

# WYE TOUR GALLERY

**NEW**

Chepstow Museum

Open Daily 11am - 4pm  
except Wednesdays

## JULY

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sun 12<sup>th</sup>**

10am - 4pm

**MadeinRoss @ Goodrich Castle**  
Ross Market Hall

Exhibition of Made in Ross artists' work in response to Goodrich Castle. Free.

[www.madeinross.co.uk](http://www.madeinross.co.uk)**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - 11pm****Gilpin Banquet Night**  
Old Court Hotel, WhitchurchFive courses of food from the 1800s served in our Tudor dining room. Tickets from:  
[www.oldcourthotel.co.uk](http://www.oldcourthotel.co.uk)**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Daytime****Wyedean Canoe Club**  
Wye Tour Outing - Part 2  
Along the Wye!Join Wyedean Canoe Club on a trip from Symonds Yat to Brockweir. Open to non members, with or without canoes. Free. Booking essential.  
[marteg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marteg@hotmail.co.uk)**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> - Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Aug**

10am - 7pm daily.

**Plough House Art Group:**  
'Wye - the Big View'  
St Mary's Church, Chepstow.Exhibition of work inspired by the Wye Valley landscape. Free entry.  
[www.gilpin2020.org/events](http://www.gilpin2020.org/events)

## AUGUST

**Daily during August**

9am - 5pm daily

**Listed Buildings in Ross at the time of the Wye Tour**  
St Mary's, Ross

Exhibition by Ross Civic Society looking at buildings around at the time of the Wye Tour. Free entry.

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> - Mon 17<sup>th</sup>**Mon to Fri 9.30am - 5pm.  
Closed Wed. Sat 9.30am - 1pm**Plough House Art Group:**  
'Wye - the Big View'  
Ross Library

Exhibition of work inspired by the Wye Valley landscape. Free entry.

**Tue 18<sup>th</sup> - Mon 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm

**Plough House Art Group:**  
'Wye - the Big View'  
Monmouth Shire Hall

Exhibition of work inspired by the Wye Valley landscape. Free entry.

# THE PICTURESQUE WYE TOUR

A supporting brochure is available from local tourist information centres or downloadable from:

[www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk](http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk)

## SEPTEMBER

**Daily during Sept**

9am - 5pm daily

**18<sup>th</sup> Century Watercolours & Present Day Wye Photos**  
St Mary's, RossExhibition of James Wathen's 18th c. watercolours accompanied by photographs of the locations today by Ross Photographic Society. Free entry.  
[www.gilpin2020.org/events](http://www.gilpin2020.org/events)**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> - Sun 13<sup>th</sup>**

9am - 5pm

**h.Art - An exhibition of art and artists relating to the Wye**  
St Mary's, RossH.Art - Exhibition of art and artists relating to the Wye. Free entry.  
[www.gilpin2020.org/events](http://www.gilpin2020.org/events)**Thur 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm****Voices from the Wye, with Dick Brice**  
St Mary's, RossPoets and writers from both sides of the Wye share original work inspired by the Wye Valley. Tickets:  
[www.gilpin2020.org/events](http://www.gilpin2020.org/events)

## OCTOBER

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.30am - 4.15pm****Ross Walking Festival - Kerne Bridge to Ross Walk**Picturesque woodland walk discovering how important this landscape was to the iron industry and how it has changed since Gilpin's visit. Tickets £5 from:  
[www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html](http://www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html)**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm - 4.30pm****Ross Walking Festival - The Lanes and Alleyways of Ross Walk**  
Ross on WyeMeet some of the characters and benefactors of Ross since the days of William Gilpin and the birth of UK tourism. Tickets £5 from:  
[www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html](http://www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html)**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am - 2pm****Ross Walking Festival - in Eagle's Nest & Tintern Walk**Enjoy dramatic views from the 365 Steps and the Eagle's Nest on this walk taking in Penterry Church and Tintern Abbey. Tickets £5 from:  
[www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html](http://www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html)**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am - 3.30pm****Ross Walking Festival - Iconic Yat Rock Walk**Visit the most iconic Picturesque view on this energetic walk from Lower Lydbrook to Symonds Yat Rock and English Bicknor. Tickets £5 from:  
[www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html](http://www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html)**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10am - 3pm****Ross Walking Festival - Geology of the Wye Valley Gorge Walk**View Gilpin's route from above the Wye gorge, hear geological tales of flash floods and tropical seas and visit King Arthur's Cave. Tickets £5 from:  
[www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html](http://www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html)**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am - 4pm****Ross Walking Festival - Monmouth to Biblins Walk**Circular walk to The Kymin (with its Picturesque Banqueting House and Naval Temple), Near Harkening Rock and the Wye. Tickets £5 from:  
[www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html](http://www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html)**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10am - 3pm****Ross Walking Festival - Goodrich Walk**A scenic walk along the Wye with the opportunity for cream tea at Goodrich Castle - Gilpin's 2nd Grand Scene on the Wye Tour. Tickets £5 from:  
[www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html](http://www.walkinginross.co.uk/fest.html)**Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Daytime****The Great Wye Draw Challenge**Bring your pencils and paints and join 800 students from Hereford College of Art as artists line the banks of the Wye from Hereford to Chepstow. Evening pop up exhibition of the day's artwork at Hereford College of Arts. Free for all. Event info at:  
[www.gilpin2020.org/events](http://www.gilpin2020.org/events)**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 9am - 4pm****Taking the Wye Tour**All aboard for a guided Wye Tour coach trip from Ross to Chepstow. Tickets:  
[www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk](http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk)**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm****The Picturesque and the 18th Century Landscape Garden**  
Blake Theatre, MonmouthA great opportunity to hear Michael Symes, author of many works on garden history and lecturer, Institute of Historical Research, on his specialist subject. Tickets:  
[www.gilpin2020.org/events](http://www.gilpin2020.org/events)**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm****Voices of the Wye Concert**  
St Mary's, RossA gala concert given by choirs in and around Ross on Wye inspired by the Wye Tour. Tickets £10 from:  
[www.gilpin2020.org/events](http://www.gilpin2020.org/events)

