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FROM THE VICARAGE

Julian E LI White

Dear People of the Parish,

I find it difficult to believe, but already we are anticipating Christmas activities. I am not referring to the somewhat banal and disturbingly commercial approach as witnessed on TV but to what is planned by all parish churches.

Firstly, however, we need to mention other issues as we approach the end of this year.

It is good to welcome Churchwarden Sally Saysell back following a knee operation. As a timed-served member of our church it is good to be in receipt of her experience and wise council as we step into a challenging future. We also thank her colleague Andrew Baker for his increased involvement during this period, not least for his drive and enthusiasm in respect of the 'Bring & Share' initiative to benefit parish life.

As you read this, we stand on the brink of Remembrance Sunday. This day lies close to the heart of many with its accompanying sense of reflection as well as remembrance. As usual, Shirenewton will pay due respect to the occasion with Revd. Nansi Davies reading the names from the War Memorial whilst Glynis MacDonald leads a reflective session which follows in the church.

The plans to combine with the existing parish groupings of Chepstow and St. Arvans continue to advance. Many voices remain to be heard and clarification sought and these will be given opportunity at a series of meetings, to which all are invited, to be held during November. Perhaps of significance to our present alignment is that scheduled to be hosted in Mathern Church on Thursday, November 25th at 1.00pm where at the Consultation Session, Archdeacon Ian Rees, will be in the Chair.

The Severn Wye Ministry Area formation is to be celebrated at a special service in Chepstow Church on Sunday, November 21st at 10.30am. Please note that there will be no other service within the group on this day.

Earlier in the month – Tuesday, November 2nd at 10.30am – there will be held, in Mathern Church, the All Souls service.

This will be an opportunity to remember the deceased and the bereaved and all members of the parish are invited to submit names.

At long last the findings of the most recent Quinquennial Inspection have been unearthed! Thanks to Janet Horton, the report from the architect (concerned with the state of the church fabric), has been discovered in the Diocesan Office many months after completion – they had forgotten to send us a copy.

The report should be kept well away from those with suicidal tendencies. Those who suffer from insomnia, however, will find it of considerable benefit.

Flippancy aside, the report (albeit long delayed in delivery) indicates that much of the pressing work has received attention whilst there still remains a chunk requiring remedial action. This will receive attention following a PCC to be called shortly.

In the next edition of this magazine, you can read about our schedule of Christmas services and have your appetite whetted by details of a special concert at the church to benefit the RNLI in May.

With every good wish and blessing.

Julian White (The Vicarage)

Remembrance Day Service, Shirenewton Church

After the service down at the Shirenewton War Memorial on Sunday 14th November, there will be a short service in the church with hymns, poetry and prayers read by myself and some friends. Everyone is very welcome
Glynis MacDonald

Congratulations to our 200 Club winners in October:

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| 1. Annabel Hancock | 2. Joanna Grimditch (nee Bounds) |
| 3. David and Marion McAdam | 4. Elizabeth Moore |

Bishop Cherry's Harvest Festival Address to Kilgwrrwg Church 10th October 2021

It's a real joy to be here with you this morning, celebrating Harvest Festival in what has been described as 'the remotest church in Wales'. I'd like to thank Father Michael for inviting me to this, my first visit to Holy Cross, and to thank you for your warm welcome.

There's something very fitting about celebrating harvest in the middle of a field, in a church that has stood here probably since the 5th or 6th century. This is a building that almost emerges from the soil itself. It suggests a deep connectedness to nature, not least because of the legend which describes two yoked heifers resting on the spot; indicating to those earliest Christians where God wanted a church to be built.

This building has seen the seasons come and go over centuries and could tell some wonderful stories of the farming communities that have lived and worked this field down the ages. It's also inhabited the seasons in its very being; the springs of hope and new life, as well as the winters, such as when it was used as little more than a dilapidated sheepfold. I wonder which season you feel this church to be in at the moment....

Harvest Festival celebrations have changed quite strikingly, even in my lifetime, and certainly in the towns and cities. Fresh fruit, flowers and vegetables have been replaced by packets of rice, pasta and cereals, tins of soup, vegetables and meats. In some parts, the Harvest gifts may still be distributed out to the members of the local community. But it's more likely now that they will be taken to food banks, which a soberingly large number of families are now utterly reliant on, or to refugee centres that are supporting those who fled their own countries and have nothing.

Even in the last couple of years, Harvest Festivals have changed, because of the pandemic. Some churches remain closed and won't be celebrating for the second year running. Social distancing and masks remain in place with some congregations still not singing the wonderful harvest hymns that we have. And harvest suppers are out of the question for another year, at least.

It's just one aspect of the strange and troubled times in which we are living. Here in Wales and the West more generally, we've been protected from the impact of failed harvests in other parts of the world. But now, even we are experiencing shortages - of food in our shops, of fuel at our petrol stations, of some medicines that we've come to rely on.

There are pressures on our farming communities, our transport system, our infrastructure to that aren't going to be resolved quickly. And then there's the climate crisis, the change in weather patterns, the critical need for humanity to do something drastic and radical and now, if we are to save the life of our planet and ensure the future well-being of humanity. We live in uncertain and troubling times.

And yet today we do, rightly, celebrate Harvest; and Jesus says to us, 'Do not worry... do not worry about your life, your clothes, your food, your drink.'

How can we not worry when there's so much to worry about? What does it mean not to worry when so many across the world are already struggling and dying for lack of clean water and lack of food; when climate change is destroying a growing number of villages on the islands of the Pacific and livelihoods in so many other parts of the world; when rising sea levels threaten to swallow great swathes of Newport and the rest of the Welsh coastline?

In telling us not to worry, Jesus isn't dismissing all of this as no concern. He's not asking us not to care. He's inviting us to look beyond ourselves and not to get trapped into becoming selfish and self-centred. Instead, we are to strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. In other words, we are to look outwards - to the world which God created and to those we share this planet with. God's Kingdom is one of justice; the world where all are fed, all are clothed, all can enjoy the life that God has blessed them with and no one is in need.

