

## Big year of Newport events



Crowds enjoying Big Splash outside Newport Centre

Newport is building a reputation for hosting major events and 2015 will be no exception.

Kicking off with the Big Splash festival at the end of May (29, 30, 31 May) – a weekend spectacle of family fun and entertainment with activities at The Riverfront and surrounding area.

The sixth Big Splash festival will have music, circus acts, street theatre, dance, comedy, the fabulous Sunset Spectacular and lots more for all the family.



This year the Sunset Spectacular will see The Riverfront, Citrus Arts, Walk the Plank, the Anwen School and Sinfonia Cymru join forces to create an unmissable evening event.

The best viewing points will be around the Red Wave from 8.30pm on Saturday evening (30 May).

Maindee Festival is also joining up with Big Splash this year and there will be free community parade workshops on 26, 27 and 28 May to help build a model for the fantastic street parade taking place on Saturday 30 May at 12pm.

Riding through the city for the first time this year

will be Velothon Wales on Sunday 14 June.

The 140km route combines a mass participation ride alongside a professional race that will welcome many of the world's best riders. It is a cycling event on a scale that Wales has never before witnessed.

The 13th Caerleon Arts Festival will run from 3 – 12 July. There will be 10 days of performance and participation – drama, literature, poetry, comedy, music, dance and art in the welcoming village suburb.

Newport will be playing an important role in this year's Rugby World Cup. The city will be hosting

training camps for Ireland and Georgia who will be using the facilities at Newport High School to make their final preparations ahead of the tournament.

Celebrating its fifth year will be Newport Food Festival on Saturday 3 October. Based in the city centre, a packed menu of activities awaits visitors including exhibitor stalls and the final of Teenchef.

Residents are encouraged to get these dates in their diaries and get ready to witness some amazing free events and entertainment.

## Council workers hailed as heroes

Two Newport City Council streetscene workers were thanked by a grateful mum after they came to the aid of her son who suffered an epileptic fit while waiting for the school bus.

Kevin Davies and Chris Rappell were driving past when the incident occurred in Aberthaw Road in March.

While other people had apparently carried on by, Chris and Kevin did not hesitate and jumped out of the van to offer their help.

Councillor Ken Critchley,



Local heroes Chris Rappell and Kevin Davies

Newport City Council cabinet member for infrastructure, said: "I was

delighted to hear that Kevin Davies and Chris Rappell were able to come to the

mother's aid in this distressing situation.

"I would like to add my congratulations to both of them for their quick-thinking and practical intervention which may well have prevented a tragedy."

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## Clock's back



The clock at Glan Llyn

The Newport clock, which once stood in the centre of John Frost Square, has been re-assembled at its permanent new home on the Queensway roundabout outside St Modwen's Glan Llyn development in Newport.

The relocation of the clock was funded and supported by St Modwen in partnership with the council. Councillor

Ken Critchley, Newport City Council's cabinet member for infrastructure, commented:

"In this game-changing year for Newport, it is timely to see the clock back on display and acting as a landmark for one of the city's largest regeneration projects. It will be an iconic landmark for the Glan Llyn development, a 4,000 home community which will reshape the city's eastern gateway over the next 20 years.

"It has travelled from Newport to Ebbw Vale and back again, and we're delighted that in partnership with

St Modwen, we have been able to find a permanent new home for this iconic sculpture. We'd also like to thank Associated British Ports in Newport for safely storing the clock."

Rupert Joseland, regional director for St Modwen in Wales said,

"As land owner and developer at the £1 billion Glan Llyn development it was a no brainer for us to fund the restoration of this much loved clock. The clock will take pride of place outside the development and welcome people to Glan Llyn for years to come."

The Glan Llyn project is being developed by St Modwen delivering 4,000 new homes and 6,000 new jobs over the next 20 years.

## Chartist Commission update

The Chartist Commission arose from a desire among the communities of Newport to collectively celebrate Chartism.

It takes into account the historical and political perspectives alongside the current artistic and regeneration landscape in the city.

The Chartist Commission is taking a very open approach to what could be the contemporary celebration of one of the most significant events in the historical calendar in this part of Wales.

Work on developing proposals to celebrate Chartism in Newport has moved on apace following the completion of a residency led by Laura Sorvala.

Laura has been working with local people to find out

what the city's Chartist legacy means to them and to explore the modern day relevance of the six points of the People's Charter.

The feedback from this project will inform the Chartist Commission's plans to celebrate Chartism in Newport.