## NOVEMBER

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm****Romantic Writing and Pedestrian Tourism**  
Drill Hall, ChepstowAuthor Prof Robin Jarvis leads an afternoon of talks exploring the relationship between walking and writing and the motives of the early pedestrian traveller. Tickets:  
[www.visitmonmouthshire.com](http://www.visitmonmouthshire.com)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

It is 250 years since William Gilpin took a boat tour down the Wye in 1770, an event that heralded the birth of British tourism. His book, *Observations on the River Wye*, became a best seller, and taking the Wye Tour became the height of fashion by the late 18th century. Gilpin was a pioneer in the appreciation of Picturesque landscape in Britain and his ideas led, much later, to the designation of protected landscapes. Today the Wye Valley is recognised as one of the nation's most treasured landscapes and is protected as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Events are taking place all year. Check [www.gilpin2020.org/events](http://www.gilpin2020.org/events) for the most up to date list.

### OPENING IN MAY

## NEW WYE TOUR GALLERY AT CHEPSTOW MUSEUM

Take a virtual Wye Tour in a 'tour boat', viewing real period watercolours inspired by the Wye Valley and discover what tourists thought and did.

Free entry. Daily 11am - 4pm  
except Wednesdays

### ALL SUMMER

**1st Apr - 31st Oct**

11am-4pm Sat, Sun and Mon.  
Grounds open daily dawn to dusk, year round.

**The Kymin Picturesque Banqueting House**  
Kymin, Monmouth

Follow in the footsteps of the most famous Wye Tourist Lord Nelson who visited to admire the Picturesque views. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-kymin](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-kymin)

**2nd Apr - 31st Oct**

10am-4pm Thur, Fri and Sat

**Nelson Garden** Monmouth

This secret garden, based on an 18th century ornamental garden design, is dedicated to Nelson, most famous of Wye Tourists. Free entry. [www.nelsonsgarden.org.uk](http://www.nelsonsgarden.org.uk)

## APRIL

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

**'Observations on the River Wye'**

Llarrapurz Centre, Ross

Illustrated talk on Gilpin and the Wye Tour by David Whitehead. Tickets on the door.

[www.rosscivic.org.uk](http://www.rosscivic.org.uk)

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 11am**

**Launch of the Gilpin Platter & Walk**

Inn on The Wye, Kerne Bridge

Guided walk around Goodrich and Coppett Hill, then enjoy a 'Gilpin Platter', packed with tastes of the Wye (available year round). Tickets: [www.innonthewye.co.uk](http://www.innonthewye.co.uk)

## MAY

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sun 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Wye Valley River Festival**

Two weeks of outdoor art along the Wye from Hereford to Chepstow, celebrating the landscape of the Wye Valley AONB. Mostly free, some ticketed [www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk)

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Daytime**

**'Wye & Lugg' Walk**

Hereford to Little Dewchurch 10 mile guided walk. Tickets: [www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk)

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Daytime**

**'Crossing the Wye' Walk**

Little Dewchurch to Ross 10 mile guided walk. Tickets: [www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk)

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Daytime**

**'The Wye Tour' Walk**

Ross to Lydbrook 10 mile guided walk. Tickets: [www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk)

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Daytime**

**'Picturesque Wye' Walk**

Lydbrook to Monmouth 10 mile guided walk. Tickets: [www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk)