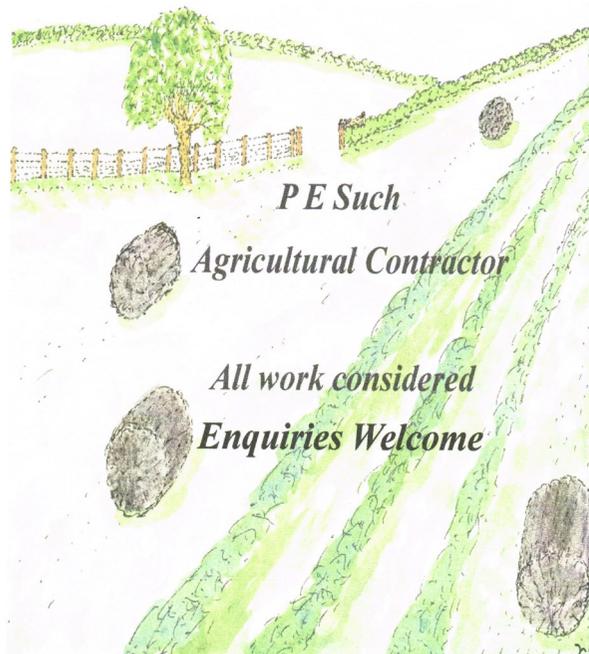
Thinking only of ourselves - what will we eat and what will we drink - leads to the kind of panic buying we saw at the beginning of the pandemic and, more recently, at the petrol pumps. They're just two of the more obvious examples. Stockpiling vaccines so that some have more than they need and others have none, is another. Jesus's way is radically different. It's about recognising that none of us are islands entire of ourselves (as the great poet John Donne penned). Everyone is a piece of the continent. We're all bound together, interconnected, and interdependent. We are called to live that and proclaim it through how we behave as Jesus's disciples and heralds of the Kingdom of God. So what does that mean for us this morning?

Three things, I suggest.

The first is to give thanks. To look out and take notice of the wonders of creation that God has given us and which are all around us. There's still so much to give thanks for. The beauty of a single flower can be breathtaking, if we take time to notice it and pay attention to its colour, its shape, its structure. The sight of a butterfly, the sound of a bee -all multiplied a million and more times the moment we walk out of this church, or our homes or our schools. We might commit ourselves to paying more attention instead of taking it all for granted; to become aware of the presence and the work of God in all that we see and hear and do; to acknowledge our food as a gift from God and to savour it for its taste as well as it's nourishment. And to give thanks, there and then, for the simple pleasures that enrich our daily lives.

The second thing is to recognise and acknowledge the immense damage we've done, and continue to do, to our planet and therefore the lives of millions across the world as well as our own. This is a cause for lament and sorrow. Our prayer needs to be one of repentance for all that we human beings are doing that threatens life on Earth as we know it, and of resolve to play what part we can in changing that. Those most affected need our prayers too as we look out beyond ourselves and see how far short we are from that Kingdom of justice and peace, of righteousness and love that we are called to build alongside God.

And there are things that each of us can do that will make a difference. Buying and cooking no more than we need, cutting our waste and recycling what we can, planting gardens or even just pots that attract bees and butterflies, praying that bold decisions will be made at the coming COP26 conference in Glasgow... the list is endless, and we can all do something.



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Consultation Sessions

Your chance to help shape the
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Session dates and Venues

Tuesday 9th November - 7.30pm
at St Mary's Priory, Chepstow, NP16 5HU

Saturday 13th November - 1pm
at St Arvans Church, NP16 6ET

Thursday 25th November - 1pm
at St Tewdrics Church, Mathern, NP16 6JA

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Ministry Area News

Dear All,

I hope you are all well? I know many of you will have had your booster jab. Things are gradually opening up and there is a greater feeling of normality, even if not completely. It is harvest season and I know many of you have celebrated, or have plans to celebrate, harvest. I have very much enjoyed the harvest celebrations I have been able to attend.

We continue to progress gently towards forming the Ministry Area. Our Ministry Area now has a name. Your Transition Team, after gathering your suggestions, has settled on Severn Wye Ministry Area; this name places us firmly within our geography.

It has been wonderful to continue visiting all the churches around the Ministry Area. I have recently visited Shirenewton and I am very much looking forward to visiting Mounton, St Arvans and Itton in the next little while. I would just like to thank you all for how welcome I have felt everywhere I have visited.

Your Transition Team met again on 7th September and there are some exciting developments happening. As we have said from the beginning, we are at the early stages of this process. Many of you have commented that you have not felt fully consulted about moving towards becoming a Ministry Area. One of your Transition Team's first tasks is to offer the opportunity for consultation.

We now have three dates where we will be holding in-person consultations (each session will also be available on Zoom). These dates will be on 9th November at 7.30pm, 13th November at 1pm and 25th November at 1pm. We will be advertising the venues for each of these consultation sessions in the next couple of weeks. As you know, the Ministry Area will be formed over the next year, but the consultations are your way to help shape the Ministry Area.

On Tuesday 5th October members of the clergy and the ministry teams across the Ministry Area were invited to attend training and to explore how the churches in the Ministry Area might support each other to bring the Gospel of Christ to our communities. We were led in several activities during the day to help us move forward together.

Our first activity was to look at our "WHY" - what is at the heart of everything we do as a church and in our communities. What those

of us who were gathered came to understand is that our WHY is very simple, but still profound. Our WHY for doing what we do as a church is the love we have received from God; our actions are an outflowing of this love towards each other and into our communities. It is the reason that we serve, that we gather together and continue to love and relate with each other, even when it is difficult. This is the WHY that drives us to see our communities transformed.

From this WHY we came up with some priorities and actions. I will provide a fuller account of the day in the next little while. However, just to mention one very popular suggested action from the day, which was for us to have a Ministry Area retreat. Many of our parishes have had retreats in the past and found them to be wonderful times both spiritually and relationally. I have heard many recount fond times going on retreat to Caldey Island or Llangasty. So we will be organising a retreat in the new year.

During my visits across the Ministry Area I have been amazed at how many wonderful things our churches are doing in their communities. We are sometimes unaware of what events and activities each other have planned. To ensure that none of us miss out on an event that we would love to attend somewhere else in the Ministry Area we are looking to have a Ministry Area website. This will have a joint calendar of all the activities, events and services across our area. It will also provide a single access point to advertise events and for people to find our churches' existing websites.

The website is only one way we are seeking to improve our communication across the Ministry Area; we will be looking at other ways as well. Perhaps this is something you can help us with at the consultation sessions: how do you prefer to keep up to date with what's going on?

Thanks again for the wonderful welcome I have received in every church. Please take the opportunity to attend one of the consultation sessions and help shape the future of the Church.