You can have your say via Twitter @ChatChartism or Facebook

[www.facebook.com/CelebratingChartism](http://www.facebook.com/CelebratingChartism)

The project is jointly funded by the Arts Council for Wales, the Welsh Government and Newport City Council.



# Walking for health

Walking is simple, free and one of the easiest ways to get more active, lose weight and become healthier. Underrated as a form of exercise, walking is ideal for people of all ages and fitness levels who want to be more active.

Regular walking has been shown to reduce the risk of chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, type-2 diabetes, asthma, stroke and some cancers.

### Reasons to walk...

- It makes you feel good
- It reduces stress
- You can meet others and feel part of your community
- It's kind to the environment
- It's FREE – saving money on bus fares and petrol

Find ideas on small walks for small feet, challenging walks and healthy starter walks on our website.



For more information on Newport walks visit [www.newport.gov.uk/walk](http://www.newport.gov.uk/walk)

## The Friars Walk story



*Friars Walk takes shape in the city*

**With just under six months until the city centre's new retail and leisure development, Friars Walk, opens, Leader of Newport City Council, Councillor Bob Bright, reflects on a decade of hard work that has been carried out to achieve this much needed development for the city.**

"The last 15 months have seen incredible progress in the centre of Newport. From the demolition of the Capitol car park in January 2014 to the 'topping out' ceremony in December 2014 – all in less than 12 months. It is hard to believe that the Friars Walk development itself is set to open in November – in perfect timing for Christmas 2015 – a time frame that has seen the site demolished, cleared and the new development built in less than two years.

"The redevelopment of the city centre has been a long-held ambition and it was 10 years ago, in April 2005, when Newport City Council first announced its original plans for a multi-million pound facelift that would have created hundreds of jobs and attracted high profile retailers.

"Sadly, less than three years later, in 2007/08, global finances were plunged into the worst crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s, threatening the

total collapse of large financial institutions and a period of prolonged unemployment. It was during this time that the original developer for our city centre scheme went into administration.

"As this crisis unfolded, Newport City Council was keen not to let the development dream just fade and stepped in and bought the land needed for the development before the previously acquired compulsory purchase orders expired.

"These decisive actions and the 'positive mentality' from the council has been highlighted recently by Paul Sargent of Queensberry Real Estate (selected to take the Friars Walk development forward) in a property journal. There he talked of the council's awareness of the regenerative effect of helping the project by enabling rapid progress with key factors such as

planning consent and construction pricing all addressed.

"The tough decisions made in the noughties to purchase the land in the wake of the global economic crisis and to have a site ready for development when the inevitable recovery started, together with the innovative decision to fund the scheme at the end of 2013, meant the development could become a reality sooner rather than later. Our residents did not have to wait another five or 10 years for such a project to come to fruition.

"Friars Walk, the new 390,000 sq ft retail and leisure destination for Newport, will officially open its doors at 10am on 12 November 2015."



## Newport Now set to go

**Following a positive result at a ballot of city centre businesses last December - Newport Now - a new Business Improvement District (BID) for Newport's city centre went live on 1 April.**

A BID is a not-for-profit organisation owned, managed and funded by the local business community. It will look to deliver projects and services within the city centre to improve the commercial environment and customer experience.

The focus of its services will be on creating a better city centre experience; improving

perceptions of Newport city centre as a great place to visit, work and live in; providing businesses with a strong, collective voice; and identifying cost saving opportunities for its members. Newport Now will also look to secure match funding for projects and further develop the annual events calendar.

There are more than 200 BIDs active in Britain. They are effective in bringing together private, public and community interests, and delivering solutions to local issues.

For more information on Newport Now (and BIDs in general) please contact [laura@newportbid.com](mailto:laura@newportbid.com).



## VVP scheme is transforming key buildings in city centre

**This image shows how the National Buildings in Commercial Street will look when work is completed as part of the city's vibrant and viable places (VVP) programme.**



*CGI of National Buildings*

Newport City Council was awarded nearly £15 million by the Welsh Government for the major regeneration programme and millions more are being invested by the private and voluntary sector.

## Bringing empty properties back to life

**Newport City Council has developed a strategy which spells out how it can use its powers to bring vacant commercial properties and land back into use.**

Work on the project began by identifying empty buildings and prioritising those having the greatest impact.

They included the Lawns Club in Kensington Place, the Kings Arms in Commercial Road, the former Yates public house and King William IV near Mariner's Green.

