

## Abergavenny Castle Information from 1800 - 1959

Year	Source / Day	Information / Event	Photograph / Scan / Notes / Document / Internet
1805	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/204	Abergavenny - Received of William Williams a years rent due Michaelmas 1807 for Castle Green. £44 : - : -	N
1808	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/204	Abergavenny 12th Sept – of Wm Williams a years rent due Michas. 1807 for Mill £42 : - : - reduced property tax £2 : - : -. £40 : - : - Reced. of him a years rent due as above for House and Garden £21 : - : -, deduct property tax £1 : 18 : -. £ 19 : 12 : - Reced. of him a years rent due as above for Castle Green. £44 : - : -	N
1813	Accounts of Abergavenny Castle Bailie Baker (Museum Files)	William Watkins, Mason. 29 <sup>th</sup> September 1813 agreed with William Watkins to let him part of the Castle Gardens called Fox Hall from this day at the clear yearly rent of £8.	N
1815	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/6/1887 and also 16/9/1905	Cannon fired on Castle mound (site of Castle House) to celebrate fall of Napoleon. Cannon brought by mules from Pontypool. "The house was built for a shooting-box for the Earl of Abergavenny by Mr Baker-Gabb, the Earl's steward."	N P
1816	Gwent Archives D1585.5.4 4/6	Indenture between Earl and John Hammond and John Thomas for lease of Hocker Mill and Castle tump and Castle green including Castle.	P
1817	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/204	Received of Wm Watkins 2 years Rack rent due at Michaelmas last for part of the Castle Gardens £1 : 12 : -	N
1818	Gwent Archives GRO D 1583 2239	Account of cash paid for Haulage, Stones, Labour etc etc for Building at the Castle. (Starts April 14)	N
1819	Monmouthshire Rental MAN/A/2 0202 (Museum files)	William Watkins – two gardens now let with Castle £12 William Watkins garden – attached to Castle House To John Ingram for repairs of clocks and yearly allowance for winding up same. Baker Gabb jnr esq To John Mason – July 31 <sup>st</sup> paid for drawing gooseberry's in Castle Gardens 6s etc.	N
1820	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/244	<i>Repairs</i> 2nd Sept. To cash paid John Jones carpenter for repairs at the Castle House as per owed. £3 : 1 : 6½. <i>Hauling</i> 2nd Oct. To cash paid Edward Tailor for clearing Castle Yard and hauling to Red Barn Farm etc as per Bill & receipt. £3 : 12 : - <i>Castle Repairs</i> . To cash paid Mr Conway for chimney. £2 : 18 : -	N
1821	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/244  MAN/A/2 0202 D1348.47	12 January. To cash paid Mr John Phillips the amount of his Bill for Timber for use in building Castle House. £65 : 4 : 10 To ditto Mr Thomas Watkins Glazier the amount of his bill for Glazing the Castle House. £11 : 9 : 6 May 5 <sup>th</sup> . To ditto Peter Price for drawing trees to plant at Castle. £- : 4 : - To do. John Griffiths repairing Castle Gate. £- : 2 : - To cash paid Wm Marshall for easing Castle Gate. £- : - : 6 To do. Mr Morgan for Gates etc for Castle. £8 : 7 : 6 21 July. To ditto remitted Mr Taylor in discharge if his bill for building Castle House etc etc. £62 : 5 : 7 1821 – to Charles Davies ... mending Castle gate (Museum files) Plan of Abergavenny showing plots let to various people including Baker Gabb Jnr. who rented the Castle Walks, Castle Gardens and timber yard	N N P
1822	Morning Post 19/4/22	MARRIED – Yesterday, Baker Gabb, Esq. of Abergavenny Castle, Monmouthshire, to Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Thomas Stead, Esq. of Devonshire-street, Queen-square.	S
	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/0202	To Sweet and Miller for trees planted at the Castle £5:3:6 for repairing Castle gate £5:3:6 (Museum files)	N
1825	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/244  MAN/A/2 0202	July 26. To cash paid Mr Watkins Collector of legers ½ a years assessed pages for Castle House ending April 1825. £3 : - : 9 Aug 13. To cash paid Joseph Williams plasterer for repairs at Castle House. £- : 7 : - Oct 19. To cash paid a years water tax for Castle due 24 June last. £- : 10 : - To Joseph Williams plasterer for repairs at Castle House To William Marshall for repairing railings 7s. To Chas Acock for repairing railings at the Castle 6s. (Museum files)	N

<b>1826</b>	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/244	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan. To cash paid John Lewis Ironmonger for copper wire nails for the Castle as seen and receipt £5 : 4 : 5 March 20. To cash paid Commissioners of Abergavenny Water tax for the Castle due 25 Dec 1825. £- ; 10 ; - 11 April. To cash paid William Marshall for repairing Railings at Castle. £- : 6 :- 28 April. To cash paid JH Morgan half a years assessed taxes for Castle House ending 5 April 1826. £3 : - : 9 21 June. To cash paid Mr Thos. Davis a High way rate charged upon the Castle in Abergavenny dated 11 June 1825. £- : 6 : - 5 August. To cash paid Charles Acock for taking care of Castle from 1st Dec 1824 to 18 Sep 1825 at 3/6 per week. £7 : 11 : - To cash paid for Sept 1825 to 10th July 1826 at 2/-. £4 : - : - To cash paid for Coals for Castle £4 : 19 : 6 To cash paid Sweeping chimnies and for Brooms Dusters etc. £1 : 15 : 11 Sept 26. To cash paid Commissioners of Abergavenny Water tax for Castle due 24 June last. £- : 10 : - 8 Nov. To cash paid Mr Benjamin Thomas half a years reduced assessed taxes due 10 Oct 1826 for Castle. £3 : - : 9	N
	D1583.5.20 30/10/26	Indenture between Henry Earl of Abergavenny and Thomas Paytherus of Kensington for "The ruins of Abergavenny Castle and a messuage called The Court House, with appurtenances and a pice of land called the Castle Tump, for 7 years at £30". [Includes inventory]	P
	D1583.5.20	List of defective fittings.	P
<b>1827</b>	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/244	25 May. To cash paid Chas. Acock for taking care of Castle from 18th July 1826 to 24th Sept. following at 2/- per week. £1 : - : - 6 Nov. To cash paid for repairing windows at the Castle. £2 : 18 : 6	N
<b>1828</b>	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/244	Dec 15. To cash paid Mr Charles Price Ironmonger for repairing [?] Table burner etc. at Castle. £2 : 10 : -	N
<b>1830</b>	Bristol Mercury 16/2/30	DIED. Feb 3, at the Castle, Abergavenny, aged 67, Mrs Patherus	S
	Gwent Archives MAN/A2/244	March 13. To cash paid Messrs Lewis and Sons amount of Bill for Copper wire and affixing same on Castle. £6 : 12 : -	N
	Records of Sun Fire Office (Guildhall Library)	Insured: Thomas Paytherus, Abergavenny Castle Monmouthshire, esq. MS 11936/525/1111768 7 September 1830	I
<b>1835</b>	Kelly's directory	Mr Hansby, surgeon, living at the Castle	D
<b>1841</b>	Census 7/6/41	Records of Castle and Lodge missing	
<b>1845</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 9 April 1915	Account of the Eisteddfod which mentions the cannon salutes from Castle hill and peal of bells to announce the start of the proceedings.	P
<b>1847</b>	Cardiff & Merthyr Guardian 25/12/47	Under 'Deaths' – Dec.13, at Abergavenny Castle, Michael, soon of Michael Hansby Esq., surgeon, aged 3 years and 6 months.	S
<b>1851</b>	Census 30/3/51	Castle House occupied by Michael Hansby, General Practitioner and his family. Castle Lodge occupied by James Evans, Chelsea Pensioner and journeyman tailor, and his wife	S
	Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian 24/7/52	Under 'Deaths' – July17, at Abergavenny Castle, Monmouthshire, suddenly, Mary Ann, the wife of Michael W. Hansby, Esq., surgeon.	S
	Lascelles	Ruins beautiful with one habitable part occupied by Mr Gadsby.	N
<b>1853</b>	Morning Post 5/10	Great Eisteddfod will take place in Abergavenny this year and mention that Earl of Abergavenny "still" owns the Castle and that this confers the title	S
<b>1858</b>	Slater's	Remains of Castle after undergoing changes and improvements converted into picturesque and secluded retreat, abode of WE Bellamy Esq.	N
<b>1861</b>	Cardiff & Merthyr Guardian 16/2/61	Under 'Deaths' – BELLAMY. – Feb. 3, suddenly, at his residence, the Castle, Abergavenny, Mr William Bellamy, wine and spirit merchant.	S
	Usk Observer 2/3/61	Report on the Extraordinary Marriage Case of the Yelvertons; Sarah Bellamy was the sister of Teresa Yelverton (née Longworth).	S
	Census 7/4/61	Castle House occupied by Sarah Bellamy, with a visitor and a general servant Castle Lodge "Tenant expected – House not slept in"	S

<b>1862</b>	Pembrokeshire Herald 24/1/62	'Another Yelverton Case'	S
	Kelly's	After a variety of changes and great expense charming residence, abode of Mrs Bellamy.	N
<b>1863</b>	Usk Observer 22/8/63	Thomas Owen was charged with committing damage to certain grass on the grounds of the Castle, Abergavenny, belonging to Sara Marie Bellamy, on the 4 <sup>th</sup> of August. Mr Owen, who was a preacher, and others, assembled on the grounds of the Castle, for the purpose of holding religious meetings, much to the annoyance of Mrs Bellamy who lived in the Castle and rented the grounds, and to the injury of the grass thereon. J. B. Walford, the Earl's agent confirmed that Mrs Bellamy rented the property from the Earl and said there were two paths across the property between the two walls of the Castle precinct that were subject to a public right of way from Castle Street to Mill Street.	S
<b>1865</b>	Kelly's	Changes and improvements picturesque and secluded residence, abode of Mrs Bellamy	N
<b>1866</b>	Usk Observer 2/1/66	Report of Johannah Hagan, domestic servant, who sued her mistress Mrs Bellamy for £3 12s 4d, made up as follows: £2 for wages from 1 October to 1 January, 12s 4d in lieu of a month's notice, and £1 damages for an assault. She claimed that Mrs Bellamy had come in to her room and thrown water over when she had sent a message that she was unwell and unable to work. The case was found and Hagan was awarded £1 19s 4d for the wages and damages for assault.	S
	Manchester Times 20/1/66	Mrs Bellamy who resides at Castle appeared in court to defend action by her servant girl for throwing water over her and non-payment of wages.	S
<b>1869</b>		Abergavenny Chronicle started publication	
<b>1871</b>	Census 2/4/71	Castle Lodge occupied by Henry Neville, saddler, his wife and son 1871 second half of year - No mention in Abergavenny Chronicle	S
<b>1873</b>		NO MENTION IN ABERGAVENNY CHRONICLE	
<b>1874</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/2/74	A man has been found dead at Castle Walk on Friday. The victim was John Nicholas a shoemaker of Llanthewy Rytherch. An inquest was held at the King's Head. His body was found at Castle Walk near the Three Tuns. Many people before and after the inquest believed he had been murdered, he could have fallen whilst intoxicated but there are no marks on the ground indicating this. 5s 3 ½d was found in his pocket and a witness said that on the Wednesday he possessed £5. Benjamin Gwatkin, carpenter, had been drinking with John Nicholas at the Clarence Inn in Castle Street. They drank jugs of gin hot and beer. He had also been drinking during the day on Thursday. Dr Steel believed death to have been caused by concussion of the brain from blows which fractured the bone. The inquest was adjourned for a fortnight so that police can make further enquiries.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/2/74	Editorial stating that nothing new had been learned by the police regarding John Nicholas' death. Exaggerated reports had been circulating in the town.	N
	Western Mail 5/3/74	"A dark and deadly crime" suspected after body of man found in rugged and dangerous path known as Castle Walk. 3 men and a female arrested.	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/3/74	The adjourned inquest heard new evidence relating to a woman seeing a man being carried. A magistrate's warrant was obtained for the apprehension of Gwatkin, two other men and a woman but was refused.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/3/74	A long article headed "Intimidating a witness in the case of the supposed murder"	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/3/74	A blood stained screwdriver found at the house of a woman with whom one of the suspects lived.	N
<b>1875</b>		NO MENTION IN ABERGAVENNY CHRONICLE	
<b>1876</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/7/76	Cambrian Archaeological Association notice of a temporary museum of antiquities to be held in the town hall during their meeting and asking for contributions to be loaned.	P
	Western Mail 17/8/76	Cambrian Archaeological Society, Rev Thos Williams gave talk on history of Castle	S
	Times 19/8/76	Visit by Cambrian Archaeological Association to Castle, occupied by Mrs Bellamy. Desire of visitors that walls be denuded of their green covering. Owner protested	S

	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/8/76	Cambrian Archaeological Society meeting mentioned the ruins of Abergavenny Castle and expressed regret that access to the place was denied to the general public. They thought the Marquis should be approached by the Town Commissioners with the plan as the current lease would end shortly.	P
1877	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/1/77	Report of flooding in Castle meadows that reached to the steps at the foot of the Castle	P
	Kelly's	Mrs Bellamy – occupier, the Castle	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/5/77	Letter suggesting that the marquis allow the use of a small area of meadow opposite the Castle steps for the use of swimming.	P
1878		NO MENTION IN ABERGAVENNY CHRONICLE	
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1880	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/10/80	Improvements committee's report – The gas manager has submitted a report on the best way of laying the mains and the best places for the lamps to light the Castle grounds. The committee have had the mains laid as far as the house and one of the lamps has been ordered to be fixed. The committee decided to make a terrace at the top of the garden grounds. The fence at the bottom has been removed and the garden and green adjoining are to be levelled and the turf carefully replaced. The garden at the entrance to the grounds on the right to be levelled with a view to setting it out with flower pots. A carpenter and assistant have been engaged to make a rustic seat and <b>reconstruct</b> a passage on top of the round walls. The question of the bandstand has for the present been deferred. The sum of 10s was allowed to Mrs Smith the late occupier of the lodge for the loss of the garden crops and for services rendered. The use of the lodge was allowed to Mr J Anderson senior and his wife. Mr Anderson's wages as a working gardener to be 18s a week with a months notice on either side. Mr Gabb informed the Board that Lord Abergavenny would be in town and the Commissioners requested his lordship to inspect the alterations at the Castle. His lordship arrived at the Angel Hotel and the chairman thanked him for the use of the Castle for public purposes and for his handsome donation towards the expenses of the alterations. At 12 o'clock today his lordship will inspect the Castle. Accordingly his lordship, accompanied by Mr Gabb, the committee and board members expressed himself pleased with the improvements so far. He then initialled the trees he thought should be cut down to open the view leaving the committee with the final tree removal decisions. He also visited part of the wall between the inner and outer grounds to be relocated to the edge of the pathway. He wishes to pay for the work but the commissioners to supervise. Therefore the commissioners will contact his agents. The committee have ordered 30 seats for the Castle grounds costing £33 14s 6d. The total expenditure on the Castle so far, for labour, materials and articles ordered is £116. A passage is to be made along the Castle wall and sleepers obtained for that purpose.	P N
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 16/10/80	Agreement between John Anderson and Abergavenny Improvement Commissioners allowing the free use of the Lodge as a dwelling and for him to work as a gardener in the Castle grounds for 18s a week.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/10/80	Letter complaining about the platform built on top of the west wall of the Castle on the grounds of unnecessary expense and unsuitability of the wall to take the weight of the structure.	P N
	Hampshire Telegraph 23/10/80	Lord Abergavenny thanked by deputation of townspeople for Castle now open to public and grounds much improved	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/11/80	Leading article congratulating the Marquis of Abergavenny on his donation of £100 towards the cost of preparing and laying out at the Castle grounds prior to the Castle and grounds becoming a place of public recreation.	N
1881	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 18/2/81	Estimates from John G Thomas, Builder for 'floor' in Castle grounds to be made in cement or wood.	P
	Pembrokeshire Herald 15/3/81	Yelverton Marriage Case – publication of a letter from Teresa Yelverton, written in 1858 and mentioning Abergavenny Castle.	S

Census 3/4/81	Castle Lodge occupied by John Anderson, gardener and his wife (H)Annah, Lodge Keeper	S
Abergavenny Chronicle 27/5/81	Whit Monday fete announced to celebrate the Castle improvements. Description of walkways etc. Procession in afternoon procession through town and fireworks in the evening.	N
Bristol Mercury 28/5/81	Opening of Abergavenny Castle and Grounds and the Sugar Loaf Mountain Drive will be celebrated by a Grand Fete on Whit Monday, 6 June	S
Bristol Mercury 31/5/81	Advertisement for fete – no details	S
Gwent Archives D1583.311.2 2/6/81	Draft deed of provision of public pleasure grounds at Abergavenny Castle between the Marquess and Abergavenny Improvement Commissioners	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 3/6/81	Improvements committee report on works done in Castle grounds, walkways checked etc. prior to fete. Bar counter erected in one of lower rooms for use of Mrs Dew and permission to put furniture in one of public rooms on the first floor. Normal entrance is fee 2d (more on fete day). Normal open hours 9am to 10pm and 12 noon to 9pm Sundays. ALSO Ad for fete on Whit Monday following the procession over the new carriage drives on Sugarloaf mountain, a grand procession from the market to the Castle where three splendid bands will play choice selections of operatic and dance music. Fete will conclude with fireworks and illumination of the castle ruins, balloon ascents with fireworks. (Long list of illuminations and set pieces). Also fireworks on the hills.	P N
Aberdare Times 11/6/1881	The splendid ruins of Abergavenny castle and grounds, together with carriage drives up the famed Sugarloaf Mountain were thrown open free for ever on Whitsun Monday. There was a grand procession, with three bands of music, fireworks, and illuminations of the castle ruins. Excursion trains brought crowds of people, but the weather was unfavourable.	S
Western Mail 7/7/81	Wilful damage – Arthur Pritchard and Walter Sheen, two little lads, were charged with damaging the Abergavenny Castle walls on the 7 <sup>th</sup> ult. to the value of 1d.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 8/7/81	The Improvements committee reported on the castle that Mr W Price has planted shrubs round the ladies' lavatory at a price of £4. Mr JG Thomas examined the galleries and has confirmed the opinion of Mr Foster as to their strength. A piece of overhanging masonry may need to be propped. The agreement with Lord Abergavenny for the use of the grounds has been duly executed. The arrangements for Whit Monday were excellent and 4053 people were admitted on that day. Another fete will be held on August Bank Holiday. A telegram was sent to Lord Abergavenny saying that the castle grounds and the Sugarloaf drive had opened with great success. Lord Abergavenny replied congratulating the Committee. The committee deemed it necessary to remove John Anderson and his wife from the office of caretaker and ticket seller due to an unseemly quarrel between Anderson and a workman named Bond. They have appointed John Heath and his married daughter Mrs Watkins at the wages of 25s a week with use of lodge. Mrs Watkins will sleep in Castle house by arrangement with Mrs Dew. Two boys have been detained by the police for getting over the boundary walls and they will be prosecuted. Broken glass has been placed on the walls to prevent these incursions. A registering turnstile has been purchased of Mr Straker for £15 subject to its being in perfect order. A mowing machine has been purchased, also a tennis net and poles and a donkey hired occasionally to roll the turf. A second set of swings has been made by John Thomas the carpenter. A tariff of refreshment prices has been submitted by Mr Dew and approved. The band of Abergavenny Volunteer Corps will play at the castle on two evenings a week, Monday and Thursday for £10 for the season. On Saturday 9 July the grounds will be open to ratepayers of the town at 1pm in accordance with the request of Mr Crawshaw Bailey. All persons playing tennis are to use proper tennis shoes.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 15/7/81	Report of visit to the castle by inmates of the Union Workhouse on 11 July. The aged and infirm were carried there in breaks and seated under the trees on the dancing lawn. The children formed up on the dancing platform for circular games. About 117 partook of tea and one	P N

		hundredweight of cake was cut up on the occasion plus bread and butter. Cake was sent to those who could not leave the workhouse and tobacco was given to the men and old ladies and sweets to the children. Jones the harper played for dancing and the Rifle Volunteer band played in the evening.	
	County Observer & Monmouthshire Central Advertiser 16/7/1881	Another report on the workhouse treat to the Castle by Mrs Crawshay Bailey who had tea provided for the 117 paupers by the Castle Refreshment Rooms.	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/7/81	Ad for grand fete at castle on August Bank Holiday 1 August with entertainers and fireworks. ALSO ad for fancy fair on 10 August at noon with tennis, quoits, coconut bowling etc.	P
	Bristol Mercury 22/7/81	A party of about 1000 people came by train via Brynmawr from Blaenavon Baptist Sunday School for their outing to Abergavenny Castle	S
	The Era 30/7/81	The Miraculous Latelles (Three in Number), in their most Graceful and Highly Finished Performance on the High-Rope, At Liberty for Home and Abroad. Monday next, Abergavenny Castle	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/8/81	Report of the Bank Holiday festivities in the town and at the Castle including firework display	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/8/81	Several boards and notices and boards for advertisements and announcements in connection with the Castle have been provided, also a marker for the tennis lawn and a flag for the Castle at a cost of £3 10s. a coat and hat have been ordered for the caretaker John Heath to wear in the evenings and on special occasions. A complimentary family season ticket has been presented to Mr Crawshay Bailey and a single season ticket to Mr WJ Morgan. 3 iron drinking fountains have been ordered to be erected on arrival. The free day on Saturday has been found objectionable due to the damage done by visitors so the free day is to be withdrawn. The swings have been abused and a man will be employed to take charge of them and charge 1d for a swing of very moderate duration. A sum of £50 is to be paid to Mr Thomas for repairs to the swings etc, the remainder to be paid as early as possible. ALSO Govilon Eisteddfod committee asked for loan of chairs on 1 August but this was refused as they were needed for the Castle fete. ALSO Ad for Abergavenny Horticultural Society annual show at the castle on 25 August with a splendid harmonic band in attendance.	P P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/8/81	Report of Horticultural Society show which was held in the market hall rather than the castle due to the wet weather.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/10/81	Letter to Editor complaining about a bullock's head (dripping blood) over a shop near to the newly improved Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/11/81	There had been misconduct at the Castle by some boys who congregate there on Sundays, with some rails wrenched off. Letters had been written to each of the lads with a warning that they would be prosecuted if it happened again.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/12/81	Committee had received an application from Mr Dew to permit entertainments at the Castle during the winter months, including a quadrille party. This was refused and Mr Dew applied to have the rent reduced or that the committee find him extra employment during the winter, when he heard the decision. The committee felt this was a good opportunity to release him from his tenancy and had a conference with Mrs Dew who wants them to purchase the supply of glass and china and provide a key to the gates as they have lost theirs and cannot get out after 5pm without difficulty. The committee have not yet decided on the purchase of stock but agreed to lend 2 gate keys. The tender of Mr CF Powell for £1 16s 6d to provide and paint a board with admission charges was accepted. Captain Steel has applied for the use of the Castle grounds for a fete for the benefit of the Volunteer Corps on Ester Monday but the Committee have not settled their plans for the year.	P
<b>1882</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/1/82	Improvements Committee – "Castle grounds: Mr Dew had valued the articles which he proposed to leave at the Castle at £13 1s 3d. The committee decided to purchase such articles, provide the valuation was found to be a fair one, and to release Mr Dew from his engagements, the	P

		amount of rent to be deducted from the £13 1s 3d.	
Abergavenny Chronicle 28/1/82		The Weather and the Poor - A lengthy article about the impact on the poor of Abergavenny due to the severe weather and the need for charity. "A kitchen has been opened by the (Town) Commissioners at the Castle where soup and bread are supplied at nominal charges." "Recognising the expediency of establishing one central authority we understand the soup kitchen commenced by Mr Bailey was discontinued when the kitchen at the Castle was opened by the Town Commissioners."	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 3/2/82		Finance Committee report: a claim had been made for payment of property tax on the Castle but the assessment was for more than rentals so they decided to appeal. A statement relating to the Castle showed a deficit. It was suggested that the deficit be made up from the funds of the Gas Committee and paid back from time to time from the revenue from the Castle. ALSO Improvements Committee reported the arrangements with Mr Dew for him to vacate Castle House and the Committee to purchase items. The statement showed total expenditure on the Castle to be £1,135 8s 3d and total receipts and donations £682 15s 9d of which £203 16s 1d was for sale of tickets and admission. "It should however be remembered that the expenditure included a considerable value of plant and articles removable under the agreement with Lord Abergavenny." ALSO Improvement's Business – Chairman said that by an agreement with Marquis of Abergavenny they were, if the Marquis wished at any time to have possession of the Castle, to receive a sum of £500 for anything they might have done there and be also entitled to all removable articles which they could take away, so town would lose nothing.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 17/2/82 & following 2 weeks		Ad – Abergavenny Castle – Applications invited from a married man, not under 30 years of age to reside in a portion of the house in the Castle grounds to attend to parties and fetes, supply light refreshments and minister to the general requirements of visitors subject to certain conditions. No wages paid.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 3/3/82		Improvements Committee: the Castle refreshment rooms – this committee reported that they had discussed the arrangements for future tenancy of Castle vacated by Mr John Dew. With a slight alteration in the tariff of prices for refreshments, it was decided to appoint a suitable person upon former conditions with additions of: One day in the year, not being Easter Monday or Whit Monday (to be selected by the committee) will be allowed to the tenant for a fee for his private benefit. The house to be occupied solely by the tenant and his family and the tenancy to commence on the 25 March next, subject to 6 months notice on any subsequent 25 March. ALSO a discussion on the warden not being allowed to have lodgers ALSO progress of works satisfactory except for a fault in sewer in Castle grounds which they will order the contractor to remedy.	P
County Observer & Monmouthshire Central Advertiser 11/3/81		It is understood that the refreshments rooms at the public recreation grounds of the castle have been let to Mr Evan Jones of the Abergavenny coffee Palace who will discharge the duties of the warden of the castle, to great satisfaction in the town.	S
Abergavenny Chronicle 17/3/82 & following 2 weeks		Ad – Abergavenny Castle. A Grand Fete on Easter Monday April 10 <sup>th</sup> . "An efficient band will be in attendance to play operatic and dance music. Entertainments include the great "Ohmy" with his wonderful performance on the Corde Elastique 40 ft up, Brothers Elvere, Grotesque Clowns, point to point steeple chase, dancing on the lawns and platform, grand ascent of balloons etc etc. Admission 1s.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 31/3/82		Notice of special trains from Pontrillas and Pontypool Road to Abergavenny for the Fete in Castle grounds.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 14/4/82		Easter Monday Fete at Castle. Great improvements have been carried out with a refreshment bar corresponding in style with its neighbour the bandstand, near old banqueting hall. Done by Mr Evan Jones of the Imperial Coffee Bar. He has developed the refreshment rooms in the Castle house too. Entertainments included a contortionist Mr Ohmy. Part of the Castle devoted to gymnastics. A steeplechase was run over the grounds, up the motte, over the walls etc. Evening finished with Wilder fireworks and the staging collapsed when children climbed on it to see better. No serious injuries.	P

Abergavenny Chronicle 21/4/82	Report of inquest of Muss Augusta Kate Grieve who had received injuries during the collapse of the staging at the Easter Monday Fete and later died of the injuries.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 5/5/82	Improvement committee requested to place additional lamp near entrance of Castle and orders were given. A scheme for lighting the external parts of the grounds in preparation. Fete committee had applied for use of grounds for Eisteddfod and fire works on August Bank Holiday. Matter of asphaltting one of the lawns for a tennis court was considered. Mr Evan Jones, warden, had declined the offer of the grounds for his fete and preferred to have a later date. 7½ % will be allowed to stationers selling tickets to the Castle. Discussion – the previous year charges of £4 5s had been incurred for the opening of the Castle for ringing of bells etc and due to an error by the auditor this had had to be paid by the Chairman and this now to be reimbursed. Cost of repair of damage after fetes etc etc.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 19/5/82	Ad for Eisteddfod with brass band competition and fireworks in Castle grounds. ALSO Ad for Grand Fete on Whit Monday with Brothers James, Royal Aquarium Wonders, Arthur and Ernest trapeze artists, Mons. Henri Balancer and Equilibrist, fiery Dragon – jumbo balloon, negro comedians, band of 1 <sup>st</sup> Breconshire Volunteers, Japanese Perche Artists, balloons with fireworks and firework display. Admission one shilling.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 2/6/82	Messrs W & J Wilder who supply the fireworks gave a fete under their own management on Whit Monday, bring with them a troupe of performers. Band of 1 <sup>st</sup> Brecknockshire Rifles played and John Florian, Japanese perche performers, Messrs Arthur and Ernest on the double trapeze, the Gregory troupe on horizontal bar, H Henri Brothers on the trapeze and flying rings and Messrs Collings and West, negro minstrels. At 9pm some balloons were let off and the fireworks followed with the coloured fires well shown off among the rapidly increasing foliage of the trees on the Castle grounds.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 9/6/82	Improvement committee had let Castle grounds to Wilders. £60 had been taken at the gate and 1200 people visited, £10 paid to Commissioners. No material damage done. Mr Saunders had agreed to plant geraniums in summer beds and dwarf ornamental shrubs for winter, for £5. Cost of new tennis court ascertained at £60, the fete committee to provide the money. Charge of 4d per set of six games.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 23/6/82	Improvement committee report that some 30,000 to 35,000 people have passed through the gates of the Castle, following great deal of alteration and improvement.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 7/7/82	Improvements Commission - The 2 double tennis courts at the Castle will take up more room than previously supposed and will cost £12 more. Subject of providing a quoit court deferred. The cost of the tennis courts was discussed and it was felt that more entertainment at the Castle was needed and people looking forward to skating on the tennis courts. Abergavenny Volunteer Band will play each Thursday evening from 1 July till end of season. ALSO Committee reported they had discontinued use of turfed tennis court at Castle as the tarmacked one is sufficient and young children can play on the turf. Mr Jones has fixed on 1 Sept for his fete which will be a promenade concert.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 14/7/82	Item on recent visit on 16 June of Pandy District church choir, with band playing and couples dancing on platform occupying site of old banqueting hall. Plan to extend it so it fills whole area. This is an improvement on quoit ground which was previously there and was a hazard to passing visitors. Possibility of making former site of the dancing stage into a tennis ground. In house 3 or 4 apartments knocked into one to make spacious room with tables and benches and bar with temperance drinks. The party left a testimonial to Mr Evan Jones for his exertions on their behalf.	N P
Abergavenny Chronicle 11/8/82	Band contest in Castle grounds at conclusion of Eisteddfod with Wilder fireworks.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 12/8/1932	50 Years Ago – total expenditure on Castle for previous year was £1,135 8s 3d. Committee regarded the Castle as financial success. If the Marquess wished to re-possess Castle council to receive £500 along with removable items so town could lose nothing.	P