Every blessing

Philip

Shirenewton Community Council

Extracts from the minutes of the September meeting

JOB VACANCY

With effect from 31st December 2021, the Clerk of the Community Council is retiring. We will therefore start the formal process of appointing a new Clerk in the very near future. The purpose of this notice is simply to ask for early expressions of interest prior to a formal recruitment process for every candidate.

The Clerk is employed for a total of 15 hours per week. There is a requirement to attend a Monday evening meeting every month and to ensure the local noticeboards alert the public to the agenda of this monthly meeting. Otherwise a reasonable amount of the work per week can be undertaken at home on a flexible basis.

For more information about the Community Council please see our website: -

www.shirenewtoncc.org.uk

Cllr Philip Butterworth (Chair)

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Planning applications considered:

DM/2021/01314 Little Dean Cottage, Crick Road, Shirenewton

Proposed conversion of store into living accommodation and erection of proposed entrance porch.

Council noted that the outbuilding is a single storey and the proposal is to convert it into a living room with bathroom off, connected to the house by a new hallway, set behind the existing courtyard wall and gate. The hallway roof will be tiled to match the existing roof and the ridge will be set below that of the outbuilding. The rear car parking area remains.

It was further noted that the proposal is within the Shirenewton Conservation Area. The Heritage Officer considered that the linking structure and conversion of the outbuilding did not have a detrimental impact on the historic interest and special character of the area. Recommendation: No objection.

DM/2021/01561 The Old Barn, Lower Argoed Farm, Earlswood

Proposed two storey extension to the rear of the property of 4.4m x 6.5m. Equating to 28.6m². The extension is to form a new kitchen and en-suite bathroom at first floor whilst enlarging bedroom 3.

Council noted that the proposal is for a two storey extension to the rear of the property extending 4.4m out x 6.5m wide, to form a larger kitchen on the ground floor. The upstairs section will enable bedrooms 2 and 3 to be enlarged and incorporate an en-suite bathroom to bed 3. The existing

barn is stone faced and the extension will be finished to match. The roof is pitched and the ridge is as high as the existing main building ridge. The new windows are full sized.

This Council opposed the 2008 kitchen application on the grounds that it took the footprint in a direction out of character with the existing dwelling and inconsistent with a traditional rural building, also that it represented over development of the site, but approved the revised 2012 kitchen extension.

The criteria for extending previously converted barns is the same as those in the original conversion viz only very modest extensions will be allowed. MCC considered that the 2012 kitchen plan was modest and in keeping. Not all the proposed dimensions were shown on the plans but the existing building appears to have a floor area of some 360 sqm and the new extension will add 56 sqm or approx 15%. The applicant's architect contends that the work is in keeping with the prevailing character and is subordinate to the original building and the proposed extension will not be visually prominent in the wider landscape.

The pitched roof overlooks and dominates the garden, albeit without being intrusive on the surrounding landscape. A softening of the outer end by re-orientating the pitch of the roof or angling it downwards and incorporating a dormer window could be considered. Recommendation: No objection.

Other items of interest

Issues raised by members of the public - status of 'green wedge' between Shirenewton and Mynyddbach.

Councillors noted an email from a member of the public and Mon CC's Mr Hand's response with an explanation of the process of the review of 'green wedges'. He confirmed that there will be further consultation which is not likely to take place until summer 2022.

Relocation of substation at Clearview.

Confirmation received from the Estates Dept, Mon CC that an assessment had been requested from Western Power of the various options available for relocation of the substation.

Extracts from County Councillor Louise Brown's monthly report—Chepstow Leisure Centre

Refurbishment of the swimming pool hall include redecoration, an upgrade to glazing in the viewing area, a replacement ceiling, an LED lighting upgrade and installation of new air handling units. Work is scheduled to start on Monday the 25th of October with an expected re-opening of the pool area on the 4th of January. In the meantime the rest of the leisure centre will remain open and MonLife will automatically freeze the membership of its Aqua holders while work continues. General enquires should be emailed to chepstowleisurecentre@monmouthshire.gov.uk and membership enquiries to membership@monmouthshire.gov.uk The link to FAQs can be found here: <https://monlifeleisuredevelopment.co.uk/chepstow-faq/>

Caldicot Leisure Centre

An application has been made to the Levelling up fund for the upgrade of Caldicot Leisure Centre. The bid has included 2 Squash courts, as shown on page 9 in the following link:

https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2021/07/Caldicot-UF_Application_Form-20210617ct.pdf

The outcome of that bid on whether or not it will be successful is not known yet and the result of the bid is expected in due course.

From the Clerk's Report -

Purchase of Noticeboard for Shirenewton - order placed with Earth Anchors on 24.9.21 - costing £898.70 plus £179.74 vat = Total of £1078.44. Delivery 4/5 weeks.

Overgrown footpath from Cox's Well to school and crossing point on Ditch Hill Lane – reported 7.9.21. Checked 22.9.21 – work completed.

Pantycosin Farm – blocked drains reported 4.10.21. Report no: 114444838.

Temporary Road Closure

Old Road Penyaemawr, 25 – 29 October 2021 to replace telegraph poles.

Dates of next meetings: Monday 1st November and Monday 6th December at 7.00 pm, by public meeting in Shirenewton Recreation Hall, if possible, or by a remote meeting if government coronavirus restrictions still apply.

Find more information in draft copies of the minutes on the Community Council notice boards. Previous, approved minutes of meetings can be found on the Council's website

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SHIRENEWTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Our first meeting of our new year was greeted by monsoon rain, yet our stalwart members braved the deluge and arrived at our new venue. Our speaker had ventured from Breconshire, we enjoyed an interesting talk, not quite what I had expected but nevertheless enjoyable. It was meant to be entitled Owain Glyndwr but we had a little of everything including the Industrial Revolution!

We look forward to Chris Dale who will give us a talk entitled 'The Jenkins Vase'

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday, 26th October '*The Jenkins Vase*'. given by Chris Dale
Tuesday, 30th November '*The Great and Good*', given by Bill Clark

Both these talks will be held in the Church Room and are not to be missed, look forward to seeing everyone.

We still have a few historic walks left, '*Beating the Bounds of the Parish of Saint Thomas a Becket, Shirenewton*'. The front cover shows the Tredegar Arms in better times.

Everyone will be warmly welcomed to these meetings.

