

Chepstow Town Council & The Chepstow Society
invite you to

CHEPSTOW 500

18 MAY 2024
10.30AM - 3PM

**CELEBRATING THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TOWN ARCH AND TOWN CHARTER OF 1524**

JOIN OUR TUDOR STREET PARTY
MARKET STALLS | MUSIC | FOOD

TUDOR COSTUME ENCOURAGED

Children's Activities | Re-enactment
Tom the Minstrel | Drama | Dancing
Tudor Games | Falconry

SPECIAL CONCERT OF TUDOR MUSIC IN ST MARY'S PRIORY, 7PM

Want to volunteer or be involved with the celebrations?
Contact Chepstow Town Council on admin@chepstow.co.uk



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Transport yourself back to 1524, when King Henry VIII was still married to Catherine of Aragon. During this year a significant event unfolded in Chepstow, the Earl of Worcester bestowed upon the town's inhabitants a charter with which to govern the town, along with the iconic town arch.

This charter vested power in four elected merchants and guild members, termed burgesses, granting them the authority to administer the town's affairs. Their duties ranged from tax collection at local markets to maintaining law and order, even using the Town Gate as a jail.

Some individuals had circumvented the town's tolls by establishing an informal market outside the gate in Moor Street.



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