Abergavenny Chronicle 18/8/82	Popularity of Castle with numerous lawn tennis parties and 70 people from Blaina visiting, scholars of day school of Dewesall and fruit banquet. ALSO Fruit banquet held in the Salle a manger of the Castle for the Vegetarian Society. Dishes included vegetable soup and macaroni soup, vegetable marrow and potato roussian, tomato and onion, cauliflower and egg sauce, peas, beans etc., apple tart and whimberry tart, trifles, stone cream, raspberry cream, blanc mange and custards, grapes, melons, apples, pears etc. Vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Evans for their excellent catering.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 8/9/82	Ad for Wardens Fete including Promenade Concert on Thursday 21 Sept. ALSO Improvements Committee had feared that taking on the Castle would be too much but now feel it is an advantage with 5,000 people visiting during the Eisteddfod. ALSO use of turfed tennis courts discontinued as asphalted ones sufficient and allowing play area on grass for children of tender years. ALSO fetes committee reported they had a large sum to expend on improvements at the Castle. The Marquess went over the grounds on Tuesday and expressed himself very much pleased with them. He would build up the eastern wall in the same style as the other one and had promised to send 300 or 400 rhododendrons to be planted in the grounds.	P P P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 15/9/82	Ad for wardens fete including programme of events – Maindiff Court Pipe and Drum Band; Abergavenny Brass Band; Miss Lloyd, song; Mr W Theophilus, song; Abergavenny Glee Party; Messrs Stephens and Holding, dancing; Mrs Peglar, song accompanied by Abergavenny String Band; Blue Ribbon Choir; Mr E Stephens, song; and the Brass Band playing for dancing.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 22/9/82	First Warden's fete was 21/9. Viewing platforms now ring with shouts of children, strains of harp and occasionally brass band. Grass lawns, tennis court and dancing platform. Old rooms of Castle modernised, tea, coffee and bottled non-alcoholic beverages in refreshment salon. Bandstand arranged with piano and harmonium. Japanese lanterns hung on wires from tree and dungeon illuminated. Tennis, dancing and kiss-in-the-ring.	N P
Western Mail 23/9/82	Mr. Evan Jones, the popular warden of Abergavenny Castle, held his first "Warden's fete" in the shape of a promenade concert in the grounds of the Castle.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 6/10/82	The Committee reported that the fetes committee had born the cost, £70, of the new asphalt tennis courts on the condition that the commissioners marked them for playing free of charge. A lad named Joseph Hart of Prince's Street had been detected in getting over the walls, by the lodge keeper. Proceedings will be taken if necessary to stop the practice. Lord Abergavenny's secretary had written to say the rhododendrons will be sent in due course.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 3/11/82	Committee reported that Mr Dew has vacated the Castle and the committee is taking the stock for £13 12s 9d. Arrangements for the further use and occupation of the castle was deferred. Total expenditure at the castle to 21 January 1882 was 31,135 8s 9d and total receipts £682 15s 9d. Expenditure included a considerable value of plant and articles removable under the agreement with Lord Abergavenny. The excess represented an annual charge of £33 6s 6d on the rates and was considered by the Committee to represent a financial success and will continue.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 15/12/82	Report from Fete Committee had a large sum to be expended on the Castle. The Marquess had been over the grounds and was very much pleased with them. He promised to send 300 or 400 rhododendrons at the proper season. ALSO Improvements committee reported that the fetes committee had borne the cost of the new asphalt tennis courts (£70) at the Castle on the condition that they should be marked for playing free of charge by the commissioners. A lad called Joseph Hart of Princes Street had been detected getting over the walls by the lodge keeper. The commissioners did not want to beat such offenders severely but proceedings will be taken if necessary. The Marquess had written to say the shrubs he had offered will be sent in due course.	P

		ALSO A fair gathering of football and cricket players assembled at the Castle last Friday evening to partake of the first dinner of the Working Men's Association football and cricket club and a capital spread was provided by Mr Evan Jones, the warden of the Castle to which ample justice was done by the company.	
<b>1883</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/1/83	The committee reported that a rustic pillar had been ordered to be placed underneath the overhanging portions of the ruins of the Castle to guard against accident. The bare portions of the banks were ordered to be covered with ivy, the seats stacked and covered over for protection over the winter and the rhododendrons presented by the Marquis to be planted in places selected by the committee. An attempt had been made to flood the tennis court to form an ice skating rink but the water leaked away. The cost was £2 5s 3d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/1/83	Report on a vegetarian meal for 130 people given at the Castle on 18 January at a cost of 3d per head, cooked by Mr and Mrs Jones of the Temperance Hotel. The menu included pea soup, then 'a grand dish of mashed potatoes, haricot beans, fried onion and vegetarian gravy'. Then vegetarian plum pudding.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/2/83	Committee reported that some defects in the down-shoots as the Castle house were causing the wall to be very wet. The Surveyor had been directed to report on the cost of making good. A part of the boundary wall adjoining Mill Street had become dangerous and part had been taken down. A communication was directed to Mr Delves on the subject. A request had been made to Mr Evan Jones for payment for the things left by Mr Dew at the Castle and he was also informed that he will be required to pay for the gas consumed in the rooms he occupied.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/4/83	The custodian at the Castle, John Heath, has been for some time unwell so he and his daughter have been given one month's notice to leave and an advertisement has been placed for a replacement, to be repeated as no suitable person has so far applied. A cheaper pattern of tickets has been obtained for the new season. Mr Jones the harper has agreed to play at the Castle on the same terms as last year, 5s per week for 10 weeks. ALSO Report that the Committee have appointed Evan Lewis of Talybont to take charge of the grounds and his wife to sell tickets at the wages of 31 per week and the use of the lodge rent free. The fete on Whit Monday was successful with 2,610 people entering the grounds and the fete committee handed over a cheque for £10 17s 6d, being one sixth of the gross receipts.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/5/83	Ad for Grand Fete and Gala on Whit-Monday 14 May at Castle with the attendance of and efficient band, dancing on the lawns and platform, negro comedians, burlesque actors etc, fireworks by Wilders at 8.30. Admittance 6d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/5/83	The Committee chairman reported that the account with Mr Evan Jones had been settled by Captain Williams. The seats and swings had been ordered to be painted chocolate colour. Mr Heath the caretaker had been ill again and had failed once or twice and they were considering whether he was able to fill the post.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/5/83	Report on Whit-Monday at the Castle. Over 2500 colliers, ironworkers etc attended despite other attractions at Brynmawr, Pontypool etc.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/5/83	Ad for Hereford Agricultural show at Abergavenny, 12-14 June, with fete and promenade concert at the Castle on 12 and 13 June. Band for dancing, display of fireworks by Wilders including set pieces, including Wheat sheaf, God Speed the Plough, Double Revolving Star, Forest of Fire, The Saxon Square, Flight of Fiery Dragons. Gates open at 4pm Admission sixpence.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/6/83	Committee reported that the space required for 2 double tennis courts at the Castle was more than had been supposed and the cost £21 more than previously reported. But they decided to go ahead. The subject of a quoit ground was deferred. The Abergavenny Volunteer band had agreed to play at the Castle every Thursday evening from 7pm until closing time during the season from 1 July for the sum of £5. The dancing stage removed from the new tennis court is to be refixed on the site of the old banqueting hall. The harper Mr Jones will provide music at the Castle	P

		during the day for the sum of 50s to be paid by weekly instalments to the end of the summer.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/10/83	Warden's fete took place on Thursday. Tennis, Japanese lanterns, 3 bands, vocal and instrumental music in afternoon (programme of band and choral music given). Abergavenny choir, dancing, brass band.	N P
1884	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/2/84	Ad - applications invited for tenancy, expiring 25 <sup>th</sup> next, for supply of refreshments at the Castle. ALSO Improvements Committee gave instructions that a mound be made and shrubs planted between the bandstand and dancing platform and the space adjoining tennis court and dancing platform be gravelled upon a foundation of ashes, plus other necessary repairs.	P  P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/3/84	Ad for tenancy (expiring 25 March) of Castle house and to supply refreshments at tariff prices to visitors. Rent to be stated by applicants.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/3/84 also on 4 & 11/4	Ad for Easter Monday at the Castle with the opening of the Rustic Banqueting Hall, accommodate 2000 people. Brass and reed bands. Fireworks by Wilder. Admission 6d. ALSO Ad for tenders for selling refreshments at the Easter Monday fete.	P  P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/4/84	Ad for London and North-Western Railway excursions including Abergavenny Castle fete from Merthyr Tredegar and Abergavenny, Ebbw Vale and Abersychan Branches. ALSO Improvements Committee – Surveyor to try to find ways to make the asphalt surface of the tennis courts smoother. No suitable applicant yet for refreshment rooms. Horticultural Society has applied for exclusive use of grounds for show on 21 August. J Jones the harper to commence playing at Castle on Easter Monday. The tender of Mr JG Thomas was accepted for constructing the new banqueting hall at the Castle. Mr Evan Jones' tenancy at the Castle having expired and no suitable application yet received, the committee to consider further steps at another meeting. Decided to invite tenders for refreshments for Easter Monday. Charges for tickets for admission to Castle as follows: family season ticket 5s, single season 2s, school pupils 1s, adults and children 1d, books of 50 tickets 4s 2d, books of 12 tickets 1s. The rounds to be opened on Sundays at 12.30. Discussion on whether the Castle should be open on Sundays resulted in agreeing it should.	P  P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/4/1946	Abergavenny reminiscences – Easter entertainments at the Castle were Eisteddfod, band contest and athletics competitions described, also details of catering for visitors by Mr Davies.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/4/84	Report on Easter Monday fete saying there were about 3000 admissions. The new pavilion protected people from the NW winds and looked good decorated by Japanese lanterns at night. The tennis court was crowded with dancers as the band played and the gymnasium, swingboats and pleasure grounds thronged throughout afternoon. Messrs Wilder, pyrotectionists, sent up some fine balloons. The grounds are considerably improved since last season.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/5/84	Improvements Committee – as they have not received suitable applicants for the tenancy they conferred with Mr Evan Jones but he seemed disinclined unless he had the whole of Castle house and allowed to take lodgers, in which case he would pay £20. The committee agreed with this. The fete had made a profit of £44. If the Commissioners agreed to forego the amount of the admissions to which they were entitled then they could pay off the whole cost of the new roof to the banqueting hall. This was recommended. The supply of gas for dancers on Thursday evenings had been brought up and would be considered. A new tennis net had been ordered and the asphalt repaired. Mr Delves had paid £5, Lord Abergavenny's donation towards repairs of the Lodge.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 10/5/84	Agreement between Abergavenny Improvement Commissioners and Mr Evan Jones for the tenancy of Castle house for the purpose of providing and supplying refreshments at a rent of £20 pa, the bar room on the ground floor of the house to be opened at 11am and remain open until the closing of the grounds. The tenant will have exclusive use of the grounds on one day a year for the purpose of a fete for his own benefit. A schedule shows charges to be made for beverages and meat teas etc.	P



	<p>fire brigade was in attendance for the fireworks. The band of the Royal Artillery Volunteers from Penarth was in attendance. There were several performances of performing dogs. Messrs Algie and Martin did juggling tricks and performed on the slack wire. The lower lawn was occupied by the large balloon "Pictorial World" (<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/Volunteer-Review-Pictorial-Balloon-Crawley/dp/B004A00AGA">http://www.amazon.co.uk/Volunteer-Review-Pictorial-Balloon-Crawley/dp/B004A00AGA</a>) which was filled during the morning and ascended in the evening at about 7pm, taking up the aeronaut (Captain Morton) and Dr Elmes Steele. The balloon was brought down rapidly near Coldbrook mansion. The fireworks were one of the finest performances by Messrs Wilder and the set piece of a storm at sea took up the width of the tennis court. The grounds were as usual lit up with coloured fires used to beautiful effect.</p> <p>ALSO Ad for Abergavenny Horticultural Society Show at the Castle on 21 August, including band contest.</p>	P
County Observer & Monmouthshire Central Advertiser 9/8/44	Report on the successful fete held on the bank Holiday. Captain Morton made an ascent from the lower lawn in his handsome balloon "Pictorial World" watched by a crowd of something over 4000 people. 'Algie and Marti, the equilibrist and Professor Bruers dogs and monkeys also afforded great amusement. Wilder's pyrotechnical display requires no comment.'	S
Abergavenny Chronicle 15/8/84	Ad for Wardens fete on Thursday 4 Sep.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 22/8/84	Abergavenny Horticultural and Floral Society has succeeded in holding its annual show within the Castle grounds which has thitherto been prevented by the weather. This time it was one of the most glorious days of magnificent weather.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 29/8/84	ALSO repeat ad for Wardens fete on Thursday 4 Sep.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 29/8/84	Larger ad for warden's fete and promenade concert listing performers of songs and 'Comiques' plus two bands, dancing on the lawn and competition for best sentimental song and a tennis match. Admission 6d and children under 12 half price. Refreshments can be obtained on the grounds and programmes available. Japanese lanterns, fireworks.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 5/9/84	Report on wardens fete which included tennis match between Abergavenny and Ton-y-pandy with spirited play. During the evening two bands played selections of dance and other music, and some glees and other pieces were given by Mr Theophilus' choir. Duets and solos were sung and a cornet solo. There was a competition for the best sentimental song but only three contestants. Castle grounds were illuminated at dusk and lanterns hung in the foliage and on the ruins with a prettier effect than any previous attempt. Balloons were set off and a display of fireworks ended the programme.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 26/9/84	ALSO improvements committee reported that with regard to Punch and Judy and other unobjectionable exhibitions who apply for permission to enter the Castle grounds then permission should be obtained from the visiting committee or the clerk in their absence. The band had asked for leave of absence for the previous Thursday being previously engaged to play at Llanfoist. Permission was given but would not in future. There had been a party from Newport who were disappointed that there was no band or any light in the banqueting hall. It was felt that it should not be necessary as the Castle closed at dusk but it was pointed out that it was darker inside. They felt it advisable that the banqueting hall should be lit on Thursday evening for the dancing. The Merthyr Express had included a paragraph stating that parties coming to the Castle grounds were not altogether satisfied with the refreshments. The committee will consider the matter further as they do not wish the reputation of the Castle to be damaged.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 26/9/84	Board of Guardians were informed that the previous day the inmates of the Workhouse had been taken to the Castle and provided with tea out of surplus funds which had been collected for the Christmas treat. The weather was favourable and they wished to thank the Improvement Commissioners for allowing the Workhouse inmates free admission and use of the swing-boats. Also thanks to Mr Prichard of the Angel Hotel and Mrs Tucker of the Greyhound Hotel for conveying the aged and infirm to and from the Castle on that occasion.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/10/84	Improvements committee – the fetes committee has handed in a cheque for £3 17s 3d, being one fourth of the net profits of the August bank holiday fete. A comparative statement of the receipts (exclusive of rent) from the 25 March to the end of September for the years 1883 and '84 was as follows:- 1883 – March 25 to Sept 30 (persons admitted on payment at gates being 7,814, at 2d for adults and 1d for children) 7s 6d tickets sold, 41; 2s 6d tickets, 49; 1s 6d tickets, 20; books sold, 62; total receipts, exclusive of rent, £106 17s 1d. 1884 – March 25 to Sep 30 (16,216, all at 1d per head) 5s tickets sold, 53; 2s tickets, 52; 1s tickets, 64; books sold, 39; total receipts, exclusive of rent, £101 13s 10d.	P
	Newcastle Weekly Courant 31/10/84	Extract from 'Nevill Haunts and Homes' by Rev HJ Swallow - some history of town and Castle	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/11/84	Mr Iltyd Gardner attended the meeting of 11 October to request that the edges of the asphalt courts be enlarged. The cost of repairs would be 53s and of enlarging the courts £5. The committee would confer with the fetes committee. Some gravelling repairs to the ground around the swing boats had been ordered. The band have finished their engagement and the grounds will now be closed on Thursday nights and at the same time as on other days.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/11/84	Statement of the General Account for year ending March 25 1884, including incomings at Castle grounds of £172 12s 10d, expenditure of £141 6s 3d for Castle grounds and loan to Castle grounds of £450.	P
<b>1885</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/1/85	The Improvements Committee reported that the subject of enlarging the borders of and repairing the asphalt tennis court at a cost of £7 10s had been considered and instructions given for the work to be carried out as soon as the weather would permit, there being an understanding that if the Fetes Committee were successful at the coming Eisteddfod they would have a fund with which to recoup the amount expended. Mr Martin, one of the secretaries of the Fetes Committee said this was new to him and felt there would be objections to the money being spent on such a project. The chairman said that as the cost was only £7 10s the board should get the work done whether or not the money could be recouped.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 20/2/85 then weekly until 4/4	Advert for "Grand Musical Eisteddfod to be held at Town Hall on 5 April 1885. In the afternoon there will be a Grand Open Air ball and Promenade Concert in the Beautiful Ruins of the Castle, the Penarth Volunteer Artillery band will play a selection of Operatic and Dance music. The evening will conclude with a Grand display of fireworks. Admission to Eisteddfod 4s, 2s and 1s. Admission to Castle 6d.	N P
	Western Mail 25/3/85	Abergavenny Horticultural and Floral Society held it's AGM and decided the show would be held on 27 August at Abergavenny Castle	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/4/85	A report on the Eisteddfod which in addition to all the results stated that "nearly 5000 spectators visited the Castle in the evening when the display of fireworks took place". ALSO Abergavenny Improvement Commission. The Improvement Committee reported that Season Tickets for the Castle for 1885 had been ordered to be issued. The surveyor had inspected the Castle walls, bridge and woodwork and had reported them to be in a satisfactory condition.	N P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/5/85	The Improvements Committee reported that Mr Jones, harpist had been engaged to play at the Castle at 5s weekly. The Horticultural Society had paid £4 4s for the use of the Castle grounds at their last show and applied for the grounds for the coming show. This was under consideration. A boy named Gough believed to live in St Helen's Road had been reported to have misconducted himself in the Castle and instructions were given for the bye-laws to be enforced in case of any further offences by this person.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/5/85	Ad for Monstre Fete, open-air ball and concert at the Castle on Whit-Monday 25 May. Two military bands, Mr GA Foote the popular monologue entertainer, Dr Vincent the great American deceptionist, illusionist etc and grand display of fireworks (bombardment of Tonquin, destruction of war ships etc) special trains, admission sixpence.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/5/85	Report on the fete at the castle on Whit Monday which had to adjourn to the Market Hall due to the wretched weather. Owing to the rain Messrs Wilder & Co were unable to let off the unusually large display of fireworks but arrangements were made for the display on Wednesday when the castle was crowded with visitors and townspeople. Messrs Foote and	P

	Vincent entertained large audiences and the Blaenavon band came at short notice and played a long programme. The fireworks were the best yet, the colours being particularly good and a number of large balloons were let off in the afternoon.	
Abergavenny Chronicle 5/6/85	The Improvements Committee reports that they had directed notice to be given to Mr Evan Jones to terminate the engagement with him with regard to Castle House etc at Christmas next. Mr Cadogan and Mr Martin have arranged with Mr Moses, master, Maindiff Court Estate, for his band to play at the Castle on Thursday evenings from 1 June till the end of September from 7pm till closing time for the sum of £10. If they miss any Thursdays they are to be made up in September. The Horticultural Society have applied for the exclusive use of the Castle grounds on 27 August for their annual show, and to put up and take down tents on the preceding and following day. This was agreed with the proviso that all damage was made good and 1d per head be paid by the Society for all admissions that day. The committee reserved the right to send a person to check the number of admissions.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 26/6/85	A lawn tennis match was played at the castle last week between the clubs of Abergavenny and Blaenavon when an unusually large numbers of visitors were present.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 3/7/85 (ad runs till 31/7)	Ad for Bank Holiday Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August – Military Tournament, two splendid military bands will play in Bailey Park and at the Castle, plus dancing and other amusements including Fireworks by Wilders. ALSO - The Improvements Committee have engaged Mr Moses band to play at the castle on Thursdays during the summer for the sum of £10. The Tournament Committee have offered to pay 10s for the use of the turnstile at the tournament and this was accepted, but not as a precedent. The committee also consented to allow a ball to take place at the Castle House in August, the application being made by Mr Batt, who will arrange with Mr Evan Jones so as not to infringe upon his rights, gas and damage to be paid for.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 10/7/85	A highly interesting tennis match was held at the castle on Thursday between the Newport and Abergavenny clubs.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 7/8/85	Improvements Committee ordered that in cases where parties of 100 or more visited the castle grounds no charge should be made for men attending the swinging boats. Mr Jones had applied for the Castle gates to be opened on Bank holidays at an earlier hour and this will be discussed by the Fetes Committee. Mr Jones has been granted permission for his annual fete at the Castle on 20 August. Leave was granted for the inmates of the workhouse for free admission to the castle grounds on a suitable day. ALSO ad for Warden's fete on 20 August	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 14/8/85	Ad for Warden's Fete including open-air ball and promenade concert on Thursday 20 August. Two bands, harp, vocalists, dancing on the lawn and indoors. Admission 6d each, children under12 half price. ALSO Ad for horticultural show at the Castle on 27 August including the annual competition of the Monmouthshire Bee-Keepers Association.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 21/8/85	Report of Warden's fete which was a success with the illumination of the grounds with the moonlight presenting a very beautiful and picturesque appearance. The refreshment bar was well provided was well furnished with edibles and dainties and every provision was made for the pleasure of visitors.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 28/8/85	Report of Horticultural and Floral Society show at the Castle. As many of the exhibits were in the open officials had difficulty preventing the class tickets from being washed away in the downpour which flooded the stands in the morning.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 11/9/85	The Improvements Committee had received a letter from John Lea, president of the Local Government Board complaining about the charges made for entry to the Castle and that firework displays took place there. The Committee felt that Mr Lea had his facts wrong and that the Marquis had let the castle be used for recreational purposes with the intention of entry charges being made. They decided to reply to his letter to that effect. The Committee also ordered that the banqueting hall at the Castle should be lighted up from dusk until closing time on Thursday evenings.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/10/85	Captain Williams gave notice that at the next meeting of the board he would move that no money be taken at the Castle gates on Sundays and that the grounds be closed on those days.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/11/85	The Improvements Committee reported that a complaint had been made by the Rev A Jones of Tredegar against Mr Evan Jones' conduct with regard to a party who came down to the Castle. The complaint arose from a misunderstanding as to some tickets that the Rev had written for. The Committee ordered a letter to be written explaining the matter. Mr John Lea's letter and those of the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee who would reply in due course.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/12/85	The Improvements Committee reported that the Rev T Cozens Cooke had written objecting to the opening of the Castle grounds on Sundays. At present the opening hours on Sundays are 12 – 5pm. The Fetes Committee had paid £5 10s as a quarter of the profits arising from the fete in August. The surveyor of taxes having assessed the castle at £100 the board appealed and reduced the amount to £30.	P
<b>1886</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/1/86	Improvements committee – Mr Evan Jones had asked the board to take to his fixtures at the Castle House valued at £49 0s 5d, but the board decided to defer the question having advertised for a tenant. A letter had been received asking for the Castle to be closed on the Sabbath. ASLO discussion on question of rescinding motion for free admittance to the Castle on Sundays. Nine squares of glass had been broken on the first Sunday and 19 the following Sunday, but generally thought that having the Castle open for free on Sundays was a good thing.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/2/86	Improvements Committee – Mr Davies of the London Coffee Tavern had been accepted as tenant of the Castle House and refreshment room at a rental of £25. Some fixtures, valued at £18 taken at additional £1 10s rent.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 16/2/86	Draft agreement between Abergavenny Improvement Commissioners and Mr Samuel Davies for the Letting of the Castle Refreshment Rooms. (Castle House) for the purpose of providing refreshments at a cost of £25 [pencil £32], the bar room to provide refreshments in the morning and remain open until the grounds close. Attached schedule of prices for refreshments and list of fittings etc that form part of the agreement.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/3/86	The agreement with Mr Davies had been completed and Mr Haigh had been asked to get a tender for painting the internal part of the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/4/86	Tenders had been received for painting the inside of the Castle and that of Messrs Gwatkin Brothers if £5 3s 10d had been accepted. The Horticultural Society had applied for the use of the grounds for their show on 19 August. They had asked for reductions in terms but this not agreed to. Mr Samuel Davies, who had taken the Castle was granted the right of having an open day in about a fortnight. Mr Jenkins of the Willows had given the Board a quantity of turf for the Castle grounds, the turf being very acceptable for several places. ALSO Notice of Whit-Monday Grand Fete with Mr Orton ascending in his magnificent balloon and Japanese daylight fireworks and two bands	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/5/86	Improvements Committee – 4 tenders for constructing an overhanging roof for the Castle lodge had been received and that of Mr Ellis Stephens at £34 10s accepted. The surveyor reported that the woodwork at the Castle was good and sound. The painting of the house, bandstand etc had been done to his satisfaction.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 21/5/86	Agreement with Mr Ellis Stephens for repair to roof of Castle Lodge, the roof to be removed and replaced according to specifications for the sum of £34 10s.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/5/86	Ad for Grand Fete at Abergavenny Castle with magnificent balloon, Japanese daylight fireworks, two bands and display of fireworks.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/6/86 & 11/6	Improvements Committee – reported that the harper (Mr J Jones) had been engaged to play on Thursday afternoons from 7pm until closing time, for £12. ALSO – Ad for Whit-Monday Fete. Mr A Orton, the celebrated aeronaut will (wind and weather permitting) ascend in his magnificent balloon 'Volunteer'. Japanese daylight fireworks, two celebrated bands to play a selection of operatic and dance music. At dusk there will be a grand display of fireworks. Gates open 12am, admission only 6d. Special and cheap trains will run from all parts.	P