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Shirenewton Local History Society

Gardening Corner

There was a time many years ago, when you could grow carrots and carrot root fly would never be a problem. For those that don't know what these are, they are little flies that lay eggs alongside your carrots, and these then hatch into little grubs that excavate all around the outside of your carrots, making them uneatable. When this problem began to arise, there was an easily applied dust available that you sprinkled along the row of carrots as you sowed them. This kept the carrots 100% free of damage and I guess that this was a similar treatment to that available for professional growers. Although I hate using chemicals most of the time, there are the odd occasions where nothing else will do, and I have to relent. Unfortunately, the EU chose to ban this treatment many years ago and ever since, a decent crop has been a dim and distant memory. The scientists then claimed that carrot flies were pretty useless fliers, only ever achieving a height of a couple of feet above the ground, so the advice was to put a barrier up around your carrots and all will be well. I have tried all sorts of barriers ending up with a solid barrier this year that I thought was the absolute answer – everything else having failed to date – but sadly the same result. To add insult to injury, what the carrot fly didn't damage, the moles dug tunnels that meant any carrots in the tunnel line ended up being about 2 inches long, the tunnel stopping any further growth. I was reading a gardening mag yesterday and it is now official. The scientists were wrong all along, so the fly can actually reach wherever it wants to. I'm thinking that the scientists must have all owned shares in the companies that produced the various types of mesh barriers that gardeners have been trying ever since! Apparently, the only actual barrier that will do any good is made of horticultural fleece and it must completely cover the carrots at all times. So that will be the plan for the coming year – last effort. If that doesn't work then it will be back to buying carrots from the green-grocer – although it pains me to say it, as home-grown carrots taste so much better! Unfortunately, their name does not give a true picture of the damage these little nasties do, as they will do similar damage to other crops if grown in the same area as carrots, with both parsnips and celeriac also being badly affected by them, so I will have to extend the protection for next year.

Despite reading copious gardening magazines and books over the years, there is always something new to learn about – the carrot fly and it's actual flying abilities for example! Quite often it is just common sense, but I don't always have the sense to realise that at the time! We have a number of tunnels and greenhouses here and until recently we have tended to grow young plants in pots under cover and then grow just one crop during the summer. This might be say tomatoes in the large tunnel, cucumbers in a greenhouse, peppers and courgettes in the small tunnel whilst the small greenhouse was retained for growing the (almost all year round) crop of new seedlings. In recent years I have learnt that we can grow some crops in pots during the winter which are then ready to plant out in very early spring, some of these may get planted in one or two of the beds in the tunnel, so we end up for example with an early calabrese crop in May. By the time this is harvested, the tomatoes may already be in

their final pots and are ready to immediately replace the calabrese. These tomatoes are now finishing, but have already been surrounded by either more calabrese, purple sprouting broccoli (for cropping in April) or with over-wintering onion sets, shallots or garlic. We are also experimenting this year with flowers as well to see if we can harvest flowers for cutting, if not all year round, at least for nine months of the year. This can be achieved by growing some of the hardier annuals or even perennial plants for Autumn use, or growing Dutch iris, daffodils or anemones for early spring. This means that we are now cropping for nearly 12 months of the year. We appreciate that we are lucky as we have both the space and facilities (the tunnels and greenhouses) to be able to do this. Apart from the propagating greenhouse, none of the others are heated, which just goes to show that a lot of plants don't need much more warmth to enable them to continue to grow during the winter months, just a bit of shelter. More light would be the biggest factor, but at the current price of electricity we'll give that one a miss! The biggest problem tends to be humidity and damp. The few recent days when the temperatures nearly hit a very unseasonable warmth of 70 degrees, but were accompanied by very high humidity for example, did a lot more damage due to grey mould and damping off problems.

The main direction of travel in the garden at present is targeting the clearing up of the raised beds in the vegetable garden and the flower borders. We managed to get hold of three trailer loads of well-rotted cow manure which is being used to cover mainly the beds in the big tunnel and the raised beds in the vegetable and cut flower patch. I naively thought we would have enough for half of the garden, but in truth we could have probably lost another 12 trailer-loads at least. The asparagus beds will hopefully enjoy the rotted goodness but before the last of it runs out, I do need to dig a few trenches and fill these up with the remaining manure, ready for the sweet peas and climbing beans next year. I try to avoid cutting down the old growth in the flower borders if I can this time of year as this will shelter a lot of the over wintering insects, especially the ones that do good, like lacewings and ladybirds.

However, we have a lot of daffodils and tulips that need planting so some of the old growth will have to go as currently, a lot is lying flat on the ground and this will gradually rot if we don't remove it, providing ideal protection for loads of snails and slugs. We always used to have a lot of hedgehogs, frogs and toads visit us, but sadly the hedgehogs, as I've mentioned before in previously articles, appear to have all but disappeared. We haven't seen or heard one for many years. There is plenty of ground and habitat for them not to go near roads, and there is certainly no intensive farming within the distance that a hedgehog tends to travel each night. I'm afraid that, for me, badgers will always be head of the list of likely suspects. We always feed and encourage birds by putting up various nest boxes and feeding. I have moaned about the numbers of magpies, jays and carrion crows around here since a neighbour stopped controlling their numbers. This was because of the damage they would do to young lambs in particular. These numbers are definitely starting to impact on the small bird population. I have now taken the house-

marten nests down and sterilized them all ready for next year, by using a gas burner to kill off all the bugs and diseases. I said previously that it had not been a good year, but I hadn't realised how bad things had been. Just 4 of the 8 nests had been used, the others being completely empty of any nesting material. Two of the nests I know had a second brood, but even this small victory stood little chance of 'balancing the books'. This story repeated itself around the countryside and I worry what will happen next year. Normally we will have twelve or thirteen nests, all with at least one brood, but usually two. I haven't taxed my brain as yet to work out what the difference in numbers heading off at the end of year might look like. I'll leave that for a cold, dark evening, when I have little else to think about. We have

copious numbers of robins in the garden, all of whom come to visit us whilst we are working. Talking to a friend the other day they wished they had no robins at all in their garden. This took me aback a bit until they explained why. Apparently, the robins have taken to chasing the young blue-tits around until they end up landing exhausted on the ground. The robin then attacks them and kills them. The cheery little Christmas cards with a snowy scene and robin, will never quite seem the same again! Time to get on and place the last seed orders for next year. As always, happy gardening until next month. *Steve and Felicity Hunt.*

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Gwent Archives is not just concerned with preserving the past but also with documenting the present. It is our duty as a service to ensure that our collections reflect the history of Gwent and the experiences of our communities. But to do this, we need your help.