Action has already been

Now in its second year, people visiting the city centre will have noticed the work underway on several landmark properties including the National Building, the former Yates and the former Kings Hotel.

The ambitious initiative is aimed at creating homes and businesses in key buildings bringing new spaces, skills and jobs to the city centre.

taken in relation to some of the identified properties and there are proposals in the pipeline for others.

For instance, the former King William pub has undergone extensive restoration work and planning permission has been granted for the demolition of the Kings Arms and construction of nine flats.

## Graduates given valuable hands-on experience

Newport City Council's innovative Work Based Learning Academy (WBLA) is working with the University of South Wales and Tata Steel to help graduates put their theories into practice.

A placement system was developed last year by the three organisations for recently graduated degree students who want some practical experience in industry.

Two pharmaceutical students were the first to take advantage of the scheme and worked for three months at Tata Electrical Steel's production plant in the city where they gained experience

in a number of testing and investigation techniques.

It proved so successful that both continued to work at the site for several months more than their original placements before taking the next steps in their careers.

Mark Cichuta, general manager of the Tata Steel plant in Newport, said: "This is a great initiative to get industrial experience to supplement their university studies to improve their career opportunities, while businesses benefit from the drive and energy of recently qualified graduates.

"Both students have made clear plans for their career direction directly as a result of the six months they have spent with us."

Councillor Deb Davies, Newport City Council's cabinet member for skills and work, said: "This is one strand of the work being carried out in Newport by the WBLA who are working with businesses to get people into the world of work whether they are graduates, young people who have just left school or the long-term unemployed."



## Residential home revamped

A scheme to give vital support to older people following a stay in hospital has now opened its doors.



Councillor Paul Cockeram, cabinet member for social care and wellbeing, with Malpas Councillors David Mayer, Jane Mudd and Christine Maxfield just before the scheme completed.

Funding from a Welsh Government grant was used to convert a number of rooms at Parklands Residential Home, Malpas, to create an intermediate care unit within the building.

The rooms will be used to help bridge the gap for some older people leaving hospital and returning to their homes, helping them regain their confidence and independence.

It will also help to prevent people going into hospital.



## More foster carers needed

The annual Fostering Fortnight, which takes place between 1 and 14 June, presents an opportunity to highlight the urgent need to find secure and safe homes for children and teenagers in Newport.



placed with foster carers or agencies outside the city's boundaries.

Newport City Council is looking for people who can offer a good home to often vulnerable children and young people, and also guidance and support that will engender confidence and aid a child's transition into adulthood.

If you already work with children or perhaps have children of your own leaving for university and feel ready to make a difference to the life of a young person, we'd like to hear from you.

Call in at one of our drop-in sessions where you can have a chat with existing foster carers and our fostering assessors, details below.

**Rivermead Centre, Rogerstone**  
Thursday 4 June  
5.45pm – 7.45pm  
**Hatherleigh**

**Community Centre, Beechwood**  
Friday 5 June 4pm – 6pm  
**Malpas Library**  
Monday 8 June 5pm – 7pm

## Local businesses expand

A new electrical appliance superstore and home interiors business has been officially opened by the Mayor of Newport.

Established in Newport in 1932, A.F. Thomas Electricals has relocated from its existing shop in Pill to a modern retail unit adjacent to Next at Mendalgief Retail Park. Still run by the founding family, its first shop opened 83 years ago in Commercial Road.

It is also part of Euronics, Europe's largest independent buying group, which gives it the huge buying power needed to compete with online retailers with brands such as Hotpoint, Rangemaster, LG, Bosch, Neff, Siemens, Panasonic and Sharp.

The store will also be home to Andrew Baines Interiors, a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom specialist, relocating from its store at



Mayor with Andrew Baines (left) and Andrew Thomas (right)

Enterprise Way. The first-floor purpose built showroom will feature displays of premium tiles, fully fitted kitchens and contemporary bathrooms.

Managing director of A.F. Thomas Electricals, Andrew Thomas said, "Our success in Newport for over 80 years has been down to having a reputation for excellent customer service. We will

keep that promise in our new store and look forward to welcoming customers both old and new."

Andrew Baines, founder of Andrew Baines Interiors added, "This is a prime location for our growing businesses in a growing city. We look forward to offering the complete home improvement service from this premium retail location."

## Combatting loneliness by connecting people

Community Connectors was launched last autumn by the council in a bid to combat the social isolation experienced by some people, including older and vulnerable residents.

