, a significant proportion of your pension fund could be lost to tax without appropriate planning.

A review can help you understand how these changes may affect your loved ones and what steps, if any, could be considered.

If retirement is approaching, a review can help answer important questions such as when you can afford to retire, how long your pension is likely to last and the most tax-efficient way to take your benefits. Cashflow planning can provide valuable reassurance by helping you see your future before making important decisions.

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'What's On' at Catbrook Memorial Hall
Autumn/Winter 2026

Friday 11 th Sept	Pocket Choral Society A cappella- a musical celebration of village life. Comedy and Song. <i>Tickets through 'TicketSource'</i>	Tickets £12 Doors open 7.15pm Start 7.45pm Bar & Ice Cream
Saturday 26 th Sept	A Question of Stuff <i>Email tickets.catbrook@gmail.com to reserve a place for your team (up to six)</i>	£3 per head. Doors open 7pm Start 7.30pm Bar & Ice Cream
Saturday 10 th Oct	Bois Y Bryn shanty band <i>Tickets through 'TicketSource'</i>	Tickets £12 Doors open 7pm Start 7.45pm Bar & Ice Cream
Sunday 8 th Nov	Service of Remembrance with Monmouth Band. Refreshments available	Start 3pm
Friday 13 th Nov	Catbrook Pub Night with Horsebox Pizza (Pizza pre-orders will be available to guarantee availability!)	Bar open and Pizza available from 6.30pm
Saturday 28 th Nov	A night at the Hot Club with 'Afternoon in Paris', Dinner and music An evening of great entertainment. <i>Tickets through 'TicketSource'</i>	Tickets inc meal £32 Show only £12 Doors open 7.15pm Starts 7.45pm Bar
Sunday 20 th Dec	Christmas Carol Service Refreshments available	11am start
Thursday 31 st Dec (New Year's Eve)	Come along, celebrate and dance with Cat's Claw Ceilidh Band <i>Tickets through 'TicketSource'</i>	Tickets £15 Doors open 8.30pm Dancing 9.30pm Bar

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Friends of the River Wye update, by Nick Day

August 2026 update from Friends of the River Wye

An Endless Summer: This newsletter arrives after one of the driest periods of weather on record for our region.



It isn't just a lack of rain affecting our rivers. Recently the Environment Agency published a damning report showing that just 14.3% of surface waters in England achieved good ecological status, with chemical pollution a growing problem. In Norfolk, unusually high water temperatures have caused a significant fish kill, while here in the Wye catchment our citizen science network continues to record high river temperatures and increasing algal growth.

Sky News produced an excellent report about the drought on the Wye, featuring expert James Marsden and local farmer Ben Andrews.

Despite this bleak picture, there is growing momentum for change. More people than ever are standing up to demand stronger protections for our rivers and for polluters to be held to account. The Leigh Day case against Avara Foods and Welsh Water has now reached 5,000 claimants. Any new claimants must join before the end of August.

The Ribs Of The River

We have been out with our drone recording the Wye in various locations to get a sense of how climate change is affecting the river. These striking images illustrate just how low the river has got with the riverbed exposed in many places. Seeing the river with more stone than water in places brings home how fragile this ecosystem really



is and why action to tackle climate change must be put on an emergency footing.

The low flows and record high water temperatures are putting severe stress on fish populations throughout the catchment and are also encouraging the growth of algae which can then smother the river. Afonydd Cymru have published an interesting piece entitled 'Wales Can And Must Be More Drought Resilient', with a focus on building soil health so our landscapes can retain more water. River Action are also calling for a review of all abstraction licences and for more enforcement action against illegal abstraction.

Stop Big Chicken

There's a new documentary on Netflix entitled 'Big Chicken : A Fast Food Conspiracy'. We recommend you watch it - it touches upon many of the grim realities of the intensive poultry business in the USA, the UK (including the Wye Valley) and across the world.

UK rivers like the Wye, Ithon, and Lugg are already paying the price for industrial chicken farming. Every year, the UK poultry industry produces around 3.5 million tonnes of chicken manure, much of which can end up polluting our rivers when fields become overloaded.

We're deeply concerned to hear that despite this the government is working with the chicken industry on a 'Poultry Sector Growth Plan' to help expand the UK's intensive poultry industry and remove planning barriers to new developments. This is something we'll be following closely and will report back on.