We are asking you, the people of Gwent, to consider keeping a diary or journal in the coming weeks and months and to deposit it with the archives in the future. They can be recorded as pen-and-paper or digitally. They can include photographs, sketches, or poetry. You may want to record your experiences as audio, rather than handwritten. We want to hear about how current events are impacting on you and your local area, what things are you hearing in the news, how it is affecting people you know?

We have already asked our staff and our volunteers to participate but to truly reflect our history, your history, we need you.

Any questions or queries, please contact enquiries@gwentarchives.gov.uk. More information on submitting the diaries will follow.



SHIRENEWTON W.I.

Our October meeting was a talk from our very own Jeni Harper who gave us a very instructive insight into the work of the Hedgehog Rescue charity with which she is involved.

She started off by showing us what hedgehogs are all about; following them through Spring – mating and producing hoglets (between 2-6 a time); Summer – hoglets starting to explore the world but staying close to mum; Autumn – literally eat, eat, eat as much as possible; Winter – building nests and hibernating.



We also learnt some fascinating facts including that adult hedgehogs have between 5000 and 7000 spines! There are also many challenges to hedgehogs present in our gardens. Bonfires should be built and burnt on the same day, as hedgehogs like to burrow into them. Rubbish in the garden can cause problems, hedgehogs can get caught snuffling into any tin cans left lying around and be unable to get out. Drain covers should be kept in place as hedgehogs can fall in and be unable to get out. Ponds are also a hazard if they do not have a shallow area where the hedgehog can get out.

Jeni is currently looking at obtaining slow down Hedgehog area signs and if anyone would like to display one on their premises then please contact Jeni at jeniharper@cantab.net.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 11th November at 7:15pm at Shirenewton recreation Hall**. Our speaker is David Flint from Caldicot Food Bank. If you would like to join us, then please contact either Jane Butterworth at jane-b247@gmail.com or Diane Ashton-Smith on 01291 628838, or just come along and join us.



STARGAZING



Stargazing in November

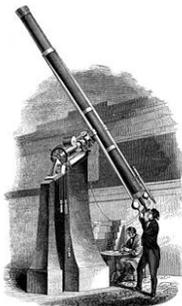
The brilliant planet Venus can be seen just after sunset and close to where the Sun sets. In early evening the bright planet Jupiter lies to the south whilst Saturn is to its right. The Moon is a useful planet pointer: it sits below Saturn on the 10th October and below Jupiter on the following evening.

The seven stars of the Plough lie to the North in the evening. Those of us with particularly good eye-sight can see that Mizar, the star that is the second along the handle of the plough, is in fact a double-star.

The "W" of Cassiopeia lies nearly overhead. In Roman mythology Cassiopeia was queen of the ancient kingdom of Aethiopia. She was chained to her throne as a punishment for being boastful, and placed in the heavens to sometimes hang upside down. The band of stars making up the Milky Way runs through Cassiopeia.

The Milky Way is best seen from the countryside, away from city and even village lights. There have been no really large telescopes of the type used by professional astronomers in the UK for 40 years or more. This is at least partly due to the effects of street lighting.

The Leonid meteor shower is due on the nights of 17th and 18th November – you may be lucky enough to see meteors, often called shooting stars, in the vicinity of the constellation Leo. Leo rises in the East around midnight. Meteors are caused by tiny grains of dust burning up as they enter Earth's atmosphere. The dust particles result from the break-up of comets, and travel in swarms around the Sun around the same orbit as the original comet.





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Chepstow Choral Society's last Christmas Concert was 2019.
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and

WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER

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7.30pm

At the time of writing this to go to press, we are still
finalising arrangements, as readers will understand in
our current circumstances, but TICKETS for either
evening will be available –which will be advisable, as
availability "on the door" will be limited to the total
number allowed by MonsCC (Leisure Centre).

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA
CCS WEB-SITE and via local press and publicity. Please contact
01291 623310 from November 1st if you intend to join with us, and
[also](#) for updated information after November 1st.

Please also be aware that the situation remains ever-changing,
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Marjorie Duerden Asst MD, CCS --01291 623310

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Food Bank and The Harvest Festival

Thank you everyone for all wonderful gifts that arrived for the Church Harvest Festival last month. My car was completely rammed when I took it down to the Food Bank in Bulwark and the volunteers who work there were delighted. Yes, as winter draws on, food and toiletries, cleaning and laundry items and even pet food are very much needed.

My Food Bank Box is under my veranda/porch if anyone wants to leave donations. And thank you to all the people who continue to do so. I take it down on a Wednesday morning.

Some months ago, I found myself in a strange situation. Tesco's generously donated and still does, food to the Food Bank and this would often include enormous jars of stuffed olives and pimentos but as these were never considered to be the staple items of life and sustenance they got left and were a bit of a nuisance. So, the volunteers down there would encourage me to take them away to free up their limited shelf space and I found myself in the odd position of distributing jars of olives to the poor and needy of Shirenewton.

Happily, Tesco's are now concentrating on more useful things, such as tinned meat and fish, cans of fruit and veg, coffee, long life milk and juice, packets of instant mash and custard, mug shots and pasta. Thank you again for supporting the Food Banks.

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christmas

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Christmas Pudding with Brandy Custard

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Christmas Pudding with Brandy Custard

Cheese Cake with Cream

Meringue Roulade with Cream

Baileys Panecotta with White Chocolate Chip Brownie

Chocolate Fudge Cake with Cream

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce & Custard

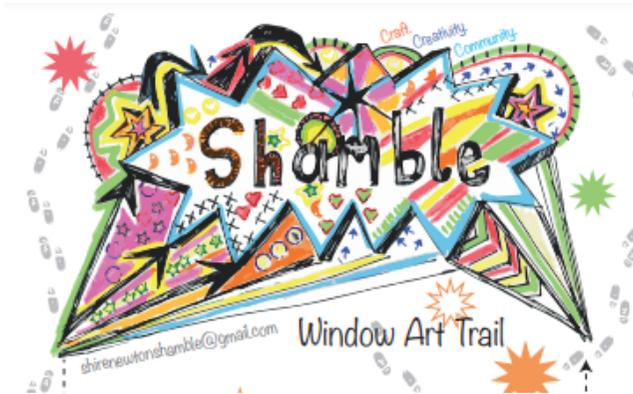
Main course £25pp

Dessert £5.00

Red Cabbage in Cranberry Port & Orange-serves 4 @ £5

Bread Sauce-£1 portion





ShAMBLE 2021 review

This year's Shirenewton and Mynydd Bach Illumination Extravaganza, better known as ShAMBLE, took place in mid-October and saw 29 households decorate and brave rising electricity prices to light up their windows. The weather over the weekend was perfect for ShAMBLE-ing with family and friends, under the clear skies and in mild temperatures. People combined music, lights and beautiful designs and some computer cleverness to create a fabulous window art trail. 100 maps were printed to allow everyone to find their way to the windows, with all taken by early on Sunday evening, such was the popularity of the weekend.

