

THE CHEPSTOW SOCIETY



Members Bulletin

October 2018

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Notes from the Chair

What a summer we have had!

Apart from the weather, undoubtedly the highlight from the Society's point of view was the re-enactment of the 1648 siege of Chepstow Castle brilliantly organised by Keith James. The weather was superb – though my mayoral costume was, as a result, a little on the warm side! – and the various units of the Sealed Knot performed spectacularly.

Many thanks Keith.

Keith is now busy organising our members' Christmas party of which more later.

We have altered our speaker for our October meeting and asked Paul Taylor of the Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group to return and tell us about the Thailand cave rescue. This attracted world-wide attention and one of his group, John Volanthen, was the caver who found the boys.

Next year we shall be commemorating the 800th anniversary of the death of William Marshal – 'the Greatest Knight'. So far we have arranged speakers about William Marshal for our April, May and June meetings, and will consider other events.

Apart from this we are continuing to monitor the position of present-day Chepstow and will report on developments through the medium of our Secretary's monthly reports.

Geoffrey Sumner

***Membership subscriptions for 2018/19
are now overdue.***

***The annual subscription remains at £10
and should be paid to Marian Thomas.***



Festive Fun !!

**Come and join us for a
Christmas beach party!**

- Be entertained by a Punch and Judy man !
- Dance to a ceilidh band !
- Enjoy a fish and chip supper !

Saturday December 8th

7pm – 11pm
in the Drill Hall

Tickets available from the
October meeting.

BANK ACCOUNT

**Would all members please note that,
following the closure of the NatWest
branch in Chepstow, the Society's
accounts have now been transferred to
Lloyds Bank.**

The new account is:
**Sort code 30-98-90
Account no. 18173668**

David Barber, Treasurer

MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS

Weds. 17 October

*Paul Taylor –
The Thailand cave rescue*

Weds. 21 November

*Malcolm Watkins – Ginger in a Coffin
– Food preparation in Tudor times*

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

All at 7.15 p.m. in the Drill Hall



Holiday 2019

We are now in a position to confirm the details for the next year's holiday:

- Dates –
Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd May
(4 nights, 5 days)
- Location –
Scarborough (hotel to be confirmed)
- Excursions –
York, North York railway and Whitby
- Cost – approximately £250 with an additional £40 single supplement

Due to the distance we will need to leave Chepstow earlier than previously, therefore more quizzes please!

We will start taking bookings with deposits of £20 per person at the next Society meeting and December at the latest.

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Chepstow 370 – The Last Siege of the Castle, 14 July 2018



I would like to put together a photographic record of the above event.

If you have any photographs please can I have copies, electronically by email is fine. Many thanks.

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