Something you can do right now is to sign the petition at '38degrees' and join River Action in calling on the Government to Stop Big Chicken Choking Our Rivers.

Local MPs Call For A Water Protection Zone

We were delighted to see Catherine Fookes MP and Ellie Chowns MP speaking up for the river in parliament and asking for a Water Protection Zone. This comes off the back of a series of round table events FORW have convened to get our Wye catchment MPs together.

We are also thrilled to report that Catherine recently completed our Citizen Scientist training and will be joining our volunteers to carry out regular water quality monitoring on her local stretch of river. The more people we have collecting high-quality data from across the catchment, the better informed we are about the challenges facing our rivers and the action needed to restore them.

Volunteer Opportunity - Ranunculus Project

Friends of the River Wye have received a grant from the Nature Networks Fund and Wye Valley National Landscape, to work with Save the River Usk and Worcester University on a project that will investigate the decline of Water Crowfoot across the Wye and Usk Catchments.

As part of this project, we'll be training Citizen Scientists to undertake habitat, macrophyte, algae and water quality surveys, to monitor the presence of water crowfoot in the rivers over the next three summers.

If you are interested in getting involved in the Macrophyte, habitat or algae surveys please fill in the 'expression of interest' form on our website; to volunteer for our standard water quality monitoring in the Wye Catchment, please fill in the 'volunteer for monitoring' form on the website

(friendsoftheriverwye.org.uk/join)

Voyage of Our Lady Of The Wye, 15th - 19th August

The annual 'Our Lady of the Wye Canoe Pilgrimage' set out from Hay-on-Wye on the 15th August, to further raise awareness of pollution and the declining health of the River Wye. From St Mary's, Hay, it proceeded via services at Whitney-on-Wye, Weobley, Moccas, Hereford Cathedral, and St Catherine's Hoarwithy.

Many **thanks**, as always, to our network of citizen scientists and supporters. Despite the multiple challenges facing our waters, we are proud to be part of a community of people standing up to defend our rivers and streams. – Onwards! - Friends of the River Wye

Two new creative workshops at Tintern Village Hall Sunday 27 September

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September 27
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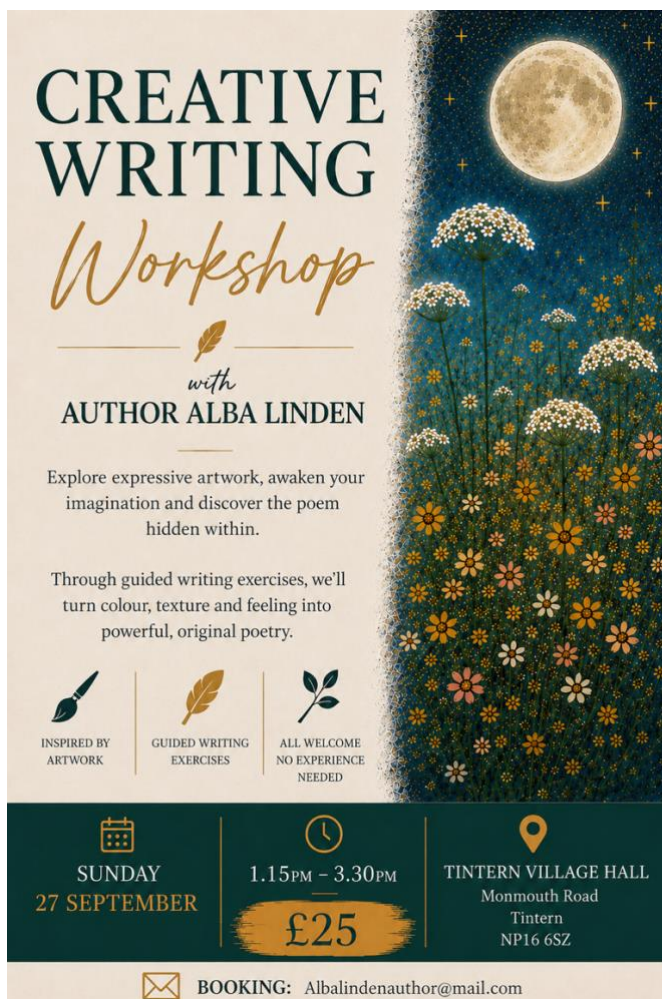
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This month's guest is Eugene, showing and selling his wood turning.