A few quotes from the local Facebook group showed the enjoyment had by everyone in the community:

"A really joyous way to spend a weekend."

"Another lovely time Shambling tonight."

"What a fun weekend."

Next year will see the 5th anniversary of ShAMBLE, and plans are already being made at Shamble HQ to make that the biggest and best event yet. Hopefully, the craft afternoons and evening party will be back, after Covid restrictions have meant these couldn't be held this year and last. There's even talk of an awards ceremony to celebrate the amazing artwork of all the participants!

See you for more ShAMBLE in 2022!

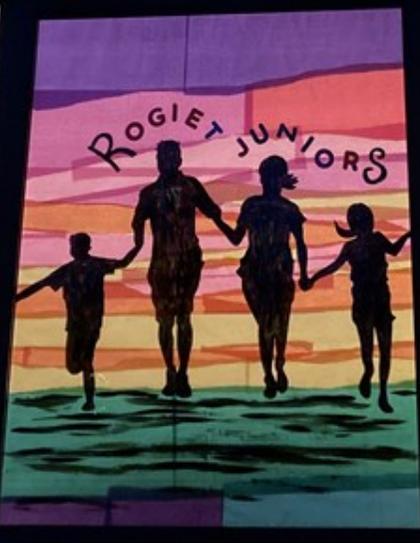
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OVER THE NEXT SIX PAGES**





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This panel contains the text 'love parkrun and junior parkrun' written in a cursive font. The text is surrounded by several red and pink hearts of various sizes.



So MUCH
MORE
than just
a RUN
in the
PARK

This panel contains the text 'So MUCH MORE than just a RUN in the PARK' written in a cursive font. The text is arranged in a vertical column.









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Another busy month of exciting learning experiences here at Shirenewton Primary ...

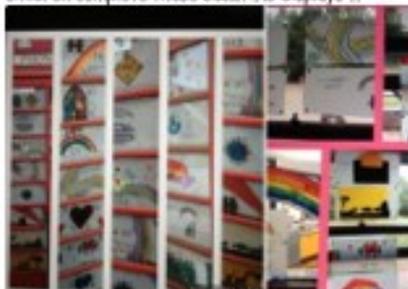
PEOPLE WHO HELP US



Tim Coed Coch (Reception and Year 1) had great fun learning about the Fire Service as part of their "People who help us" topic studies ... they tried on their helmets, sat in the fire engine, set off the siren and even had a go at squirting the water all over the turning circle!

SHAMBLE

Our Community Ambassadors and Heddlu Bach enjoyed producing window displays for the SHAMBLE art trail. Thank you to Mrs Graham and Mrs Topley for their hard work in helping the children complete these beautiful displays ...



PRE-SCHOOL PARENT TOURS

Prospective Reception parents of children due to start school in September '22 are invited to have a tour of the school on Thursdays 5pm during November. There are limited places for each session so it's imperative you book a slot via the office: 01291 641774

DIWRNOD SHWMAE



Criw Cymraeg (our pupil leadership team who promote Welsh across the school) organised some fun activities to celebrate "Shwmae Day" - the children wore red, green and white to school and enjoyed decorating cakes with Welsh words and emblems, held Welsh quizzes, had a disco with Welsh pop/rock bands and designed entries for a "shwmae" banner competition. Bendigedig bant!



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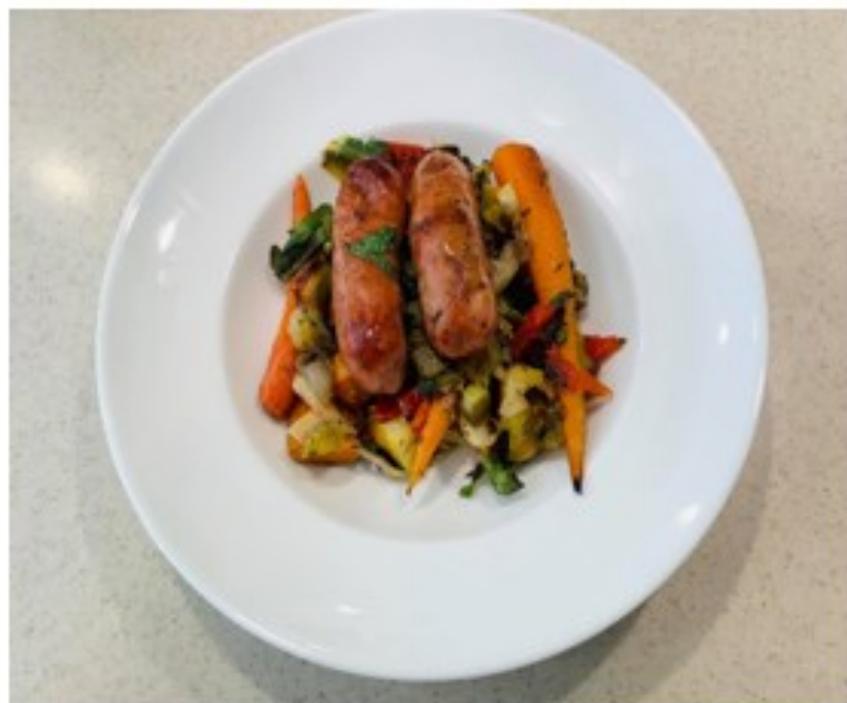
Tim Helyg (Year 2 and Year 3) led our videoed Harvest Assembly this year and the produce collected was donated to Caldicot Foodbank. Diolch for everyone's generosity!

For more information about our school, please visit our website:

www.shirenewton.monmouthshire.sch.uk

Nerys's Natty Nosh

Sausage and vegetable bake. Serves 2/3
ONE POT COOKING. 🍷 What could be easier?