Councillor Paul Cockeram, the council's cabinet member for social care and wellbeing, made tackling the issue of social isolation one of his priorities. "This scheme is an important part of our strategy for ensuring people who live in the city don't feel excluded from a full and active life.

"It has already connected hundreds of people with their communities and I'm sure it will go from strength to strength thanks to the dedication of all those involved in the scheme, especially our Community Connectors."

Fully-trained workers assist people to access services and activities within their own communities with two specifically assigned for carers.

It has proved very successful with about 300 people accessing the service plus helping many more they have met at local events to find organisations to meet their needs.

Community Connectors has mapped out about 500 activities from coffee mornings to sports groups and this directory, along with more information about the scheme, can be found at

[www.newport.gov.uk/communityconnectors](http://www.newport.gov.uk/communityconnectors)

They can also be contacted by emailing [community.connectors@newport.gov.uk](mailto:community.connectors@newport.gov.uk) or calling 01633 656656.

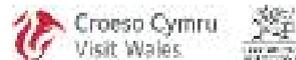
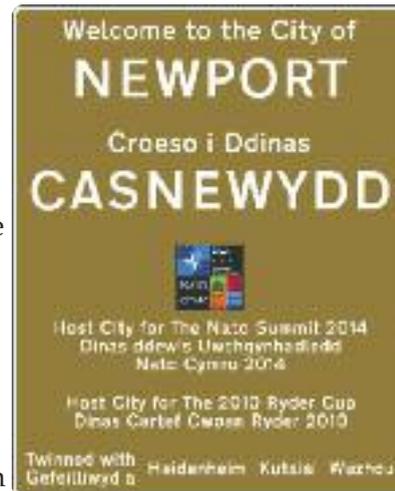
## New Nato welcome signs

Visitors to Newport will be greeted with new welcome signs when they visit the city.

To make the most of the legacy of Newport hosting the Nato summit, Newport City Council applied for a grant of £22,000 from Visit Wales – part of Welsh Government.

Following a successful application the council received the money which was used to update the welcome messages on the city's boundary signs which supports business tourism – an area of growth for the city.

The messages have been replaced on the city's 11 boundary and five main highway signs.



## Arwyddion croeso NATO Newydd

Bydd ymwelwyr i Gasnewydd yn cael eu cyfarch gan arwyddion croeso newydd pan fyddant yn ymweld â'r ddinas.

Er mwyn manteisio i'r eithaf ar ganlyniadau Casnewydd yn cynnal Uwchgyhadledd NATO, fe wnaeth Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd cais am grant £22,000 oddi wrth Croeso Cymru - rhan o Lywodraeth Cymru.

Yn dilyn cais llwyddiannus derbyniodd y cyngor yr arian a ddefnyddiwyd i ddiweddarau'r negeseuon croeso ar yr arwyddion ar ffiniau'r ddinas sy'n cefnogi twristiaeth fusnes - ardal o dwf ar gyfer y ddinas.

Mae'r negeseuon wedi cael eu newid ar 11 ffin y ddinas a phum prif arwyddion priffyrdd.



## South Wales Mainline Electrification

Network Rail will soon begin work to electrify the South Wales Mainline... want to know more?

## Trydaneiddio Prif Reilffordd De Cymru

Bydd Network Rail GYNTED yn dechrau i drydaneiddio Prif Linell De Cymru... eisiau mwy o wybodaeth?



**Somerton**  
Tuesday 19 May /  
Dydd Mawrth 19 Mai:  
2pm – 8pm  
St Patricks Church,  
Cromwell Road,  
Newport, NP19 0HS

**Marshfield**  
Tuesday 26 May /  
Dydd Mawrth 26 Mai:  
2pm – 7pm  
Marshfield Village Hall,  
Wellfield Road, Marshfield,  
Cardiff, CF3 2UB

**Newport City Centre**  
Tuesday 2 June /  
Dydd Mawrth 2  
Mehefin: 2pm – 8pm  
Newport Centre (Castle  
Room), Kingsway,  
Newport, NP20 1UH

**Maesglas**  
Wednesday 10 June /  
Dydd Mercher 10  
Mehefin: 2pm – 8pm  
St Thomas Church,  
Old Cardiff Road,  
Maesglas, Newport,  
NP20 3AT

**St Brides Wentlooge**  
Tuesday 30 June /  
Dydd Mawrth 30  
Mehefin: 2pm – 8pm  
St Brides Village Hall,  
St Brides, Wentlooge,  
Newport, NP10 8SH

If you would like to find out more, we would be delighted to see you at one of our drop in events – no appointment is necessary.