The shop is pretty full now, as several recent guests have decided to join us as members. We are hoping that some or all the three August guests will also consider staying on.

If you don't need to buy a gift or something for the house, you are still welcome to try a sample of Adam's beeswax skincare products or Karen's homemade chocolate and fudge, in many flavours.

Or just come in and chat with the craftsperson on duty that day.



Minutes Wye Valley Community Council for July and August 2026

Monday 13 July 2026 – Tintern Village Hall Council Meeting – 7pm DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance Cllr Angus Ashman, Cllr Ian Mawdsley, Cllr Jamie Morrison, Cllr Stephen Evans County Councillor: Ann Webb Clerk: Jacob Richards-Powell In the Chair's absence Cllr Ashman was nominated to Chair the meeting

5095. Apologies for absence Accepted apologies: Cllr Carla Snell Cllr Lynne Parker Cllr Stephanie Shewell

5096. Declarations of interest None received

5097. Public Participation No members present

5098. County & Councillor Updates A466 road closure extended until July 31st MCC will relocate two of their planters to the cross-hatched area of road adjacent to Tintern Village Green. Present Councillors support this action as it will prevent vehicles from illegally parking on the section of road. WVCC Councillors reported: Tracks & Trails developing a 12-month plan – with a view to install an AI camera on Tintern on Chapel Hill to monitor traffic and capture driver details in the event of motoring issues. The group may seek financial support from community councils at a later date when the plan has been finalised. Reports of hedgerows and embankments blocking road signs on the A466 – action picked up by County Cllr Ann Webb. Overgrown brambles and weeds obstructing pavements throughout Tintern. – action picked up by Conty Cllr Ann Webb.

5099. To Note Police Reports Noted and information shared. No report received for June 2026 in Llandogo as no crimes were reported. PCSO is looking to arrange police surgeries in Tintern & Llandogo and has asked for suitable venues, Clerk has replied suggesting Tintern or Llandogo Village Hall.

5100. Approval of previous Minutes (June 8th & June 29th 2026) Proposed by Stephen Evans seconded by Cllr Ashman

5101. Matters arising from previous minutes Clerk notified MCC of the issue with vehicles parking on Trellech Road passing places – signs for passing places have been added to the minor works list for MCC's 2026-2027 budget. WVCC councillors advised reporting unlawful parking to the police when witnessed. Annual Return submitted and acknowledged by WAO. Extensions requested on outstanding planning matters An RTO took place on Chapel Hill – police notified and witness statement circulated to Cllrs for information. Village planters have been adopted. County Cllr Ann Webb has been watering planters and has planted perennial bulbs in MCC owned planters.

5102. WVCC subscription to Wye Charter Cllr Mawdsley re-capped the information circulated to Cllrs. Setting out that the Charter is designed to give 'The River Wye' agency and rights through established legislation. This in turn should benefit the river during debates relating to pollution, environmental impact and improvement. It was stated that there is no financial or 'manpower' obligations from The Council and that by endorsing the charter The Council would be showing its support with those who have already agreed to support it. Cllr Mawdsley proposed the motion for WVCC to advocate the charter. This was seconded by Cllr Morrison and found in favour by all present Councillors.

5103. Approval of Chair's Allowance 2026-2027 Proposed by Cllr Ashman and seconded by Cllr Mawdsley to pay £500 as set out in the 2026-2027 budget.

5104. Approval of Payments (tabled) Agreed to pay invoice for ALD Contractors subject to an inspection by Cllr Ashman on the 14th July to confirm all work has been completed. The Clerk will submit a VAT return once the payment has been made. Proposed by Cllr Ashman and seconded by Cllr Morrison

5105. Review of Risk Register Risk Register reviewed, Cllrs agreed to remove 1.5 (cheques misused) and update to include the Council Debit Card: "Debit Card Erroneous payments, loss of card resulting in fraudulent spending - One debit card kept with Clerk; card details not retained on computer" Severity score of 2 and likelihood score of 1 for a total risk score of 3 Action: Clerk to update document on Council website and circulate to Cllrs

5106. Planning DM/2026/00403 – Porch with associated Works, Hedgerows, Forge Road, Tintern No objections DM/2026/00747 – single storey side extension and associated works, Spring Cottage, Tintern No objections

5107. Items for next agenda No items at this time.

5108. Time and date of next meeting Monday August 10th 2026 at Llandogo Village Hall 7pm

Monday 10th August 2026 – Llandogo Village Hall Council Meeting – 7pm DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting opened at: 1905 The Chair opened the meeting by explaining to Councillors that The Clerk can be contacted between Monday to Friday from 10am – 6pm however due to limited work hours may not be available. Agenda items should be submitted by email no later than 7-days before the next Council meeting.

