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October 2019 Newsletter



Chepstow Apple Day

Sunday, 3rd November 2019, 11.30am-4pm
The Drill Hall, Chepstow, NP16 5HJ

With the apples ripening, plans are under way for the annual Chepstow Apple Day, a day for community celebrations, with something for all the family!

There will be apples, pears, cider and juices on sale, a range of entertainment and activities for adults and children alike, and light lunches and refreshments. Bring along your apples for pressing or for identification with help from the Marcher Apple Network. For those with a competitive streak, see if you can break the record for the longest apple peel, identify correctly the apple varieties or guess the number of apples. Children's activities will include the favourite apple bird feeders and apple art.

The organisers, Chepstow Town Council's Drill Hall and Transition Chepstow are also pleased to announce the return of the ever popular apple cookery competition.

Find out more:

<https://www.transitionchepstow.org.uk/event/?event=778>



Congestion Free Chepstow - Update Progress Report

Arts Hall, Chepstow School
Thursday 14th November 2019, 7.30 pm

Following-up on the previous Transition Chepstow hosted packed event on the topic last April, the pending open Public Meeting will feature the political and official planner's response to the various traffic proposals presented, and the continuing problem and issue of Chepstow's worsening traffic congestion and air pollution. Confirmed key political attendees include: Nick Ramsey AM, David Davies MP and Monmouthshire Councillors. In addition to the pressing matter of the A48 & A466 High Beech roundabout bottleneck traffic jams, and other associated highway and road junction pinch-points, necessary improvements to public rail and bus transport facilities will also figure prominently on the agenda.

There is an evident vital need to urgently implement road infrastructure developments and allied remedial actions to ameliorate wasteful traffic delays, driver frustration and associated air pollution health hazards.

Commenting, the Meeting Chairman Tim Melville emphasized the political imperative for prompt action to deal effectively with the deteriorating and untenable traffic situation. All are welcome.

Additional details can be accessed at: <http://www.transitionchepstow.org.uk/events/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/813876018982157/>.



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Keep Chepstow Tidy

After a summer break, September's [Community Litter Pick](#) on 21st September took us along the river bank, clearing bottles, cans and packaging hidden in the long grass and brambles by the Wye. Other volunteers tackled the areas round the Drill Hall and Museum, St Mary's Church and the A48 verge. In all, 9 bags of litter were gathered, two-thirds of it subsequently recycled. Efforts by Chepstow volunteers were part of a much larger whole, contributing to the Great British Beach Clean, World Clean-Up Day and Marine Clean Cymru.



Energy Group meetings

Interested in sustainable energy? Join us for an [Energy Group](#) meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm at the Beaufort Hotel in Chepstow. Upcoming dates: 5th November and 3rd December 2019.

Contact: energy@transitionchepstow.org.uk

Plastic Free Chepstow

Our Summer Challenge for 11-18 year-olds closed in September. In early October [Plastic Free Chepstow](#) was joined for the judging panel not only by its partners in Monmouthshire County Council, Chepstow Action For Youth and Keep Wales Tidy but also by a lively and engaged group of teenagers from Chepstow School. Details of the winners and winning entries will be announced soon.

We spent a sunny Saturday at St Arvans Fete on 14th September. Children created plastic monsters and 'Keep St Arvans Tidy' posters and many visitors shared their concerns about plastic and made their own plastic-cutting pledges.

Look out for our Refill stickers at various places in town where you can refill your water bottle for free. Plaques and certificates celebrating Plastic Free status have also been distributed to local businesses.

Any questions? Find us on [Facebook](#) or email plasticfree@transitionchepstow.org.uk.



Climate Change Quiz

There's a fascinating quiz about the most effective – and often surprising – ways that individuals, policymakers and businesses can curb climate change. Even if you get just about everything wrong, you'll learn a lot.

Enjoy the quiz! Please follow the link here: [The most effective ways to curb climate change might surprise you.](#)

Keep an eye on Transition Chepstow's [events page](#) for updates on all events!

