

# THE CHEPSTOW SOCIETY

Members Bulletin

July 2022



[www.chepstowsociety.co.uk](http://www.chepstowsociety.co.uk)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**7:15 pm**

**The Drill Hall,  
Lower Church Street,  
Chepstow NP16 5HJ**

**Talk by Brigadier  
Robert Aitken CBE**



**My Role as the Lord  
Lieutenant of Gwent**

**All welcome**

**Refreshments available**

**Members £1**

**Non-members £3**

The meeting will also be streamed  
via Zoom

**<https://zoom.us/join>**

**Meeting ID: 513 005 1668**

**Passcode: Waters**

## ***MOVING FORWARD***

A leading aim of the Chepstow Society is to raise awareness of the town's history within our wider community. While many have lived in this area for many years, there are also growing numbers of residents who have moved here more recently and who may know less about our unique local heritage.

The year 2023 will mark the Society's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we aim to mark the occasion by a "History Day" next May, with talks, workshops, and displays – and perhaps other activities, aimed at the local community. These will cover not only the last few decades, but earlier centuries as well, and we will try to work with other groups and agencies on this.

Your committee is actively starting to work up ideas for this. We welcome any ideas you may have – and we will need volunteers to help! Please let Sallie James, or myself, know your thoughts about this, by emailing [secretary@chepstowsociety.co.uk](mailto:secretary@chepstowsociety.co.uk)

We again apologise for the failure of the Zoom link to the June talk in the Drill Hall. Unfortunately, my own time in the last month has been dominated by the sudden and very serious illness of my son, who is currently in intensive care in Cardiff. Although we successfully set up the Zoom arrangements, which worked well in rehearsal, we had not taken into account that the link simply timed out due to inactivity when I was away from home visiting the hospital. We understand that the Drill Hall is now setting up its own Zoom account, which should resolve the problem.

We will again be running our early evening town walks in late July and August – though not as many as we originally planned, partly down to my own unavailability, but also to the serious injuries – completely unrelated – suffered recently by one of our walk leaders and members, Tim Ryan, that has put him out of action. Get well soon Tim!

**There will be no bulletin next month – the next one will be in September. Have an enjoyable summer!**

***Guy Hamilton, Chair 2022/23, The Chepstow Society***

# TOWN WALKS

## 2022



Monday 18 July – 7.00 pm

Monday 25 July – 7.00 pm

Weds. 3 August – 6.30 pm

Weds. 10 August – 6.30 pm

Weds. 17 August – 6.30 pm

Weds. 24 August – 6.30 pm

**£3 per person – cash only  
– payable at start**

**To reserve places, please  
call or text 07786 500609**

**Meet outside the Tourist  
Information Centre in  
Bridge Street, opposite  
the Castle.**

**The walk takes about  
60-80 minutes.**

## EXCURSIONS

We are still looking for a volunteer – or perhaps a small group of volunteers joining forces – to help organise excursions to places of interest to Society members. This has always been an important part of our activities, and we do not want it to fall by the wayside.

Please contact Keith or Sallie James if you would be interested in helping with this.

**sallie\_james@btinternet.com**

### **Forthcoming meetings in the Drill Hall**

***Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 7.15 pm***

Rebecca Tyson - **William fitzOsbern**

- founder of Chepstow Castle and Priory

***Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.15 pm***

Kevin Walker

**The Nature of the Brecon Beacons**

***Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 7.15 pm***

Mark Horton

**Elizabethans on the Severn Estuary**

***Further meetings to be arranged – watch this space!***

## **TRANSPORT HUB CONSULTATIONS**

Monmouthshire CC, through its consultants Arup, is consulting local residents on its proposals on a “Transport Hub” (that is, access to the railway station, including bus services) and “Active Travel”. They say that “The Transport Hub can be split into several different elements, and explores travel methods such as the bus network, demand responsive transport such as taxis, electric vehicle infrastructure and park and ride facilities.” Some of the questions also relate to the High Street.

The consultation is at <https://chepstowtransport.virtual-engage.com/>, and the closing date for comments is 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Please respond to this consultation exercise. It would also be helpful if you could summarise your views in an email to Guy Hamilton at [ghmyrtle@gmail.com](mailto:ghmyrtle@gmail.com)