Attendance Cllr Lynne Parker, Cllr Angus Ashman, Cllr Ian Mawdsley, Cllr Stephanie Shewell County Councillor Ann Webb Clerk: Jacob Richards-Powell

5109. Apologies for absence Cllr Carla Snell Cllr Stephen Evans Apologies were accepted

5110. Declarations of interest None

5111. Public Participation Members of public in attendance: M.O.P queried appropriate community and county contingency plans for wildfires, highlighting issues for residents in secluded areas, access for fire-trucks and water. County Cllr Webb reported that MCC is bolstering resilience schemes including fire mitigation and response. Cllr Mawdsley reported that Wye Valley Villages Delivery Group is carrying out a cross-village scheme to develop emergency plans and would include fire planning in that work. Members of Lower Wye Valley Building Perseveration Trust in attendance to request Friar's Wharf slipway is added to next agenda for discussion regarding restorative / maintenance works. Cllr Morrison arrived at 1918

5112. County Councillor Updates Cllr Ann Webb reported that: Chapel Lane junction issues road-markings & Highways encroachment – Highways have attended the site and have made it clear that the relocation of planters to the hatched part of the road (adjacent to the village green) is not a suitable solution to prevent people unlawfully parking. Highways have noted several issues with the junction, referencing encroachment from properties and poorly executed road markings. Highways will assess the junction and act accordingly. The matter is no longer in the hands of WVCC.

5113. Police Reports Noted – Cllrs informed that Tintern police reports will cease for some time as the PCSO has stepped down and a replacement has not yet been notified. Clerk: Write to PCSOs about communication and attending Council meeting

5114. Approval of Minutes of previous Meetings Proposed by Cllr Ashman seconded by Cllr Morrison Resolved.

5115. Matters from previous Minutes Site meeting at Friar's Wharf carried out with Cllr Ashman & Clerk to arrange contractor to return to address remedial work issues. Maintenance has been carried out on overgrown hedges and weeds in Tintern by MCC, but further work needs to be carried out on pavements into the village and brambles overhanging from gardens. Further consideration to be given to relocation of planters following Highways meeting and Cllr decision to relocate donated picnic benches (5117) .

5116. Wye Valley National Partnership 25th September Cllr Mawdsley & Clerk can attend site visit however Cllr Snell to be asked if she would like to attend. Resolved.

5117. Allocation of picnic benches The former proprietors of The Filling Station in Tintern have donated the four picnic benches that they had placed on the land behind the café (owned by WVCC) to WVCC. These benches will be relocated to Tintern Village Hall with a view to moving one of them to Llandogo (near village hall) and possibly relocate two Tintern Village planters to the area behind the café. Cllrs Ashman & Morrison will measure the site to assess feasibility. Resolved.

5118. To approve payments (tabled) Proposed by Cllr Ashman seconded by Cllr Mawdsley. Resolved.

5119. To consider long-term plan for allocation, location and maintaining village planters MCC will maintain the planters that they own. Planters owned by WVCC will be re-sited to appropriate places. Clerk to put a notice in Tintern News & contact local Business Forum. looking for volunteers to help maintain the planters. Proposed by Cllr Shewell and seconded by Cllr Morrison. Resolved.

5120. To consider request to place plaque on bench on Tintern Village Green A member of public has written to WVCC to ask if they can fit a commemorative plaque to the bench between The Royal George and The Village Green in Tintern. Cllr Shewell proposed this action be approved, seconded by Cllr Ashman. Resolved

5121. Ward Councillor updates Tintern Ongoing traffic concerns – Chapel Hill Pavement leading into Tintern inaccessible Hedge at The Leyton's Verge from Abbey Hotel to Royal George has been cut Llandogo Report of dangerous Willow Tree on footpath 382 in Llandogo. Cllr Mawdsley to provide W3W to Clerk so that it can be reported via My Mon app.