	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/6/86	Report of the Fete. Cold wet weather meant a poor attendance and the special trains were almost empty. Maindiff Court Band and Blaenavon Brass Band played. Mr Pain sent off a number of balloons of a comical description which were shot from a mortar and unfolded themselves when a considerable height in the air. Mr A Orton made an ascent in his balloon 'Volunteer' and disappeared into the clouds but shortly sighted making a landing. In the evening the crowds increased for the firework display.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/7/86	Improvements Commissioners (Gas Committee) had supplied the Castle Fete Committee with 26,000 feet of gas for the balloon which ascended from the Castle on Whit-Monday, and for this the sum of £4 had been accepted. ALSO – The Committee reported that the alterations to the roof at the Castle porch, being carried out by Mr Ellis Stephens, were rapidly approaching completion. No damage was done to the grounds on Whit-Monday the occasion of the fete. Messrs Martin and Evans had been authorised to endeavour to engage a band to play at the Castle during the time the volunteers were encamped at Abergavenny, the charge for admission to the Castle on such occasions to be 2d during the time the band was playing. Mr Morgan asked if season ticket holders would have to pay the 2d entrance fee and the Chairman said they would when the band was playing. On Bank Holiday provision would be made for a good band to play at the Castle and on that day admission would be 3d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/8/86	Improvements Committee – reported that Mr Moses' band had been engaged to play at the Castle during the week for £6, by Mr Martin, who also engaged the Celyn band to play there on bank holiday for the sum of £10.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/8/86	Ad for Abergavenny Horticultural & Floral Society, Tenth Annual Show at The Abergavenny Castle on Thurs 19 Aug. Prizes to upwards of £80 for stove and Greenhouse plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables. Splendid Band of the 3rd Battalion Glamorganshire Regiment. Dancing on the lawns until eight o'clock pm. Public admission from 2pm 2s 6d, from 3pm 1s and from 5pm until closing 6d. Cheap tickets will be issued by the GW and the LNWR on the day.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 20/8/86	Report of AHFS show – fine day, great many visitors. In the afternoon the grounds presented a very pretty appearance, chairs having been placed the whole length of the raised paths, from whence the band could be heard to advantage.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/9/86	Improvements Committee – the use of the Castle grounds has been allowed for the Warden's Fete on 9 Sept. The committee has inspected the Castle boundary wall near the large swings and consider it dangerous for children, not being of sufficient height and they have instructed to have the wall raised at a cost of about £5.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/9/86	Warden's Fete (Warden Mr Samuel Davies of the London Coffee Hotel) held yesterday. Maindiff Court Band played and Mr Ernee Clarke (the original "Tommy Dodd") gave an excellent performance. ALSO The accounts for the year ending 25 March 1886 of the Improvements Commissioners showed receipts for the Castle grounds of £117 14s and expenditure of £152 11s 2d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/9/86	A tennis match was played at the Castle on Saturday. The weather was admirable and the match was witnessed by large numbers of local gentry.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/11/86	The Improvements Committee reported that the band had completed its engagement to play at the Castle and had applied for payment. The part of the tennis court which had been enlarged required to be tarred and faced in order to preserve it from winter damage.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/12/86	Improvements Commissioners report of £450 being 'lent or almost given' to the improvement committee for the Castle grounds. ALSO the committee reported that the band had completed its engagement to play at the Castle grounds and had applied for the amount due to them. The part of the tennis court that had been enlarged required to be tarred and faced.	P
<b>1887</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/2/87	Improvements Committee – repairs to woodwork at the Castle were proceeding. ALSO the Commissioners had a discussion on how the Jubilee would be celebrated and suggestions included throwing open the Castle grounds.	P P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/3/87	Improvements Committee – had ordered the gates leading to the platform on the Castle walls to be locked on Sundays to prevent the annoyance caused by children getting up on the walls.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 25/3/87	AGM of Abergavenny Horticultural and Floral society took place and discussed the loss in the balance sheet. They had held the show in the Castle grounds for 2 or 3 years with the result of a deficiency on each occasion. It was suggested that in future the show should be held in the Market Hall where savings of at least £20 could be made on tents, labour, the band and hire of the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/4/87	Entertainments on Easter Monday expected to be 'amusing, diversified and attractive' and include Punch & Judy and performance on tight rope	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/5/87	Improvements committee – reported that season tickets had been issued for the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/6/87	Improvements committee – Mr Moses' band had been engaged to play at the Castle on Thursday evenings to the end of September for £12 ALSO History of Castle, cannon being fired to commemorate fall of Napoleon and mention of Castle House – "The house was built for a shooting box for the Earl of Abergavenny, by Mr Baker Gabb, the Earl's steward."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/6/87	More History of Castle	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/7/87	Ad for Grand Jubilee fete on Bank Holiday Monday 1 August at the Castle to include athletic sports, point to point steeple chase, dancing on the various lawns and the new rustic banqueting hall till 10pm, grand display of fireworks and storming of the Castle (by Wilders), admission sixpence.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/8/87	Improvement Committee reported that they had received a complaint that the refreshment rooms at the Castle were not kept open in accordance with agreement. No reply had been received to enquiries.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/9/87	Castle now visited by large numbers of people in large parties. Samuel Davies Castle Warden	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/9/87	Lawn tennis match played between Abergavenny and Hereford (men's doubles) Abergavenny won by 100 games to 39. ALSO Improvements committee reported that Mr Davies had stated that the rooms at the Castle were kept open in accordance with his agreement.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/10/87	Improvements Committee - a complaint had been made that a net had been refused to the tennis players at the Castle, this was the existing net had only been purchased the previous year and should be mended and a new net to be purchased next year,	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/11/87	Improvements committee recommended that application from Mr S Davis for the use of the room at the Castle to be used for a quadrille class be refused.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/12/87	Sanitary committee reported that the stoppage of the sewer in the outer Castle grounds was due to silting up of the drain and an overflow was proposed.	P
<b>1888</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/3/88	Improvements committee - The tree that had been reported as likely to damage the Banqueting hall at the Castle had been lopped	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/3/88	Preparations being made for Eisteddfod on Easter Monday and the amusements at the Castle will terminate with fireworks.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/4/88	Report of Eisteddfod ending with display of fireworks by Messrs Wilder in the Castle grounds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 27/4/88	All season tickets for the Castle Recreation Grounds expire on 30 April and new ones can be obtained from the Castle lodge or the Improvements Commissioners Office.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/5/88	Improvements committee reported that season tickets had been printed for the Castle grounds 'on the family tickets the word "visitors" had been eliminated, because it was found that undue advantage was taken of the word.' The surveyor had reported that the grounds and structures in satisfactory condition.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/7/88	Improvements committee reported that Mr Howell Moses and his 12 bandsmen will play every Thursday at the Castle for 4 months for £12. Mr H Hughes, on behalf of the North Monmouthshire Liberal Association had applied for the use of the Castle for a fete. It was recommended that it be allowed on condition it was for a fete only and not for political purposes at	P

		a charge of 2d per person up to 2,000 and 1d for everyone over that number. Permission had been granted to Mr Davies to hold his fete on the 19 <sup>th</sup> . After some discussion it was decided that the Liberal Association should only pay 1d per head but there was some heated discussion on whether the Castle should be used by a political organisation.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/7/88	Report of Wardens fete – the proceedings, chaired by Mr Tonkin, comprised open air concerts, dancing on the lawn to Mr Moses' band and addresses by "Sir Roger Tichbourne" ( <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tichborne_case">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tichborne_case</a> )	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/8/88	Improvements committee reported that the Liberal Association were not intending to hold a fete at the Castle. Enquiries had been made as to procuring a band to play from 12 o'clock, admission to be 3d. Mr Moses had offered to bring his band for £3 10s. This was agreed. ALSO Castle visited by parties from Rhymney, Blaina etc. Samuel Davies catered for them. ALSO 'Excellent' band will play a selection of dance and operatic music on Bank Holiday Monday plus other entertainments	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/9/88	Improvements committee - £18 5s 6d was taken at the Castle on Bank Holiday at 3d per head. £3 10s had been paid to Mr Moses and 4s as a gratuity to Mr Cottrell for his services at the gate. Discussion on the charge of 1d per head for hot water to those who brought their own provisions, which made it difficult for a Sunday School party. Suggested that they pay 5s per party. Question was deferred. Committee was uncertain whether charges were made for the use of the swings. "...there was often difficulty in getting at the swings: they were locked up and the man could not always be got at."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/10/88	Improvements committee had made enquiries into cost of hot water at the Castle and the warden was to supply hot water by agreement with large parties. The large swing boats were to be paid for but the small boats for children under 12 were to be free. The surveyor estimated expenditure on the Castle for the year to be £15 12s including rent and wages. ALSO Mr Howell Moses had made an application for terms upon which the band might have the Castle for a day for the purposes of providing funds for furnishing the band with necessary requisites. After a short discussion this was agreed, the application not to be taken as a precedent and Mr Moses to pay one halfpenny per head on admissions.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/11/88	Improvements Committee reported that in consequence of misconduct of certain parties in the Castle on Sundays instructions had been given to the caretaker to admit only season ticket holders and such persons as he deemed would be likely to conduct themselves in an orderly manner.	P
<b>1889</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/1/89	Improvements Committee reported that the ivy on Castle House has grown heavy and it had been ordered to be cut and the stones on the parapet that had been loosened by it to be refixed.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/4/89	Mr Howell Moses had agreed to bring 13 bandsmen to the Castle on Easter Monday for £3 and the Committee agreed this with the provision that the band first played through the streets. Entrance to the Castle will be 3d on that day and a poster announcing that the band will play will be prepared.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/4/89	Ad for Castle on Easter Monday with band of 13 performers, tennis courts, swings and other amusements. 3d entrance.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/4/89	Notice that all Castle season tickets expire that 30 April and new tickets can be obtained at the Lodge or at the Commissioners office.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/5/89	The Committee has accepted the tender of Messrs Gwatkin Brothers for painting the notice board at the Castle in black and gold for £3 10s, the work being done to the satisfaction of the surveyor.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/5/89	Long article about the Castle and its history. "Only a few crumbling towers remain, and the site of the keep is occupied by a modern travesty in the shape of a turreted mansion until recently concealed under a luxuriant clothing of ivy."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/6/89	Improvements Committee reported that a sum of £29 13s 5d was taken at the Castle gate on Easter Monday. Expenses amounted to a little over £5. The Chairman suggested that they put on an open air concert and other amusement at the Castle on some pleasant evening. He thought the fetes Committee would give them the use of the flags. The Committee had	P

		consulted with Mr Howell Moses as to providing music at the Castle from June –September. He will bring his band, as in former years for the sum of £12. They will also play on Whit Monday and had engaged Mr Foote and a lady to give half hour entertainments at intervals for the sum of £6 6s. The Committee had ordered the large swing boats at the Castle to be allowed for daily use. They had been closed for some time owing to the misconduct on the part of some persons who had used them. Mr Clare had applied for permission to take photos of horses, carriages etc in the Castle grounds and this was granted upon payment of a small sum in each case, any damage to be made good by Mr Clare, who can also put up a showframe of photos in the grounds for a fee. These terms to apply to other photographers.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/7/89	Entertainment in Castle grounds on Whit Monday had not been a financial success because of the weather. However a profit of £6 5s 2d was made. It was pointed out that the Grammar School Trustees had applied for the Castle grounds on August Bank Holiday and it was believed that this was for a fete, though it was possible the plan had fallen through.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/7/89	Ad for Bank Holiday Monday 5 August at Abergavenny Castle with an excellent band for dance and operatic music with dancing hall, tennis, swing boats and other attractions as usual. Admission 3d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/8/89	Mr Davies, tenant at the Castle has asked for an extra day for a fete as the last one was a failure and he did not have one last year. As the grammar school was unable to have their fete on Bank Holiday the Committee arranged for Mr Moses' band to play at the Castle with satisfactory results.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/8/89	Jottings – memories of when the Castle improvements were made and the Rholben road made. The improvements have rendered the castle a favourite place of resort for residents and thousands of visitors so some benefit must accrue to the town.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/9/89	At the Improvements Committee Mr Evans said that a large ratepayer had asked him to go up to the Castle where there was an overflow of a drain from the back of the house which was offensive and causing a nuisance. Mr Haigh had taken temporary measures and would bring the matter before the committee. Mr Evans' attention was also drawn to the ivy growing on the ground and the weedy and dirty condition of the paths and the bank outside the castle having nettles growing which looked disgraceful. The committee took note of the complaints.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/10/89	The Improvements Committee reported their success in inducing visitors to the Castle. Receipts were £50 in excess of the amount in the same period of the previous year.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/11/89	Some communication was going on between the Committee and Mr Davies with regard to his tenancy at Castle house.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/12/89	Mr Macbean the Marquis' agent, had written to the Committee stating that the Castle grounds were in a disgracefully untidy state and asking for immediate steps to be taken. Some additional labour had been employed to clear dead leaves and gravel had been ordered for the paths. The chairman said that the agent had dropped in to the Castle at an inopportune time while the leaves were falling and that generally the grounds were in very fair condition.	P
<b>1890</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/3/90	Improvements Committee Accounts for 1889 including items under Receipts for £127 15s 5d for Castle Grounds and £450 for Castle Grounds Loan written off. Under Expenditure item of £135 14s 7d for Castle Grounds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/3/90 & 4/4	Ad for re-opening of Castle for season on Easter Monday April 7. Band to play, tennis courts, American swings, Giant Strides and other amusements, dancing on the lawn and refreshments.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/4/90	Castle re-opening for the season 7 April – band, tennis, American swings, Giant strides and other amusements. Entrance three pence	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/4/90	Report of large number of people attending Castle on Easter Monday and £24 taken at the gate despite no special amusements being provided. Mr Moses' band played a good programme and there was plenty of dancing in the grounds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/4/90	Ad - 'Cast-Off Clothes – Lewis Ormond, The Castle House, Abergavenny. Is the most liberal purchaser for Ready Cash, of Ladies' and Gentlemen's	P

	& until end of July	Left-Off Clothes, Carpets, Bed and Table Linen, Saddlery, Antique China, and Lace; in fact, every description of Article purchased at full trade value. Ladies and Gentlemen waited upon in Town or Country at any time or distance. All Letters and Parcels receive immediate attention and P.O.O. remitted per return for all Gods sent.'	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/5/90	Improvements Committee report – showed receipts of £26 6s 6d (of which about £20 was profit) for the Castle for Easter Monday. They were trying to arrange a display of fireworks for Whit Monday and were trying to raise a guarantee fund of £20, to be collected from gentlemen in the town. If receipts came to more than costs then the money would be returned to the donors.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/5/90 & 23/5	Ad for Whit-Monday May 26 <sup>th</sup> – Great Attraction:- tennis courts, dancing, swings, strides and other amusements. An excellent band will play dance and other music. In the evening a grand display of fireworks (by Wilder) including a representation of the new Forth Bridge. Refreshments. Admission 6d ALSO first lawn tennis match of the season between Abergavenny and Pontypool-road. Play good despite little opportunity to practice.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/5/90	Report of between 2000-3000 people visiting Castle on Whit Monday. So the fund will be returned to the donors. Fireworks a success especially the Forth Bridge with moveable train and 'Jumbo' who moved his trunk and tail causing a lot of laughter.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/6/90	Improvements Committee report – they had arranged with Mr Moses for his band to play on from 7 till closing time from 1 May for 5 months for £15. Gross receipts for Whit Monday were £50 16s 9d. On Whit Tuesday they had 800 people at the Castle and took about £8 5s 18. They had offered to give Mr Moses £12 to play at the Castle the first Monday in each month for 3 months but he wanted more.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/7/90	Improvements Committee report – succeeded in getting the Cwmtillery Band of Hope Brass Band (18 performers) to play at the Castle on Mabon's Monday, 7 July for £1. Dancing will be allowed on the tennis court on Thursdays from 7 till closing time. Arrangements were being made for entertainments for August Bank Holiday.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 25/7/90	Ad for Grand Display of Fireworks at the Castle on Bank Holiday Monday 4 August. Display by Wilders concluding with a portrait in fire of Mr HM Stanley. Band will play and if possible a point-to-point steeplechase will be run. Admission 6d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/8/90	Bank-Holiday Monday grand display of fireworks concluding with a portrait in fire of Mr HM Stanley.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/8/90	Improvements Committee report – Mr Delafield had undertaken to provide the guarantee of £20 for the firework display on Bank Holiday. Wilders tender was accepted. Mr Moses band was engaged for the day for £5. A complaint had been made that Mr Moses had not provided the stipulated number of bandsmen on Thursday evenings and was threatened with reduced fees. Mr Moses said that some of his men were working under contractors on the hills who would not release them. Gross receipts for Monday were £55 9s 10d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/9/90	Improvements Committee report – Mr Evans called attention to the damage to the middle pathway at the Castle by rainwater. Mr Haigh said he would look at it to see what could be done.	P
	Dundee Courier 16/9/90	Visit of Duke of Clarence to Abergavenny – fireworks at the Castle	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/11/90	Improvements Committee – Mr Samuel Davies had given notice to quit the Castle on 2 February. Three members appointed to look into reason why. The band playing at the Castle had applied for payment but it was found that they had not played for two Thursdays at the commencement of their term, and the sum of £1 7s 2d had been deducted leaving £13 12s 10d to be paid.	P
1891	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/1/91	Improvements Committee looked into reason for tenant wanting to leave. It was because people visiting him about his business were expected to pay the admission to the Castle. They decided they could do nothing and accepted his notice.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/2/91	Improvements Committee reported that Mrs Davies had attended a meeting and asked to be allowed to continue the tenancy. Under the	P

	<p>circumstances they agreed that it should be allowed on the receipt of a written application.</p> <p>ALSO pathway at back of Castle has been improved but now allows carts to be driven down it, endangering pedestrians. Poles to be put up to prevent carts using it.</p> <p>ALSO application for use of Castle grounds for Eisteddfod on Easter Monday was agreed.</p>	
Census 5/4/91	<p>The Castle occupied by Samuel Davies, general labourer and his wife, daughters and boarders (daughters both waitresses at Temperance Hotel)</p> <p>Castle Lodge occupied by Evan Lewis, gardener and Keeper of Pleasure Grounds and his wife</p>	S
Abergavenny Chronicle 3/4/91	<p>Improvements committee reported a new flagstaff had been ordered to be put up at Castle House, the old one having become rotten.</p> <p>ALSO report on Abergavenny Eisteddfod saying that "the attendance at the Castle was very gratifying". Six bands competed at the Castle.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 1/5/91	<p>Ad for cheap train tickets from Rhymney, Merthyr, Tredegar and Abergavenny, and Abersychan Lines for fireworks etc at Castle.</p> <p>ALSO Improvements Committee after agreeing to fete at Castle grounds on Whit Monday discussed cost of admission. The choir had objected to the 2d cost of admission and asked for it to be reduced to 1d. Sometimes when the Eisteddfod and other events are held a considerable amount of damage is done amounting to £5 or £6. The committee decided to prepare a sliding scale of charges.</p>	P
Western Mail 13/5/91	<p>Colossal Show of 1891, Abergavenny Castle, Whit Monday, May 18. Jose Parker, The Celebrated Trick Back-and-Forward Jumper, M Le Bond, On the Aerial Trapeze, Messrs. Downes and Collett, Negro Comedians, Messrs. Hassan and Aseiky, The Celebrated Wire Dancers. Two bands and grand display of fireworks.</p>	S
Abergavenny Chronicle 22/5/91	<p>Attendance of Whit-Monday amusements affected by cold weather (snow on Bloreng) – good description of Mr Parker's display of jumping</p> <p>ALSO Ad for Promenade concert at the Eisteddfod at the Castle on 25 June. Chorus of 100 voices, admission 6d.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 5/6/91	<p>Committee meeting – Mr JE Thomas complained that "large bills of costs paid out of these profits and amounts of money given to the Castle which ought not to have been paid and given".</p> <p>ALSO Improvements Committee – application had been made to Mr Moses for the terms upon which the band would play at the Castle on Thursday afternoons. He said the band had been shabbily treated by the Fetes committee. Mr Evans reported that Mr Martin had asked a bandsman why the band was not playing an expected programme and was replied to in insulting language. They had not engaged Mr Moses since. The tenant at the Castle had complained that the supply of water at the Castle was insufficient when a large number of people were there. The committee recommended that a cistern should be put in at a cost of about £7.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 12/6/91	<p>Ad for Promenade concert on Thursday 25th June, Chorus of 100 Voices, admission sixpence.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 26/6/91	<p>Ad requesting tenders for painting required at Castle grounds.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 10/7/91	<p>Improvement committee - complaints had been made that there was no band at the Castle at recent event. There was a band at the Mardy and it was thought they would apply. It was suggested the committee bought new stands as the band had to get boys to hold their music on Easter Monday.</p> <p>ALSO repairs needed to be done to swing boats. As no band has been playing on Thursdays Mr Haigh was instructed to make arrangements with itinerant musicians as opportunity offered itself.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 24/7/91	<p>Ad for review and Athletic sports at Castle during encampment of Mon. Artillery in Bailey Park. Fireworks at dusk. Cheap tickets from stations on the Rhymney, Merthyr Tredegar and Abersychan lines.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 7/8/91	<p>Improvements Committee said Llantilio Pertholey Drum and Fife Band engaged to play on Thursday evenings for sum of £7. Music stands had been provided for band stand. Tenders for painting at Castle had been</p>	P

		received and that of Mr Powell accepted at £10 16s. Rev SR Young applied for free admission of inmates of Union to Castle on 16 July and this has been granted and Mr Young sent thanks.	
	Gwent Archives A510C1 p 112 3/9/91	Copy of letter from Mr Rutherford to Mr RJ Phillips of Tredegar saying he will be allowed for unused tickets or he can pay for the exact number at the gate at 1d a head.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/9/91	Ad for Warden's Fete 7 Sept	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/10/91	Improvement committee – swing boats had been damaged by branch of tree during a gale. Some repairs required to banqueting hall floor and to refreshment stand.	P
	Gwent Archives A510C1 p209 4/11/91	Copy of letter giving wording of advertisement to be put in the Chronicle for a new tenant at the Castle	P
	Gwent Archives A510C1 p212 6/11/91	Copy of letter to Marquis' agent in Tunbridge Wells including cheques for rental of Marquis's property including £14 12s 6d for the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/11/91, 13/11 and 20/11	Ad for tenancy of Castle House vacant from 2 February 1882. Applicants to state rent they propose to give. Tariff of Refreshments is exhibited at the entrance to the Castle grounds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/12/91	Improvement committee – tenders received for Castle house – Mr Edgar Delafield £32.10s: Mr Wm Lewis £31: Mr Mills £29: Mrs Clarke £25: Mr Evan Jones £20. The rent paid by present tenant is £25 pa. Provided that £1 10s for things at the house is paid in addition to above, Mr Delafield's tender was accepted. Some repairs to banqueting hall to be done.	P
<b>1892</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/1/92	The Surveyor reported to Improvements Committee that the articles rented by Mr Samuel Davies at the Castle had been found in good order. An agreement with the new tenant was needed and Mr JE Thomas and Mr Jenkins were appointed to sign the new agreement.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/2/92	Improvements Committee asked by Mr Delafield, tenant, to pay for repairs to Castle House costing £25 or £30. The Committee would not recommend this outlay. The Surveyor sent to inspect and report on repairs needed at the Castle.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 6/4/92	Agreement between the Abergavenny Improvement Commissioners and Mr Edgar James Delafield for the lease of the Castle House with privileges appertaining, for the purpose of providing refreshments, excluding alcoholic liquor for £32 10s pa. The tenant will pay for gas but no charge will be made for water.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/4/92	The Committee reported that the range for Castle house had been ordered from Mr Dean but it not being to hand one had been obtained from Mr John Phillips for £11 12s and had been fixed. The agreement for taking Castle house had been signed by Mr Delafield and his surety. Mr Williams of the Greyhound Hotel had presented some shrubs which had been planted at the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/5/92	The Surveyor reported to the Committee that the woodwork etc at the Castle was in a safe condition. The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants had applied for the use of the Castle grounds on Whit Monday for a fete and fireworks for the benefit of the orphan fund. This had been agreed at the charge of 1d for each admission and the society liable for any damage done and precautions taken with the fireworks. The subject of checking of tickets sold at the Castle was under consideration and enquiries made into altering the present system.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/6/92	Ad for Athletic Sports in Bailey Park with grand display of fireworks at the Castle concluding with a representation of a locomotive engine. ALSO the Committee reported that Mrs Probert of Old Pound Road had been engaged to sell entrance tickets at the Castle for the present. A want of communication between the house and the gate had been complained of and it had been decided to out an electric bell there. 3 boys had been detected getting over the Castle wall on 5 May and summonses were directed to be taken out, but withdrawn if they apologised and paid expenses. The mothers of the boys had subsequently attended, apologised and paid expenses, but future offenders would be prosecuted. The Committee asked to be authorised to engage a band to play at the Castle and tenders had been received from the Mardy band, fife and	P P

		drum, at £12 and from Mr Moses, brass at £16. The Mardy band offered 15 men one week, 18 the next. Mr Moses couldn't guarantee any number.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/7/92	Mr Martin reported to the Committee that no profits were made at the Castle on Easter Monday and no communication had been received from the ASRS for Whit Monday. Mr Moses' band had been engaged to play at the Castle from 7pm until closing on Thursdays until the first Thursday in October for £16, with no fewer than 8 performers.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/7/92 and 29/7	Ad for Military Sports and Tournament in Bailey Park on August Bank Holiday Monday with a Grand Display of Fireworks (by Messrs Pain & Son) at the Castle afterwards.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/8/92	Mr Rutherford reported to the Committee that on Bank Holiday Monday 2018 people entered the Castle grounds through the turnstile and 71 admitted without going through the turnstile. Some people thought that more than this had entered and Mr Martin felt that the turnstile was not much use if it could not be depended upon unless they had a man at it who knew how to work it. The artillery had been unable to arrange any late trains or there would have been 5000 watching the fireworks rather than 2000. The matter of the turnstile is to be referred to the Committee as it was felt it would be better to smash it up and get a new one. ALSO the Committee reported that ASRS had paid £7 18s for admission to the Castle on Whit Monday. The new arrangements for the sale of tickets at the Castle had been put in force and £12 9s 10d had been realised in the first 5 days. The crop of Walnuts at the Castle had been sold to Mr Delafield for £1. The Rev T Jones, Llanellen had applied for the Castle for a school treat which had been agreed at a charge of 1d a head for admission. The use of the grounds had been granted to Mr Delafield on 5 September for his fete.	P P
	Western Mail 25/8/92	Abergavenny Castle, "Mabon's" Monday, September 5, 1892. Blaina Lancaster Band will Play Dance and Other Music. Promenade Concerts will be given by the Celebrated "Davies" Musical Family. Cheap trains – Edgar J Delafield, Warden	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/9/92	Quotations had been obtained from local tradesmen for a new turnstile at the Castle but the matter was deferred as the season was nearly over.	P
	Western Mail 23/9/92	Report on the first 'Warden's Fete' for Mr Evan Jones in the shape of a promenade concert in the castle grounds. Instrumental and choral music, dancing and lawn tennis. The grounds were illuminated with fancy lanterns in the evening.	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/11/92	Instructions had been given to the Castle caretaker not to take money at the gates. Enquiries had been made as to a turnstile and it being found that they were all constructed with either a lever or some pulley or similar apparatus, the Committee directed that the current turnstile should be handed to a local engineer for examination. Repairs to the rustic wood at the Castle had been ordered and tenders for some painting and repairs to Castle House windows had been obtained and the tender of £3 11s 0d from Mr Geo Lewis accepted.	P
<b>1893</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/1/93	Improvements Committee reported that the sum of £8 14s 1d for the use of the Castle grounds on Bank Holiday had not been paid for and a letter had been sent to Capt. Phillips informing him that unless it was paid proceedings would be taken. The local Christie Minstrels had been given permission to practice in Castle House, free of charge on the understanding that they would provide an entertainment at a later stage.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/3/93 and 31	Ad for Eisteddfod on Easter Monday 3 April, including the great attraction of a brass band contest in the Castle grounds and Colossal Display of Fireworks by Wilders. Special late train was laid on for after fireworks.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/4/93	The 9 <sup>th</sup> Eisteddfod was held on Easter Monday. By mid day 2,200 had been admitted to the Castle grounds where 8 bands were competing. ALSO the Improvements Committee reported that the woodwork at the Castle had been repaired and made safe. Three cart loads of leaf mould, had been sold to Mr Blackmore at the price of 3s per load. ALSO several applications had been made for the use of the Castle grounds on Whit Monday.	P P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/4/93	Ad for boxing competition on Whit Tuesday 23 May in the Castle grounds. Admission 1s 6d. The new Town Band will play a selection of dance and other music.	P