Os hoffech chi gael mwy o wybodaeth, byddem yn falch o'ch gweld chi yn un o'n digwyddiadau galw heibio – nid oes angen apwyntiad arnoch.

**03457 11 41 41**



Streetscene's Dan Prosser tries out the new pump track watched by then Mayor, Councillor Matthew Evans and Councillor Ken Critchley

## Community space receives make-over

Workers from Newport City Council's Streetscene team have wrestled with an invasive knotweed at Barrack Hill and come out on top to return a neglected plot of land to community use.

With funding from the Welsh Government's 'Tidy Town' initiative, what was a tired and neglected area in the middle of a residential estate, has been turned into a living green space complete with a new cycling facility for young people.

The new 'pump track' was opened last month by Newport's Mayor, Councillor Matthew Evans along with an improved right of way through the site.

Newport City Council's cabinet member for infrastructure, Councillor Ken Critchley, said: "Occasions such as this are very satisfying. With a little imagination and funding from the Welsh Government's 'Tidy Town' initiative we have been able to transform a space that was tired, and for all intents and purposes redundant, into a living space that the residents can enjoy and feel proud of. "I'd like to thank everyone who's been involved in this project and particularly Newport City Council's Streetscene team for their hard work and efforts to remove the invasive knotweed and deliver this excellent facility."

You can contact the council by calling 01633 656656 or visit [www.newport.gov.uk](http://www.newport.gov.uk)

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## Volunteers working to make a difference

Volunteers from a Newport group help more than a dozen local charities every year – and even carried out a city centre clean-up on Christmas morning.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Association have marshalled fund-raising events for St David's Hospice Care, collected thousands of pounds for the Royal British Legion during the Poppy Appeal and donated blood for the Welsh Blood Service.

They have also planted hundreds of trees every year for the Woodland Trust and one of their latest projects involves enhancing the environment at the Serennu Children's Centre.

Gwent Woodland Trust has donated 400 trees which were planted by the volunteers in long weekend shifts over Easter.

On Christmas Day, about 18 volunteers from the

association began a clean-up of the city centre and they are looking forward to doing the same thing again this year.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community is one of Britain's oldest Muslim communities. It works tirelessly to promote education, integration and interfaith peace and it is committed to helping others by engaging local communities and working for the common good.

Over the years it has raised more than £2 million for British charities, planted more than 70,000 trees, fed 20,000 homeless people and donated thousands of units of blood to save lives.

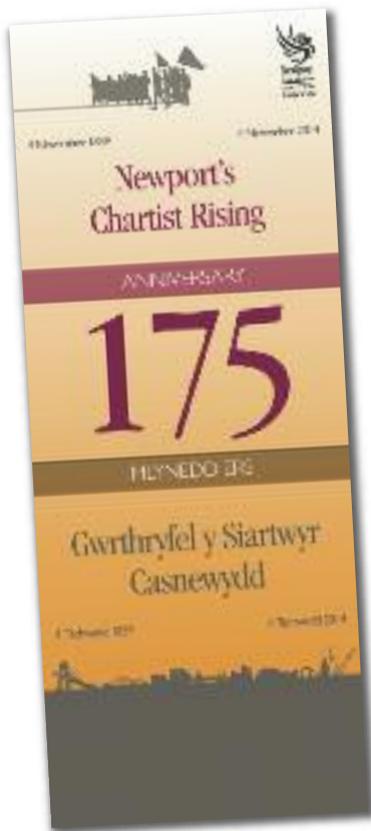
For more information on the Newport chapter phone 01633 508308 or email [info.newport@ahmadiyyauk.org](mailto:info.newport@ahmadiyyauk.org) or to find out more about the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK visit [www.loveforallthatredfornone.org](http://www.loveforallthatredfornone.org)



Volunteers in city centre clean-up on Christmas Day

If you run a voluntary organisation and would like to feature in a future edition please email [public.relations@newport.gov.uk](mailto:public.relations@newport.gov.uk)





## Pupils premier their Chartist film at museum

They had studied the Chartist movement and taken part in the annual Chartist march on the 175th anniversary of the rising.

Some of the children photographed and videoed the march and used the footage for their films.

Annette Wells, of Newport Museum and Art Gallery, had been working with the school on a project called Kids Take Over the Museum and heard about the iMovie trailers and asked if they would be able to create one for their Chartist display.