5122. Consider items for next agenda Training plan (Clerk to circulate Cllr Training table) Friar's Wharf Slipway Asset inspection 5123. Time and date of next meeting 14th September in Tintern Village Hall

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Hope to meet you soon!

The year is turning so quickly, but we're still having lots of fun events and planning for an exciting autumn and, dare I say it, Christmas!

Since we last wrote we've shared walks by the Wye (our valley has been so dry sadly!) Some ambling nature walks and our annual Summer Bring and Share Supper. We had a fantastic evening outside in the cooler air listening to some great music and sharing the evening with our WI friends from the Agincourt WI.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 9 September at 7.30pm** and is about our Cyber Security. What are the latest scams, how to avoid them and keeping your friends and neighbours safe!

Everyone is welcome, we are from several of the villages around Llandogo and if you like fun company and a varied programme with walking groups, theatre visits, supper clubs and more do join us!

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The Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust by Jo McCrum

Tintern Talks

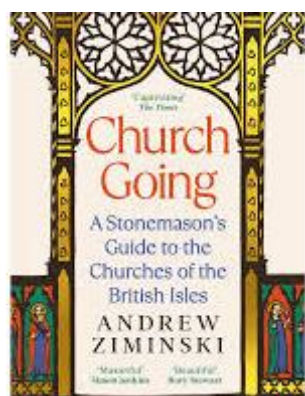


After a short summer break, we return—albeit from a different angle—to the subject of our pagan ancestors with master stonemason Andrew Ziminski.

Over more than forty years, Andrew has repaired almost every type of historic structure imaginable. His dedication to his craft is impressive: he even built a miniature Stonehenge to better understand how the original was constructed.

Andrew is the author of two bestselling and beautifully written books, which will form the basis of his talk. The Stonemason is a lyrical account of repairing and exploring buildings ranging from Neolithic tombs to industrial mills. His latest book, Church Going, is

both an entertaining guide and a practical companion for anyone who enjoys exploring Britain's historic churches.



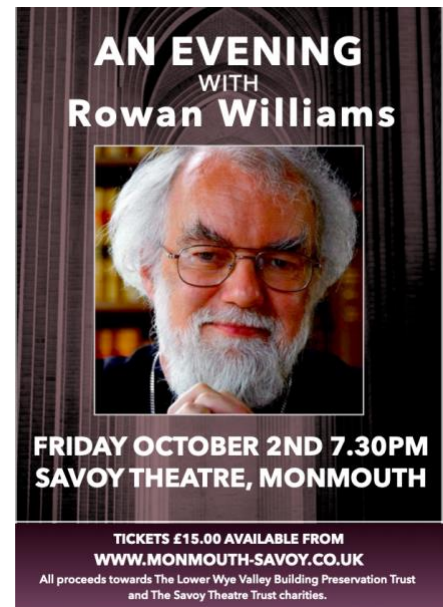
An engaging and lively speaker, Andrew has been described by Tony Robinson as "joyous and illuminating". Andrew's practical knowledge and deep understanding of how, why and where buildings were constructed will offer you a new understanding of the skills, ambitions and changing fashions of our historical architecture.

A Life in Ruins with Andrew Ziminski, **Friday 4 September, 7.30pm**, Tintern Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets £5–£8, available from www.ticketsource.com/lwvbpt.

Joint fundraiser talk at the Savoy Theatre, Monmouth

Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will appear at an event titled "An Evening with Rowan Williams" hosted by poet Pele Cox at the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth on **Friday, October 2, 2026**, from 7:30 PM to 10:15 PM. Rowan Williams will reflect on his life, career, and spiritual journey.

He will share readings from his own poetry alongside works by other writers who have inspired him. An interactive audience question-and-answer period will follow a short interval. Tickets are available here - <https://monmouth-savoy.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873684825>



St Mary's

Our volunteers have been hard at work repairing walls and clearing brambles and bracken from the ruins in preparation for surveys and 3D modelling by Archaeodomus, specialist building archaeologists. Such has been the pace of growth this summer that much of it will probably have returned within a month—but we persevere!