	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/5/93	The Eisteddfod committee has handed over £17 10s which was one fourth of the profits if the fete at the Castle in Easter Monday. Last year no profit was made. The application by the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants for the use of the Castle on Whit Monday has been accepted. Mr EJ Delafield has applied for the Castle on Whit Tuesday and this was agreed. They had noted the ad for the boxing match and had written to Mr Delafield "requesting that an entertainment of such an unobjectionable nature should be provided."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/5/93	Ad for grand fete in Castle grounds on Tues 23 May with Newtown Brass band, balloon ascents and grand and magnificent display of fireworks. Admission 6d ALSO ad for MNWR train excursions to Abergavenny for the fete.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/5/93	Report that the ASRS will hold their 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual sports in Bailey Park with fireworks at the Castle. ALSO repeat of last week's ad.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/5/93	Report of sports with mention that the display of fireworks was excellent and the grounds well-filled.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/6/93	The Improvements Committee reported that the repairs to the rustic work at the Castle were proceeding. They had enquired into the cost of altering the tennis court so it can be used as a skating rink but it would cost £150. The court was in need of repairs costing £30 and these are to be carried out. The new brass band has been asked at what sum they could be engaged to play at the Castle on Thursday evenings and they fixed their terms at £20. Previous bands had been paid £16 but it was felt this band would be worth the extra £4.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/7/93	The committee reported that the walnuts at the Castle had been sold to Mr Delafield for £1, the same as last year. The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants had paid £5 14s 7d for admission to the Castle on whit Monday. Considerable repairs had been effected to the rustic work at the Castle which was now safe. The Abergavenny Brass Band attended for the first time on 8 June with 14 performers.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/8/93	The Committee visited the Castle grounds on 8 July and found they were in an untidy state. They employed additional labour to get the grounds in good order and directed the caretaker to be more diligent in future. Mr Delafield asked if the grounds were open on Sundays. Yes, 12-5pm.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/9/93	The Committee reported that a band was engaged at the Castle on Bank Holiday at the sum of £2. Mr Delafield had applied for the grounds on 21 Sept for holding a dance after the carnival. This was approved. The Committee had hired the turnstile to Bedwellty Agricultural Show for £1 1s [but not clear if this was the turnstile from the Castle].	P
	Evening Express 8/9/93	The autumn meeting of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Veterinary Association was held in Abergavenny and afterwards members and friends were entertained to dinner at Abergavenny Castle.	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/11/93	The committee reported that an application had been made by Mr Delafield for a reduction of the rent of Castle house but they did not approve this. Mrs Probert will be paid £7 10s for selling tickets at the Castle instead of £5. Tickets sold by her last year amounted to £100 15s.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 18/11/93	Agreement between Abergavenny Improvement Commissioners and Mr Edgar J Delafield for Release and surrender of the Castle house and the privileges of tenancy, his rent to be paid up to 1 December and fixtures and fitting returned.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/11/93	Ad for tenant for Castle House with privilege of supplying refreshments to visitors at the prices displayed at the Castle gates. Tenders required by 17 Nov ALSO Statement of account for Improvement Commissioners including receipts at the Castle grounds of £160 12s 10d and expenditure of £161 16s 6d ALSO Statement of account for the Gas Account including Castle but not itemised.	P P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/12/93	The committee reported that arrangements had been made with Mr Delafield to leave Castle house and they had accepted the tender of Mrs Eliza Wright at £34 pa.	P
<b>1894</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/1/94	The Committee reported that Mrs Right had signed agreement for tenancy of the Castle and paid £8 10s, one quarter's rent, the tenancy to commence 11 December.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/2/94	30 tons of limestone gravel for repairs at the Castle had been delivered by the Clydach Company. A tree overhanging Mill Street had become dangerous. Permission had been obtained and the tree felled and charged to the Marquis. Mr Evans applied for use of Castle grounds on Easter Monday for the Eisteddfod on the usual terms.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/4/94	Improvements Committee reported that 6,987 were admitted to the Castle on Easter Monday and a considerable sum received for passes, boats etc. A bill of £4 18s 0d had been sent to the Fetes Committee for damages done to the rockery, seats, boats etc. The posts of the giant stride required renewing and the committee had ordered this to be done.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/5/94	The posts for the giant strides at the Castle had been put up and the tennis court relaid and renovated.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/6/94	Improvements Committee made enquiries as to what sum the Town Band would play in the Castle grounds for on Thursdays during the summer and received the reply that they would play for £25. A further enquiry has been made as to whether they would undertake it on the same terms as last year.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/6/94	Improvement Commissioners statement of annual account included receipt of £191 9s 6d for the Castle grounds & expenditure of £194 2s 4d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/7/94	Finance Committee receipt of £1 18s 5d from the Castle. "The Castle showed a deficiency, and though they did not want to hold their hand from moving with the times, it should be noted by their band friends, that it was only for them to as and to receive an advance. Mr Thomas: That loss from the Castle arose through the wet weather in May £18 arose from the shows at the May fair. Mr Rutherford: There was unusual expenditure in putting the tennis court at the Castle in repair otherwise the receipts would have exceeded the expenditure. The Chairman: I think that you may take it that the Castle, taking it in all, pretty well pays its way." The Improvements Committee reported that the amalgamated Society of Railway Servants had paid their account for the park and Castle and the Fete committee had paid £20 15s in respect of Easter Monday.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/7/94	The Castle Fetes committee held a supper at the Angel Hotel to present Mr E Martin and Mr HC Evans with tokens of their appreciation for their long service on the committee.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/8/94	The band say that because the volunteers are going to camp they will not be able to play on 26 July so a deduction would be made in their fee. There was concern that there would be no band for the Bank Holiday Monday. ALSO Ad for entertainments in Castle grounds, Bank Holiday Aug 6 with Volunteers Brass Band, swings, giant strides, tennis courts, dancing hall.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/8/94	Ad for Warden's Fete Mabon's Monday, the Volunteer Brass Band in attendance from 2pm till 9pm, admission twopence.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/9/94	The inmates of the Workhouse were allowed free admission to the Castle grounds on 31 August. Some felt for covering the roof of the banqueting hall had been ordered from Messrs Bevan and Evans. Mr Prichard of the Angel Hotel had sent a conveyance for the Workhouse inmates who could not walk so all but the ill could enjoy the visit to the Castle. Mrs Wright the wife of the warden gave special attention to the comfort and requirements of the guests. Tobacco was distributed to the adults and toys and sweets to the children.	P
<b>1895</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/2/95	At a public meeting on 30 January it was resolved to distribute soup and bread at the Castle to afford some relief to distressed persons. Request for donations and list of donors.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/2/95	Improvements Committee discussing Bailey Park – the Chairman said 'You hold the Castle under an agreement, it is not your property. Fortunately for us, there is a clause in which Lord Abergavenny insists on our making a charge for the maintenance of the Castle. The Local Government Board asked for the original lease to be sent to them to see whether we were under an obligation to Lord Abergavenny to make this charge.'	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/4/95	The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants have been allowed the use of the Castle grounds on Whit Monday and Tuesday at the rate of 1d a head, any damage to be paid for. Certain repairs had been ordered to be done at the Castle.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/4/95	The Eisteddfod on Easter Monday finished with a display of fireworks at the Castle in the evening.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/4/1944	Easter events in town and at Castle, catering (old lady Mrs Thomas carved the joints), Brocks of Birmingham setting up fireworks etc.	P
	Evening Express 15/5/95	Ad for Amateur Athletic sports in Abergavenny on Whit Tuesday and Grand Fete at the Castle on the Monday and Tuesday with Condo Original Japanese Performers, military performers and fireworks.	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/5/95	Ad - The Town Band will play at the Castle grounds on Thursday evening May 30 <sup>th</sup> and on Thursday evenings during the season.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/5/95	Jottings – the ASRS are wishing for fine weather for their fete next week which is for a deserving cause, the Widows and Orphans fund. The entries for the competitions are very satisfactory.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/6/95	Report of the ASRS fete at the Castle on Whit Monday and Tuesday. Admission raised about £50. There was a band and clever entertainments by Japanese jugglers. A large number of people watched the fireworks.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/6	On Wednesday the Cardiff naturalists came to Abergavenny for an enjoyable visit that included a visit to the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/7/95	Improvements Committee reported an accident which occurred at the swinging boats on 6 June, and a man is to be placed regularly in charge of the boats on Thursday evenings. Mr HJG Harris, Lord Abergavenny's agent has consented to the removal of a tree on the Castle slope and it will be cut down.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/8/95	'Jottings' says that the L & NWR band will play at the Castle on Monday, wearing their new uniforms for the first time. Fireworks will be by Messrs Wells of London.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/8/95	The Committee recommended that Mrs Wright be granted the use of the Castle grounds on 1 September for the Wardens fete.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/8/95	Ad for Wardens fete on 2 September (Mabons Monday) with band for dance music. Admission adults 3d children 1d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/9/95	Jottings - Members of Pontypool Fire Brigade had their annual outing last Thursday that included a visit to the Castle. ALSO Castle and priory are being put to good use. A visit to the Castle had been made by a party from the junior fire brigade from Varteg that did full justice to Mrs Wright's excellent catering. On the same day the Sunday School of Siloam Baptist Chapel, Tafarnau-bach visited and last Monday a party of 100 from the ragged school in Tredegar made up a jolly tea party.	P P
	Merthyr Times 26/9/95	The Siloam Baptist Chapel Sunday School, Tafarnae-bach, Dukestown had a pleasant trip to Abergavenny Castle and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.	S
<b>1896</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/4/96	Ad for Easter Monday Eisteddfod and Fete with brass band contest and entertainments at the castle including Letto and Al'ho, Loatta, Mons Le Blonde, and a display of fireworks. ALSO the Improvements Committee reported the structures at the Castle had been examined and found to be in a safe condition.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/5/96	Season tickets run out 30 April, new ones may be obtained from the Lodge-keeper	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/5/96	Ad for grand fete concluding each evening with a firework display on May 25 & 26. ALSO the Improvements Committee reported that on Easter Monday damage to the amount of £13 7s 4d had been done to the ornamental shrubs by visitors to the castle, of whom there were about 7000.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 20/5/96	Report on sports and fete at the castle by the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants for the widows and orphans fund. The fete included a clever professor of legerdemain, Punch & Judy, marionettes, dancing and fireworks.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/6/96	Improvements Committee reported the cost of a band to play in the castle grounds on Thursday evenings over the summer would be £25 for not less than 12 performers. The Local Government Board would not allow them Council to pay for the band so several gentlemen formed a guarantee committee. Miss Probert has been appointment to sell admission tickets at the castle in place of her recently deceased mother. Repairs to the Castle house drains had been completed at £12 19s 2d.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/6/96 & 28/8/96	Ad for tenders for tenancy of Castle House with the privilege of supplying refreshments to visitors. House will be vacant 10 December.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/10/96	Improvements Committee reported Mrs Wright, tenant at the castle has withdrawn her notice to leave and the committee recommended that her tenancy be renewed.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/10/96	Statement of General Account for the Urban District Council showing receipts or the Castle of £144 16s 1d and expenditure of £190 18s 1d.	P
<b>1897</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/3/97	Improvements Committee - repairs had been carried out on masonry at the Castle at a cost of £2 16s 4d and some turf had been laid. The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants had applied for the use of Castle grounds on Easter Monday, Whit Monday and Tuesday. The reply was that the Urban District Council had reserved the grounds for Eater Monday and the other dates were too far way to be dealt with.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/5/97	The Committee had deputed the chairman and Mr Martin to endeavour to carry out some arrangement for the use of the Castle on Easter Monday and Tuesday there being no public amusement in prospect. They reported that 3218 persons had been admitted on the 2 days and that after expenses about £15 would be handed over to the council. The surveyor reported that the swing boats and seats had been painted, the roof of the banqueting hall tarred and the woodwork generally made safe. There had been an application from the ASRS for the use of the Castle grounds on Whit Monday and Tuesday and from a Cardiff Sunday School for Whit Tuesday. The ASRS application was acceded to on the usual terms.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/6/97	Receipts from the Castle on Easter Monday amounted to £17 3s 8d. Mr Wheatley had applied for the use of the Castle on Whit Tuesday but as Jubilee day had been made a Bank Holiday this could not be granted.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/7/97	AMRS had paid over £7 0s 5d for 1685 admissions to the Castle grounds on Whit Monday and Tuesday and had applied for the use of the grounds on August 2 & 3 for another fete for the widows and orphans fund. Then band had applied to play on some Thursday evenings during the summer under certain conditions (listed) and the committee recommended that this was agreed.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/8/97	The arrangements made with the L &NWR band to play at the Castle on some Thursday evenings appear to be working satisfactorily.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/9/97	Ad for Warden's fete on Monday 6 September with L & NW Band playing dance music. Admission adults 3d, children 1d ALSO The Committee inspected the Castle grounds on 14 Aug and found them clean and in good condition. They recommended some railings to be put up on the boundary near the end of Mill Street. The roof of Castle house was in need of some small repairs. Complaints had been received about rough insulting people in the grounds on Sundays and the caretaker was directed to exclude people who do not behave themselves. Supt Davies has been requested to allow a constable to visit the grounds on Sundays and the Committee will prosecute and future offenders. Mrs Wright has been allowed the use of the grounds on 6 Sept for her fete.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/10/97	Notice of an auction on 20 October of Mrs Wright's refreshment room equipment as she is giving up the business. Full list of items.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/10/97	Urban District Council statement of general account for year ending 31 March 1897, including receipts of £147 2s 4d and expenditure of £164 8s 7d for the Castle.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 7/12/97	Agreement between the Urban District Council of Abergavenny and Mr Samuel Davies for the letting of the Castle Dwelling House, rent £34 pa. Usual arrangements but including right of lessee to take in lodgers at the Castle house so long as it didn't interfere with its work as refreshment rooms, and attached schedule of charges.	P
<b>1898</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/1/98	Under 'Jottings' saying how lovely the Castle looks in winter. When the writer visited the Castle recently he was pleased to find that Mr Samuel Davies who was warden some years ago had come back again and undertaken the wardenship of the Castle. He showed off a marble timepiece that had been presented to him by members of the Bethel	P

		English Presbyterian Church, Cadoxton, on his leaving to return to Abergavenny.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/2/98	The Eisteddfod committee made application for the use of the Castle grounds on Easter Monday	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/3/98	Improvements committee – repairs to the woodwork at the Castle had been carried out.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/6/98	A fete and athletic sports in connection with the Abergavenny Cycling Club were held on Whit Monday and Tuesday, the fete being held at the Castle. The L & NW silver band was in attendance.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/7/98	The committee had been informed by the police that a licence for music and dancing at the Castle was necessary.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/8/98	Ad for performance of "Twelfth Night" at the Castle rounds at 3pm on Thursday 15 August. Half hour interval for tea and the band of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> VB, SWB will be in attendance. Reserved seats 2s, unreserved 1s.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.9 24/8/98	Licence for Music and dancing at the Castle and grounds from 10/10/1898 – 10/10 1899	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/9/98	Twelfth Night was performed in an amateur production at the Castle on a stage erected at the foot of the terraces at the south end of the lower lawn. The parterre was covered with chairs and benches and incidental music was provided by the band of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> VB, SWB, stationed on the terrace of the upper lawn.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 23/9/98	600 members of the Rolls Habitation of the Primrose League visited the Castle on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> . Some interesting addresses were made from the bandstand. A large number sat down to tea in the banqueting hall, and Mr CH Sayce was the caterer for the occasion.	P
<b>1899</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/3/99	Mr Z Wheatley had applied for the use of the Castle on Whit Monday and this was granted on the usual terms.	P
	Western Mail 24/3/99	Fete at Castle on Easter Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1899 including brass band contest, negro comedians, performances on three horizontal bars, etc etc, Punch and Judy, Military band engaged for dancing, Drill competition, illumination of the ruins and grand display of fireworks. Admission 6d, late trains to all parts.	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/3/99	Jottings – a preview of events at the Eisteddfod including the brass band contest at the castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/4/99	The Eisteddfod on Easter Monday was a success with crowds of visitors. At the Castle over 8000 people 'never tired of playing "Bobby Bingo", on the lower lawn, dancing to the strains of the military band'. Also Punch and Judy, Negro comedians and performers on horizontal bars.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/5/99	Report of the Athletics event on Whit Tuesday at Bailey Park but including description of entertainments including jugglers, acrobats and trick cyclists who had also performed at the Castle. ALSO Jottings – reported that the Battalion band of the 4 <sup>th</sup> VB South Wales Borderers had played a choice selection of sacred music on Sunday afternoon at the Castle. Very large numbers had visited the Castle on that occasion.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/6/99	Walks round Abergavenny	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/7/99	Mrs G Jenkins applied for the use of the Castle grounds for a concert in the afternoon on 13 or 27 July, or in the Town Hall if wet. This was agreed at a minimum charge of £1 1s and 1d a head for all over 252 admissions.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/7/99	Ad for Grand Concert of Royal Welsh Ladies' Choir in the Castle grounds on 27 July at 3pm. Carriages to be ordered for 5pm.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/8/99	At the Markets, Town Hall Buildings, Castle and Park Committee Mr Wheatley objected to the Castle account for Whit Tuesday but the committee could find no cause for complaint and he was asked to pay.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/9/99	The L & NW Railways band had applied for the use of the Castle grounds on the usual terms	P
<b>1900</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/4/1900	Castle grounds - Suggestions were made as to using a portion of the old town wall as a promenade. Committee expressed dissatisfaction at the slovenly condition of the grounds and were of the opinion that a change should be made in the office of caretaker. They had therefore directed one month's notice to quit be given to Evan Lewis the caretaker and an ad inserted in the Chronicle.	P

Abergavenny Chronicle 20/4/1900	Easter Monday Eisteddfod marred by dust that blew about the town despite the weather being sunny with showers. The band competition took place at the Castle with fire works in the evening and gate receipts showing 9000 visitors. ALSO meeting of some of Town Council supposedly to decide whether to allow the L & GW band to play at the Castle on Easter Sunday.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 4/5/1900	Markets etc Committee – the Chairman and Councillor L Davis had been appointed as a sub-committee to carry out the erection of direction boards in the Castle grounds indicating the various points of interest. Nine applications had been received for the post of caretaker of the Castle grounds. Four of the most suitable and their wives had been interviewed, and William Gough had been appointed at £1 a week wages and use of the lodge, subject to a month's notice on either side. Abergavenny Athletic Association had applied for the use of the Castle grounds on Whit Monday and Tuesday. This allowed on usual terms – 1d per head to be paid to the Council. ALSO Report of Town Council meeting where the mayor Mr Bishop was not able to attend due to ill health. There was some dispute as to whether the last meeting was legal. There was some discussion on whether they should discontinue the practice of letting out the Castle grounds on Bank Holidays and a committee formed to manage the Castle grounds on Bank Holidays. This was taken as an insult to the fetes committee and wondering if they wanted to keep the Eisteddfod out of the Castle.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 25/5/1900	Ad for Holy Trinity Annual Sale of Work in the Castle grounds on Thursday 12 July. ALSO report on the fancy dress dance at the Castle on 24 May as part of the celebrations of the relief of Mafeking. £50 17s 10d was taken for admission to the Castle. £28 19s was collected towards the Mafeking sufferers. The band played and interrupted singers on the tennis courts performing part songs in true Eisteddfodic style. Confetti was in great demand and was regarded as a vast improvement on the old water-filled ladies' teasers. There were fireworks by Wilders in the evening.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 8/6/1900	Report of May council meeting – the L & NW Railway band would be willing to play at the Castle on alternate Thursday evenings for £12 10s. Absences would be made up and at least 12 men would be present. It was recommended that the council took up the offer. The Castle grounds were allowed to be used for the Mafeking relief celebrations and the surveyor reported damage to the grounds on that occasion amounted to £3. Permission was given for the use of the grounds for the Holy Trinity sale of work on July 12 at a minimum charge of £1 1s, all admissions above 252 at 1d a head in addition. The committee have ordered a wall to be put up at the back of the Castle lodge instead of the worn out wooden fence, costing about £9. The subject of letting the Castle grounds on bank holidays was referred to the council. Councillor Delafield's proposition that the £3 claimed for damage at the Castle should be refunded to the relief fund was not seconded. ALSO the son of Mr Holland fell and broke his arm at the Castle last Monday. Ernle J Delafield and Horace Crossley who have been through a course of ambulance training quickly bandaged his arm and conveyed the lad to Dr Steel who complimented them of the able manner in which they had bandaged the limb.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 6/7/1900	The Workmen's Hospital Saturday Fund applied for the use of the Castle grounds for a demonstration on the occasion of the conclusion of the South African war on a day that will probably be set apart for that purpose. The committee will allow the use free of charge on any day but Tuesday 7 August which is reserved for the sports etc on behalf of the Free Library book fund. AAAA had paid £22 12s 6d for the admissions to the park and Castle on Whit Tuesday.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 13/7/1900	Abergavenny Urban District Council statement of the General Account for the period ending 5 Nov 1899. Includes receipts of £156 5s 5d from the Castle grounds. And expenditure of £100 14s 2d for the Castle grounds.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 20/7/1900	Jottings – Castle grounds retain their popularity as a pleasure resort. They come in their hundreds from the hills, Sunday schools and choirs singing their favourite hymns as they walk from Brecon road station. Last	P

		Monday there were 200 from the Calvinistic Methodist church Merthyr, 200 from Cefn, 120 from the Wesleyan Church Tredegar and 120 from St George's Church Tredegar. Mr and Mrs Davies and family were pretty fully occupied un providing dinner and tea for all these visitors and they did it in a way that gave universal satisfaction.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/8/1900	An occasional licence was granted to the promoters of a recent sale of work at the Castle to sell intoxicating liquors. The committee object to any occasional licence being granted in future for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the ground and any application for the use of the grounds for special purposes to be treated accordingly. The warden is prohibited by agreement from supplying alcoholic liquors and the committee do not consider that any other person should be allowed to sell them. Mr Samuel Davies the warden is to have the sole use of the Castle on Monday 13 August for his annual fete.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.9 22/8/1900	Licence for Music and dancing at the Castle and grounds from 10/10/1900 – 10/10 1901	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/9/1900	The L & NW Railway band want to play an extra time at the Castle to make up for the day they missed on 2 Aug. This was allowed but the band was informed they will not be paid for when they played at the Holy Trinity sale. The Warden attended the meeting and asked that all parties booked by him should be admitted to the Castle grounds on fete days at a charge of 1d a head. The Committee will deal with matter at the next meeting.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/9/1900	Ad for Workmen's Hospital Saturday Fund Carnival and fireworks on 6 Oct at the Castle. L & NW Railway Silver Instrument Band, fireworks by Crane of Bristol. Admission 6d, children under 12, 3d on the day or 4d and 2d if bought in advance.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/10/1900	The Committee are endeavouring to arrange with Mr Davies as to the admission to the Castle on fete days. The Workmen's Hospital Saturday fund have applied for the use of the Castle grounds free of charge on Saturday 6 October.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/11/1900	Ad for Workmen's Hospital Saturday Fund Grand Evening Concert on 12 December. ALSO the committee recommended that the sum of £2 2s be paid to Mr Chinnery, the Marquess of Abergavenny's head gardener for his services in superintending the cutting of ivy at the Castle and regret be expressed that the matter had been overlooked.	P P
<b>1901</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/2/01	Fetes Committee made application for use of Castle and Market Hall for Eisteddfod on Easter Monday. ALSO Surveyor has been directed to remove 2 dangerous trees from grounds.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/3/01	Councillor Wheatley applied for use of Park and Castle grounds on 28 May and 6 August for sports, athletics etc.	P
	Census 31/3/01	Castle House occupied by Samuel Davies, Warden of Castle and caterer, coffee house and his wife and family and a boarder (daughter assisting parents). Castle Lodge occupied by William Gough, Castle Caretaker and his family.	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/4/01	Abergavenny Grand Musical Eisteddfod. The usual fireworks at the Castle by world renowned Wilders, Birmingham.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/4/01	Report on Eisteddfod fete. "When the rain ceased for a while and the sun shone out, thousands found their way round to the pleasure grounds at the picturesque ruins at the Castle where an excellent programme of amusements had been provided including Punch and Judy, a slack wire act, bending troupe and comic coster juggler."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/5/01 & 24/5	Ad for Abergavenny Amateur Athletic Association 8 <sup>th</sup> Grand Meeting on Whit Tuesday 28 May and also at the Castle on Whit Monday with magnificent fireworks to conclude each day. Monday – Lord Kitchiner, Tuesday General French. Admission 6d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/5/01	The Rev JR Phillips has made an application for the use of he Castle grounds for a sale of work on Thursday 20 June from 2pm until 10pm. The committee agreed to this at a minimum charge of £1 1s 0d and one penny per head on all admissions over 262, no refreshments or drinks of any kind to be sold in the grounds,	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/6/01	Ad for Holy Trinity Sale of Work in the Castle grounds on 13 June. Admission 3-6pm 7d, 6-10pm 4d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/6/01	Report on the Holy Trinity Bazaar which had been marred by the weather. A list of stalls is given. A shooting gallery was on the lower lawn and games were organised there. The L & NWR silver band played popular music and some people danced.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/6/01	Tenders have been received for iron standards and timber for the new seats and boats at the Castle [listed]. The use of the Castle grounds has been granted to Mr S Davies on Monday 1 July for the warden's fete. The surveyor has been asked to prepare an estimate for the laying of a bowling green at the Castle. Complaints have been made that the lodge keeper has turned children away on Sundays. The town clerk was directed to inform him that he cannot make his own regulations, but discussion confirmed that caretaker may turn out misbehaving children.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/7/01	The L & NW Railway silver band has been engaged to play at the Castle on alternate Thursdays over the 4 summer months for £12 10s, all dates missed to be made good. W Gough, lodge keeper has made application for and increase in wages. The committee decided against as his duties have not increased since his appointment.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 27/9/01	Committee reported - "A fire in the Castle grounds in August caused damage to the extent of 30. This amount has been paid by the Lancashire Insurance Company"	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/10/01	Jottings – "Remove some of those dreadful spars of rock that jut up at intervals on the path leading down from the Castle to Castle meadows. They at present range from 2 to 4 inches high, and are very disconcerting to the admiring visitor who is taking in the beauties of the autumnal tints on the breast of the Blorenge as the descends the somewhat steep path on the to the riverside promenade..."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/11/01	The Committee has instructed Mr Haigh to have the dungeon at the Castle examined in order to see if there is a passage leading to any other place, the cost not to exceed £5.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/11/01	The committee recommended that 3 flags be obtained, one each for the Town Hall, Park and Castle at a cost of about 40s each and that tenders have been advertised for. The dungeon at the Castle has been cleaned out but no trace of any passage has been discovered.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 27/12/01	Ad inviting tenders for painting a set of swing boats and frames at the Castle, and for painting 2 notice boards. ALSO Committee reported the result of the tenders for flags, listed, of which Rees and Boundy's of £4 2s 6d had been accepted.	P P
<b>1902</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/1/02	Council Minutes report a loss over the last 6 years of £1,109 17s 11d on the Castle & the Park. The receipts from the Eisteddfod was £52 19s 4d for the last 4 years. Major Williams proposed an entry fee of 1d per head to all public entertainments in the Park, Castle & Eisteddfod. Many Councillors argued that this would inhibit the holding of the Athletics Eisteddfod and other entertainments which brought many people to Abergavenny and increased trade. The proposal was lost.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/2/02	"Jottings" on (the last) Town Council Report: That a proposal was put forward that payment should be made for the use of the Castle, Bailey Park and Town Hall which was not carried.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/2/02	2 trucks of limestone chippings to be had for the paths. The back wall of the old urinal shows up too much, this will be taken down and levelled. About a ton of rustic timber to be had for repairs. The band stand is in need of repair & will cost about £50. It would not be possible to hold a concert in the Castle grounds on Easter Sunday as the fireworks for the Eisteddfod on Easter Sunday will be set up on the Saturday & it would be too dangerous.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/3/02	St David's day celebrated at the Castle and capital dinner laid on by Mr & Mrs Davies, Castle wardens, including Cawl Celyn. The proceedings were for the most part conducted in Welsh.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/3/02	Advert for "ABERGAVENNY EISTEDDFOD" on Easter Monday. Fireworks and fete at the Castle	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/3/02	Repeat of Advert for "ABERGAVENNY EISTEDDFOD" on Easter Monday. Also details of music for Band Concert (Sullivan, No 1) ".....and the splendid old Castle where the contest is held"	N



Abergavenny Chronicle 4/4/02	A report of the entertainments and fireworks at Castle	P N
Abergavenny Chronicle 25/4/02	April 25 – The Easter Monday Eisteddfod handed over ¼ of the profit £6 2s 10d to Town Council & paid £5 4s 0d for damaged & labour.	N
Abergavenny Chronicle 18/5/02	Town Council minutes: "The Committee cannot see their way to fix the swings in the Castle, as the cost of same is prohibitive." ALSO "The Committee approved of the sub-Committees report as to the repairs required at Castle viz. Bandstand, boundary wall at entrance and coping stones, rustic work to dungeon and steps to house, roof of porch, stone steps and defective portion of bridge; the old swings to be removed and estimate submitted for jazz swing similar to that at Park, painting the external wood and iron work at the Lodge and front railings to be painted when convenient."	N
Abergavenny Chronicle 30/5/02	The Committee (of the Town Council) will permit Mr Madge to have a small studio on wheels in the Castle Grounds to photograph parties visiting the Grounds, at an annual charge of £2 2s 0d providing no obstruction is made.	P N
Abergavenny Chronicle 14/7/02 11/7, 25/7	Open-air Fete to be held in the Castle Grounds on Thurs 24 July – theatricals, minstrels, ping-pong tournament, button-hole and bouquet stall, rifle saloons, coconut alley, etc. with orchestral band, tea and refreshments.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 11/7/02	July 11 – Abergavenny Castle & It's Visitors. This year is up on numbers. Thurs and Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> were fairly busy on 27 <sup>th</sup> there were 850 scholars and teachers from the free schools of Dowlais and Merthyr. On Monday of Coronation Week 150 Glascoed Baptists. Monday last 450 Independents from Dowlais, 200 Calvinistic from Llanelly Hill, 450 Baptists from Beulah, Rhymny, 180 Wesleyans from Newbridge, 200 Church of England Society from Tredegar, 150 Calvinistic Methodists from Vochriew. On Tuesday, 50 from Summer Hill Church Newport, Wednesday 600 from Christchurch Ebbw Vale, Thursday 425 Baptists from Moriah, Dowlais, 250 Calvinistic Methodists from Libanus Dowlais. All these parties had to be supplied with dinner & teas, the Davis family have had a busy time of it, Mr & Mrs Davis are to be congratulated on their very successful catering. ALSO Under 'Jottings' suggestion that there might be a band at the Castle when it is so busy or a piano-organ in a lock up case in the banqueting room that could be paid for by the hour.	N  P
Abergavenny Chronicle 25/7/02	The members of the congregation of St Mary's Church, aided by friends from other congregations, held a pretty open air fete in aid of St Mary's curacy fund in the Castle Grounds which were very tastefully decorated at night illuminated under the general direction of Mr JC Gwatkin. The whole of the upper terrace overlooking the tennis court was appropriated for the garden under the management of several of the ladies of the congregation, with little tables dotted along the terrace. This was enclosed by a row of Venetian masts & shorter flag staffs connected by wires from which depended coloured glass lamps of various colours. The centre of the terrace approached by steps from the tennis court was covered with an awning of canvas, stretching from the wall which divides the terrace for the tennis court from that of the lower court generally used for such games as Bobby Bingo, rounders, etc. The Venetian Masts were covered with greenery. The lower lawn was devoted to a coconut shy. In a secluded part of the grounds Senora Zita a world renowned scientific palmist, held sessions. Then there was croquet pool and ping pong tournament. Entrance fee 1s. Butterfly competition / button hole & bouquet stand. The golf putting, egg and spoon race were popular. Hat trimming competition, washing competition. Banqueting Hall fitted up as a theatre, Pierrot entertainment. Maypole dancing by the maids from school to the strains of a piano lent Messrs Heins. Blaenavon silver band played dance & other music.	P  N
Abergavenny Chronicle 8/8/02	Mr Madge has accepted the terms of £2 2s for photographing in the castle grounds. Mr Easement of Ebbw Vale has been given permission to photo groups in the Castle Grounds at £3 3s 0d or 5s for each day, the same charge to apply to any other professional not a ratepayer.	P N

