

THE CHEPSTOW SOCIETY

Members Bulletin

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I write these notes at a time – the first time – that your Society has had to close down for an extended period. It may be that we shall be able to meet again for our July meeting but I have my doubts.

This means that our AGM will not be able to take place and I am at present in discussion with the members of the Executive Committee as to whether we adjourn the meeting or hold a ‘virtual’ meeting. I’ll be in touch when we have made a decision.

However, just because we can’t meet, I don’t see why the Society’s activities should cease. I propose that we send out a bulletin monthly on the days when we are supposed to meet with news and articles connected with the Society’s activities. Hopefully this will keep you all in touch with the Society ready to come to the Drill Hall again when the virus permits.

In the meantime, here is a quiz question to keep your minds occupied for a while. I’ll give the result next month.

What is the significance of this sequence – Washington – Washington – Buffalo – Dallas?

(If any members would like to submit a puzzle please email it to me at geoffcesumner@gmail.com)

Geoffrey Sumner



EXCURSIONS

Holiday 2020 – France and Belgium

On a positive note the holiday has been re-booked for **Tuesday 13th to Sunday 18th October 2020.**

We have notified members who had booked to go in April and the response has been very positive. But this does give an opportunity to those unable to go in April to join us in October.

If you are interested in the October dates, please email us and we will send you the information.



We have now booked the visit to Gloucestershire Energy from Waste Facility (UBB) near Stonehouse, for **Thursday 1st October**, followed by lunch in Berkeley and a visit to Berkeley Castle. If you are interested, please let us know asap as numbers are limited.

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MONTHLY UPDATES

As Geoff suggests in his column, we hope to produce **monthly bulletins** like this, until we can resume regular meetings.

We will report anything of note locally – that is, if there is anything happening!

If, during this closedown of activity, there are local issues arising in the area that you think the Society should raise or pursue, or about which you would like to inform other Society members, please contact either

Geoff Sumner

(geoffcesumner@gmail.com) or

Guy Hamilton

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and we can either answer, or pass your message on.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In the meantime, some members may like to spend time looking through Monmouthshire County Council's proposed Replacement Local Development Plan Strategy – which can be downloaded from <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/planning-policy-current-consultations/>

The consultation events which were to have taken place this month have been postponed but will be rearranged.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION

TO KEEP YOU BUSY!

The Society has members who have lived here all their lives, and those who have moved in more recently.

As we will be publishing this bulletin regularly under the current circumstances, it's an opportunity for us all to share memories and feelings about our town and its area.

What are your happiest memories of your childhood in Chepstow?

Why did you move to Chepstow, and has it met your expectations?

All of us should be able to find something to say in response to one or other of those questions – and, if you send your thoughts to me at ghmyrtle@gmail.com, we will be able to publish the most interesting ones here – which, in turn, may help spark other memories.

Get writing!

Guy Hamilton