It was launched before a specially invited audience at the museum and every child had a specific role to play.

Adele Parry, the teacher who organised the Chartist museum project, said: "They have learned many real life skills during the project which will help them with many different areas of learning that they encounter in the future."



*Pupils ready for their premier*

**A class at St Woolos Primary School combined their studies of the Chartism movement and lessons about new programmes on an iPad to create an iMovie trailer.**

## Newport schools praised by Estyn

Pentrepoeth Primary School and St Woolos Primary School have both received glowing reports from schools' inspector Estyn.

Current performance at Pentrepoeth Primary School was rated as good and prospects for improvement excellent. The school has been invited by Estyn to prepare a written case study describing the excellent practices identified during the inspection – areas rated as excellent included wellbeing, learning environment, school leadership, improving quality and partnership working.

St Woolos Primary School was commended by Estyn on the progress of its pupils and for the 'excellent' support it

provides for disadvantaged and vulnerable families.

The report acknowledged the good progress that most children made during their time and made specific reference to 'listening attentively in class and responding confidently in discussions with their peers and teachers'.

• Please note no other school inspections were known at time of going to print.



## Nursery place applications

**All children are entitled to a free part-time nursery place in the term after their third birthday.**

For example, a child born in February 2013 will be eligible for a place from the start of term on or following 1 April 2016.

Applications for a place in a council nursery can be made online via the Newport City Council website.

Apply online for a January or April 2016 Rising 3 place from 1 July 2015 until the closing date of 30 September 2015.

Applications for a nursery place in September 2016 can be made online from 8 January 2016 until the closing date of 29 February 2016.

For places in the non-maintained (private) sector contact the Family Information Service: (Contact details below)

For further information:  
[www.newport.gov.uk/nurseryplaces](http://www.newport.gov.uk/nurseryplaces)  
 call: 01633 656656  
 email: [school.admissions@newport.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@newport.gov.uk)

Family Information Service - [www.newport.gov.uk/fis](http://www.newport.gov.uk/fis)  
 call: 0800 3288483  
 email: [family.information@newport.gov.uk](mailto:family.information@newport.gov.uk)

Child's 3rd birthday	They can start the term beginning on or after:	Admissions round commences	Closing date for applications
1 Sept to 31 Dec 15	1 Jan 16	1 Jul 15	30 Sept 15
1 Jan to 31 Mar 16	1 Apr 16	1 Jul 15	30 Sept 15
1 Apr to 31 Aug 16	1 Sept 16	8 Jan 16	29 Feb 16

## Heads invited to No 10

Heather Vaughan, head teacher at St Woolos Primary School, and Alyson Mills, head teacher at Lliswerry High, were among the distinguished guests from business, sport and the arts at this year's St David's Day reception in Downing Street which celebrated Welsh successes.



## Advice for school leavers

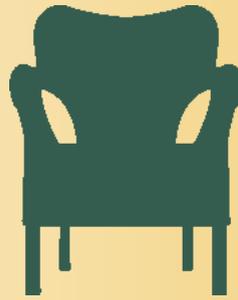
Do you have a child in Year 11, 12 or 13 and about to finish school?

Do you/they know what their next steps regarding education, employment or training are?

To find out more and to access professional and impartial careers information, advice and guidance, contact Careers Wales on 0800 028 4844 or visit [www.careerswales.com](http://www.careerswales.com) [www.gyrfacymru.com](http://www.gyrfacymru.com)



## Unwanted items given a second chance



*Items too good to tip?*

Since the first commercial advert appeared on British televisions back in 1955 our television screens have been filled with adverts pitting one brand against another, all vying for our attention, encouraging us to buy the latest must-have designs for our homes.

Designer trainers battle it out to grace our feet while we're shown the latest chic in high street fashion that, we're assured, is all the rage in Paris and Milan.

Those who get swept

along in this marketing mêlée end up with lofts bursting at the seams and more clothes than they can possibly wear in a week.

The upshot of all this is a planet struggling to cope and landfill sites saying, 'enough!'

Against this background, and with challenging recycling targets to meet, Newport City Council is always thinking of new ways to recycle unwanted goods. What's considered tired or out of vogue to one person may be the height of fashion to another.

And so we've come up

with the idea of the Second Chance shop – a veritable Aladdin's cave of furniture, clothes and bric a brac, too good to throw away and just waiting to be discovered.