		The names of people misusing the swing boats in the Castle to be taken with a view to prosecution. Mr F McCrea of Gloucester will be allowed go use the Castle Grounds for the Berlin Meister orchestra for the four days at a charge £4 4s 0d.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/8/02	For the Coronation day celebrations the Castle Grounds had been thrown open to the public with a band in attendance for dancing & thousands of people took advantage of the opportunity the illuminated grounds being well filled up to 10pm. A number of fire balloons, grotesque and ordinary, were set up: flares were lighted in the shrubberies and on the Castle Walls to the great delight of hundreds of youngsters.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/8/02	Ad for Berlin Meister Orchestra in the Castle grounds 25 – 28 August at 3pm and 8pm, admission 6d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/8/02	Order of Druids – The brethren of the Preservation Lodge, Abergavenny held their second anniversary on Saturday last. They were met at Brecon-road station by the L & NW Band at 5pm and a party of about 90 sat down to a cold collation at the Castle served by Mr & Mrs Davies. They retired to their headquarters at the Sun Inn where an excellent programme of songs duets and instrumental solos had been arranged. Brother Howe gave an exhaustive report on the rise and progress of Druidism. Mr Madge has written withdrawing his dark room from the castle grounds as the Committee had not given him sole rights to photograph at the castle. As the bandstand in the Castle cannot be considered safe, the Committee recommended that it be pulled down at the end of the season. The surveyor has been directed to take steps to make it temporarily safe. The L & NR band has written offering to play at the castle on Thursday evenings at £2 a time but the Committee felt the season was too far advanced to engage a band. Mrs Church was granted free use of the Castle Grounds for a fete on behalf of the endowment fund of the Cottage Hospital.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/10/02	A meeting was called on Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> to confer with Mr McCrea with regard to the admission of schools & teachers from the hills to the Castle from August 25 <sup>th</sup> to August 28 <sup>th</sup> . It appears the Mr Davies had made arrangements for school parties of 800 on Aug 26 <sup>th</sup> . Mr McCrea had objections but as Mr Davies had prepared provisions, he was prepared to admit them at 2d per head. After much discussion it was agreed that if Mr McCrea admitted them for 1d per head, £4 4s would be paid by Mr Davies. Mr Davies was asked to give proper notice of such arrangements in future. Mr WH Allen a season ticket holder complained that he was refused admission to the Castle Grounds during the days that the grounds were let to the Berlin Band, unless he paid sixpence. Mr Haig has been directed to prepare a design for a substantial bandstand. As charges for admission are too low to meet expenses, the Committee recommended that next season children should be charged 1d & adults 2d. This will not apply to season tickets.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/10/02	Mr Haigh has prepared estimates and designs for a new bandstand at the Castle. One design would have a masonry foundation with iron columns which would cost £120. While a simpler wooden design would cost £60. It was recommended that the wooden design was accepted. The committee adhered to the recommendation that next season entry fees should be 2d for adults and 1d for children (under 16).	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/11/02	The Committee again discussed the bandstand at the castle and recommended that a rustic wooden stand be erected at a cost of £60. They unanimously agreed on the 2d and 1d charges for entry next season but Alderman Williams objected to the new charges. Alderman Thomas said the castle was not paying its way and the numbers of visitors trampled the place to death and strew the place with litter. They brought their own provisions and only wanted hot water. After a great deal of discussion the matter was referred to Committee.	P
1903	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/1/03	Council meeting. Previous year Castle made loss of £48 and borough surveyor had reported it needs £208 of work. Discussed entry fee of 1d per head on all days but defeated.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/1/03	On inspection Castle in poor condition – rustic woodwork, timber and floor of banqueting hall, bandstand in dangerous state, swings worn out and paths and lawns neglected	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 27/2/03	Mr S Davies (warden) to be informed that increased charge of admission to be charged from May 1 <sup>st</sup> . 10 applications for office of caretaker received and WH Westmacott appointed at £1 a week and use of lodge. AAAA asked for use of grounds for usual bank holidays.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/4/03	Tenders have been received for timber for new swing boats from G Davies £13 2s and SM Richards £10 8s (accepted). Mr E Madge, photographer asked to erect branch studio in Castle grounds offering £15 for 4 yr lease. Council refuse permission but he can take photos in grounds on usual terms of £2 2s per year or 2s 6d per day, without inclusive right.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/5/03	New band stand at Castle nearly completed. Letter received from Marquis about wall not being kept in repair. The Council does not consider it is liable. Mr Madge agreed £2 2s to take photos for the year.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/5/03	Castle wall is responsibility of Council who will make further enquiry. Eisteddfod had made no profit but had paid the council for the wear and tear of Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/7/03 and 31/7	Applications invited for yearly tenancy of Castle House, the tenant having sole right of supplying refreshments to visitors. No of visitors in 1902 estimated at about 40,000. Alcoholic liquors excluded entirely.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/8/03	Another ad for tenancy of Castle House	P bad
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/9/03	Only one application for tenancy of Castle house and will re-advertise. Mr S Mignacca has offered £10 for sole right to sell ice cream in Castle grounds. Offer cannot be entertained in present tenancy. L & NWR Silver Band engaged to play in Castle grounds on Thursday evening for remainder of season.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/10/03	AAAA and Eisteddfod applied for use of Castle grounds next year. "Castle grounds a perfect disgrace to the town of a Sunday owing to the fact that young men, who ought to know better, induced small boys to strip and race for money prizes." Councillor Wheatley's son and other respectable boys had been refused admission on Sep 18 <sup>th</sup> . He thought 5s would be well spent in providing a police constable to keep order on Sundays.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/10/03	Meeting called to discuss letter (given in full) from Marquis' agent about state of Castle wall.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/10/03	Use of Castle grounds by Eisteddfod and AAAA agreed but terms will be agreed later.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/12/03	Fixed charge of £30 for use of Castle by AAAA and £10 for Eisteddfod. The Castle warden has left the house and the refreshment rooms are shut up. Sub-committee to deal with matter.	P
<b>1904</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/1/04	Mr S Davies has left the Castle House and the fixtures belonging to the Council have been inspected. The Town Clerk has been instructed to advertise for another tenant.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/1/04	Mr Daniel Holding has offered £34 pa for the tenancy of Castle house and this has been accepted. Certain repairs are required and the cost of these with cleaning and colouring is estimated at £15. The council recommended that they be carried out.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/3/04	Ad for afternoon concert at Castle on Wed 16 March at 3pm, tickets 2s and 1s including tea.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 18/3/04	Agreement between the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Abergavenny (acting by the Town Council) and Daniel Holding for the tenancy of the Castle House from 25 March 1904 at a rent of £34 payable quarterly in advance. Usual arrangements including right to take in lodgers but also including requirement that the large room fronting the River Usk to be opened when requested by visitors. Attached schedule of prices.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/4/04	Committee – the tenancy for Castle House by Mr D Holding has been arranged to commence on 25 March.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/4/04	The brass band contest took place at the Castle in the presence of a large concourse of people. There was a grand display of fireworks in the evening.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/4/04	A letter from the Eisteddfod committee said that the Easter Monday Eisteddfod had made a loss and the £10 charged had not been paid.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/6/04	The committee had received a letter stating the L & NW band will not be able to play at the Castle any more this season, no reason given, but the matter will be looked into.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/7/04	The L & NW Railway silver band are prepared to play at the Castle on Thursday evenings for £2 a time with an average of 12 men until the end of September. AAAA have applied for free use of the Castle on July 7 for a walking race and dance and for a day in August or September for a military tournament. The proceeds of both will go towards the loss made at the Easter and Whit events. The committee agreed but want the AAAA to pay for the band on 7 July.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/7/04	Committee has received a petition from the toy sellers of the town complaining about toys being sold at the Castle. They found there was nothing in the agreement with the warden to prevent him selling toys but after discussion they decided to speak to Mr Holding about the matter. The receipts from the Castle show a gain of £15 7s 5d as compared with last year. The Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Missions to the Deaf and Dumb has asked for free admission to the Castle for deaf and dumb members on 11 July.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/9/04	Committee had received a letter from Mr Holding saying he's only doing the same as his predecessor but he's prepared to give up selling dolls and other toys after he had disposed of his present stock, if he's allowed to sell 1d and 2d bats and balls. After a long discussion the committee recommended that this be agreed and that the length of his tenancy be determined so that new terms can be agreed. The L & NW Railway band has said it cannot play at the Castle on 11 August due to another engagement. A notice will be affixed to the gates and the band reminded that their engagement was for every week in the season. The mayor has been allowed the free use of the Castle, park, market and town hall for a school treat on Thursday and for the band to play in the park instead of the Castle on a day to be fixed.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/9/04	Letter from Samuel Davies (previous warden) saying claim of Mr D Holding (current warden) that Mr Davies used to sell toys and that he was not doing anything not previously done, was untrue. ALSO On Thursday 8 September saw a school treat for all the school children of Abergavenny and outlying villages organised by the Mayor, Councillor Straker. Unfortunately the weather was poor and the children had to assemble indoors. However the weather improved and they were able to sit in the banqueting hall at the Castle for their tea and entertainments.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/9/04	Letter from Mr Holding denying statements about selling toys.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/9/04	The Eisteddfod committee has asked for terms for the use of the Castle and other buildings for the Eisteddfod and fete on Easter Monday. The committee recommended use be allowed for a charge of £20, all damage to be made good, after some discussion about the amount being too small. But they wanted to support the Eisteddfod committee who had built the banqueting hall at a cost of £200. The mayor also talked of a meeting with Mr Holding about the sale of bats and balls.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/11/04	The town clerk has been directed to prepare a supplemental agreement with Mr Holding the tenant of Castle house.	P
<b>1905</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/1/05	The Committee has agreed to let the St John's Ambulance Brigade send men (not exceeding 4 at each entertainment) for ambulance duty at events in the Town Hall, Castle or Park. The AAAA have asked for remission of the charge for the use of park and Castle for their sports and fetes in 1904 on the grounds that they lost money over the sports. The Surveyor has been directed to obtain quotations from Mr Shaw and Mr Pitt for the shrubs required for the Castle. Directions have been given to the caretaker to test the ground at the Castle with a view to discovering a supposed underground passage. The Mayor has been allowed the use of the Castle on 29 December for a dinner to the workmen. The Castle receipts show a gain of £30 13s 8d from 1 April compared with last year. The Town Clerk has been directed to present to the Committee a	P

		statement of the receipts for the present and 2 previous years. The offer of the Mr Alderman of Tredegar to supply a band has been turned down as there is now a Borough Band for Abergavenny.	
Abergavenny Chronicle 3/2/05		The town clerk has been directed to apply to the Borough Band for their terms to play at the Castle, taking into consideration the fact that the council has provided them with caps and badges. Quotations for shrubs at the castle and Mr Shaw's for 6s per dozen for shrubs up to 3ft 6ins has been accepted. The AAAA has applied for the use of Bailey Park and Castle on 25 April 13 June and 8 August for sports etc. it was agreed on the same terms as last year.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 3/3/05		The Borough Band have asked for £2 per time for playing at the Castle on Thursday evenings and for the time to be changed from 7-9 to 7.30 -9,30. Tenders have been received for timber for Castle repairs. That of G Davies and Son was recommended for acceptance. An application from Mr Madge to put a photographic studio in the Castle grounds is being considered.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 31/3/05		Mr Madge has sent a further letter offering £20 for a lease for 5 years for a site for a photographic studio and another £20 for a site for a camera obscura for 5 years. The Committee agreed at £10 pa for both, payable in advance, no other photographers to take portraits or groups (views allowed). ALSO The Mayor invited members of the council to tea at the Castle to recognise the laying of the foundation stone of the Free Library at the end of April. The Castle grounds to be thrown open, free of charge for the day.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 7/4/05		Report of tea at Castle for members of the council to celebrate the foundation stone of the Free Library. Mr Holding provided the catering. The castle was open free to the public until 9pm. The Borough Band played and 'a great number of people enjoyed themselves'.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 28/4/05		Report of the Eisteddfod and after the contests the Borough Band played and admirable selection of operatic and dance music at the Castle. The day was concluded by the grand usual display of fireworks.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 5/5/05		Major Harris, Lord Abergavenny's agent met with the Committee to discuss Mr Madge's application for a studio and camera obscura at the Castle. The studio would be 29ft long and 14ft wide at one end and 4ft at the other and be placed on the lower lawn. The camera obscura would be on the side of the terrace opposite the house. Major Harris will report to Lord Abergavenny and inform the committee of his decision. ALSO Report of a visit of 50 boys from Bellenden Road Higher Grade School, London to Abergavenny over Easter which included a visit to the Castle.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 2/6/05		The Gas Committee discussed the gas service to the Castle which is somewhat corroded and would cost £15 to replace. The manager suggests an alteration in the burners of the banqueting hall which would give a better light and save gas and the service would probably be sufficient and cost £1 10s. This was agreed to, ALSO Mr Madge had written to the committee about the non-erection of his studio and camera obscura, and asking to be allowed the cost of removing his studio. The committee regretted that the owner of the Castle would not allow any studio to be built on the grounds, which disappointed the Committee. Mr Le Warren of 10 Ross Road has applied for his troupe of performers to provide entertainments at the Castle from 5 June. He will provide seating and a stage and collect from visitors. Messrs Grapho and Jackson have also offered to provide entertainments but want to charge for admission and give the council 20% of the gate money. The council accepted Mr Le Warren's application.	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 30/6/05		The Committee considered the letter from Mr Madge claiming repayment of the cost of carriage incurred in removing his studio to and from the castle grounds. They decided to refer this to the Council. Six applications have been received for reduction in the cost of school parties to the Castle and the Committee recommended the following: 12s for the first 100, 10s for second 100 and 1d for every admission over 200. The AAAA have asked for the free use of the Castle on Wed 16 August for a performance of the Besses 'o the Barn Band. The Committee agreed as the AAAA had sustained a great loss at their Easter meeting due to wet	P

	<p>weather. A rental of 5% on the cost of laying water to the dressing room will be charged to the AAAA.</p> <p>ALSO report of discussion by the Council on the reductions in cost of admittance to the Castle for Sunday School parties. This was finally referred back to the Committee.</p> <p>ALSO the warden Mr D Holding, will hold his fete on Monday 3 July.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 7/7/05	<p>Report on the Warden's fete at the castle. Many visitors despite not having a programme of entertainments. 1000 from Hebron Baptist Church Dowlais, 120 from the Bethel Band of Hope Llanelly Hill, 100 from Church of England Temperance Society Tredegar, 100 from English Wesleyan church Beaufort Hill, 100 Welsh Wesleyans Beaufort, and 150 from Libanus Sunday School Brynmawr. The Dowlais party catered for themselves in the banqueting hall while Mr Holding catered for the others in a marquee contiguous with the banqueting hall, but the Dowlais party said they would in future use Mr Holdings facilities as, not having been to the castle for many years, they had no idea of the quality of the service he provided.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 14/7/05 & 21/7	<p>Ad for caretaker for Castle grounds, to care for the shrubs, flowers, turf, paths etc and for his wife to take the admission tickets at the gates and sell season tickets. Wages £1 per week with use of Lodge.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 28/7/05 & 4/8	<p>Ad for grand evening concert with Besses o' th' Barn Band who have performed before the King and Queen and President Loubet of France. Admission to ground 1s, reserved seats 1s. If wet in the Market Hall.</p>	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 4/8/05	<p>On 17 July the Finance Committee had been served a writ by Messrs Gardners and Heywood on behalf of Mr Madge for £105 for breach of contract alleged re the erection of a photographic studio at the castle. Messrs Hodgens and Cunliffe have been instructed to appear and defend the action on 22 July.</p> <p>ALSO the Markets committee had been read the letter threatening action on behalf of Mr Madge and they replied that they did not have the power to interfere with the council's resolution. The Committee recommended that the council forego the 6s per week charge to Mr Le Waren for his troupe at the Castle as the performances were not a success. The Council were recommended to engage the Borough Band for the rest of the season. Mr Westmacott the lodge keeper has asked to be allowed to give up his post on 22 July and offers his wife to remain a short time to instruct his successor. The committee agreed to release him and are advertising for a replacement.</p>	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 18/8/05	<p>Eisteddfod committee written calling attention to the enclosing by the caterer of the banqueting hall, which was erected by the society many years ago. Use of Castle grounds for an hour or two by Mayor on August 30 was approved. Mr Madge to be directed to remove his materials left in the grounds. Mr Westmacott, late caretaker at Castle applied for a testimonial. Town clerk directed to do so as he has carried out his duties to the satisfaction of the committee.</p> <p>ALSO report of the Besses o' th' Barn concert at the castle. About half the tennis court was occupied by chairs, some of which were reserved seats and many people who could not be accommodated stood in the immediate vicinity of the stand. The grounds and band stand were prettily decorated with fairy lamps under the direction of Mr WT Davies (Davie bach) and were admired.</p>	P P
Abergavenny Chronicle 1/9/05	<p>Markets, Town Hall, Castle and Park Committee. The Eisteddfod Society wrote calling attention to the enclosing by the caterer at the Castle of the banqueting hall, the hall having been erected by the society many years ago. Councillors Wheatley and Price deputed to see to this. Mayor has been allowed use of Castle grounds for 2-3 hours on 30 August. Directions have been given to Mr Madge to remove his materials left in the Castle grounds. Mr WH Westmacott, late caretaker at the Castle has applied for a testimonial. Town clerk directed to say that he carried out his duties to the satisfaction of the committee.</p> <p>ALSO the mayor had received a letter asking for the free use of the Castle on 12 inst for a concert by a male-voice party on behalf of the Risca colliers. After the letter being read to the committee and much discussion it was eventually agreed for the sake of the wives and families</p>	P P

		of the colliers and despite the possibility of it appearing that they supported the colliers strike.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/9/05	Ad for Grand Concert by Crosskeys and District Male Voice and Orchestral Society at the Castle on 12 Sept at 8pm, proceeds in aid of the fund to relieve distress owing to strike of miners in Risca Colliery. Admission 6d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/9/05	Report of the male voice choir concert at the Castle in the banqueting hall, but most of the audience preferred to stand outside. Mr Holding (warden) lent a piano for the occasion. He and former wardens Mr Evan Jones of the Temperance Hotel and Mr Davies of the Priory and other townsfolk did their utmost in the way of free hospitality to the party. ALSO "On declaration of peace after the overthrow of Napoleon a number of cannon were brought on mules from Pontypool and fired from the mound in the Castle on which Castle House now stands. This house was built as a shooting box for the earl of Abergavenny by Mr Baker-Gabb, the Earl's steward."	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/10/05	Markets etc Committee reported that the town clerk has been directed to inform the caretaker of the Castle grounds that he must attend to any order of the chairman or members of the committee, also that he is not to procure admission tickets from the ticket seller for parties seeking admission. The Borough Band has been allowed free use of Castle grounds on 6 September evening for a performance in aid of their new uniforms. A letter from Mr Eddie Madge has been received asking for an amicable settlement for his claim for damages through the non-erection of his studio in the castle grounds. The Mayor has applied for the use of the castle on 21 October for the Nelson Centenary Fete and this was agreed, ALSO the agm of the Liberal Social Council was held at the Castle on 28 September. The borough band played and a charming little concert was given in the castle hall and Mr Holding served tea in his usual good style.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/10/05	Ad for Nelson Centenary Celebration on 21 October in Bailey Park with fireworks in the castle and band for dancing, admission 6d. ALSO item advertising the Nelson Centenary. The fireworks at the castle will be provided by Messrs J Pain & Sons and will include a photo in fireworks of Lord Nelson and the historic message he signalled from the Victory. Ladies will preside at stalls in the park and castle and are asking for gifts of fruit, flowers, confectionery etc.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 27/10/05	Report on the fireworks at the castle for the Nelson celebration was accompanied by the Borough Band playing 'The Death of Nelson' and was said to be one of the best displays ever given at the castle. £12 was taken at the gate.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/11/05	Messrs Hodgens and Cunliffe have written to the Markets etc Committee enclosing a letter received from Messrs Gardner and Heywood, solicitors to Mr E Madge, offering to accept £20 in settlement of their client's claim, each side paying its own costs. This was referred to the Finance Committee.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/12/05	The Finance Committee discussed Mr Madge's suggestion that they settle at £20 and recommended that they pay Mr Madge the £20 in full discharge of his claim.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/12/05	The Christmas Dinner Fund Committee wrote that last year dines were given to nearly 1500 poor persons and that soup was also given at the castle after Christmas.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/12/05	The Christmas Dinner Committee discussed this year's arrangements and said that soup etc would be given at the Castle grounds on 27 December, first to children then to adults. The two master bakers in the town have offered 20 loaves each for the children provided the other bakers give a similar quantity.	P
<b>1906</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/2/06	Market, Castle and Park Committee asked by AAAA for remission of £30 for the use of Castle on Easter Tue, Whit Tue and August Tue as they had made a loss of £41 19s the previous year. The committee referred the remission to the council and agreed to dates. Mr Haigh reported that rustic woodwork needs usual repairs. Surface drain and gully required near swing boats as rain water causing settlement and possible damage to boundary wall. Estimate £5.	P N

	ALSO The Committee met to make their seasonal inspection of the Castle, park, markets etc. Castle Grounds: the grounds were found to be generally in very good order. The damp bedroom in the Castle Lodge was found to be two or three feet lower than the ground, which will be excavated, and a rockery formed to keep the earth back from the wall. Some slight repairs required to the archway, near the entrance to the grounds, will be carried out. The woodwork of Mr Madge's studio was found on the ground of the lower green. This was most unsightly, and prevented the footpath and border being cleaned for the coming season. Directions were given to ask Mr Madge to remove it at once. The back yard at the Castle House is very small, and does not give sufficient room for the ash boxes. Mr Holding offered to find the timber for extending this, if the committee found the labour. This offer was accepted. The men's WCs were found to be in unsatisfactory condition, and it was decided to replace them with three new ones – two penny-in-the-slot, and one free for the children. Estimate £10. Some slips of laurel were ordered from Bailey Park for use in the Castle grounds.	P N
Abergavenny Chronicle 30/3/06	The surveyor reported that that the timber and glass belonging to Mr Madge's Studio, were still lying on the lower green at the Castle Grounds, and should be removed, as they were damaging the grass. Directions were given that only adults to be admitted on Sundays before fetes as children stay from the Sunday Schools to see the fireworks being made.	P N
Abergavenny Chronicle 20/4/06	Eisteddfod and Fete Society provided entertainments for numerous visitors on Easter Monday at the Castle. Performances by talented artistes of dance and other music. Grand band contest. Also performances by coon acrobats, Mole Alicia on the rolling globe, football matches on bicycles, man monkey, knockabout tatters, flying flame etc.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 4/5/06	Mr Madge has arranged to remove his studio from the Castle and erect it on Mr Prichard's garden. Mr S Micnacca has offered £10 for the privilege of selling ice cream in Castle grounds but this not allowed as Mr Holding has right of catering.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 1/6/06	Amateur Athletic Association has been allowed to change date of use of Castle from 8 to 23 August. Also for 9 July for a band concert. The use of the Market has been allowed for Liberal and Labour MPs on 11 June and for Castle on same date for 2d a head admissions. Mr Madge has been allowed a season pass to the Castle for photographing at a charge of 21s, no exclusive right being granted.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 13/6/06	Loyal Order of ancient Shepherds held their general meeting in the hall of the YMCA then adjourned to Castle for high tea provided by Mr & Mrs Holding whose catering was on a most liberal scale, as well as of excellent quality.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 29/6/06	Query as to why different terms were offered to different people for use of Castle grounds. After discussion situation left as it was. Report mentioning admission charges at Castle referred back to committee. The committee cannot see their way to alter the charge for use of Castle for Liberal soiree or Black Dike Band concert. Season ticket holders for Castle should not be allowed in at all times as detrimental to custodian and caretaker, but after discussion decided to leave situation as it was. Sometimes the turnstile was not used for Castle admissions and this was not thought right. But there is only one and as there was a single charge for the Black Dike Band it was not necessary to use it.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 24/8/06	First annual show of dogs, poultry, pigeons, rabbits and cage birds was held in Castle grounds yesterday, organised by the AAAA and carried out in admirable style. Hoped to become annual event.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 2/11/06	Season tickets not to be available on special or fete days. Question of charge to Castle referred to new committee.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 30/11/06	Statement of accounts for Castle – Total Receipts/Admissions – 1902, £207 8s 7d / - : 1903, £189 8s 1d / £116 11s 9d: 1904, £239 8s 8d / £186 12s 6d: 1905, £272 19s 3d / £227 7s 3d: 1906, £220 10s 10d / £175 19s 2d	P
Kelly's	Towers covered in ivy, traces of moat, dwelling house used as refreshment house. Precincts laid out with walks, flower beds tennis courts with seats under management of Corporation with small admittance fee.	N



	Abergavenny Directory and Year Book	Shady walks, swings, giant slides, lawn tennis court, large banqueting hall holding about 1000 persons for games and in wet weather. Refreshment bar, tea coffee and dining rooms.	N
1907	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/1/07	Committee query as to why Castle income down last year. Told it was because of reduced admission process for parties.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/2/07	Application for use of Castle for Abergavenny Amateur Athletics Association on Easter Tuesday, Whit Tuesday, August Bank Holiday and Castle or market at a later date for a dog show.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/3/07	Tickets will be used for school parties to the Castle in the future at the price of 2d each under 100, 1½ d each for first complete 100 and up to 200. Mr Holding has asked the Committee to allow free access for the school party staying at the Castle and the Eureka Hotel over Easter. It was decided that those staying at the castle would have free admission and the others 1d each but not on Easter Monday.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/4/07	List of performers and music played at Castle fete and band contest. Capital Eisteddfod lunch at angel Hotel.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/4/07	Party of 41 "Chesters" made educational excursion to Abergavenny and area and had their photo taken in Castle grounds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/5/07	Mr B Lord has asked for permission to bring a concert troupe to the Castle during the season. This was agreed for dates that would not interfere with letting of grounds. Borough Band applied for use of Castle grounds on 23 May to get funds towards uniforms. Turned down because Castle 'is engaged for the Camp festivities'. The use of the Castle has been allowed on 12 August for a promenade concert, 1d per head to be paid on admissions and all damage to be made good or paid for.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/5/07 & 17/5	Ad – Whit- week 1907 5000 men encamped, grand attractions to include variety performances, massed band concert, grand display of fireworks, athletic sports and trotting handicaps, push-ball competition, torchlight tattoo.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/5/07	Report on camp with fete at Castle with variety performances etc. ALSO Borough Band offered to play one or two nights a week, 1d to go to the council. Committee agreed subject to season ticket holders being admitted without charge and only 2 evenings a week. Plus a proper check to be kept on the admissions.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/6/07	Borough Band have written to say they propose to charge 3d admission to the Castle when they play for dancing and 6d for promenade concerts which they propose to hold about once a month. Committee decided they could not authorise a higher charge than 2d per head.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/8/07	Black Dike Band to play at Castle on August 12 ALSO Deputation from Cricket Club attended meeting to ask to forego charge for Castle on Whit-Monday as it resulted in a loss. The Camp arrangements had interfered with their fete. Committee recommend that charge be remitted. Mr Holding was allowed use of Castle on 8 July for his fete. Borough Band to charge 3d per head for admittance to the Castle when they are in attendance, the usual 1d per head to be paid to the Council. Season ticket holders would be admitted free of extra charge. Band expected to attend on Monday and Thursday evenings, but when the band did not attend charge for those evenings to be 2d. ALSO Ad for D Holding, Eureka Restaurant and Warden of Abergavenny Castle for garden parties, wedding breakfasts and all other parties. (Bread, which only needs a trial)	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/8/07	Ad for Black Dike Band on Mon August 12, 7.30 at the Castle. Admission one shilling.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/8/07	Committee have taken steps to deal with the admission of school parties by providing different coloured tickets for each school so that tickets can be collected at the gate as the children go in. Amateur Athletics applied for use of park and Castle on Easter Tuesday, Whit Tuesday and Tuesday after August bank holiday, also for whit Monday if not required by somebody else, on usual terms.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/10/07	Grand Band Contest at Castle 5 Oct with waltzing competition and fireworks. ALSO inspection of Castle grounds made on 19 August and rockery required attention, also seats in need of paint. Surveyor directed to bring	P