There are several schools of thought when it comes to managing bracken. While the idea of reaching for glyphosate may be tempting, it would be at odds with our commitment to wildlife, so instead we are trialling two traditional methods: the slash-and-bash vs slash-and-rake.



The slash-and-rake approach leaves open, sunlit ground, allowing lower-growing plants to re-establish themselves. The bash method aims to weaken the bracken by repeatedly bruising the stems and fronds. It is meant to be the most effective (according to the Gwent Wildlife Trust) but not everyone in the team is convinced this is the most effective technique. Damaged plants continue to photosynthesise and shade out other vegetation whilst others argue that repeated cutting is the surest way to exhaust the underground rhizomes.

Whichever method proves most successful, patience will be essential. It is widely accepted that it takes around four years of consistent management to bring bracken under control.

Our next volunteer session is on **12 September**, St Mary's, 10.30am–12.30pm.

Support the Campaign

The Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust is a volunteer-led charity dedicated to conserving St Mary's and Fryer's Wharf Slipway. Membership starts from just £10 and includes a range of members' benefits. If you would like to become a member, volunteer, or share your ideas and skills, please email info@lwvbpt.org, and do follow us on social media: @lwvbpt. Donations to the St Mary's campaign can be made by bank transfer: Lower Wye Valley Building Preservation Trust, Lloyds Bank Sort Code: 30-91-89, Account Number: 25277560

You can also support the campaign by adding a donation when booking tickets through TicketSource or by making an anonymous donation via JustGiving. (The optional JustGiving tip can be reduced to 0%.) justgiving.com/campaign/savestmarystintern

Michaelmas Ecofest at St Michaels Church



Michaelmas activities include the **Ecofest** on **Saturday 26 September**, the **Sunday service at 10:30** and a special Evensong Service on **Sunday 27 September** at 5pm.

The Ecofest will celebrate hope, creativity, and practical action for caring for our planet:

- 2.00 Simon Cottle guitarist
- 2.30 'Creation Care - Hope and action' Delyth Higgins, Eco Church Officer, Wales, A Rocha UK
- 3.00 Singing workshop with Ami Cooper
- 3.40 'Beekeeping for Forest Conservation' Chris Keywood, Project Manager Bees for Development
- 4.10 Songs by Eco anthem winner Felix Lindsell Hales
- 4.40 'Building an Off-grid Smallholding' Matt Dunn

The afternoon opens with music from guitarist Simon Cottle, setting the tone for a day of reflection and inspiration.

Delyth Higgins, Eco Church Officer for Wales at **A Rocha UK**, will explore t "Creation Care – Hope and Action," considering how faith and

community can inspire positive environmental change.

Music continues with an uplifting singing workshop led by **Ami Cooper**, teaching 'Can We Be Like the Bees' and people can enjoy 'buzzing' and singing together, while learning more about the importance of bees for our well-being and the planet.

Chris Keywood, Project Manager at **Bees for Development**, will share the fascinating story of "Beekeeping for Forest Conservation," demonstrating how sustainable beekeeping supports biodiversity, protects forests, and benefits local communities.

Then local songwriter and film composer, Felix Lindsell Hales, the winner of APE's (Artists Project Earth) *global ECO anthem*, will perform some of his songs.

The afternoon concludes with Matt Dunn's update on Tintern's '**One Planet' project**, an off-grid smallholding featuring a zero-carbon home and integrated small business. The project aims to grow most of its own food, generate income sustainably, meet its energy needs entirely from renewable sources, and harvest and treat rainwater on-site—offering an inspiring example of low-impact, environmentally responsible living.

Together, the talks, music and shared experiences promise an enjoyable and thought-provoking afternoon, celebrating practical ways to care for creation and build a more sustainable future. And then on Sunday, there will be a special sung Evensong service at 6:30pm, in addition to the regular 10:30 communion service.

Michaelmas Ecofest

Sunday 27th September

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Tuesday 8th, 7-8pm - Hour of prayer (Church)

Sunday 13th, 10.30am - Holy Communion

Tuesday 15th, 7.30pm - Bible study group (Church)

**Sunday 20th, 10.30am - Brigade Breakfast
Harvest service**

**Sunday 27th, 10.30am - Michaelmas Service
Holy Communion**

**6.30pm - Sung Evensong
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Tuesday 29th, 7.30pm - Bible study group (Church)



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