You Will Need: -

250g potatoes mixture of sweet and white

1 onion, peeled and chopped

1 red pepper chopped

1 leek, washed and chopped

1 onion

5 small carrots

200 ml chicken stock or wine or cider with a pinch of thyme

6 best sausages (I used Black Farmer's Gluten Free, available @marks & Spencer's).



Method

Preheat the oven 200C fan 180 Gas 4.

Prepare all the vegetables, put the sausage on top.

Cook 30/40 minutes, turn sausages over.

Add 200 ml stock or wine.

Cook for a further 30 minutes.

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Your local RNLi branch needs you!

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But we need new committee members!

Would you be interested in helping us organise and run our events, to help raise money for this extremely worthy cause? If you would like to see what we do, please contact Anne Octon on 01291 641918 or John Gale on 01291 629753 and we'll invite you to our next committee meeting to meet other members and see what you think of our work.

We've started to get going again as restrictions begin to be lifted. We held a garden party in Shirenewton in July which everyone enjoyed and which raised over £500, and then in August a classical concert by the Chepstow trio Two Bows and a Stern, which again was a great success and raised £342. Every penny raised goes to the RNLi.

The RNLi was founded nearly 200 years ago, in 1824. It has over the years saved over 143,000 lives. It is the world's leading search and rescue service. Even at the height of the pandemic last year its crews saved over 10 lives a week. The loss of countless more lives is prevented all the time through its youth training and water safety work.

If you think you might like to be a part of this, please contact Anne or John. We very much look forward to hearing from you.



SHIRENEWTON CHURCH WEBSITE

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As many people know I subscribe to a number of techie daily email newsletters and every now and then something comes in from left field. The most recent was an article on the Newport Transporter Bridge in 'The Register'. The article's title is: Is it a bridge? Is it a ferry? No, it's the Newport Transporter. The Register has a reputation for witty and smutty article titles. The sub-heading is 'Industrial elegance on the Usk' and it appears to be under a series entitled the 'Geek's Guide to Britain'. The article contains an interesting history of transporter bridges noting that "The first to be built was the Vizcaya Bridge over the River Nervion between Las Arenas and Portugalete in Spain, in 1893. The last one, crossing the River Mersey at Warrington, was built just 22 years later in 1915".

The article notes that the UK has three surviving transport bridges with our local one the best kept of the lot. The history of the need for the Newport Transporter Bridge is explored as is the building methodology which was apparently similar to the process used to build the Brooklyn Bridge in 1870 and Newport Transporter's construction was the first time the process was used in Great Britain. The article is worth a read. Head over to <https://www.theregister.com> and search for it or use this direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/2a7wr554>

The Telegraph had an interesting article in mid-October which was 'The scams most likely to trick midlifers' with the sub-heading: How to keep yourself safe from the most common frauds targeting 50-somethings. The article is here: <https://tinyurl.com/4busa84c> Another source suggests that a survey by Hargreaves Lansdown found that 79 pc of over-55s believed they had been approached by a scammer in the past year.

Apparently, " The biggest scam to target midlifers is the romance or dating scam, according to police data. More than 40pc of romance fraud victims are aged 40 to 59". Phew I'm over 59 so presumably no longer a target. The second is the classic investment scam with 'look-a-like' fake websites offering over the odds for investments. Some of these can be very sophisticated and extremely plausible. The other type of

investment scam is where victims are flogged so-called deals which fail to deliver the promised returns or are so high risk you stand to lose everything.

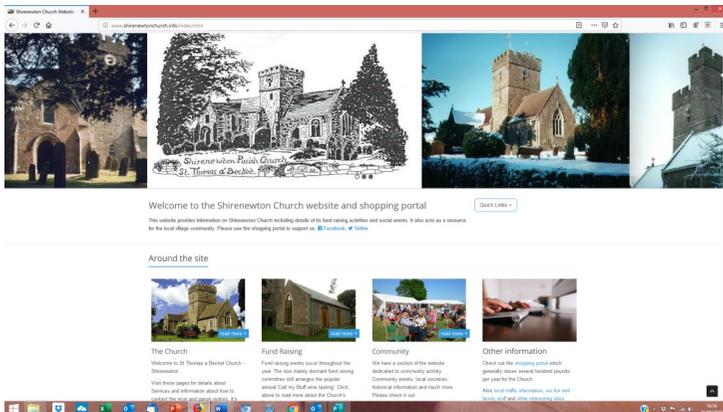
Finally, apparently midlifers (especially women) are regularly falling for banking scams “and can often fall for pressurised calls from impersonators of banks, the police and others.” Be very cautious.

Finally, a tale of woe so dreadful I’m giving you advanced warning to look away now. Imagine the scene: it’s a weekend morning, we are sitting in bed with a nice cup of tea and our tablets. A wail of despair from the wife permeates the room. She can’t get onto the Sunday Times website – it’s showing an error! Immediately this is, naturally, my problem. I tried it on my tablet. Down for me as well. Then, to assure the wife it wasn’t my problem, I went to <https://downforeveryoneorjustme.com> and entered the Time’s website and it was down for everyone! Happy wife happy life. Well, maybe not happy wife but at least a wife understanding that the Sunday Times website being down was not something I could fix – so happy me!

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FAIRTRADE NEWS October 2021

COP26 starts next week. This is quoted as our 'last best chance' of stopping climate chaos. It seems neither Xi Jinping nor Putin are coming, though China and Russia will have other representatives present. Leaked documents (seen by BBC News) show that some nations and companies are trying to water-down proposed commitments. Certainly for the past 30 or even 40+ years the fossil fuel industry has conducted long and varied campaigns to discredit the science on climate change (see Bill McKibben's meticulously researched book 'Falter'), so perhaps it would be naïve to suppose the power of these industries has disappeared.



Some critics are already accusing our government of greenwashing. They can point to many, many instances. To take just one small example Reckitt (Dettol, Vanish, Air-Wick etc) is a principal partner of COP 26, but this company uses 134,000 + tonnes of palm oil product, supplied by, for example, Wilmar (the world's largest palm oil trader) from 44 separate sites. Wilmar is implicated in deforestation activity and human rights abuses and is adjudged by WWF of lagging behind in its responsibilities as a palm oil user, scoring 6.8 out of 22 in a WWF analysis. Reckitt's blurb re COP starts 'Reckitt exists to protect, heal and nurture in the relentless pursuit of a cleaner, healthier world.' How can an ordinary person possibly keep track of all this stuff? In a recent interview Archbishop Welby was asked whether he regretted being part of the fossil fuel industry – he was an oil executive for 11 years, retiring in 1989. His response was a bit circumspect, but he implied he did not regret it, because little was known about its negative effects at the time!