		<p>this forward. Men's lavatories in very bad condition and 3 new w.c.s are recommended. Committee felt that new attractions needed at Castle and put up for consideration – a) pavilion for shelter and for concerts and entertainment b) bowling green c) ornamental fountain or aquarium d) set of small roundabouts for children. Mr TR Phillips attended on 4 Sept to discuss question of aquarium and estimated that the cost of aquarium of five tanks would be about £25. The committee will bring up a report. The new ticket seller at the Castle will be asked to find a surety of £25, the money to be collected on Wednesdays and Saturdays or oftener if required.</p> <p>The Amateur Athletic Association paid a total of £190 14s 2d for park and Castle for 11 years to 1907. Committee decided to let them have park and Castle on Easter Mon &amp; Tue, Whit Mon and August Bank Holiday Tue for £30. The committee discussed the report on additional attractions but decided to refer it back.</p>	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/10/07	Report on the brass band concert. Gate not so good as could have been desired.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/11/07	Borough band has asked for remission of charge for Castle on Monday and Thursday afternoons as they have been so poorly patronised only averaging 71 per night on the 16 occasions they have been there. Committee recommended that the charge be remitted.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/11/07	Ad for Borough band to play in Castle grounds to celebrate the election on Councillor S Deverall as mayor on Saturday evening, free admission.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/11/07	Report of Castle grounds being thrown open free of charge on Saturday evening for the band concert. The illuminations solicited much admiration and Mr T Haviland is to be congratulated upon the good taste he displayed in carrying out the decorations on this occasion. A large number of people availed themselves of the kindness of the Mayor & Corporation and a very pleasant evening was spent.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/11/07	Meeting to discuss provision of Christmas dinners for the poor, mentions distribution of soup at the Castle.	P
<b>1908</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/1/08	The Committee recommended permission be given to Alderman Williams to take the Mission children into the Castle grounds on Boxing Day for tea etc , the number of admissions to be counted.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/1/08	Report about Mrs Foster finding the fresco in the attic of the Cardiff Arms in Cross Street [Gunter House].	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/1/08	Follow-up report on the Gunter House ALSO Committee decided to charge the normal rate for the entrance of the children to the Castle on Boxing Day but backtracked as they had previously agreed the free admission.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/4/08	Report on Eisteddfod giving pieces played at the fete at the Castle. Captain Bidmead's balloon took a south-easterly direction and he decided to land near Pontypool but as the wind was rough the balloon parted company with the car and Captain Bidmead fell to the ground and the balloon headed off towards the sea.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/5/08	Councillor Wheatley applied for the use of the Castle grounds for AAAA on Wednesday and Thursday of Whit week in addition to the Monday and Tuesday already granted. This was agreed after discussion, the charge to be 1d per head. Offers had been received from proprietors (listed) wishing to give performances in June – September. The committee will make further enquiry of five of them.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/6/08	Ad for Pierrot Performances in the Castle. Opening night Saturday June 6 when the grounds will be open free of charge. Castle season tickets available from the Lodge Keeper at the cost of 5s for a Family ticket admitting parents, children and servants, 2s for a single and 1s schoolchildren ALSO ad for the torchlight tattoo in Bailey park on 13 June where the Pierrots will be performing instead of at the Castle.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/6/08	Report of the camp of the Cheshires, which included a fete at the Castle with entertainments, and a military night at the Castle on the Friday and the band of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Cheshire Regiment.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/6/08	The Borough band have asked to hold their practices in either the Corn Exchange or the Castle on Sunday afternoons. The committee had decided to accept Mr Tomkinson's offer of £2 2s per week for Pierrot performances in the Castle grounds. This was agreed, Mr Tomkinson to find his own stage, dressing rooms, light and fittings, the committee laying gas to the stage. Councillor Gwatkin was interested to know the difference in sales of season tickets since the Pierrots started performing.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/7/08	Castle receipts from 1 January to 22 June show gain of £36 16s 5½d compared with last year. On 15 June Mr JH Tomkinson of the Castle Pierrots asked for modification in his terms as he had lost money the first week. The Committee decided to reduce the charge of £2 2s per week to 1s per week. Mr Tomkinson returned on 22 June to say he had again had a loss and asked permission to perform in the park as he felt the Castle admission charges adversely affected the attendance. This was agreed on condition no stage was erected in the park.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/7/08	Forthcoming athletic sports – the Castle Pierrots have been engaged for the day and will give 4 performances at the Castle and there will be fireworks in the evening. ALSO Ramble round Abergavenny – poem quoted and visitor urged to visit the rustic banqueting hall.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/8/08	Castle receipts from 1 January to 20 July show gain of £72 18s 2½d compared with last year. It was decided to charge ½d per person for use of swing boats, the children's to be free in order to recoup costs of repairing and attending. Enquiry is being made as to the cost of an automatic machine for selling tickets for the boats and also for third party insurance.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/9/08	Castle receipts show a gain of £80 23s 9½d as compared with last year. Mr HJ Tomkinson has given up the Pierrot performances at the Castle. The committee has purchased his stage for £4. Mr Jimmy Law has asked for permission to finish the season at the Castle with a Pierrot troupe. This was agreed on the understanding that Mr Law pays 5s per week for the use of the stage and of Castle after 6pm and will be responsible for admissions after 6pm and for any damage to the stage. The Committee held a special meeting to consider the Castle house tenancy. Mr Holding pays £32 10s pa for the house and sole right to catering free of rent tax and water, with £1 10s for rent of fixtures. They recommend that in view of the increased attractions provided a new arrangement be made with Mr Holding in order to make it self-supporting and he will pay rent taxes and water charges. They asked for power to carry out this arrangement.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/10/08	Mr Holding had been interviewed about the possible new arrangements for paying taxes and water charges at the Castle. He later made it known that he cannot see his way to doing it. Mr Jimmy Law has asked for permission to provide Pierrot entertainment at the Castle in 1909 at the same terms as at present. He will provide a much improved entertainment and a covering for the audience in event of bad weather.	P
1909	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/2/09	The Roller Skating Club has asked for the use of the Castle grounds three times a week.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/3/09	Report of Gas Committee: The Manager reported that he had traced out the gas supply to the Castle house, and found the service entered the building in three different places without the gas passing through a meter. From the condition of the service pipe, it appears to have been laid for a number of years, and the manager has been unable to ascertain why the gas was passing into the building unregistered. A meter has now been fixed through which all gas in the Castle house is being registered, and the manager was instructed to report the meter readings next month. Report from Markets Sub-committee: The Chairman and the Town Clerk reported their interview with Mr Holding on the subject of the lease of the Castle house, & c., and he now interviewed the full Committee. The Committee recommended that a lease be granted to Mr Holding for the term of three years, subject to terms and conditions of the Corporation's lease from the Marquess of Abergavenny. Castle Boats: The Committee considered the matter, and recommended that Mr Holding be granted the privilege of sole right of these boats for 12 months for the sum of £10 10s and to the payment of 75 per cent of the	N P



		and boys took the part of plain cards and young ladies that of royal cards. With incidental dances.	
	Gwent Archives Misc Mss 516 30/7/09	Postcard showing Castle Courtyard written and posted by 'Jack' who is in Camp locally.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/8/09	Entertainment given at Castle grounds to a large audience by Mr Jimmy Law and his talented troupe of entertainers in aid of Abergavenny Cricket Club. ALSO letter from WM Chadwick expressing thanks to Mr Jimmy Law	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/9/09	Town clerk reported writing to Mr Jimmy Law requesting payment of £9 16s 5d for hire of Castle grounds, gas etc. Mr Law replied asking them to forego charge for hire of chairs as previous year and he wants to hire market hall for 2 Thursday nights. ALSO Mr Holding has written repudiating the claim for use of gas. Town Clerk directed to speak to him again.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/10/09	Gas, Castle House: Town Clerk had interviewed Mr Holding about gas consumed at Castle House during past 5 years, and that he repudiated the claim and refused to make any offer of settlement. Town Clerk directed to see him again. Committee agreed if he pays half for chairs plus the other costs.	P N
<b>1910</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/1/10	Castle entertainments: applications from Mr G Hignett of Ringwood and from Mr Oscar Mill for the use of the site at the Castle for entertainment during the summer months were read. The committee replied saying the lettings for entertainments will be advertised in due course.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/2/10	The Committee agreed to an application from Mr Z Wheatley on behalf of AAAA for the use of the Castle on Easter Tuesday, Whit Monday and Tuesday and August Bank Holiday Tuesday, on the usual terms.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/3/10	Tenders invited by the Eisteddfod and Fetes Committee for items needed in preparation for the Eisteddfod including supply of necessary timber, other materials and fixing of stage, poles etc in the Castle grounds for the fete.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/3/10	Ad for Easter Eisteddfod with band concert, fete with the famous La Dore Troupe of seven marvellous Acrobats and Mdlle Tudor with troupe of performing ponies and grand display of fireworks.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/3/10	The Committee are considering allowing roller skating on the asphalt court at the Castle and the charge to be made.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/4/10	Abergavenny Easter Eisteddfod was held on 28 March and the opening ceremony took place at the Castle after a procession of Druids from the Town Hall to the Castle. The brass band competition was also held at the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/4/10	The Committee recommended that roller skating be allowed on the asphalt court at the Castle when the necessary repairs have been done, at a cost of 2d a head in addition to the ordinary charge. The Committee also recommended when there are parties of 100 or more, and the warden gives notice, that no charge be made. The Committee discussed whether it was fair to charge ratepayers 4d for admission to the court for roller skating when strangers were charged the same price.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/4/10	Ad for Wrestling at Abergavenny Castle on Whit Monday	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/5/10	The matter of arranging for a ticket seller at the Castle is in the hands of the Town Clerk who has been instructed to ascertain if the Marquis would let the Corporation a house near the Castle for the ticket seller to reside, who would be the tenant of the Corporation. The town Clerk is in communication with Mr Oscar Mills on the subject of al fresco entertainment at the Castle and will endeavour to arrange an interview.	P
	The Times 18/5/10	Two young men and two young women injured by lightning at Abergavenny Castle on Monday afternoon and are "progressing fairly well".	P
	Aberystwyth Observer 19/5/10	At Abergavenny sports on Monday a heavy thunderstorm swept over the district. Four people were struck by lightning, three of them residents of Merthyr. They were seriously injured.	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 20/5/10	Report of the Amateur Wrestling Championships in the Castle grounds. ALSO Thunderstorm and Casualties – just before he finish of the wrestling competitions and exceptionally heavy thunderstorm swept over	S

	town with torrential rain, thunder and lightning. Several persons on the wall top ran for shelter to the wooden turret which covers the head of the rustic staircase at the southern end of the wall. Miss Grant was struck on the head, her nose and face badly scorched and she was rendered unconscious. Miss Morgan was also struck on the head. Treatment was rendered by the St John's Ambulance men. After treatment by Dr Lloyd Miss Grant was conveyed home in an ambulance carriage. Miss Morgan recovered. Mr Nash was struck on the back of his head and Mr Morgan had his right arm and left hand severely scorched. Both received treatment and were able to travel home. The turret shelter was damaged and the upright support splintered but no marks of burning. A letter follows saying that more than 0.7 inch fell in 14 minutes in the storm.	
Abergavenny Chronicle 17/6/10	The Committee considered the insurance of the Castle buildings etc and recommended that that the amount if insurance on the lodge be increased from £50 to £150. An application was received from the Eisteddfod and Fetes Committee asking for free use of the Castle on August bank holiday for a flower show in aid of the Eisteddfod account.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 24/6/10	Under 'Jottings' it is recommended that Chronicle readers read Harrison Ainsworth's "Jane Shore" [ <i>The Goldsmith's Wife</i> ] in order to find what Castle Meadows was like in the 15th Century.	P
Gwent Archives D874.69.10 7/7/10	Agreement between Corporation of Abergavenny and Mr Oscar Mills as to entertainments at the Castle. The corporation to allot an area of the Castle grounds called the Children's Green to Mr Mills for the purpose of providing free (except for use of chairs) high class entertainments in the afternoons and evenings, except Sundays. Mr Mills to provide attendant to collect admission money after 6pm. The Corporation to provide two dressing boxes and a stage and Mr Mills to provide a turnstile and pay for gas. He may use the banqueting hall when wet.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 8/7/10	Report on Warden's day at the Castle on Monday last saying [in rather flowery language] how much people look forward to the day. This event attracted 500 people from Libanus Sunday School Dowlais, 360 from Jerusalem Sunday School & 380 from Beulah Sunday School Rhymny. Mr and Mrs Holding had received letters from leaders of the visiting parties in terms of high appreciation saying that all that could have been done for the visitors had been done and they were to be congratulated on their excellent catering.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 15/7/10	"Al Fresco Entertainments: The Town Clerk reported that he had forwarded a draft agreement to Mr Oscar Mills for approval and that he had questioned the clauses relating to payment for gas fittings and asked for the hire of chairs and also as to an allowance for the days when the Castle had been let. The Town Clerk reported that he had replied that the Committee would not entertain any of these suggestions and that as soon as Mr Mills accepted the terms as set out in the draft agreement the work of getting the stage and dressing rooms ready would be commenced." [Mr Oscar Mills at about this time had apparently been refused the use of Cardiff parks by the Cardiff Council Parks and Open Spaces Committee as they felt this type of concert party was not appropriate in their parks. <a href="http://apps.cardiff.gov.uk/WebCat/Images/PDF/PDF077.pdf">http://apps.cardiff.gov.uk/WebCat/Images/PDF/PDF077.pdf</a> ]	P
Gwent Archives D874.69.10 20/7/10	Agreement between Corporation of Abergavenny and Mr Daniel Holding for the use of Swing boats at Abergavenny Castle from 25 March 1910 to 25 March 1911 for the rent of £10 10s.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 16/9/10	The St John's Ambulance Brigade applied for the free use of the Castle on a date late in September. The committee recommended they be granted the use subject to their making satisfactory arrangements with Mr Oscar Mills.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 14/10/10	The application from the AAAA forwarded [shown on 11/11] was recommended to be granted.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 11/11/10	The Committee received a letter from AAAA asking for the free use of Castle on Whit Tuesday and August Bank Holiday Tuesday and for 7 September, Horse Show day and Monday 2 October. The committee asked for instruction from the Council on the matter.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/12/10	The Committee discussed a letter from AAAA pointing out that a mistake had been made with reference to the Castle and park lettings. The Committee agreed to allow 7 days letting for £30 as they considered this to be the usual terms.	P
1911	Census 2/4/11	Daniel Holding, caterer, was living at Castle House with his wife Elizabeth and 2 young daughters, also 2 female catering assistants and 1 male handyman. John Thomas, caretaker, and his wife Jane were living at the Lodge.	S
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/4/11	Abergavenny Borough Silver Band received permission to play in the Castle Grounds every Thursday night. They would charge 3d a head (1d going to the Council) during the summer months.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/4/11	Abergavenny Easter Eisteddfod. The railways brought large numbers of people to the town on Monday last and the weather was fine. The Gorsedd ceremony was performed in the Castle Grounds at 9am. Rev John Davies of Pandy, the acting archdruid, mounted the Logan Stone in the middle of the circle. Accompanied by Mr Jas Straker and other members of the Cymreigyddion-y-Fenni, black-capped and robed in green, they were stationed at the stones forming the circle. They then processed to the Market Hall for the competitions.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/6/11	Children's Eisteddfod in the grounds of the Castle. A portion of the lawn was roped off and furnished with chairs at 6d a head. The visitors – many of them – went into raptures of delight at the charming views of the surrounding countryside afforded by the vantage points of Castle Wall.	N
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 22/6/11	Agreement between Corporation of Abergavenny and Mr Daniel Holding as to use of swing boats at Abergavenny Castle from 25 March 1911 to 25 March 1912, agreement same as previous year.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/7/11	'During the past week we have had many visitors to the town, many of whom had made arrangements to spend the greater proportion of their time in our historic Castle. Some of the parents of children visiting expressed their regret that there is no cheap popular guide on sale at the Castle.' An account of the history follows in this article. The rustic hall in which dinners and tea are served and the various entertainments given from time to time, is on the site of the banqueting hall in which the massacre of the Welsh Chieftains occurred.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/7/11	<i>(This is a continuation of the article in last week's paper)</i> The warden lives in Castle House (the name given to building on the ancient motte) with the ground floor given over to restaurant, dining and tea rooms. Sometimes wedding and birthday parties are held and have their dinners and teas in the dining room or rustic hall. At the rear is the recreation ground with swing boats, giant strides, etc. Near the rustic band stand a small enclosure guards the entrance to what some people call the dungeons. The terrace dividing the tennis court from the lower lawn is used for pyrotechnic displays. The lower lawn is frequently occupied by a troupe of Pierrots during the summer. 1911 was the hottest summer for many years with the temperature hitting 100F in August. The unaccustomed warmth began in May after a cold April, when the official mourning for Edward VII could be lifted.	N
	Times 9/8/11	Bankruptcy of Mr Oscar Mills who was agent for entertainments at the Castle Grounds.	S
1912	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/3/12	Application to use the Castle Ground for the Easter Eisteddfod	N
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 1/7/12	Agreement between the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Abergavenny and Messrs Watkins and Son for the tenancy of Castle House from 25 March 1912 at a rent of £35 pa in advance. Agreement the same as with previous tenants but with added restrictions on articles that may be sold in the grounds limited to cricket bats and balls to the maximum value of 2d. Schedule attached.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/7/12	A letter from the Chamber of Trade to the Town Council complained about the state of the walks outside the Castle. The Borough Surveyor was required to trim up the walks. The Town Council commented that they have no power to make additional walks, only those shown on the plan. ALSO The committee have frequently had brought to their attention that the charges for school children are too high and they are taken	P

		elsewhere. It was agreed that charges should be lowered to 1d per head after much discussion. ALSO Castle boats: Messrs Watkins & Sons were granted exclusive right to leasing the Castle (swing) Boats for £5. ALSO Mr Duck headmaster of Hereford School was granted free admission for his schoolchildren to enter the Castle to study the local history of the Castle and town.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/9/12	Mr Watkins, warden at the Castle, received permission from the Town Council to have a lamp lit for an hour in the Castle Grounds during winter months.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/10/12	The walks around the Castle had received some attention from the Borough Surveyor but the Chamber of Trade believed they required more.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/11/12	Castle Walks: the turnstile leading from the Castle to the walks is a public nuisance. The Council directed that the Borough Surveyor should see that it is walled up.	N
<b>1913</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/2/13	Application granted to hold Easter Monday Abergavenny Eisteddfod. Also application for the AAA to use the Castle grounds as usual on Easter Tuesday, Whit Tuesday and August Bank Holiday Tuesday. The last could not be granted because it was already allocated for the National Eisteddfod.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/3/13 & subsequent wks	Advert for Watkins & Sons, Caterers, Confectioners, and Bakers of Monk Street Bakery 53 Frogmore Street and Abergavenny Castle. Parties, School Treats etc. catered at moderate prices.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/3/13	Abergavenny Eisteddfod carried out in a satisfactory manner in the Castle grounds. A procession was formed at the Town Hall and they proceeded to the Gorsedd Circle for the opening ceremony. Miss Teresa Munkley then played the Welsh triple stringed harp, followed by Mr Pedr James a well known Penillion singer. There were addresses in Welsh by various bards and following the mass singing of Hen Wlad fy Nhadau, the procession set off back to the Town Hall.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/6/13	Eisteddfod committee contracted for fireworks and a band in the Castle for the National Eisteddfod. There was a long argument in the Town Council about the problem that the AAA could not hold their usual events on August Bank Holiday Tuesday. The pageant for the Eisteddfod would unfold in the most striking episodes from the history of Gwent.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/7/13	An application from the AAA to use the Castle grounds free of charge was rejected and the usual fees would apply 1d per head of which is to go to the Town Council. The Town Council remitted the charge to the Borough Band as Whit Monday had been so wet few people attended. ALSO The notices as the entrance to the Castle Grounds had been rewritten and painted.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/8/13	4 pages of reports about the Eisteddfod, but no mention of events at the Castle. Almost all events at the Grove or at Bailey Park	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/9/13	The mayor entertained the schoolchildren of Abergavenny and district in Bailey park, the Market hall, Town Hall and Castle. Alderman James Straker arranged for the children to visit the cinema and the band played to the assembled children in Bailey Park. This was followed by sports with an interval at which buns were provided. At 4pm there was massed singing with the Borough Band followed by tea in various locations.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/10/13	Castle Keeper resigned.	N
	<b>1914</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/3/14	AAAA asked to use Castle at Easter but after discussion council disallowed Whitsun and August bank Holidays as it hoped to get higher rent from another group.
Abergavenny Chronicle 20/3/14		Letter from Z Wheatley saying that AAAA had applied for use of Castle on all Bank holidays but will only be allowed the Tuesdays following BH so higher rent can be obtained from bands, artistes etc.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 5/6/14		AAAA had grand meeting on Whit Tuesday but no display of fireworks at the Castle because rail company had not delivered the fireworks until Wednesday. ALSO letter from 'One Who Was Had' complaining that the full price of 6d had been charged despite the lack of firework display.	N P



	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/10/14	In the 3 years Mr Watkins has been tenant the Castle has been losing money, but there had been a railway strike, admissions had been reduced from 2d to 1d and now there was the War. Previous tenant Mr Holding had also charged for the boats which were now free. Castle tenancy had made £20 in 1911, £13 15s in 1912 and £20 in 1913. Admissions raised about £70 pa, so considering costs it was thought amount Castle losing is £120 pa. Councillor Delafield suggested THE tenancy be put out to tender.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/10/14	Town Clerk stated low admission rates due to AAAA only using the Castle on one occasion	P
1915	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/1/15	Councillor Beckwith asked if Castle House was to be let at the usual rent as he had noticed that rents were generally being increased. The mayor said that the house was always let to the highest tender.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/2/15	Councillor Telford asked if the castle grounds, to be let to Mr Vivian Thomas, would be reserved for Bank Holidays. ALSO a letter from Mr Thomas asked of he could make alterations to the stage to accommodate full-sized scenery. The Borough Surveyor said it would cost about £3 and it was agreed. Mr Thomas also asked for permission to book high-class concert parties at the Castle and this was agreed subject to the council taking 1d per admission, season-ticket holders to be admitted free, and Mr Thomas providing chairs and pay for gas etc.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/3/15	Tenders had been submitted for the tenancy of Castle house and the offer of £32 10s from Mrs Holding of the Priory was accepted (after the Committee had interviewed Mr Holding) if she agreed to an additional £1 10s for hire of fittings. Mr Cleeton of Gilwern had offered £40. Mrs Holding was also allowed to hire the swing-boats for £5 pa.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/4/15	Mr Vivian Thomas made application for a stage to be erected in the banqueting hall and the use of the dungeon for side show purposes. The requests were refused.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/4/15	Ad for Abergavenny and District Horticultural Society annual show in the Castle grounds on Bank Holiday Monday 2 August.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/5/15	Application from the Horticultural Society for the use of the Castle grounds for their show on August Bank Holiday, all profits to go to local war funds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/5/15	On Whit Monday Mr and Mrs Vyvian Thomas will open the Castle Grounds Pavilion with an exceptionally fine concert party entitled "The Eastern Oddities" who will give performances throughout the week, every evening 7.30, matinees at 2.30 on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri. Prices 3d to 9d. During fine weather performances will take place in the open air enclosure, and during wet or inclement weather in the Banqueting Hall. ALSO Ad for this event.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/6/15	Mrs Holding applied for the revision of the tariff of prices for refreshments at the castle owing to the increased cost of food etc and this was agreed.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/7/15	Ad for concert party in Castle Grounds Pavilion by Billy Taylor's The What Nots – the open air laughter makers, on Monday 19 July for 6 days, matinees and evening performances. Popular prices 3d, 6d and 9d, NC Officers and Men 4d to 6d and 6d to 9d seats, children 2d, 4d and 6d. ALSO a letter was read from the Horticultural Society expressing their appreciation for the free use of the Castle on August Bank Holiday. The lessee of Castle house complained that Mr Vivian Thomas had been selling chocolates on the green during Whit week. The committee agreed that the lessee has exclusive rights to sell refreshments and the Town Clerk will insert "sweets, chocolates and fruit" in her agreement to make this clear.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/8/15	The Horticultural Society were most unfortunate on the occasion of their annual show in the Castle grounds on Monday. Had fine weather prevailed there is no doubt that the effort would have been a most successful one.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/8/15	Some difficulties have arisen between Mr Vivian Thomas and the lessee of the castle house as to the use of the banqueting hall during wet weather, the banqueting hall is required by the lessee of Castle house for the purpose of supplying refreshments to visitors; it also affords shelter	

		and these cannot be given if entertainments are being held. The Committee decided that Mr Thomas' use of the banqueting hall be terminated.																			
1916	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/6/16	<p>'What the town has lost on the Castle' Arrangements between the town corporation and the late Marquess of Abergavenny had terminated on his death. Did the corporation wish to continue to use the Castle? It has been making a loss.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Expenditure</th> <th>Income</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1911</td> <td>208</td> <td>176</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1912</td> <td>201</td> <td>139</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1913</td> <td>292</td> <td>124</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1914</td> <td>206</td> <td>107</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1915</td> <td>166</td> <td>121</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There was concern about the loss. Councillor Graham said he would be sorry to lose the Castle as a place of amusement and attraction to visitors, but the Castle was running at a loss and much money had been spent on repairs. Councillor Palmer said he did not like wasting money, especially other people's, but they must not underestimate the attraction of the Castle. It was important to attract visitors to the town for the sake of trade generally, even if at a price. In happier times people would respond to the attractions of the town. Money had been spent on inside repairs, but they were bound to do this under the terms of the agreement. The recommendation to continue the tenancy was adopted.</p>		Expenditure	Income	1911	208	176	1912	201	139	1913	292	124	1914	206	107	1915	166	121	P
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Abergavenny Chronicle 28/7/16	Long discussion on whether a fete should go ahead at the Castle and if the Blaina Band's presence would affect munitions production.	P																			
Abergavenny Chronicle 11/10/16	Proposal to charge 1d entry to Castle on Sundays, previously free. Some Councillors wanted it to be 3d or 6d as it would do the visitors good.	P																			
1917	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/2/17	<p>The soup kitchen in the Castle had been operating for a week, 400-500 children were entertained at the Castle, irrespective of who they were, to a midday meal. The mayor was appealing for more donations as it cost about £20 per week.</p> <p>'Soup Kitchen' Funds are urgently needed for carrying on the distribution of soup at the Castle. Every day for a week 400 to 500 children have been supplied. It is hoped the response to the appeal will enable this to continue until the present severe weather has passed. [list of donors to date] Subscriptions or gifts in kind will be gratefully accepted by the Mayor or the Town Clerk.</p>	P																		
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/4/17	Councillor Horsington asked if the Castle and Park Committee would consider the question of merging the caretakerhips of the Castle and Park for the period of the war. Seeing that they were both thoroughly practical gardeners, could not one be released for food production.	P																		
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/6/17	In reply to a question in the Town Council – the house in the Castle is not occupied regularly.	N																		
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/6/17	Ad for grand fete at the Castle on Thursday 21 June for Alexandra Rose Day. Music, concerts, games, stalls. Grounds open at 2pm, admission 6d.	P																		
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/8/17	Mr Holding, tenant at the Castle, wrote to the Town Council asking for the rent to be reduced but was refused. The Castle receipts were £11.11s in June 1917 compared with £9.3s.1d in June 1916.	P																		
1918	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/5/18	<p>Fancy Fair to be held on Whit Monday in the market hall. There will be stalls, games, teas. Also a 15 mile open Marathon Race, with prizes ranging from £5 to 10s. Race starts at front of Market Hall and finishes at Castle grounds where Tredegar Town Band will play. Race starts 3.45. [address for entries] Proceeds to go to Abergavenny and District Nursing Assoc.</p> <p>ALSO Ad from JH Hinton saying he has taken charge of the refreshment room and grounds at the Castle and patrons may rely upon absolute cleanliness, civility and the best value that can be secured subject to Food Control Regulations. Schools, clubs etc accommodated by arrangement.</p>	P																		
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/5/18	The Fancy Fair on Whit Monday was a success. Tredegar Town Prize Band played selections and for dancing, which was a popular form of enjoyment. This was in the Castle grounds. The winner of the marathon was John Jones who has represented Wales in the past.	P																		

	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/8/18	Fete in Castle grounds on Monday with trapeze performers, slack wire and Punch & Judy. Tredegar Brass Band and Mr Norton's orchestral band. Games: Houpla, penny-in-the-basin, bran-tub etc. and waltzing competitions.	P
	Gwent Archives D874.69.10 21/12/18	Agreement between Corporation of Abergavenny and Mr John Henry Hinton for tenancy of Castle House for 1 yr starting 25 March 1918 at a rent of £30, same arrangement as previous tenants.	P
<b>1919</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/1/19	Attractions and Improvement Association – Easter Eisteddfod to be held on Easter Monday. Three sub committees set up, including the Sports & Fete Committee with brief use of the Castle. ALSO Advertising the Town – Suggestions Committee propose to promote the town through a "pictorial poster" already printed by requesting the local railway companies distribute them through their stations. ALSO A Publicity and Advertising Committee was created to look into the publication of a town guide. ALSO Other ideas to attract visitors discussed were: Creation of Motor Trips and Circular tours; The creation of an inquiry bureau; Acquiring fishing rights on river; Provide boating facilities and safe river bathing. ALSO It is agreed to apply for the use of the Castle on Easter Monday and Tuesday and Whit Monday and Tuesday.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/1/19	Plans for Peace celebrations included suggestions that schoolchildren be taught patriotic songs, then march to the castle to sing them. There would also be a concert in the evening with £25 set aside for artistes but it was suggested that this money should be for the band. Fireworks mentioned.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/4/19	Abergavenny Town Council meeting 11 April 1919 Comparative Receipts: The following were the receipts for the Markets and Castle for February, with the loss or gain compared with the corresponding month last year: - Castle, 16s 4d; gain, 10s 2d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 25/4/19	Abergavenny Attractions and Improvements Association used the Castle at Eastertide for fete. The juggler had been unable to turn up because of influenza but other entertainers attended.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/5/19	The Castle's admission fees of £42 15s 4d was paid to the council. This money was raised during the Easter programme.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/6/19	'Castle Grounds' Under the auspices of the Attractions Association, Grand Variety Fetes, Whit Monday & Tuesday, The Great Handko in his most sensational performance will escape from a strait jacket, upside down, swinging by the heels, in mid air. Must be seen to be believed. Barto – The Dare Devil Cyclist equilibrist. The Donatos, Famous One-legged comedy acrobats, Celest - The most sensational wire-walker in the country, The Dnigsen Brothers – Wonderful Chinese jugglers and contortionists. The Langley Brothers, Clever Trapeze and Ring Artistes, Hulbert – The King of Ventriloquists. De Lil – The Original Entertainer. The more you watch the less you see. "The Nuggetts" Variety Party. Lots of rollicking fun.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 27/6/19 4/7, 25/7	"THE NUGGETS" The "Nuggets" Comedy Concert Party at the Castle grounds continue to delight their patrons with their excellent programmes of mirth, music and mimicry. The party has not hitherto received as large a measure of support as it deserves, but larger crowds are being attracted through the recommendations of those who have sampled the capital fare provided. Mr. Barry Lanchester, who was for some years understudy to Mr. George Grossmith and has occupied many well-known roles, is an entertainment in himself. The programme is changed nightly and the evening performances conclude with a pocket opera, a potted play, or a laughable farce. ALSO Ad - Castle grounds Abergavenny "The Nuggetts" concert party. Daily at 3PM & 7.30PM. Programme changed nightly, the evening performances conclude with a pocket opera, a potted play, or a laughable farce. Free palmistry. Patrons of the Shilling Seats can have a free Reading of the Hand by Miss Joan Lanchester, A.M.U., the Society Palmist.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/7/19	Peace celebrations – Programme of Festivities – Grand Illuminations of the Castle Grounds in the evening. Prize-giving and rocket set off from Castle for lighting of beacon on Sugar Loaf.	P N