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 10am -1pm**

**Walking poetry workshop**  
Tintern

Join poet Fiona Benson walking an old Pilgrimage route to Tintern Abbey. Follow in the footsteps of Wordsworth who composed whilst walking. Free, but ticketed. [www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleyriverfestival.co.uk)



**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

**Early tourists and the keepers of the keys at Tintern Abbey**

Tintern Village Hall

Rare opportunity to hear Dr Suzanne Matheson (University of Windsor, Ontario) talk. She is an expert in early tourism to Tintern Abbey. Tickets from: [www.visitmonmouthshire.com](http://www.visitmonmouthshire.com)

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Ross Reinvented Festival**  
Ross

Details: [www.creatoross.co.uk/ross-reinvented](http://www.creatoross.co.uk/ross-reinvented)

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 pm**

**Music of the Wye Tour - Gwent Chamber Orchestra**  
St Mary's Church, Ross

Music of the Wye Tour: including Mozart, Haydn and Elgar. Tickets £15 from: [www.creatoross.co.uk/ross-reinvented](http://www.creatoross.co.uk/ross-reinvented)

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm**

**Launch of the Augmented Reality Wye Tour Boat**  
Hope & Anchor pub, Ross

Launch of the Ross 'Museum Without Walls' Augmented Reality Wye Tour boat and river scene. Free event. [www.museumwithoutwalls.uk](http://www.museumwithoutwalls.uk)

## JUNE

**Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd**

**In the Footsteps of Gilpin**

Chepstow Walkers are Welcome lead this two-day guided walk from Monmouth to Chepstow. Tickets: [www.walksinchestow.co.uk/events-diary](http://www.walksinchestow.co.uk/events-diary)

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm**

**Picturesque Scenes Lecture**

Bishopwood Village Hall

Picturesque Scenes: Reverend Gilpin and the Development of Landscape Art by Eleanor Bird. Tickets £8 from: [www.theartsociety-rossonwye.org](http://www.theartsociety-rossonwye.org)

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Daytime**

**Wyedean Canoe Club Wye Tour Outing - Part 1 Along the Wye!**

Join Wyedean Canoe Club on a trip from Ross to Symonds Yat. Open to non members, with or without canoes. Free. Booking essential: [marteg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marteg@hotmail.co.uk)

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**

**Wye Tour & Riverside Walk Meet at Ross Market House**

Join Heather Hurley for a 2 mile guided Wye Tour & Riverside Walk. Free event. [www.gilpin2020.org/events/](http://www.gilpin2020.org/events/)



**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June -  
Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10am-6pm**

**MadeinRoss @  
Goodrich Castle**

Exhibition of Made in Ross artists' work in response to Goodrich Castle. Goodrich Castle entrance fee. [www.madeinross.co.uk](http://www.madeinross.co.uk)

**Tue 16<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm**

**From the Grand Tour of Europe to the heyday of the Wye Tour**  
Ross Library

Illustrated talk by local historian Mark Eardley. Tickets from: [www.rldg.org.uk](http://www.rldg.org.uk)

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm**

**Robert Bloomfield: 'The Banks of the Wye'**  
Drill Hall, Chepstow

Afternoon of talks about 'peasant poet' Robert Bloomfield, his Wye Tour and 'The Banks of Wye' poem. Speakers include Tim Fulford, Professor of English, De Montfort University. Tickets: [www.visitmonmouthshire.com](http://www.visitmonmouthshire.com)

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

**Gilpin 2020 School Project Launch**

St Mary's, Ross

A celebratory launch of the work that has gone into the Gilpin Schools Project by the Wye Valley Learning Network of primary schools. Free entry. [www.gilpin2020.org/schools-project/](http://www.gilpin2020.org/schools-project/)

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> - Sat 30<sup>th</sup>**

9am - 5pm daily

**Gilpin and the Wye Tour Schools Exhibition**  
St Mary's, Ross

Exhibition of art and films by the Wye Valley Learning Network. Free entry. [www.gilpin2020.org/schools-project/](http://www.gilpin2020.org/schools-project/)

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> - Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Gilpin Food Week at the Old Court Hotel**  
Old Court Hotel, Whitchurch

Drop by to sample special dishes of food from the time of the Wye Tour. [www.oldcourthotel.co.uk](http://www.oldcourthotel.co.uk)

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**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm**

**In the wake of Gilpin, one woman's Wye Tour**  
Drill Hall, Chepstow

Anne Cooper's Tour and Journals 1786. Lecture by Monmouthshire Museums' Curator, Anne Rainsbury. Tickets: [www.visitmonmouthshire.com](http://www.visitmonmouthshire.com)