



THE CHEPSTOW SOCIETY

Members Bulletin

April 2018

Notes from the Chair

As I write this there is snow on the ground but, hopefully, when you read it spring will have arrived.

It is an indication that many of you are looking forward to the better weather that many of you have signed up to our tours and holiday. Thanks to Keith and Sallie for their organisation.

It's partly because of these trips that our membership is still in excess of 100 and we on the Executive Committee will try to make our programme as interesting as possible.

You will see elsewhere in this bulletin, a very complimentary message from one member. However we are conscious that we might run out of ideas and would really like some support from members.

Once again, therefore, I am asking if one of more of you can join us on the Committee either permanently or occasionally to throw in some new ideas. Our next Committee meeting is on 24 May. Please contact the Secretary if you would like to come along.

Geoff Sumner

MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS

Weds. 18 April –

***More Monmouthshire Oddments -
Naylor Firth***

Weds. 16th May –

Annual General Meeting

Weds. 20th June –

The Piercefield Caves – Paul Taylor

All at 7.15 p.m. in the Drill Hall

EXCURSIONS

Day trip to Concorde Museum (Filton) and Bristol Historic Docks

**Saturday 1st September, leave Severn
Bridge Club at 9.00am**

There is a guided tour booked for the Concorde Museum in the morning. We are hoping to arrange a trip around Bristol docks on the Matthew, but it is too early to confirm this.

Cost: coach and Concorde £24; with the Matthew £34.£10 deposit required – this looks to be a popular event, so book early

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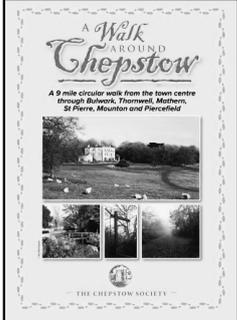
Website

The updated Chepstow Society website at www.chepstowsociety.co.uk is now up and running. There may be some hiccups in making it fully operational. If you have difficulty viewing the web pages, on PC, tablet or phone, or would like to suggest improvements, please contact Guy Hamilton, ghmyrtle@gmail.com, who is now administering the site.

Thanks go to David Barber for maintaining the old site for several years, and to John Waters for providing the time and expertise to improve and update it.

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR
2018/19 ARE NOW DUE.**

**THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION REMAINS
AT £10 AND SHOULD BE PAID TO
MARIAN THOMAS.**



The Society has published a new leaflet, "A Walk Around Chepstow".

This follows a 9-mile circular route, starting in the town centre and following the Coast Path through Bulwark and Mathern to St Pierre Pill, then heading back through

Mounton to join the Wye Valley Walk at Piercefield, and back to the centre.

The new leaflet should interest local residents as well as visitors. It is in the same format as the popular "Chepstow to Tintern and Return" booklet. Copies are now available at our meetings, and from Chepstow Books and the Tourist Information Centre, priced at £1.

Letter

Dear Mr Hodges,

Geoff Sumner requested me to email you, rather than my taking up time in one of our business sessions after our next monthly meeting. I should have preferred to address the Society personally, having compliments to pass on.

Last weekend I led a party, mainly from London, on a tour of the Castle and Tintern Abbey. They stayed at the Beaufort Hotel, where we had two evening dinners, and we had a lunch at The Royal George. The group was also tasked with taking a town trail, having first been introduced to the town by Geoff himself. (I have already sent Geoff an intimation of the glowing comments on his talk and generous availability.)

Several of the group made a point to me, as a member of the Chepstow Society, that the Society is to be congratulated on the considerable work that has gone into producing documents, booklets, and plaques. They thought it shows justifiable pride in what the town has to offer, and wished that many towns were resting on their laurels by not being so assiduous as the Society. Many had not thought before of Chepstow as a destination in its own right; and they accept that their perception is now changed, thanks to the work of the Society. Sir Deian Hopkin, Special Adviser to our First Minister, was in my group and was one of those saying complimentary things about the Society.

I thought the Society might like to know that the work it undertakes on behalf of the town it is appreciated.

Every good wish,

Les Roberts (Dr)

NEW DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into effect on 25th May 2018. This legislation builds upon the Data Protection Act 1998.

How does this new piece of legislation affect the Chepstow Society and you as its members?

We hold information about individuals either on computer or in other types of filing systems.

Is the information we hold "personal data" for the purposes of the DPA? **NO.** The Data we hold does not conflict with the new data regulations, because we only hold the following:

1. Membership: a record of the individual's name, address, telephone number and email address where applicable. They are held on electronic and paper storage systems, with limited access.
2. These records are used to deliver information via an email system and paper methods to the members concerned who through their application to join the society have given their permission to do so. They are also used to claim Gift Aid, again with the members' permission.
3. Publications in the form of newsletters or other such material are sent out by our Publications Officer with information provided by the Membership Secretary.
4. The Treasurer processes Gift Aid claims with information provided by the Membership Secretary.
5. Annual Fees if paid by cheque are not recorded for bank or personal details. Neither are Standing Orders.
6. Website and Facebook contain no personal information of members.
7. Trustees and other members of the Executive Committee do not have any other information about the membership other than that provided at the time of the membership application.
8. The Society retains no other information than that above and never shares it with other parties.
9. In providing this information we do so in the understanding that the membership of the Chepstow Society has given their consent when joining the Society to provide only that information as detailed above.

David Barber