Our message to the people of Newport is a simple one, if you care about the environment and like to pick up a bargain then come along to our Second Chance shop located at Newport City Council's Household Waste Recycling Centre at Docks Way.

The shop is open every Wednesday between 10am and 4.30pm and on Saturday mornings from

9am to 12 noon. We also sell a wide range of bedding plants and shrubs and logs for wood burners for those alfresco summer evenings.

As well as being our best customers at the Second Chance shop, you, the

public, are also our main suppliers. To this end, the council provides a bulk items collection service for people unable to get larger unwanted items to our Household Waste Recycling Facility.



*Pictured: Michael Williams at the Household Waste Recycling Centre*

## Get ready, steady...sow

If you enjoy gardening then the Newport in Bloom competition is for you.

There are many categories to choose from including pots, tubs, front garden, individual allotment and lots more.

There is even a competition for schools to encourage the younger generation to learn about gardening and what good fun it can be.

The main judging takes place on 9 July and the schools' entries will be judged on 2 July.

Entry forms will be available on [www.newportinbloom.co.uk](http://www.newportinbloom.co.uk) from the beginning of May or by contacting Sue on 01633 673516



### Refuse and recycling over the Bank Holiday weekend

There will be no collections on Bank Holiday Monday 25 May.

Consequently all services during this week will be pushed back by one day so,

if your normal collection day is a Monday it will be a Tuesday that week and so on.

Our Recycling Centre and Landfill Site, located at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC), Docks Way, Maesglas, will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 25 May.



## Teenage Cancer Trust benefits from Mayor's support

During his year as Mayor, Councillor Matthew Evans has been supporting Teenage Cancer Trust and Newport Sea Cadets.

Through numerous fundraising events more than £42,000 has been raised, and one of the Mayor's final events saw him welcome staff and patients from Teenage Cancer Trust to the Civic Centre.

Twenty-one year old Elenid Rowlands, from Raglan, is getting married in August and was one of the visitors to the Mayor's parlour. Elenid was diagnosed with cancer last autumn just as she was about to embark on teacher training which as a result she had to postpone.

She commented: "I have my treatment as an outpatient and have a long wait for my treatment as I have to take an anti-sickness tablet before I can start my therapy. There are always things to do on the Teenage Cancer Trust ward, listen to music, watch a film and even little things like there is a

microwave means I can eat when I want to.

"It has been really fantastic to have the Mayor's support this year – not only has money been raised but also awareness of the charity."

When Tom Carter was diagnosed with cancer his team mates at Strollers cricket club based at Spytty wanted to show their support. Vice captain Phil Maclean visited the Mayor to tell him about the support the team has shown.

"Tom was having a tough time and the team really wanted to show its support for him," said Phil. "We've held fundraising events for the charity but wanted to do more. We liaised with the regional fundraising manager, Debbie Jones, and outlined that we'd like to change our cricket kit from traditional white to the colours of the

charity.

"We had the charity's full support and last year the first team wore the colours of the charity."

Seventeen-year-old Emily Clark found out at the end of last year that her cancer, non-Hodgkin lymphoma had returned. She has been helping the Mayor fundraise attending the charity committee meetings as well as speaking at the fundraising gala dinner.

"Teenage Cancer Trust has been extremely supportive to me," commented Emily. "The charity provides a support network as well as treatment in a comfortable environment. It has been really encouraging to have the Mayor's support this year and it has made a big difference.

"Teenage Cancer Trust's work is important, it means youngsters can have their

treatment on a ward with people of a similar age and it takes away any fear."

Newport's Mayor, Councillor Matthew Evans, said: "I had applications from many charities asking the Mayor to support them but when I visited the Teenage Cancer Trust unit, called the Sky Pad, at University Hospital Wales and saw the support Teenage Cancer Trust gives to young people with cancer it would have been extremely difficult not to

have taken up the challenge on their behalf.

"To have cancer at any age is horrendous but as a teenager it must be particularly harrowing. The £30,000 going to Teenage Cancer Trust will contribute to the continued funding of the youth support coordinator role. It is heartening to know that overall good has been achieved with the help and assistance of Newport's residents and businesses."



Cllr Matthew Evans with guests from Teenage Cancer Trust

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	Myself	Spouse/partner	Son/Daughter
Current serving member of the regular armed forces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current serving member of reserve armed forces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ex-serving member of reserve armed forces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### City's new Mayor sworn in

Councillor Herbie Thomas was sworn in as Newport's new Mayor on 19 May.

Born in the city, Councillor Thomas has served the city faithfully.