	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/8/19	Abergavenny Attractions Association Holiday Programme, Military Tournament, Sports & Fetes, The Castle Fetes. The outstanding feature of the three days' events - a feature which will always appeal to the spectator - was good value for money. There has never been staged in the Castle such a fine programme as that arranged for Monday and Tuesday. The horticultural show, which is dealt with in another column, was a big attraction in itself and the artistes specially engaged for the fete were among the best to be obtained in the country, for the Association have not spared expense in order to provide the best possible programme in this respect. There was something distinctive about each performance and the audience on both days were delighted with the fare provided. The following were the artistes who contributed so largely to the success of the fetes from the point of view of the spectator:- The Adams Trio, in a clever, novel, and comedy cycling act; Vittoria, in an original performance on the rolling globe; C.J. Saltley, eccentric on the light wire, and his lady assistant; the Great Jaskoe, daring hand and foot balancer, assisted by Jakes; the famous Gonzas, in their comedy juggling scene; Casca and Florence in their comedy acrobatic speciality; Miss Calno and Partner, balancing entertainers featuring the breakaway chair; and the popular "Nuggets" Concert Party of seven talented performers. In addition, the Borough Silver Band, who are making good progress under the conductorship of their new bandmaster, Mr. S. H. Russell (late bandmaster R.N.) plates selections and also provided the music for dancing. Councillor A.C. Graham was the superintendent of the Castle arrangements, and special mention should be made of Mrs. W. Evans and her lady assistants in organising and taking charge of the games.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/8/19	Ad for Fancy Dress Carnival on 4 Sept, band will play, admission 8d including tax.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/10/19	"Thanks to the Attractions Association" re Castle receipts. The Markets Committee's minutes stated that the receipts at the Castle for July and August were £95 3s 11d, compared with £23 1s 2½d last year. Councillor Jacob said that it was very gratifying to find some figures were going to the right way. He thought it was due to the efforts of the Attractions Association, and he should like to see the receipts for the Town Hall brought into this report, as thanks to the Association, they were increasing.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/12/19	Abergavenny Attractions Associations Annual Public Meeting, General Secretary's Report - Report detailing activities and stating that despite higher costs of attractions and reduced crowds, they just about cleared the expenses. Programme consisted of fetes, Horticultural Show, al fresco concert party and "the Town Council's receipts from Castle were appreciably swollen" Up to November 1919 "£138 was paid on 1d. admissions to the Castle, representing 33,000 admissions..."	P
<b>1920</b>	Abergavenny Attractions and Improvement Association 1920 (Museum)	Official Programme 1920 – Easter Attractions. Easter Monday and Tuesday. Sensational fetes at Castle. Dancing on Tennis Court. Admission to Castle 1s 3d. Programme of events includes De Vola & Rex "Equilibrists", La Belle Myrtle – the human cat, The Great Fandour Troupe acrobatic trick cyclists, The Bellinis equilibrists and aerial gymnastics, The Tredegar Band who will play for dancing.	D
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/4/20	Report of Easter Monday Eisteddfod including an attractive variety programme was presented in the Castle grounds, and the Tredegar Band played for dancing.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/5/20	Ad for grand fete in Castle grounds on whit Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting at 11.30 with the Versatiles Concert Party, the Stebbing Trio and a band playing throughout the 3 days. Competitions for dancing and bouncing. ALSO Ad for Versatiles concert on Sat 22 May in the castle grounds at 7.30 seats 1/- & 6d, enclosure 3d ALSO Sugar Loaf Musings – 'There has been some anxiety recently as to the continuance of the tenancy of the Castle and it is satisfactory to learn that Me Ernest Gaisford the agent for the Nevill Estate has now agreed to grant a further lease for a period of 14 years at a rental of £50 pa. The closing times for the grounds are to be 1 April – 31 May 8.30pm, 1 June – 31 Aug 9.30pm, 1 Oct – 31 March 4.30pm.	P P P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/5/20	Attractions Association arranged a 3 day fete in the Castle Grounds on Mon, Tues and Wed at Whitsuntide. Turns at the Castle included Bouncing Dillons and absurd athletics. The Stebbing Juvenile Trio presented a capital acrobatic show. Versatiles Concert Party. The concert party are engaged at the Castle grounds for the summer season. The greater part of each day was devoted to dancing with Messrs Waters and Harding's orchestral band. Additional interest was provided by the bouncing competition which caused much amusement. Also a waltzing competition and the "Maxina" dancing competition. On Monday there was small attendance of 1,000 and a good crowd on Tuesday of 3,000.	D
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/6/20	Ad for Versatiles concert party from Monday 7 June for a week at 3pm and 7.30pm. Also grand singing and entertaining competition open to all amateurs.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/6/20	A letter was read from Mr Hinton of Castle House saying that he is rather surprised by the Castle Committee raising the rent of the boats for this season and under the circumstances he does not see his way clear to take them over. The Committee decided to take over the boats themselves forthwith.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 23/7/20	Abergavenny Attractions Association and Comrades of the Great War organised programme to celebrate anniversary of Peace Day. Events included fete in Castle grounds with sensational variety performances and waltzing competitions. "The ambulance competition for the White Horse Challenge Shield" held at Castle. ALSO ad for monster attractions over August Bank Holiday weekend including fete in Castle grounds.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/8/20	Report on the entertainments at the castle over the Bank holiday weekend. Messrs Waters and Harding's Orchestral Band played for dancing and there was a waltzing competition each day. The Versatiles concert party provided entertainments and Victoria and Ramoo gave clever turns in their crystal pyramid act, Celeste the king of wire walkers and the Braks in their acrobatic melange act also entertained. There was a fairly good attendance on Monday but a larger crowd on Tuesday.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/11/20	The Town Clerk submitted to the Markets Committee a draft lease of Abergavenny Castle for a term of 14 years, commencing 2 August 1920 at £50 pa. The Chairman and Town Clerk were authorised to settle the draft.	P
<b>1921</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/1/21	The Markets Committee recommended that the charges for parties at the Castle should be – 1d per head up to 60; up to 100 5s and over 100 charged proportionally. It was pointed out that 49 people could go in for 4s 11d so after discussion it was decided that the charge should be 1d per head for any number.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/2/21	The Town Clerk reported that one the covenants in the lease for the Castle was that the Corporation should repair the outer walls and asked the committee if they would accept the liability. The matter was left with the Mayor and chairman of the Markets committee.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/4/21	Fete at the Castle: The wretched weather completely spoilt the two days' fete at the Castle, the attendance each day being very poor. The Ebbw Vale Dance orchestra played selections each day. An excellent variety of performances had been arranged, the following giving turns:- Acro Page, knockabout gymnast, assisted by Marion the Maid; Les Cyclettes, cycling act; Ara and Zeta, gymnasts. Waltzing competitions were also arranged as on previous occasions. The superintendents of the arrangements at the Castle were Mr. F. Johns and Mr. Basil Evans. ALSO 'Gobannium' said that they only took £40 over the two days and they are now discussing whether to continue with plans for Whitsun.	P P
	Music Festival Programme (Museum)	Ad from RH Stevens, the Castle House Café (late Dorothy Café, Cross Street) "We have every convenience at the back in catering for large or small parties..."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/6/21	The markets committee received a letter from the Commanding Officer of the Welsh Border Infantry Brigade saying he would be unable to pay the £1 10s a day for the occupation by his troops of the Castle grounds, and offering 10s per day. The committee were prepared to ask £1 per day and wrote asking him to apply to a higher authority for permission to pay more than 10s.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/8/21	Rally In the Castle Grounds – A rally was held in the Castle grounds under the auspices of South Wales District Council of the Union of Postal workers. This was on Sunday afternoon and was attended by members of the union from all parts of the area. Some of the visitors arrived early and looked round the town. Tea was served in the Old Banqueting Hall and there were between 350 and 400 present. In the evening all gathered on the lawn and there were addressed by various officials of the Union.	P N
1922	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/4/22	The sum of £10 10s was granted to Mrs Richings for selling admission tickets to the Castle during the past year. ALSO Ad for Eisteddfod with dancing competitions at the castle on Easter Monday and Tuesday, 17 and 18 April.	N P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/4/22	Col Bradbury's speech at the Eisteddfod included a history of the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/6/22	Report of the fete at the Castle on Whit Monday and Tuesday where about 3000 people attended over the 2 days. Performances included Jeavon and Ena with their dog aviators, the Hunters (jugglers), the Stebbing Trio (novelty acrobats) and Coleman and Mishizovsa (contortionist and acrobat). The Tredegar Prize Band played dance music. Each day there was a competition to spot a man with a £1 note.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/6/22	Preview of the events for August holidays including a champion solo competition in the Castle grounds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/7/22	A fete was held in the Castle grounds on Thursday in connection with the Women's Unionist Association. Stalls were set up in the banqueting hall and included flowers, produce, china and cakes. There was a palmist presiding in a tent and in the evening there were entertainments by the 'Ko-Ko Pessimists' and dancing on the tennis courts to music provided by the Orpheus Orchestra.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/11/22	The Markets Committee inspected the Castle grounds and recommended an extra carpenter and man be employed to carry out necessary repairs to the bridge and rustic work generally.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/12/22	The annual meeting of the Carnegie Public Library discussed the report of a sub-committee about how to display the museum curios the library had in its possession. It was felt that until the library's collection along with the war trophies the council owned and other items were sufficient to warrant a room being set aside for the collection, a wooden display case would be made to display the items on the windowsill of the reading room.	P
1923	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/2/23	At a meeting on how the council spent its money criticism was made of money put in to Castle facilities like a bowling green and tennis courts as they only had a very short lease and anyway there was not enough room for a bowling green.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 23/3/23	Ad for Easter Eisteddfod wit choral contests, charring of the Bard and band for dancing, fireworks at dusk, railway facilities.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 23/4/23	Attractions Association applied for use of Castle on Whit Monday and Tuesday. During a discussion on charges for Castle and park Councillor Telford said it was passed by the council some time ago that the charges should be 1d per head on admission to the Castle and he did not know that that had been rescinded. Matter referred to Markets Committee.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/5/23	There was a request from the Castle Street Congregational Church Tennis Club asking the council to let the green in the Castle for the season. The committee were unable to agree as the green will be used for entertainments. They also considered the application form the Attractions Association for the use of the castle on Whit Monday and Tuesday. ALSO An agreement was made with the Borough Band for them to paly for municipal ceremonies and civic functions and to give 12 performances in the castle or park during the summer season.	P  P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/5/23	"Entertainments at Castle – As will be seen by our advertising columns the season's entertainments will commence at the Castle on Saturday evening when the Busibodies Costume Concert Party give their opening performance....."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 25/5/23	Ad for Fred Toft and his Busibodies in a Pierrotic Entertainment in the Castle grounds, daily at 3 and 7.15 (Town Hall if wet), special children's programme Saturday at 3.	P

		ALSO A report on the Busibodies saying they are an excellent and talented group who have attracted large crowds. There will be dancing after the Tuesday and Thursday evening performances.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/12/23	A list of Council properties giving profits and losses, saying that the Castle grounds had made a loss of £346 15s 4d. Town Hall and Bailey Park also made losses and between them represented burden of 14% on the rates.	P
<b>1924</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/5/24	Mr Stevens £45 in arrears for rent of Castle house and £7 in arrears for the boats. Mr Stevens to be written to. Castle a source of loss to the town and committee might go into the question.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/6/24	Borough Band had sent letter asking for £35 to play 12 concerts in the Castle or park. Finance committee agreed to pay £17.50 due from last year but were 'not satisfied with the attitude of the band last year'. The band to be asked to meet with the council to discuss future contract.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/7/24	Mr Shaw of Borough Band wrote suggesting dates for 12 performances over the summer, 6 in Castle and 6 in park, one for National Fire Brigade demonstration.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/10/24	Footpaths round Castle were in a poor condition so the Committee considered improvements, possibly to be undertaken by unemployed.	P
<b>1925</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/4/25	Expenditure on Castle £353 10s and income £168 10s. Would be acceptable if Castle accessible to all like the park. The Committee was asked to vote for giving up Castle if they cannot make a profit.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/5/25	New admission charges – 3d, children 1d and parties of 25 and over 1d. Experience had shown that it wouldn't pay at 3d per head but some thought that as visitors arrived by car they could afford to pay 6d as they did at Raglan. Long discussion on merits of different charges. ALSO Borough Band to be given option of playing for dancing in the Castle grounds during the summer, to charge up to 6d with 1d per head going to Council, but the Committee thought it would be better if they played in the park.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/6/25	Garden Party on behalf of the Women's Unionist Party to be held in Castle grounds on 2 July including living whist, concert party, bohemian orchestra for dancing and teas at moderate charges.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/7/25	Holiday attractions at Castle for Bank Holiday Monday and Tuesday to include acrobats, circus, waltzing competitions and fireworks. ALSO Ad for same – prizes for waltzing competition £2 and £1. Bands of 4 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Batts. Duke of Wellington's Regt. to play. Admission 1s.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/11/25	Councillor asked if it was 1d per head for parties of 25 to go in Castle what would it cost for party of 15 as there was a football team going the following day. To be referred to Markets committee.	P
<b>1926</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/2/26	Letter received from Chamber of Trade asking for repair of paths leading from Castle to Castle Meadows.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/5/26	Bohemian Band will play for dancing at the Castle Whit Monday and Tuesday.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/6/26	Application from Borough Band to play on Thursday evenings during summer months. Agreed subject to 6 performances being allotted to the council ALSO Letter received from Mr Gaisford saying Marquis' estate had no objection to sub-letting of premises. Present warden would have to be given 6 months notice.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/7/26	Arrangements for allocating dates for Borough Band at Castle left with Secretary and Town Clerk.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/7/26	Royal Australian Ladies' Pipe Band to play in Castle grounds (4 performances)	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 23/7/26	Description of facilities in Abergavenny for tourists mentioning Castle ALSO Australian pipe band advertisement repeat	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/10/26	Committee discussed re-letting of Castle House on revised terms. Mr RH Stevens, Warden to be given 6 months notice so new arrangements can take effect from 25 March 1927.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/12/26	Finance and Markets Committee agreed to principle of letting Castle to a warden or caretaker. Town Clerk instructed to prepare a draft lease for 7 yrs. Alderman Beckwith would prefer the Marquess to be contacted with a view to the building being converted to flats, due to shortage of housing.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/12/26	Advert inviting tenders for letting of Castle, Grounds and Lodge for 7 years	P
<b>1927</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/1/27	Committee discussed if there was an agreement about licensing at the Castle but decided that the non-alcoholic refreshment only rule still stood. They decided to defer discussion on whether upkeep of the swings was the responsibility of the tenant or themselves.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/6/27	The Committee was asked for a grant of £35 for the band for 12 public performances. All the performances will be in the Park, not the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/7/27	A letter was read from the Borough Band asking for the balance of their account in respect of their performances under the agreement for 1926-7. It was resolved that the £10 be paid and the same terms apply to 1927-8 provided the full strength of the band is maintained, or the matter will be reconsidered.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/8/27	The Abergavenny Women Unionists held a fete in the Castle grounds on Thursday. Among the attractions were a baby show and a children's decorated pram competition. There was an ice cream stall, a balloon stall and a skittle alley. The political speeches are reported in full.	P
<b>1928</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/3/28	A motorist narrowly avoided disaster on Wednesday night when he drove along the narrow roadway to the right of the Castle walls and stopped a hairsbreadth from the edge so avoiding toppling down the bank.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/4/28	The Gas Manager reported that supply of gas to Castle House could be improved if a 1¼" pipe was laid. A sub-committee will inspect the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/5/28	The Committee cannot see their way to fix the swings in the Castle as the cost would be prohibitive.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/6/28	School Journey - 42 boys from the Canterbury Road LCC Boys School, Peckham, London on holiday in Abergavenny, combining pleasures and pursuits, staying at the Castle. The boys had been saving since Christmas towards the two week holiday away from the dust and smoke. Many boys had never seen a mountain. The first morning of their stay at the Castle they were all up and in the Castle Grounds by 5.00am well ahead of the masters. Activities included note taking, sketching, PE and keeping cash accounts. Visits the following week to Blaenavon, Clydach and Ebbw Vale. [Also reported under 'Sugarloaf Musings']	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/6/28	Welsh Societies Conference at Abergavenny - Over 100 delegates from all parts of Wales visited Abergavenny for the 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Union of Welsh Societies. On Friday afternoon the delegates visited St Mary's Church and the Castle. The party was afterwards entertained to tea at the Castle by the Mayor and Mayoress.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/6/28	School Boys tour concluded. Asked why it was an ideal spot one boy replied "Because there is a Castle where you are always safe".	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/6/28	Nursing Association - A Whist drive held at the Castle on June 14 <sup>th</sup> in aid of the funds of the Abergavenny Nursing Association raised £16.10s.5d. Committee thanked Mr R H Stevens for lending the Castle Grounds and assisting with refreshments etc.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/7/28	Mr Stevens had written to ask for permission to erect a galvanised building, lined with match-board, measuring 56ft by 27ft on the site of the old swings, for providing parties with meals. The Committee granted permission subject to Mr Stevens bearing the cost and the same to be removed at the expiration of leave.	P
<b>1929</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/3/29	Mr RH Stevens submitted an account for providing tea at the Castle for the Welsh conference in June last.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/8/29	Whist Drive held at the Castle Hall, with proceeds in aid of the Hospital Whist committee funds.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 20/9/29	A report of a description of Abergavenny Castle; Churches etc. by "Humphrey" in 18 <sup>th</sup> Century	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 27/9/29	Abergavenny Vegetarians held a Fruit Banquet in Summer 1928. 1 shilling per head; guests were seated at 3 long tables in the large refreshment rooms at the Castle.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/12/29	Article "Recollections of an Octogenarian" "where the Castle now stands was a mound of earth and debris.....when peace was declared canons were brought from Pontypool and placed on the mound and fired in honour of the event."	N



<b>1930</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/3/1930	The pathway on the Castle slopes, scoured by the action of rain, was ordered to be made good by placing a few loads of gravel with a few loads of gravel.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/4/1930	The Markets Committee inspected the Castle House and grounds and gave instructions to carry out repairs. The Surveyor was instructed to obtain tenders for a new range for the kitchen.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/6/1930	Tenders were submitted for a range to be fixed in the kitchen at Castle House and that of Messrs Triplex Ltd for £45 was accepted.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/8/1930	50 Years Ago: Proposal had been made by Improvement Commissioners to approach Marquess re renting of Castle and grounds for the purpose of providing a place for visitors and townspeople to meet for quiet enjoyment, more active amusement and healthful games. The Commissioners would pay rent and would maintain Castle and grounds would be laid out in ornamental gardens. A caretaker to be appointed and live at the lodge. Marquess agreed to a rent of £30 pa and contributed £100 to costs. The commissioners expressed their gratifications at this generosity.	N
<b>1931</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/4/31	Foresters to be visiting the area on 6 August. It was originally intended that they should visit the Wye Valley but Mr RH Stevens of the Castle had succeeded in getting the tour changed to the Usk Valley and the party catered for in the Town Hall.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/7/31	50 years ago – soup kitchen at Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/8/31	50 years ago – grand opening of Castle grounds.	P
	Times 2/11/31	Workmen employed on excavation work for the electric supply came on Saturday upon a subterranean passage in Monk-street, Abergavenny, off a site near St Mary's Priory and in line with Abergavenny Castle.	S
<b>1932</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/8/32	Sugar Loaf Musings – “How many people know that the gardens on Castle Bank at the rear of Castle Street were laid out by French prisoners of war? During the war with France (1808-14) a large number of French officers were sent as prisoners of war to Abergavenny and the Rev James Ashe Gabbe (who lived at Bailey Baker now Old Court) pitying their enforced idleness, offered them part of the grounds to cultivate. The gardens were sold with the rest of the Bailey Baker property in 1868.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/8/32	Fete at Castle marred by fatal accident when a platform with a number of men on it collapsed on to Miss Augusta Kate Grieve during a fireworks performance. She must have been struck by a projecting plank as she was arm in arm with four other people and was the only one struck.	P
<b>1933</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/4/33	Memories of old Eisteddfodau with salutes of cannon on Castle hill	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/5/33	Letter in Chronicle from FC Barry complaining about the poor condition of wall at back of Castle stores.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/5/33	Ad for Civic Week with community singing in Castle grounds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/6/33	Letter read from Mr Sankey Barker drawing attention to state of Castle. It is already under consideration. ALSO Councillor Mansfield suggested pamphlets be issued to people visiting Castle giving the history and charge 1d. Town clerk to get in touch about it with firm dealing with new guide.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/6/33	Civic week events - concert and community singing in Castle grounds.	P
	Civic Week June 17th – 24th 1933 Programme (Museum)	June 18 <sup>th</sup> Afternoon concert in Castle grounds by band of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Batt Mon Regt, and will accompany for Community Singing at 8pm. ‘Aberystwyth’, Cwm Rhondda’ etc. Whist Drives each night in Castle at 8pm admission 9d. Open air dances at the Castle on Monday, Tuesday and Friday Admission 6d, children 3d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/7/33	Town clerk reported Castle lease to expire in August and was instructed to negotiate with marquess’ agent.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/7/33	Usk Vale Association gathering visited area including Castle	P
	Times 1/8/33	Mention of arrow mark on Castle door in report on Ranelagh archery championship	S

	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/8/33	Town clerk reported that Marquess' agent had written stating that he was advising further lease of 14 years from Aug 1934 for Castle on same conditions. Committee accepted the terms. ALSO HM Office of Works wrote stating its intention of including Castle in list of ancient monuments.	P
<b>1934</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/2/34	Finance committee resolved to recommend to advertise Castle House at a rental of £75 plus rates for 5 years from 25 March 1934.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/3/34	2 applications received for tenancy of Castle House viz Mr Webb Welcome Café and Mr RH Stevens, with conditions. Mr Webb's offer to be accepted.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 20/4/34	Mr Webb wants certain repairs to be done to Castle House before he signs tenancy agreement at £100 pa including rates and water. Surveyor later submitted estimate for repairs.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/12/34	Mr Stevens to be given 3 months notice to 25 March to quit Castle house.	P
<b>1935</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/1/35	The Finance Committee considered the question of the Castle which was scheduled as an Ancient Monument. The Town clerk was instructed to report on the position of the Council in respect thereto. ALSO the Town Clerk reported that Mr RH Stevens had written stating that he was giving up the Castle House from 25 March. The Town clerk reported that he had given a legal notice to quit on behalf of the Corporation. The Castle will be advertised to let on the same conditions as before.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/2/35	Letter read from HM Office of Works – Commission agree to arrange inspection of Castle if committee suggests dates maybe in April when the Castle has been vacated.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/3/35	Town Clerk reported that no tenders had been received for Castle House. It was agreed to re-advertise.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/4/35	Only one tender received for Castle House, Mr Williams of Newport. The mayor will interview him. ALSO lodge let to Mr Wright for 6s per week, tenant to be responsible for collecting admission fee.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/6/35	Letter from Mr J Wright giving notice of his tenancy of Castle lodge from 27 May. Borough surveyor instructed to ask if any of his workmen would be interested in the tenancy, the wife to collect tolls at rental of 5s per week on weekly tenancy.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/10/35	Borough surveyor instructed to employ Harvard in Castle grounds to tidy up paths etc and G Cole of Castle Lodge to be employed one day a week in winter months to keep the place tidy.	P
	<b>1936</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/2/36	The Cambrian Archaeological Association have applied for the use of the Town Hall and plan to visit the Castle.
Abergavenny Chronicle 13/3/36		The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an offer of 50s from Messrs J Ross and Son for the 3 trees in the Castle grounds and this was accepted.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 17/4/36		Markets committee received report from HM Office of Works on condition of Castle with recommendation on work needed for its preservation. Matter deferred for present.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 8/5/36		Attention drawn to poor condition of banquetting hall at Castle with 'No Admittance signs by open doorway with floor boards missing, broken windows etc. Committee would be visiting Castle shortly but wondered if repairs were responsibility of the owners not tenants.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 15/5/36		Letter received from Eisteddfod Committee asking for use of Castle grounds on Whit-Monday and Tuesday for dancing. Granted. ALSO Folk dance society asked for use of Castle on Thursday evenings. Granted subject to usual payment of 1d for entrance. ALSO Markets committee considered reduction of admissions to Castle to 2d from 3d.	P
Abergavenny Chronicle 6/6/36		Urgent repairs required to Castle costing £1,200 with total repairs needing £3,800. Details of work needed follow. ALSO Expenditure of £3,800 for repairs of Castle equivalent to a 2s rate! Castle a "White Elephant". Loss on Castle 1913 - £167, 1922- £117, 1928-£119, 1929- £31, 1920- £30, 1931- £107, 1932, £30, 1934- £17, 1935- £42	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/6/36	Sugar Loaf Musings – markets committee hadn't wanted report of home office inspection to be made public.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/6/36	Committee inspected Castle and gave instructions for borough surveyor to engage a caretaker for the Castle for one day a week to cut grass and tidy up the grounds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/7/36	Markets committee reported meeting with 2 unemployment associations in relation to work required on the wood work at the Castle. Further meeting to point out portions that needed removing. The bandstand and banqueting hall had been removed and the Castle 'looked very nice indeed compared with what it did before'. Work had been done for nothing and without accident.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/7/36	Decided to invite tenders for Castle house, the tenant to supply refreshments.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/8/36	Letters from Unemployed Training Centre and Unemployed Club in connection with work carried out at the Castle. Committee expressed satisfaction at the work done. ALSO Only one tender for Castle House from Miss Holding at £8 10s per quarter. Decided to offer it at £1 per week. Offer was accepted which meant that house 'would be again occupied and the place not left derelict as it was now.'	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/8/36	50 Years Ago. Improvement Commissioners discussed rescinding decision to have free admission on Sundays as 9 squares of glass on the house had been broken the first Sunday. It was decided not to close the Castle on Sundays but to make it ticket admission only.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/9/36	Visit of Cambrian Archaeological society to Abergavenny and state of Castle mentioned in Mayor's speech.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/9/36	Markets committee reported inspected Castle and instructed Mr Preece to cut the roots and strip the ivy on walls, lop trees hanging over chimney stack and refreshment room. Hoped to get new tenant in about 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep. ALSO Sugarloaf musings – bell at Castle had originally been made for Market House and found to be cracked when Market house taken down. Recast at expense of John Baker Gabb in 1868 and re-presented to town.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/11/36	Markets committee decided all parties of tenant of Castle house be admitted at 1d per head on weekdays and Sundays. Opening hours 12 noon to 6pm all year.	P
<b>1937</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/2/37	Council received letter from Mr Blanch (Eisteddfod) asking for use of Castle Grounds on Whit-Monday and Tues at 1d per head, Territorials half price	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/2/37	Now Abergavenny has Territorial camps it is important that the troops are given a hearty welcome. Ways of entertaining them were suggested at the Council meeting, including bowls and boxing and the Eisteddfod and "something at the Castle". Troops to go in at half price.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/4/37	Borough Surveyor reported 2 trees at Castle were blown down in recent gales and 1 uprooted. Several others rotting. Agent to be contacted and asked to inspect with a view to their removal.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/5/37	Band concerts for Territorials and families actually took place in Town Hall due to bad weather.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/6/37	Markets Committee reported letter from HM Office of Works inquiring if repairs to Castle walls were contemplated as they could provide advice. Alderman Telford said that if the Marquess paid for repairs, the estate would want all the entrance fees. The grounds had recently been cleaned up but the matter could be taken up with Office of Works and Marquess to see their position. ALSO question in Sugar Loaf notes about inaccessibility of ladies conveniences at night when Castle Park and Market are locked.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/6/37	Borough Surveyor reported he had purchased a lawn mower for the Castle grounds	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/7/37	Borough Surveyor reported substantial improvement in Castle grounds and Committee resolved to employ caretaker 6 days a week during season. ALSO Markets Committee agreed to accept applications for dances to be held in Castle grounds on Thursday evenings. Mr Waldron had already applied and Councillor Jones asked if there could be a stage there. Committee given power to deal with the matter.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/8/37	Paramount Dance Band asked for use of Council piano (currently in Town Hall) in Castle grounds. Committee agreed but the band to be responsible for safe custody and storage of piano between performances.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/10/37	Markets Committee reported tenders received for removal of trees at Castle and £15 tender from Messrs Ross & Sons accepted. Alderman Telford said Marquess had called in expert who had condemned all but 2 trees. Any money received for timber would be used for replanting new trees.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/10/37	Ald. Telford reported he thought the bridge at Castle was unsafe and Committee instructed Surveyor to close it. The Committee afterwards inspected the bridge and gave instructions for repair of joists and flooring etc. ALSO The Paramount Band submitted statement of receipts and payments at performances up to 21 Aug which showed profit of £13 2s of which £6 11s to go to Council. Committee very satisfied and letter of thanks to be sent to band.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/11/37	The agent to the Marquess of Abergavenny has agreed to accept Messrs Ross & Son's tender for the trees at the Castle.	P
<b>1938</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/3/38	The Markets committee agreed to roots of trees recently felled at the Castle should be killed with poison rather than being grubbed up. Alderman Telford wants the committee to look at the Castle as it is in excellent condition, having been well cleaned up and the dungeon cleaned out.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/4/38	Council meeting – reported a schoolboy had written sadly about the trees on the Castle bank being removed. It was the Marquis' decision to have them removed and they do not belong to the council. Alderman Rosser said it was an improvement as you can now see the town has a Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/4/38	Mr Blanch had written on behalf of the Eisteddfod asking for permission to use Castle grounds. ALSO Now Castle had been made visible inquiries to be made as to the cost of floodlighting either of a temporary or permanent nature. ALSO Enquiries to be made of Gas company for the preparation of scheme for floodlighting of Castle from Monmouth Rd side and from Castle Meadows, and price, the lighting to be of a permanent nature. ALSO Committee agreed to suggestion as to dealing with footpaths and steps on Castle bank	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/5/38	Letter received from Auto Supporters' club applying for use of the hard court on Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm. This was allowed for the cost of 1d per head admission and players to pay 2d per head per hour for use of the court.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/6/38	Committee unwilling to let Castle to Eisteddfod at Whitsun and August Monday as they wished to hire a band. Mr Blanch subsequently told them he had hired a band and the Committee agreed to let the Castle for hose dates subject to 1d per head admissions.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/6/38	Flood lighting of Castle - the Markets Committee considered an estimate from the Gas committee but postponed its consideration.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/7/38	Castle admission tickets for school parties to be amended so under 100 2d each and 100-200 1½ d each. Children staying at the Castle over Easter to be allowed free admission but those staying at the Eureka to pay 1d admission.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/7/38	The Markets Committee inspected the Castle and are very satisfied with the condition. ALSO Alderman Telford had been looking into the preparation of a short guide book to the Castle and suggested that they contact Professor Rees of Cardiff University for advice on this matter. The Town Clerk was instructed to contact him.	P
<b>1939</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/1/39 then monthly	Comparative receipts at the Castle for the month compared with the last year. 6 January £1 16s 7d (decrease 3s 6d) 17 February £1 1s (decrease 2s 5d) 17 March £2 7s 1d (increase 9s 7d) 14 April £2 3s 11d (increase 11s 5d) 12 May £2 3s 3d (decrease 9s 11d) 14 July £3 8s 5d (decrease £2 4s 8d)	P