It is very easy to be overwhelmed by negativity. As I have said before, at times, my glass is no longer just half empty, but lying smashed on the floor – Oxfam Chepstow will no longer be selling Fairtrade products, because, simply speaking, they do not make enough profit at the volume we sell in Chepstow. Many FT supporters have tried to persuade Oxfam that raising money, albeit vitally important is not its sole aim. If it is then Oxfam is just like any other charity shop where people come looking for cheap stuff. It actively supports local young people and other volunteers, and with FT sends a message of solidarity with poor farmers in the developing world and helps to highlight the value of a fairer system. Chepstow is a FT town, but there are few places to purchase FT goods. Supermarkets sell a very few products. I feel Oxfam could have done more to advertise its FT products, but it looks as if the die is cast. Of course FT criteria demand environmental sustainability for the award of the FT mark and FT is helping farmers and producers cope with climate change. Of course other more slippery environmental claims for other products are also available!

Apparently Oxfam in Monmouth will continue to sell FT goods. And don't forget the honesty stall in the café in the Methodist Church Hall opposite M&S, Traidcraft and Ethical Superstore.
Marion McAdam 641316 msm316gmail.com

The Bells

We have now extended our Friday night practice to 1 hour between 7.30 and 8.30 pm but still ringing from the nave.

To continue the discourse on “change ringing” as explained in last month’s offering the rules for change ringing dictate that anyone bell can only change one place within the row, and that each row must be unique and not repeat the sequence of any previous row – that is to explore the sequence permutations. St Thomas a Becket, Shirenewton has 6 bells but often we ring changes on the front 5 bells and the 6th bell keeps time at the end of each row: in ringing jargon this is known as “covering”.

Any method on 5 bells is known overall as doubles - this because 2 pairs of bells can change places between rows and the remaining bell of the 5 stays within the same place within the row. The simplest method on 5 is Plain Hunt Doubles and is shown below with the 6th bell covering.

Plain Hunt Doubles

	Lead	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Cover
1	2	3	4	5	6	
2	1	4	3	5	6	
2	4	1	5	3	6	
4	2	5	1	3	6	
4	5	2	3	1	6	
5	4	3	2	1	6	
5	3	4	1	2	6	
3	5	1	4	2	6	
3	1	5	2	4	6	
1	3	2	5	4	6	
1	2	3	4	5	6	

Note that in each row compared to the previous row 2 pairs of bells swap places and one remains in the same place. So within the second row bells 1 and 2 have swapped, and bells 3 and 4 have swapped, but bell 5 remains in the 5th position/place. In the next row bell 2 (in 1st position/place – known in jargon as “lead”) remains and the other two pairs swap. Just 10 unique changes are achieved by this simple method yet we already know the maximum number of changes on 5 is factorial 5 ($5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$)

Now ringers do not learn the sequence of numbers within each row as this would require a considerable feat of memory especially when the method becomes more complex. They learn the pattern of changes. Bell 2’s trajectory within this simple method is shown by the blue line and this is how ringers memorise the method being run. Note that every bell changing places follows an identical trajectory but they commence changing at a different point within this common trajectory. You may wonder how they know which bell to follow in each row, and they do this using an acquired skill called “rope sight”. Defined simply this is the ability to know which place within each row one’s bell is together with the bell you are following and which bell is following you. Once this skill is achieved a method can be learnt just by studying the pattern of the “blue line”. In the next episode we will explore a more complex method. Keep safe.

Mike Penney.

Are you putting your online shopping to good use?

The **Lions Club of Chepstow and Caldicot** are raising funds for the local community even during these lockdowns. With us all being confined to home for work and play, most of us have had to utilise online shopping, and this is looking set to continue as the new normal.

The Lions Club of Chepstow and Caldicot serve local communities including our own, and like everyone else have had to modernise through the use of technology. Some of their fundraising used to take place in supermarket doorways, but now a number of online mechanisms support their fundraising efforts.

One such fundraising tool is **Amazon Smile**. Every time you shop online at **smile.amazon.co.uk** Amazon will donate a percentage of the purchase to The Lions Club of Chepstow and Caldicot.

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I recently visited a widow who lived just outside Usk. She didn't consider herself to be wealthy, but like many of us had worked hard throughout life to pay off a mortgage. She is now retired and in a comfortable financial position. She has three children and you could probably understand her disbelief to be informed that when she passes away the tax man will receive a higher amount in tax than the share of her estate left to each of her three children! The continued rise in house prices in this area means that these days you don't have to be hugely wealthy to be affected by Inheritance tax (IHT). According to HMRC inheritance tax receipts 2019, a record £5.38 billion was collected in inheritance tax in the 2018/19 tax year and this is set to rise. There are many things you can do to reduce your inheritance tax liability and keep more of your wealth within the family.

The current IHT nil-rate threshold is £325,000 for individuals and £650,000 for a married couple or civil partners. Beyond these thresholds, IHT is usually payable at a rate of 40%. In order to help with aforementioned increasing house prices we recently saw the introduction of the main residence nil-rate band, which applies if you want to pass your main residence to a direct descendant, this now provides an additional £175,000 for individuals and £350,000 for a married couple or civil partners. However, it is important to be aware that for larger estates this extra relief is tapered when the estate is over £2m.

There is a range of options to help mitigate your potential inheritance tax bill, but as a starting point, you should consider the following allowances:

- Annual gifting allowance – each year you and your spouse can each gift up to £3,000 in total. You can also carry this forward for one year. Furthermore, gifts of up to £250 to any number of people are exempt.

- Wedding gifts – Parents can give up to £5,000 to a bride or groom, for grandparents this reduces to £2,500. Other well-wishers can give up to £1,000 before it becomes liable to IHT.

- Gifts to registered charities and political parties are exempt

- Gifts can also be made out of surplus income, however a number of conditions apply to this allowance and so I would suggest you seek advice in relation to this.

- Assets left to your UK based spouse or civil partner are also exempt.

Remember planning pays and there are several routes which can help with such taxes. If you would like to come along to my free inheritance tax seminars just drop me a line. (info@iscawealth.com) Isca Wealth Management Limited is an Appointed Representative of Vision Independent Financial Planning Ltd which is Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Firm reference number 487395. Please note that the FCA does not regulate inheritance tax advice.



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