It seems fitting that Newport's First Citizen, who is proud to have been born in the same year that Aneurin Bevan founded the NHS, would spend 43 years working at St Woolos Hospital.

He has also served as a school governor for more than 35 years.

Details of the Mayor's charities for this year will be announced shortly and feature in the next edition.

# What's on... Beth sydd ymlaen...

## The Riverfront – 01633 656 757

### Comedy Shed: 22 May and 26 June, 7.45pm

A relaxed cabaret style comedy club – up to three professional comedians will entertain you.

### First Wednesday: 3 June and 1 July, 1pm

A lunchtime musical recital

### National Theatre Live: Man and Superman, 4 June, 7pm. (Encore screening)

Ralph Fiennes plays Jack Tanner in this exhilarating reinvention of Shaw's witty and provocative classic.

### Elvis Years: 20 June, 7.30pm

Celebrating Elvis' 80th birthday year, the show is packed with over 50 of his greatest hits.

For a full list of all Riverfront productions, shows, films and workshops visit [www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront](http://www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront)

## Caerleon Roman Fortress and Baths

### Summer of Stories – 27 May

In conjunction with Summer of Stories, Cadw invites you to join storyteller, Daniel Morden, at Caerleon Fortress Baths to celebrate Wales's culture of storytelling. Listen to stories based on historical characters, legends and myths from across Wales. Each story can last up to 30 minutes. No booking required.

## Newport Wetlands – 01633 636 363

### Wetlands Walk, 30 May and 27 June, 10am

Our knowledgeable and friendly volunteers will give you a potted history of the reserve and its surroundings as well as information on the wildlife that you see on the reserve, from plants to butterflies and birds. Mobility scooter is available on request. Price: £6 adults; £4 children. 50% discount for RSPB members. Includes a hot drink. Booking essential.

### RSPB Wildlife Explorers Club, 6 June, 10am – 12pm

Are you between 8 and 12 years old? Join Wildlife Explorers and have fun with wildlife activities at our club on the first Saturday of each month. Price: £3 non members, £2 RSPB members.

### Wetlands In Bloom, 20 June, 1.45pm – 3.30pm

A walk to see and learn about many of the interesting and beautiful plants growing around the reedbeds. Free event led by Gwent Wildlife Trust and Natural Resources Wales.

### Wildlife In Welsh, 20 June, 10.30am – 3.30pm

A free guided walk looking at the plants and animals at Uskmouth in the morning, followed by the birds at Goldcliff in the afternoon. Conducted in the Welsh language, suitable for both beginners and fluent Welsh speakers.

## Newport Libraries, Museum & Art Gallery

### Holiday Fun, 23 May – 30 May

Various activities and events for all the family during the May half term holiday.

## Newport Transporter Bridge

### Superhero fun day 25 May

Friends of Newport Transporter Bridge hold one of their regular fun days, fancy dress welcome. 10am start. [www.fontb.org.uk](http://www.fontb.org.uk)

## National Roman Legion Museum

### Slings and Arrows, 25 – 29 May, 11am – 3pm. Last entry 2.30pm

In this workshop make a working model of a catapult and have a go at archery in the garden. £2 per child.

### Siarad Rhufeinig, 27 May, 2pm, free

Welsh learner talks; come and join the conversation whatever your age or ability. Family groups welcome.

### Store Tour, 18 June, 4pm, free

For Adult Learner's week, delve into the dusty depths of the museum's basement as archaeologist, Dr Mark Lewis, introduces you to what goes on behind the scenes. Book in advance for this rare opportunity as spaces are limited.

## Newport Cathedral

### Saturday, 23 May, 7.30pm

Jacqueline Edwards (mezzo-soprano/pianist) presents 'A Frog in my Throat', an entertaining programme of words and music. Tickets £12.

### Saturday, 6 June, 12noon

A concert by the Gwent Schools orchestra. Admission free with leaving collection.

### Saturday, 20 June, 7pm

Piano recital by Joseph Tong. Tickets £12 at the door.

### Summer Fair, Saturday 20 June, 11am – 3pm

Come and join us. Stalls, games and refreshments. Something for all the family. Admission free. Tower tours adults £2.50 and children 50p.

### Saturday, 4 July at 12noon

Organ recital by Dr Emma Gibbins. Admission free with leaving collection.

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## Newport Centre – 01633 656656

### A Tribute to the King of Las Vegas, Elvis Presley and Tom Jones 23 May, 7pm.

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