		13 October (for 2 months) £38 7s (increase £1 2s 11d) 10 November £4 19s 1d (decrease £4 9s 4d) 15 December £3 11s 7d (decrease 19s 2d)	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/3/39	The Town Council had arranged 2 lectures for schoolchildren on the history of Abergavenny and were considering issuing a booklet about the history of the Castle.	N P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/3/39	Mr Jack Lewis' Champion Accordion Band has been booked for the Castle for Whitsun and August, also Variety Party for August. The Markets Committee agreed to let the Castle on the usual terms, 1d per head on admissions.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/5/39	A deputation from the Borough Band to discuss the question of band performances. It was suggested that there should be more performances in the park on Thursdays and also occasional performances at the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/6/39	The Markets Committee reported the programme of the Borough Band for the next 12 months and including 4 performances at the Castle, subject to a charge of 3d a head (1d to the Council and 2d to the band).	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/7/39	The Committee heard a letter from Mr Blanch with reference to people entering the Castle Grounds at 1d per head when the grounds are used for attractions during holidays. This more particularly applies to the cyclists who use Castle House as their headquarters. The Committee resolved that all cyclists who produce their CT badge be allowed to enter the Castle at 1d per head, also guests at Castle House.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/8/39	The Town Clerk was asked to write to the Marquess of Abergavenny to ask if he would be prepared to release the Council from their lease, or agree to transfer the residue to HM office of Works. The lease was due to expire 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 1948. The Castle had been an expense to the town. It had cost a lot to put it in order and would take as much as 2d rate to carry it on.	N P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/8/39	It was resolved that negotiations be opened with HM Office of Works with a view to their taking over the Castle and the Town Clerk was instructed to ask the Marquess's agent whether he would be prepared to release the Council from the lease or alternatively to agree to the transfer of the residue of the term to HMOW.	P
<b>1940</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/1/40 then monthly	Comparative receipts at the Castle for the month compared with the last year. 19 January £1 16s 1d (decrease 6d) 9 February £1 5s 9d (increase 15s 6d) 15 March £1 9s 0d (decrease 18s 1d) 12 April £1 3s 10d (decrease £1 0s 1d) 17 May £1 19s 11d (decrease 3s 4d) 7 June £10 13s 8d (increase 10d) 12 July £7 14s 8d (increase £4 6s 3d) 9 August £6 9s 10d (decrease £7 14s 1d) 18 October (July and August) £33 17s 7d (decrease £4 9s 5d) 20 December £3 16s 3d (decrease 4s 8d)	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/1/40	It was reported that military were now billeted at the Castle and the markets Committee instructed the Borough Surveyor to inspect the Castle house and report on the condition at the next meeting.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/2/40	The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the rooms occupied by the military at the Castle and found them in good tenantable condition.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/3/40	A letter was read from HM Office of Works stating that the Commissioners have no power under the Ancient Monuments Act to accept the transfer of the existing lease of Abergavenny Castle. Even were the lease to be determined the Commissioners fear that they would be unable to entertain any offer of guardianship of Abergavenny Castle at the present time.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/3/40	The Borough Band annual meeting said that the inclemency of the weather during the past season had interfered greatly with the performances in the park and Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/5/40	A letter was read from the 38 <sup>th</sup> Division asking for the use of the grass and hard tennis courts in the park for the troops. The Committee were prepared to offer the hard and grass courts at the Castle on payment of £1 1s per court for the season: mowing to be done by the troops.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/8/40	Article by evacuee (part of a school party) to Abergavenny from the East Coast saying about the hills, "So we climbed them, had meals on them, studied them from the Castle wall and then drawn contour maps of them to send home."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 20/12/40	The Borough Surveyor reported that he did not require any instructions as to carrying out repairs at the Castle House.	P
<b>1941</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/4/41	The markets Committee reported that in view of the Military having taken over the Castle Grounds from Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> 1941, the tenant at the Castle no longer collected the tolls and therefore should cease to have the lodge rent free. He should pay 6s per week.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/5/41	The Military Authorities would pay £50 per annum for the use of the Castle Grounds.	N
	Letter 21/6/41 (Museum)	Letter from Town Clerk to WD Agent and Valuer acknowledging letter saying Castle grounds no longer needed by War Dept. There is a "tremendous lot of material still lying on several sites and I am instructed to instruct you that same must be removed"	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/7/41	Following a letter dated 30 <sup>th</sup> May 1941 relinquishing the Castle Grounds, the Markets Committee had inspected the site. They resolved to write to the Military Authorities requiring all materials occupying various sites in the Castle Grounds to be removed and reinstatement made to the original condition. The rent would continue to be due until the date the grounds and shrubberies are clear.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/8/41	The Land Agent reported that he had written to the Garrison Engineer to clear the Castle Grounds as soon as possible.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/11/41	The Town resolved to write to the Military Authorities to continue to pay the rent as the Castle Grounds had not been cleared or the dilapidations rectified. There was also a possibility that the grounds would be re-requisitioned.	N
	<b>1942</b>		NO MENTION IN ABERGAVENNY CHRONICLE
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<b>1944</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/4/44	Memories of fetes held at the castle in the past with events on different days including the swing boats, giant strides, comedians, contortionists and Punch and Judy. There was also graceful dancing and the firework displays.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/12/44	Memories of fire displays at the Castle on Easter Monday then the big bell in the Avenue (The Curfew Bell) rung to pronounce end of celebrations.	P
<b>1945</b>		NO MENTION IN ABERGAVENNY CHRONICLE	
<b>1946</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/2/46	The committee commented on the poor state of the Castle walls.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/3/46	The Borough Engineer reported that about 1½ sq. yds. of Castle walls had fallen out. It was decided that he should have the wall repaired.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/4/46	Article of reminiscences of Sam Davies about Easters at the Castle where his family ran the refreshment rooms.	P
<b>1947</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/8/47	The Town Clerk reported he had received notice of surrender of requisition of the Castle as from 30/6/47. He had notified the War Dept. of the council's intention to claim for compensation in respect of damage. ALSO He had made enquiries as to the possibility of acquiring the huts in the Castle grounds for housing purposes but they have been scheduled for various military commitments.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/9/47	Town Clerk reported that some huts in Castle grounds could be used for housing. The committee inspected and noted facilities of Nissen huts, Tarren huts, birch structure and timber hut. They decided the Tarren hut could be adapted for family accommodation and the assistant architect estimated the cost at £150.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/10/47	Abergavenny Enterprises Ltd had asked for a small committee to inspect the Castle with a view to ascertaining whether it would be a suitable place for entertainments. Caution was urged about who it was leased to and to protect current tenants who had lost business.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/10/47	Abergavenny Enterprises asking again for committee to inspect Castle and are prepared to negotiate for lease of the Castle. Letter also submitted to British Tourist and Holidays Board asking for information regarding Castle.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/11/47	The Marquis's agent had been unable to keep his appt for Oct 6 but is expected to meet the Council in Nov. to consider future use of Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/12/47	Letter received from Welsh Board of Health approving expenses not exceeding £100 for adapting Tarren Hut for living accommodation. Borough Engineer reported slight delay due to difficulty in obtaining stove and bath. ALSO Major Sayer, the Agent of the Marquis met the Markets Committee and was asked to look into the matter with a view of his Lordship accepting a lesser rent than the current £50. Major Sayer undertook to consider the matter and to ascertain whether it is possible to sell the Castle to the Castle. The committee and Major Sayer inspected the Castle and grounds. Castle house was found to be in a very bad state of repair through its occupation by troops and prisoners-of-war. Borough Engineer to carry out urgent repairs to make building weather proof.	P
<b>1948</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/1/48	Borough Engineer reported that 'first aid' repairs being done to Castle House but he's unable to do specifications for other work. Architect to be appointed. ALSO In connection with the adaption of the Tarren Hut for housing the Borough Engineer reported delay in delivery of the bath and stove.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/3/48	Letter from Under Secretary of State, War Office accepting Councils claim for compensation. Also urgent repairs to Bedroom [in Castle House?] to be done, cost £12, and discussion of rent to be charged to Miss Holding be deferred.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/5/48	Borough Engineer's report estimates repairs to Castle house and grounds will amount to £2,300.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/7/48	Markets Committee considered use of Castle as the Council had decided to renew the lease. Abergavenny Enterprises Ltd asked to look into it.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 25/7/48	Town Clerk reported that further to recent inspection of Castle and grounds a request had been sent to War Dept. asking for repairs to prevent further deterioration to proceed. No reply had been received. As lease expiring in August 1948 they should involve Marquis's agent.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/8/48	Abergavenny Enterprises have decided not to use the Castle for entertainments due to state of disrepair	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/10/48	Town Clerk reported sending letter to War Department Land Agent and Valuer claiming £2,331 14s 10d as compensation in respect of the Castle	P
<b>1949</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 18/3/49	Town Clerk reported settlement of Council's claim for Castle at £1,409 18s 0d. Keeping Castle gates closed to public unsatisfactory. Suggested revert to former arrangements with the caretaker at the Castle Lodge responsible for looking after the Castle grounds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/9/49	Parks and Open Spaces Committee heard that the Bailey Park Lawn Tennis club anxious to tender for use of hard courts at Castle but that the surface of the courts left much to be desired.	P
<b>1950</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 31/3/50	Tenders invited for letting of tennis court for period ending 30 Sept 1950.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/10/50	Ad saying tenders invited for letting of hard tennis courts at Castle for period commencing 1 October 1950.	P
<b>1951</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 16/3/51	Application for music and dancing licences agreed for several venues including Castle with time limit of midnight.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/5/51	Castle House suffered slight damage when a turret was struck by lightning early on Wednesday afternoon. The lights were fused and plaster fell from the ceilings. The Fire Brigade was not called until later in the afternoon when rafters began to burn.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/8/51	'Gobannium' had been reading about the good old days at the Castle with large numbers of people visiting. "How deadly is the Castle now compared with those days."	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/9/51	Ad inviting tenders for the use of the hard tennis courts for the 6 months to 31 March 1952.	P
<b>1952</b>	2/7/1952	Castle House made a Grade II Listed Building. CADW Building ID: 86811	I
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/11/52	The Town council discussed the difference in costs between 1939 and 1952 and consider cut-backs. The Parks and open Spaces Committee had two men in the park and a part-time man at the castle in 1939. Now they had seven men and a foreman and a part-time man.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/12/52	At the Town Council meeting it was stated that Abergavenny Castle, which has been closed to the general public since the war years, will be open again from next April 1st. The Borough engineer has inspected the wooden structure and found that very little of it can be used and the cost of replacement would be prohibitive. The keep is unsafe for further use and it was agreed to ask the Marquis' agents to meet to discuss demolishing it. It was moved that £12 10s 0d to be spent on shrubs and ornamental ferns. There was discussion on whether it was worth spending money on the castle but they only planned to spend a little each year to put the grounds in order.	P
1953	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/1/53	A long article about 'excavations' in the castle grounds by council workmen who might have more profitably been clearing snow, but done in the name of improvements of the grounds. The committee felt it was necessary to open up the ruins for the benefit of visitors.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/1/53	Letter from John S Bousfield supporting the 'excavations' at the castle claiming it was useful work and not just 'digging holes'.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/2/53	The Parks and Open spaces committee met Mr Durrant, the Marquess' architect to inspect Castle House as it is in an advanced state of deterioration. The only option appears to be demolition. At a further meeting of the committee the town clerk pointed out that as a scheduled Ancient Monument the Ministry of Works would have to sanction demolition.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 27/2/53	Ad for a Grand Fete in the Castle grounds on Easter Monday 6 April in aid of local Scouts' funds.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/4/53	Castle to reopen following the removal of rotten woodwork.	N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/5/53	The Town Clerk informed the Public Health committee that a notice had been placed in the local press as to the tennis courts at the Castle being available to the public and that arrangements had been made with the caretaker, Mr Hope to collect the fees.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/5/53	The Mayor, Councillor JA Morgan, extended a welcome to the Court of Governors of the National Museum of Wales who met in Abergavenny and said that a museum in Abergavenny would be very desirable and there was an old building at the Castle which could be used.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/6/53	It was suggested by a member of the Parks and Open Spaces committee that Messrs Forest Crafts of Crickhowell be asked for a quotation for repairing the 'catwalk' over the Castle wall and the Borough Engineer will do so.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/7/53	Report on the new Abergavenny guide book with information on the Castle	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/12/53	Capt Geoffrey Crawshay, chairman of the Historic Buildings Council of Wales wrote that financial aid can be given to preserve buildings of outstanding historical architectural interest and it occurred to the Committee that the Castle might be in a category for which assistance might be obtained. The town clerk was instructed to communicate with the Marquess' agent about the matter in the light of the representations regarding the demolition of Castle house.	P
1954	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/1/54	The Borough Engineer reported to the Parks and Open Spaces committee that a rockery had been rebuilt alongside the path leading past the dungeons and a shrubbery made on the corner of the two paths. Stone had been hauled to the castle to build a rockery on the path facing the old green.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/2/54	Turf from the grass tennis court in Bailey park has been hauled to the castle and several pieces of ground cleaned and laid out as lawns. All rubbish which was stacked up on the base near the Castle wall has been taken away prior to the base being broken up and turfed over. Some of the briars on the land outside the Castle have been cut down. The Borough Engineer was instructed to give a report and estimate of the cost of resurfacing the paths at the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 23/4/54	Ad – Open Air Dancing Castle Grounds - The Abergavenny Corporation invite tenders for the use of castle grounds for open air dancing in the afternoon and evening of Whit Tuesday June 8 <sup>th</sup> next.	P



	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/5/54	Borough Engineer reported that a rockery had been built alongside the path leading to the dungeons at the castle, a path made to the entrance to the dungeons and a shrubbery made on the corner of the 2 paths. Stone had been hauled to the castle to build a rockery on the path facing the old green. The hard tennis courts have been opened to the public and seasonal work has been carried out on other parts of the grounds.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/10/54	The Borough engineer reported that a small quantity of timber was available for repairing the walk over the Castle walls from trees felled in Bailey Park but considerably more will be needed.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/12/54	It was suggested that that it might be possible to utilise space at the Castle for a putting green. The park foreman will report on the possibility and costs entailed.	P
<b>1955</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/1/55	People who visited the Castle in November paid a total of 14s 2d.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/1/55	The park foreman reported to the Parks and Open Spaces committee that the lawn to the right-hand side behind the lodge in the Castle could be used as a nine-hole putting green, the only expense, he said, would be the purchase of the putter and balls. The Committee decided that the rough green on the south side of the castle could not practicably be used as a nine-hole miniature golf course, but they agreed to the putting green.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/2/55	People who visited the Castle in December paid a total of 19s 5d for admission.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/4/55	Abergavenny Fire Brigade Welfare Association have asked the Parks and Open Spaces Committee if the Castle grounds could be hired for a function. The Committee agreed to a trial of a Whit Tuesday evening dance and the 4 Saturday evenings following. It will cost 2d per person and 7/6d for each event to the Custodian of the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 26/8/55	A Salvation Army garden party was held in the Castle last week. There was an opening ceremony and many people came with their children. The occasion included a programme by the Salvation Army Abertillery Band. Prizes awarded for competitions and there were stalls and sideshows.	P
<b>1956</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/4/56	Town council - no objection was raised to the application by Boy Scouts' Association for use of Castle grounds for a fete on Whit Monday subject to a capitation fee of 2d on all admissions.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/5/56	The Town Council was told on Tuesday that stones and masonry are falling from the Castle wall into the gardens of nearby houses in Mill Street. The Parks and Open Spaces Committee has instructed the borough engineer to get contractors to inspect the ruins so the dangerous sections can be made safe. In the mean time iron hurdles have been placed to keep the public away. ALSO The general condition of the Castle grounds reflects great credit on Mr Allinson the parks foreman and Mr Hope the gardener.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/6/56	The complaints of stones falling from the Castle walls were considered further by the Council and the borough engineer reported that certain negotiations regarding their repair had not been successful. It was eventually decided that quotations be sought from local firms to make good the walls with cement.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/7/56	The Parks Committee maintains their view that the Castle Keep is not in a fit and safe condition to be used by the 1 <sup>st</sup> Llanwenarth Pioneer Scout and Guide Troop. Two local firms would not, on a contract basis, undertake to make dangerous walls at the castle safe with cement, but only on a "cost plus" basis. This was because of the difficulty in finding the approximate cost of this type of work. It may now be done by direct labour and the borough engineer will make enquiries. ALSO Ad for Abergavenny Holiday Week including Open-Air Dance at the Castle on 17 July.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/8/56	The Parks Committee recently expressed appreciation of the work done by Mr A.L. Ralphs, in preparing a historical booklet on Abergavenny's Norman castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/11/56	The Castle wall ruins from which loose stones have been removed, are no longer dangerous, the borough engineer reported.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/12/56	The grounds of the Castle and the Regent-street corner have been planted with spring-flowering plants.	P
<b>1957</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/2/57	Mr D Thomas, retiring president of the Abergavenny Chamber of Trade said on Tuesday that now that Tudor Street was to be demolished the ancient borough would have a facelift and n doubt many interesting items would be found that, with loans from collectors, could be made the basis of a museum. He suggested that the Castle Keep which had been allowed to deteriorate since it housed military forces in the War should be used for the museum.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/4/57	At a meeting of the Town Council councillor Tomkins expressed satisfaction that Abergavenny Borough Band had agreed to play at the Castle on a Sunday evening during the summer. "I think we should have more of this sort of thing and I hope steps will be taken to have this concert advertised." Alderman Rosser said that the Council did not wish to fleece anyone. The only charge would be the usual capitation fee. The band would not collect.	P N
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/4/57	Abergavenny Young Farmers Club intend holding a dance in the Castle grounds on mid-summer's night 24 June. The Parks and Open Spaces Committee have given permission for the Castle to be used for this purpose. There will be a 3d capitation fee and a barbeque can be lit, but it must be on a concrete base.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/6/57	Parks and Open Spaces Committee have decided that the Young Farmers club should not be allowed a licensed bar at the Castle in Holiday Week. Councillor Telford said he had nothing against the Young Farmers Club but there can be trouble in the streets from people coming here with the intention of making a disturbance. He felt that granting the Castle a licence could put temptation in the way of some young people. Another councillor disagreed stating that trouble could be caused by young people drinking too much in too short a time because they could not get a drink at the dance.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/6/57	Abergavenny magistrates have granted an application by Mr Hearnshaw of the Kings Head Hotel for an occasional licence to sell intoxicating liquor at the Young Farmers club dance in the Castle grounds on July 16. The magistrates looked on this as a probationary order in view of the remarks in the press and at the Town Council.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 12/7/57	Short article inviting everyone to the Young Farmers Club dance at the Castle next Tuesday evening. It is expected to see the roasting of a pig and there will be open air dancing. The barbeque is the first to be held in Castle grounds for many years and grounds to be brilliantly illuminated.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/11/57	Last year 6000 adults and children visited the Castle. 2 years ago Gregory Peck visited it when he stayed in Abergavenny on his way to Fishguard to star in Moby Dick. He had a beard which the film role called for. A few years ago Alick Morgan paid 3d to enter the Castle. Mr Hope the Castle gardener and custodian was often asked about the history of the Castle. There is now an official guide which has sold 4000 copies in 12 months. 5 gross of picture post cards were also sold. People from many countries visited the Castle. The Castle has improved this summer. For 2 years Mr Hope has worked on a huge rockery between the sunken green and the tennis courts. This is now finished and over 100 tons of stone from Cwmyoy was used in its construction. Mr Hope said that old people would like to hear a band playing about once a fortnight. He said old people visit the Castle regularly. Chairman of Parks an Open Spaces Committee said they wanted to get the "cat-walk" open again but the cost of wood work would be £1000. Chairman said the "cat-walk" was a most attractive proposition and afforded a lovely view. At the moment there is little hope of carrying out the work. The Committee were hoping to renew the woodwork by next year with materials already available. The keep he said was in a bad state of repair and may have to be demolished. Markets Superintendent says £100 is taken during the summer months in 3d and 1d admission. Tennis fees this summer were £22 and £11 for the use of the putting green. In a good year the receipts are larger.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/11/57	Parks and Open Spaces Committee stated " the excellent and pleasing way in which the Castle grounds are being maintained reflects much credit on Mr Alison the foreman and Mr Hope the custodian. The committee will see if it is possible to repair the "cat-walk" in the Castle with sound timber salvaged from demolished houses. Renewing the "cat-walk" would cost about £1000.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/11/57	Mr Alfred Jackson spoke to members of the Rotary Club community service committee. "It is incomprehensible that this town has never had a museum and as a consequence many articles of archaeological and historical interest have been lost or given away to other towns." He suggested to the Committee that efforts should be made to stimulate interest in the provision of a museum. The borough council have let the committee use the lower room in the Castle keep for the storage of gifts and exhibits of all kinds pending finding premises for the museum.	P
<b>1958</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 24/1/58	Article written by Alfred Jackson on the attack of Abergavenny in 1262. It pointed out that at that time the Usk was much nearer the Castle and the ford was near the bottom of Byefield Lane.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 14/2/58	Article on public meeting at Town Hall next Thursday about the need for a Museum in Abergavenny organised by the Rotary Club.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 28/2/58	Report on the meeting about needing a museum at which it was decided to form a management committee and a Museum League of Friends.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 21/3/58	Item about the new Museum. The Town Council are arranging to place Castle house at the disposal of the Abergavenny and District Museum Society. A letter had been sent by Mr Alfred Jackson to the Council saying how the museum will fulfil a "long-felt need" and reporting on the appointment of a management committee and the need for funds. They would like donors to covenant an annual subscription. Also he asked to items people might be aware of which could be obtained for the museum.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/4/58	Town Council briefs – the Boy Scouts Association will again hold a fete at the Castle grounds on Whit Tuesday.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 2/5/58	The Holiday Week programme will include a barbeque at the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/5/58 16/5, 23/5	Ad for a fete at the Castle on Whit Tuesday 27 May at 2.30 organised by the Abergavenny and District Boy Scouts – stalls, baby show, pony rides, teas etc and a camp fire. Admission 6d adults and children half price.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 23/5/58	Repeat of holiday week programme including scout fete and jamboree at Castle. ALSO an item saying it was not decided whether a pig or an ox would be roasted at the barbeque at the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 30/5/58	Report on the Boy Scout fete at the Castle on Whit Tuesday. Over 200 people attended in the first 2 hours and the baby show had 34 entries. There were sideshows and numerous well decorated stalls.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/6/58	The tennis courts at the Castle will be used by the pupils of Grofield Secondary School on Fridays from 6pm to closing time during the summer months. From 4pm to 6pm on Fridays they will be used by St John's School pupils.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/7/58	The parks department have been carrying out seasonal maintenance work in the Castle and other places round town. ALSO The borough engineer informed the Parks and Open spaces Committee that no timber had been found in the slum clearance area which would be suitable to repair the "cat wall" at the Castle as suggested. ALSO The Tuesday of carnival week there was a barbeque and open air dance at the Castle organised jointly by the Abergavenny Young Farmers and Holiday Week Committee.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/7/58	Over 2000 pork rolls were eaten by 650 people who attended the barbeque and dance at the Castle on Tuesday evening and the event attracted a large number of visitors from America and the British Commonwealth. Two pigs were roasted and pork rolls served by members of the Young Farmers Club sold quickly. As well as dancing on the tennis courts entertainment was provided by the singing Herrernan Sisters, John Rowlands and Brynley Yemm.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 1/8/58	The Town Clerk disclosed that the Housing Management Committee had rehoused the people living at Castle House and that it was now available for use by the local Museum Committee.	P

	Abergavenny Chronicle 3/10/58	The Museum Committee revealed that they have only £64 9s 0d towards the costs of redecoration and fittings at the museum. The Mayor, Alderman William Horsington is to be asked to launch an appeal. Subscriptions have been falling off and the Committee fears that townspeople are forgetting the museum.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 7/11/58	Abergavenny Museum Committee hopes that it will be able to open the museum next year. They aim to raise £600 to redecorate and supply fittings and are making an appeal for donations.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/12/58	The Town Council are sympathetic towards the local museum committee's plans. The Parks and Open Spaces committee recommended that work costing an estimated £15 (plus own labour) should be carried out and that a contribution towards half the cost of internal decoration not exceeding £24 2s 6d should be made.	P
<b>1959</b>	Abergavenny Chronicle 23/1/59	Report on new museum at Castle and what an asset it will be to the town. Members. ALSO Advertisement for the meeting, speakers Lord Raglan and Dr Dilwyn John, Director of national Museum Wales.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/3/59	Museum Society has written to the Parks and Open Spaces Committee expressing appreciation of the assistance received in starting the museum. ALSO item on picture of an imaginary scene lake with Castle and Skirrid with Lake stretching from Castle mound to Linda Vista.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/4/59	Parks and Open Spaces committee – member asked if “cat walk” at Castle could be repaired for use by the public. The borough engineer is to repair one set of steps and make safe a small balcony at the top.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 17/4/59	Details of programme for ‘holiday week’ released by council and included a barbeque at the Castle on Tues 30 June.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 8/5/59	New museum will open in July. New exhibits required. The council approved recommendation that the quote of £35 for replacing floorboards be accepted and the work carried out as soon as possible. Then the society would have them stained and polished.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 15/5/59	Report on agm of Museum Society including report on the exhibits received by the Museum Society including a Queen Anne cupboard, a wooden cradle and a smock. Report on new museum at Castle and what an asset it will be to the town. Members of the society were invited to visit Castle house on 18 or 25 May at 2.30 to see the improvements and decorations. It will open in July. Mr EG Jackson, Secretary, reported that 490 voluntary man-hours had been spent on the museum. Mr TG Hardwick said that receipts were £224 3s and the society had a balance in hand of £146 16s 10d. Other officers elected were Lord Raglan as President, Dr Dilwyn Jones vice-president, Mr Alfred Jackson chairman. ALSO Council decided work on repairing ‘cat-walk’ at Castle should be left in abeyance as it would cost £50. ALSO Ad for Boy Scout Annual Fete at the Castle on whit Tuesday 19 May with stalls, teas, roundabout and swings, hula hoop and skipping competitions. Grand dance in the evening, in the angel if wet.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 22/5/59	Report of Scout's fete at Castle. Welsh Boy's Brigade band played. ALSO report of letter sent by Mr EG Jackson to the Chronicle saying that members were invited on the 17 and 24 May, not as reported and said that the balance in hand might give the impression that the Society did not have pressing financial. This was not the case. Further donations would be gratefully received and an updated list of donors was given.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 29/5/59	MC Eddie Tattersall thinks more dances should be held at the Castle in the summer months following the dance on Whit Tuesday. One highlight was a Rock 'n Roll competition.	P P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 5/6/59	3 members of the Museum Society visited Llanfoist to see 2 boys Peter Frost and Gerald Packwood, who had found a Bronze-age axe head on Blorenge.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 19/6/59	Ad for opening of the Museum by Lord Raglan at 3pm on 2 July. “An invitation to attend is extended to all those interested”.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 10/7/59	Report of opening of the Museum by Lord Raglan (president of the Museum Society) including his speech and that of Alfred Jackson. Mr Louis Hurley (president of Abergavenny Rotary Club) said “I hope this museum will become a living history book of old Abergavenny”.	P

		ALSO in a separate report Alfred Jackson on behalf of Museum committee thanked all those who had contributed time and skill in preparing the Museum room and also all those who had donated objects and money, and provided refreshments for the opening. Request for more information and objects related to the wig industry after disappointment that there was no wig on display.	
	Abergavenny Chronicle 11/9/59	Report on popularity of Museum since its opening and reminder that it will close at the end of the month. Opening hours are 2.30 to 5pm on Tuesday, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 9/10/59	Council – decision on steps to be taken to preserve the Castle keep was deferred by the Parks Committee who are waiting to see if it's possible to purchase the Castle.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 6/11/59	Plan to convert a room in Museum to Welsh Kitchen. During the 3 months Museum open this year visited by 883 adults and 671 children. List of subscribers added.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 13/11/59	The agents if the Marquis have informed the Council that he is unwilling to sell the Castle at the present time. Repairs to the keep and other parts would cost about £5000 and the Marquis will be asked if he is prepared to contribute.	P
	Abergavenny Chronicle 4/12/59	Mr Jackson reported that the Museums Association had recommended that a grant of £400 be made toward the cost of reorganising the Museum. Five showcases had been bought in London for £35, 2 from the Commonwealth Institute and 3 from Ministry of Works. The Society had a balance of £103 but a rates demand for £23 9s 7d. ALSO The Museum is "off the beaten track" and needs more signposting. It was suggested that it should be open on Thursday rather than Friday as visitors dwindled then, also no point in keeping open until October.	P